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St. Mary's Man Charged in Capitol Riot



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Piney Point man has been arrested and charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for allegedly taking part in the storming of the U.S. Capitol Building Jan. 6 in an alleged attempt to stop the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate from certifying Electoral College votes for President Joe Biden.

John D. Andries, 35, was identified by a tipster, an affidavit filed in federal court by an FBI agent stated, in various video recordings taken at the Capitol during the riot and posted on social media.

"On January 17, 2021, the FBI received an online tip from a ... who stated that he/she was watching the news during the Capitol insurrection and recognized a suspect but 'wasn't sure it was him,'" the affidavit stated. "He/she had heard that the suspect was at the Capitol, however."

In the video footage, the FBI states: "Andries appears to have long light brown hair and a full beard and is wearing a khaki-color jacket, black shirt or sweatshirt, and backpack."

Through its own surveillance efforts and in consultation with a St. Mary's Sheriff's Office deputy who dealt with Andries in a different case

on Jan. 11 when they came to his Piney Point home, the FBI identified Andries as a suspect in the Capitol riot, the affidavit stated.

The affidavit states Andries entered the Capitol Building after rioters broke through barriers held by Capitol Police that day.

The FBI also claimed Andries was trying to engage in a confrontation with U.S. Capitol Police upon entering the Capitol Building, the affidavit stated; also Andries appears to be waiving in other alleged rioters as he and others walk through the hall of the Capitol Building in on-line video footage noted by the FBI in the affidavit.

The County Times was able to reach Andries by phone but he declined to comment.

Andries faces charges of knowingly entering and remaining in a restricted building, knowingly and with intent to disrupt government proceedings as well as uttering loud, threatening or abusive language on capitol grounds with the intent of disrupting official government proceedings, obstructing passage through a capitol property and parading or picketing inside a capitol building, according to the affidavit.

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St. Mary's Firefighters Tackle Three Blazes In 24 Hours

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Structure fires in Hollywood, Bushwood and Mechanicsville had local volunteers running hard, with some of them suffering injuries in one blaze.

At a house fire on Gibson Lane in Bushwood, two firefighters along with an occupant of the home were injured; both firefighters with the 7th District Volunteer Fire Department were treated and released for minor injuries but the home occupant was transported to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for a medical emergency.

The fire caused the complete destruction of the structure, Maryland State Fire Marshals reported, with \$400,000 in damage between the home and its contents.

The fire occurred Feb. 15 with firefighters responding at a little after 7p.m.; it took 70 volunteers 45 minutes to extinguish the flames.

Fire marshals report that the fire started in the ceiling space of the home, caused by the chimney.

Hollywood volunteers responded to a house fire on St. John's Road on Monday as well as a garage fire on Three Notch Road.

For the garage fire, a nighttime



Mechanicsville firefighters responded to a fire in Bushwood and Hollywood.

fire, 14 volunteers responded, according to information from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, and found a tractor on fire in the garage.

Hollywood volunteers also responded to the house fire earlier that day.

The fire involved a single wide mobile home that was attached to a two story single family dwelling, fire marshals reported.

The fire severely damaged the mobile home and caused moderate smoke and heat damage to the single-family home. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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Man Charged For Shooting At Home

By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

A Mechanicsville man faces a reckless endangerment charge and multiple counts of illegal firearms possession after he allegedly opened fire near a house on Mechanicsville Road in the early morning hours of Feb. 16.

Mark Travis Grove, 36, a felon convicted of robbery, according to reports from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office was involved in a heated dispute with an employee which played out over text messages between the defendant and Corey Michael Bridgett, the alleged victim.

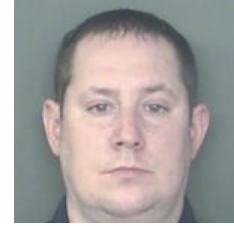
The messages between the two on Feb. 15, police reported, showed the dispute was over clothing that Bridgett apparently had not returned to Grove.

When Bridgett messaged that he would attempt to look for the clothing, Grove is alleged to have responded, saying he "must serve you mother [expletive deleted] up right!" charging documents stated.

Grove also responded, according to charging documents: "Let's play war mother [expletive deleted.]"

Grove said he would return to Bridgett's residence; the victim's father Francis Bridgett, who lived close to his son's residence told police he saw a dark four-door sedan pull into his driveway and then back out at about 3 a.m..

Then the elder Bridgett saw what he



Mark Grove

believed to be muzzle flashes come from the driver's side of the car before it fled.

Francis Bridgett believed the shots were

into the air, court papers stated, and was not aware of any damage to his home from bullet impacts.

Police found no shell casings at the first residence but found five 9mm pistol casings close to Corey Michael Bridgett's home.

When deputies arrived at Grove's home they found shell casings in the defendant's car; hours later at about 8:30 in the morning Grove exited his residence and was arrested by police.

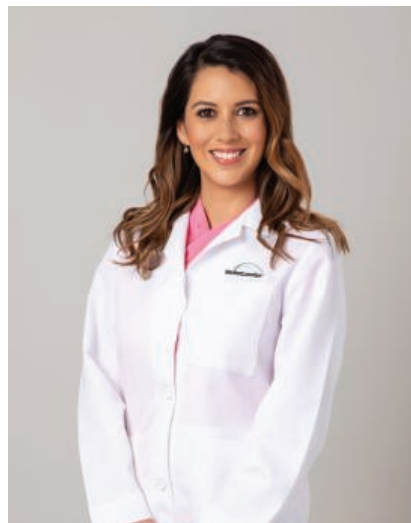
A search and seizure warrant authorized by Judge Joseph Staloni on the defendant's vehicle and property produced an AR-15 type rifle, several handguns and a .30 caliber lever action rifle as well as "a copious amount of live ammunition in various calibers."

Grove's 2010 robbery conviction, a crime of violence, disqualified him from possessing firearms and ammunition.

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Hogan Signs Relief Act

Provides a \$1 Billion Stimulus



Governor Larry Hogan signs the RELIEF Act of 2021.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan on Feb. 15 signed into law Senate Bill 496, the RELIEF Act of 2021. In remarks prior to the signing, Hogan said, “This emergency legislation will immediately provide more than a billion dollars in urgently needed tax relief and economic stimulus for struggling Maryland families, small businesses, and those who have lost their jobs due to the global pandemic.

“As a result of this bipartisan legislation, people who have lost their jobs will not have to pay any state and local income taxes on their unemployment benefits, letting them keep more money in their pockets.

“Tax relief for small businesses will let them keep up to \$9,000 in their pockets over the next 90 days so they can keep their doors open and keep more people on the payroll. And small businesses will now be protected against any sudden or substantial increase in their unemployment taxes.

“In addition, direct relief checks will go out to hundreds of thousands of Marylanders in need and families will receive expanded tax relief through the Earned Income Tax Credit.

“The legislation also provides more than \$100 million in additional grants to businesses and nonprofit organizations on top of the \$700 million in state relief we have already provided. The RELIEF Act offers a real lifeline to those hardest hit people who are struggling to get by and small businesses desperately trying to stay afloat.

“I introduced this emergency legislation at the start of the legislative session just a few weeks ago. I said that there wasn’t anything that could possibly be more important for the legislature to pass, and I asked the legislature to work with us in a bipartisan way to help those Marylanders who really needed our help. Today I want to sincerely thank the leaders on both sides of the aisle for coming together to pass this measure with near unanimous support.

“It is almost unheard of for any major piece of legislation to pass in such a short period of time and with such universal bipartisan support. At a time when so many Americans have stopped believing that democracy can work for them. As Washington remains divided and gridlocked, Maryland has once again shown the nation that both parties can still come together, that we can put the people’s priorities first, and that we can deliver real, bipartisan, common sense solutions to the serious problems that face us.

“We still face a long and difficult winter ahead, and many Marylanders are still in need, but our vaccination rate is rising every day. As we get more shots into the arms of our most vulnerable citizens and all of our key health metrics are continuing to decline, and now with this RELIEF Act being signed into law, even more tax relief and economic stimulus help is on the way for our struggling families and small businesses.”

Processing of Relief Act Payments Has Begun

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot on Feb. 16 joined with key agency personnel to outline how the Comptroller’s Office will process stimulus payments included in the RELIEF Act of 2021.

Comptroller Franchot’s office will issue more than \$200 million in payments over the next several weeks to help struggling Maryland taxpayers, unemployment insurance claimants, small businesses and nonprofit organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“For 14 years during my tenure as Comptroller, our team has annually processed three million tax returns in an average of 2.5 business days and we will process these stimulus payments with the same outstanding level of customer service and efficiency that Maryland taxpayers have come to know and deserve from our office,” Comptroller Franchot said. “Our agency has spent several weeks diligently preparing for the passage of the RELIEF Act and this morning, the first batch of state stimulus payments for our most vulnerable Marylanders are on their way to bank accounts.”

Taxpayers can go to www.MarylandTaxes.gov/ReliefAct to see if they qualify and check the status of their payments. They can also call 1-833-345-0787 or email ReliefAct@marylandtaxes.gov for more assistance. Those who qualify for a RELIEF Act stimulus payment will be automatically processed either via direct deposit or paper checks unless their address on file is not verifiable with the U.S. Postal Service.

Under the RELIEF Act, which was passed by the General Assembly last week and signed into law Monday by Governor Larry Hogan, 422,531 recipients are eligible for one-time stimulus payments of \$300 or \$500. Taxpayers who claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit in Tax Year 2019 and reside in or have permanent residence in Maryland as of February 12 are eligible for payments.

Specifically, 266,985 electronic payments to individuals with a value of \$113.6 million, as well as 148,972 paper checks with a value of \$61.7 million, are being processed, beginning today.

In total, 98 percent of RELIEF Act stimulus payments to individuals will be processed by Friday, Feb. 19.

Also, 32,000 Marylanders awaiting unemployment insurance adjudication will be sent \$1,000 grants once the state Department of Labor sends the Comptroller’s Office a list of recipients.

“While the amount of these payments is not nearly as much as I urged the Governor to include and leaves out tens of thousands of Marylanders, I commend the General Assembly for improving the bill and pledg-

ing to adopt separate legislation that will make eligible for stimulus funds those who use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or ITIN, to file taxes,” Comptroller Franchot said.

Additionally, money was allocated for a variety of small business and community support organizations. The Comptroller’s General Accounting Division will disburse funds that are issued from state agencies to grant and loan awardees.

Electronic payments are being made via bank account information on file from the recipient’s 2019 Maryland State Income Tax Return. Those receiving mailed paper checks either did not elect the direct deposit option when filing their 2019 taxes, or the direct deposit information used at that time is no longer accurate. Additionally, recipients who contact the Comptroller’s Office to update their unverified mailing address on file will receive paper checks. There are approximately 6,000 recipients, or 1.5 percent of those eligible, for whom the agency does not have verified address information. Those individuals were previously contacted and asked to call 1-833-345-0787 or email ReliefAct@marylandtaxes.gov to provide updated information so the payments can be issued.

For several weeks, agency leadership and key personnel throughout the Comptroller’s Office have been preparing for the bill’s eventual adoption, tracking legislation, communicating with banking representatives, building a secure web portal, obtaining additional checks and envelopes, and otherwise developing a plan to ensure payments would be processed rapidly and efficiently.

The passage of the RELIEF Act last Friday also coincided with the start of this year’s tax filing season. Tax season began smoothly and more than 20,000 returns have already been processed with most taxpayers getting refunds in less than three business days. More than 2,000 phone calls from taxpayers were answered on the opening day of the tax season.

The RELIEF Act also includes waiving state income taxes on Unemployment Insurance income received during 2020 and 2021 for single filers who report under \$75,000 in income and joint filers who report under \$100,000. Taxpayers who have already filed their 2020 State tax returns can file an amended return for a full refund of Maryland state income taxes on those UI benefits.

