

FREE

St. Mary's County Times

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

WWW.COUNTYTIMES.SOMD.COM

**Most of Old
Belvedere Being
Demolished**

Story Page 3

**Alligator Saga
Continues**

Story on Page 4

**IHOP Coming to
California**

Story Page 15



**School Bus Drivers &
Staff Shortage**

CONTENTS

LOCAL 3

COPS AND COURTS 8

COMMUNITY 11

SCHOOL TROUBLES 17

SPORTS 21

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS 25

CALENDAR 26

OBITS 27

BUSINESS DIRECTORY 30

FUN & GAMES 31



SCHOOL TROUBLES 17
St. Mary's schools are experiencing a shortage of support personnel including bus drivers



LOCAL 6
A vacant California restaurant is getting new lease on life.



COMMUNITY 14
Taste of St. Mary's returns to Leonardtown

“WE ARE ALREADY DEMOLISHING,”
SHAHID LATIFF, PAX RIVER HOTEL GENERAL MANAGER ON THE WORK HAPPENING AT THE SITE.

WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 9/16 81° 68°F Mostly Cloudy	Fri 9/17 79° 67°F Scattered	Sat 9/18 81° 66°F Partly Cloudy	Sun 9/19 83° 66°F Partly Cloudy
Mon 9/20 82° 65°F Mostly Sunny	Tue 9/21 80° 64°F Partly Cloudy	Wed 9/22 78° 60°F Partly Cloudy	Thu 9/23 79° 61°F Partly Cloudy

County Times
St. Mary's County • Calvert County

P.O. Box 250 • Hollywood, Maryland 20636
301-373-4125
www.countytimes.net
For staff listing and emails, see page 23

ALWAYS FREE IN PRINT AND ONLINE



DO YOU FEEL CRABBY WHEN YOU GET YOUR INSURANCE BILL IN THE MAIL?

GIVE US A CALL. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID.

Burriss' Olde Towne Insurance

Auto • Home • Business • LIFE

LEONARDTOWN 301-475-3151
BRYANS ROAD 301-743-9000

WWW.DANBURRIS.COM

AN INDEPENDENT AGENT REPRESENTING ERIE INSURANCE GROUP



Much of Old Lexington Park Hotel To Be Demolished



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Pax River Hotel, known for decades before as The Belvedere Motor Inn and Restaurant, has been in steady decline for years and more recently has been the site of blight — all just outside the county's main economic engine of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

But the dilapidated — though once iconic landmark — is set to almost entirely be demolished.

"It's something we've been working on for well over six months," said Commissioner Todd Morgan during the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Sept. 14. "Over the years that place has been dilapidated pretty badly, but thanks to a lot of work and communication, they'll be tearing down three of the four buildings where old Belvedere used to be."

The owners of the property are listed on the county tax rolls as Inder Hospitality LLC, based in Rockville.

State tax records show the property was sold in 2002 as The Belvedere Restaurant incorporated to Ganesh LLC for \$4.1 million.

Ganesh LLC in turn sold the property in 2007 to Braddock Realty LLC for \$5.6 million.

Braddock Realty sold the property to the current owners for a

much reduced price of \$1.4 million, state tax records show, in 2014.

The building closest to Route 235 will likely remain intact, Morgan said, but the remaining buildings will be demolished.

"We're working on cleaning up Lexington Park and I want to thank the owners, particularly [County Attorney David] Weiskopf and [Director of Land Use and Growth Management Bill] Hunt for working through the process with me to begin to clean up one piece of Lexington Park."

Shahid Latiff, general manager at the Pax River Hotel, said that the remaining building would continue to offer rooms to guests; he said the owner of the property was planning to build a residential rental property where the older buildings once stood.

"We are already demolishing," Latiff said.

The Belvedere was one of many dinner and nightlife spots in what Morgan called "the heyday" of Lexington Park, when the economy there was more vibrant.

He said he remembered moving to the county in 1979 and renting an efficiency apartment at the once thriving establishment.

"There was many a fun night at the Belvedere with a few individuals," Morgan reminisced.

guyleonard@countytimes.net

Some Masking Required For County Fair

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Masks will be required for visitors to the St. Mary's County Fair if they enter close quarter areas such as the administrative offices but the rest of the fair should mostly be open to visitors not having to wear them.

John Richards, president of the St. Mary's County Fair Board, confirmed this at the meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this week.

"There probably will be some places on the fairgrounds... where you'll probably have to wear a mask," said Richards, wearing a mask himself in speaking to the commissioners. "But if you're sitting down watching the horse pull, probably not."

The county health department has provided signs to the fair board noting where masks are required on the property and where masks are suggested, Richards told commissioners.

Richards said that the many exhibit buildings at the fairgrounds will not require masks as they are left open and will have ventilation.

"This is not our first fair," Richards said. "So, we are used to having swine flu and bird flu... for instance all of our stock barns have fans."



County Fair Board John Richards

"That's why we were in really good shape when it came to swine flu."

All of the exhibit rooms also have exhaust fans, Richards said, and "we have tons of fans that we can use to keep the air moving."

"We're not expecting any problems with that."

Tolerance Hall has an ion filtration system, Richards said.

"We installed that in honor of Bill Pilkerton who died last year because of COVID," he said.

A newly renovated hand washing station at the fair "will be the cat's meow," said Richards, who said the fair board would follow any new directives from the health department given between the present day and the fair's start Sept. 23.

guyleonard@countytimes.net



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18, 2021




(301) 884-7000

Annual Property & Real Estate Auction
9:00 AM PROPERTY SOLD AT 11:00 AM
9535 MONTROSS STREET UPPER MARLBORO MD 20772
FOR PROPERTY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 301-884-7000

October 2, 2021

(October 1st preview day)
Mustang & Ford Memorabilia
9:00 AM
38250 NEW MARKET TURNER RD. MECHANICSVILLE MD 20659

October 23, 2021

(October 22 preview day)
CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
8:30 AM
CALL (301) 861-7738 TO COSIGN
38250 NEW MARKET TURNER RD. MECHANICSVILLE MD 20659

FOR MORE INFO VISIT SOMDAUCTIONS.COM OR CALL (301) 861-7738
38250 NEW MARKET TURNER RD. MECHANICSVILLE MD 20659



Wentworth Nursery

LATE FALL IS FOR PLANTING

November & December are the most successful months for planting most all trees and shrubs in Southern Maryland. (Climate hardiness Zone 7b)

- Cool Weather
- Moist Soil
- Easy Digging
- Almost No Watering
- Less Stress on The Plants

BEST VALUE: Our Wholesale suppliers are anxious to sell their trees and shrubs before winter and many offer special incentives which we pass along to our customers.

EVERGREEN TREES FOR SCREENING



GREEN GIANT

NELLIE STEVENS

BUY 5 OR MORE SAVE **20% OFF**

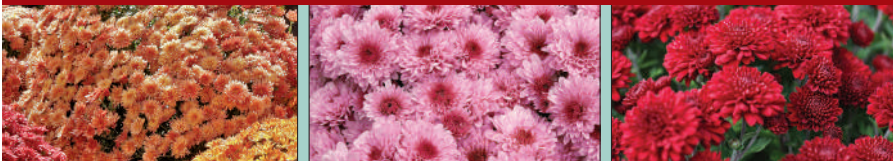
ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE & KALE. ALL SIZES

BUY 10 OR MORE SAVE 20% OFF



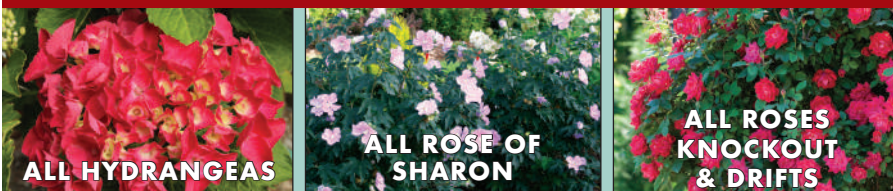
FALL GARDEN MUMS

BUY 10 OR MORE SAVE 20% OFF



FLOWERING COLOR SHRUBS

BUY 5 OR MORE AND SAVE 20% OFF



ALL HYDRANGEAS

ALL ROSE OF SHARON

ALL ROSES KNOCKOUT & DRIFTS

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

BUY 10 OR MORE AND SAVE 20% OFF



Great Landscapes Begin at Wentworth Nursery

Fall is the best time...

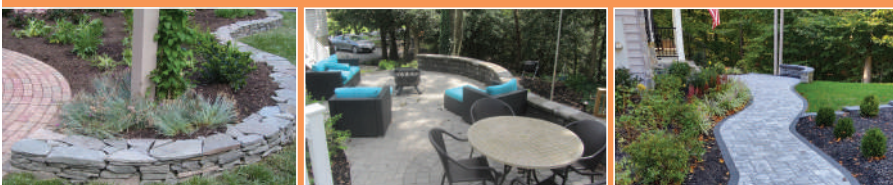
...to finish your landscape or hardscape projects!

Schedule your job now...so you can enjoy your project this fall and be ready for the holidays!

• Plants transplant the best in the Fall and will be ready to bloom next year!

• We get more natural rain, so it requires less care on your part!

• Get your Home & Gardens ready for entertainment



Call Today 800-451-1427 or stop by either of our three locations
Special Financing 0 Percent for 18 Months. Other Options Available.
WentworthNursery.com/landscape-consultation



Wentworth Nursery



Sale Ends
11/1/2021

Charlotte Hall
30315 Three Natch Rd,
Charlotte Hall, MD
301-884-5292
800-558-5292

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5

Prince Frederick
1700 Solomon's Island Rd,
Prince Frederick, MD
410-535-3664
866-535-3664



Oakville
5 minutes North of Hollywood
41170 Oakville Road
Mechanicsville, MD
301-373-9245 • 800-451-1427

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30-6, Sat. 7:30-5, Closed Sundays

Agency Captain Files for Sheriff's Office

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Capt. Steve Hall, a long-serving member of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and current commander of the agency's Special Operations Division has filed to be the county's next sheriff.

Hall, a Republican, filed to run Sept. 2, according to the Maryland Board of Elections.

Hall said the agency has developed an enviable reputation for effectiveness while building a strong, positive relationship with the community.

One of his chief aims if elected is to maintain and improve that relationship.

"The citizens deserve a responsive and professional sheriff's office," Hall said. "And I accept the responsibility to deliver it."

"The one thing you have to do is maintain the public's trust; that's hard won and easily lost."

Hall wants to recruit and retain the best deputy candidates he can find "based on character, not just money."

He also plans on exposing officers to a variety of training once employed by the agency and moving them to different divisions to ensure they are familiar and competent in working in all aspects of the job.

"I don't want siloed officers," Hall said. "What I'm not going to stand is unreliability and anyone who erodes the public's trust."

The agency is facing many new challenges, including the legal necessity of complying with a bevy of police reforms passed in the most recent General Assem-



Capt. Steve Hall

bly session.

Hall believes his extensive experience in the agency puts him in the best position to deal with those reforms as the new sheriff.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, who has held the office for four, four-year terms and said Hall has worked in all departments of the agency from corrections to the detective squad to command, Cameron told The County Times.

Hall has also graduated from the FBI National Academy.

"He certainly doesn't need my blessing [to run for sheriff] but he has my full support," said Cameron. "He would be an excellent fit for sheriff."

"The agency and the community would be in good hands."

guyleonard@countytimes.net

Calvert Man Dies in St. Mary's Motorcycle Crash



On Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 at 6:45 pm, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the report of a single motor-vehicle crash in the area of Hollywood Road and Tin Top Hill Lane in Hollywood. Upon arrival, deputies found a single motorcycle had left the roadway. The male rider was located near the crashed motorcycle and CPR was in progress. The driver was pronounced deceased on the scene by EMS personnel a short time later. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to continue the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined that a 2019 Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by Richard William Radvany,

age 52 of Lusby, was traveling northbound on Hollywood Road when he passed a vehicle on the double yellow line of the highway. Radvany lost control of the motorcycle and left the roadway after re-entering the northbound lane. The motorcycle struck a mailbox and fence pole, ejecting Radvany.

At this time, speed appears to be a contributing factor in the crash. It is unknown at this time if alcohol is a factor.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or any events leading up to the crash and have not already provided a statement is asked to contact Cpl. Dale Reppel at 301-475-4200, ext. 78059 or email dale.reppel@stmarysmd.com.

County Content to Let Alligator Stay If Not Caught

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Over the past several weeks the efforts of an independent alligator capture expert have been unsuccessful in removing the predatory reptile from a Hollywood area pond, according to Department of Emergency Services Director Steve Walker.

The county's Animal Control division has so far not taken part in the attempts to capture the alligator, Walker said, and has left the task up to the contractor, who has apparently been employed by local Gentle Hands Wildlife Rescue operator Dave Edwards.

"We have no experience or training in this," Walker said of dealing with an alligator.

If the contractor, who Walker said he has seen but does not know their name, is unsuccessful in capturing the alligator and leaves off the hunt, the county does not plan to pursue the creature.

"If he wants to keep looking, it's up to him," Walker said of the contractor's options. "He has yet to be successful, we're just on standby."

In part, Walker's decision was based on the state's Department of Natural Resources move not to assist in removing the alligator either.

Walker said the state lacked the resources to pivot to the project, and, since the alligator has yet to pose a threat to residents or pets, there is little incentive to capture it if the contractor gives up.

However, Walker said nearby homeowners have expressed "trepidation" at the close proximity of the alligator to their homes.

He said there have been no complaints about the creature being a nuisance or a danger.

"There really isn't much to be done," Walker said. "If DNR isn't going to pursue it, we're not going to."

The county's chief emergency management official said the only money the county has expended on the reptile's capture is in manufacturing the traps for it and being on hand for its anticipated capture on one night in the past two weeks.

Walker said the county was not going to use harsher forms of capture other than the baited, corrugated pipe traps in the effort.

Traps such as baited hooks were designed for dispatching the animal.

"We're trying to capture it, not kill it for food," Walker said.

guyleonard@countytimes.net

Weapon Scanner Tested at Great Mills High School



During the week of September 13 through September 17, 2021, St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) in partnership with Motorola Solutions and Avigilon Corporation, will pilot a new physical security screening system at Great Mills High School. The system will be temporarily installed for one week for demonstration and evaluation by school administrators.

The screening solution is designed to be an effective touchless scan for concealed weapons detection without the need for stopping, empty-

ing pockets, or waiting in lines. It is designed to be an improvement over more traditional screening procedures that rely on metal detectors, hand wands, and invasive bag checks. The pilot is being offered to SMCPS at no cost.

SMCPS will complete a full assessment and evaluation of the system to include cost and implications for future budgets with the intention to deploy across all high schools.

For more information, please contact the Department of Safety and Security at 301-475-5511, ext. 32238.



