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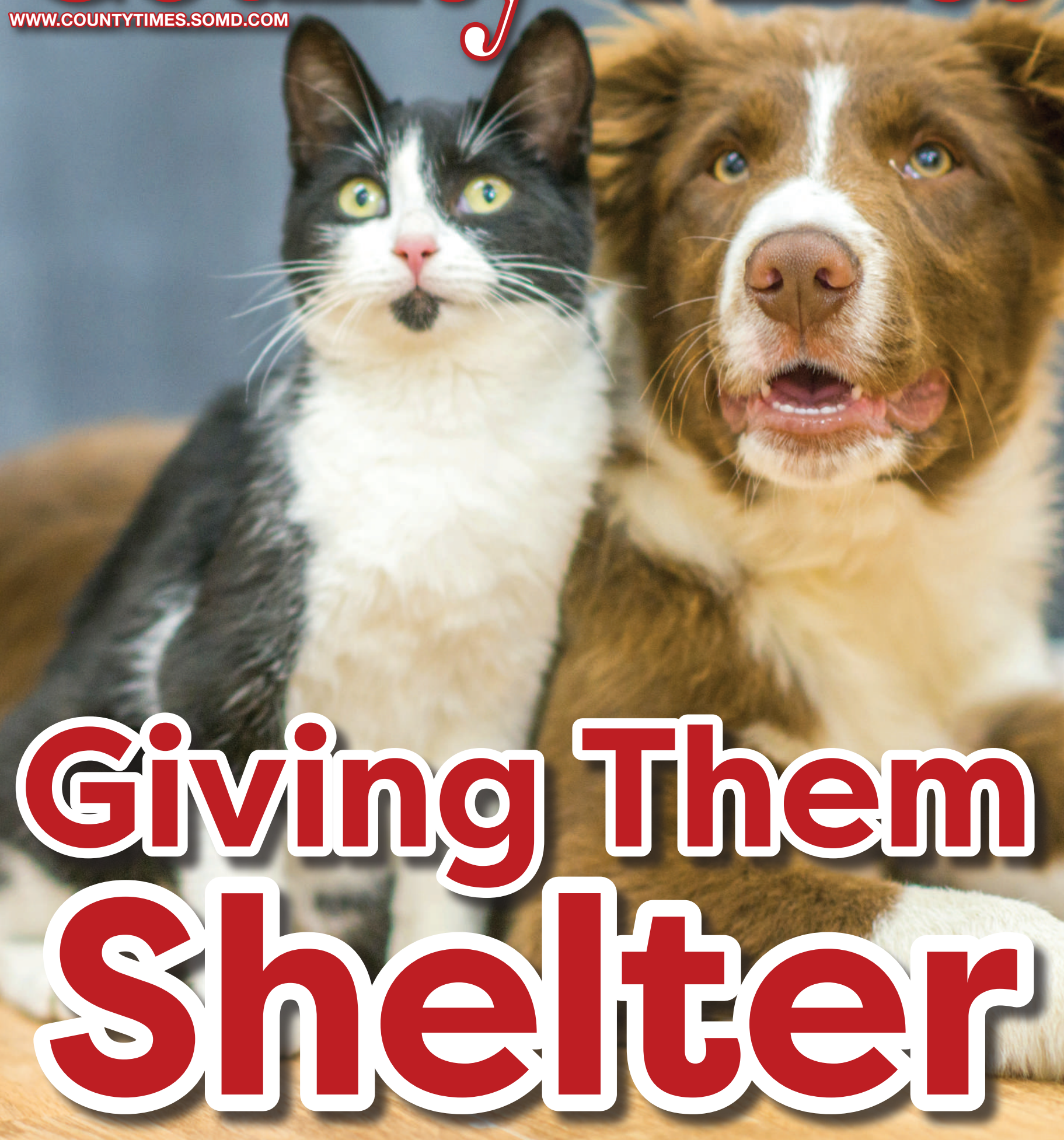
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Prosecutor, Orphans Court Judge, Named in Criminal Complaint

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Documents obtained by The County Times show that a St. Mary's prosecutor and Orphan's Court judge, Daniel and Michael White, who are defendants in a federal civil suit alleging fraud, embezzlement and theft of trade secrets against a marketing company that once employed them, are also named in a criminal complaint from the same company sent to county law enforcement authorities back in November.

Sources in county government with knowledge of the criminal complaint, which came months before a civil action filed by Compass Marketing, Inc. of Annapolis against Flywheel Digital, LLC, confirmed that the complaint was turned over to the Office of the Maryland State Prosecutor for further investigation.

Charlton Howard, III, Maryland State Prosecutor, said he could neither confirm nor deny any investigation of the criminal complaint.

St. Mary's County State's Attorney Richard Fritz said that he was aware of the criminal complaint, which had first been given to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, and that it had been given to "an outside agency" for review.

"I'm conflicted out of it because one of my assistants is named in it," Fritz told The County Times.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron recently released a statement regarding the criminal complaint offered last year from Compass Marketing, Inc.

"On November 1st, 2021 a written complaint was received by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office from Compass Marketing Inc. alleging criminal activity took place within St. Mary's County by ex-employees of the company," Cameron's statement reads.

"States Attorney Richard Fritz was consulted who determined the complaint would be referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for the State of Maryland.

"The Sheriff's Office is maintaining an open criminal case file on the matter in order to collect relative materials received by outside sources. However, there are no investigative efforts being made at this time by members of the Sheriff's Office."

The criminal complaint obtained by The County Times from sources close to the matter alleges that both Daniel and Michael White embezzled money from the company while employees there — and maintaining positions on the board of directors for the company — that was eventually used to start the competing Flywheel Digital, LLC organization.

Daniel White was defiant in refuting the allegations against him in a statement to The County Times.

"I assume that my brother told the sheriff the same lies that he wrote in his civil suit," Daniel White wrote. "They are the same false allegations that he has been repeating ever since the SEC began a securities fraud investigation involving his other business three years ago.

"They will be addressed in the proper forum."

The CEO of Compass Marketing, Inc. is John White, brother to both Daniel and Michael White.

"In May 2019 Compass Marketing set out to conduct a widespread internal fraud investigation," the complaint to St. Mary's law officers reads. "Upon issuing subpoenas, and a decision by the court in Arlington, Va. regarding the White's personal bank documents... the internal investigation findings have concluded that two individuals, Michael and Daniel White, starting in 2008 and continuing through 2021 conspired to embezzle Compass Marketing Inc. of more than \$5.8 million.

"The embezzlement included multiple illegal bank accounts opened in Compass Marketing's name and spanned over 12 years including while the brothers were employed by the state."

Daniel White is currently employed as a Deputy State's Attorney in St. Mary's while Michael White is running for reelection as an Orphan's Court Judge.

The civil suit filed against Michael and Daniel White in the U.S. District Court in Greenbelt makes similar accusations but names several other defendants, to include Michael White's son George White, a Maryland State Trooper.

According to the lawsuit, the plaintiff alleges that the defendants used these ill-gotten funds and trade secrets to build up the opposing e-commerce business and sell it to a concern in the United Kingdom for \$400 million.

Though the case has been filed in federal court, it is a civil case and not a criminal matter.

According to the legal brief filed Feb. 14, Compass is a marketing company founded in 1998 "prior to the rise of e-commerce platforms that fundamentally changed the way consumers interact with and purchase retail goods."

In 2011 it hired James DiPaula and Patrick Miller, also named as defendants, to run its e-commerce team, the lawsuit claims, and they became "trusted executives."

Compass did not know that DiPaula and Miller had launched Fly-



Michael White



Daniel White

wheel in 2014 and then subsequently resigned, taking much of the e-commerce talent with them who had been working for Compass, the lawsuit stated.

This was done using embezzled funds, the lawsuit alleges, and "trade secret information and proprietary business know how that rightfully belonged to Compass following more than a decade of intensive and expensive research and development."

Those embezzled funds were originally procured by Daniel White and

Michael White, the law suit alleges, while all the defendants named in the suit concealed the alleged behavior so well that Compass personnel did not learn of it until 2020.

Before being dismissed by Compass, Daniel White served as the company's legal counsel, the lawsuit states, while Michael White was Vice President of Operations and Comptroller of Compass.

Both men owned 150 shares of Compass, legal documents state, or a 16.6 percent share of the company.

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Town Waterfront Plan Focuses On Ways to Increase Prosperity

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Development and marketing consultants working for the Town of Leonardtown have formulated a plan to shape the future of the town's waterfront and delivered their analysis to a packed house at the town government offices Feb. 23.

The consultants Mahan/Rykiel Associates and Arnett/Muldrow Associates showed visions of how the public waterfront could be used in conjunction with the long-dormant Tudor Hall Farm project that could bring a hotel and conference center to the area of the Leonardtown Wharf.