Additional information about the RELIEF Act and the Comptroller’s role, including an assortment of Frequently Asked Questions, can be found at www.MarylandTaxes.gov/ReliefAct.

Press Release from Office of MD Comptroller.

North County Farmers Market Relocation Coming Soon

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The long running north county farmers market that shared the parking lot with the Charlotte Hall Public Library for years is moving to a new location on Thompson Corner Road.

The popular farmers market was in business on the corner of Route 5 and Route 6 for at least two decades but was also responsible for traffic backups and clogged parking at the library.

The new complex to be built will be 5,100 square feet in size with multiple stalls for vendors during seasonal markets and an additional building of the same size will provide year-round access for vendors as well as community activities linked to agriculture, according to the Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development (SMCRD) group, based in Leonardtown.

The project will also include a boardwalk that will link to the nearby Three Notch Trail.

The market is anticipated to be completed by either the summer or fall of this year, according to the SMCRD.

“Ideally, we’d like to have a fall opening,” said Cindy Greb, director of SMCRD. “We’ve just had a delay with the bad weather... but the contractor is ready.

“We’re waiting for some good weather.” The site design of the project is relatively straight forward, Greb said, and, barring any serious or catastrophic delays, she predicted the construction timetable should remain on schedule.

“We should be able to knock this project out quickly,” Greb said.

Much of the funding needed for the project is already available, according to SMCRD, but the group is conducting a fundraising campaign to finish outfitting for the second market building, also known as the Value Added Market.

This outfitting would include kitchen equipment, freezers and training equipment for agricultural education.

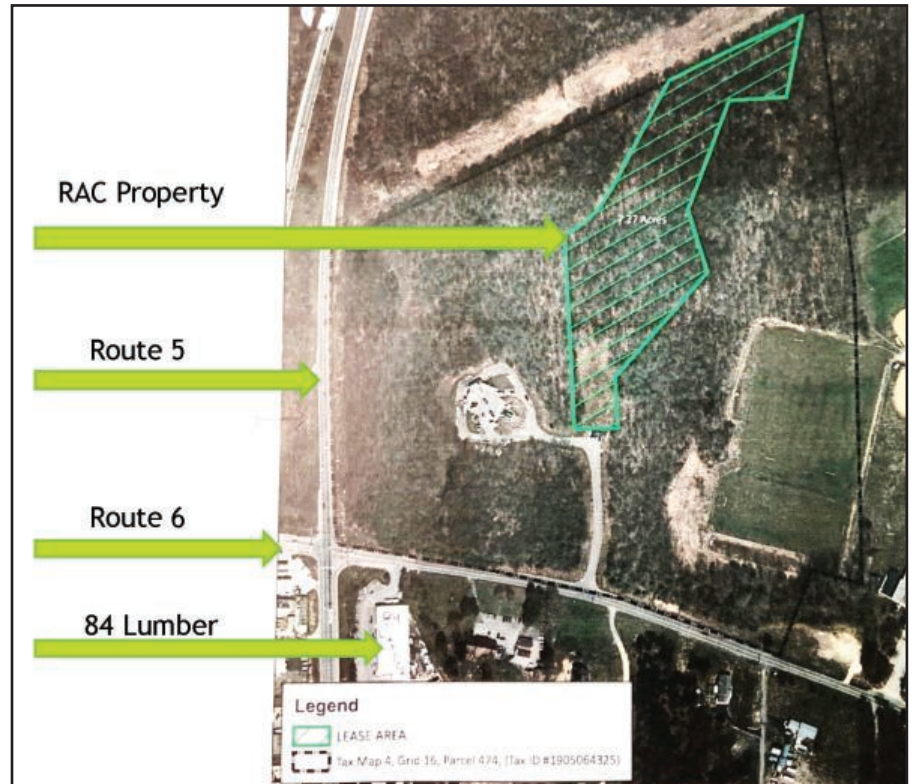
The extra funding would also be used to provide for site amenities such as benches, bicycle racks and bicycle repair station, picnic tables and water fountains.

A naming contest for the new

north county farmers market is aimed at boosting interest and funding contributions to the project.

To take part in the naming contest or the fundraising campaign visit www.somdrcd.org.

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PAX River Noise Advisory - Training Flights Scheduled

Communities surrounding the naval air station are advised that noise-generating testing events are scheduled to take place February 18, 2021 to March 2, 2021. Test events are scheduled from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Pilots at NAS PAX will be conducting Field Carrier Landing Practices (FCLPs). FCLPs are simulated carrier landings conducted to prepare the pilot to land safely on an aircraft carrier. The practices consist of series of touch-and-go maneuvers, “bounces.” Airspeed, altitude and power are all precisely choreographed in order for a pilot to approach the ship within an acceptable window to land on the deck safely. FCLP training is essential for the precision and safety of our military men and women and the success of their mission. Landing on an aircraft carrier is perhaps the most difficult task in military aviation. It is a highly complex and



perishable skill, and requires intense period of training before pilots deploy. Residents may notice increased noise levels due to these operations.

As with all operations, NAS Patuxent River takes precautions to lessen the impact of testing activities on the community. For more information, call 1-866-819-9028.

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YOUR TAX REFUND AND FIVE SUGGESTIONS

Contributing Writer:

Lynda J. Striegel

You worked hard in 2020 and have now paid your taxes and are expecting a refund. Keep in mind that your refund money is not a gift from the government—it is your money. This article makes some suggestions on how you can use your tax refund money.

Some people purposely withhold too much money from their paychecks, knowing that they will receive a larger lump sum tax refund. A type of forced savings. But, why do that when the government provides you with no interest on your money? You would be better off to take the money in your paycheck and set some aside in an interest bearing investment. Even if the interest amounts are small, your money will be earning something. If you are receiving a huge tax refund, take a look at your W-4 form and adjust your federal income tax withholding.

What are the smartest ways of dealing with a tax refund? Making a plan for your refund money is always a good idea. Without a plan, that money can easily disappear into a cloud of buying whatever suits your fancy. You will be better off if you make a plan to handle the tax refund.

To get you started, here are five suggestions on how to use your tax refund:

1. Pay down your consumer debt.
2. Set up an emergency fund.
3. Protect your loved ones.
4. Invest in yourself.
5. Plan a vacation.

Pay Down Your Consumer Debt.

High-cost consumer debt is a killer. Times have been tough and many people have lived on their credit cards, racking up huge balances at very high cost borrowing rates. For many people, the amount of the debt is so large, it is intimidating. Don't be discouraged. Try to stop charging on the credit cards and use all excess funds, including your income tax refund, to pay down the debt. The smartest thing you can do is to pay off that consumer debt so that when you do use a credit card, you can afford to pay off the entire credit card bill within one month.

Create a Fund Just for Emergencies.

Many people live in fear of having an emergency because they have saved nothing to help them. In most cases, giving yourself some financial peace of mind is all that is required to make life much more enjoyable. By setting aside your tax refund money in an emergency fund, you will be able to weather the downturns like the loss of a job, expensive car repairs, medical emergencies and other catas-

trophes. Generally, the amount you need to save for emergencies should represent at least six months of living expenses plus whatever it takes to make you feel secure. Setting up an emergency fund will take away that fear of the unknown and put you in the position of being able to cope with whatever happens.

Take Care of Your Loved Ones

The vast majority of people have done absolutely no estate planning. Everyone needs to have a Will or a Trust, a Power of Attorney that covers medical and financial needs, and a Living Will. Why? To protect your loved ones and yourself. Once you have organized your estate plan, you will feel a great burden has been lifted from your shoulders. Whether this relates to appointing guardians for your minor-aged children, designating someone to take care of you if you can't do that for yourself, or deciding how your assets will be divided on your death, taking steps to put your strategy into writing is well worth the effort. This year, make an effort to get yourself organized.

Invest in Yourself

If you have been putting off career or skills training because of the cost, it may be time to use your refund to help you start a new career. College courses, technology skills improvement, books to help you help yourself, all of these are part of a strategy to improve your skills and your job prospects. Or, consider joining a health club or purchasing a piece of exercise equipment to improve your own health. Taking steps to improve yourself will always pay dividends.

Have Fun-Take a Vacation

Hopefully, the pandemic will soon be under control. Since the money you are receiving is money you have already earned, why not use it to take that vacation you have always planned? Yes, you can buy that big screen TV but over the long term you will probably benefit more from the memories you make on a great vacation.

Whatever you decide to do with your tax refund, take your time and make a plan of action for that refund money so that you can use it wisely to your advantage. Enjoy!

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CBL Scientists Awarded Fulbright Scholarships

Will Study Climate and the Environment

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) Associate Professor Lora Harris and Ph.D. candidate Christina Goethel have been named Fulbright Scholars for 2021-2022. Harris will use her award to work in Finland on questions of estuarine ecology, and Goethel will use her award to support post-doctoral research and teaching in Iceland. They both work out of UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons.

"These prestigious awards are a unique opportunity for our scientists to impact the future and make a difference, working with scientists around the world to find solutions to our global environmental challenges," said UMCES President Peter Goodwin. "To have two scholars from our institutions selected is a testament to the relevant and impactful work being done here in Maryland and its global impact."

The Fulbright program funds international exchanges between the U.S. and other countries. The scholars are selected for their academic merit and leadership potential to teach, research, and exchange ideas, and many have gone on to become heads of government, Nobel Laureates, and MacArthur Foundation Fellows.

"These two awards exemplify the impacts that the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science has on our local community, the state and the globe," said Professor Tom Miller, director of UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, home base for Harris and Goethel's research. "We are so proud of these amazing researchers."

Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award

UMCES Associate Professor Lora Harris has been given the Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award by the Fulbright Finland Foundation in Helsinki. She will conduct research on coastal restoration and apply her understanding of restoration successes and challenges in the Chesapeake Bay with the Baltic Sea.

Harris is a marine scientist whose research focuses on how climate and management actions interact to affect water quality. She quantifies responses in estuaries to change at the whole system level, with a particular focus on understanding restoration pathways. Her research has included submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and marsh plants, as well as how low levels of dissolved oxygen create challenges for restoration. She employs numerical modeling, takes advantage of large datasets, and for the past decade has leveraged a unique engineered aeration system to manipulate oxygen concentrations in entire tributaries.

"The opportunity to undertake comparative studies of our ecological understanding of restoration successes and challenges in the Chesapeake Bay and in the Baltic Sea, is both exciting and powerful," said Dr. Harris. "It is equally satis-



Lora Harris and Christina Goethel to begin research exchange in Finland and Iceland

fying to have the opportunity for cultural exchange and relationship building that is a hallmark of the Fulbright program in service of international collaboration and understanding."

She will be hosted at the Tvärminne Zoological Station, a laboratory of the University of Helsinki, during her four-month exchange and will collaborate most closely with Dr. Aleksandra Lewandowska.

Fulbright-Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arctic Scholar

Graduate student Christina Goethel has been named a Fulbright-Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arctic Scholar. She will teach courses at the University of Akureyri in northern Iceland on the importance of international and Arctic resident community scientific collaborations across the entire Arctic. For her Ph.D., she has been studying the effects of climate change on animals that live on the sea floor in the Bering and Chukchi Seas with UMCES professors Jackie Grebmeier and Lee Cooper.

During her six-month fellowship, she will be teaching two courses—"International Science Collaborations in the Arctic" and "Survey of Socio-economic Models and Sustainable Ecosystem Practices in the Pan-Arctic"—during the Spring 2022 semester

Goethel's research has shown that changes in the community composition of animals that live on the sea floor can be related to the warming of the Arctic and the retreat of seasonal sea ice. These changes on the Pacific side of the Arctic are affecting ecological trajectories and Indigenous communities that place cultural and subsistence value on Arctic animals such as walrus and several species of diving ducks, or eiders.

