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Brewster: Vaccine Longevity Still Unknown



Dr. Meena Brewster speaking before the Commissioners of St Mary's County.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's health officer, is continuing to wear her face mask at meetings of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and many other such gatherings, to hedge against the remote possibility of either contracting or spreading COVID, even though she is fully vaccinated.

She said her choice is a personal one and is not preparing any sort of health order which would be more restrictive than those recently proffered by Gov. Larry Hogan.

In the past week Hogan has lifted mask and capacity mandates related to COVID-19 at nearly all indoor and outdoor sites, though, Brewster said, individual businesses can still require their customers to wear face coverings.

"I was vaccinated in December... and we still don't know for how long vaccines are effective," Brewster told commissioners. "We believe it's about six months."

She said it would likely be necessary for those who have been vaccinated to receive booster shots in the future.

Brewster reiterated her call for anyone in St. Mary's to get vaccinated if they had not already done so.

It was important to realize, she said, that there were still instances of people who were fully vaccinated contracting the virus or spreading it, though they were

relatively few.

"We've had breakthrough cases in the county," Brewster said. "These vaccines are not 100 percent effective

"They've never been billed as 100 percent effective."

Brewster warned that people should still consider wearing masks in crowded venues to help guard against virus transmission.

Still, there was much good news regarding the state of the pandemic, Brewster said, including the new case rate being less than 10 new cases per 100,000 residents; there are only about 120,000 residents in St. Mary's.

More than 80 percent of the population over 65 has been vaccinated, with about 55 percent of the total population receiving their first dose of the vaccine, Brewster said.

"Our downward trend in the new case rate is very encouraging," Brewster said. "We hope this will continue forward."

There has been an increase, though, in hospitalizations from COVID-19 through April, Brewster said, particularly in the age group between 18 and 36 years old.

It was imperative to continue to press this group to get vaccinated, she said, as they had the lowest levels of inoculations.

"Overall, we're doing much better as a county," Brewster said.

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Brewery Site Plan Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A new brewery operation on Wathen Road in Leonardtown has received initial approval from the St. Mary's County Planning Commission, though not by a unanimous vote.

Breton Bay Brewing is a proposed 3,360 square-foot farm brewery, situated on a three-acre plot in the rural preservation district.

On a 5-to-2 vote, the concept site plan passed but with the conditions that any road improvements required by the county or the state must be concurrent with the issuance of a use and occupancy permit a Class 8 farm brewery license must also be obtained before the owners are issued their occupancy permit.

Finally, the applicants, David and Jada Stuckert, must confine their operations to brewing only once their license is obtained, according to the official ruling of the planning commission.

Jada Stuckert is employed by the Town of Leonardtown as a planning and zoning specialist.



David and Jada Stuckert, Breton Bay Brewing owners.

The plan was originally slated for a February public hearing but was postponed.

A Class 8 license could allow for extra facilities for product sampling, some retail sales of beer and even kitchen facilities for preparation and serving of food.

The applicants, writing a letter

to neighbors about their project, said those possibilities were not in their plans.

They wrote to their neighbors, dated May 1, the letter stated, to allay many concerns about their project adversely affecting other property owners.

"We did not realize making you aware of our plans to utilize the existing garage on our property as a brewery would cause such concern," the Stuckerts wrote. "There will be no tasting room and no special events... contrary to popular belief, our business is small, very small in fact.

"We intend to produce only limited quantities of very specialized craft beer for distribution in the local area only."

The Stuckerts also said the state was requiring them to use an underground tank to store their wastewater from the beer brewing operations in an attempt to allay worries over wastewater run-off.

"We will not be building any new buildings, adding any new parking, not adding any new lighting... not creating any more traffic... not creating any more noise

and not creating any new smells," the Stuckerts claimed.

"We live on that property," Jada Stuckert said the night of the public hearing to the planning commission. "We don't want people coming out, we don't want to give tours.

"We don't want to offer tastings... our tasting room will be in town [Leonardtown.]"

Karen Wathen Elder, the immediate neighbor, said she was "gravely disappointed over the lack of communication and transparency we have had with [Jada] Stuckert."

She said when word started to spread about their push for the brewery, the Stuckerts had initially wanted to invite the public back to their property for a tasting of their products.

"The Stuckerts don't own the farm you pass through to get to their property," she said, noting the property had been in her family's for about 200 years. "I don't understand how this would have zero impact on my community and my way of living."

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School Funding Request Comes Up \$400k Short

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commissioner Eric Colvin, speaking May 18, just before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County's last budget work session, said he was optimistic going into the debate that the funding requests of the Board of Education and the sheriff's office might be fully met.

Later, in a social media post, Colvin was deflated.

"Well... my earlier optimism was misplaced," Colvin said. "I don't like the budget."

Colvin said he supported the move by the rest of the commissioners to reduce the income tax rate but was disappointed that they left the school board's funding request short of full funding by about \$400,000 to boot he was stunned to see that \$2.5 million was added into the budget to build turf fields at all county high schools.

"This was never discussed previously, not enough money to get the job done," Colvin posted on social media. "I think artificial turf fields would be very nice at each of our high schools, but every other CIP project has more planning go into it than this."

On not fully funding the school board's request Colvin wrote: "The real kicker is that at the end of the budget session there was about \$270,000 of unallocated funds that went into a commissioner reserve snow account instead of getting the [Board of Education] closer to their target. [There was also] no discussion today of additional funding for our police."

Colvin and Commissioner John O'Connor have been adamant about using the extra revenue in the fiscal 2022 budget from increased income and property tax payments to fully fund requests for more deputies and higher pay for them as well as to fund negotiated agreements with school staff.

Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith has repeatedly said special courses and programs, as well as teacher jobs, might have to be cut if they did not re-

ceive the additional funding; Fraternal Order of Police leadership has said pay parity with surrounding agencies was needed to hire and retain qualified law enforcement officers.

O'Connor was more blunt in his criticism of Tuesday's budget session.

"If you watched this budget work session your representation was an embarrassment today," O'Connor posted on social media. "It is apparent they don't care what the experts or the citizens say."

The operating budget proposed for fiscal 2022 is \$273 million and the total request of the county from the school board was about \$116 million; last week Smith's administration had cut the request down to \$114.8 million.

The commissioners allocated \$114.4 million.

"We are \$400,000 short," Smith said in a later interview. "I have to identify \$400,000 in recurring costs... it's got to be salary or operational recurring costs."

"It's four to six positions," Smith said turf fields were much desired but, "they don't help with operational costs."

Commissioner Todd Morgan said he believed the budget proposal arrived at May 18 was fair.

"They [the school board] have a fund balance over there of \$10 million and an overall budget [including state funding] of over \$230 million," Morgan said. "If they can't find \$400,000... they have an issue."

He also said the sheriff's office request for funding for more personnel, including 20 corrections officers and 14 additional deputies was fulfilled.

The call for pay parity, he said, came from local union officials who wanted the same as Charles County deputies, who have a binding union agreement with that county's government to provide pay increases.

County deputies here got a 23 percent pay increase last year, Morgan said.

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The Blessing of the Fleet Returns

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The 7th District Optimist Club has announced that the annual Blessing of the Fleet will return to the grounds of St. Clements Island Museum in Colton's Point this year in October after a year's hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Laychak, club member overseeing the preparations for the celebration, said certain restrictions will likely be in place to deal with any lingering virus.

"But we hope they'll [the restrictions] be gone by then," Laychak told The County Times. "I feel like people are ready to come out and enjoy what's offered in the county."

The Blessing of the Fleet is the biggest fundraising event for the 7th District Optimists, which helps provide for the activities and scholarships for local youth the club awards each year.

Last year's celebration was cancelled due to COVID-19 and Laychak said this year's event will be a replica of the last one.

"We're going back to what we had in 2019," Laychak said. "We're underway; we've already got a band committed."

The main musical entertainment this year will be the Amish Outlaws, Laychak said as well as local artist Robbie Booth.



The Blessing of the Fleet includes rides to St. Clement's Island.

Each of the more than 50 Blessings of the Fleet that have come before have included a parade, entertainment for families, rides and games for children, booths exhibiting local crafters, food and drink vendors, stage shows and a fireworks display at the end of the first day of the festival.

This year the celebration will begin Oct. 2 and run through Oct. 3, Laychak said.

Laychak said it will be difficult to enforce social distancing mandates while people are walking around the grounds of the museum but the club plans to keep picnic tables and other seating arrangements separated during both days of the event.

The Blessing of the Fleet started more than 50 years ago as a project by the 7th District Optimist Club to bring the community together and also as an opportunity for local Catholic clergy to bless the many fishing boats that once trolled local waters.

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School Security: No Threat Found in Leonardtown Middle School Investigation

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Mike Wyant, St. Mary's County Public Schools top security official, said his staff and members of the sheriff's office are continuing to probe where a rumor started that there would be a shooting at Leonardtown Middle School sometime this week.

The school system became aware of the rumor on May 15, Wyant told The County Times, and continued to investigate along with the sheriff's office, which took the lead in the case.

"There was never any threat identified," Wyant said. "No one could identify or attribute any specific threat to any individual."

The sheriff's office spoke with at least 17 people, a total of eight students and nine adults, in an effort to determine an actual threat, Wyant said, but so far have been unsuccessful.

As the investigation progressed, a parent posted on social media about the rumored shooting event; at that

point the school's tip line received six tips about the alleged event but they were all based on the social media post.

Wyant said the school system has asked and continues to ask anyone with information about a threat to a school to report it immediately instead of post on social media.

"Once it went on Facebook that's when we started getting more information," Wyant said. "Which is good because they were reporting it and not repeating it."

Wyant said the rumor might have started from what could have been an unserious conversation on a school bus about which student might have "looked like a school shooter."

"It's middle school banter, possibly," Wyant said. "We're still working on this."

A letter to parents of students at Leonardtown Middle School said that enhanced security and law enforcement presence would be at the school earlier this week.