The analysis showed that in the next five years the county's population is only expected to grow, with more than 8,000 residents within a 10-minute drive of the downtown and nearly 67,000 residents within a 20-minute drive.

A well-developed waterfront in conjunction with private enterprise could help to draw even more dollars into the town, the analysis suggests.

The analysis also found that local consumers spend more than stores locally are selling.

"In a 20-minute drive time you're looking at a \$1 billion market," said Tripp Muldrow, of Arnett/Muldrow Associates, to the residents assembled last month. "We're looking at \$178 million in retail leakage in a 20-minute drive time."

Retail leakage, said Muldrow, was the difference between what stores sold and what consumers buy.

In the 20-minute drive time radius around Leonardtown, he said, stores sell about \$1.07 billion in goods, while consumers purchase much more at \$1.25 billion.

Muldrow said between 20 to 30 percent of that \$178 million could be captured by Leonardtown's downtown area, under the right conditions.

About \$70 million of that mount, he said, was leaking from the restaurant, home furniture, clothing and accessories, specialty food and beverage and arts and gifts sectors of the local economy, which the town is heavily invested in.

Muldrow also said that Leonardtown should focus on the rising opportunity of having a full-service hotel and conference center as the Holiday Inn in Solomons was reportedly going to "be converted to another use."



A concept for an outdoor food and social center on Leonardtown's waterfront.



A rendering of the Leonardtown waterfront with a hotel and conference center.

Muldrow estimated such a new facility in Leonardtown would be the only full-service property in the Southern Maryland and Virginia's Northern Neck.

Tom McGilloway, planning director of Mahan/Rykiel Associates, said the great object was to expand waterfront access at the wharf that would link the town's amenities with a trail network as well as existing and future neighborhoods to the waterfront.

Along with a hotel and confer-

ence center, the overall plan calls for an amphitheater with a covered stage or pavilion, an outdoor food hall that can act as a community social center and a greenway to connect Tudor Hall Farm to the rest of the town and showcase the waterfront.

The waterfront plan also proposes a central park space to be known as Fenwick Lawn, which would be developed in conjunction with Tudor Hall Farm.

The last piece of the plan would

be known as the West Fenwick Downtown Expansion.

This expansion area would guide westward expansion of the downtown towards the Tudor Hall Farm area and connect it to the town square.

The expansion would include a transition from more intense urban uses close to downtown to less intense residential and commercial facilities the further west it moves.

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COVID Numbers Low After Doffing of Masks

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Total SMCPs						
All Students	147	68	48	20	12	10
All Staff	14	18	7	4	4	4

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith told the members of the St. Mary's County Board of Education this week that this would hopefully be the last time he would have to update them on the COVID-19 situation in schools.

His updates on how COVID-19 was affecting students, staff and education were a constant fixture at school board meetings for the past two years.

But that may all change now that the Omicron variant seems to be waning and masks and mandates are being lifted not just in Maryland but across the country.

As of the school board's March 9 meeting, the school system had shed its masks for two weeks.

"We've seen a precipitous decline in the number of cases we've seen throughout our buildings," Smith said. "Masking is now completely voluntary with more than enough resources to provide for students and staff the highly effective KN-95 or the fitted N-95 masks."

The school system still encourages those who have pre-existing medical conditions or who are immunocompromised to continue wearing masks while in school facilities.

Smith expressed his elation that the school system seemed finally to return to normal operations.

"It has been really great the last couple of weeks," said Smith. "It's starting to feel normal again."

Students have gone back to their normal extracurricular sports activities such as concerts, Smith

said, since the school system went without mask mandates starting Mar. 1.

"We're back in the rhythm of things... and it just feels good," Smith said.

Smith said that when the virus first hit St. Mary's in March of 2020, the system was already moving ahead with its freshmen orientation program but had to abruptly cancel them as the system went into lockdown and virtual learning.

Now, Smith said, the system was reinstating the tradition.

Chopticon and Great Mills high schools held theirs earlier this week for the Class of 2026, while Leonardtown High School was set to hold theirs the night of March 9.

"It's a great opportunity to lay eyes on our freshmen and to talk about the choice that is part of attending high school in St. Mary's County," Smith said. "And of the importance of being well informed and making very good choices."

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Commissioners Approve School Budget Request

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

At a budget work session last week, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved the public school system proposed budget for fiscal 2023, which includes an additional \$6.1 million.

Last year's budget allocation from the county, which does not include state and federal contributions, was \$114.5 million.

School superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said that the state's blueprint for increased education funding for the next decade showed that St. Mary's would have to continue increasing its maintenance of effort — the amount of the prior year's education funding plus an additional amount to cover new costs — another one-to-two percent a year to keep up with the mandates of the so-called Kirwan Commission.

Smith praised the commissioners for their continued commitment to education, but said there was a catch.

The state's formula for funding St. Mary's came up with an amount of \$133 million that would fulfill most if not all of the school system's needs in the coming year.

The problem was, Smith said: "The formulas don't work, they didn't work before they started fiddling with them and they're even worse now."

Counties that have been responsible

in funding their school systems are actually "disadvantaged" in the system, Smith said.

The system would only be receiving \$123 million in state allocation this year, he said.

"That \$10 million — poof — is gone," Smith said at the March 1 budget work session.

Smith said he came to the commissioner board that day to seek their help in making up some of that vanished \$10 million.

The first request was for \$6.1 million which was divided into \$2.2 million for technology upgrades, \$2 million for digitizing elementary level English language arts texts and the final \$2 million would go towards other post-employment benefits (OPEB), Smith said.

"That is one time money," he said, noting that the funding would be used for non-recurring costs.

Smith said if commissioners did not come up with the money that the school system would use fund balances to make up for those costs.

When asked by Commissioner John O'Connor to go ahead and plan to use those fund balances, Smith acquiesced and asked for an additional \$5.2 million that would be used to fund negotiated agreements with teachers and administrative staff.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said he



would support the appropriation for the negotiated agreement, but that was all.

"They underspent... by \$34 million," Hewitt said, noting the sizeable fund balance the school system had accrued.

Smith said that fund balance was inflated by federal rescue funds that were pushed into one year, but had to be spent over several years.

"We did not spend the money budgeted because we did not have schools open and buses running... we took that same money and rolled it into the budget," Smith said.

Thirdly, Smith asked for another \$1.7 million to increase compensation for

bus drivers.

"I would say you can find that in your budget, sir," Hewitt said. "We were told last year that if we didn't fund this, you'd have to close a school, or lay off 49 teachers..."

"Now you turn around, you go through the year and you have \$22 million fund balance."

Commissioner Eric Colvin and Commissioner John O'Connor voiced their support for increasing bus driver compensation.

The commissioners agreed to \$800,000 more for bus drivers

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Steer Horn Neck Road Speed Limit Reduced

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to establish an official speed limit of 40 miles per hour on Steer Horn Neck Road in Hollywood this week but several of them said there needs to be more speed and traffic enforcement to keep drivers from breaking the limits.

The speed on Steer Horn Neck Road had been 50 miles per hour but numerous accidents, crashes and complaints from residents showed that speed limit was often broken with little care as to consequences.

When they passed their resolution, commissioners added language directing the Department of Public Works and Transportation — which came to the commissioners with the proposed ordinance change — to establish measures other than a sign to actually slow traffic down.

According to county documents, Steer Horn Neck Road was the only county-owned road which had a posted speed limit of 50 miles per hour.

James Gotsch, newly-hired director of the public works department, said Steer Horn Neck Road was a "legacy road we inherited from State Highway [Administration]."

"What drives this is up at the intersection with Sotterley Road there has been 10 incidents, accidents in the last five years," Gotsch said, relaying complaints from a resident. "They've replaced their mailbox three times, they've replaced a fence three times.

"They're [drivers] not stopping.

They're just driving over Sotterley Road [intersection] and into the ditch."

The speed limit reduction would also serve nearby subdivisions whose residents say lower speeds would make it easier for them to exit their communities onto main roads.

Also, a newly-constructed crosswalk serving Greenwell State Park necessitated the reduction, Gotsch said.

Commissioners Todd Morgan and John O'Connor both said they wanted public works to pursue additions to the road, such as rumble strips, that would encourage drivers to slow down.

Gotsch said rumble strips were universally unpopular for the noise they produce — as well as complaints — and are often quickly removed.

"Anyone who drives out there... realizes if it's 50 miles an hour, people are going slow," Morgan said. "The traffic enforcement is going to be a sign that is going to be ignored."

O'Connor said the new signs could also have the opposite effect on drivers.

"You can put up all the signs in the world, but without the enforcement to back it up, lower speed limits like this cause more defiance of the actual speed limit," O'Connor said. "A sign won't stop the problem but traffic engineering can curb the problem.

"We have to look at it a different perspective; maybe we do need to put up rumble strips and see what happens."