"The opportunity to expand my work into a different part of the Arctic Ocean will allow me deeper insights into how these ecosystems are responding to climate change and how we move forward as an international community," said Goethel.

She will use the University of Akureyri as a base and work with Dr. Oddur Þór Vilhelmsson, the director of the Natural Resource Science Program, and other faculty. This grant is funded by the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Press Release from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

Nonprofit Institute to Hold Annual Conference

Celebrates Nonprofit Resilience

Regional nonprofit organizations can participate in 15 different breakout sessions to learn, explore and celebrate nonprofit resilience and their ability to adapt to change during College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) 11th Annual Nonprofit Institute (NPI) Conference Feb. 25. Representatives from the region's nonprofit organizations are invited to attend this virtual free event that will focus on strategic planning, communications, development/fundraising, management and leadership.

"With engaging speakers on high-interest topics and issues, this year's conference is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward with renewed vigor and new ideas," said CSM Nonprofit Institute Coordinator Cara Fogarty.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear from 23 leaders on various panels after a kick-off featuring Master of Ceremonies CSM Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives Kyle Kebaugh and CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. The conference's keynote speaker is CSM Executive Director of Equity and Inclusive Diversity Dr. Sybol Anderson, who is a social and political philosopher specializing in liberal theory, recognition theory, and the philosophy of race.

Anderson's commitment to building inclusive communities has been a central part of her career for more than 15 years. She has served as the inaugural chief diversity officer at Loyola University New Orleans, as senior program manager and senior consultant for the GE-NMF Primary Care Leadership Program of National Medical Fellowships, Inc. (NMF). At NMF, she provided oversight for two national service-learning and research scholarship programs for medical, law, and graduate health professions students, designed to increase diversity in the health professions and improve health outcomes for the medically underserved.

Anderson began her higher education career as a continuing education professional at CSM when it was known as Charles County Community College, where she also served as interim executive director of the Southern Maryland Job Training Partnership Administration (JTPA). When she entered graduate school, she worked part time as a training coordinator for the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SMTCCAC), and later as executive director of the East-John Youth Center, Inc., in Lusby.

Anderson is author of Hegel's Theory of Recognition: From Oppression to Ethical Liberal Modernity; with Robert Bernasconi, Race and Racism in Continental Philosophy; with Ellen K. Feder and Karmen MacKendrick,



CSM Executive Director of Equity and Inclusive Diversity Dr. Sybol Anderson

A Passion for Wisdom: Readings in Western Philosophy on Love and Desire; and a number of articles and book chapters on Hegel, race, and pedagogy. Her awards include the Magis Outstanding Staff Member Award (Loyola University New Orleans), President's Lucille Clifton Award (St. Mary's College of Maryland), Homer L. Dodge Award for Excellence in Teaching (St. Mary's College of Maryland), Henry C. Welcome Fellowship of the Maryland State Higher Education Commission, and Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.

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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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Thursday, February 18

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

Tobacco Cessation Program

The Tobacco Cessation Program is free and that takes place over the course of 8 weeks (weekly 1 hour sessions). Participants learn behavioral modifications, stress management, and other techniques to help them quit using tobacco products. Next Series: Thursdays, February 4, 2021 – April 15, 2021 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Learn more or register at: www.smchd.org/tobacco

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.

CSM Literary Connections Series

Online; 1 p.m.

Adam Karlin is an author, journalist, and travel writer. Karlin has written on travel, crime, politics, archaeology, and civil wars – both contemporary and historical – for outlets like the BBC, NPR and Christian Science Monitor. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/community-events/2021-02-18_connections-Ad

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Friday, February 19

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) for event details.

Tuesday, February 23

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@ccsmd.com.

Wednesday, February 24

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Youth Mental Health Webinar

Online; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

All community members are invited to participate in this free webinar to learn more about youth mental health as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, how to recognize and acknowledge signs of distress, prevention measures, interventions, and stress management activities to help parents support their children. For more information or to register for this free webinar, visit: <https://smcyouthmentalhealth.eventbrite.com>

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Tech Port Becomes Bastion of Innovation, Creativity During Pandemic

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Not long after the COVID-19 pandemic started in early 2020—personal protective equipment (PPE) was at a premium and it was not long before ventilators were in short supply across the nation as was once a shelf staple, hand sanitizer.

At the St. Mary's County Tech Port, the local, business incubator at the eponymous regional airport, spaces there were going empty as people were no longer coming in per the state's stay-at-home order. Despite that, Tech Port would become a hub for innovation to fight the pandemic locally by shifting to designing and producing new products that were not strictly oriented to aerospace or high technology.

A 3-D printed frame to make an improvised face mask with what materials were at hand, breast pumps that were converted into ventilators, manufactured gowns for hospital workers, pressurized protective hoods and cleansing agents were all products produced by a volunteer workforce of creative minds.

And last year, they did it all for free and out of a desire to help defeat COVID-19.

But perhaps the single most important invention to come out of Tech Port and what the group of volunteers now known as the non-profit group Southern Maryland Loves You is a "hot box" that uses heat to disinfect precious PPE.

Entrepreneur Matt Hayes, who runs his own unmanned systems innovation business out of Tech Port, was one of the leaders of the effort to design and manufacture the pandemic-critical products including the hot box.

It was built out of necessity.

Tommy Luginbill, director at Tech Port, said the volunteers there soon became victims of their own success; when word spread of their successful designs for PPE more and more calls from across the country from hospi-



tals and other entities kept coming in to provide them with the precious supplies.

The volunteers tried their best, Luginbill and Hayes said, taking on orders for thousands of face shields and other protective gear but they just could not keep up with the demand.

"We talked about it and we realized that we just couldn't make all of these masks," Luginbill said. "So we decided we'll just sanitize them."

"That's when we honed-in on the box."

With the design work done at Tech Port and partnering with nearby Triton Defense where it was produced and Burch Oil, who provided the fuel, the heat chamber was quickly prototyped and constructed.

"Everything was designed and built by April 15 [of 2020]," Hayes said. "We went from April to January getting the approval [from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration] to allow people to accept our work," Hayes said. "The tech side is the easy part."

Barbara Ives, president of Southern Maryland Loves You, said the final FDA approvals came through late last year, even as a prototype was being tested and used at Charles Regional

Medical Center in La Plata.

"It was the Wednesday before Thanksgiving when we got the FDA authorization," Ives told The County Times. "It was like a dream come true feeling."

As a 501c3 non-profit organization, Southern Maryland Loves You can now apply for grant money to continue funding their organization; they were able to get CARES Act funding last year to continue their operations.

When they began, Ives said, they were strictly volunteer and relied on goodwill and donations from the community.

What they produced, they donated as well, she said, including the face shields which went to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

One of the latest three incarnations of the heat chamber now rests at the veterans' home where it can sanitize \$100,000 worth of PPE, cutting waste and saving money.

The county health department also benefit from their own heat sanitizer courtesy of Southern Maryland Loves You.

The non-profit designation also helped them to provide pay for those working to produce the vital PPE gear; Hayes said sheer volunteerism, especially with so many dedicated and bright people – about 150 in all – was noble but incredibly taxing.

"When you have all-volunteer effort people burn themselves out," Hayes said. "We were extremely capable but not sustainable."

But Tech Port, which got its start by trying to leverage aviation and unmanned system technology into civilian business opportunities, has found ways to shift to take on another mission but also a different feel.

"We went from incubating drones to incubating a community," Luginbill said.

In the beginning days of the pandemic Tech Port became a hub for

not just donations of breast pumps to be converted into ventilators but also food for donations to the community.

Ken Reed, owner of the building Tech Port calls home, said the drive-thru farmers market they organized around the same time helped the community get out of the doldrums of constant isolation at home.

"People were in tears when they came here," Reed said. "They just wanted something to do."

"That's not technology, but it's community."

Word of what is happening at Tech Port has spread, said inventor Brian Jordan, who has an office at the incubator.

Several years ago, Jordan lost several fingers in an accident while working with power tools and has invented several prosthetics to help digital amputees regain some of their dexterity and mobility.

"We've made a new hand sanitizer," Jordan said. "It's kitchen safe, child safe and pet safe but it still kills germs."

"There are places around the country that want to emulate Tech Port," Jordan said. "We do more than just aircraft here."

Live music is a part of the culture at Tech Port as well, now.

Local drum master Paul Murphy and guitarist Dominic Fragman live stream a music and topicality show every Tuesday, where they bring in guests from tech innovators to medical professionals.

Luginbill said it is part of the effort to make Tech Port a place for as many creative minds as possible.

"Creative people don't want to just build robots all day," Luginbill said. "They've driven Tech Port into the common lexicon around the region and Southern Maryland Loves You, too."

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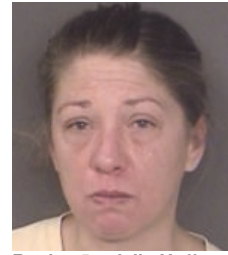
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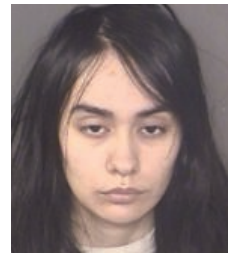
Assault- On February 5, 2021, Cpl. Flerlage responded to the 26300 block of Fielding Road in Hollywood, for the reported assault. Investigation determined



Regina Danielle Huff

Regina Danielle Huff, age 45 of Leonardtown, assaulted the victim by grabbing the victim's hair. Huff also obtained a knife and proceeded to make several threats to the victim. Huff was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.

Trespassing- On February 6, 2021, Dep. Alvey responded to the 25000 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported trespassing. An employee had requested



Jasmine Rose Sullivan

Jasmine Rose Sullivan, age 21 of Lexington Park, leave the establishment. Dep. Alvey instructed Sullivan to leave the establishment and she refused to comply. Sullivan was arrested and charged with Trespassing.

Violation of Protective Order- On February 6, 2021, Dep. Luffey responded to the 25800 block of Hills Drive in Mechanicsville, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation

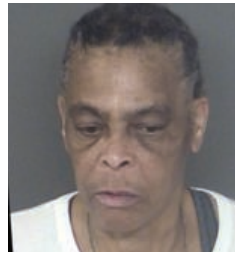


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determined **Kris Dolan Rudorf**, age 34 of Mechanicsville, violated a valid court order by contacting the victim. Rudorf was arrested and charged with Violation of Protective Order.

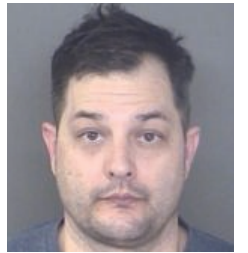
Assault- On February 6, 2021, Dep. Forinash responded to the 47400 block of South Hampton Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation

determined **Francine Mae Morgan**, age 61 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by hitting and kicking the victim, causing visible injury. Morgan was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Francine Mae Morgan

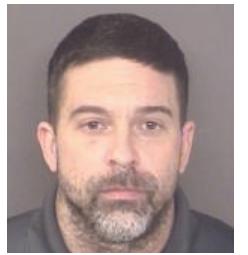
Assault- On February 7, 2021, Dep. Baker responded to the 44500 block of Aspen Lane in California,



Jason Richard Staley

for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Jason Richard Staley**, age 42 of California, assaulted the victim by grabbing the victim's arm, causing visible injury. Staley was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Violate Protective Order- On February 8, 2021, Cpl. Kerby responded



Theron Mitchell Johnson

to the 29600 block of Patuxent Knolls Court in Mechanicsville, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined **Theron Mitchell Johnson**, age 43 of Mechanicsville, violated conditions of a valid court order via electronic means. Johnson was arrested and charged with two counts of Violation of Protective Order.