Water Frontage in 7th Heaven

21210 Bernie Lawrence Lane
Abell, MD

- 3,000 S.F. / 1.5 ACRES +/-
- 4 - BEDS / 4 - BATHS
- LARGE MASTER W/ VERANDA
- GREAT ROOM W/ KITCHEN & BATH
- OVERSIZE FINISHED GARAGE
- IN-LAW APT. / GUEST HOUSE— DETACHED
- CUSTOM WORK SHOP
- MANY OUT BUILDINGS FOR STORAGE
- DOCK W/ 3 FT WATER DEPTH AT MLW
- 150 FT of WATER FRONTAGE ON CANOE NECK CREEK

For more information or for a showing call
"Mr. Lister" **BILLY FITZGERALD**

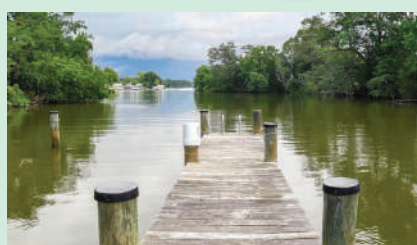
Direct: 301-481-3378

301-884-7000 or 800-MRLISTER

Fitzgerald Realty & Auctioneers
37601 Golden Beach Road
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
www.fitzgeraldrealty.net
info@fitzgeraldrealty.net



Billy Fitzgerald





Ready for life's milestones? Let's talk.



David McDonough
Financial Advisor

41680 Miss Bessie Dr Suite 302
Leonardtwn, MD 20650
301-997-1707

edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Town Approves Extension of Outdoor Seating for Coffee House

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

On a split vote the Leonardtown Town Council approved an application from the owner of the Social Coffee House on Fenwick Street, Sean Coogan, to retain a temporary parking spot there for outdoor seating for his business.

Coogan already has a permanent spot in front of his business but the one temporary spot next door he uses, in front of David Mattingly's David's Flowers shops, brought a tense debate to the Sept. 13 meeting.

Coogan wanted to retain the temporary space through the end of the year; council members Jay Mattingly, Nick Colvin and Tyler Alt voted for his application.

Mary Maday Slade and Christie Hollander voted against it.

"Honestly it's been a Godsend," Coogan said of the outdoor seating the town had worked to allow in concert with the county's Alcohol Beverage Board in the beginning days of the COVID-19 pandemic. "I can't compete with Dunkin' Donuts and that drive-thru service."

Coogan said this was the fourth time he had had to "defend" his having the outdoor seating before the town council.

"It's not just tables and chairs we're talking about here, it's real people's jobs," Coogan said, pointing to a large contingent of his employees he brought to testify.

Coogan said he and his workers had grown his business by 60 percent during the pandemic with the outdoor seating and with other changes he'd made.

Coogan said the town had recently asked him to remove his tables from the sidewalk after only receiving "complaints from one area."

His removing three tables in compliance with the May missive cost him \$800 a day on weekends, Coogan said, calling out town leadership for allegedly hurting his business when they claim to support all small businesses in town.

"One parking space is all I'm asking," Coogan said.

Mayor Dan Burris said the town has asked that businesses with a parking space that another business wishes to use for outdoor seating sign a letter if they wish to support that request.

In case of the flower shop next to Social Coffee House, the owner did not sign that request, Burris said.

"That's where we are today," Burris said speaking to a full council chamber. "We don't need that signature for a temporary."

Kevin Mattingly testified that Coogan's outdoor seating was blocking access of his Fenwick Street neighbor.

"These people cannot get into the business," Mattingly said. "Just treat everybody the same."

Kevin Mattingly was asked pointedly if he was representing David Mattingly and replied in the affirmative but did not have a letter, requested by Burris, stating that fact.

"I just see the way a human being is treating another human being and ... it hurts my feelings," Kevin Mattingly said, later noting he was not speaking for David Mattingly.

The parking spaces on Fenwick are not reserved for any person or business under normal circumstances.

"The confrontation between the two businesses, it kills me to see that," said Councilmember Jay Mattingly. "They're both upset with each other, that's the last thing I want."

Jay Mattingly is in favor of outdoor seating and said both businesses benefited from being next to each other.

"People are loving it, people are wanting it," said Town Administrator Laschelle McKay of outdoor seating. "We know outdoor seating is working."

The final council vote allowed for Social Coffee House to keep the temporary space until Jan. 2.

guyleonard@countytimes.net

Sell it - Buy it at Auction

Tri County Livestock Auction

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month – Auction begins at 4 PM

Located Off MD Rt. 6 West – Charlotte Hall, MD

(closest physical address is 9033 Glock Place – Look for auction sign at entrance)

This auction is managed/conducted by the Tri-County Livestock Auction committee.

John Deere Toy Collection Online Auction

Large selection of John Deere Toys
(various scales, models & type)

Online auction Open for Bidding on or about Sept. 17th
and will begin to Close MON. SEPT 27th @ 6 PM.

PREVIEW DATES: Friday, Sept. 17th 4 to 6 pm; Saturday,
Sept. 18th 8 am to 10 am; and Monday Sept. 20th 4 to 6 pm.

Future Auction Plans:

Fall Harvest Auction: Tentatively scheduled for Friday, October, 1st. To be held at Westfield Farm, Mechanicsville, MD.

So. Md. Farm & Country Christmas Auction: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4th. This auction will be held with a new format and will focus on (and be limited to) "live", handcrafted evergreen wreaths & decorations; new furniture/items; handcrafted quilts, etc. To be held at Westfield Farm, Mechanicsville, MD. More details coming soon.

www.FarrellAuctionService.com



301.904.3402



Farrell ★
AUCTION SERVICE



LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS
SERVING ST. MARY'S COUNTY

ON NEWSSTANDS EVERY THURSDAY & ONLINE AT COUNTYTIMES.NET

CountyTimes

Youth Gun Violence Task Force Seizes 19 Firearms This Summer

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Youth Gun Violence Task Force recently completed its three-month-long mission, executing more than 100 warrants, affecting dozens of arrests and seizing numerous illegal firearms from perpetrators.

The Youth Gun Violence Task Force continued efforts this summer that originally began in July 2020. Since June of this year, the reformed task force executed 105 search warrants, made 65 arrests and seized 19 guns in its work in St. Mary's County.

The task force's mission included a high visibility presence in at-risk neighborhoods to reduce the frequency of gun violence; interdiction enforcement to recover illegally possessed firearms from persons and vehicles; using covert investigative strategies to identify suspects involved in gun crimes; review and evaluation of both open and closed gun cases for intelligence and engagement with community members and organizations for information and support.

"Over the past three months, the task force worked tirelessly to investigate and arrest violent criminal offenders who terrorized our community with a callous disregard for the sanctity of life," said Lt. Shawn Moses, Youth Gun Violence Task Force Coordinator. "The cumulative results produced by the task force undoubtedly serves as a testament to how the community and law enforcement can work together to investigate and deter violent crime," he said.

"I am immensely proud of the extraordinary hard work conducted by the Youth Gun Violence



Task Force this summer," Sheriff Tim Cameron said. "Their efforts in removing illegal firearms and arresting those carrying them has made a significant improvement in the quality of life in the St. Mary's County community. Our work is not done. Our agency and our partners will continue to address these issues through community engagement, intervention efforts and prevention efforts," he said.

"I would also like to sincerely thank our law enforcement and prosecution partners on the local, state and federal levels for all of their support for the task force," the Sheriff said.

The work of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Youth Gun Violence Task Force was a collaborative effort with the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the US Attorney's Office; the Maryland State Police (MSP) and the State's Attorney's Office for St. Mary's County to ensure the safety and security of all residents, through the arrest and prosecution of those seeking to do harm onto others through gun violence.

Tickets Only \$5

Enter the Retro Pin Up Contest

Family Friendly

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
11 AM - 5 PM**

at the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum

Adore classic cars, browse vintage treasures and step back in time to the nostalgic tunes of yesteryear. RetroFest on the Potomac represents all things vintage. From the 40s to the 70s - whatever your decade - come get your Rockabilly on and support the Museum.

Live Entertainment • Vintage Vendors • Hot Rod & Classic Cars • Kids Activities • Food Trucks & Beer Wagon
Pin Up contest

**Tickets on sale now at
friendsmuseumstore.square.site!**

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park
44720 Lighthouse Rd
Piney Point, MD 20674

(301) 994-1471

Call for full event details or visit www.facebook.com/1836light

Entertainment Provided By



with your host Vince "Slimtie" Turner

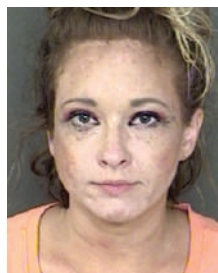
find us on **facebook**



www.facebook.com/CountyTimesSt.Marys

ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Drug Arrest-
On August 19, 2021, Dep. Salas responded to the 21200 block of Great Mills Road in Great Mills, for the reported theft. Contact was made with a female, who provided a false name and was issued a criminal citation. It was later discovered **Christiana Lynn Crivella**, age 35 of Lusby, provided deputies with a false name and Crivella was subsequently located on a traffic stop and positively identified. Crivella was found to be in possession of a suspected CDS smoking device and a bottle containing a clear liquid suspected to be heroin. Crivella was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Paraphernalia, Theft, and False Statement to Officer.



Christiana Lynn Crivella

by the victim who reported a protective order violation and an assault. The victim advised during an argument, **Michael Patrick Horan**, age 28 of Leonardtown, assaulted her by pushing her, and violated a valid court order by contacting the victim. Horan was located and arrested. Located on Horan's person was a hypodermic syringe, suspected cocaine and a suspected CDS smoking device. Horan was charged with Violation of Protective Order, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia, and Assault 2nd Degree.



Michael Patrick Horan

Property Destruction/Trespassing/Resist Arrest-

On September 8, 2021, Dep. Wynnyk responded to the 46800 block of Flower Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Turez Lydell Creek**, age 33 of no fixed address, was at the victim's property after being served a notice not to trespass. Creek kicked the victim's door, damaging the door, forcing entry into the residence. Creek was located in a closet and actively resisted arrest. Creek continued to cause a disturbance by yelling and failing to comply. Creek was arrested and charged with Malicious Destruction of Property, Trespass: Private Property, Disorderly Conduct, and Resist/Interfere with Arrest.



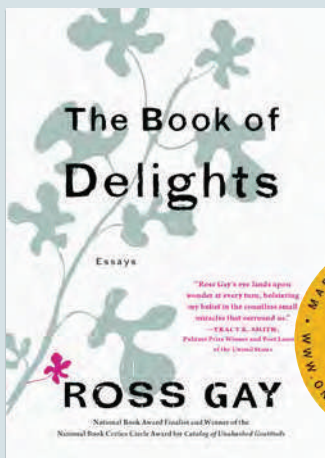
Turez Lydell Creek

Sex Offense-
On September 1, 2021, Det. Sidorowicz investigated the reported sex offense. Investigation determined **Robert Phillip Thompson Jr.**, age 34 of Hollywood, sexually assaulted a juvenile female. Thompson was charged with Sexual Solicitation of a Minor and Sex Offense Third Degree.



Robert Phillip Thompson Jr.

Drug Arrest-
On September 5, 2021, Dep. Luffey was in the area of 25300 Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown, when he was flagged down



READ then TALK!



Join communities across Maryland in the shared experience of reading the same book.

This first nonfiction book from award-winning poet Ross Gay is a record of the small joys we often overlook in our busy lives.



Meet the Author **Ross Gay** On a Virtual Tour **Monday, October 4 11 a.m.**

Visit your library online to learn more!



LAW OFFICE OF **DANIEL A. M. SLADE, L.L.C.** LOKER BUILDING



41650 COURT HOUSE DRIVE, SUITE 301 • P.O. BOX 288 LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND 20650 PHONE: 301-475-5150 • FAX: 301-475-6909

Editor's Note:

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

WE'RE MOBILE!

Find Us Online @ www.countytimes.net





Fresh Local Amish Made Cheese



\$7.99 lb

MILD WHITE OR YELLOW CHEDDAR
MILD WHITE OR YELLOW COLBY
MILD MONTEREY JACK
MILD MARBLE

\$8.49 lb

SHARP WHITE OR YELLOW CHEDDAR
SHARP MONTEREY JACK

\$8.19 lb

JALAPENO PEPPER CHEDDAR
PEPPER JACK
SIZZLIN COLBY

\$8.99 lb

SMOKED WHITE OR
YELLOW SHARP CHEDDAR

\$8.99 lb

SMOKED JALAPENO
CHEDDAR

37670 MOHAWK DRIVE
CHARLOTTE HALL • MD 20622
(301) 884-5636

40845 MERCHANTS LANE
LEONARDTOWN • MD 20650
(301) 997-1828

23860 HOLLYWOOD ROAD
HOLLYWOOD • MD 20636
(301) 475-2343

22599 MACARTHUR BLVD
CALIFORNIA, MD 20619
(240) 237-8266

Maryland Vacuum and Sewing Center

26845 Point Lookout Road (Rt 5), Leonardtown



Sewing Embroidery & Quilting Classes

Monday Mendings: Buttons and Buttonholes

Sep 20, 2021 - 05:00 pm

We will sew on buttons and make buttonholes.

Cost: \$ 25.00

quick bag. Renaissance Ribbon Bags are perfect for travel or everyday use and great for gifts, too! You'll love the easy and unique zipper installation with beautifully-finished interior, no unfinished seams and no bindings!

Cost: \$ 25.00

pinks and cream. This is an 8-Month Block of the Month (BOM) Project. The finished top size is approximately 76 1/2" x 93 1/2".

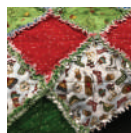
Cost: \$ 239.99

Quilting & Sewing: Fall Rag Throw

Sep 23, 2021 - 02:00 pm

This is a fast and fun project. Not only is it warm and cozy, it has a homey feeling and adds to the ambiance of your Home, Sweet Home.

Cost: \$ 30.00



Butterfly Trapunto Pouch

Machine Embroidery

Sep 27, 2021 - 05:00 pm

Small handbag made in one hooping with optional shoulder strap.

Cost: \$ 35.00



Sewing: Runaround Bag

Oct 09, 2021 - 02:00 pm

The Runaround Bag was designed by Lazy Girl Designs. This is a smart looking purse is very functional and easy to make. The bag is fully lined and features a back pocket and a front zippered body. This bag is a great beginner project.

Cost: \$ 30.00



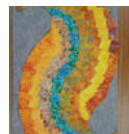
Sewing and Quilting

Spicy Spiral Table Runner

Oct 06, 2021 - 11:00 am

Find a friend and join our class in making this beautiful Spiral Table Runner.

Cost: \$ 40.00



Quilting

Sampler Block of the Month Club

Oct 13, 2021 - 01:30 pm

Each month Rose will lead a class on creating a different block.

Cost: \$ 20.00



Foot of the Month Club

Sep 25, 2021 - 10:00 am

Each month we will learn about and practice with one foot for Pfaff and Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machines.