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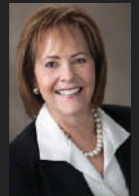
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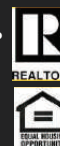


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California Man Charged with Sex Abuse of Minors

In February 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division began an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse involving minors. During the investigation, several victims were identified, leading to the arrest of Brian Steven Spicuzza, age 46 of California.

Spicuzza was charged with the following:

- Rape Second Degree
 - Attempted Rape (2 counts)
 - Sex Abuse Minor (3 counts)
 - Sex Offense Third Degree (3 counts)
 - Sexual Solicitation of Minor (3 counts)
 - Display Obscene Material to Minor
 - Contribute to Condition of Child (3 counts)
- Spicuzza remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status. The investigation is on-going.
- Anyone with information on this investigation or any additional victims are asked to contact De-



Brian Steven Spicuzza

tective James Bare at (301) 475-4200 extension 78118 or by email at James.Bare@stmarysmd.com.

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

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Leaders Program Experiences Resilience, Stress Management



Members of LSM's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) 2022 explored stress management techniques at the February session

Leadership Southern Maryland's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) Class of 2022 on Feb. 25 held its second of six program sessions.

The day opened at College of Southern Maryland (CSM), La Plata Campus with a stress management assessment administered by Erin Farley LSM'21 and Dana Rose of CalvertHealth Medical Center. Farley and Rose continued the morning session with a discussion on building resilient teams.

After lunch, the class team leaders led the planning for their capstone project in partnership with Christmas in April Calvert County. This was followed by a panel discussion with Charles County leaders including Commissioner Thomasina Coates LSM'22 and Marcia Keeth LSM'18, deputy director, Charles County Economic Development Department. The panel discussion was moderated by Phillip Melton LEAP'20, ESD tech agent team lead of Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division (NSWC-IHD).

The afternoon session continued with a discussion on thriving in a stressful environment led by Shaniqua Cousins LSM'22, operations officer at NAVAIR and founder of Shaniqua Cousins World Group LLC, a lifestyle brand. The day also included a book discussion of The Five Dysfunctions of a Team with Stuart White, chief learning officer for NSWC-IHD. The final activity of the day was a summary group reflection with Leslie Fazio

LSM'22, team effectiveness and coaching team lead for NAVAIR and the Emergenetics and session facilitator for LEAP Class of 2022.

At the conclusion of the program day, the class adjourned to The Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille to meet members from LSM's LEAP Class of 2020.

Leadership Southern Maryland's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) provides educational programming opportunities to new or emerging leaders in the region. Through a series of six "experiences," young leaders facilitate, foster, and refine their individual leadership understanding and abilities via structured course curriculum and a focus on self-discovery, teamwork, and networking. Experts from across the region and state representing business, government, education, and the nonprofit community serve as panelists and guest speakers.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service (EIN#26-2989381). Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent permitted by law.

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

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Maryland DNR 2022 Photo Contest Now Open



Photo "Short-eared Owl Hovering" by Mitch Adolph, submitted to the 2021 Maryland DNR Photo Contest

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting entries for its annual photo contest.

Photographers, novice or professional, can enter for the chance to win cash, park passes, and other great prizes.

Winning entries will be posted online, featured in the quarterly Maryland Natural Resource magazine, and placed in the next DNR wall calendar.

About 2,000 photos were submitted by 400 photographers in the 2021 contest. The winning images are posted on the DNR website.

Entries can include images from anywhere in Maryland featuring birds, insects, flora, recreation, scenic landscapes, and wildlife. A panel of judges will choose first, second, and third place winners for each of the four seasons; from among the first-place winners, an overall grand prize winner will be

awarded. Social media users will also be able to select a "Fan Favorite" via the department's Facebook page.

Photographers may submit up to three entries for \$10 with additional entries (no limit) at \$3 each between now and 5 p.m. on Aug. 1, 2022. All photos must be original and unpublished. The contest is open to residents and visitors alike, but only photos of Maryland will qualify to win.

The best overall photo receives a grand prize of \$500 cash, a one-year Maryland State Park and Trail Passport, a complimentary magazine subscription, and five copies of the 2023 calendar. First, second, and third place winners also receive prizes. Interested photographers can visit the Photo Contest webpage to see contest rules and how to submit your entry. Good luck to all who enter!

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13

Department of Emergency Services Reminder to Check Batteries

Time will spring forward one hour. Daylight saving time officially begins at 2 a.m., Sunday, March 13, 2022.

You lose an hour of sleep, but make sure to turn the clock ahead — spring forward — before heading to bed Saturday night to avoid the panic of a late rise. Don't forget to change the clock on your stove, microwave and in your car. Also, change and or check your batteries in smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and emergency radios. Be sure to remind your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.

For information on Emergency Preparedness from the Department of



Emergency Services, visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/es/beprepared/>.

Maryland DNR App Available to Locate Key Oyster Sites



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the development of a new mobile app, iShellfish, to provide interactive maps for commercial watermen and other users to locate areas they need to find or avoid while on Maryland's waterways.

Maryland DNR developed the app last year in response to a bill passed by the Maryland Legislature and signed into law on May 18, 2021. The app helps individuals on the waters of the state determine their location in real time relative to: aquaculture leases; demonstration leases; fixed fishing devices, such as registered pound net sites; natural clam or oyster bars; oyster sanctuaries; public shellfish fishery areas; submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) protection zones; Yates bars; or any other data areas the department deems relevant to the end user.

"The department is committed to providing the best information

possible in user-friendly methods that reach our stakeholders and the public," Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said "We supported and were pleased to meet the goals of this legislation as part of our continuous efforts to use new technologies to support the ecological and economic goals for Maryland's waterways."

Instructions for downloading and using the app are available on the DNR website. Waterway users are responsible to maintain internet coverage while using the application.

The mobile application is intended to be a guide on the water and is not intended to be used for navigational purposes. The Maryland Fisheries regulation data shown is for general information — legal boundaries are found in the Annotated Code of Maryland and the current Regulations of the Department of Natural Resources on the DNR website.

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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Commissioners Appoint David Weiskopf Interim County Administrator

The Commissioners have appointed David Weiskopf as interim County Administrator. Weiskopf served as Deputy County Attorney from 2008-2017 and was appointed County Attorney in 2018. Recently, Weiskopf has been acting Co-County Administrator following a period of medical leave and the subsequent retirement of County Administrator Dr. Rebecca Bridgett. The appointment is effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

"It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve St. Mary's County in this role, and I am looking forward to continuing the great work from the office of the County Administrator," said David Weiskopf.

Commissioner President Randy Guy said, "David has done a great job in the role of acting Co-County Administrator, and it makes good sense to appoint him to this interim position. All of the Com-



Interim County Administrator David Weiskopf

missioners have great faith in his skills and abilities and look forward to continuing to work with him."

For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 301-475-4200, ext. 1342.

Free Wildlife Digital Photography Seminar on St. Clement's Island



On Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., professional photographers Sal Icaza and Leon Smith will hold a free wildlife photography seminar at St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point, Maryland.

This seminar is ideal for beginners and enthusiasts of photography who would like to learn the trade secrets for capturing stunning wildlife views. The class will begin inside the St. Clement's Island Museum with an overview of manual camera operations. Afterward, students will take the water taxi to St. Clement's Island to apply manual camera concepts.

Sal Icaza is Solomons Island Photography's sole proprietor and lead teacher. He is also the Founder and Chairperson of the Maryland Osprey Festival.

Leon Smith is a current member and past President of the St. Mary's County

Camera Club. He enjoys photographing birds, wildlife, landscapes, scenery, family and friends.

Those interested should bring a DSLR or manual camera, a hard copy of their camera manual and a long lens. St. Clement's Island is a natural park, so participants are encouraged to bring water, bug spray and comfortable walking shoes.

Only 15 participants will be permitted to allow for a more personal experience. To sign up, please call St. Clement's Island Museum at 301-769-2222. The seminar is free, but there is a \$7.00 water taxi fee payable on the seminar day. The event will be held in rain or shine but may be canceled due to severe weather. For more information, please call the museum or visit Facebook.com/SCIMuseum.

Recreation and Parks to Host 39th Annual Easter Egg Festival

The Department of Recreation & Parks will host its 39th Annual Easter Egg Festival at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds Saturday, April 9, 2022. This rain or shine event will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and is open to the entire community. The Easter Festival has become a staple of the Southern Maryland community every spring. It features egg hunts for ages up to 12, visits with the Easter Bunny, live entertainment, free arts and crafts, face painting, and goods and services for sale by local area vendors.

For a \$5.00 fee, attendees can participate in the egg hunt, visit with Mr. or Mrs. Bunny, enjoy face painting and crafts, and participate in various bunny-approved activities. Live entertainment and lots of good, local food for purchase will also be a part of the festivities.