Assault- On February 8, 2021, Dep. Salas responded to the 45900 block of Fox Chase Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Kyjuan Tyrese Bush**, age 19 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by striking the victim in face, causing visible injuries. Bush was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Editor's Note:

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

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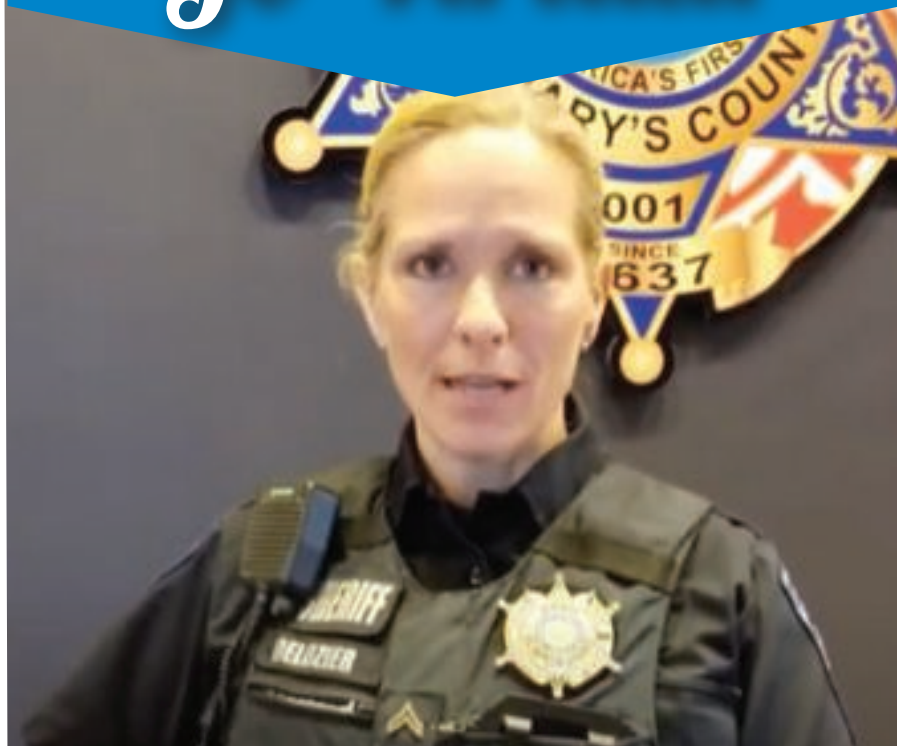
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Senior Centers Go Virtual



Cpl. Angela Delozier talks about how seniors can avoid COVID-19 scams.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

With St. Mary's County still battling the COVID-19 pandemic local senior centers have had to adapt and use the same on-line technology to provide activities for customers.

Seniors have the chance to engage in all kinds of activities, from fitness to continuing education opportunities on-line by accessing the county government's website at stmarysmd.com

After accessing the link to the Department of Aging and Human Services visitors can bring up videos on fitness and physical activity, arts and crafts, advice on how to improve health.

Videos on arts and crafts are also available as are videos that offer resources for care givers on nutrition, spirituality and caregiving.

The videos are also accessible via

YouTube, which include yoga classes, how to plant a small garden in mason jars, exercises for arthritis and preventing falls, pilates, exercises for maintaining strength and balance and even advice on avoiding added sugar.

There are also videos that help seniors avoid scams related to COVID-19.

The Department of Aging and Human Services can also teach seniors how to use ZOOM to see others who are taking a class as well as the instructors presenting it.

All that is required is that a senior have access to e-mail and county staff can help them learn to use the on-line meeting platform.

Residents also have the option of not being seen while still taking part in a ZOOM session.

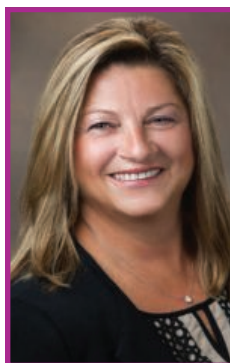
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Seniors Can Get Help Registering for COVID-19 Vaccine

The St. Mary's County Health Department has made significant strides in vaccinating some of the most vulnerable residents, those 65 to 75 years old and up.

The health department reports that 41 percent of residents between the ages of 65 to 74 have already been vaccinated once; about 52 percent of those 75 and older have received at least their first dose.

Some seniors, though, have complained that registration is still difficult and spaces fill up too quickly in the on-line platform; county government has enlisted more help for seniors.

The Department of Aging & Human Services in cooperation with the health department is available to provide registration assistance for seniors or their caregivers. Residents can call the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services at: (301) 475-4200, ext. 1049 to speak with a staff member if you need help registering.

For a vaccination appointment: You must have identification verifying your age and

residency in St. Mary's County. Registration for a vaccine appointment is required to receive the vaccine. Registered individuals should arrive at their scheduled appointment time.

"Having the COVID-19 vaccine available to our community's older adults provides an opportunity for them to guard against the COVID-19 virus while bringing them a sense of relief and peace of mind," said Lori Jennings-Harris, Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services.

Commissioner President Randy Guy said, "St. Mary's County continues to be a regional leader in collaboration efforts. Getting through this pandemic and getting life back to normal for our residents is a priority. The Department of Aging & Human Services is a direct link to our county's most vulnerable population of seniors, and I am proud that we will do whatever it takes to care for our community members."

"Our Health Department appreciates the partnership with the Department of Aging

and Human Services in helping residents aged 75 years and older get registered," said Dr. Meena Brewster County Health Officer. "Vaccine offers us hope - a chance to prevent severe COVID-19 infection and decrease the spread of illness within our community. While we will need to continue face coverings, social distancing, and hand washing there is much to be grateful for as we finally turn a corner in this pandemic journey."

Additional information on local COVID-19 vaccination clinics and other eligible groups will be shared as priority categories are released by the state. SMCHD mass vaccination events will continue as vaccine supply becomes available to the local health department. For more information, visit: www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine.

For local COVID-19 updates, information and data, please visit www.smchd.org/coronavirus or call the St. Mary's County Health Department at 301-475-4330.

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Portraits of St. Mary's County: Donnie Poe

By Florence Ballengee
Contributing Writer

Fourth in a Series

If anyone wrote a book called "Unforgettable Characters of St. Mary's County" Donnie Poe would surely be in it. Born at the hospital in Leonardtown, where he narrowly escaped being switched at birth, he was raised on St. George Island. That's where his family's history in the county began.

His father was Franklin Albert Poe and his mother was Agnes Greenwell Poe. He had one younger sister. He says his father was the kindest person he ever met. His father stood only 5' 2" tall and yet, Donnie says, his father was not afraid of anything.

Donnie's ancestors were early settlers on the island, having come from England. The east side of the island was inhabited by Catholics and the west side by Methodists. His family lived on the east side.

St. Mary's County was settled by Catholics who came from England seeking religious freedom. They did not want to belong to the Church of England. In addition to his ancestors' place in the history of St. Mary's County, there is a family belief that they are indirect descendants of the great poet, Edgar Allen Poe.

Donnie began life in the arms of a woman other than his mother. It seems that Donnie's mother and another lady had their babies at approximately the same time. Their size was the same and their complexion was the same.

Back then the new mothers stayed in the hospital for about five days. Each day the staff would bring the mothers their babies to visit with. On the day the new mothers were to be discharged, Mrs. Poe was changing her baby's diaper. This is a baby she had been brought to see each day. When she took off the diaper, she was in for quite a shock. She told the staff that she thought she'd been told she had a boy and the baby they gave her to take home was a girl. And so, they discovered that the mothers had been brought each other's babies for several days. Donnie's mother and the other lady did go home with the right baby.

As a boy, Donnie and the other children of the island knew tremendous freedom. Those of us raised during the same time frame experienced freedom that children will never again experience. Not only were times safe back then, but St. George Island was also very safe. Even at 6 or 7 years of age they could take a boat out by themselves and they could ride their bikes all over the island safely. The



children and adults all knew each other, and life was innocent and free.

As children they ran the island wading in the water and as little boys, they knew every inch of the island. They rode their bikes and they spent summer days barefooted and in shorts looking for arrow heads and other treasures from the past. Like all island people there was no reason to leave the island.

They could ride their bikes to two stores on the island and you could get everything you needed and not leave the island. Not only could they get their groceries and their mail, but they could catch up on the happenings elsewhere in St. Mary's County.

Donnie started school at the one-room schoolhouse on Thomas Road (which is the only right turn on the island) where the children were in grades one through eight. Each day they were taught by Martha Henderson and their small world on the island was all they needed. They would come in the morning and a fire for heat would be started. Water for hand washing would be heated up. One of Donnie's treasured memories was when paper towels came to the little schoolhouse.

"Imagine that," he said, "you could wash your hands then dry them and just toss the paper towel away".

Donnie went from the one-room schoolhouse to Little Flower School in Great Mills. From there he went to Great Mills High School but dropped out when he was 16 after being accused of killing a teacher's fish in the fish tank. He said he was no saint but that he did not kill the fish and from that day on he refused to go back to school. As was often the case back then, young people left school and went to work.

At 16, he joined his father on the water in the crabbing business. In the 60's he felt the industry was going downhill, so he took other jobs. He worked for Leonardtown Dairy as a route salesman and he worked at the Lundenberg School for a time as a painter. He went to work at the Naval Air Station Public Works Department as a painter and sign painter. Here he used his artistic talent to earn a living until he retired in 2013.

Donnie married Sarah "Betty" Connelly in August 1966. Together they raised three children; Chandra, Keren and a boy named after Donnie.

Sadly, his son died of a brain tumor in 2004. His grave is at the little church cemetery on the island on Thomas Road.

As a child he remembers many storms that came onto the island and he recalls a storm in 1954 that washed out the bridge that connects the island with Piney Point.

"Back then", he said, "we didn't need television or computers to tell the weather. Watermen told the weather by the tides." The island people were independent and relied on themselves and each other and life was full and happy, although isolated somewhat from the rest of the county.

During the 60's the island's character began to change. As people came to the island for summer vacations, they would carry stories back home about the "gorgeous little spot" where they spent their vacation and that started a trend and for many years the island was a summer colony. And yet, in 2019 the population of the island was just 357.

Military people have traveled and lived all over the world, he says, and yet when they come here, many stay here in St. Mary's County when they could retire anywhere they choose.

"I was born and raised in St. Mary's County and there's not a better place to live." Poe continues, "I love this place and I love the people" and so he and his wife Betty are happily living just a few miles from where he was raised. Now that he's retired, he still works but not at a regular job. He takes care of a farm, cuts many lawns, carves decoys, painting, sign making, and his life is most likely filled with some storytelling. He is a supporter of hospice here in St. Mary's County.

Like most other people born around the same time as Donnie Poe, we mourn the loss of the innocent life we were raised with. A way of life that our grandchildren and great grandchildren will never know.

While time marches on and technology and other advances come our way, there is a lot to be said for having been raised in a simple time with strong values and a love of the land and the water in this "gorgeous little spot". Changes are inevitable but are to some degree limited by geography. Such is the case of St. George Island.

Donnie's signs have become an attraction at Herring Creek Furniture at Cecil's Old Mill. They can be viewed and purchased there. Local antiques dealer Susan Hill who works at the shop calls his signs "impeccable".



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How to Prevent Slips and Falls in the Bathroom



Bathrooms can serve as sanctuaries, providing a warm tub to soak in after a long, weary day or a private place to retire for a few minutes of peace and quiet. Bathrooms also can be dangerous places, as various groups warn that most slip and fall accidents that occur at home will happen in the bathroom.