Cost: \$ 10.00

Flower Garden Quilt

BOM (Block of the Month) -

Oct 09, 2021 - 10:00 am

I see this quilt is a modern take on a country quilt. The fabric is made up of a whimsical floral. Accent fabric has small floral buds and leaves. The color palette consists mostly of country blues,



Renaissance Ribbon Bag

Sep 25, 2021 - 02:00 pm

Add a little luxury to your daily routine! Use a variety of ribbons to make this simple,



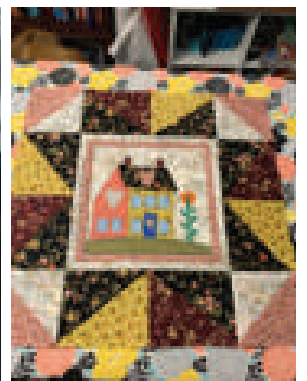
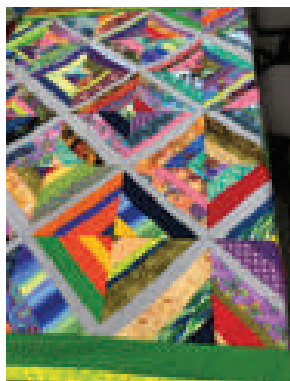
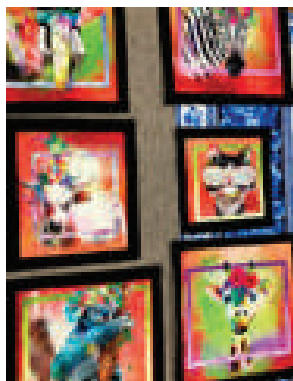
Quilting

Sampler Block of the Month Club

Oct 14, 2021 - 05:30 pm

Each month Rose will lead a class on creating a different block.

Cost: \$ 20.00



PFAFF
Perfection starts here.™

To register for a class call 240-309-4019
Visit us on Facebook MDVacandSew/FB or at mdvacsew.com

Husqvarna
VIKING

Chessie the Manatee Still Making Waves

Not many visitors to the Chesapeake Bay garner a cult-like following like Chessie. Two books tell his tales, and he has even made a film cameo. His story began nearly two decades ago, back in the summer of 1994, when this nearly 1,100-pound Florida manatee was spotted wandering the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.

At some point during his well-publicized visit, the manatee was given the name Chessie after the Chesapeake Bay and the legendary “sea monster” that resides there. Manatees generally will make the long swim back home to the warm waters of their native Florida. But Chessie stuck around.

As the 1994 summer turned into fall, Chessie continued to do some Bay sight-seeing. But his trip came to an abrupt end, when in early October he was caught in an unusual weather system that caused the Bay’s water temperatures to plummet into the 60s. At water temperatures in this range, Chessie’s life was in peril due to cold-stunning, which can occur in marine mammals from late October to early winter. The immediate impacts can cause some species to become slow and unresponsive—and die from the cold, drowning, or boating accidents.

Cindy Driscoll, Maryland Department of Natural Resources state wildlife veterinarian and Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Stranding Program manager, helped track Chessie before cold-stunning affected him.

I drove around upper Eastern Shore marinas as sightings came in—to no avail,” Driscoll recalls.

It took an army of staff from the Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Aquarium to track Chessie down and save him. Finally, Chessie was found alive near Queenstown in the Chester River.

“Chessie was plopped into the National Aquarium stranding pool, where he stayed for two to three days for us to monitor him,” Driscoll says. “He was in great shape!”

Arrangements were made with the help of the U.S. Coast Guard to fly him back to Florida. When he arrived in his home state, he was tagged and released by staff and volunteers from SeaWorld



Florida Wildlife Commission staff use a grease marker to highlight Chessie’s scar pattern and take measurements. These data identify Chessie and contribute to manatee health research.

Orlando and multiple manatee conservation organizations.

Chessie’s story included a lot of firsts for manatees. He was the first manatee to fly to Florida, the first manatee to ever recuperate at the National Aquarium, and the first tagged manatee to be tracked traveling along the Atlantic coast. He even helped the Maryland Department of Natural Resources develop the first federal set of protocols for northern bound manatee strandings and rescues.

Because of all of this, we have helped the conservation of manatees. USFWS and the U.S. Geological Survey now have rescue and/ or necropsy protocols for northern wandering manatees.

But Chessie’s story doesn’t end there.

Chessie picked up a taste for traveling and even after his close call in the Bay, was spotted several more times along the coast. One summer he was even spotted off the coast of Rhode Island before he swam south.

In February of this year, a male manatee was found emaciated in Riviera Beach, Florida, suffering from pneumonia and malnourishment. Hanging on to life, he was rescued and triaged at SeaWorld Orlando and identified by his scars as none other than Chessie.

After months of intensive care in his pen at SeaWorld, personalized feedings, and lots of love, Chessie gradually gained weight and his health improved drastically. In May of 2021, Chessie was given a clean bill of health and slated to be released yet again into the wild.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) gave Chessie a new monitoring tag (he is known for losing them), and with the help from volunteers, federal agencies and SeaWorld Orlando, the manatee was released in the warm and tranquil waters of North Palm Beach.

Where Chessie will end up is anyone’s guess, but his celebrity status has warmed the hearts of those who follow

him. We are all celebrating Chessie’s new chapter.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reminds anyone who has seen either a marine mammal or sea turtle in Maryland waters to report it to the state Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Stranding program at 1-800-628-9944. Anglers, boaters, and beachgoers should especially be on the lookout for these creatures.

Marine mammals are specifically protected by federal law, the Marine Mammal Protection Act. In addition, sea turtles and whales are both protected under the 1973 Endangered Species Act. It is illegal to harass, capture, or collect these marine species, alive or dead, including their bones or any body parts.

By Eric G. Wilson, Public Affairs Officer for DNR’s Fishing and Boating Services. Article appears in Vol. 24, No. 3 of the Maryland Natural Resource magazine, fall 2021.

WE’RE MOBILE!

Find Us Online @
www.countytimes.net

County Times
St. Mary’s County • Calvert County



SEPTEMBER 18 & 19 • 10 AM – 5PM
ANNMARIE SCULPTURE GARDEN & ARTS CENTER

13470 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD

PRESENTING SPONSOR



CEDAR POINT
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

LOADS OF
FUN FOR KIDS TOO!



ARTWORK BY EDDIE MAIER

Coming to Artsfest?

Get a reusable
shopping tote
while supplies last!

160 Artist Booths • Indoors & Outdoors

35+ Performers & Bands, including children's performers

Great food, activities for kids, & more!

Members FREE; Non-members \$10; Kids 11 & under FREE • no pets

~ Activities spread out across the 30-acre park ~

SPONSORED BY



A.H. HATCHER, INC • JAN KLEPONIS, O'BRIEN REALTY • JUST TECH • PNC BANK • KATIE WATTS • BARRETT & ASSOCIATES • GARNER & DUFF FLOWER SHOP • CALVERT HEALTH

Holiday Farm Guide Accepting Listings

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is now accepting listings for the 2021 edition of the 'Holiday Farm Guide'.



SMADC's Holiday Farm Guide connects consumers with regional farms and producers, as well as stores and restaurants that offer Southern Maryland grown and produced farm products and services during the holiday season and through the winter months.

Featured guide categories include locally grown Christmas trees, holiday trimmings and firewood, meats and poultry, eggs, cheese, seafood, produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, clothing and accessories made with local yarns and fiber, wine, beer and spirits, plus farm-hosted holiday events, tours and tastings and regional 'winter' farmers markets operating during the holidays.

Southern Maryland region farms, seafood and aquaculture

producers, wineries, breweries, distilleries, stores and restaurants and other businesses that produce or offer Southern Maryland farm products are encouraged to submit a holiday listing. There is no charge to be listed. Find the online application under 'News and Events' on the SMADC website. Listing submissions are due by October 15, 2021.

The 2020 Southern Maryland Holiday Farm Guide will be available to view or download (in early November) on the 'Get Our Guides' page at www.SMADC.com.

Press Release from SMADC.

Robbie Boothe Plays Port of Leonardtown Winery

Country singer/songwriter/musician and hometown favorite, Robbie Boothe, returns to Leonardtown to perform for the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival on Saturday, September 18th. Robbie has been honing his songwriting skills since performing an original song in high school. He performs this Saturday at the Port of Leonardtown Winery. Concert time is from 3 PM - 6 PM.



There is limited seating at the Winery available on a first come, first serve basis (attendees may also bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the concert from the adjacent Port of Leonardtown Park). Farm.Fork.Soul & Kona Ice food trucks will be on location, and the tasting room will be open for sampling the award winning-wine and refreshing slushies (please note that admittance for this concert is FREE, and that food and drink are available for purchase). Overflow parking is available in the adjacent Hall's HVAC parking lot. A walking map from the overflow parking may be found at: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/

LeonardtownMusicFest.

The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival is produced by the Town of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association and funded in part by the St. Mary's County Arts Council.

St. Mary's County Ducks Unlimited ANNUAL BANQUET: OCT 16

*cocktails / dinner / raffle prizes / silent and live auction
Doors open 5 p.m. / Hollywood Firehouse*



**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
DUCKS UNLIMITED**

Consider a sponsorship or donation:

Dinner Tickets - \$80 each, \$150 per couple

Art Underwriting - \$50 per sculpture/decoy, \$100 per painting/art

Sponsor - \$320 each, \$380 per couple

Table Sponsor (8 admission tickets, reserved table) - \$800

Table Ad Sponsor (1/4 page ad in program, 8 admission tickets, reserved table) - \$950

We welcome all donations of merchandise or services for raffles or auctions

For tickets or to donate, call 240-538-4208, Email: smcdutreasurer@gmail.com, or online at: <https://ducksunlimited.myeventcenter.com/event/St-Marys-County-Du-Dinner-Auction-51034>
Info: facebook.com/stmarysdu or www.stmarysdu.com

Taste of St. Mary's Returns

Large crowds gathered in Leonardtown on Sept. 11 to sample the tastes of county restaurants.



Vacant Restaurant Space To Become Pancake House



The vacant Ruby Tuesday in California is set to become an IHOP.

The old Ruby Tuesday restaurant, which has sat vacant for more than a year at the First Colony Shopping Center in California is now being renovated.

Paul Carey, owner of Carey Construction — based in Ashland, Va. — which is performing the work,

said his contractors are turning it into an International House of Pancakes (IHOP).

The new owner, Carey said, is Prabeen Kondaka, who owns IHOP restaurants in Prince Frederick and La Plata.

—Guy Leonard

HELICOPTER BALL DROP

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$50,000

1st Place Winner receives \$50,000*
 2nd Place Winner receives \$10,000*
 3rd Place Winner receives \$1,000*
 (There will be 16 third place winners.)

Saturday, Sept. 18th from 11am-3pm
FLATIRON FARM
 45840 Highway to Heaven Lane, Great Mills, MD 20634

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
 18 Chances to WIN!!!
www.smsgolfballdrop.com

Numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter over a hole on the field. If your ball is one of the first ones into a designated hole (or closest to the hole), you win!

1 BALL \$100

The helicopter ball drop is open to the public. Winners will be announced following golf ball drop. You do not need to be present to win.
 *Prize money based on 2,000 balls being sold.

All proceeds benefit Saint Michael's School, 16560 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680



(301) 862-1000 or 1-855-764-(4GAS) 4427



SERVICE

Taylor Gas Company offers full service installation and repair for a breadth of propane related systems.

DEPENDABILITY

The customer is our top priority here at Taylor Gas. We provide 24 hour emergency service and deliveries to the Southern Maryland area.

EXPERIENCE

Combining extensive training with 68 years of on-the-job experience, you can be sure that you'll be getting the best service available.

Maryland Deer Archery Season Opened Sept. 10

Popular Hunting Opportunity Continues Through Jan. 31

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that archery hunting for white-tailed and sika deer opens statewide Sept. 10, and continues through Jan. 31, 2022. Archers may also use vertical longbows and vertical recurve bows Feb. 1-3, 2022 during the second annual Primitive Deer Hunt Days.

"September signals cooling weather, the coming of fall, and the opening of deer season in Maryland," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Deer hunting presented an important outlet for many Marylanders dealing with the challenges of the pandemic last season, and we hope many of our hunters will take advantage of that outdoor therapy again this season."

For the 2021-22 deer season, the statewide bag limit for white-tailed bucks is two deer (no more than one per weapon season). Hunters have the option to take one additional bonus buck in Region B (the state's central, southern, and eastern regions) after purchasing a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp.

The antlerless archery deer bag limits differ between deer man-



agement regions. In Region A, no more than one antlerless deer may be harvested during the regular archery season. An additional antlerless deer may be harvested in Region A during the Primitive Deer Hunt Days.

In Region B, the antlerless archery limit is 15, except for in the Suburban Deer Management Zone, where the archery antlerless limit is now unlimited. This zone comprises Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.

The sika deer archery season bag limit is three with no more than one being antlered. An antlered sika is defined as a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline. The sika deer archery season is open in every county.

Multiple Sundays are open to archery hunting in most counties, including on some public lands. Hunters can consult the 2021-2022 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for additional information on Sunday hunting and other deer hunting opportunities.

An antler-point restriction remains in effect. Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction. Licensed junior hunters and appren-

tice license holders, 16 years of age or younger, are exempt from this restriction.

Hunters should carefully inspect all tree-stands and always wear a full-body safety harness while in the stand and while climbing in or out. The department strongly recommends using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prusik knot, attached to a line that is secured above the stand that allows the hunter to be safely tethered to the tree as soon as they leave the ground.

When checking in their deer, hunters should report deer taken with a long, compound, or recurve bow as harvested with a vertical bow. Crossbow hunters should register their deer as taken with a crossbow. This information helps biologists collect information on preferences and trends in how deer are harvested.

Hunters are encouraged to help others by donating deer taken in Maryland. A state tax credit offers hunters an incentive for donated deer. Other local or state programs are also available so please check with your deer processor.



METRO DC
9.22.20
COMMUTE WITH
CONFIDENCE

Use Safe and Healthy Practices. Wear Masks, Social Distance, Wash Hands.

Take the Free Pledge
Use Safe and
Healthy Practices.

#CarFreeDay

@CarFreeMetroDC

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS.
A SMARTER WAY TO WORK



THANKS
TO OUR
SPONSORS!

CARFREEMETRODC.ORG

800.745.RIDE

Return To School Presents Unique Challenges



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

If the numbers hold until the end of the month, when the student population is fully confirmed, the number of high school students enrolled in St. Mary's County public schools will be the highest ever, according to Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith, much more than his administration had predicted.

This has put some strain on the system in the first few weeks of the full return to classes, the first return in two years dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Complaints have risen in the past week regarding overcrowded buses servicing high schools, with students sitting in the aisle instead of sitting three to a seat.

Both Smith and school transportation director Jeff Thompson have said they have received "a handful of complaints" about bus transportation problems but Smith was overall pleased with how students arrived at school.

"We transport between 15,000 to 16,000 students a day," Smith told *The County Times*. "Our buses ran, our students got to school and they got home."

The majority of the increase in high school students this school year is in the freshman class, which are all riding buses with the 10th-grade sophomore class, Smith said.

"We have over 2,000 students attending Leonardtown High School this year," Smith said. "All three high schools are higher [in student population] than we projected."

The total number of high school students currently enrolled here

are 5,595, Smith said.

The projection was 5,300; there are 1,700 in the freshmen class, where the system had originally projected between 1,200 to 1,300 students.

Leonardtown High School was where the complaints on transportation originated.

"Most are coming into the 9th grade, and there are parents deciding they want their children to attend traditional high school," Smith said. "Many moved from other places to St. Mary's County even during the pandemic."

"We're seeing it."

Smith said some of the new freshmen were likely coming from private or parochial schools.