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Leonardtown Woman Faces Arson Charges

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

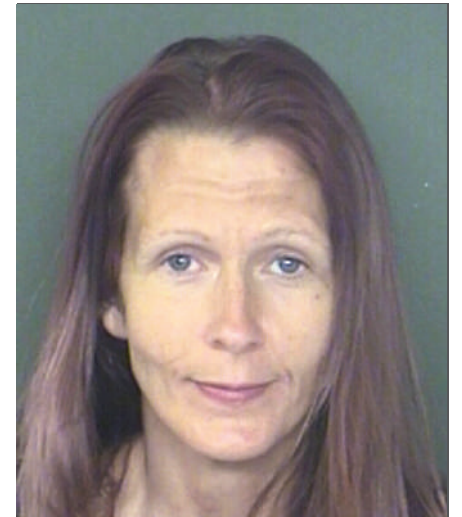
Maryland State Fire Marshals have charged a Leonardtown woman with first-degree arson, malicious burning and destruction of property after she allegedly set fire to the curtains in the Piney Point residence in which she was living as a tenant.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed in St. Mary's County Circuit Court against Jessie Marie Russell 36, fire marshals were called in to the residence in the 46000 block of Crowder Lane after local sheriff's deputies, who had responded to the same address earlier in the day on May 16, reported seeing the defendant in the open doorway of the residence with "large flames behind her."

When sheriff's deputies first responded to the address they said Russell had broken out some of the windows in the residence; she later told investigators she had a confrontation with her landlord, Mike Evans, who she said had put his hands on her in an effort to remove her from the residence.

Fire investigators say Russell had set fire to the curtains inside the home after breaking out some of the windows, investigators said.

However, she admitted, taking that step was a reckless one.



Jessie Marie Russell

"She said that setting the curtains on fire was too far and that she feared for her daughter," charging documents stated.

According to court papers, Russell had lived in the home for just one week.

The first-degree arson charge against Russell carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison.

Upon being arrested Russell was held without bond but after a bail hearing she was released by a judge on personal recognizance.

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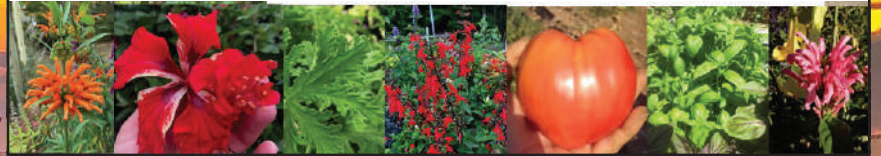
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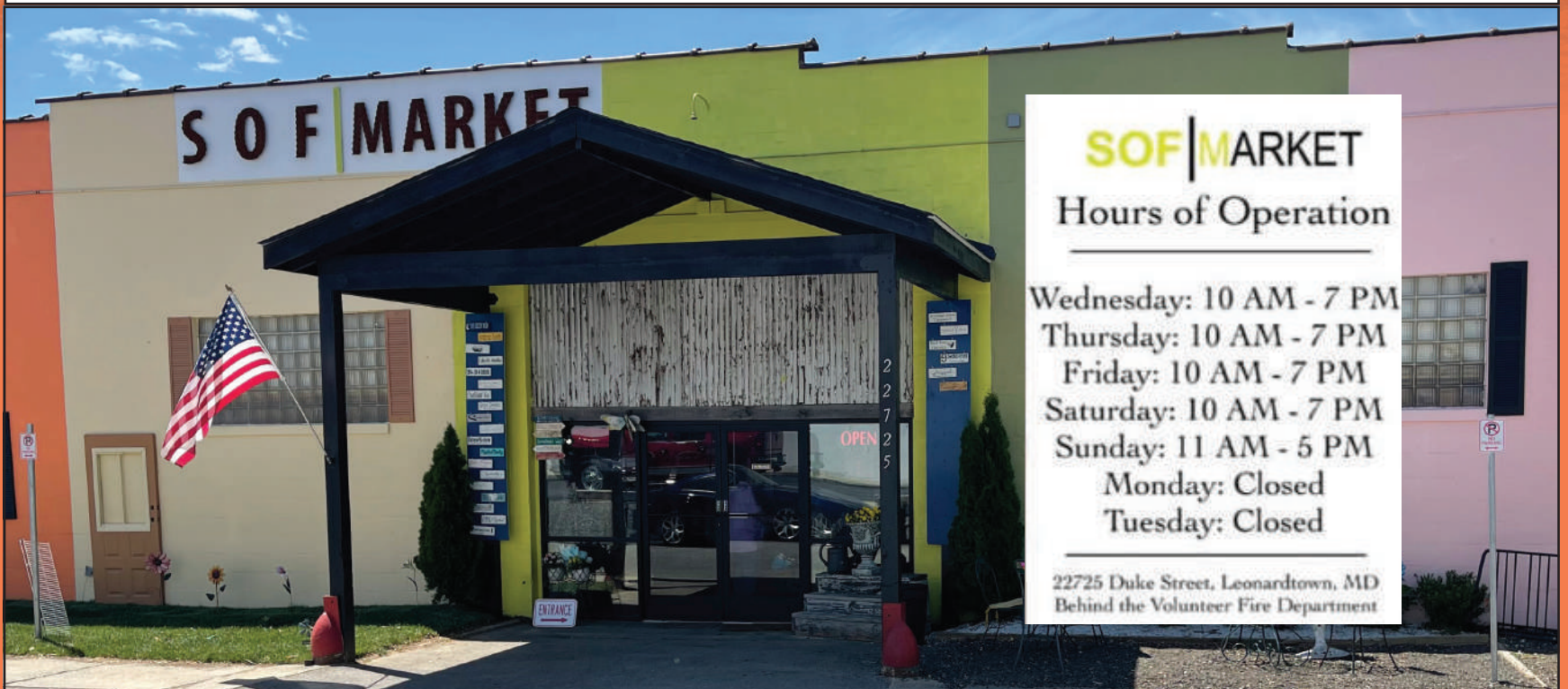
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Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2021 on April 29-30 participated in the sixth of nine educational sessions for LSM's 2020-21 Executive Program - Energy and Environment.

The two-day event began at St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's Marlay-Taylor Water Reclamation Facility where the class received an overview of Metcom's operations, learned about the wastewater treatment process, and toured the on-site lab which conducts water quality testing and analysis. The class then moved to a conference facility where they met with a panel of representatives from Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and visited virtually with Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) representatives. These presentations provided an overview of energy production in the region and gave the class insight into the organizations' leadership structures.

The second day began with a visit to the Loveville Produce Auction, allowing the participants to experience "commerce in action" while observing interaction of the Mennonite and Amish agricultural community with local res-

taurateurs, grocers, and individuals who purchased from their harvests. The participants then traveled to Farming 4 Hunger where they had an opportunity to learn about the farm's origin story, mission, and daily operations. The class also participated in several team-building activities to help them gain a fuller understanding of the impact of the organization and its programs on a larger scale.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a nine-month, tuition-based program and is designed and dedicated to educate and inspire a diverse group of current and emerging leaders to create collaborations and partnerships to impact the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and incorporates a cross-section of the region to include diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, and gender.

For more information, please contact Denise Foster, Executive Director Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-SOMD, via email denise@leadership-somd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org.

Press Release from LSM.

Another SMECO EV Charging Station Opens

Located at Board of Education

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) announced the opening of another of its SMECO EV Recharge public charging stations for electric vehicles. The station is located at the St. Mary's County Board of Education at 23160 Moakley Street in Leonardtown and has 24-hour access.

Additional charging station sites in Leonardtown are located on Park Avenue between Guyther Drive and Court House Drive and at the St. Mary's County Public Library and Garvey Activity Senior Center at 23630 Hayden Farm Lane. The SMECO EV Recharge installations currently operational in St. Mary's County are Level 2 chargers. SMECO also plans to install DC-powered fast chargers (DCFC) at select locations.

The Level 2 chargers will cost 18 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) and the DCFC

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Press Release from SMECO

Hospital Hosts First Blood Drive Since Start Of Pandemic



MedStar St. Mary's will next host a blood drive on Wednesday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Health Connections at 301-475-6019 to make your appointment. Visit RedCrossBlood.org for additional dates and locations.

Community members, healthcare workers came out to bolster blood supply

In partnership with the American Red Cross, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital recently hosted its first blood drive since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty pints of blood were collected May 13 from community members and hospital staff.

Community blood drives, like so many events, were placed on hold during COVID-19. Meanwhile, blood transfusions continue to be needed by patients every two seconds in the U.S., according to the American Red Cross—amounting to nearly 21 million blood component transfusions each year.

Hospital staff recently proposed an idea that would allow blood drives to safely resume while making use of the auxiliary buildings constructed on campus last year in case of patient surge. Large enough to ensure safe physical distancing and protected from the elements, these structures allow for even more donations to be collected—from four people at a time, compared to one or two when drives are set up in hospital classrooms or other locations.

"Having these structures avail-

able allowed us to welcome donors back safely at a time when blood is especially needed," said Stephen Michaels, MD, chief operating officer and chief medical officer, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

With initial appointments filling quickly, the Red Cross was able to add more slots to accommodate donors, including hospital associates. Shannon Lund, who works in the finance department, was among the day's first participants. "When COVID first started, like many of us, I was looking for ways to give back," said Shannon. "There weren't any blood drives then—nothing nearby. I've always wanted to donate blood, knowing how much it's needed. This seemed like a great opportunity."

Bregetta McWilliams-Givens, who also works in finance, was excited to walk over for a good cause. "It's been an easy process to donate," she said.

Keith Jones, director of the hospital's Facilities department, rolled up his sleeve at lunchtime. This was his first blood donation since his family—including his wife, an emergency nurse—relocated to Maryland last year. "We know how important it is to donate," said Keith, especially with his own versatile blood type. "I'm glad to do it."

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Barricade in Great Mills Resolved

On May 18, 2021, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 45900 block of Indian Way in Great Mills to attempt service of an outstanding warrant. The male suspect, age 22 of Great Mills, was armed with several edged weapons and refused to exit the residence and barricaded himself in a rear bedroom. A barricade was declared, and members of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT) and the Emergency Services Team (EST) responded to the scene. Due to the proximity of a nearby school, St. Mary's County Public Schools were notified and apprised of the situation.

After several hours of negotiations, the suspect surrendered to deputies on scene and was taken into custody.

Assault/Reckless Endangerment- On May 14, 2021, Dep. Jerew responded to the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Kirk Vondel Swales**, age 38 of California, was in a dispute with the victim while the parties were in a vehicle. Swales grabbed the steering wheel while the victim was driving, deliberately causing the vehicle to collide with a curb. The vehicle sustained significant damage from the collision. Swales was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment, and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Kirk Swales

Assault- On May 15, 2021, Dep. Edelen responded to the 20200 block of Willows Road in Lexington Park, for the reported injured individual in the roadway. The victim was located and found to have lacerations to the left hand, head and back. Investigation determined **Francisco Valladares-Morales**, age 55 of Lexington Park, was in a verbal argument with the victim when Valladares-Morales obtained a machete and assaulted the victim. Valladares-Morales was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.