The combination of hard surfaces and moisture from sinks and showers can create dangerous conditions. Furthermore, bathrooms tend to be small spaces, so should a fall occur, it's more likely a person will hit various surfaces on the way down.

The risk of falling in a bathroom increases with age. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, seniors over age 65 have a 25 percent chance of falling in the bathroom. Seniors generally have less flexibility and balance than younger people, meaning falls can be life-threatening. Bones easily can become fractured and internal bleeding may occur in serious cases. Bathrooms can be made more safe in a few simple ways.

- Keep the bathtub clean. Soap residue or other grime can contribute to slippery conditions in the shower and tub. Cleaning these surfaces frequently can improve traction.

- Declutter the space. Remove extraneous items from the bathroom that can pose as tripping hazards.

- Choose the right bath mat. Bath mats can contribute to slips and falls. For those who cannot live without them, choose a mat with slip-resistant backings and add double-faced tape for added security.

- Limit moisture. Use a weighted shower curtain or install shower doors to prevent water from getting on the floor. Mop up any water or additional condensation to help dry the bathroom. Install an exhaust fan to help vent moisture that can condense and accumulate on the floor and fixtures.

- Improve bathroom lighting. Make sure lighting in the bathroom illuminates all areas.

- Wear non-slip shoes. Wearing non-slip shoes when in the bathroom can reduce the chances of slipping on wet floors.

- Install a walk-in shower or bathtub. These lipless fixtures can assist those who have difficulty entering a standard tub or shower. Grab bars also can help with maneuvering in and out of the shower area.

- Use a raised toilet seat. A raised toilet, or one with a special seat that reduces the distance one has to go to reach a seated position, may help prevent falls.

Any individual with a health condition that causes vision disturbances or difficulties with balance should work with a doctor to find a resolution. These conditions may contribute to falls.

Did You Know?



Health screenings are a vital component of preventative health care. Specific screenings for older adults can help them stay healthy. Healthline and WebMD recommend older adults schedule these routine tests. The frequency of the screenings may depend on individuals' health histories, so each test should be discussed with a physician during adults' annual checkups.

- Blood pressure check
- Blood test to check cholesterol and triglyceride levels
- Colorectal cancer exam starting at age 50

- Weight screening to check for gains or losses
- Prostate cancer screening for men age 70 and older
- Breast exam and mammogram for women, starting at age 40
- Pap smear and HPV tests at the recommended intervals advised by a doctor
- Hearing test
- Osteoporosis test
- Shingles and pneumococcal vaccines
- Eye exam
- Periodontal exam once per year

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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, keyword SMC Aging & Human Services, to see what we have for you! There are more videos coming soon!

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 to register.

Independent Project Club News

Next Project Reveal Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 1-3 p.m. at the Loffler

Senior Activity Center

Work on a project at home between now and March 9. Bring it to the Curbside Reveal Event on March 10. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to learn more about it. Here are the new assignments:

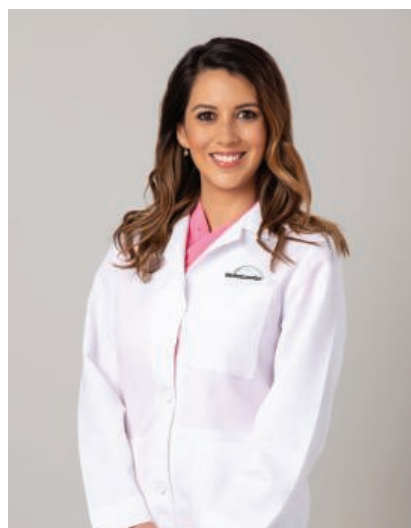
- Sewing Club- Something with Scraps- Use at least 3 different fabric patterns- can be anything at all, large or small.
- Garden Club- Three Herbs in a Pot- Make a potted herb garden. Can use one large pot as long as plants are compatible OR can use three different pots.

Loffler Book Club

Read the book *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and discuss with us via Zoom on Friday, March 5, at 10 a.m. This story is based on the heartbreaking true scandal of Georgia Tann, a woman whose Memphis adoption center kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families. It became a multi-week USA Today bestseller. Authors praised the novel for its "heart-racing" and shocking tale of struggle, hope, and redemption. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to learn more.



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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



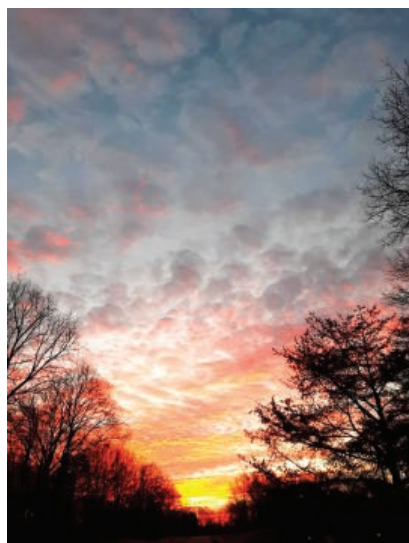
STARTING TO SEE LIFE'S SUNSHINE AGAIN.

It was so nice to see the first sunrise in days as of this writing. I think I took 50 photos of each sunrise moment. What a difference in my outlook on life with nature's beauty and a touch of blue sky and sunbeams all around. My husband was starting to lose it with the constant days of gray skies, and I, who can usually see the beauty in each day, was starting to get a little testy as well. When you read this on Thursday, we will officially be out of Covid quarantine so that may help our outlooks on life a lot. Yay! The heavy fatigue and fog is still with us, making it necessary to go with our bodies' nudges to take long naps. Also, I want to thank you for your thoughtful emails and messages concerning our Covid diagnosis. Writing back to everyone this week. You all are the best! ***

I think the bright sun is due back over the weekend. Thank goodness because tonight (Wednesday night) we are looking at more of real winter. We are extremely fortunate in St. Mary's County to not get weather extremes too often, though I know we have seen our share of some devastating floods and storms. I don't know how people in the mid-west and beyond deal with the threat of fires, earthquakes, and twisters sometimes a few times a year, every year.

My first week as a freshman at St. Mary's College of MD in the fall of '79 had us taping an X pattern on the windows of Queen Anne dorm. That was my first experience with a real storm in my recollection. We stayed down in the basement TV room that night, watching TV, eating popcorn, and having some type of beverages from the snack bar. We could drink at 18 then. I don't remember ever having to do any storm prep while growing up an hour and a half away in Clinton. Maybe I just have a rosy view of growing up there. My memories are of a few large snowfalls, but perfect weather other than that. It's not so bad to have memories like that is it? High heat or extreme cold just didn't seem to bother me.

I can't wait for the weather to be back up in the 60s and 70s,



that is the perfect range for me. In February, it always seems like the good weather is so far away, but the first day of spring, March 20th is only 30 days away. We can do this! We can make it! I even found a site called "days to" that calculates it down to the hour, minute, and seconds for those that are anxiously awaiting spring, and who may suffer from SAD: Seasonal Affective Disorder like my husband. I think there needs to be a SAD codependents group for those who suffer because they live with someone with SAD. Gray days can be depressing anyway, but when someone you love has SAD it is not a happy time. I can only be cheerful and chirping up to a point and then I go down the well with him.

I know I am home too much when I am so excited just thinking about doing my weekly convenience center runs again. Walking into a grocery store again is also high on my list, as is getting a Café Mocha somewhere. We will still be careful - thought we were before but getting back to the simple pleasures of life like a few errands will be nice. As I look out my office window, and see the beautiful blue sky, I again count my blessings to have made it through Covid and be able to see and feel the energy from the sky and the sunshine.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

A View From The BLEACHERS



Math Class

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The text arrived mid-day. It sat unread for hours on my overwhelmed phone, temporarily lost amidst a flurry of emails, virtual meetings, ill-timed dog barks, expressions of outrage at the slightest Wi-Fi interruption and the echo of an on-going band lessons. Such is the COVID life – a chaotic existence where roles as parent and employee and child and student co-exist, and homes have morphed into makeshift offices and classrooms.

Sound familiar?

But we are getting to the end of this. Surely it won't be as long as it has been. The light is detectable. Science is readying a rescue. The new and present normal will soon be the abnormal past.

The text...yes, yes, yes...susceptible I am to pandemic drift. The source was a friend, a dear one, the kind whose mere name on the screen prompts warm feelings and an involuntary grin. He was sending breaking news about the Washington Football Team, a shared love that has been, shall we say, strrrrrrrugling of late.

The team is nameless. Its embattled and hate-able owner is trying to fend off a coup attempt by minority owners and lawsuits stemming from what is allegedly decades of sexual deviancy tracing to the top of the org chart. Meanwhile, the NFL and, no doubt, the team's sponsors are watching closely as the franchise makes sweeping changes to cleanse the stench of what had become a corporate frat house. For Daniel Snyder, this must be like a public proctology exam. Ah, but who deserves such humiliation more? Unlike the brave-to-the-end William Wallace, if Snyder were to scream "merrrrrrrrrcy," none would be granted.

This, of course, looms over all on-field happenings which are, by comparison to much of the last 20 years, not entirely awful. Is that a compliment? As close as it gets. There is on-going ugly. Another first round quarterback just flamed out - Dwayne Haskins joins the dubious company of Heath Shuler, Patrick Ramsey, Jason Campbell and Robert Griffin III. Are the players to blame, though? Add in free agent escapees – Trent Green and

Kirk Cousins – and trades gone awry – Donovan McNabb and Alex Smith – and the evidence seems to indicate that Washington is uniquely adept at screwing up the most important position in American sports.

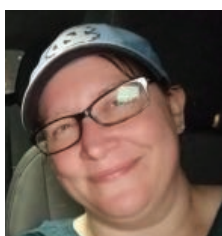
But someone has to line up under center, so the little franchise that could (but often can't) is back searching for an answer...again. When in the name of Sonny Jurgensen and Joe Theismann will this end?

Maybe with a text?

My buddy's e-note brought this news: WFT had resigned Taylor Heinicke, a 27- year-old journeyman of four previous NFL stops, to a two-year, \$8.75M contract. What a story: The guy who sounds like a cross between a car-care center and a European beer, was yanked out of math class at Old Dominion last December, signed to WFT's practice squad, was elevated to the active roster on December 19 and started a playoff game against Tom Brady, The GOAT, in January. Despite the loss, Heinicke played like such a cold-blooded gangster that he will be doing a different kind of math – i.e. counting his millions – next year. Stand by for the ESPN 30 for 30.

Look, despite the fairy tale flirtations, the future remains uncertain for Heinicke. If WFT history is any guide, his story ends back in the classroom before the 2022 mid-term election. But for now, Heinicke is a legitimate D.C. sports entity. Whether he flames out or sticks, there's practical utility in his rise. The first thing that comes to mind: Don't be too quick to abandon Plan A - your dream. Real jobs and personal responsibility quickly beckon upon entry into the adult world. But if circumstances allow, smile in the face of preliminary failures (like being released from multiple teams) and steadfastly chase your dream. The next Heinicke-isms: If you get a shot behind the wheel, drive like you stole it. Be prepared and execute fearlessly - like there's nothing to lose. And lastly, no matter how old you are, it is never too late to go back to college – a good thing, for sure, even it requires a return to math class.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

Tessa Dawn "Tess"**Grosskurth**

Tessa Dawn "Tess" Grosskurth, 42 of Lusby, MD passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family on Wednesday,

February 10, 2021. She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 26 years, Ian Grosskurth; her two children, Summer (age 24) and Abigail (age 20); her mother, Lisa Bilotta (John); father, Rick Reeder (Jaclyn); brothers, Dennis Reeder (Angela) and John "Rusty" Reeder (Christina); and her many nieces and nephews (Isaac, Caela, Ayden, Charlotte and Nora).