Tickets for this event can be purchased online, in advance, beginning March 1 at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/Easter. Tickets will also be available in person at the St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks main of-

ice, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking donations and sponsorships from our local community for this event. You can claim your sponsorship level online on our registration website. Each level provides various promotional opportunities and support of your local business that will be distributed to over 12,000 households and viewed on social media and the county website. We are also in search of food and craft vendors for the event. Please reach out to us for more details.

Net proceeds from the Easter Egg Festival and the department's annual golf tournament are used to fund the Recreation & Parks Scholarship Program, which provides qualified individual applicants the opportunity to participate in an activity at a 50% prorated amount of the registration fee.

For more information, please visit www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/Easter or call our office at 301-475-4200 ext. 1800.

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Assault/Resisting Arrest

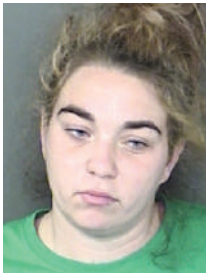
On February 25, 2022, Dep. Shubrooks responded to the 25000 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **John Daniel Andries**, age 36 of Piney Point, was removed from the business by employees and advised he was not allowed to return. Deputies arrived on scene and also advised Andries he was not permitted to be at the business, at which time Andries pushed Sgt. Fleenor in the chest. Andries was advised he was under arrest, however he immediately sat on the ground, refusing to walk. Andries was escorted to the patrol vehicle and kicked Sgt. Fleenor several times while being placed in the vehicle. Andries was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Assault 2nd Degree and Resisting Arrest.



John Andries

Motor Vehicle Theft

On February 28, 2022, Dep. Shubrooks responded to the 24000 block of Hurry Road in Chaptico, for the reported vehicle theft. The victim advised **Heather Ann Thompson**, age 28 of Waldorf, and **Joyce Marie Bayliss**, age 44 of La Plata, had stolen his vehicle. A few minutes later, the stolen vehicle was located abandoned and stuck in a ditch, in the 23000 block of Rocky Ridge Court in Leonardtown. Thompson and Bayliss were located in the area and arrested. Thompson was charged with Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking, Driving Motor Vehicle Without Required License, and Failure of Driver to Notify Owner of Unattended Property Damage. Bayliss was charged with Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking.



Heather Thompson



Joyce Bayliss

Juvenile Referrals:

02/24/22- Male age 16 of Lexington Park
Assault 2nd Degree and Disruption of

School Activities by Dep. Marsch# 397.

02/24/22- Female age 15 of Lexington Park-
Assault 2nd Degree and Disruption of School Activities by Cpl. Muschette# 303.

02/28/22- Male age 12 of Mechanicsville
Assault 2nd Degree by Dep. Welch# 399.

03/01/22- Male age 17 of Leonardtown
Threats of Bodily Harm, Misuse of Electronic Mail, and Disruption of School Activities by Cpl. J. Davis# 197.

03/02/22- Male age 15 of Lexington Park
Assault 2nd Degree and Disruption of School Activities by Dep. Morgan# 384.

03/02/22- Male age 17 of Lexington Park
Disruption of School Activities, Deadly Weapon on School Grounds, and Trespass: Private Property by Cpl. Muschette# 303.

03/03/22- Female age 11 of Lexington Park
Disruption of School Operations by Dep. Chase# 346.

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03/03/22- Male age 11 of Leonardtown
Destruction of Property by Dep. Deinert# 401.

03/04/22- Female age 13 of Lexington Park
Assault 2nd Degree by Cpl. McClure# 299.

03/04/22- Male age 12 of California
Assault 2nd Degree by Dep. C. Hill# 381.

03/05/22- Male, age 11 of Great Mills
Assault 2nd Degree by Dep. Mattera# 375.

03/06/22- Male age 14 of Lexington Park
Rogue and Vagabond by Dep. McLean# 400.

Lexington Park Felon Sentenced to 45 Years

State's Attorney Richard Fritz announces that on February 24, 2022, Judge McGann sentenced Anthony Leon Brooks, 40, of Lexington Park, for Distribution of Fentanyl and Heroin, and multiple counts of illegal possession of firearms to 45 years in the Department of Corrections.

In April 2019, SMSO Narcotics Division executed a search warrant on Brook's home due to an investigation into narcotics distribution. Law enforcement located the Defendant inside the home with a baggie of pills containing heroin and fentanyl and a large amount of cash on his person. In front of the Defendant on the table were three firearms.

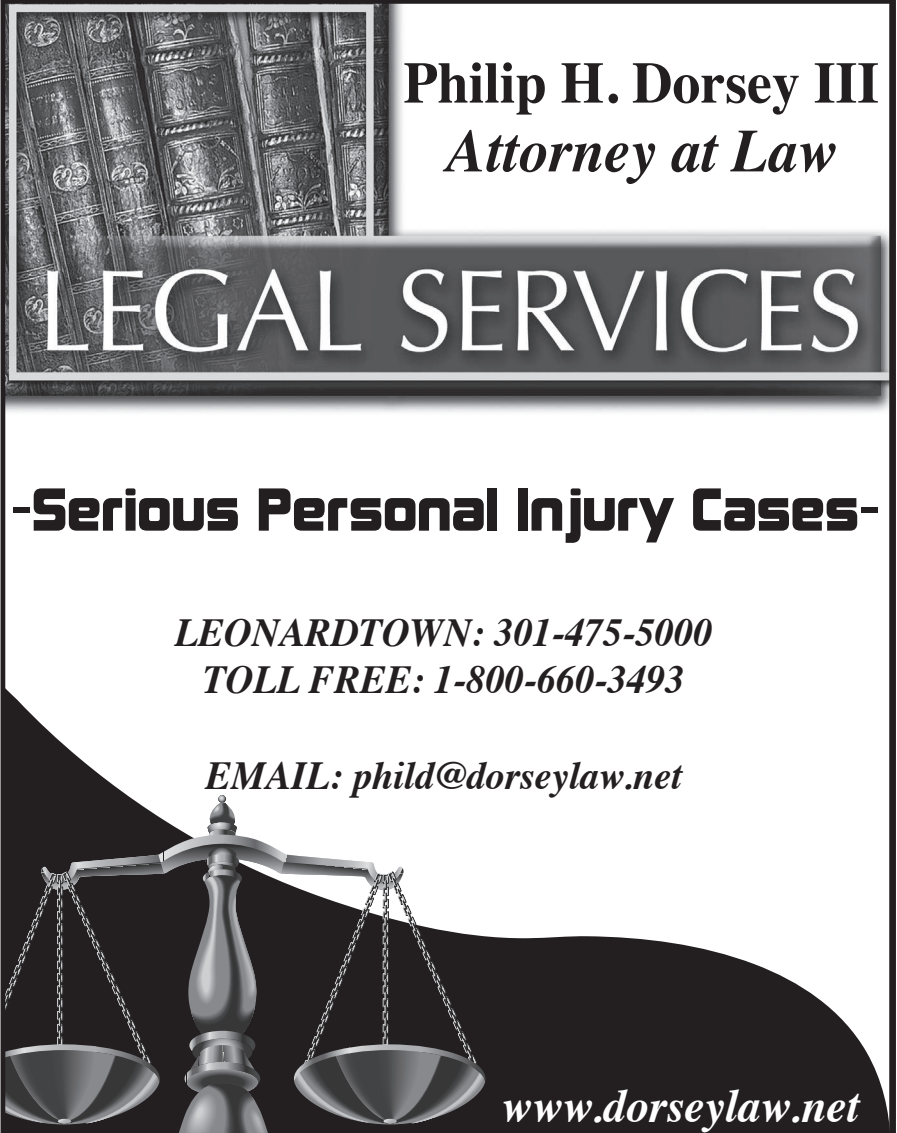
State's Attorney Richard Fritz would like to thank Senior Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Proctor and the St. Mary's County Narcotics Division for the successful investigation and prosecution of



Anthony Brooks

this case.

Brooks was previously convicted for prior Distribution and Assault charges dating back to 1999.



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County's New Animal Shelter Opens This Fall

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County just approved the employment contract for the manager of the soon-to-be-opened animal shelter this week, which is one of the most highly-anticipated public projects here.

Theresa Marlowe told the commissioners she was excited to be taking the position; she will be taking the next several months to prepare the facility for its eventual opening.

"Thank you for taking the job," said Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy. "We've worked many years to make this to get this done for our county.

"It's going to be a tremendous asset to our county."

Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, which oversees the animal shelter, said the shelter should open in mid-September.

"I want a good six months of preparing before we open the animal shelter," Walker told The County Times. "We should be opening on Sept. 12, the week after Labor Day."

Marlowe will be tasked with formulating policies and procedures for the facility as well as hire staff and coordinate volunteer efforts.

"This is someone who will hit the ground running and do very well," Walker said of Marlowe.

Marlowe comes to the county from the City of New Carrollton's Police Department with experience writing and implementing grant programs and has successfully managed a kennel in Prince George's County.