Francisco Morales-Valladares

Burglary- On May 11, 2021, Deputy Richard Wilhelmi responded to the 45300 block of Barefoot Drive in California for the report of a burglary. Arriving on the scene, Deputy Wilhelmi located **Meghann Emily Abraham**, 30 of California, in the area of the residence which is in the process of being sold. The basement door of the home was found open with Abraham's personal belongings inside. In addition, damage was observed to the home's windows where screens had been removed. Abraham was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with Fourth-Degree Burglary to a Dwelling and Malicious Destruction of Property less than \$1,000.



Meghann Abraham

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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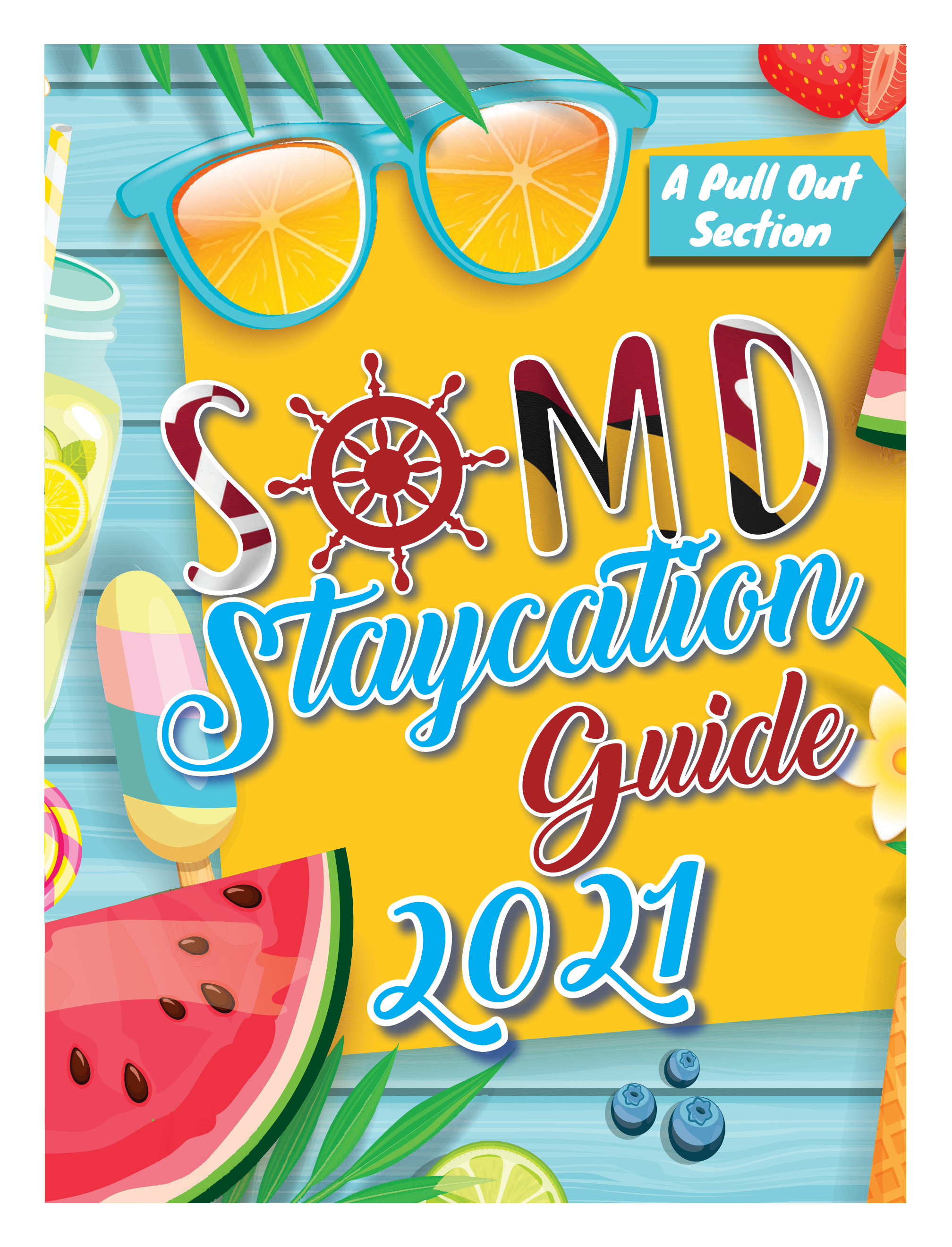
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St. Mary's is Ready for Summer



The Sin and Scandal program at St. Mary's City.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As more and more people get vaccinated against COVID-19, more opportunities to enjoy summer activities we used to take for granted are reopening in St. Mary's.

From fishing and crabbing and outdoor sports to enjoying all the history the county has to offer, St. Mary's is open for business this staycation season.

Historic St. Mary's City staff are eager to bring visitors back where it all began for the Mother County of Maryland.

This year has been a significant one for the historic city as archaeologists revealed they had found the original palisade, or defensive wall, of the fort the first English settlers built in 1634 to protect themselves before branching out beyond its confines to found the full colonial settlement.

Aaron Meisinger, interpretive programs manager at St. Mary's City, said there is something for the entire family - and those who are strictly adult - this summer.

It's a living history interpretation of what colonial, and indigenous, life was like in the early 17th century.

"We have demonstrations every day," Meisinger said. "There's a demonstration of a cannon firing down at the waterfront, there are cooking demonstration as well as how to tan hides.

"There's even printing press demonstrations."

The city is divided up between the settlement of the English who came here in 1634 and the woodland Indian settlement, featuring longhouses built in the fashion of native tribes as well as accoutrements of their lifestyle.

Historical interpreters on site are ready to tell visitors how colonists lived, worked and survived nearly 400 years ago; each one has certain skills they can demonstrate and teach, explaining along the way why the skills were valuable.

"We have a lot of time to talk to

people," Meisinger said of the interpreters there. "We give them a tremendous amount of quality information."

As a functioning living history settlement, visitors can see the agricultural side of life in St. Mary's City as the backbone of their survival.

Even then colonists were growing tobacco as a cash crop to support trade with England; it was much valued back home.

"We have tobacco that's still grown at the Godiah Spray Plantation," Meisinger said. "And it is of the 17th century variety."

Interpreters have more than skills to show, but also how colonists played and related to each other.

"They know how to play all those old games," Meisinger said. "They know how to operate the old-style printing press.

"We even have demonstrations and reenactments of shopping in the 17th century, which is completely different."

Meisinger said COVID taught modern people they had to wait as many as two weeks to get toilet paper or paper towels, but it didn't compare to what the colonists had to do to get manufactured goods from England.

"These people had to wait six months for new shoes," Meisinger said, adding many decided to walk in spring and summer barefoot and save their precious footwear for fall and winter.

Life was definitely hard in the 17th century, especially for newly arrived colonists who had to grow crops in unknown soil; many of them died from exposure to bacteria they were not accustomed to.

Sometimes their personal behavior made it harder and the interpreters there are prepared to demonstrate the darker side of colonial living to an adults-only crowd next month.

"We always get people who pull us aside and ask us how colonists dealt with things like crime or adultery," Meisinger said. "This program explores that."



Historic St. Clements Island

Sin and Scandal at St. Mary's explores the everyday lives of colonists when they came into conflict with each other or, in some cases, with the edicts of society.

In one reenactment, visitors will be able to see what happened when a black man, a slave, and a white woman fell in love and attempted to get married.

In other reenactments men will confront each other in public, Meisinger said, one with a pistol, over a serious disagreement.

Visitors will only be allowed on the tour if they are 18 years old or older, Meisinger said.

"They use foul language that we know from historical documents was used in that time," he said. "This is the saltier version of what was life was like.

"It ranges from grossly funny to sublimely sad."

This program last ran, for the first time, in 2019.

"It was an award-winning program," Meisinger said.

The local Newtowne Players will also begin their first production since the COVID-19 pandemic began with a production of Shakespeare's Hamlet at St. Mary's City starting in August, and this may also be the last chance for visitors to go aboard the old Maryland Dove as its more historically accurate replacement will be coming next year.

"We're excited to have something new on the horizon," Meisinger said. "We're in a good place."

Before there was St. Mary's City, there were colonists on the Ark and Dove crossing the Atlantic Ocean for months to make a new life in a new world.

Their first stop in the New World was St. Clements Island just off of Colton's Point.

It is the home of Blackistone Light House as well as the starting point of the Maryland colony.

Joe St. Clair, of the St. Clements Hundred, a non-profit group dedicated to preserving the lighthouse, said the group has now taken over maintenance of the historically significant island as well.

The light house was closed all last year, St. Clair said, so they could repair more than a dozen termite-eaten beams and floor joints at the light house.

Along with major renovations at the light house, volunteers have spent much of the year cutting grass, clearing trees and brush and generally improving the island from the ragged appearance it often presents.

Maryland's Department of Natural Resources was once in charge of maintenance there, St. Clair said, but their actual time on the island was spotty as weather conditions often halted cleaning operations.

"That's one thing we've got over DNR," St. Clair said. "We've got our own boats and we can go over anytime we want.

Among the improvements at the island include installing solar panels to power the lights that shine at night on the memorial cross, illuminating it once as it has been in years past, St. Clair said.

"It's a beautiful place," he said. "It's not what you remember from years past; it's a total makeover.