Thompson said since high school students are larger than middle-and-elementary-school aged children, it was harder to fit the standard three students to a bus seat.

"All of our buses are rated for 72 passengers," Thompson said. "Anything less than that is under capacity."

Thompson said St. Mary's is much like the rest of the nation dealing with a dearth of support employees.

"We have a driver shortage in St. Mary's," Thompson said. "We're doing better than some of our neighboring counties but we're not immune."

To address some of the complaints, one bus has been moved from one high school to serve Leonardtown High School, Thompson said.

With finite resources, shifting

bus drivers from one school to another affected many other schools, Thompson said.

"It's a puzzle we have to work out," the transportation director said. "We really need about a dozen full-time bus drivers to get to normal operations."

Smith said personnel in the transportation division who normally work in the office, and who have CDL driver's licenses, are being tasked to drive buses if there is a driver who calls off work or if there is another vacancy.

"We are stretched thin this year," Smith said, noting there were many other support vacancies in the system. "But we do have every route covered."

"Food services — those positions are exceptionally challenging to keep filled."

The federal mandate that all students be afforded free breakfast, lunch and dinner has made such positions more critical to fill.

"And our customers always show up," Smith said.

Building service workers and heating and air conditioning (HVAC) positions are also in demand, Smith said, though workers such as custodians are always difficult to find.

HVAC mechanics are difficult to employ at the school system level, Smith said, because the skill set pays so well in the private sector.

Perhaps the biggest challenge the school system is facing is in dealing with new teachers who are instructing students under a provisional certification.

The system recently hired 110

new teachers, Smith said, a significant number of whom have not been fully certified under state rules.

These are teachers who have worked in second careers, offering much practical experience, Smith said, but they must still be certified soon to continue working in the school system.

"These are the kinds of people the public have been calling for to be teachers," Smith said.

There are roughly 2,300 employees in the St. Mary's public school system, Smith said, and just a few vacancies persist.

The system still needs one English teacher, two math teachers and five special education teachers, he said.

Since the reopening of schools there have been some confirmed cases of COVID-19 among students and teachers; at the last reporting at the Sept. 8 meeting there were 38 students confirmed infected and 10 school staff with the disease.

Aside from the issues presented by COVID-19, Smith said the types of adjustments and resource balancing the administration has had to do are normal for the first few weeks of reopening.

The time spent away from schools, forced by the pandemic, helped magnify these problems in the eyes of parents and students, he said, upon return

"Every single year we start like this," said Smith. "I think everyone just needed to be reminded it's a balancing act."

guyleonard@countytimes.net

Unique Shops

of Southern Maryland



Leonardtown Wharf

COASTAL ARTS MARKET



Artist • Crafters • Makers
Local Handmade Products

Saturday • September 18th • 9 AM - 3 PM
www.coastalartsmarket.com

THE HALL WAY

September 18th & 19th
9:00 to 4:00

CLOSING THE UPSTAIRS SHOP

**EVERYTHING
MUST GO**

**20%, 30% EVEN 50% OFF MOST
ITEMS IN THE SHOP**

Including customer service desk & display cabinets

24435 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood MD

Open the 3rd Weekend of Every Month

furnitureonethehallway@gmail.com 240-237-7142



CSM Improves to 15th Best in Nation

Earns Top Spot as Best in Maryland

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) again received top national and regional ratings from personal finance gurus WalletHub for providing students with affordable and accessible education while maintaining good teacher-student ratio and transfer opportunities. Maryland's 16 community colleges ranked fourth best overall in the nation with CSM ranking best in the state and landing in the number 15 spot out of 685 community colleges in the country – moving up from the 51st position in 2020.

WalletHub performed a state-by-state analysis to compare community colleges based on 19 metrics including cost and financing, education outcomes and career outcomes. Drawing on the WalletHub's findings of the best and worst individual community colleges in the U.S., other states in the top 10 included Hawaii, Wyoming, Washington, New Mexico, Connecticut, North Dakota, California, South Dakota and New York.

"It was great to wake up to this news

this morning," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "This past year was especially difficult on our students and our communities and CSM's faculty and staff worked tirelessly to support them in every way we could through the pandemic. And while it feels great to be recognized and move up in the ratings, the real spotlight belongs on our students who continue to work so hard to succeed during such challenging times."

"University education is out of reach for many Americans, especially those from low-income households," WalletHub stated in its findings. "But thanks to community colleges, higher education is more accessible than ever. Compared with public four-year institutions, where tuition and fees cost almost three times as much on average, community colleges offer many savings for students. Community colleges are an especially attractive option this year as many families deal with financial struggles caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who initially planned on attending a private four-year



college might want to consider spending two years at a community college and transferring those credits once they are in a better financial situation."

According to WalletHub, during the 2020 to 2021 academic year, tuition and fees for full-time, in-state enrollment at a public two-year college averaged \$3,770 per year versus \$10,560 at a public four-year institution and \$37,650 at a four-year private school.

"Other than serving as an affordable, and in some cases free, option for

education, community colleges have a number of attractive qualities," the report continued. "They often provide more flexible schedules, smaller class sizes and rigorous coursework. These qualities and advantages appeal especially to students who need to balance their studies with other commitments, such as family and work."

Read WalletHub's full report online at <https://wallethub.com/edu/e/best-worst-community-colleges/15076>.

Press Release from CSM.

Unique Shops of Southern Maryland



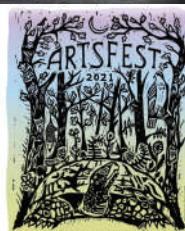
www.HerringCreekFurniture.com

Herring Creek Furniture at Cecil's Old Mill houses the Herring Creek Furniture Collection - exceptional custom-built furniture for the discriminating buyer. Each original piece of furniture art created by Rob is destined to become a legacy heirloom. We invite you to visit and see for yourself the high quality and distinctive style of a Rob Seltzer original. Herring Creek also features the works of local artists and artisan.

HERRING CREEK FURNITURE
At Cecil's Old Mill

Open
Thurs-Sun
10AM - 5PM

28054 Indian Bridge Rd | Californai, MD | 301-994-1510



Herring Creek Furniture will have new Furniture Art by Rob Seltzer at Annmarie Gardens Artsfest this weekend

Annual Outdoor Fall Flea Market

Saturday September 25th
Starts at 8:00AM!
Shop Inside for Special Sales!

Southern Maryland's Most Delightful Place to Shop!

Antiques | Vintage | Estate & Designer Jewelry
Home Decor | Simply Southern | Vera Bradley
Annie Sloan Chalk Paint
Furniture | Maryland Items | Lilly Pulitzer

The Apple Basket

Open 7 Days a Week

www.AppleBasketStore.com | 27056 Mt. Zion Church Rd | Mechanicsville, MD | 301-884-8118

St. Mary's Ranked 6th Best Public Liberal Arts College

St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College, is ranked as the 6th best public liberal arts college in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's "2022 Best Colleges," released Monday, Sept. 13.

St. Mary's College ranks 89 on the national liberal arts colleges list, public and private. The National Liberal Arts Colleges ranking emphasizes colleges with undergraduate education and who award at least half of their degrees in the liberal arts fields of study.

St. Mary's College is also ranked as a best value school. According to U.S. News & World Report, this ranking is based on four indicators: "Academic quality relative to the average discount price paid by full-time undergraduates after receiving need-based grants; the percentage of all full-time undergraduates receiving need-based scholarships or grants; the average

discount from the school's total sticker price for full-time undergraduates; among 2020-2021 full-time undergraduates who received need-based aid, the percentage of that percentage who also received a grant or scholarship – aid that students don't have to pay back."

The college is also ranked among the top performers on social mobility, a ranking based on St. Mary's College enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants.

In addition, St. Mary's College was recently included in The Princeton Review's "Best 387 Colleges" Guide for 2022, recognized by Niche.com as one of the Best Colleges in Maryland, and ranked 30 among top liberal arts colleges in 2021 Washington Monthly college rankings.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland.



Zoom Storytime

It's storytime, online! Join your children's librarians virtually for fun & learning as we read stories, sing and dance together, and play games each Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m., and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. from September 16 to December 9. Zoom Storytime is designed with ages 2-6 in mind, but kids of all ages (and their grownup caregivers) are welcome! Register once on www.stmalib.org with your email address to receive a Zoom link each Monday morning.

Citizen Science in the Chesapeake Region: On the Eve of the American Revolution

Find out how the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center's Citizen Science in Archaeology program continues the work begun by early Chesapeake scholars, this country's first citizen scientists on Monday, September 27 from 7 – 8 p.m.

Beginning with the first European settlement at Jamestown, Virginia in

1607, until the 1775 battles at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, the Chesapeake region inspired interest among soldiers, merchants, and gentleman scholars in the Old World. Self-trained, amateur scientists like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, fed that interest. These men committed their observations to paper and sent letters and samples to correspondents in the Old World, most of whom held university degrees, but whose education focused on classical literature and philosophy, theology, and the law.

These early Chesapeake scholars, whether roaming the countryside or making observations in their own gardens, are the intellectual ancestors of today's citizen scientists, amateurs of all ages and backgrounds engaged in the advancement of knowledge through observation, measurement, analysis, and reporting of the world around them. In this presentation, Dr. James Gibb explores the history of the citizen scientist from the vantage of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center's Citizen Science in Archaeol-



ogy program, participation which is open to you.

Register on www.stmalib.org with an email address to receive a link to join the online event.

Meet the Author - Angie Kim: A Conversation with Edgar Award winning debut novelist

Angie Kim will join us in a Zoom Meeting to discuss her very first book, *Miracle Creek* on Thursday, September 30 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the links to submit questions and for the Zoom meeting. We are pleased to host local DMV writer and resident Angie Kim for a free flowing Q&A discussion. We will discuss how she incorporated her own experiences as a Korean-American, former trial lawyer, and mother of a

"miracle submarine" patient into her debut novel.

2021 One Maryland One Book Author Tour with Ross Gay

In partnership with Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities, St. Mary's County Library will co-host writer/poet Ross Gay for a stop on the virtual 2021 One Maryland One Book Author Tour on Monday, October 4 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Described as "a collection of genre-defying essays," Gay's *The Book of Delights* is this year's selection for the program. The Author Tour takes place this fall from October 3 – 6. Registration is free, but required and is NOW OPEN. One Maryland One Book is a program of Maryland Humanities.

Rockfish Are in the Rivers for Trollers and Lure Casters

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Trollers in the shallows the Patuxent using light spinning tackle and 1/2 ounce bucktails trimmed with paddle or curly tail grubs are consistently scoring rockfish up to 26 inches.

Timing is important as dawn and dusk are most consistent, but some have found them mid-day on high tides.

Lure casters using swimming plugs, jigs, bucktails and small spoons are doing well from both shoreline and boats.

Trollers using 12 to 16 ounces of lead on drop rigs with bucktails are getting stripers in 20 to 40 feet off Helen's Bar, St. Leonard's Lump and the edges of the oyster bars in the Patuxent.

The Potomac has good opportunities using the same techniques. As the water cools into October and November the fishing will improve for our favorite quarry, striped bass (rockfish).

Cobia had a spectacular send off last week and the season closes on Wednesday the 15th ending some of the best cobia fishing we have seen. Trollers using big surgical eels dominated the last couple of weeks of the season. There were plenty of big bull redfish taking the lures too, adding to the excitement. many trollers and chummers landed lots of cobia that were about three inches short of the 40 inch minimum. These young fish may return next year in true trophy size.

Big bull redfish continue to be abundant in the bay. A huge redfish about 35 pounds was taken off the Point Lookout Pier last week.



Slot reds (18 to 27 inches) are also more plentiful in the shallows than we can remember. There are some fine speckled trout in the 17 to 25 inch range mixed with the red fish.

Spanish mackerel are plentiful as are blue fish. Trollers using planers and small spoons are getting both all along the ship's channel.

Spot and perch are available for bottom fishermen in the Patuxent and Potomac. A small run of decent croakers are now mixed with the spot and perch.

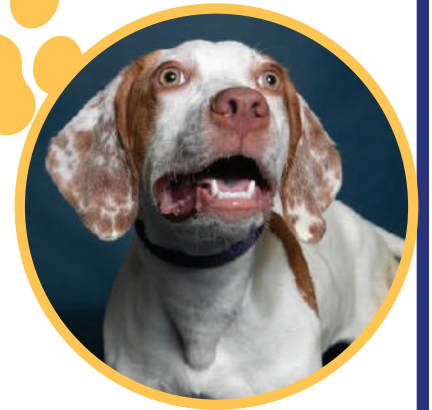
Plenty of bass are hitting most any lure in St. Mary's Lake.

find us on **facebook**



www.facebook.com/CountyTimesStMarys

Pet OF THE WEEK



MEET CHEUY

It is rewarding beyond words to rescue a dog and to have that dog become part of your family.
-Jenna Morasca

Hi everybody, my name is Cheuy. Are you looking for a FAITHFUL COMPANION who will just jump in the car to go on long hikes or adventures? It's your LUCKY DAY because I'm the one for that! At 7 MONTHS OLD, you can bet I'm ready to go, go, go! You see, I LOVE TO PLAY and I GREET everyone I meet with a BIG HUG! I've also been learning my basic commands and with a patient owner, I just know I'll master them all. I like other dogs but sometimes my energetic puppy play does get a bit rowdy. My pals here say I THRIVE on fish based kibble and I LOVE lots of yummy, tasty treats! Don't wait, make an appointment to come meet me ASAP! Just email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov today! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

To see more of my amazing friends also available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD or view us on our website at <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/animal-care-control/tri-county-animal-shelter>

TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

HGFX

CALL US:
(301) 769-1177

SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY

Hollywood GrafX

LET US DESIGN YOUR BRAND. EVERYTHING FROM DESIGN TO FINISHED PRODUCT. APPAREL & MERCH, SIGNAGE & BOOTHS, DECALS, PRINTS, GIVE AWAY'S... WE DO IT ALL!!

HOLLYWOODGRAFX@GMAIL.COM | WWW.HOLLYWOODGRAFX.COM

[f](#) HOLLYWOOD GRAPHICS [@](#) HOLLYWOOD_GRAFX



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

NAVAIR Change of Command: Peters Retires, Chebi Takes the Helm

Vice Adm. Carl P. Chebi relieved Vice Adm. Dean Peters as commander, Naval Air Systems Command during a change of command ceremony Sept. 9 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday presided over the ceremony after promoting Chebi to vice admiral. During his speech, Gilday highlighted the many achievements and traits that made Peters an effective and accomplished leader.

"It's a huge responsibility," Gilday said. "Our NAVAIR enterprise is foundational to generating American naval power where it matters most—overseas. Every day, over 45,000 dedicated Sailors and civilians and contractors support eight Fleet Readiness Centers, and 34 program offices across our Navy. Over the past three years, NAVAIR has delivered hundreds of new aircraft, tens of thousands of new lethal weapons, hundreds of aerial unmanned vehicles, many ground support systems for unmanned naval aviation vehicles, over 200 innovative training capabilities, repaired thousands of aircraft, thousands of aircraft engines, and hundreds of thousands of critical components to keep our fleet forward," Gilday said.

Gilday also recognized Peters for his leadership.