Tess spent her time making memories with her family and loved spoiling her nieces and nephews. She loved going to the theater, camping, enjoyed Baysox games -when they win, Renaissance festivals, and Comic-cons. Tessa loved history and visiting the old battlefields. She spent her free time reading, following her beloved UNC Tar Heels, and watching her favorite shows with family. Tess was a dedicated Paralegal for over 15 years, finding her work family with the law firm of Dugan, McK-

issick & Longmore.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks you to make a donation to the charity of your choice in her name. To leave the family a condolence please visit www.rauschfuneral-homes.com Carole Marie Alvey

Carole Marie Alvey

Carole Marie Alvey, "Donie", 76, Clements, MD passed away on February 10, 2021 peacefully with her family by her side. Born on July 24,

1944, Donie was the daughter of the late Joseph L. Yates and Nettie Tennyson Yates. Donie was the loving wife of Bernard "Jackie" Allen Alvey. Donie is survived by her children; Troy Alvey of Clements, MD, Darren Alvey of Clements, MD, Shawn Alvey of Clements, MD, and 5 grandchildren. Along with her siblings, Jeannette Foley of FL, Linda Williams of Loveville, MD, Georgia Nelson of Clements, MD and Winnie Kpacko of Clements, MD. She was preceded in death by her siblings J. Lewis Yates, Jake Yates, Evelyn Clarke, John B. Yates, Dale Yates, and Brent Yates.

Donie was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. She never wanted to be the center of attention

and was a stay at home mom. Donie was devoted to her family farm, her husband, children, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She loved gardening, baseball, canning, preparing meals, baking, and sitting on the front deck with a cup of coffee. Donie loved her family and was a mom to all.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 AM in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Morganza, MD with Father Drew Royals officiating. Interment will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Allen Alvey, Cody Alvey, Casey Alvey, and Katelyn Alvey. Honorary pallbearers will be Blake Alvey, Chris Yates, J.D. Clarke and Tommy Lee Clarke.

In lieu of flowers donations in the Memory of Donie may be made to the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad P.O. Box 15 Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Joseph Kovalcik

On Monday, February 8, 2021, Joseph Kovalcik of Cape Coral, FL, passed away at age 33.

Joseph was born on February 9, 1987 in Leonardtown, MD to Mark and Ann (Gough) Kovalcik of Chaptico, MD. He graduated from Stevenson University in 2012 and enjoyed exploring various career paths in the years since. From camp counselor and hospitality management to being a top car salesman, Joseph wanted to try it all and meet as many people as he could along the way.

In 2019 Joseph moved to Cape Coral, FL to fulfil his dream of living at the beach. He found peace in the salt air and sunshine, success in his career, and community with the friends he made.

Many who knew Joseph describe him as having "the biggest heart." With that heart, he loved his family, he loved God and his creation, and he loved to travel and experience new cultures, foods and perspectives. His kindness and compassion for others led him on a mission trip in Guatemala and to be a counselor for Muscular Dystrophy Association camp. Joseph's most notable passion was working out at the gym and he shared that passion with others by creating personalized work out plans and encouraging them along the way.

In life, as in the gym, Joseph was known for facing challenges head-on, growing from them and using the wisdom he gained to help others do the same. He is remembered as having a hopeful, optimistic, and at times, humorous disposition.

Joseph was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joseph and Janet Kovalcik. He is survived by his parents, Mark and Ann Kovalcik, his sister, Maura Winebrenner (Matthew) of Parkville, MD, his grandparents, Francis and Louise Gough of Chaptico, MD and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Contributions may be made to Serenity Farm Farming for Hunger P.O. Box 2348 Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Mary Virginia Spalding Gibson

Mary Virginia Spalding Gibson, 92 years old, of Waldorf, MD, passed away peacefully on Wednesday,

February 3,

2021 at the home of her daughter, with her family at her bedside.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Henry Gibson, son Glenn Michael Gibson, parents Bernard and Mildred Spalding, and brothers Eddie, Bernie, and Bubby Spalding.

She is survived by her three children, Carol, and Terry Moore of Salisbury, MD, Mary Ellen and Allison Webster Jr. of Salisbury, MD and John "Timmy" Gibson and Dee of Mechanicsville, MD. She dearly loved her grandchildren, Stephanie LaMonaca (Phalon), Chelsea McFadden (Eric), Glenn, Grady, and Gabrielle Gibson (Andrew) and was blessed with seven great-grandchildren Grace, Hayden, Danica, Karis, Tarah, Sophia, and Jayden. Virginia is also survived by her sister-in laws, Shirley Krucelyak, Betty Ann Spalding, their families and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She loved them all!

Virginia was born and grew up in Leonardtown, MD. She was fiercely proud of her hometown and cherished St. Mary's county. Her father was a barber and she and her family had many life-long friends. She graduated from Margaret Brent High School and remained an active member of the MB alumni association throughout her lifetime. Until 2020, she was the secretary for the Margaret Brent Alumni Association and was active in helping plan the yearly alumni celebrations. The Alumni Association members remained close friends with Virginia and supported her throughout her most recent health event.

Virginia graduated from Towson State Teachers College in 1949. After World War II she married Henry, her high school sweetheart. She began her teaching career at Mt. Rainier Elementary School in Prince George's County, while Henry completed Strayer's Business College and later worked for the Census Bureau in Suitland,

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MD. Together they raised their four children. Virginia went on to teach 3rd grade for many years at Berkshire Elementary school in Forestville, MD.

While living in Suitland, Virginia and family attended St. Bernadine's Catholic Church where she was a member of the Altar Guild. In 1971 the family moved to Waldorf, MD. Virginia continued to live on Bonnie Lane in Waldorf for the next 49 years until her passing. She was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic church, sang in the choir and participated in numerous church-sponsored events.

Virginia was a dedicated and life-long teacher, leaving a lasting impact on the children she taught and their families. She was admired and respected by her education colleagues and actively served for many years on the Comer School Development program started by Dr. James Comer, Yale University. She was honored as a nominee for the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award for Prince Georges County, MD. Many of her students continued to stay in contact with her long after having her as their third-grade teacher.

After retirement, Virginia spent time visiting with her family and friends. She loved her neighbors and friends in her Waldorf community and was grateful for their help and support during her later years on Bonnie Lane.

Virginia loved flowers, or if preferred, donations in her name can be made to CoastalHospice.org of Salisbury, MD, or The "Friends" of the St. Clement's and Piney Point Museum, Clements, MD.

M. Dean Cruse



M. Dean Cruse, 83 of Waldorf, MD, passed away on February 11, 2021 in LaPlata, MD.

Born June 4, 1937 in MOUNTAINAIR, NM, he

was the son of the late Rosa Cruse White and Wilson Paul Cruse.

Dean is survived by his loving wife M. Virginia Cruse, whom he married on April 26, 1958 in St. George Episcopal Church.

He was the devoted father of Wayne (Cathy) Cruse of King George, VA, Tammy (Eddie) Bassford of Hughesville, MD and Steve Cruse of Neptune City, NJ. Siblings: Paula Davison of Fort Pierce, FL and Easter King of Stonewall, OK. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Cruse. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Dean served in the U.S. Navy and was a Route Salesman for Pepperidge Farm and Utz.

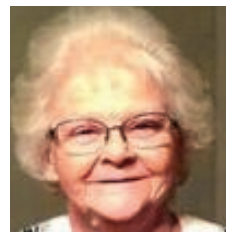
The family will receive friends

Monday, February 22, 2021 from 9:00AM to 10:00AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD, where a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00AM with Father Greg Syler officiating.

Interment will be private.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD.

Linda Rose Feather



Linda Rose Feather, 72, of Hollywood, MD departed this life on Friday, February 12, 2021 after a lengthy battle with illness. As the warrior she

was, she fought until the very end with dignity and grace. Born on November 26, 1948 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Ernest Henry Cadieu and Virginia Lee Rose Cadieu.

Linda married the love of her life and best friend, Milton Ray Feather on March 1, 1965. They were married forty-seven years and raised three children, Regina, Wonda and Donald.

Linda was a beautiful soul with the heart of an angel. She cherished God and her family above all. Linda was a devoted Mom, Gram, Gigi, sister and friend. She was an active member of Laurel Run Church of God in Friendsville, MD.

Linda was a kind and loving woman who had a heart of gold. She enjoyed going to the Senior Centers (Southern Pines and Friendsville). Linda loved Bingo, music (Elvis Presley & Conway Twitty were here all time favorites), going out to eat, and shopping.

Linda may be gone, but she will never be forgotten. Her beautiful soul left her earthly body and is now in the arms of our Heavenly Father. She is in no more pain and has been reunited with loved ones in Heaven who have gone before her. The memories that Linda has left behind will forever live on in our hearts.

She is survived by her three children, Regina Lynn Guthrie of Hollywood MD, Wonda Ann Philyaw and her husband, Harley of California, MD, and Donald Ray Feather and his wife, Patty of Lake View, SC; twelve grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one sister, Barbara Lee Leonardi. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Milton Ray Feather.

The family will receive friends for Linda's Life Celebration on Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road,

Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., also at Brinsfield Funeral Home and officiated by Pastor Craig Bolyard from Laurel Run Church of God. Interment will follow immediately at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

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

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

Frederick John Wallace



Frederick John Wallace, 90, of Solomons, MD (formerly of Leonardtown, MD) passed away at Asbury Solomons Skilled

Nursing in Solomons, MD.

He was born on December 4, 1930 in Arlington, MA to the late Frederick John Hugh Wallace and Dorothy Agnes Cullington Wallace.

Fred earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State A & M and his graduate degree from New Mexico State @ Las Cruces. After graduation, while serving in the U.S. Navy, he taught for two years at Tula Rosa on White Sands Naval Base in Florida. He was employed for many years as a Special Agent for the FBI before his retirement in 1981. During his career with the FBI he travelled extensively throughout the country.

On June 20, 1964, he married the love of his life, Lorraine Bliss "Lorrie" Wallace. In Miamisburg, OH. Together they celebrated over 51 wonderful years of marriage before her death in February 2016. In retirement they began travelling for pleasure, and took at least one major trip every year. They went the Central and South America, Asia, Thailand, Germany, France and Morocco. Their last trip together was to Morocco where they witnessed snow in the Sierra Dessert. They also enjoyed taking cruises, especially River Boat cruises.

Fred served on many boards during his lifetime, and enjoyed volunteering to help the local citizens of the community. He was a past board member for the St. Mary's County Board of Education, past president of Friends of St. Clements Island and Potomac River Museum, past advisory board member for the College of Southern Maryland and St. Mary's Nursing Center, a long-time member of the Seventh District Optimist Club and a past volunteer for over seven years with Hospice of St. Mary's.

He is survived by his nephew, Chris R. Shryock and many friends. In addition to his parents

and wife, he is also preceded in death by his sister, Eleanor Louise Shryock.

All services will be private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

William "Butch"

Ellsworth Garrison Sr



William "Butch" Ellsworth Garrison Sr., 77, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on February 5, 2021 at his home.

Butch was born in Cheverly, MD on October 27, 1943 to the late Margaret Louise Anderson Garrison and Richard Francis Garrison. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Sandra Jean Garrison; sons, Willy Garrison (Karla) of California, MD, Ricky Garrison (Laurie) of Hughesville, MD, Robert Garrison (Angie) of Mechanicsville, MD, Allen Wilkes of Mechanicsville, MD and Daryl Wilkes of Greensboro, NC; daughters, Wendy Mattingly (Charlie) of Morganza, MD, Lorie Tobey (Rick) of Milford, DE, and Tammy Farrell (Eddie) of Hollywood, MD; son-in-law Randy Mays of Piney Point, MD; 24 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his siblings, Paul Garrison, Barbara Garrison and Carrie McLane. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughters, Barbara Anne Jones, and Becky Mays; his siblings, Tommy Garrison, Richard "Buddy" Garrison, and Margaret "Sissy" Royer.