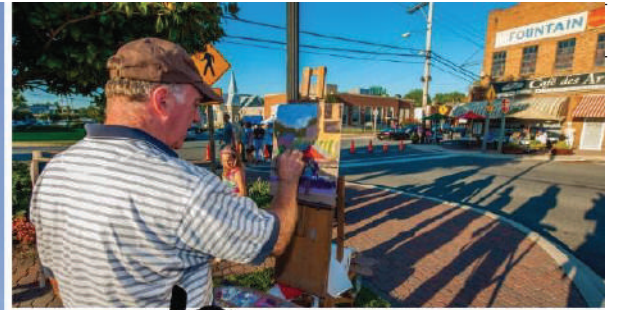
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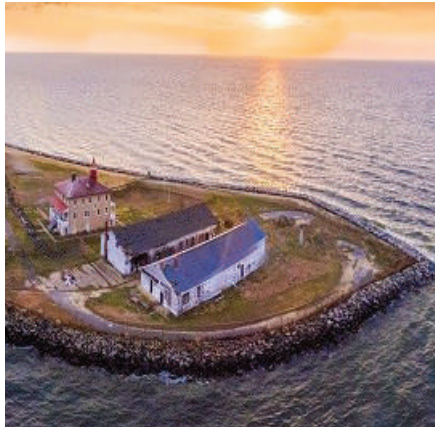
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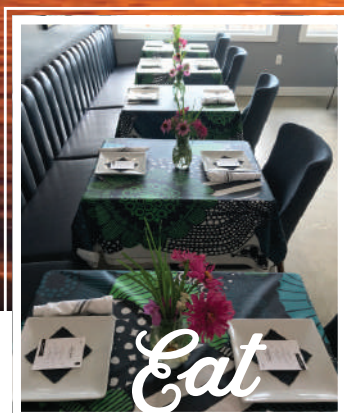
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Downtown Leonardtown
11:00 AM

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May 29

100 Mile Car Cruise & Show

Admission: \$30

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Registration begins at 7:30 am. Maps and route info will be provided upon arrival. Optional Poker Run available for an additional \$10.00 per entry - 50% of proceeds go to charity, 30% to winning hand, and 10% each to the next two highest hands. 50-50 raffle tickets available all day, must be at the last stop to win.

June 5

Spring Saturdays - Little Green Thumbs Family Programs

Historic St. Mary's City
18751 Hogaboom Lane
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join us in the Town Center garden to explore the many herbs that make up a pizza garden.

Have plenty of sensory fun and make your own paper pot with seeds to take home.

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June 9

Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay from the Colonial Era to the Oyster Wars by Jamie L. H. Goodhall

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Historic Sotterley Speaker Series: Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay from the Colonial Era to the Oyster Wars by Jamie L. H. Goodhall

Jamie L. H. Goodall, Staff Historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History

From the golden age of piracy to Confederate privateers and oyster pirates, the maritime communities of the Chesapeake Bay are intimately tied to a fascinating history of intrigue, plunder and illicit commerce raiding. Goodall introduces infamous men like Edward "Blackbeard" Teach and "Black Sam" Bellamy,

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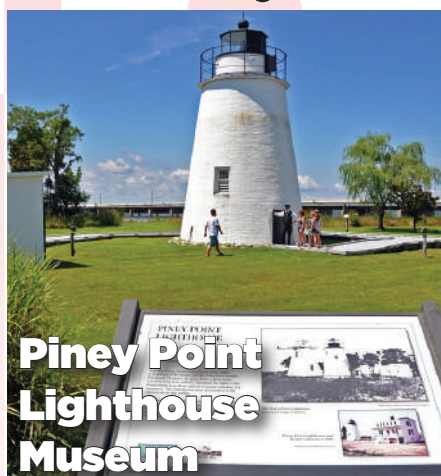
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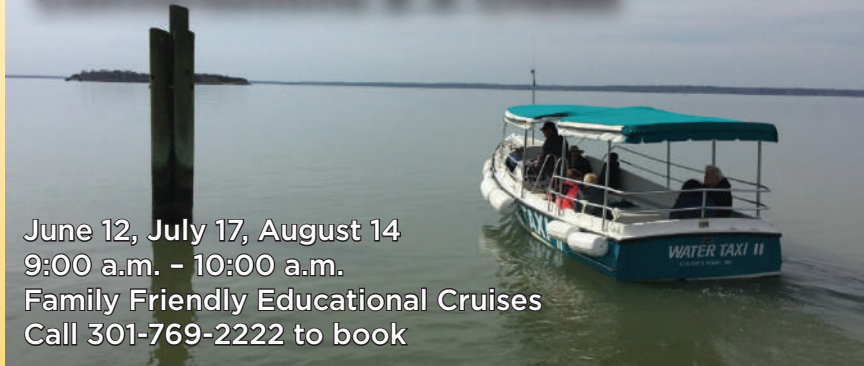
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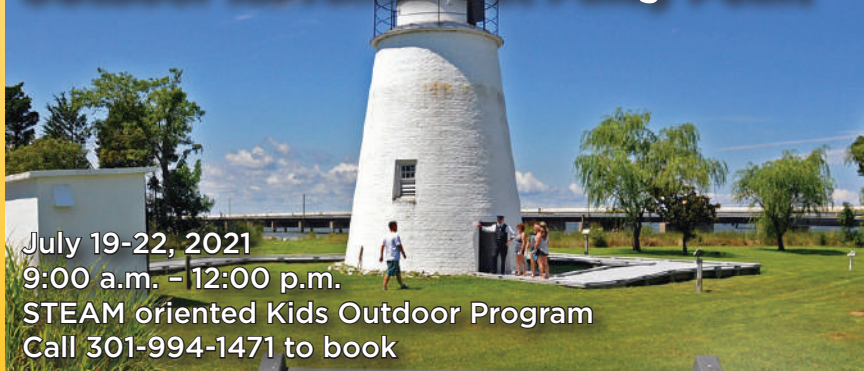
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St. Mary's Summer Event Calendar

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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Sunday, June 13, 2021 | 4PM - 8PM: Dinner & a Cruise: Maryland's Beautiful Swimmers Your water tour guide will talk about the Chesapeake Blue Crabs. The event will begin and end at Morris Point Restaurant, where the Water Taxi will pick everyone up and take them to the St. Clement's Island Museum for a cocktail reception. Diners will then re-board the boat and experience a narrated tour around St. Clement's Island before returning to Morris Point Restaurant for dinner.

Sunday, August 1, 2021 | 4PM - 8PM: Dinner & a Cruise: Inside the Blackstone Lighthouse Your water tour will include a guided tour of the Blackstone Lighthouse on St. Clement's Island. The event will begin and end at Morris Point Restaurant, where the Water Taxi will pick everyone up and take them to the St. Clement's Island Museum for a cocktail reception. Diners will then re-board the boat and experience a narrated tour around St. Clement's Island before returning to Morris Point Restaurant for dinner.

June 30

Lil Pirates

Historic St. Mary's City
18751 Hogaboom Lane
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Ahoy, mateys! Become a pirate for the day, and search for a pirate ship - there might be hidden treasure along the way! This program is for children 3-5 years old with an accompanying adult.

Meet at The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary.

\$10 per child/ Members \$8, one accompanying adult free.

Space is limited - registration required, payment in full is required at the time of registration.

Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival

Location: Downtown Leonardtown, St. Clement's Island Museum

12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

This award-winning weekend includes a free Friday (July 9, 2021) concert celebration on the Leonardtown Square and Sunday (July 11, 2021) jazz brunches and activities in downtown Historic Leonardtown in addition to the Saturday (July 10, 2021) "Main Event" at St. Clement's Island Museum.

Friday, July 9, 2021 - Kick Off Jazz-Era Party on Fenwick Street in Downtown Leonardtown

The festivities kick-off with jazz-era fun in historic Leonardtown with a fun kickoff party at locations all up and down Fenwick Street, which will be closed off for a street party! The Fenwick Inn will host the main area of live music from the Chesapeake Orchestra Swing Combo and dance performances from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Charcuterie boxes will be available for purchase and there will be a cocktail bar featuring the Inn's signature cocktails.

Space is limited. There is no fee to attend, however, reservations are required. VIP Seating is available (fee required), contact the Inn at thefenwickinn@gmail.com for details. Please note that COVID-19 protocols will be observed for the event.

Saturday, July 10, 2021 - THE MAIN EVENT St. Clement's Island Museum | 12PM - 9PM

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Bowles Farm, 22880 Budds Creek Rd

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7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Some of the fastest mowers in the country will come together for two nights of great racing. A great event for adults and children both! This event will benefit the 7th District Rescue Squad and 7th District Optimist Club.

Aug 7

National Lighthouse Weekend at Piney Point and St. Clement's Island

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park, St. Clement's Island Museum.

44720 Lighthouse Road, Piney Point and 38370 Point Breeze Road, Coltons Point,
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Head to Piney Point for a fun Open House weekend in recognition of National Lighthouse Day, which is officially celebrated each year on August 7th. Enjoy tours of the museum, Potomac River Maritime Exhibit, lighthouse tower and grounds.

Head to St. Clement's Island for

a fun Open House at Blackstone Lighthouse in recognition of National Lighthouse Day. Check out the St. Clement's Island Museum before taking a boat ride out to St. Clement's Island and the Blackstone Lighthouse.

Tours of the lighthouse, a replica of the original lighthouse that stood at the same location, will be available free of charge. The last boat to the island will leave at 2PM.

The official day as designated by Congress, August 7, 1989, is the anniversary of the signing of the August 7, 1789 Congressional Act "for the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers" and the date of the first commissioned Federal lighthouse.

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Call 301-769-2222 at St. Clements Island or www.facebook.com/scimuseum for more information. Regular museum admission fees apply.

TBA: The Piney Point keeper's quarters and lighthouse will offer special tours featuring interpreters who depict Lightkeeper Yeatman and his wife, who will tell visitors more about life at the lighthouse.

TBA: This year is the 185th anniversary of Piney Point Lighthouse! Stay tuned for special programming associated with this milestone.

Aug 13

Shakespeare in the City presents "The Tragedy of Hamlet"

Location: Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." Hamlet is considered among the most powerful and influential works of world literature. It was one of Shakespeare's most popular works during his lifetime and still ranks among his most performed. Join Shakespeare in the City (presented in partnership with The Newtowne Players) for an evening outdoor performance under the stars.

State House Lawn (park at The State House parking lot, and check in for tickets inside The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary).

Ticket prices vary, according to age. Military discount available.

6:30 p.m. Lawn opens. 7:30 p.m. Performance.

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More info (for online posting): <https://www.facebook.com/events/963912744352199>

Kids are invited to enjoy a STEAM oriented program at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum focused on outdoor science and exploration. Every day will have a different nature theme filled with tons of fun crafts and activities. Kids can explore the nature at Piney Point while having fun. This is an in-person program that will follow all COVID safe protocols. Throughout this 4-day week, participants will create their very own Field Journal based on their findings. During our adventures, kids will make lots of exploration materials that they can take home and continue exploring. \$40 per child for all 4 days. Call to book.