"Over the past three years, I have watched him provide some of the most effective, innovative and masterful leadership in the entire Navy. Aviation readiness and its lethality are soaring like never before," he said.

For Peters, the ceremony marked his retirement following a 36-year Navy career.

A 1985 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Peters earned his wings in 1986 and flew SH-2F helicopters on deployments to the North Atlantic, Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Mexico in support of anti-submarine warfare, surface warfare and counter-narcotics operations.

Peters later completed tours as a test pilot, instructor pilot and squadron department head, including a stint as commanding officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21. His early acquisition assignments included avionics lead for the MH-60R Seahawk, deputy program manager for the Vertical Takeoff and Landing Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program, and assistant program manager for systems engineering for all Navy and Marine Corps UAVs.

Peters went on to serve as program manager of the H-60 and presidential helicopters program offices. In October 2014,

Peters assumed command of the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division and served as NAVAIR's assistant commander for research and engineering. He remained in those posts until his arrival at Program Executive Office, Air, ASW, Assault, and Special Mission Programs. Peters assumed command of NAVAIR on May 31, 2018.

As NAVAIR commander, Peters was instrumental in leading NAVAIR into a new organizational structure known as a Mission Aligned Organization. The concept brings broader and stronger support for acquisition program managers and Fleet Readiness Centers, strengthens relationships throughout the Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) and supports the priorities of the Air Boss and Deputy Commandant for Aviation.

"You'll recall that a little over three years ago, we made a commitment to each other, a commitment to build on the efforts of those who had gone before, but specifically to achieve readiness and speed, like never before and to do it by shedding everything—and I mean everything—that did not directly tie to fleet outcomes," Peters said. "This mission aligned approach, as it would come to be known, would be very difficult, but absolutely necessary. We prioritized the health of naval aviation quality, reliability, training, and set out to make our Fleet Readiness Centers world class. We prioritized capabilities, focusing our research and test facilities on cutting-edge technologies that could be rapidly delivered to the fleet. And we prioritized affordability to ensure naval aviation could afford its future.

"Although there is still much work to do and opportunities for improvement in every area, significant progress has been made—better quality, high reliability, readiness, faster transactions, reduced costs and more equipment down range where it's needed. The credit is to you, our talented NAVAIR workforce and leadership teams."

Peters shared examples of the exemplary work, resilience and grit demonstrated by those under his command during two very trying events—the first being the response to back-to-back earthquakes that occurred in July 2019 at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, and the more recent challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In spite of COVID, you all met and exceeded all commitments and did it faster than ever before," he said.

Peters then introduced his successor, and



After reading his orders from the podium, Vice Adm. Carl Chebi, right, salutes Vice Adm. Dean Peters and assumes duties as Commander, Naval Air Systems Command on Sept. 9 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. (U.S. Navy photo by Peter Fitzpatrick/Released)

asked the NAVAIR workforce to welcome him aboard.

"Naval aviation requires our best efforts every day," Peters said. "I commend to you Vice Adm. Carl Chebi, an experienced aviator, acquisition professional, a gifted engineer and program manager. He will absolutely lead NAVAIR to the next level in support of naval aviation. I ask only that you give him the same support and responsiveness that you provided me."

Chebi earned a bachelor of science in computer systems engineering and a commission as an ensign from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) and Navy Fighter Weapons School, and holds an executive master's degree in business administration from the Naval Postgraduate School.

He served operationally as an F-14 pilot in Fighter Squadron (VF) 142 deployed with USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and executive officer and commanding officer for Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 192 deployed with USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) to Atsugi, Japan. During these tours, he participated in Operation Southern Watch and many Western Pacific deployments.

His shore tours include service as an aircraft and weapons test pilot in both Air Test and Evaluation Squadrons (VX) 23 and 30 and as deputy for Strike Aircraft Plans and Requirements for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Chebi also completed numerous acquisition tours beginning with the USNTPS, where he flew the Mirage 2000 aircraft in

France. His program management experience includes serving as a deputy program manager for the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Office, program manager for the Precision Strike Weapons Program Office, and program manager for the Naval Integrated Fires Program Office. He also served as NAVAIR vice commander and as the Program Executive Officer Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I)/Program Executive Officer Space Systems. In September 2019, he assumed duty as the deputy program executive officer, F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office.

Chebi has 3,700 plus flight hours and more than 700 carrier arrested landings. He has logged hours in the F/A-18 A-F, Mirage 2000, F-14A-D, F-15, F-16, P-51 and numerous other aircraft.

"To the men and women of NAVAIR, I could not be happier rejoining this team," Chebi said.

"Our success is defined by delivering the right capability at the right cost, at the right time to ensure the fleet can successfully execute their mission and return home safely. Our job is clear, we must deliver integrated warfighting capability that is dominant, affordable and available. We must deliver that capability on an accelerated timeline.

"Our success depends on people and partnerships. Our combined military, civilian and industry teammates can and must work together with a sense of urgency to deliver the naval power our nation needs to fight and win today and into the future. We have a big job ahead of us and the right people on the team to get it done."

A View From The BLEACHERS



WHERE WERE YOU?

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

I left for a meeting in a remote location, shortly after receiving a vague email about a small plane hitting a building in New York. About an hour later, the meeting ended and I flipped on sports radio for the short drive back to my building. No one was talking about sports. I surmised that the rumor of a plane crash was true, but this all seemed much, much bigger. It was stunning, confusing...something like landing cold in the middle of another reality.

I parked and headed for my desk. People were streaming out of the building by the dozens, like a fire drill was in-progress. Their pace was purposeful and all shared a universal look of concern.

Once inside the building, I encountered a good friend. She brought word that put the chaos in perspective: "Dude, something terrible is happening...two planes have crashed in New York, another has hit the Pentagon...we're being sent home immediately."

Home was just five minutes from the gate, but the drive was long and slow. Cell lines were overwhelmed. I had no idea where my girlfriend, parents, sister...hell, where anyone was. Which made me like just about everyone else.

Once home, the images on television flashed like a horror movie. The scarred, smoking buildings. The second plane slamming into the South Tower. People jumping from the inferno to certain and horrifying death. The collapse of each tower and the massive wall of billowing smoke pouring through the streets below. The damaged and blackened side of the Pentagon. Word of another plane downed in Pennsylvania.

I thought of stories from elders about Pearl Harbor and the Kennedy assassination. Their memories were clear, seared with unforgettable images and emotions. This was my generation's "Where were you?" moment of national anguish. This was September 11, 2001.

Twenty years later, I remember something else: The response. The unity, the decency, the determination and the national sympathy – it was palatable. Flags and "FDNY" hats were everywhere. The National Anthem brought tears to eyes. Congress even sang "God

Bless America" standing arm-in-arm on the Capitol's steps (can you imagine?). And yes, I remember sports and the role it played in fortifying our cause. There was Mike Piazza's late-inning homerun to power the Mets to a victory over the Braves in Queens, the NFL defiant return and, of course, President George W. Bush delivering a strike while throwing out the first pitch from the mound of Yankee Freaking Stadium before Game 3 of the World Series.

This past weekend, more magic happened in New York. On September 11, Emma Raducanu, an 18-year-old qualifier, won the women's U.S. Open Championship. On the men's side, Novak Djokovic made an exhilarating run at the first calendar-year men's Grand Slam since 1969.

The mantra of 9/11 has long been "Never Forget." The act of terror that day and the loss of so many innocent lives will always be remembered. But the unity in the aftermath? That now seems long forgotten, something the America of 2021 is, frankly, incapable of regenerating. That is hard to type, but juxtaposing our unity of 20 years ago with the attacks on the Capitol in January, a different conclusion is elusive. We can't even wear a mask for one another to ward off a disease that has killed over 650,000 Americans, let alone rally behind a long, difficult national cause.

Who is to blame for sowing the visceral division? It is easy to point the finger at political rhetoric and slanted media coverage. But that has always existed. The real evil seems to reside in the dark rabbit holes of social media, a phenomena that was in its infancy 20 years ago. It is a cesspool of lies and targeted psychological engineering (watch the documentary "The Social Dilemma"). One thing is certain, a strike delivered by a Commander in Chief or a storybook homerun isn't going to fix it; it will take individual effort to remember our shared American ideals and spit out baseless, manufactured bait that seeks to undermine democracy. For future Capitol decorum, bipartisan sing-alongs may prove too ambitious, but let's avoid break-ins by lawless "Vikings."

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com



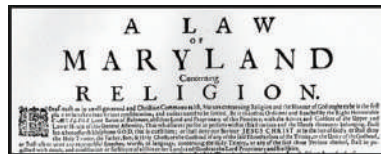
The Way We Were...

History and Stories of St Mary's County from long-ago to just yesterday

The Lasting Importance of this County

In August, the St Mary's County Historical Society welcomed professor Michael Breidenbach of Ave Maria University in Florida as part of the Society's Historically Speaking series of lectures.

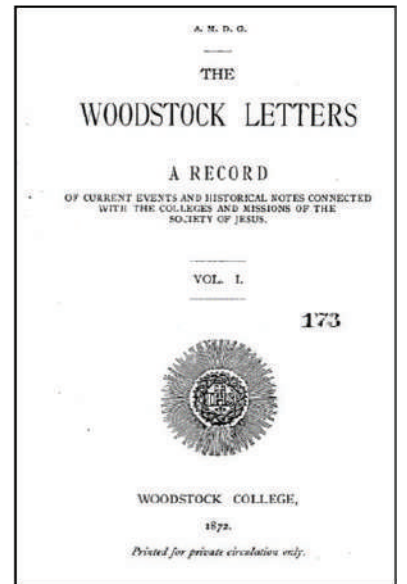
Dr. Breidenbach spoke to an audience of about sixty people on his research and book *Our Dear-Bought Liberty: Catholics and Religious Toleration in Early America*. His theme for the evening was how the Calverts and other English Catholics were simultaneously able to maintain their loyalty to a fiercely Anglican king and to the Catholic Pope in Rome. You can find a video of the entire lecture at the Historical Society's website (www.stmaryshistory.org) by clicking on "Videos" then on the category *Historically Speaking*.



As has been well-noted by other authors and researchers, this balancing act between Catholics and Protestants was essential if the new colony were to succeed. Professor Breidenbach traces the lineage of the "Toleration Act" of April 21, 1649. In that bill, the Maryland assembly, then resident in St Mary's City, mandated tolerance for all Trinitarian Christians. This was the first law ever passed by a legislative body of an organized colonial government to guarantee religious liberty. Breidenbach argues convincingly that it served to inspire later legal protections for freedom of religion in the United States, including the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Of particular note is that it was here in St Mary's County and no where else in the Colonies – or indeed at no time to that point in history – that religion and government were made separate. Even Rhode Island which boasted religious freedom under its founder, Roger Williams, limited that freedom to Protestant faiths, excluding Catholics. Moreover, at no time in the history of Western civilization had a distinction between (as we say now) church and state been made. Prior to the Calverts and the colony they founded in St Mary's, governments always had a religious dimension and, correspondingly, the dominant church or religion had direct and clear influence on matters of the state.

Let that settle in for a moment. Whatever one's religion might be – or lack of religion, for that matter – it was right here in St Mary's County that religious liberty was born. Hearing him speak then reading Professor Breidenbach's book convinced me that for whatever sins may have unfolded in the County (and here we think, of course,



of slavery), this County's founders enriched this nation – perhaps the world – well beyond their modest intentions to simply get along. This realization gives added meaning to the Historical Society's "tag line": *Ordinary People. Extraordinary Lives. Lasting Legacies.*

As we all know, Father Andrew White and other Catholics were among the passengers on the Ark when it landed at St Clements Island in March of 1634. White was a Jesuit and the first of a long line of Jesuit missionaries to settle in St Mary's County. If you're interested in historical research, the Jesuit Archives has placed the complete record of Jesuit missionaries here and around the world in a collection known as the Woodstock Letters. Available online, the Woodstock Letters consist of ninety-eight volumes comprising over 50,000 pages written by Jesuit Missionaries between 1872 to 1969. Included are scholarly articles, eyewitness accounts of historic events, obituaries, and other items of considerable historic interest. It was a source for and is a fine companion to E. Beitzell's *The Jesuit Missions of St Mary's County* (which is available from the Historical Society's Bookstore).

The entire Woodstock Letters collection is available free online at <http://jesuitarchives.org/woodstock-letters/#woodstock001>. All volumes can be downloaded. There is an Index and search function; search for names, County place names (e.g., Leonardtown, Chaptico, Newtown, etc.) and you'll find the volume number and page number (e.g., 74, 353). There are hundreds of entries relating to people and activities in St Mary's County!

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

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



THE SCENTS AND TASTES OF FALL



Thank you to all those who came out to support the Clements Cuties game last Saturday. It was a beautiful day; everything seemed to go perfect from the weather to the great crowd, parade, the game, and especially to the amount donated for the children and scholarships. I don't have a total yet, and there is still a big Clements Cuties Halloween Golf Tournament at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course on October 29th, but it was an unbelievably, amazing success.

We had just enough of a taste of autumn last week to get me ready for fall decorating – is it too early?? I am ready to buy the hay bales and cornstalks, though I know from experience that you do not bring them home in a closed vehicle. The year I made that mistake I was stuck with dozens (probably more) of little hopping insects all through my car. I will just have to wait for the pickup truck and my husband for the manual labor this year. I do think that I could put up a fall wreath and change my dining hutch's holiday tableau to my fall plates. I really want to put up the Thanksgiving Village, but know it really is too early for that.

What really got me in the mood for fall was when we were driving back home one day on Rt. 234/Budds Creek Road. To really experience 234, you need to have the windows down so you can smell the differences of each farm field or freshly mown yard. There are so many types of crops to see from the crisp, drying corn to the soybean fields just starting to turn autumn gold and yellow across the tops of the plants, to the beautiful fields of golden-red sorghum. I love how pretty the sorghum looks, and always want to stop the car and get out and smell it. Apparently sorghum is high in flavonoids and antioxidants, and from one site I found that, "The antioxidant activity of sorghum may explain the reduced incidence of certain cancers in populations

consuming sorghum." That is very exciting. I think I will go get some Sorghum Molasses and make some cookies. Do the health benefits of sorghum molasses get cancelled out when you use it in a cookie? As they say, "Asking for a friend".

And I really know it is fall when I am ready to hit all my favorite farms and produce stands, including The Amish Market at the Charlotte Hall Library (and I hope very soon to the new North County Farmer's Market off Thompson Corner Road in Charlotte Hall), Russell's Produce, Green Acres, and The Loveville Produce Auction. Pumpkins Galore is coming up on September 29th at the produce auction, and I sure hope to be there that day. I love all the beautiful fall flowers, the crafts, and huge boxes and boxes of pumpkins. And maybe, I might be able to fit in a barbecue, if they have the food concession open that day. I have to include my pumpkin phot at the produce auction from a few years ago – I love that one.

Oh, and apples! Anyone that knows me, knows I love to make apple pies, usually four at a time. I'll have to add a trip to Forrest Hall Farm in Mechanicsville. My husband likes to have his own pie. He doesn't care who else gets one, but his pie is sacred. I wonder how a touch of molasses would taste in a pie. Maybe I could add a touch of that when I make a bourbon apple pie again. I usually like to add soaked golden raisins to the bourbon apple pie. I have tried apricot brandy over the years, which is very rich and tasty as well. Are you hungry yet? I guess you will just have to get on my pie list in the next few months...Just let me know – we won't tell my husband.