Marlowe will assume responsibilities March 14.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to oversee the brand-new Animal Adoption and Re-



Theresa Marlowe

source Center, and I will work every day to ensure that St. Mary's County is the best place for animals... and for the people who love them," Marlowe said in a prepared statement.

Walker said the facility should be finished construction by July 2 with Marlowe and the county's animal control division moving in by July 15.

The facility is described as state-of-the-art for animal shelters at 13,000 square feet in size, costing \$6.8 million.

"It's beautiful," Walker said of the new shelter, which will include space for mostly dogs and cats but will include a barn for farm animals to be taken in for adoption as well.

The sheriff office's K-9 unit will also have a special, secured space at the animal shelter that will not be open to the public, but the dogs with the sheriff's office will have their own exercise yard on the shelter grounds.

Exercise grounds will also be available for the animal residing at the shelter, Walker said.

"We want to adopt animals out," said Walker. "We want it to be very friendly for the community." The county chose placing the shelter on county-owned property in a central location in California so it



The new St. Marys' County Animal Shelter to open Sept. 12.

would be within close distance of both residential and commercial activities.

The opening of the new shelter means the county will be ending its financial relationship with the Tri-County Animal Shelter in Hughesville, which has operated for nearly 50 years being funded by St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties.

The county will save about \$500,000 a year in cutting financial ties with the tri-county shelter, Walker said.

Calvert County was the first to break away from the tri-county facility several years ago, constructing the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter in Prince Frederick, while Charles County has also planned to go to its own shelter operations.

The St. Mary's shelter will be a low-kill/no-kill shelter, Walker said, which means that only dangerous or injured animals beyond help would be euthanized.

Walker said 90 percent of animals who take up residence at the shelter will be set up for adoption.

Kathleen Werner, president of the St. Mary's Animal Welfare League (SMAWL), said her organization never has a shortage of pets to put up for adoption —

mostly cats and kittens — and that gives an example of just how important a new animal shelter in the county will be.

Not only will it keep money to support adoptable animals in the county instead of spending it in Hughesville, but it will make adopting pets easier.

Werner hoped this meant more pets would actually be paired with loving owners.

"It's absolutely going to be a positive thing," Werner said. "It's something we need in the county.

"We try to save as many as we can."

SMAWL tries to help pet owners get their animals spayed or neutered, Werner said, which she said is one of the main pitfalls facing the county in controlling the sheer number of animals that need to be adopted.

"We try to be very proactive about that," Werner said. "But, people don't spay and neuter their pets and it gets out of control."

The time was almost upon SMAWL volunteers when their services would once again be needed, said Werner.

"Kitten season is getting closer so we'll have plenty of them," Werner said.

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Financial Advisors Can Help Reduce Anxiety

The long-running coronavirus pandemic has fueled a lot of anxieties – including financial ones.

But some people have had far fewer worries than others.

Consider this: Among those investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the pandemic, according to a survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones.

Of course, many people experience investment-related fears even without a global health crisis, and that's probably not surprising, given the periodic volatility of the financial markets. But financial guidance can come in handy during relatively normal times, too.

A financial professional can help you:

Look past the headlines

Inflation, interest rates, pandemics, elections – there's always something in the news that could affect the investment world in the short term. But by helping you construct a portfolio that's built for the long term and reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, a financial advisor can enable you to look past the headlines.

Avoid emotional decisions

Many people let their emotions drive their investment choices. When the market goes through a downturn and the value of their investments drops, they sell to "cut losses," even though these same investments may still have good business fundamentals and promising futures. Conversely, when the market is on an uptick, some people chase after "hot" investments, even when they become overpriced and may have very little room to grow. But a

financial advisor can help keep you from making these fear- and greed-based actions by only recommending moves that make sense for your situation.

Work toward multiple goals

At various times in your life, you may have simultaneous financial goals. For example, you could be investing for a retirement that's decades away, while also trying to save for a child's college education. A financial professional can suggest ways you can keep working toward both objectives, in terms of how much money you can afford to invest and what types of savings and investment vehicles you should consider.

Prepare for the unexpected

Most of us did not need a pandemic to remind us that unexpected events can happen in our lives – and some of these events can have serious financial impacts on us and our loved ones. Do you have adequate life insurance? How about disability insurance? And if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, how would you pay for it? A financial advisor can evaluate your protection needs and recommend appropriate solutions that fit within your overall financial strategy.

Adapt to changing circumstances

Over time, many things may change in your life – your job, your family situation, your retirement plans, and so on. A financial professional can help you adjust your financial strategy in response to these changes. Achieving your financial goals may present challenges, but it doesn't have to cause you years of worry and distress – as long as you get the help you need.

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Tackle Box Fishing Report



Eric Packard with a farm pond crappie

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

The crappie are biting, bass are hungry, and the yellow perch are set to spawn.

Pond and lake fishermen have been using live minnows during this warm spell to catch pickerel, bass and crappie.

Big crappie in the 14 inch range are biting in St. Mary's Lake. There are largemouth bass hitting whacky rigs in the Lake and ponds. Some out sized crappie have taken those whacky rigs, too. Pickerel are always hungry and will hit most any shiny spinner bait.

Yellow perch are gathering for their spawning run at Wayson's Corner and Allen's Fresh. The upper regions of the Nanticoke have

a huge run beginning now. The critical factor is the tide. Any high tide that is strong enough to fill the upper regions of the spawning grounds will trigger a spawning run. The upper St. Mary's River will have yellow perch all the way to the bridge at Great Mills under Route 5 on a good tide. This will happen for about 24 hours and may occur in the middle of the night.

Rockfish are now beginning to move in the rivers. Pound net fishermen have picked up a handful this week.

Only a single or two alewife and shad have shown up.

The warmth and rain coming this week will mark the beginning of springtime fishing.



James Jahn shows off a lovely crappie from St. Mary's Lake.

CSM Earns Military Friendly School Designation

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has been recognized as a top post-secondary school for veterans and their spouses for the seventh consecutive evaluation period. CSM also ranked in the top 10 for small community colleges in the nation in the latest listing determined by VIQTORY, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools nationwide participated in the 2022-2023 survey.

“CSM takes pride in partnering with active-duty military, veterans, and military-dependent students to make sure you get the most of the benefits available to them,” said CSM Veteran Affairs (VA) Coordinator Laticia Ragin. Ragin reported that CSM serves a large military population in Southern Maryland due to its central campus locations near numerous military bases and installations. “We are grateful for the men and women who have

served, and who continue to serve, in the armed forces and we work hard to assist our student veterans and their families as they build or transition their careers.”

CSM’s commitment to veterans is reflected in numerous ways. The college is approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, so that eligible veterans, servicepersons and certain dependents of veterans can receive VA educational benefits for credit certificate and associate degree programs as well as some Workforce Development programs. First-year seminar courses are available to assist veterans in transitioning to the college experience. Concepts taught in this course that add value to the veteran experience are time management; critical thinking; navigating college resources; diversity; social and emotional intelligence; and program, progression and completion planning.

To learn more about CSM’s assistance to veterans, visit <https://www.csm.edu/student-services/veteran-military/index.html>.

St. Mary’s College Relaxes Some Indoor Masking Requirements

Message from President Jordan:

After consulting with the St. Mary’s County Health Department, the College is relaxing its mask requirement. Starting March 1 the wearing of masks is optional in indoor spaces. However, the College will continue to require masks in all classrooms, laboratories and studio spaces regardless of vaccination status. The continued wearing of masks in small, congested spaces is strongly suggested.

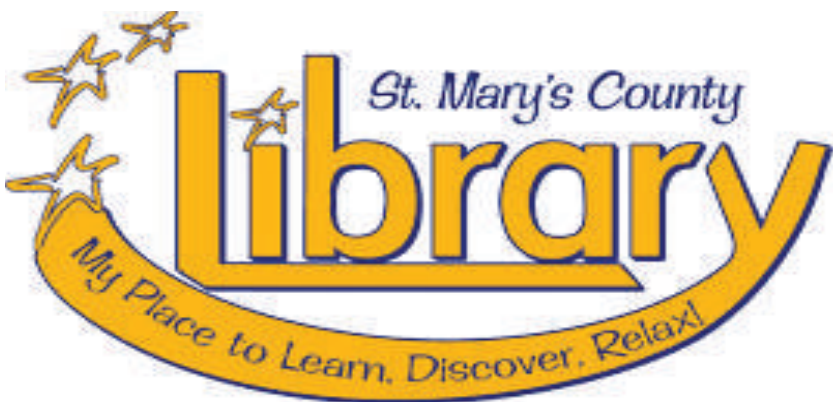
Within the classrooms, laboratories and studio spaces all must wear a tight-fitting mask, KN95 or N95 mask only. These types are the most effective masks recommended by the St. Mary’s County Health Department. The College can provide you with two KN95 masks, if needed. Resident students should ask your resident assistants or staff in the hall; commuter students should visit the Student Life Office; faculty and staff can pick them up from their building facility coordinators.