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 New Orleans Jazz

Thursday, August 19, 2021 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm
COUNTRY MEMORIES BAND
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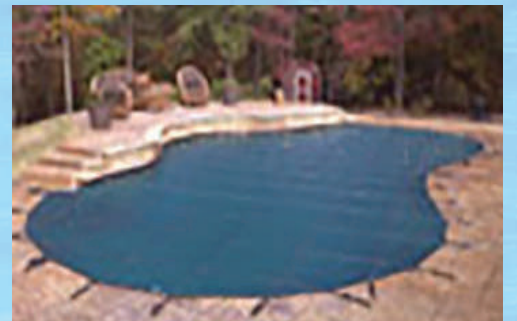


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New Scholarship Assists Business/IT Students

Established by CSM Alumni, Former Employees

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Alumni James Graves '02 and Jennifer Lesesne '04 and '05, both former CSM employees, are practicing believers of lifelong learning. The Mechanicsville couple met while at CSM but found themselves on different paths for many years until, they say, the "universe" had other plans. Now married, and with Jennifer continuing to serve CSM as an adjunct professor, the two have established a scholarship to assist CSM students who are pursuing a career in Business and Information Systems.

"Life has a way of throwing curveballs," said Graves. "This scholarship is for students in the business and IT field who need a second chance, financial support, motivation to keep going, but most important, determination to succeed."

Graves and Lesesne said they understand the struggle of being single parents, divorcees, and working full-time, running a business – while pursuing an education.

"We get it," said Graves. "JLG Dream Investments scholarship is here to help students pursue their educational dream so their degree, certificate, or license can help propel them where they want to be in the future."

Graves' career has always been focused around technology and IT, spending 20 years working in various ways to support the CSM IT infrastructure. He began as a student assistant working at the CSM Help Desk and later transitioned to support the college's sys-



College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Alumni James Graves '02 and Jennifer Lesesne '04 and '05, also former CSM employees, pose during their wedding.

tems and network administration.

Graves said he also discovered a true passion for cybersecurity where the focus was on ethical hacking and digital forensics. As an employee, he said that CSM provided an opportunity for him to also develop and instruct courses with a concentration on cybersecurity and networking technologies. Once in the classroom and building educational resources, Graves said he realized he possessed a strong passion for instruction and giving back to his community. Currently, he works for the Navy Department of Defense and as an adjunct faculty member at University of Maryland Global Campus.

"I learn as much from my students and peers," Graves shared. "The ecosystem is supportive and very rewarding."

Lesesne, a native Washingtonian, spent many of her years living in various areas of

Maryland. Her resume now includes three associate degrees, a bachelor's of science, two certificates (Management Foundation and Human Resource Management), an M.B.A, a licensed real estate agent and an assortment of certifications and designations in the real estate industry.

Lesesne's affiliation with CSM spans nearly 20 years, and she continues to serve the college community as an adjunct faculty member. While working at the college, she also became the owner of Jenil Event Planning LLC before transitioning into a real estate career.

"I take pride in assisting my clients with their real estate goals, building my real estate investment portfolio and growing my property management business with my business partner," Lesesne said. "I value the opportunity to encourage students to keep

pressing forward, regardless of their current circumstances and I believe this scholarship will enhance students' chances to open new doors in their lives."

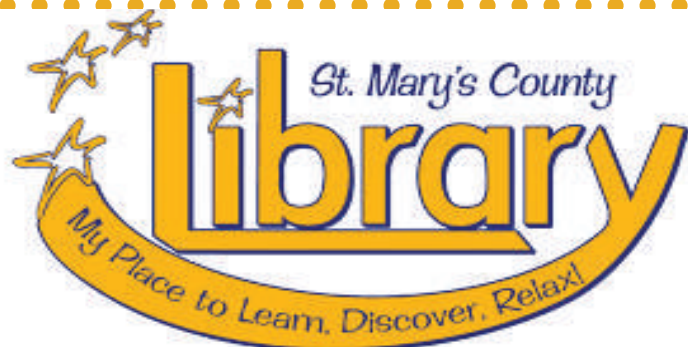
Married in 2014, James and Jennifer blended their families to include their 10-year-old daughter Ava; 19-year-old daughter and CSM alum Bianca '20; and 25-year-old son and CSM alum James '18 – plus two very spoiled dogs, Chaos and Rambo.

"We are very excited about establishing this scholarship," said Lesesne. "Our goal is to eventually turn this scholarship into an endowment."

The JLG Dream Investments Scholarship will support students pursuing a degree, certificate, letter of recognition or workforce training within the Business and Information Systems Guided Pathway at CSM. To be eligible for JLG Dream Investments Scholarship, students must: possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; possess and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA; and be pursuing a degree, certificate, letter of recognition, or workforce training within the Business and Information Systems Guided Pathway program at CSM.

For information on how to apply to the JLG Dream Investments Scholarship or to donate to the scholarship, please visit csmd.edu/foundation/give.

Press Release from CSM.



Library Closed: Memorial Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. All locations will be open for regular business hours on Tuesday, June 1.

Author Talk with Nalini Singh

Join us in welcoming international bestselling author, Nalini Singh! Tuesday, June 1 from 7 – 8 p.m. Nalini will discuss her Psy-Changeling Series and upcoming novel Last Guard, as well as answer reader questions. Register on www.stmalib.org with an email address to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

Author talk with Christina Lauren

A conversation with New York Times bestselling writing duo, Christina Lauren and Christina Hobbs on Thursday, June 3 from 7 – 8 p.m. Longtime writ-

ing partners and best friends Christina Hobbs and Lauren Billings will discuss their newest title, The Soulmate Equation, their writing process, and more. Register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

Outdoor Storytime at Greenwell State Park

Stories, songs, and activities for children with their adult caregivers, outdoors at Greenwell State Park (25420 Rosedale Manor Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636) on Saturday, June 5 from 10:30 – 11 a.m. Siblings welcome; please register once per family group. The barn will be open to guests on this day, so be sure to visit all the friendly horses and goats after the program, and explore the trails and other outdoor areas at the park. Please bring a blanket or chairs for storytime, and feel free to bring a picnic lunch for later! Masks are required when inside the barn or other buildings, and



social distancing will be observed at all times. This outdoor program is weather-dependent; in case of bad weather it will be cancelled.

Meet NY Times Best Selling Author Christina Baker Kline: Summer Reading 2021 Kickoff

St. Mary's County Library is thrilled to introduce Christina Baker Kline in a virtual author event on Monday, June 21 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Christina Baker Kline is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of eight novels, including The Exiles (2020), A Piece of the World (2017), and Orphan Train (2013). She is published in 40 countries. Kline's novels have been awarded the New England Prize for Fiction, the Maine Literary Award, and a Barnes & Noble Discover Award, among other honors. Her books have also been chosen by hundreds of

communities, universities and schools as "One Book, One Read" selections. Born in England and raised in the American South and Maine, Kline lives in New York City and on Mount Desert Island in Maine, with her husband.

Please join us virtually to meet Christina Baker Kline and hear her speak about her latest novel, The Exiles, an instant NYT and Indie Next bestseller, which captures the hardship, oppression, opportunity and hope of a trio of women's lives - two English convicts and an orphaned Aboriginal girl - in 19th century Australia.

Register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event. Copies of Christina Baker Kline's novels can be found at the Library. Signed copies of The Exiles will be available for purchase at White Rabbit Bookstore in California, MD.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

What to Expect from a Financial Review

The COVID-19 pandemic may have unsettled many aspects of your life – including your financial situation. Even if your employment and earnings were not directly affected, you might have concerns about whether you've been making the right investment moves in such a stressful environment. The pandemic is, hopefully, just a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, but different events can rattle financial markets. And changes in your own life also can affect your plans. To prepare yourself for whatever tomorrow may hold, you may want to get some professional help – but what, really, can you expect from a financial advisor?

A financial advisor will look holistically at your life – your family composition, your career, your hopes and dreams, your instincts about saving and spending money, your risk tolerance and other factors. So, during your initial meeting, and at subsequent reviews afterward, here are some of the key areas you'll discuss:

- Feelings about your financial situation – Numbers are important to financial advisors, but what's most meaningful to them is understanding what's important to their clients. Are you confident about your overall financial outlook? Are you worried about your cash flow? Are you distressed over volatility in the financial markets? Do you have concerns about your career? By getting at the answers to these and similar questions, a financial advisor can gain a clear sense of who you are and what matters to you. You can then follow an established process to build your personalized strategies and take the specific actions needed to achieve your goals.

- Progress toward your goals – It takes patience and discipline to achieve long-term goals, such as helping send your kids to college or enjoying the retirement life-

style you've envisioned for yourself. As you save and invest for these goals over the years, you'll want to ...measure your progress regularly. If you seem to be falling behind, your financial advisor can suggest moves such as increasing your investments or adjusting your investment mix.

- Changes in your family situation – Marriage or remarriage, the arrival of new children, the departure of children for college, caregiving responsibilities for older parents – any and all of these events can make a big difference in your goals and, as a result, your investment plans. During your reviews, your financial advisor will consider these changes when making suggestions or recommendations. (Changes in your family's status may affect your estate plans, so you'll also need to work with your legal advisor or other estate-planning professional.)

- Changes in your retirement plans – As you near retirement, you might decide that your original plans for this time of your life no longer suit you. For example, you might have once thought that, when you retired, you would stay close to home, volunteering and pursuing your hobbies. But now you've been thinking how much you would enjoy traveling, or perhaps even living abroad for a while. To accommodate your change in plans, a financial professional may recommend certain moves, such as working a couple of years longer or adjusting the amount you eventually withdraw from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts.

As you work toward your goals, you may find it challenging to navigate the financial markets and respond to the changes in your life – but you don't have to go it alone. And knowing what to expect from a financial advisor can help smooth your journey.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



TIME FLYING BY

Wow, I can't believe we are getting near the end of May with time starting to fly by. I am busily going through the house finding things to give to our Christ Church yard sale this Saturday. There are lots of things I look at every day that I should take over to the parish hall, so I better get pickin'. I need to pull out another Rubbermaid box to fill for the upstairs, there is already one for the downstairs. What I really need is a neutral observer type to come over here and do like they do to people on Hoarders. They give you 2 seconds to keep, donate, or trash. I am so indecisive that this would be a traumatic experience for me.

It doesn't even seem right to have this much stuff for two people. How many of us grew up with one TV, yet now have a TV in almost every room of our house. Our closets seem to be brimming, and I rarely get anything new, though I always feel like an item may come back in style, or the greatest lie of all: that I might fit in it again someday, ha! I think the problem is that I need to get tough on myself and get rid of the clothes from the last few decades that will never be worn again anyway. I think about people in other countries who live with so much less; some with entire families in two rooms. We grow up with commercials telling us, from the time we are born telling us repeatedly that we need such and such in our lives to feel good, to feel complete, to feel like everybody else. Sometimes it is shameful.