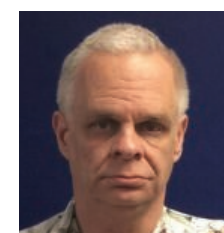
Butch was an avid fisherman and loved to spend time on his boat with family and friends. He loved to travel; cruises, trips to the beach, and trips to the casino were some of his favorites and going out to dinner.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made to The Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

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

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

David R. Mclure



David R. Mclure, better known as Dave, passed away after a brief illness on February 09, 2021 at the Hospice House of St.

Mary's Callaway, MD. Dave peacefully passed away early in the morning. Dave's

final days were with loving friends present, very much like the old days.

Dave was born on June 26, 1960 in Ohio (the state of many first) to Maurice Clinton McLure and Janette L. Diehl McLure. He received his education in the Ohio Public School System, later left for, and graduated college. His most notable accomplishment was entering the workforce, in the words of Dave, "all before that was insignificant". Dave's career began in Ohio working for the Federal Government supporting the Air Force. His work was of great importance to him. In 2011, Dave moved to Patuxent River, Maryland to serve as an Engineer supporting PMA 202; The Aircrew Systems Program office. There his countless efforts supported the aircrew, troops and its passengers in the performance of their mission largely contributed to the innovative solutions to issues facing the fleet.

Dave was well versed in the Program Management world, having been the subject matter expert on various programs within his career. His most notable and longest tenure was with the Night Vision Cueing Systems (NVCD) Program. Dave started working on night vision technology in the early 1980s when it was just starting to be used in aircraft. From those early days to today, the advances in Night Vision Devices is truly amazing. Dave's work enabled many, many successful missions, and more importantly, saved numerous lives by giving Naval Aviators and Aircrew the ability to see in the dark. Dave was the recipient of several awards throughout his career to include the NAVAIR Commander's Award, AIR1.0/PEO(CS) Spotlight award and the PMA202 Employee of the Quarter, but the awards he relished the most were the multiple peer nominated PMA202 "You Made a Difference" awards he received over the last few years of his career.

Working at NAVAIR brought much joy to Dave's life and most recently stepping outside of his field of expertise in Engineering and into more of an "undesignated" Procurement Manager role seemed to bring him a new joy right up until the time of his passing. Dave often went far beyond the call of his duties routinely checking on all aspects of his designated PMA 202 Programs. He was always offering encouraging words and don't forget the countless jokes. NAVAIR grieves the loss of such a good and faithful employee and friend and the Program Office will never be the same.

Dave's greatest joys include a love for people, a fondness for ALL Cleveland Sports Teams (especially The Cleveland Browns and Cavaliers), anything chocolate especially cake, office pot lucks and most

of all his cats. Caring for his Cats was always a priority. In addition to his caring nature, Dave was a voracious reader, and he thoroughly enjoying all thing relating to the Sci-Fi genre.

To cherish his loving memory, Dave leaves his two cats Mara and Chewy, a loving work community and numerous friends. His invaluable contributions, love and laughter will be truly missed. Dave is preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Cat Castle, 20835 Callaway Village Way, Callaway, MD 20620.

Condolences may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

George "Tony" Anthony Higgs, Sr.



George "Tony" Anthony Higgs, Sr., 61, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away February 8, 2021 peacefully at home.

Tony was born June 14, 1959 in Washington D.C. to the late Joseph Cleveland Higgs and Rae Jean Higgs. He was one (1) of four (4) children.

Tony graduated high school in 1977 and immediately found his calling to serve in the U.S. Air Force. He served our country proud for thirteen (13) years. He was honorably discharged. He then went on to work as a Power Plant Operator where he received many awards for his dedication and excellence.

To know Tony was to know a man who was proud and passionate about everything he did. He was proud of his service in the U.S. Air Force. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, but the true love of his life, Carolyn Higgs his beautiful wife. Tony and Carolyn said their vows to each other on November 15, 1981 and together, they shared 40 years of blissful marriage. Tony was loved by many friends and family and his energetic spirit will be missed greatly. As you hear the laughter of his family and the twinkle in their eyes, know you are witnessing the legacy of Tony continuing on for many generations.

Tony is survived by his wife, Carolyn Dianne Higgs of Mechanicsville; his daughter Deanna Higgs of Montross, VA; his son, George Anthony Higgs, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD; his brothers, Steve (Ginger) Higgs of Upper Marlboro, MD and Mike (Adie) Higgs of Wilm-

ington, NC and six (6) grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph Cleveland Higgs and Rae Jean Higgs (Boswell), and his brother Freddy Higgs.

Interment will be held privately.

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

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

Robert Worley Howard, Jr

Robert Worley Howard, Jr., 69, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at his home. He was born on June 28, 1951 in Washington, DC to Robert W. Howard, Sr. and the late Ollie M. Howard.

Bob married the love of his life and best friend, Marie and they spent many wonderful years together before her untimely passing in 2018. Bob missed his wife dearly and his family is taking solace in knowing they have been reunited in heaven.

Bob worked as a plumber and although he enjoyed his job was happy to retire in 2016. He spent his days gardening and working outside. He always found a reason to have friends and family over for a barbecue. Serving the best smoked dishes in town. Bob will always be remembered for his quick wit, and love for others.

He is survived by his father, Robert Worley Howard, Sr. of Mechanicsville; and sister, Carolyn L. Janicki (J. Mike Janicki) of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marie Howard and his mother, Ollie M. Howard.

At this time all services will be private.

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

Glenn Stuart Meddaugh

Glenn Stuart Meddaugh, 77 of Lexington Park, MD peacefully passed away on February 10, 2021 at Medstar St. Mary's Hospital, in Leonardtown, MD.

He was born on April 8, 1943 in Monticello, NY to the late Vincent Glenn Meddaugh and Rose Marie Sauchuck.

He led a very active lifestyle, indulging himself in many sports, especially baseball. Not only did Glenn play baseball in high school, he also played in the Army and went as far as to receive an invite to try out for the Brooklyn Dodgers' minor league team. After many years of playing, he went on to coach his kids T-ball teams in Southern Maryland. In addition to his love for baseball, he was also an avid golfer. He loved spending as much time as possible with his grandkids and was their biggest cheerleader. Glenn enjoyed making Sunday breakfast to enjoy with his family and followed the day by

cheering on his favorite team, The New York Jets.

Glenn is survived by his daughters, Kelly Jay of Hollywood, MD and Amanda Jeanne Meddaugh of Falling Waters, WV. In addition to his loving daughters, Glenn is also survived by his beautiful grandchildren; Connor Jay, Grace Jay, Jackson Jay, Aidan Hopkins and Ian Hopkins. Glenn is also survived by his siblings; Terry Epstein of Rockhill, NY, Jay Meddaugh of NC, Marjorie Rosen of Boca Raton, FL, Carol Menk of VT and Mary Stratton of Naples, FL. He is preceded in death by his loving parents, Vincent Glenn Meddaugh, Rose Marie Sauchuck and sister Judy Meddaugh.

Family will receive friends on Friday, February 26, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a 6:00 p.m. Memorial Service by Reverend Joe Orlando, at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. Services will be livestreamed at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Mary Evelyn Cave



Mary Evelyn Cave, 75, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital in

Leonardtown, MD. She was born on December 2, 1945 in Bowie, MD to the late George Lee Clark and Evelyn Rose (Curtin) Clark.

After graduating high school, Mary met and married the love of her life, Paul Clayton Cave. They spent over thirty-six years living in Prince George's County before moving to the Mechanicsville area. They were married for over fifty years and shared a beautiful family before his untimely passing in January, 2012. Mary missed her beloved husband greatly and her children feel blessed to know their parents have been reunited in heaven.

A woman with a heart of gold, Mary was a bus driver for the Prince George's County Public School system. She loved driving her bus, and watching the children grow each year. She treated them as her own and felt great pride in making sure she delivered them to and from school safely.

Mary loved her family more than anything in the world. A wonderful cook who loved to take care of

her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an avid gardener and bird watcher. A devout Catholic she attended Saturday evening Mass weekly. She will be missed by many but none as much as her family.

May your memories of Mary outweigh the heartache of her passing. As you think of her smile, and infectious laugh remember she is never far away, the rustling of the wind through the trees is her whispers from heaven above.

Mary is survived by children, Michael Cave (Kerry) of Mechanicsville, MD, Lynnette Eanes (David) of Lothian, MD; six (6) grandchildren and five (5) great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; nieces; nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband, Paul Cave; and siblings, Raymond, George, Edward, Leslie and Thelma.

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

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

Victor Jamias Dela Cuesta, Jr



Victor Jamias Dela Cuesta, Jr., went to be with his Lord on January 27, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital. Victor was born on June 9, 1949, in San

Francisco, CA. He was a resident of California until he joined the Navy in August 1968. He served 21 years in the Navy as a cook and steward making many deployments and transfers to several duty stations. Victor served in Vietnam, and also saw action in 1983 when his ship was deployed to the coast of Lebanon during the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

Victor's hobbies were fishing, bowling, cooking, writing worship songs and poems to the Lord and playing them on his guitar. He started a music ministry to the local nursing homes, Chesapeake Shores, Cedar Lanes, Veterans Home, and Taylor Farm where he would play songs for the residents. Victor also served five years as a deacon at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church and worked more than ten years as lead for Cornerstone at St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen.

Victor is survived by his wife, Eloise, two children, Mrs. Anthony (June) Bowie residing in Florida, and Victor Dela Cuesta of California MD, along with four grandchildren who were his life, pride and joy.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mat-

tingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD.

Stephen "Steve" Alfred Cobb



Stephen "Steve" Alfred Cobb, 70, of Hollywood, MD formerly from Newkirk, OK, passed away on September 12, 2020 in

Washington, DC. He was born on February 16, 1950 in Ponca City, OK; and was the son of the late Beverly Jane Cobb and Earl Lynn Cobb. Steve was the loving husband of Shirley Cobb, whom he married on June 30, 1974 in Norfolk, VA. Steve is survived by his son Matthew Cobb of Hollywood, MD. Siblings; Lynne Ivie of Montezuma, Ga, Karen Hobson of Willingboro, NJ, Mary Ellen Riddick of Salinas, CA, Howard Cobb of Summerville, SC, and Russell Cobb of Newkirk, OK.

He graduated from Newkirk High School in 1968 and earned an Associate in Science from Florida Junior College in Jacksonville, FL.

Steve joined the United States Navy on June 16, 1970. While serving in the United States Navy he earned the National Defense Service Medal (2nd), Good Conduct Award (3rd.) for period ending 07 April 83, Qual M14 Rifle (5) (S) in course "B", Qual .45 Cal. Pistol (S) "A" Course, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (6th.) for period ending 07 Jun 81, COMSIXTHFLT Letter of Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon(2nd.), Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Unit Commendation (2nd.). Along with earning; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon (2nd), and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5th.). He retired on March 1, 1999.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he was an F18 Configuration Manager for U.S. Navy PMA-265 for 21 years, retiring in December of 2019.

The family will receive friends on Monday, September 21, 2020 from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Funeral Service will follow at 2:30 PM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dan Moore officiating. Interment will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM in Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, VA. Friends will need to arrive by 10:15 AM at the Administration Building at Arlington National Cemetery.

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

ments provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

James Bernard "Buddy" Graves, Jr.



James Bernard "Buddy" Graves, Jr., 83 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021 at his residence.