St. Mary’s College will continue to monitor and assess COVID-19 data

through the week after Spring Break. I will issue another message by March 28 regarding any further lifting of any requirements. Of course, if conditions warrant, the mask mandate may be reinstated.

For now, all must continue to be up to date on vaccinations; once per week testing for those not up to date with vaccinations will continue. Students, starting today, if you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms and are seeking a PCR test at the Wellness Center, you must first schedule an appointment for an assessment with the nurse practitioner by calling 240-895-4289. Faculty and staff should use off-campus testing options, including free COVID-19 tests through the federal government.

Thank you for doing your part in helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on campus. Take care of yourself and the people around you by continuing to follow the College’s health and safety guidelines as they evolve. Stay informed by checking this page regularly and our daily dashboard.



Maryland Day History Talk

Join Karen Stone, Division Manager of the St. Mary’s County Museums on Thursday, March 24 from 7 – 8 p.m., for a special, virtual seminar on our local history. Karen will discuss the founding of Maryland from the perspective of local indigenous peoples and their relations with various colonial groups. Register to receive the link to the Zoom meeting on www.stmalib.org.

Maryland Day Celebration

Do you have State Spirit? Come celebrate the founding of our wonderful state on Maryland Day with crafts and activities for all things Maryland! Lower and Upper Elementary ages are welcome to join one of two sessions (2 – 3 p.m. or 3:30- 4:30 p.m.)

held on Lexington Park Library’s Front Lawn on Friday, March 25. Make a crabby craft, build your own seashore terrarium, and try out our official state sport! Take home a Bingo card with more ways to love the state you’re in! Register once per family group on www.stmalib.org and include the total number of people attending to secure your spaces at the event! Registrants may bring up to four guests to the event.

Brush Lettering for Beginners

In this class you will learn the basics of hand lettering to create a fun work of art! Teens - Come learn a fun new skill in-person at Charlotte Hall Library on Saturday, March 26 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Hand lettering is



the art of drawing letters to make a masterpiece. Hand lettering can be used to make greeting cards, wall art with your favorite quote, or make your class notes look more decorative and interesting. Register to attend on www.stmalib.org.

Stress Management Presentation

It’s no secret that many people feel stressed. From work to home respon-

sibilities to national and global issues, life can seem overwhelming at times. Fortunately, this presentation will help you learn more about stress and how to combat it. Join a staff member from MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital on Friday, March 25 from 6 - 6:45 p.m. for an informative talk on what stress is, how we can manage it, and how we can develop resilience. Register to receive the zoom link on www.stmalib.org.



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Navy to Demo New MQ-8 Fire Scout Mine Countermeasure System

The Navy is working to develop a new mine countermeasure (MCM) sensor suite for the MQ-8C Fire Scout that will enable the unmanned helicopter to detect and localize mines and obstacles on land and at-sea.

The Fire Scout program office, in conjunction with the Office of Naval Research (ONR), and Program Executive Office Unmanned and Small Combatants (PEO USC) have partnered with the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division's (NAWCAD) AIRWorks, Aircraft Prototype Systems Division (APSD), Webster Outlying Field (WOLF), and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Four (UX-24), to execute the final phase of the Single System Multi-Mission Airborne Mine Detection (SMAMD) Future Naval Capability Program.

SMAMD will be the first MCM

system flown onboard the MQ-8C Fire Scout as well as the airframe's heaviest payload carried to date. The SMAMD system, developed by BAE Systems, utilizes an airborne optical sensor suite that will have the ability to have real-time onboard processing coupled with low false alarm rates will enable the warfighter to respond swiftly to detected threats. Current MCM technologies require post-mission analysis that lengthens the threat detection and mitigation timeline.

"This capability is extremely important as we see future fights occurring in the littoral waters where mine warfare is prevalent," said Capt. Thomas Lansley, Fire Scout program director. "A mine warfare capability will greatly reduce risk for LCS and other vessels in the littoral."

In February, UX-24 conducted Flying Qualities and Performance

(FQ&P) testing with the MQ-8C using mass equivalency models in place of the prototype system pods, which mimic the size and weight of the SMAMD System. FQ&P testing is performed to collect data to allow for the evaluation of air vehicle performance and handling to assess safety of flight assessment and airworthiness.

This spring the joint team will hold a land-based demonstration of the MCM prototype at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Panama City, Florida. The demo will stretch from the beach zone, drifting mines and moored mines both in shallow water and deep water up to 10 kilometers offshore. The objective of the demonstration is to gather performance data for both the MQ-8C Fire Scout and SMAMD to inform future integration efforts.

The SMAMD will prove that a

podded MCM system can operate as intended on the MQ-8C without causing adverse effects to the UAV or significantly diminishing time on station.

"The program office will continue to gather information to inform future integration efforts of the COBRA Block II System onto the MQ-8C," said Lansley.

The MQ-8C Fire Scout is currently deployed aboard USS Milwaukee (LCS-5) to support operations in the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility. Fire Scout delivers real-time intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and targeting (ISR & T) capabilities. It brings increased situational awareness to the fleet in distributed maritime operations, extending the ship's sensors range and endurance.



'Otterly' Outrageous Fun Awaits at Ottermania



River otters Chumley, Chessie Grace, and Calvert at the Calvert Marine Museum. Photo credit: Perry Hampton.

Celebrate everyone's favorite museum mammal during OtterMania! at the Calvert Marine Museum on Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Enjoy "otterly" outrageous activities, and meet the otters: Chumley, Chessie Grace, and Calvert. Museum admission applies; free for CMM members.

Ideal for families, OtterMania! invites kids to dance the "Swim" with the otter mascot, discover how the otters find their food, explore how whiskers work, learn about other adaptations, and complete an "otterly" awesome craft.

Also, receive a free otter mug with every purchase over \$40 in the museum store (while supplies last).

Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$7 for seniors, military with valid I.D., AAA and AARP members; \$4 for children ages 5 - 12; children under 5 and museum members are admitted free. For more information about the museum, upcoming events, or membership, visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Press Release from CMM

Twin Beach Players Calling For Youth Playwrights

Twin Beach Players is calling all playwrights, elementary school through high school age for its 17th Annual Kid's Playwriting Festival. Six winners will be chosen, and each winner's play will be produced and performed in front of a live audience. All winners will be awarded \$100. The Festival is open to all Maryland residents, whether public, private or home-schooled.

There are three divisions in the Festival — Elementary School, Middle School and High School. Suggested lengths of plays are 3-15 minutes for Elementary School, 7-20 minutes for Middle School, and 10-15 minutes for High School. The judges reserve the right award prizes to outstanding plays that do not fall within these guidelines, but lengthy plays cannot be produced.

Each play will be read by a panel of at least three judges. Entries must be post-marked no later than April 15, 2022, and winners will be notified no later than June 1. Submit plays to Twin Beach Players, P.O. Box 600, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732, ATTN: Audra Vernier, or via email to avernier@twinbeachplayers.com.

A completed entry form must accompany each play. Plays will be performed by Youth Troupe members, with auditions in early June and performances



over two weekends in August.

The play must be the original work of one student submitting it — no collaborations or adaptations. Adults may give general advice about dramatic form, but all action, characters and dialog must be solely the work of one student.

The festival is limited to non-musical plays, though scripts may call for brief music or song as part of the action. Otherwise plays may be of any kind — comedy, drama, science fiction, mystery, fantasy, etc. — on any subject with any number of scenes.

Prizes will be awarded based on imagination and human values as well as play writing skill. The age and grade of the playwright will be taken into consideration by the judges.

For more information, visit www.twinbeachplayers.org or call 410-610-2157.

Press Release from Twin Beach Players

Comedian Reese Waters to Present Twain Lecture

Annual St. Mary's College Event



Reese Waters

The Twain Lecture Series on American Humor and Culture presents An Evening with Reese Waters Friday, April 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Michael P. O'Brien Athletics and Recreation Center, 19050 Hill Commons Drive.

Ticket prices for this annual event are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for Arts Alliance members. Advance reservations for tickets are required www.smcm.edu/twain-tickets. Pre-ordered tickets can be picked up at will call in the recreation center beginning at 5:30 p.m. the evening of the event. The doors open at 7 p.m. and all seating is first come, first served.

Reese Waters has forged an unlikely yet illustrious career in comedy, sports and broadcasting. Always the class clown, the Washington, D.C. native began his comedy career as a student at Columbia University in New York City.

When New York magazine tapped Reese Waters as one of the city's Ten Comedians to Watch in 2009, few realized just how quickly his star would rise. First came his victory in the Emerging Comics Contest at the New York Underground Comedy Festival. Soon after, appearances on MTV, "Good Morning America," SiriusXM satellite radio and NPR were followed by Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham" set and subsequent role on the Comedy Central series "Michael and Michael Have Issues."