This week, I also need to wheel out our portable AC unit today to get ready for the heat wave that looks like it is here to stay. Of course, that means moving my art desk, rolling cart for paints, and all the things I have stacked on top of the AC and in front of it since summer. Well, I suppose while I am moving all that stuff I can also pull out things for the yard sale at the same time. The AC unit does take up quite a bit of floor and window space in the dining room, but I'm so glad we have it. I do try to keep our windows open as long as possible before using AC, but when it starts hitting the upper 80s, 90s, and high humidity then it is time, because that is way too hot. Maybe one day we can get this house switched over to central air.

Luckily, I was able to get two cortisone shots in my hip yesterday,



which will help, at least for a little while, with the busy week through weekend ahead. Thursday, I will work my first full day at North End Gallery where I am an artist member. I am really hoping I don't mess the entire Square cashiering system up or be clumsy around all the beautiful artwork or do anything that will cause problems. If you are in Leonardtown on Thursday please stop by the North End Gallery to visit me and browse. You can make a whole day of fun around the square in Leonardtown. North End Gallery is next to David's Flowers with his amazing flower creations and his unexpected rooms of up-cycled creations and antiques. And right next to David's is the Social Coffeehouse with delicious sandwiches, coffees, and treats.

I still find that there are people that don't realize we have amazing artists and galleries in the county. The St. Mary's County Arts Council in Leonardtown is on the other side of the square near the courthouse at 22660 Washington St with many local artists displaying their beautiful works inside. Also on the Square is New View Fiber Arts (formerly called Fuzzy Farmers) which has talented fiber artisans selling "beautiful shawls, scarves, hats and mitts, as well as practical table runners, rugs, and bags". New View Fiber Works and The Craft Guild Shop of St. Mary's next to The Front Porch are my go to places for thoughtful, handmade gifts. Yes, I could go on about all the wonderful shops in Leonardtown from Quality Street Kitchen and Catering, to Fenwick Street Books, Shepherd's Old Field Market, and all the great restaurants, but you may just have to make that day trip out of it. Stop by and say hi if you can!

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, May 20

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

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.

Friday, May 21

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 22

Barbershop Concert

Virtual; 7:30 p.m.

CSM's Barbershop Chorus, "Southern Mix," under the direction of Paul Douglass, is a choir specializing in traditional barber shop-style music and contemporary popular music. "Southern Mix" is a member of the national Barbershop Harmony Society. Although this ensemble is traditionally seen as a men's ensemble, CSM's chapter is open to men and women who have an interest in barbershop or close-harmony singing! Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/05/barbershop-concert.html>

Christ Church Chaptico Yard Sale

Christ Church; 8 a.m. - noon

Select plants for sale along with our variety of yard sale treasures! Table rentals available for \$30. Contact Amy at 301-904-5257. 37497 Zach Fowler Rd, Chaptico, MD 20621

Hughesville Baptist Church Yard Sale

Hughesville Baptist Church; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Virtual Basket Auction

After 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 22nd pictures of baskets will be available on SDVFDRS Auxiliary Facebook Page for virtual viewing. After all pictures of baskets have been posted, bidding will begin online through Sunday, May 23rd at 4:00 p.m.); To view and Bid Go to: SDVFDRS Auxiliary Facebook Page; WINNERS will be posted online, Sunday, May 23rd after 4:00 p.m.; ALL WINNERS can pick-up their items on Sunday, May 23rd, between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; At the 2nd District Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, (aka Company 6 / Valley Lee); 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692; Cash or check accepted (Make checks payable to 2nd Dist. VFD & RS Aux.); For more info contact: Robin at 240-577-0270; (MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO SUBMIT A BID)

Tuesday, May 25

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 26

Wayback Wednesdays

We hope you're loving our weekly video series showing some of the stories that make St. Mary's County's history so unique and interesting. We thought this would be a fun way to bring our closed museums to you while we all keep our social distance. Join us every week for short videos featuring everything from the quirky to the fascinating - tune in! We have several episodes in the playlist! [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)

DAV Assistance Program

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

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

and see if we can be of assistance to you. No appointment necessary.

Food Pantry

Noon- 6 p.m.

St. Matthew's Pentecostal Church, 23755 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. 301-475-2910

Thursday, May 27

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Virtual; 11 a.m.

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Ongoing

Blackstone Grill Raffle

To benefit 7th District VFD Auxiliary Range Top Combo with Griddle, Two-Burner Stovetop & Fryer A basket full of Cooking Essentials included. Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Raffle: July 2, 2021 Contact: Barbara Sue at 301-769-2654

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Lexington Park Office:

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

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

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

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Leonardtown Office:

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Case No. C18CV21000041

Plaintiff

v.

Norman G. Doyle, Sr.
20919 Willows Rd, Lexington Park MD 20653

and

Margaret Doyle
20919 Willows Rd, Lexington Park MD 20653

and

Wesbanco
Mark Semanie, Resident Agent
1525 Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716

and

Wesbanco
Joseph E. Burnett or M. John Miller, Trustees
1525 Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

NO ADDRESS GREAT MILLS 20634-0000
Waterfront and also known as Account Number 08-097976,

Defendants.

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 to the Plaintiff:

NO ADDRESS GREAT MILLS 20634-0000
Waterfront and also known as Account Number 08-097976,

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 7th day of April, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 7th day of June, 2021 and redeem the property 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 Burch
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County Maryland

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Case No. C18CV21000041

Plaintiff

v.

The Estate of Robert N. Shaw
C/O Elizabeth Kowley
24014 Dudley Ct., Hollywood, MD 20636-3209 ,

and

The Estate of Elva S. Shaw
C/O Elizabeth Kowley
24014 Dudley Ct., Hollywood, MD 20636-3209

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

46064 Rolling Rd, Lexington Park, MD 20653
and also known as Account Number 08-042942,

Defendants.

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 to the Plaintiff:

46064 Rolling Rd Lexington Park, MD 20653
also known as Account Number: 08-042942

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 7th day of April, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 7th day of June, 2021 and redeem the property 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 Burch
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County Maryland

**Commissioners of Leonardtown
Fair Summary of Ordinance No. 206**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed, and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 206 – Streets and Sidewalks. A fair summary of the ordinance will follow:

Ordinance No. 206 - An ordinance for the purpose of amending Chapter 128 (Streets and Sidewalks), § 128-3 of the Town Code for the purpose of providing that no sidewalk, alleyway or roadway or private entrance or exit to or from said sidewalks, alleyways or roadways within the corporate limits of Leonardtown shall be obstructed in any manner, except with the permission of the Mayor and Council first having been obtained.

Ordinance No. 206 - will become effective May 31, 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

**IN THE MATTER OF ANDREW MICHAEL FOWLER
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ANDREW ALISTAIR TINSLEY**

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-1337
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name of a minor from ANDREW MICHAEL FOWLER to ANDREW ALISTAIR TINSLEY. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Due to estrangement with my biological father, I would like my last name to reflect the maiden name of my mother. Middle name after my parental great grandfather.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 06/25/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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

In Remembrance

Roy Steven Stamm



Roy Steven Stamm, 72, of Bushwood Maryland passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving family on May 13, 2021. He was born on May 5, 1949 to the late Roland Stamm and Linda Engelkirch Stamm.

Roy was a veteran and proudly served his country. He was drafted into the army in 1969 and served with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam. While there, he was wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Following his discharge in 1971 he went on to complete a degree in criminal justice and joined the Prince Georges County Police Department. He spent almost 30 years in law enforcement before retiring as a lieutenant in 1996. He then went on to work for the St. Mary's County school system as a computer networker. However, if you were to ask him what his greatest accomplishment was, he would readily tell you it was his four amazing children.

Roy could most often be found in his garage. He had a love of classic cars, owning and repairing many of them over his lifetime, including most recently his 1978 El Camino. He also loved coaching soccer and spent 20 years managing the indoor soccer league for St. Mary's County Parks and Recreation.

Those close to him would describe him as loyal, honest, brave and strong. He was a jack of all trades and if something was broken, he could fix it. Making friends wherever he went, he had an incredible sense of humor (although sarcastic at times) and was an entertaining storyteller to say the least. Above all, he was a family man and would do anything for them. He married his beloved wife Sheryl in 1982 and they spent 38 wonderful years of marriage together.

Roy is survived by his wife, Sheryl Stamm; His children: Jennifer Williams (Joey), Pamula Stamm (Sherman), Matthew Stamm and Jessica Stamm (Brandon); His grandchildren: Roy Beverly, Vivian Stamm, Bo Stamm Dryden and Wyatt Stamm Norris. One of 12 children, he is also

survived by numerous brothers and sisters.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Linda Stamm, and his grandson, Joey Lee Williams Jr.

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

Cody Alexander Sir



Cody Alexander Sir, 31, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on May 9, 2021. He was born on July 14, 1989 in Leonardtown, MD and was the loving son of Michelle Norvell and Step Son James Bynaker both of Mechanicsville, MD. He was the son of David Sir of Daytona Beach, FL. Cody was the loving father of Edward (Eddie) C. Sir of Mechanicsville, MD. Along with his sister Sandra Bynaker of Mechanicsville, MD.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Chopticon High School. Cody was a Funeral Service Associate for the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD.

Cody joined the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad in 2009 as an active member. In 2010 he obtained his EMT Certification and eventually obtained his IV Tech Certification. Cody later obtained his EVOC Certification and was turned over as a driver. He was active within the organization at the time of his passing serving as a previous Training Officer, a driver trainer, a crew chief trainer, a field training coach and a top runner.

Whenever anyone thinks about Cody, they think of him as their best friend. A True Friend that would do anything and everything to help them whenever they needed him, to make them laugh and to just make them happy with his genuine personality. He was generous, compassionate, kind and dearly loved by his family and friends beyond measure. He had a huge heart to match that big personality. No one was a stranger to him. If you met him as a stranger, you walked away as a friend. He made

everyone laugh, and laugh hard, at his pranks, his jokes and his songs. (Especially Harper Valley PTA). He was as forgiving as he was thoughtful and loving. He really did make a difference and this world is better for him being in it. Loved one's will grieve terribly, but as the circle of life dictates, they will move forward. He will always be remembered and the memories will all be wonderful ones. Thank God for those memories. He will definitely be the brightest star we are pulled towards.