Born March 18, 1937 in Leonardtown, MD. He was the son of the late James Bernard, Sr. and Rosalie Marie Klear Graves. He is survived by his siblings; Theresa Graves of Baltimore, MD and Mary Mooneyen Vallandingham of Clements, MD, many nieces and nephews and Great Aunt Arline Cornelius of Perrysburg, OH.

In addition to his parents, Buddy was preceded in death by his sister Marie Freeman.

He attended Leonard Hall Academy in Leonardtown, MD and then attended Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore, MD graduating in 1955. He served in the US Navy from October 1, 1956 to his Honorable Discharge on February 28, 1981. During his 25 years he served on the USS Hart, USS Mullinnix, USS Newport News, USS Biddle and the USS Manley. He served his country in Numerous Countries worldwide. Always coming back home with many gifts representing the places where he was stationed. After his career in the US Navy, he became self-employed escorting oversize loads all over the US.

Buddy was a Master Craftsman. He enjoyed making and refinishing furniture for his family and building model ships. He was generous with his skills and always willing to help other.

All Funeral Services will be private. Serving a pallbearer's will be Steve Estevez, Daniel Estevez, Patrick Russell, Chris Russell, Mark Allshouse, and Bailey Johnson.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory.

Clarence Breabham "Skip" James, III



Clarence Breabham "Skip" James, III, 71, passed away on February 5, 2021 at his home in California, MD.

He was born on June 28, 1949 in Washington D.C. to the late Clarence B. James, Jr. and Anna Jane Markham James.

On November 29, 1985, Skip married his beloved wife, Anne G. James, in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 35 wonderful years of marriage. He had a long career as a dedicated and hard-working manager in automotive sales until his retirement. In his younger years, his hobbies included racing cars at Maryland International Speedway at Budds Creek. He enjoyed cheering on the Washington Redskins and was a member of the Calvert Sticks Inc. field hockey organization where he served as their Administrator. He was the Patriarch for the family and was always there to lend a helping hand and support his family no matter what was going on. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. His family was his greatest pride and joy.

In addition to his beloved wife, Skip is also survived by his children, Clarence B. "Brad" James, IV of Laurel, MD and, Danielle Herbert (Bobby) of Kearneyville, WV and his siblings, Betsy Johnson (Jerry) of Gaithersburg, MD and Jean Faurote (Jim) of River-view, FL; his grandchildren: Jason Brown, Allison Brown, McKenzie Herbert, and LuLu James; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sons: Douglas Brown and Daniel Brown, and his grandson, Joshua Holton.

All services will be private. Memorial contributions in Skip's memory may be made to:

American Heart Association at www.americanheartassociation.org or

Calvert Sticks Inc. 6534 Christmas Tree Lane Huntingtown, MD 20639

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.



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, 1ST FLOOR
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND
21030

vs.

JAMES B MORGAN

SERVE: 45530 HICKORY HILLS
CIR, CALIFORNIA MD
20619

SERVE: 45885 SOUTH
POTEAAT COURT
CALIFORNIA MD 20619

AND

THE ESTATE OF PEGGY J
MORGAN

SERVE: JAMES B MORGAN,
PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

45530 HICKORY HILLS
CIR, CALIFORNIA MD
20619

AND

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

SERVE: PO BOX 11701
NEWARK, NJ 07101

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

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

AND

B GEORGE BALLMAN, TRUSTEE

SERVE: 461 LYNETTE ST
GAIHERSBURG, 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 property situate

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

45530 HICKORY HILLS CIR
CALIFORNIA MD 20619

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 property.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

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

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: C18CV20-000284

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC
11426 YORK ROAD, 1ST 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 propelyt 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 property.

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, 1ST 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, 1ST 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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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 Gattton, 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 Gattton, Chief Engineer, 301-872-5571 or at peanutgattton@msn.com

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 201

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed, and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 201 – Leonardtown Comprehensive Zoning Map. A fair summary of the ordinance will follow:

Ordinance No. 201 - An ordinance for the purpose of adopting updates and revisions to the Comprehensive Zoning Map for the Town of Leonardtown.

Ordinance No. 201 reflects the passing of Resolution No. 2-20 – Annexation of 37.6845 acres ± and assigns the zoning categories for the properties annexed.

Ordinance No. 201 - will become effective March 1, 2021. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or on-line on the Town's website at www.Leonardtown.somd.com

By Authority:
Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Resolution 1-21 Resolution to Declare Certain Real Property Owned by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, portions of property shown on Map 133, Parcel 228 of various parcels, containing 39.25 acres +/- as surplus and no longer needed for public purpose.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on March 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 CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV20-000283

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC
11426 York Road, 1st 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 property 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 property.

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, sold 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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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, 1ST 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, 1ST 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

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: 11240 REISTERSTOWN RD
OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117

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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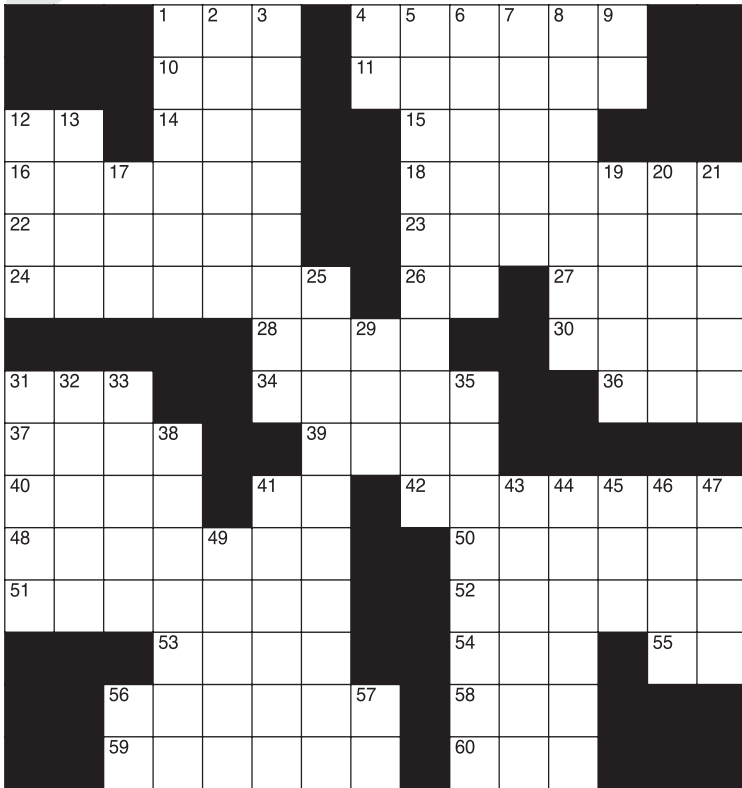
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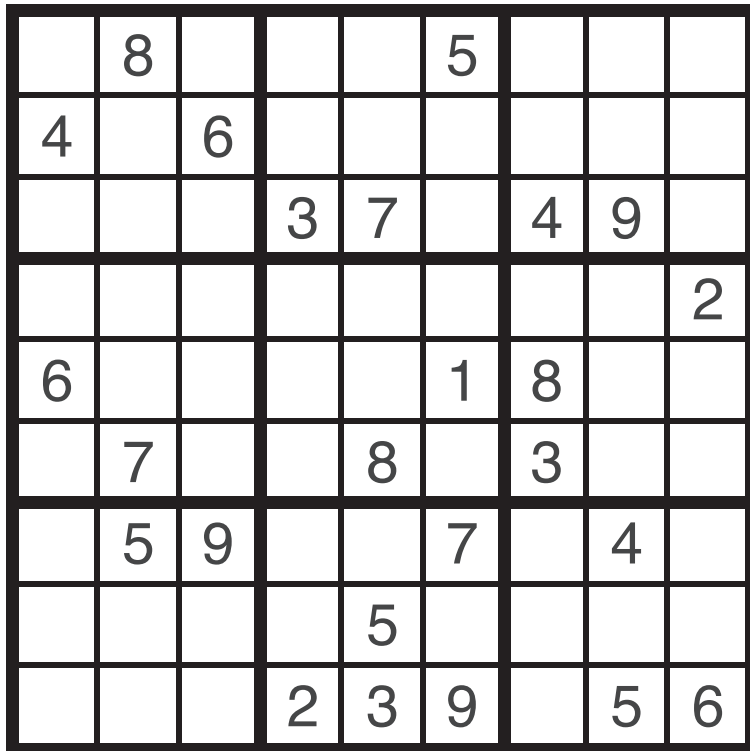
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- 4. Picked
- 10. Type of whale
- 11. A woman of refinement
- 12. New England state
- 14. Common gibbon
- 15. Tall coniferous tree
- 16. State capital
- 18. Making a liquid muddy
- 22. Vinegary
- 23. Peninsula
- 24. Thee
- 26. Atomic #55
- 27. Used in units of measurement
- 28. Welsh female name
- 30. Arab ruler title
- 31. One's mother
- 34. Trap
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Assn. of oil-producing countries
- 39. Holy fire
- 40. Emit coherent radiation

- 41. Atomic #81
- 42. Orthodox Jewish college
- 48. Herbs
- 50. Ran after
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Named
- 53. Barbary sheep
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- 55. Postscript
- 56. Drivers
- 58. One point east (clockwise) of due north
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- 60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training

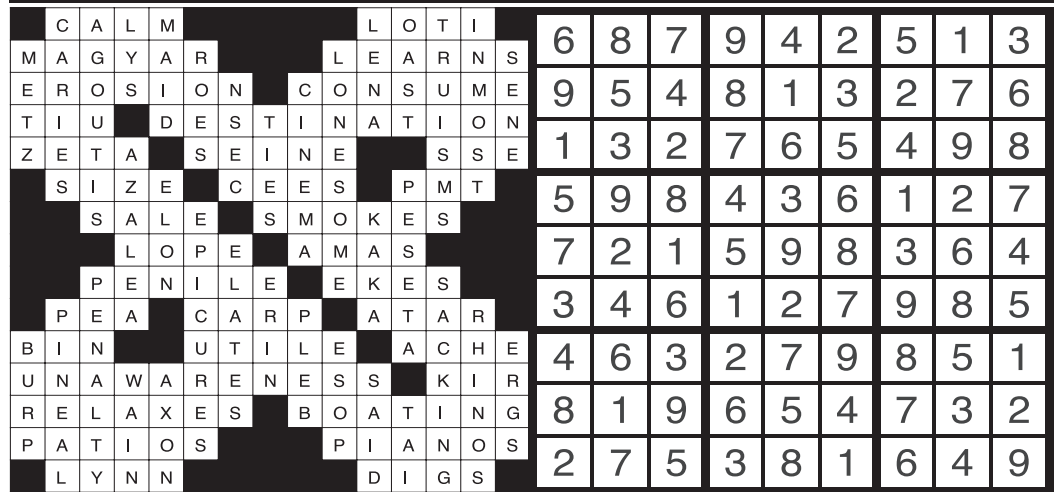
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- 12. Chew the fat
- 13. Innovative industry
- 17. Land to put down to grass
- 19. Products
- 20. Nostril
- 21. Surprise Icelandic politician
- 25. Conclusive acts
- 29. Inform on
- 31. Grinding tooth
- 32. Keep up
- 33. Tablelands
- 35. Raising mythical creature
- 41. Hums
- 43. Mountain in Antarctica
- 44. Neighborhood in Manhattan
- 45. Distinctive practice
- 46. Vice president
- 47. Contributes to
- 49. Small bones
- 56. Oil company
- 57. Empire State

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- 1. Small islands
- 2. Skullcap
- 3. Unexplained events
- 4. One hundredth of a meter
- 5. Beloved baseball announcer
- 6. Repulsive
- 7. Northern European languages
- 8. Match or surpass



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