To each new day's autumn adventure, Shelby

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

THE RULE OF 72

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

Financial planning involves strategy. Basically, you need to plan how to get to where you want to go and how long it will take you to get there. If this involves retirement, planning should encompass both your current and your anticipated lifestyle. If this involves financing a child's college education, planning involves setting aside sufficient funds in savings to pay tuition, books and living expenses when your child needs the money.

But, how do you calculate how long it will take to get to your goals? The easiest way is to use the "Rule of 72". The Rule of 72 is a handy rule used in finance to estimate quickly the number of years it takes to double a sum of capital given an annual interest rate, or to estimate the annual interest rate it takes to double a sum of money over a given number of years.

Simply, dividing 72 by the rate of return on your investments equals the approximate number of years it will take for your money to double. Or, dividing 72 by the number of years you have until you need to use the money you have set aside equals the rate of return you need to have on your investments.

For example, David and Susan have saved \$10,000 towards their six year old child's college education. They want to know how long it will take them to double that amount. Their daughter is 6 years old. Assume she will need the money to go to college when she is 18. That's 12 years of saving. 72 divided by 12 equals a 6% rate of return on their investments. In other words, David and Susan need to obtain a six percent rate of return on their investments for 12 years to double their savings to \$20,000. That means no spending from the college account and reinvestment of all dividends and interest for the period of 12 years.

The Rule of 72 can also be used to calculate the effect of inflation. If college tuition increases at 5% per year, tuition costs will double in 72 divided by 5 or about 14.4 years. Think about it. That means David and Susan need to save much more money for college than they might at first have anticipated.

The Rule of 72 is a simple math shortcut to estimate the effect of any growth rate. The formula is "years to double equals

72 divided by interest rate." The results you achieve, a doubling of growth shows you the tremendous effect of compounding interest.

What is compound interest? For example, start with \$1 at 10% interest. At the end of one year you have \$1.10 and at the end of year 2 you have \$1.21. The dime earned in the first year starts earning money on its own (a penny). Next year add another dime that starts making pennies, along with the small amount the first penny contributes. Ben Franklin, said by some to be the inventor of the Rule of 72, apparently said: "The money that money earns, earns money."

Compound interest is deceptively small, cumulative growth that is very powerful. No wonder that Einstein is reputed to have called it one of the most powerful forces in the universe.

Don't let the rule of 72 work against you, as it does when you take on high interest debt. At an average interest rate of 18%, the credit card debt doubles in just 4 years (18 X 4 equals 72), quadruples in only 8 years, and keeps escalating with time. The first rule of your financial plan should be to pay off all high interest credit card debt and avoid it like the plague.

Using the Rule of 72 will help you figure out what you need and for how long. Compound interest will be the way you get there. These simple concepts provide the basics of financial planning. Let the Rule of 72 work for you by starting saving now. At a growth rate of 8% per annum, you would double your money in 9 years (8 X 9 equals 72), quadruple your money in 18 years and have 16 times your money in 36 years. No wonder financial planners advise 20-year olds to start a savings plan. Over time, with compound interest, even a small amount of savings consistently set aside when you are in your twenties could make you a millionaire by the time you are retired. But, even if you are older, compound interest works for you and you are never too young or too old to save.

Join us on the third Wednesday of every month for a free seminar on this and other topics at 11 am at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot. See you there.

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, Sept. 16

Trinity Church Yard Sale
Parish Hall
47477 Trinity Church Rd.
St. Mary's City
3p.m. to 6p.m.

A variety of goods will be available including household items, furniture, collectables, toys, books, televisions, art, etc. This is a three day sale: Sept. 16 from 3pm-6pm; Sept. 17 from 3pm-7pm and Sept. 18 7am-11am. For further information please call 301-862-4597.

Saturday, Sept. 18

4th Annual "Walk in the Park", 5K Fun Run/Walk
St Francis Xavier parish,
21370 Newtowne Neck Rd
Leonardtown
8a.m. to 2p.m.

This run/walk is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Masked registration (as needed) starts at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and run/walk participants may begin. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a tee shirt will help preserve this historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration and even online giving is available on our website: www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Donations are always welcomed. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

RetroFest on the Potomac
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum
11a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adore classic cars, browse vintage treasures & step back in time to the nostalgic tunes of yesteryear. RetroFest on the Potomac represents all things vintage. From the 40s to the 70s—whatever your decade—come get your Rockabilly on and support the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum. Event Includes:

- Live Entertainment
- Kids Activities
- Lots of Vintage Vendors
- Hot Rod & Classic Cars
- Retro Pin Up Photo Contest
- Food Trucks & Beer Wagon
- Admission to museum, lighthouse and historic park

Tickets can be purchased online here (friendsmuseumstore.square.site/.../retro-fest.../324) or by calling the museum at 301-994-1471. Walk-up tickets can be purchased day-of, if available.

Info & Tickets: www.facebook.com/events/546220209736997

Kitten Adoption Event with Tiny Toes Kitten Rescue
45315 Alton Ln
Ste 16084
California, MD
11a.m. to 3p.m.

Come visit us and cuddle some kittens. Maybe you'll find your new best friend.

We'll be in the training area to the left as you enter the store.

You can get pre-approved for adoption by filling out an appli-

cation here: www.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/TTKR/Cat

The event link is here fb.me/e/YTuLuaxw

Sunday, Sept. 19

Generation to Generation Week Two: Creative

Patuxent Presbyterian Church
23421 Kingston Creek Road
California
9:30 a.m. to 10:30a.m.

Each Sunday through October 24th, Rev. Matt Pooley will preach on how to show Christ to a new generation. All are invited to 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship at Patuxent Presbyterian Church—in-person or online (YouTube).

Website: www.paxpres.com/
YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCreJBwKjJhKbpu4IS5Ef4Nw?view_as=subscriber

Monday, Sept. 20

Whole Body Tension Relief: An Introduction to Self-Myofascia

Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Road
Charlotte Hall
12:30p.m. to 3p.m.

Cost: \$25

This interactive workshop teaches the fundamentals of Self-Myofascial Release or SMR, a therapeutic self-massage method that brings targeted pain relief to the muscles and connective tissue. SMR is known to improve mobility, posture, alignment, musculoskeletal function, energy, immunity, blood flow, and nerve function. Experience how easy it

is to be more comfortable in your body! Some conditions that benefit from SMR are arthritis and joint pain, back pain, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, congestion, Fibromyalgia, Frozen Shoulder, headaches/migraines, Plantar Fasciitis, repetitive motion injuries, Restless Leg Syndrome, Sciatica/Piriformis Syndrome, Scoliosis, TMJ Syndrome, and more. Instructor is Judi Lyons—RYT@500 with therapeutic focus; E-RYT@200, YACEP®, EMYoga® Certified. The fee is \$25, due at sign-up, and includes two therapeutic-grade balls and a digital link for full-color instruction manual. Reservation required. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 3115, to make a reservation.

Friday, Sept. 24

Home School Fire Prevention Event

Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department
28165 Hills Club Road
10a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Free event to the Home School Community and their families. We will be providing a Fire Prevention program to include such topics as Stop Drop, Cover your face and Roll and other Fire Prevention topics. Plenty of audience participation. Guests will be able to tour the station, try on Fire personal gear and tour our Fire engines. Light snacks will be provided. Fire Prevention goodie bags will be distributed. Please RSVP by email at seniorpalm-tree@aol.com.

Southern Maryland

Online

Your Online Community for Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties

Stop by & see what Southern Maryland Online has to offer! Stay abreast of community happenings, speak your mind, & make new friends in the forums, or buy & sell in the most popular classified market in the area.

www.somd.com



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

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

Visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging for the most up-to date information

Community Health & Wellness Fair

The Department of Aging & Human Services is pleased to be hosting the Community Health & Wellness Fair at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Friday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.! This year's event will feature informational displays, health screenings, speakers, flu shots and more! Register in advance to be entered into a special drawing! For more information visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair.asp.

Make a Purse Basket

Create a Purse Basket with fabric handles at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, September 23, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.! This handy little basket starts with a wooden base with inserted spokes and then is woven with several widths of reed to give more texture; some choice of colors can also be added. Top it off with pretty mix-and-match tie-on handles. The cost is \$30 payable in advance of class. A reservation is required

by calling the Reservation Request Line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115.

Open Studio Art Sessions

Do you have an art project you are working on? Bring it to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Fridays at 10 a.m. so that you can socialize with friends while enjoying your art. Chris Sisk will be on hand if you need assistance. Also, Chris frequently supervises a guided project during this time. These sessions are free or minimal cost if you need supplies for a specific project. Drop ins are welcome. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1658 if you have questions or e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

Contract or Party Bridge Looking for Players

Care to play bridge twice a month? This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center and is looking for new members. For questions contact Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com.

• Screen Printing • Custom Apparel • Decals/Stickers • Banners • Merch • MX & BMX Jerseys
 • Vehicle Wraps • Vehicle Lettering • Graphic/Logo Design • Pop Up Tents • Much Much More

HGX HOLLYWOOD GRAFX

Apparel ▾ Signage/Banners

- Graphic T's
- Men - Design Your Own
- Women - Design Your Own
- Kids - Design Your Own
- Custom Socks
- Custom Jackets
- HGX Apparel
- Accessories

Visit Us Online for Custom Designs
www.hollywoodgrafx.com

GET YOUR PERFECT T's

We are proud to introduce a great and exciting way to get custom T-shirts exactly the way you want them. Affordable one off T's are here to stay. With our online tools, you can create custom products, and semi custom products to stand out in a crowd.

Allow us to enhance your presence one T at a time.

HGX HOLLYWOOD GRAFX
www.hollywoodgrafx.com

Facebook: Hollywood Graphics
 Instagram: @hollywood_grafx

Customizable Unisex Tank Top
 Customizable Large Front Print Unisex T-Shirt
 Crew Shirt
 Speed Crew Shirt
 Alpha Crew Shirt
 Forge Crew Shirt
 Circa Crew Shirt

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

Francis Leroy Williams



Francis Leroy Williams, 85, of Bushwood, MD died September 11, 2021 at St Mary's hospital following a stroke. Born March 18, 1936 in Mechanics-

ville, MD, he was the son of Joseph Stanley and Ethel Florene Wright Williams.

Leroy was the loving husband of Margaret Turner Hodges Williams, whom he married in Holy Angels Catholic Church on June 1, 1957. He is survived by his children Keith (Annette) of Spring Hill, FL, Anne Lee (Jeff) of Colonial Beach, VA, Walt (Ann) of Hollywood, MD, Dale (Deborah) of New Bern, NC, Joy Sapp (Ray) of Leonardtown, MD, Mark of Avenue, MD, and Chris (Stacey) of Coltons Point, MD; his grandchildren Michael Williams, Michelle Williams, Lauren Sapikowski, Glenn Woodburn, Drew Woodburn, Angela Stratakes, Lee Williams, Margaret Williams, Mary Williams, Ryan Sapp, Kara Weslow, David Sapp, Madison Williams, Megan Williams, Maggie Williams, and Tony Williams; and his great grandchildren Kaelyn and Holden Sapikowski, Hanalei Woodburn, Sophie and Leon Stratakes, Aria, Avery, and Allie Sapp, and Lukas Weslow. He is also survived by his siblings Doris Heard of Olde Town, FL, Helen Bowling of LaPlata, MD, Nancy Kragh (Alvin) of Heathsville, VA, and Faye Gatton of Leonardtown, MD and sisters-in-law Mary Ann Williams of Avenue, MD, Eleanor Williams of Hughesville, MD and Linda Williams of Loveville, MD.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his siblings Stanley, Jimmy, Raymond, and Anna Marie Quade and brothers-in-law John Heard, Bernie Quade, Sr, Buddy Bowling, and Jimmy Gatton.

He was a civilian working for the federal government for over 35 years mostly at the Navy base in St Inigoes, MD until his retirement in 1991. He worked many odd jobs in retirement most recently at the St Mary's Transit System (STS). He loved watching and participating in all sports, but his passion was baseball playing for Margaret Brent High School, Old Gum Baseball Team, and many senior softball teams in retirement.

The family will receive friends on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bushwood, MD with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD.

Mary Barbara Cecil Lawrence



Mary Barbara Cecil Lawrence, 88 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 7, 2021 at The Hermitage Assisted Living Center in Solomons, MD. Born

on March 9, 1933 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter of the late Francis Geroe Cecil and Alma Marie Raley.

Barbara was a lifelong resident of Leonardtown. On October 2, 1954 she married the love of her life, Edward Clyde Lawrence. Together, they celebrated 59 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in November 2013. Barbara loved being a wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. She was a happy person who loved living in Leonardtown. Barbara loved to dance and she danced until her last days.

Barbara is survived by her children, Susan Dyer (Joseph) and Sharon Cox of Leonardtown, MD; Gregory Lawrence (Zawmi) of Harpers Ferry, WV; Nancy Smith (Leon) of Spotsylvania, VA; and John Lawrence (Erin) of Owings, MD; her grandchildren, Matthew Keen, Kathleen Schwarzwaldner (Benjamin), Rebecca Cox, Samantha Lawrence (Devon), Ashley Lawrence, Monica Lawrence, Jessica Smith (Benjamin), Kristen Scimeca (Jonathan), Kelly Smith, Grady Lawrence, Benjamin Lawrence and Jonathan Lawrence; her great grandchild Lawrence Oster-Smith, and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and beloved husband, she is also preceded in death by her sister, Peggy Cecil Hall and brothers, Francis Cecil and Walter Cecil; her son Glenn Lawrence and her granddaughter Kimberly Cox.

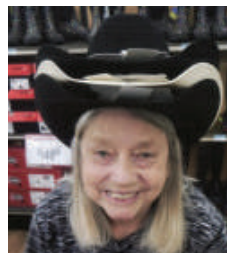
The family will receive friends on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. with Father David Beaubien officiating. Interment will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Joseph Dyer, Leon Smith, Grady Lawrence, Benjamin Schwarzwaldner, Benjamin Oster, and Jonathan Scimeca.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Aloysius Catholic Church, P. O. Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Brenda Bonita Snead

Brenda Bonita Snead, 68, of California, MD, formerly of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on September 3, 2021 in Washington, DC. Born on February 17, 1953 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Margaret Lyerly Bray and James Bray. Brenda is



survived by her children Tami Maus (Justin) of Hollywood, MD, Jessie Snead of California, MD, Donna Kelly of Mechanicsville, MD, Johnny Kelly of Waldorf,

MD, Crissy Simpson of Mechanicsville, MD, and four grandchildren.

She graduated from Suitland High School in 1972. Brenda moved to St. Mary's County, MD in 2002. She was a school bus driver for Prince George's County for 25 years, retiring in 2007.

Brenda enjoyed crafting and painting.

The family will receive friends on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Dennis Gillikin officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Gardens, Waldorf, MD.

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

George Mitchell Somerville, Sr.