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Robert "Stump" "Rich" Richardson Tyson



Robert "Stump" "Rich" Richardson Tyson, 71, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, May 15, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 23, 1950 in Washington, DC to the late Robert Ernest Tyson and Cora Lee (Weeks) Tyson.

Rich met the love of his life, Pam and knew he had to make her his wife. They have spent over forty-nine (49) devoted and loving years together. Their love was inspirational to their three (3) children and kept the family unit strong through both the easy and hard times.

A hard-working, dedicated man, Rich supported his family as an Engineer for SMECO for over thirty-one (31) years. He continued to work throughout his illness showing great

strength. He made so many wonderful, kind and true friendships though his years at SMECO and he deeply missed his work family.

When he wasn't working, Stump would spend time with his family in the mountains of West Virginia relaxing and enjoying the peace and quiet. He was an avid sportsman who loved hunting and fishing. One of his greatest joys was sharing his passion for the great outdoors with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Rich was a proud man who loved his family beyond measure. His rock was his beloved wife, his soul belonged to Jesus and his heart was devoted to his kids and grandchildren. They say the true legacy of man is through the eyes of his family. If you know his family, you know he was a humble, kind and honorable man. Whether you knew him as Rich, Dad, Pop Pop, Stump, or friend remember his bright smile, happy demeanor and rejoice in the memories and know you will be reunited one day.

Rich is survived by wife, Pamela (Oppermann) Tyson of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Robert "Ricky" Edward Tyson (Stephanie) of NC, Lindsay Leigh (Tyson) Cunningham (Daniel) of VT and Justin Daniel Tyson (Kayla) of MD; grandchildren, Taylor, Garrett, Payton, Cullen, Colton, Camden and Addison. He is also survived by his siblings, Barbara Jean, Doris Ann and Edward and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Robert

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In Remembrance

and Cora Tyson and brother, Carroll Haley.

The family will receive friends for Rich's Life Celebration Memorial Gathering on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Memorial Service will be heard at 3:00 p.m. and officiated by Deacon Bill Kyte also at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall, MD. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made in Rich's name to Hospice of St. Mary's, PO Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Erin Jean Pinno

Erin Jean Pinno, 64, of Great Mills died at her home on May 9, 2021. She was born March 14, 1957, the daughter of the late Edward and Lillian Mead Pinno of Lexington Park, Maryland.

Erin grew up in St. Mary's County and lived there most of her life. She



attended Lexington Park Elementary, Esperanza Middle and graduated from Great Mills High School in 1975.

She was employed as a loan processor for Maryland Capital Loan Association, a bookkeeper for Bob Taylor Engineering, secretary/receptionist at St. Mary's College and as a secretary at Great Mills High School. She was also certified as a geriatric aid and provided in home elderly care and companionship.

In 1979, she married her high school sweetheart, Arthur Shepherd, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. She later remarried in 1994 to Frank Devine who was then stationed at Pax

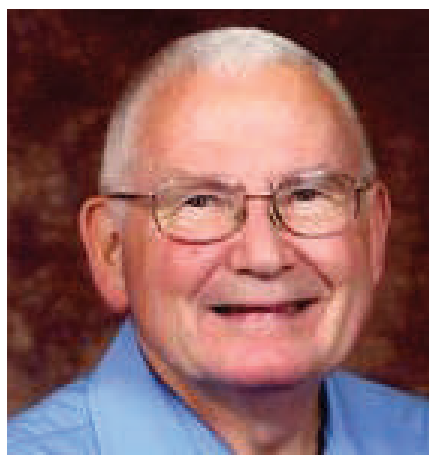
River.

Erin's hobbies included gardening, reading, cooking, baking and shopping at flea markets. She spent a lot of time on and near the bay and rivers of St. Mary's County sunning, swimming, or crabbing. There was no place she would rather be. She was a sports fan and enjoyed cheering for family members when they competed. Her favorite football team was the Green Bay Packers. She enjoyed preparing meals for friends and family. Her cheesecakes and pecan pies were second to none. She liked caring for her pet rabbits and she loved her dog, Jack, who was her constant companion. She loved to reminisce and tell stories about the good ole days. The most important thing to Erin, however, was family and being a devoted mother to her three sons.

She is survived by her sons, Kyle Shepherd of Leonardtown, Tyler (Bobbie) Shepherd of Hollywood, and Trevor (Kristin) Shepherd of Springfield, Virginia. Also surviving are her two sisters and two brothers; Krista Greenwell of Brunswick, Maryland, Bonnie (Kevin) McGee of Summerville, South Carolina, Roger (DeAnna) Pinno of Hollywood, Maryland, and Keith (Debbie) Pinno of Charleston, South Carolina as well as six grandchildren.

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Thomas Lewis Taylor



Thomas Lewis Taylor, 76, of Mechanicsville Maryland peacefully passed away at the MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, May 13, 2021.

He was born March 23, 1945 in Queens, New York City to Lewis Taylor and Mary Catherine Cooney. He was one of three children.

Tom joined the US Navy in 1965 and proudly served his country before he was honorably discharged in 1972. He married the love of his life Marian Frances Taylor (Carrero) in North Merrick, New York. Together they spent 49 years of blissful marriage, forming a family and bringing three wonderful children into this world. He was the loving Pop-Pop to

10 grandchildren.

While working at his Electronic Technician job in the Government, he still made time to coach T-Ball, Girls' Softball, and Soccer. When he wasn't coaching, he was a referee in soccer and lacrosse. He was a proud Boy Scout Leader for 15 years. Tom wasn't just a Scout Leader; he was the role model to many children who looked up to him. For many years, he was a lending ear and a help to everyone.

Tom was also in the Knights of Columbus I.C. Council, in the 3rd and 4th degree, with Father Andrew White Assembly. He was an usher at church for many years.

He loved to bowl and loved knocking over the 10 pin. He also enjoyed a good game of pinochle at the Northern Senior Center. When he wasn't volunteering his free time, he worked part-time at the Leonardtown Rec Center, as a supervisor and soccer referee.

He made many lifelong friends through the years that he spent being a part of his community and contributing in any way he could. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Tom is survived by his wife Marian Frances Taylor of Mechanicsville, MD; his daughter Michelle Turkaly (Mark) of Lexington Park, MD; his sons William J. Taylor (Kara) of Middletown, DE and Thomas D. Taylor (Lauren) of North Kingstown, RI; and his brother James Peter Taylor (Paula) of Bayville, NY.

He is preceded in death by both of his parents, Lewis and Mary Taylor and his sister Mary Ellen Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made in Tom's name to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 28297 Old Village Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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John Michael "Mike" Jones, 67, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away peacefully at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He was born on August 13, 1953 in Washington, D.C. to the late Anthony H. Jones and Betty F. (Brown) Jones.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Aggie Jones, and was proud of the beautiful family shared together with their children, John M. (Dawn) Jones, Jr. of Dunkirk, MD, Paul (Jordan) Morrell of St. Augustine, FL, James Brady of Charlotte Hall, MD, Brenda (Robert) Barkley of Huntingtown, MD;

Also survived by his siblings, Steve (Pat) Jones of Mechanicsville, MD and Liz (Sidney) Pennington of Gainesville, MD also sisters-in-laws, Cathy Jones and Rose Frederick-Jones, and numerous nieces and nephews that were loved and very special to him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony H. Jones and Betty F. Jones and siblings, James Jones and Anthony Jones.

Above all, he loved his family, had a heart of gold and especially loved being "Poppie" to his 14 grand children, as he watched them run carefree, as they grew. His grandchildren always brought a special twinkle to his eye. We were all blessed to have known such a kind, caring man always willing to open his home to those in need was one of his ways to show the family how important they were to him.

Mike was a simple man and enjoyed his career. He loved being a truck driver and a proud member of the Teamsters, local 639. Once he retired in 2019 his love for trucks continued in restoring his 1994 Black Chevrolet Pickup, relaxing in his recliner while watching his favorite auto/truck programs. He also found much joy in spending time with family and friends at monthly lunches, bringing all together to celebrate life with great conversation and laughter.

Although we will all miss him, and his smile, the family will take solace in knowing he is no longer in pain and is now in his heavenly home.

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Robert Edward Bond

Robert Edward Bond, 83 of Lexington Park, Maryland, passed away on May 10, 2021 in Great Mills, Maryland, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on July 9, 1937, in Ashland, Kentucky, to the late Leonard Washington Bond and Garnetta George Bond. In his early childhood, his family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where he remained until early



adulthood. In 1954 he enlisted in the Navy, and proudly served his country in Naples, Italy, until his honorable discharge in 1958.

In 1962, he met the love of his life, Barbara Ann Susnowitz. They were married in Baltimore, Maryland, and Bob continued to serve his country as an Electronics Technician with the Air National Guard and Dynalec-tron in Rhode Island, Virginia and Vermont.

Beginning in 1974, Bob enjoyed a lengthy career as an engineering technician at Naval Air Warfare Center, Patuxent River, Maryland. Throughout his employment, he supported both fixed-wing and rotary aircraft platforms, such as the F/A-18, F-14, T-45, F4, EA6-B and MH-60.

He retired from federal service in 2007, but because of his strong work ethic, he left his job on a Friday and on Monday returned to work as a field engineer with Pacific Architects and Engineers. He retired completely in September 2018.

Bob was not only known for dedication to his job, but also his willingness to always work overtime—earning the nickname, "Overtime Bob"—as well as his mentorship of junior engineers and technicians. He was legendary for the amount of food he could consume while onboard his many aircraft carrier trips.

Bob was also quite the storyteller. With great gusto, he would retell childhood stories of how the "Bond Boys" would terrorize the streets of West Baltimore. His quick wit and dry sense of humor always brought a smile and chuckle to those around him. Bob was a kind and gentle soul, with the patience of a saint. His philosophy was, "When you do something to make someone happy, it only takes a little more effort to make them happier."

Bob had a wide variety of interests, including politics and current events, Jerry Lee Lewis and bluegrass music, and movies. He was fond of a wide variety of movie genres, from old westerns to the bizarre, such as, "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes." He loved carpentry and built two additions on his house and even built an entire home for his daughter,

Sharon. Above all, he found joy in helping his family and friends with whatever they needed and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his beloved wife, Barbara, Robert is also survived by his daughters, Holly Barry of Jacksonville, Florida, and Sharon Johnson (Benjamin) of Great Mills, Maryland; his brother Ronald Bond (Judy) of Haver, Pennsylvania; his grandchildren: Alyssa Key (Samuel), Nicholas Shepherd (Lauren), Samuel Johnson, Matthew Donovan, Jacob Johnson; his great-grandchildren: Luke Shepherd, Lance Shepherd, Vincent-Leo Key, and Julien DuSablon; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings; Earl Bond, Leonard Bond, Douglas Bond, Denise Bond and John McVea.