In 2010, Waters brought comedy truth to sports as co-host of "The Daily Line" on Versus. His most memorable interview was "Tea with Tyson," where he managed to get Mike Tyson to open up to him about his love for pigeons and his hatred of cannoli. Waters then worked at Bleacher Report, TNT's "Inside the NBA" and eventually as a correspondent on ESPN's "SportsCenter."

With a deep knowledge and passion for sports, stand-up is his true love. Waters made appearances on both "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and "The Late Show with David Letterman."

Waters returned to his hometown D.C. in 2018 to bring his insight, comedy and commentary to morning news in creating and hosting the Emmy Award winning "Get Up DC." He currently hosts "Open Mic with Reese Waters" on WUSA 9 and "The Reese Waters Show" podcast on the Audacy App's "The Team 980."

For more information about the Twain Series, go to <https://www.smcm.edu/events/twain/>. Campus visitors must be up to date on vaccinations for COVID-19 and be able to present proof upon request by College officials when attending indoor events or large gatherings outside when social distancing cannot be ensured. If campus visitors are not up to date on vaccinations or cannot show proof, they must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival to campus.

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



JUST A GENTLE RAINY DAY

I'm so happy to hear the gentle drops of rain out of the window today. Each drop is nourishing all the little pansies and violas I recently planted. I am ever mindful of the bacterial infection I got from soil two years ago, so waterproof gloves are now my gardening companion, and if I were to forget, or think that "I'm fine, there are no cuts on my hands", my husband is there to remind me with, "Hey, Nocardia Girl, where are your gloves?" But, oh how I miss getting my hands in the cool, damp soil. At least there are days like today where I can smell the soil and decomposing fall leaves.

We have made two trips to Green Acres in Loveville so far this season and will probably make a few more as the spring sun warms the earth. I need some of the large terra cotta bowls again, that will hopefully make it through a decade or two like all the last set. Right now, most of the terra cotta planters are cracked or chipped, but they still look beautiful to me, especially with the cheerful pansies and their happy little faces.

We will have to make new visits to Green Acres anyway, because every few weeks, new plants will be ready to be planted outside. The heady aroma of flowers, foliage, and herbs in the large greenhouse automatically lowers my blood pressure and puts smile a smile on my face. It will always be a favorite serenity spot for me. Quite often I tell friends that seem just a bit stressed that a walk through the yard and greenhouse at Green Acres might be soothing to their soul and mind too.

Our yard is starting to come together for the season. My husband has been straightening and clearing when he can for the last few weeks. One mission has been to replant some of the mature Azaleas from behind the pool to areas in the yard that we can actually see. We are really hoping they will take to their new homes. He trimmed some overhanging branches in one area that all but hid Azaleas we planted from quite a few years ago. Just a few days ago, he made a neat kindling holder out of pallets and corner angles. It really looks nice instead of that pile of sticks just sitting on the ground. A few days before that he made a cross for The God Spot and transferred my sundial there untop of a bargain lonely pedestal from Green Acres. I added new pansies to the shell of a much-loved and worn out firepit, and now the area is spruced up. The birds are already en-



joying sitting on top of the cross. We do re-purpose here a lot. My husband always has lots of yard projects in his free time, but then we do spend a lot of time enjoying our yard.

We have been enjoying the woody smell of the cedar shavings, the kind that go in the bottom of cages, around the firepit area. We don't notice the feral cat smells on the warm days with the shavings. He had tried the cedar mulch, but it doesn't keep its smell as long. I can close my eyes out near the fire pit area and feel like I am a pre-teen again in the Clearwater Nature Center in Clinton, helping the park naturalist, Sandy Lyon, change out the shavings in the bottoms of all the cages. I may have to gather some grandkids to make a visit there soon.

I love these soft drizzly days, when the sun isn't hurting my eyes – it must be a fair-skinned, Irish/English girl thing. There are days, however, that are dreary and oppressive; today is not one of those kind. Today has a dove gray, rosy hued cast with the pink and red buds just showing on the tips of branches and bushes. It's lovely and makes me want to have a second cup of Irish breakfast tea in a fine, vintage bone china teacup. I love the delicate, translucent quality. There truly is a difference in the taste of the tea, I feel, in a bone china teacup vs a ceramic mug. Probably all in my head, I imagine.

Well, I guess I will put the afternoon kettle on to boil, and take a stroll around the yard, teacup in hand, to see what other yard projects we can work on over the weekend – maybe even find a new planting area. I hope you all have a lovely weekend outside as well, whether in the softly falling drizzle, or under the early spring sun.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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



The Way We Were...

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

FREEDOM ON THE MOVE

A Large and Worthy Project

In early 2019, Cornell University launched Freedom on the Move (FOTM), an online project devoted to fugitives from slavery in North America. The crowd-sourced project enlists the help of the public to create a database of tens of thousands of advertisements placed by enslavers who sought to recapture Africans and African-Americans who escaped from their masters. The database has grown to 32,254 ads from over 37,000 crowd-sourced actions from among 13,249 contributors. Quoting from Cornell's press release at the time:

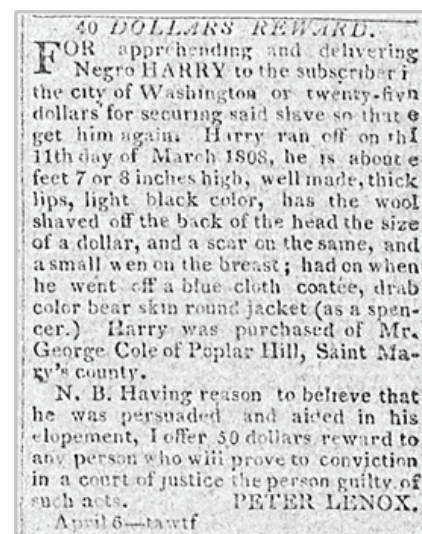
"The ads were placed in newspapers by enslavers trying to locate fugitives and by jailers wanting to return captured fugitives to the enslavers claiming them as 'property.' The ads offered monetary rewards and included a wealth of personal details about the fugitives' appearance, mannerisms, clothing, speech, family members, places of origin and destinations.

"The insights the ads provide into the experiences of enslaved Africans and African-Americans are especially valuable because so little information about them as individuals has been preserved."

"Enslavers" include agents, jailers, masters, and others – anyone claiming a right to regain their "property."

People, Not Property

Even with the most casual perusal of the ads, the reader quickly sees enslavement in a different light. Each ad provides a description of the individual complete with details about the fugitives' appearance, mannerisms, clothing, speech, family members, places of origin and destinations. A great many of the ads make no mention of last names, a testament to seeing slaves as chattel rather than real people. And many, though not all the ads, include an image of the original advertisement seeking the capture and return



of the escapee.

St Mary's County

Searching the database for "St. Mary's County Maryland" yields about eighty notices. As is sometimes typical of crowd-sourced efforts, repetition is common thus reducing distinct items by as much as one-third – sometimes more. Most of the ads for St Mary's County fugitives appeared in the Washington, DC National Intelligencer.

A quick search of the database finds 106 advertisements mentioning Calvert County, 195 for Charles County, and 21 for Prince George County (variations in the search terms may produce different results).

FOTM's Importance

Anyone interested in history – and particularly those of us at the Historical Society – welcome this unique and informative database. It is particularly helpful for genealogists who sometimes lack descriptive personal sources on enslaved people.

If you're interested in exploring the Freedom on the Move database, go to www.freedomonthemove.org. Don't overlook this difficult part of our collective history.

Nourish a love for history in yourself and your children. Join the St Mary's County Historical Society. Memberships start at \$50 and include our outstanding quarterly, The Chronicles of St Mary's. Visit us at www.stmaryshistory.org or scan the QR Code here.





Letters to the Editor

Ukraine

As a retired history teacher and patriotic American, it is my strong belief that individuals have the right to select their own leaders.

I have been watching the armed conflict between the Ukraine and Russia. Russia is the aggressor. Without any provocation, Russia, led by dictator President Vladimir Putin attacked the Ukraine, a democratic republic led by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Whether called Tsarist Russia, the Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, or the Russian Federation, Russia is and was a dictatorship.

Each entity covered vast swaths of land which differed in size through the decades. This brings me to the conflict in the Ukraine. Dictator Putin's objective is to return Russia to its power and immense size under the Russian Empire. The democratic republic of the Ukraine was once part of the Russian Empire. Along the way, among other countries, he wants Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and others.

The last dictator who wanted Lebensraum, living space, was the cruel dictator, Adolf Hitler. Remember, "Those who do not learn their history are condemned to repeat it." Let's not allow that, but ban together as a free people, and stop it. May God Bless America.