George Mitchell Somerville, Sr. departed this life on Friday, September 3, 2021. Named George Mitchell Tuner at birth, George Sr. was born on Decem-

ber 4, 1926 to the late Sarah Elizabeth Turner and Mitchell Somerville, both of Hollywood, MD.

A bright, somewhat mischievous child, he showed an interest and aptitude for building things at an early age. At the early age of 10, he was building a birdhouse one early Sunday morning and was disciplined for working on the "Lord's Day".

After attending school, and at the age of 16 years old, he joined the U.S. Army and served as a medic and ambulance driver (he could still remember his ambulance number many years later – Ambulance No. 7) in World War II.

During a break after the war, he returned to St. Mary's County and worked at the local hospital, where he met Mary Ruth Neale. Upon his return stateside, George Sr. and Mary Ruth were married



Brinsfield

LIFE CELEBRATION HOMES & CREMATORY

Our Family SERVING YOURS

Traditional Funerals, Cremation Services, Memorial Packages & Pre-need Services Provided



BRINSFIELD FUNERAL HOME, P.A.
22955 Hollywood Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650
301-475-5588



BRINSFIELD FUNERAL HOME, P.A.
30195 Three Notch Road
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
301-472-4400

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED FOR TWO GENERATIONS

www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

on October 12, 1957 and remained together for more than 50 years until her death.

A true Renaissance man, George Sr. had a keen interest in cars, was a decent mechanic, and a racing car enthusiast, spending many weekends working on his cars and at various auto races. He had a restored 1974 Ford Ranchero that he often took to local and regional car shows and county fairs, winning multiple trophies (70+), and driving it in military parades. He also enjoyed fishing, building, and hunting – all skills he learned from his great-grandfather and grandfather, who, in addition to being a commercial fisherman, was a boat builder and a furniture maker. He enjoyed music – was a decent guitar player, and he loved dancing – would often refer to himself as “the dancing man”, and could often be found on the dance floor at parties and family reunions.

In addition to his military service, George Sr. was a person who always had multiple streams of income and jobs, often two (or more) at any given time. He had a strong work ethic (often referred to himself as a ‘workaholic’), liked nice things, and wasn’t afraid to work for them, and worked until well into his 80s. He worked at a number of jobs and fields, including working at the local hospital, in construction – teaching himself to run every piece of equipment on-site, and eventually becoming a heavy-duty equipment and tower crane operator, as a part-time gas station and a laundry-mat attendant, and movie theater projectionist, and an ice and a fuel oil, auto parts, gravel and earth deliveryman, amongst others.

George Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, the late Sarah Turner and the late Mitchell Somerville; his great-aunt, Agnes ‘Marie’ Turner Young; his brother, the late Clarence Turner Evans; and his three first cousins with whom he was raised – the late Roberta Turner Clark, the late Richard (Dick) Fenwick, and the late Joseph Clark.

George Sr. is survived by his stepson, Roy S. Chesley I (Jacklyn); daughters Joyce A. White (Richard); Deborah Khavkin; Barbara Somerville Hasty (William); George Somerville, Jr.; and Clarence Somerville. His grandchildren, Dr. Michelle Buchanan (Herb), Robin Bowman, Roy Chesley II (Juanita), Dante Chesley (Jerri), Shanay Overton (Anthony), and Ian Somerville, Danielle Fenwick, and Jeremy Clayton; sister-in-laws

Helen Hebb (William), Gertrude Veronica Carter, and Theresa Collins (James); his nieces Anna Fenwick Taylor (Joseph), Marsha Blackwell, and Deborah Clark, as well as a host of other nieces and nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and extended family and close family friends.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy, correspondence, and donations may be forwarded to the family to: c/o George M. Somerville, Sr., P.O. Box 54, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Contributions in his memory can also be made to the Patuxent Habitat for Humanity, Lexington Park, MD, as well as the Casey House – Montgomery County Hospice, Rockville, MD location.

A public viewing will be held at the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. At the family’s request, masks/face coverings will be required. 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.

Krystal Lynn Badmann, “Krys”



Krystal Lynn Badmann, “Krys”, 34, of Callaway, MD, formerly of Northern California, passed away on September 3, 2021 in Callaway, MD.

She was born on November 19, 1986 in Greenbrae, CA and was the loving daughter of Earindil K. Perkes of Valley Lee, MD. Krys was the loving wife of Ralph G. Badmann, whom she married on February 16, 2013 in Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA. Krys is survived by her daughter Makayla Badmann of Callaway, MD, along with her siblings Chad Marshall of Lusby, MD, Mallory Perkes of Valley Lee, MD, Sarah Perkes and Andrew Perkes, both of Sedro-Woolley, WA.

She graduated from Springville High School in 2003. Krys joined the United

Sates Marine Corp for eight years. She was stationed at Okinawa, Camp Pendleton, and deployed to Iraq in 2007.

Krys moved to St. Mary’s County, MD in October 2013. In 2018, she earned a Bachelor of Science Investigative Forensics Degree from the University of Maryland. She was a Security Specialist for the Department of Navy- HX-21.

Krys volunteered by fostering dogs through SMAWL (St. Mary’s County Animal Welfare League), and volunteered taking care of horses. She was enjoyed scuba diving, paddle boarding and watching the Philadelphia Eagles.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to SMAWL (St. Mary’s County Animal Welfare League).

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

Woodrow (Woodie) Wilson *Hill Jr.*



Woodrow (Woodie) Wilson Hill Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas formerly from Chaptico, MD passed away Friday, September 3, 2021. Born August 6, 1941, in LaPlata, Mary-

land, he was the son of the late Woodrow Wilson Hill Sr. and Mary Agnes Alvey Hill. Woodie is survived by his wife Rose (Tina) E. Navarro Hill, three children - Debra Chalupa (Curtis), Sandra Callahan (Robert) Mary Ann Jetton (Steve), nine grandchildren - Rae Ann Ford, Tiffany Roth, Emily Chalupa, Corey Chalupa, Ashley Shirley, Kassandra Diehl, Victoria Line, Ryan Jetton and Makayla Jetton, five great grandchildren - Adalynn and Elizabeth Ford, Lincoln Roth and Emma and Ewan Diehl. Siblings - Martha Louis Wheeler (Harry) of Bushwood, MD, Allen Henry Hill Sr. (Mary), Patrick Eugene Hill (Judy) of Chaptico, MD and William Michael Hill (Sue) of Leonardtown, MD.

Woodie graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1961. Woodie was the Class President, voted Most Dependable, Student Council, Green Cross Club and played Soccer. Yearbook personality quote “Going as if he trod upon eggs”. In 1947, his parents moved to Grandma Hill’s Farm in Chaptico, Maryland where they built their family home on the Farm. At age 10, Woodie worked with his brother Allen at the Red House Farm, for Mr. Ripple raising Tobacco. Later, both worked for Boots Wheeler’s Farm at the Cross Roads. At the age of 16 when he got his license, he drove a 1948 Chevy that him and his father had cut off the back and made it into a truck. After he graduated, he worked at the Naval Ordnance Station in Indian Head, MD until he went into the U.S. Air Force.

In 1962 Woodie enlisted in the Air Force as a Warehouse and Munitions Specialist. While stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base Woodie met and married Tina, his loving wife of 54 years. He served for almost 24 years while stationed

in Arizona, Florida, Guam, Germany, North Carolina, Panama, North Dakota, Alaska, Australia, Korea, Saudi Arabia and finally Texas. He served two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, seven Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Overseas Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Campaign Medal. In 1985 Woodie retired from the Air Force while stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene Texas.

After retiring from the Air Force, he moved the family to Fort Worth, Texas. He began his 20-year career at the Post Office shortly thereafter. He retired from the Post Office in 2007 and enjoyed eating crab cakes, travelling, and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a fan of the Washington Redskins, Baltimore Orioles and Texas Rangers. He volunteered at the concession stands at the Texas Rangers games. He served as an usher at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Fort Worth. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and volunteered to assist with many various community events.

On September 16, mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Duncanville 12:00 – 1:00pm and the burial will be 2:15pm at the Dallas-Fort Worth VA National Cemetery in Dallas, TX.

John Lowell (Buddy) Insley



John Lowell (Buddy) Insley, 89 of Hollywood, MD, passed away on September 3, 2021. Buddy was born on November 27, 1931 in Hollywood, MD. Buddy’s wife,

Mary Ann (Unkle) passed in 2003. They enjoyed over 52 years of marriage. He was predeceased by his two sons, Robert Michael (Mike) and Richard Wayne (Ricky), his parents, Carl Deshield and Agnes Insley and his brother Jackie.

Buddy is survived by his children; Sheila Barber (Al), Christopher Insley, Terri Insley, Tracey Russell (Wayne) and Kimberly Lowthert (Kent). His grandchildren knew him as Pop. Denise Ashton (Ron), Cathy Hollstrom (Brian), Chris (Bunk) Insley (Angie); Eric Lowthert (Julie), Sean Lowthert (Angela); Lauren Russell Strohl (Dallas) and John Wayne (JW) Russell JR (Heather). His great-grandchildren Haley, Devyn, and Myla Ashton; Kali, and Balin Hollstrom; Fiona, Avery and Caden Insley; Eli Lowthert; Caleb and Brayden Lowthert; Mackenzie (Caleb), Kevin, Trevor, Jarrett, Madison, and Logan Russell; Great-Great Grandchild Preslee. He was a loving and dedicated family man.

He is also survived by his sisters Carleen Insley and Deloris Green (Doug), and his brothers Walton and John Edward Insley.

Buddy worked for the C&P Telephone Company (AT&T) for his entire career. He worked and helped with many of the local businesses in his early years of retirement providing his telephone exper-

Clemy & Marguerite Cheseldine *Wedding Anniversary*

September 16, 2021



**Happy Anniversary as you celebrate
81 years in heaven. Today we are
certain that you will be waltzing
across heaven.**

**We love and miss you every day
-Family**

tise. Many of the local businesses from Lexington Park to Mechanicsville had Buddy listed as their telephone man.

Buddy enjoyed riding with his friends in the Silver Wheels club and just cruising on his Harley in the years that followed. After retirement it seems he gave up motorcycles and replaced them with farm tractors. He was an ever-present friendly face at the Garvey Senior center and enjoyed putting on skits, plays, and line dancing. He danced anytime there was music and with anyone who would be his partner on the dance floor. He enjoyed traveling to visit with his children and family in Florida. He also enjoyed going to McDonalds to meet the morning crew to start his day. He loved working in his yard, riding on his tractor and greeting his family and friends.

He was always known as Buddy and he was a true friend and giving person to all he met and knew. There was just an easy way with him. He was talented, bright, gifted, technical and an artist in his own ways. Buddy never knew a stranger and if you ever needed help, he would be the first one there.

Private services were conducted at Holy Face Church on September 9, 2021. Pallbearers' where Bunk Insley, Sean Lowthert, JW Russell, Dallas Strohl, Kent Lowthert, and Wayne Russell.

John Kenelm "Ken" Cheseldine



John Kenelm "Ken" Cheseldine, 72, of Bushwood, MD passed away peacefully with his family by his side at UM Capital Region Medical Center,

Largo, MD on Saturday, September 11, 2021. He was born on August 14, 1949 in Leonardtown, MD to the late John W. Cheseldine and Dorothy C. Cheseldine.

Ken was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County, Maryland. He graduated from St. Mary's Ryken High School in 1967, and attended St. Mary's College until he entered the United States Marine Corps, where he served his country honorably from 1969-1971. After his service, he became part-owner of Cheseldyne, Inc. in Lexington Park, MD. He enjoyed the years he spent working with his family until 1997.

A great man, he was a man of faith and attended daily mass, before his health began to decline. He may not have been able to worship at Church but he never let a day go by when he didn't speak with the Lord.

Ken enjoyed Nascar and cheered for Kevin Harvick #4. He could spend hours watching a race. When the air cooled and the leaves turned bright, Ken enjoyed rooting for the Washington Redskins. He enjoyed sports and the comradery of team sports. He was an original member of the Clements Cuties and supported the St. Mary's County Women's Softball League. His need for speed and competition made him a great boat racer and he was a member of the Southern Maryland

Boat Club.

He was a man who would give you the shirt off his back, or his last dollar, but his greatest joy came through the eyes and smiles of his beloved family. He treasured his two daughters, and four grandchildren and his bond with his brother, Jerry was unbreakable. A great man has been called home, but his legacy will live on through the hearts of all those who loved him.

Ken is survived by his daughters, Brandy Kosack of Mechanicsville, MD and Jessica Cheseldine-Dickerson (Willie) of Avenue, MD; brother, Jerry Cheseldyne of Bushwood, MD and four (4) grandchildren, Hailee, Owen, Kelsee and Connor. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Dorothy Cheseldine.

The family will receive friends for Ken's Celebration of Life on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD with a Prayer Service and Optimist Prayers at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618. Interment will follow immediately in All Saints Episcopal Cemetery, Oakley, MD.

Pall bearers will be Bill Cullins, Chris Cullins, David Cullins, Tim Cullins, Mark Bailey and Johnny Butterfield. Honorary pall bearers will be members of the 7th District Optimist Club and Jim Spence.

Memorial donations may be made to the 7th District Optimist Club, P.O. Box 53, Bushwood, MD 20618.

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

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

Gladys Louisa Loverin



Gladys Louisa Loverin, 88, of Waldorf, MD, passed away peacefully at Taylor Farm Assisted Living in Bushwood, MD on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

She was born on January 22, 1933 in Birkenhead, England to the late Edward Lee and Nellie (Smith) Lee.

A charming woman with a sunny disposition, Gladys enjoyed every day she spent around her family. She was devoted to being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Gladys worked as a rental consultant for many years, helping people find their homes and this always brought her great joy. Knowing she was making dreams come true for many, made all the heartache during her own life dissipate.

To know Nanny or R Glad was to sit down and have a cup of tea, Lorna Doone cookies and just have a chat. She loved to cook for the family at family events and holidays, always with a sit-down and a sing-a-song, dancing and laughing around the house.

She was a truly blessed woman to share her life with so many wonderful people. Whether you knew her as Mom, Nanny,

Auntie or friend you knew a kind and generous woman. May your memories of her bless your day and her inherent kindness be carried on in your actions.

Gladys is survived by his sons: Michael Roy Loverin of Waldorf, MD and Roy B. Loverin IV of Mechanicsville, MD; grandchildren, Andrew Sciranko, Matthew Lee Loverin and Lauren Marie Loverin; great-grandchild, Kennedy L. Sciranko and sister, Sadie Lee of Berkenhead, England. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Nellie Lee, daughter, Sandra Leigh Sciranko, grandchild Ashley Brooke and siblings, Lila Keenan, Barbara Collins and Tony Lee.

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

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

Clifford Eugene Cook



Clifford Eugene Cook, 72, of California, MD passed away peacefully on September 7, 2021 at his home.

He was born on September 2, 1949 in Pomona,

KS to the late Everett John Cook, Jr. and Emma Mae (Kline) Cook.