A visitation for Robert Bond will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Valley Lee Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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James Kelly Butler



James Kelly Butler, 44, was born on January 8, 1977, in Germany, to Joseph and Bridget Butler. James was the older of their two sons. James passed away on May 6, 2021 at his home in Richmond, Virginia.

As a child of an Army family, James received his childhood education in various schools, however he graduated from Great Mills High School in Great Mills, Maryland in 1995. Upon graduating, James held a number of Chef and Cook positions until July 2002, when he joined the United States Army as a Power Generation Equipment Specialist. Throughout his military career, he received multiple medals for his service to his country, until June 2012 when he received an honorable discharge. Although James took pride in his service in the United States Army, he had a passion for cooking and singing. He also loved to play jokes on his family and friends, and was a faithful Atlanta Falcons fan.

James will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving children, James, Janha, Kedrick, and JaAces; mother, Bridget; father, Joseph; brother, Tyron Sr.; godson and nephew, Tyron Jr.; niece, TyShonna; nephew, Tylante; great niece, Jalen; godchildren Justyce and Collin Taylor; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Frances Butler, Joseph C. Butler, Catherine Regan, and James McAulay.

Family and friends will unite on Friday, May 21, 2021 from 10:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am at Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home at 38576 Brett Way, Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659. Interment will follow at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, Maryland.



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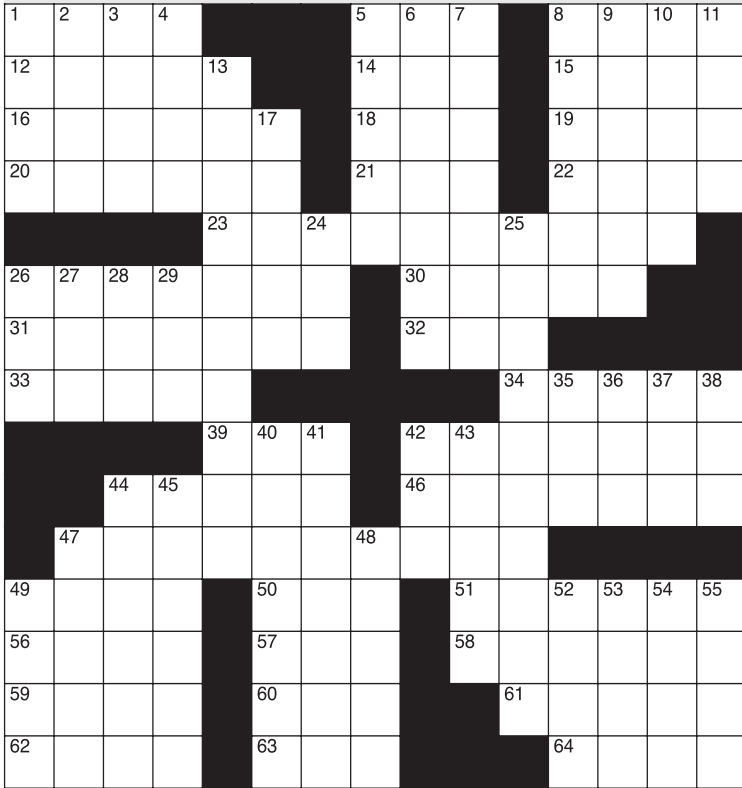
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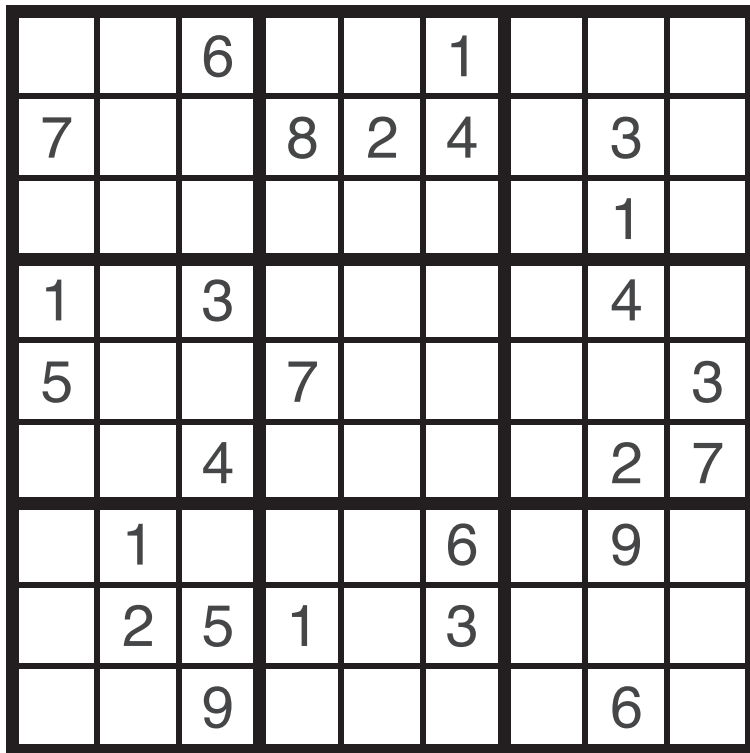
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- 8. This (Spanish)
- 12. A type of sorcery
- 14. A team's best pitcher
- 15. Port in southern Japan
- 16. Makes very happy
- 18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
- 19. From a distance
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Consumed
- 22. "Heat" director
- 23. In all places
- 26 Made improvements to
- 30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
- 31. A type of "seat"
- 32. Wood
- 33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
- 34. Approval
- 39. Basics
- 42. Where judges sit
- 44. W. African religion
- 46. Commentators
- 47. Having many different functions
- 49. Member of a Semitic people

- 50. Flightless, fast-running bird
- 51. After the seventh
- 56. Small N. Zealand tree
- 57. Health care pro (abbr.)
- 58. Playground mainstay
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- 62. Beer
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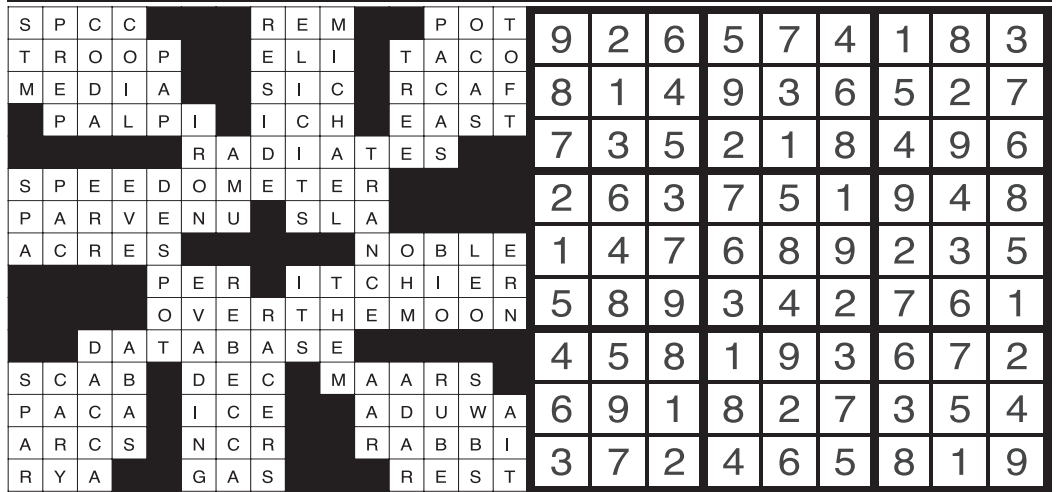
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- 1. Garden tools
- 2. Early Syrian kingdom
- 3. 500 sheets of paper
- 4. Information
- 5. Beloved comic strip character
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. Replenishment
- 8. Semitransparent glassy substance
- 9. Expedition to observe animals
- 10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
- 11. Obtain in return for

- labor
- 13. Inheritable genetically
- 17. One who rescues
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Liberal arts
- 26. Shock treatment
- 27. Disfigure
- 28. When you hope to get there
- 29. Peacock network
- 35. Part of (abbr.)
- 36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
- 37. Not just "play"
- 38. Former CIA
- 40. Reduced to a sloping edge
- 41. Restricted the development of
- 42. Sciences degree
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Saturated
- 45. Joints
- 47. Sailing boat
- 48. Respiratory organs
- 49. Guitarists use them
- 52. Disco act: Bee ___
- 53. First Chinese dynasty
- 54. Intentionally lose
- 55. Muslim people of China



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However, while I was writing this, an impression came over my heart about what we should never retire from. What is it, you say? Well, it's caring about your fellow man, it's showing mercy, it's giving to those in need, it's giving hugs and being concerned for the interests of others. It's forgiving those who have done you wrong even if they never apologize. It's understanding that this world is made up of so many people, and if we are honest with ourselves, the faces are different, but we are so much alike. So, yes, I'm retiring in 20 work days: however, I'm not retiring from the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), which the Lord says is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. If we are ever going to walk in the likeness of Christ, we will need to remember the Fruit of the Spirit and do our best to emulate our Savior Jesus Christ!



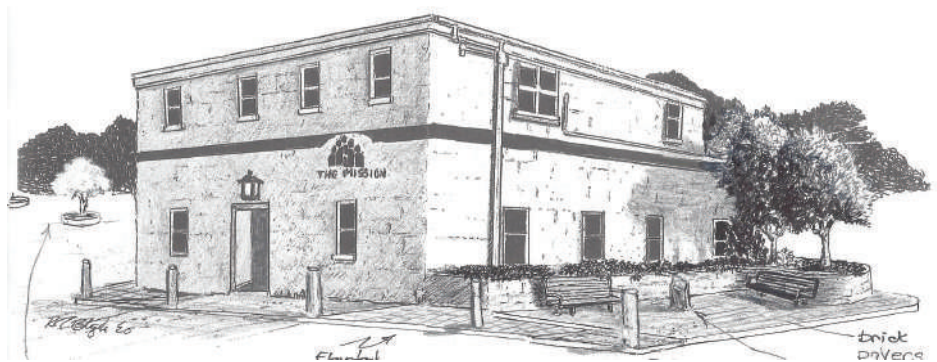
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