Cliff was born and raised in Pomona, KS and is a 1967 graduate of Pomona High School. After high school he enlisted in the United States Navy, proudly serving his country for two years until his honorable discharge. During his service he was stationed at Patuxent River Naval Air Station and fell in love with the area. He gained employment with the Department of Defense at the Naval Air Station as a Printer for many dedicated years until his retirement in 1999. He then went to work with DynCorp for many years as a machinist until his health started to decline forcing him to retire in 2012. He was a dedicated employee and enjoyed going to work. More than anything he loved spending time with his daughters and granddaughter. He was an avid 'train buff' where he enjoyed his extensive collection of Lionel trains. He loved the study of genealogy, tracing his family generations and he had a strong interest in astronomy as he enjoyed studying the stars and planets with his many tele-

scopes he had collected over the years.

Cliff is survived by his daughters, Robin Marie Cook of Lexington Park, MD and Christy Lynn Davis (Darius) of Leonardtown, MD, his brother, Donald L. Cook of Pomona, KS, his granddaughter, Alexis Marie Cook of Lexington Park, MD, and his extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings, Everett Lee Cook and Karen S. Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1301 York Road, Suite 209, Lutherville, MD 21093-6007.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

John Edward Leigg



John Edward Leigg, 76, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away at his home on August 28, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Diane T. Leigg. John was born on

October 12, 1944 in Washington, DC to parents James Milton and Erva I. Leigg.

John served in the U. S. Army, which included a tour in Vietnam, and received an Honorable Discharge on September 19, 1972. He worked for many years at Hamilton & Spiegel and Stromberg Metal Works and was a member of Local 100, Sheet Metal Workers.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Mae E. Poe. Surviving along with his wife, Diane, are his brother James W. Leigg (Shirley) of Bowie, MD, sister, Doris A. Fowler, of Washington, VA and many nephews, nieces and friends.

John loved his dogs and enjoyed watching deer that gathered on his property.

Service will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to PETA or an Animal Shelter of your choice in John's name.

Condolences may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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

In Memory of Mary Catherine Kane

Sept. 18, 1924 - Nov. 22, 2019



On this day the sun will come up then it will fade away so the moon may come and shine and when the morning comes it's gone. Not like the love and memories of a mother; that never goes away. Mama I think about you everyday and miss you so much. I will drink a pepsi in memory of you. I know you would like that.

Mama, I love you. Happy Birthday.

- Larry



Benjamin Moore®
Paints

Southern Maryland Paints LLC.
23976 POINT LOOKOUT ROAD • LEONARDTOWN • MD 20650 ACROSS FROM LEONARDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
301-475-0448 • southernmarylandpaints.com

JustCuttsLawns

Spring Cleanup Special

Free Estimate



Lawn Mowing
(Weekly or Bi-weekly)

Lawn Fertilizing

Flowerbed Mulching

Pressure Washing

Call 301-556-8335



COLE TRAVEL
46924 Shangri-La Drive • Lexington Park, MD
301-863-9497
www.coletravel.biz

Let us plan your next vacation!

SHOP LOCAL!

POOL OPENING **COUNTYWIDE POOL SERVICE** **POOL CLOSING**

"We Care About You & Your Pool"

Loop-Loc Luxury Liners & Safety Covers, Filters,
FREE QUOTE on Liner and Cover Installation!
FREE WATER ANALYSIS!

LOOP-LOC POOLCOVERS
No Compromises... No Excuses!

4501 Bonds Place, POMFRET, Md 20675
PHONE: 301-934-9524 • 301-870-3445
Off 301 - 6 miles from Waldorf
Off MD 299 - 7 miles from Indian Head Hwy • 5 miles North of LaPlata

2 Convenient Locations

29050 New Market Village Rd.
MECHANICSVILLE, Md 20659
PHONE: 301-884-8484
On Rt. 5 Across from ADF Bingo

THE CHIMNEY SWEEP CO.

*Don't make an ash of yourself
Keep your chimney clean*

Serving So.MD for over 50 years
Cleanings . Inspections . Repairs . Liners

301-994-2959

HELP WANTED

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

LOCAL CONSTRUCTION & EXCAVATION COMPANY
TO LEARN MORE Call 443-677-8324
or
410-991-3864
EMAIL: GTGCONST@WILDBLUE.NET

MUST BE ABLE TO DIG BASEMENTS ROUGH GRADE AND HAVE TRANSPORTATION

DAVE'S ENGINE SERVICE
"Where Service Comes First"

Plastic Road Pipes
6" - 24: in Stock
Other Sizes Available
Competitive Prices - Quantity Discounts

IN STOCK

Monday - Friday 7 am to 6pm
Saturday 7 am to 4 pm • Sunday Closed
Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

27898 Point Lookout Road • Loveville, Md • 20656

100%

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS

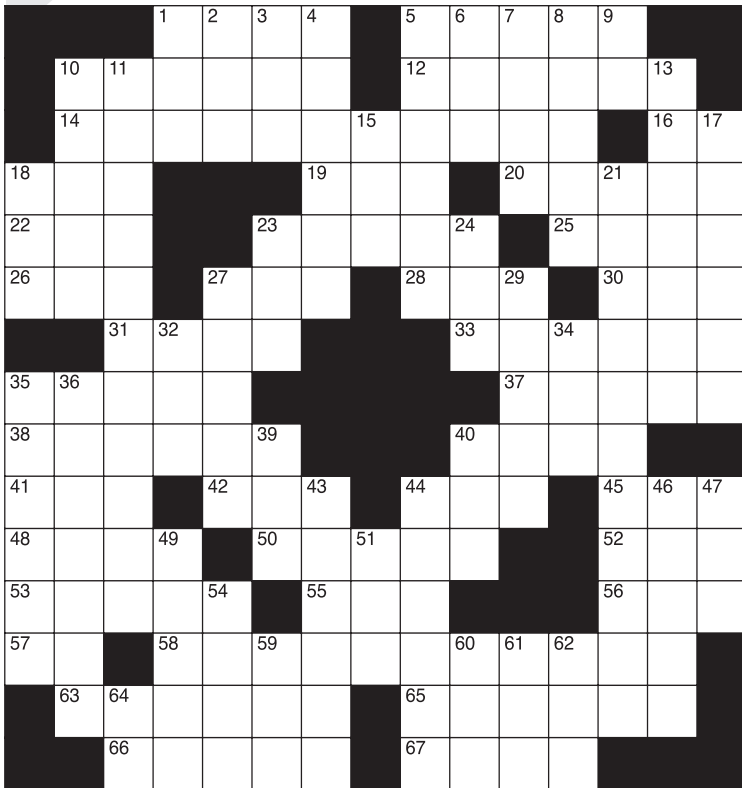
SERVING ST. MARY'S & CALVERT COUNTY

County Times
St. Mary's County • Calvert County

ON NEWSSTANDS EVERY THURSDAY & ONLINE AT COUNTYTIMES.NET



GAMES & PUZZLES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Religion native to some in China
- 5. Nursemaids
- 10. Coats a porous surface
- 12. Garment of long cloth
- 14. Containing a broader message
- 16. University of Dayton
- 18. Patti Hearst's captors
- 19. Insane
- 20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- 22. Taxi
- 23. Trainee
- 25. Comedian Carvey
- 26. Some couples say it
- 27. Belong to he
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Young goat
- 31. You drive on one
- 33. Denotes a time long ago
- 35. Space between two surfaces
- 37. By and by
- 38. A way to sell
- 40. A line left by the passage of something

41. Indicates near

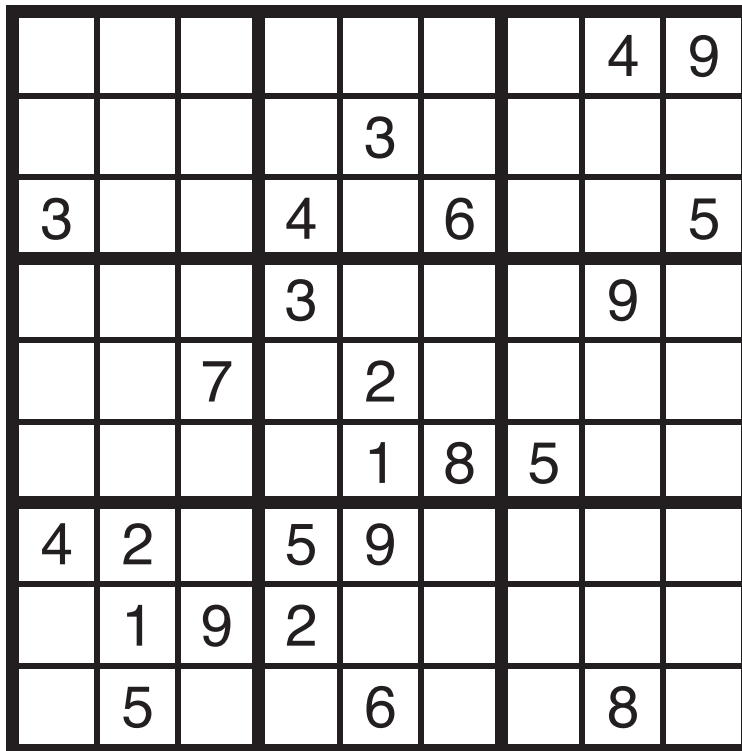
- 42. Where wrestlers compete
- 44. Prosecutors
- 45. Body part
- 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 50. Indicates silence
- 52. NFL's Newton
- 53. Ancient Roman garments
- 55. Drunkard
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thus
- 58. Noisy viper
- 63. Plants of a particular region
- 65. Communicated with
- 66. Latches a window
- 67. Swarm with

15. Cool!

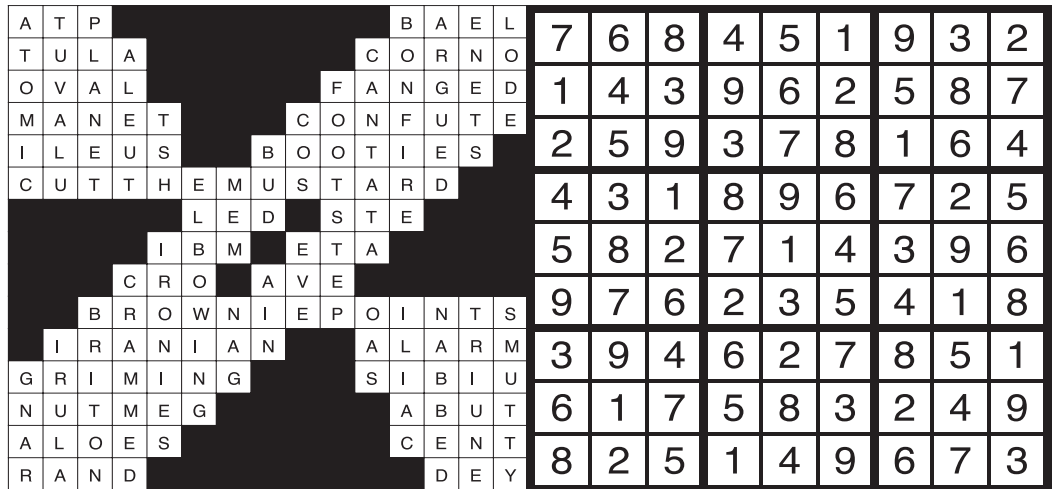
- 17. "___ than a doornail"
- 18. Popular literary form ___ fi
- 21. Be the most remarkable
- 23. "Final Fantasy" universe character
- 24. Buffer solution
- 27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- 29. Fantastical planet
- 32. S. American plant
- 34. Domesticated animal
- 35. The tops of mountains
- 36. Expression of disapproval
- 39. Skeletal muscle
- 40. Game show host Sajak
- 43. One's interests
- 44. Identify the existence of
- 46. Partner to "oohed"
- 47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- 49. Hammerin' Hank
- 51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 54. Elaborately draped garment
- 59. Check
- 60. Car mechanics group
- 61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 62. Austrian river

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Split pulses
- 2. Brew
- 3. Ask humbly
- 4. Distinctive smells
- 5. Digressions
- 6. Partner to cheese
- 7. Father of Araethyrea
- 8. Made a cavity
- 9. Tin
- 10. Appetizer
- 11. Presenting in detail
- 13. Compound in guano and fish scales



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Publisher Thomas McKay
Associate Publisher Eric McKay
General Manager Al Dailey aldailey@countytimes.net
Advertising Jen Stotler jen@countytimes.net
 Tim Flaherty timflaherty@countytimes.net
Editor Dick Myers dickmyers@countytimes.net
Staff Writer Guy Leonard guyleonard@countytimes.net
Graphic Designer/Layout Artist Jim Lucke jimlucke@countytimes.net
Contributing Writers Laura Joyce, Ron Guy, Shelby Opperman, Dave Spigler

The St. Mary's County Times is a weekly newspaper providing news and information for the residents of St. Mary's County. The St. Mary's County Times will be available on newsstands every Thursday. The paper is published by Southern Maryland Publishing Company, which is responsible for the form, content, and policies of the newspaper. The St. Mary's County Times does not espouse any political belief or endorse any product or service in its news coverage.

To be considered for publication, articles and letters to the editor submitted must include the writer's full name, address and daytime phone number. Submissions must be delivered by 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication to ensure placement for that week. After that deadline, the St. Mary's County Times will make every attempt possible to publish late content, but cannot guarantee so. Letters may be condensed/edited for clarity, although care is taken to preserve the core of the writer's argument. Copyright in material submitted to the newspaper and accepted for publication remains with the author, but the St. Mary's County Times and its licensees may freely reproduce it in print, electronic or other forms. We are unable to acknowledge receipt of letters. The St. Mary's County Times cannot guarantee that every letter or photo(s) submitted will be published, due to time or space constraints.



County Times

P. O. Box 250 • Hollywood, MD 20636

**Fireworks
Saturday 9PM**

**Free Boat
Rides**

53rd annual Blessing *of the* Fleet



OCTOBER 2 & 3
St. Clement's Island Museum

Saturday, October 2

Gates open at Noon

- **Noon:** 1st boat to the Island-
Blackistone Lighthouse Opens
- **1:00** Blessing of the Fleet and the
Waterman of the Year
- **2:00** The Mid-Eastern Dance Troupe
- **3:00** Aerial Acrobatics by the
Vertical Dance Company
- **3:30** Last boat to the Island
- **4:00** Children's Tractor Pull
Blackistone Lighthouse Closes
- **4:30** Last boat to the mainland
- **5:30** Robbie Booth
- **7:00** Museum Closes
- **7:30** Amish Outlaws
- **9:00** Fireworks
- **9:15** Food Vendors Close

Featuring family entertainment, local food, art and craft vendors, waterman of the year award, parade, blessing ceremony, evening concert and fireworks, free boat rides, and activities on the island including lighthouse tours.



Sunday, October 3

Gates open at 11

- **11:00** 1st boat to the Island
- **Noon** Blackistone Lighthouse Opens
- **1:00** Parade
- **3:00** Mass on the Island (weather permitting)
Grace's Dance Studio
- **3:30** Last boat to the Island
- **4:00** Raffle Drawing
- **4:30** Last boat to the mainland
- **5:00** Gates Close

What is there to eat?

Pizza • Hamburgers • Hot Dogs • Crab Soup • Shrimp Salad
Crab Balls • Fried Shrimp • Chicken Tenders • Boardwalk Fries



Hosted by the 7th District Optimist Club
Held at St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Road, Coltons Point, MD 20626

**ADULTS \$10
AGES 10 AND
UNDER FREE!**