Marilyn Crosby
Lexington Park

Fan of Ronald Guy

To the Editor:

Too often readers neglect to commend contributing writers to any newspaper, be it a small-town or metropolitan press. Each week I make sure to turn to the admirable work of Ronald N. Guy, Jr., of the St. Mary's County Times.

As an avid sports fan, particularly of baseball and football, I look forward to the new perspectives I glean from Mr. Guy's column, "A View from the Bleachers." He writes with a clarity and acuity that equals, and often surpasses, the articles of many well-known sportswriters.

His March 3, 2022, piece, "Fractures," is a prime example. Guy shows how the granular events of a single play in baseball contains enormous meaning and consequences. In finely detailed, colorful language, he reminds us that "the 'play' is the drumbeat of everyday life."

Then he gives us both a micro and macro-description of how characters and events can be seen in daily life--in our jobs, in our travels, and in our interaction with others. More philosophically, Guy points out how our reflection on those everyday occurrences can bring us renewed understanding. The parting upshot of his article is truly important: We are all part of an interconnected world. We should always remember that our "foolish human failings often compromise pursuit of shared interests."

Indeed, Guy's plea is powerful throughout: Turn away from "targeted lies" and "false realities" and instead focus on truth and "transcendent unity . . . for each of us, for all of us, for Ukraine." With those words, his lucid prose becomes poetry in today's "fractured" world.

Joseph L. DeVitis
Leonardtown

Litter!

To the Editor:

Are you as disgusted as I am to see the amount of litter on our roadways, streets, neighborhoods, and property lines?

In my travels through Mechanicsville today, I witnessed a great amount of litter along Locks Hill Road, Rt. 6, and Golden Beach Road just to name a few places.

It makes me ill to see such disregard for our beautiful county. It seems to be mostly fast food trash, but also plastic bags, cardboard boxes, garbage, tires, alcoholic beverage bottles, etc.

I don't know why our county government is not doing more to solve this problem or why aren't inmates in the county detention center out there picking it up? Maybe because it's been too cold, but there's no excuse now. All the fast-food restaurants should help with this problem.

Spring is on its way, and that means the perfect weather to pick up trash.

Get involved with organizations already doing it, organize your church, schools, clubs to pick up trash. Ask friends and family members to help you. You could also just take a bag along when you are out walking and pick up what you can. Let's do this.

Kathie Raley
Mechanicsville

Time to Fund the County's Highest Ranked Infrastructure Project

To the Editor:

I have consistently fought for the reconstruction of the Route 5 and Great Mills Road intersection throughout my time in office. Despite my best efforts and the desperate need to fix this nightmare of an intersection, this project has been pushed aside. This year I introduced HB1022 to mandate the allocation of construction funding.

This intersection sees over 19,000 commuters daily but has been ignored by the State Highway Administration for almost 20 years. By State Highway's own estimates, commuters spend a total of 23,280 hours in traffic at this intersection each year. The intersection is poorly maintained, burdened with traffic, and deadly. It is a consistent negative mark on Pax River in the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. This intersection has been the number one infrastructure issue for St. Mary's County for almost two decades.

Residents of St. Mary's know that around 4 PM every day, the intersection is almost impossible to move through. The base ends its work day. Webster Field employees are going home. Parents are picking their kids up from school and taking them to after school activities. On my commute home from work on Webster Field, it has taken me an hour and a half to get from Willows Road through the intersection during a storm. This intersection is only expected to get worse as St. Mary's County's population grows. Traffic is expected to increase 27% by 2040.

There was no movement on this project until 2019, when I worked with the State Highway Administration to finalize a plan for the reconstruction. I was assured by the Administration that this project would be fully funded in the FY 2020 budget. They did not mention that this funding was contingent on federal grants that the state did not receive. State Highway then put in the same effort for FY 2021 and did not receive the grant funding once again. I am not aware of the pursuit of any new funding avenues, which is frustrating. For two years, representatives of State Highway have said that they are trying to settle deals for right-of-way purchases for the expansion, but in many cases, they are not even making offers to these property owners. Instead, they are requesting property owners to put a for sale price on property they don't wish to sell. It's not hard to imagine how that is going.

I find it hard to believe that in a year where the state has billions of dollars in surplus, State Highway does not have the budget to fund this project. So, HB1022 mandates that the funds are appropriated. I have taken my colleagues and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to this intersection, and they recognize the importance of this project. Our community needs and deserves the reconstruction of the Route 5 and Great Mills Road intersection now and not on the un-transparent and delayed SHA timeline.

Del. Brian Crosby

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include your name & town of residence.
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Letters to the Editor

Today We Are All Ukrainians

To the Editor:

After the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Library of Congress created the "Open World Program and Leadership Center" with Congressional support and began inviting delegations of young leaders from the newly independent Eastern European countries to come to the United States to meet Americans firsthand and learn about our culture, history, founding principles and democratic institutions of government.

Congressman Hoyer asked me to organize the visit of one of the first groups to Maryland and the Nation's Capital.

For more than 20 years it's been an honor to speak to a vast and diverse array of local elected and appointed officials, members of parliament, NGO's, journalists, academics, educators, and business leaders from the former Soviet states, including Ukraine. During my talks on American government and politics, and the enthusiastic Q&A and one-on-one conversations that always follow, I've met hundreds of Ukrainians and they've made a deep impression on me with their intelligence, sincerity, generosity, their spirit of independence and commitment to defend their newly won freedom.

My talks are not sugar-coated. We talk frankly about America's great achievements, as well as current issues and challenges, many of which we face together as members of the world community. I emphasize that while we are still striving to create a more perfect union, we haven't achieved it yet. After 250 years we are still a work in progress. Meeting the young leaders of this new democracy has been inspiring. Many of them are undoubtedly on the front lines in today's struggle to preserve their country's freedom and independence against tyranny and aggression.

During our last session together, before the pandemic, the Ukrainian delegates presented me with a handmade beaded picture of the Ukrainian flag (above) and a selection of books on their country.

If you're interested in seeing an example of the spirit of Ukrainian resistance to Russian domination I recommend the moving documentary "Winter on Fire," about the Maidan uprising in 2014 which ousted Vladimir Putin's former puppet regime from Ukraine and set the stage for democratic reforms and a truly representative government of the people.

Today we are all Ukrainians.

*Gary V. Hodge
President
Regional Policy Advisors*



Leave It To Beaver -or Rather To The Details

To the Editor:

Since 2015, I have been writing to the Metropolitan Commission to straighten out the location of a force main serving a property at 17246 Piney Point Road in Piney Point, Maryland. The Commission has addressed many of my questions about this service however has chosen to either partially address some concerns or not address them at all. The Commission has also chosen to take the position that there is no issue with this force main and has so directed its attorney from Fifth Avenue in NYC and Pennsylvania Avenue in D.C. along with California, MD to so state the same. His name is Christopher Beaver. I wonder if his legal services were competitively bid given the various offices.

These are a few issues which may be of interest to others:

1. MetCom has not obtained written permission to place their force main across my property. I have signed agreements with other governmental entities when a private/public service is crossing my property through an easement that has been provided. This has not been done and I am the only person with whom such an Agreement could be provided.

The Commission accepted a Public Works Agreement from Windward Land Development, LLC, the developer for 17246 Piney Point Road, representing that they owned the property through which the force main was traveling. They did not own my property or the property of Mr. and Mrs. Harris through which the force main also crosses. An agreement with the Harris's also needs to be drawn up especially since the force main leaves the easement and travels over their property to connect to Route 249.

2. The force main is in the wrong location which does not conform to the record plat at 4 7 /20 and there appears to be no desire to correct this problem particularly though their Chief Engineer, Maria Christy Hollander (aka Sterling according to her engineer's license registered at the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation).

3. The force main is currently located where a sediment and storm-water measure, known as a grass swale, was to have been constructed by the developer, Windward Land Development, LLC. However, the Department of Land Use and Growth Management did not enforce the Plan that had been approved for the swale. The County now says it is too late to do anything and that I should have appealed when the Occupancy Permit was given. However, how is one notified that a U&O has been issued? There is no notification and this was issued by Brian Taylor, former Code Enforcer who was found to not have had all the credentials to inspect properties in the County.

4. MetCom used an expired and not valid (according to the Department of Land Use and Growth Management) project number with State Highway to obtain a permit to connect the force main to the main in Route 249. From what I can ascertain, that makes no difference to anyone. And even using someone else's project number and plan (Springhaven Homes) MetCom did not install the force main according to that plan submitted for that number as called for in the State Highway application. No one seems to be bothered by this.

It is these details that make me wonder what else is "slipping through the cracks" and is not being followed through on by the Commission.

Those of us who are served by MetCom pay good money each month to the Commission. Its operations should reflect transparency and good government which it does not.

*J. Whitson Rogers,
Piney Point, MD*

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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Mar 10

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

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

Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the needed Queen to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win the jackpot, which increases each week the Queen is not found. There is also a nightly 50/50 raffle. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

Friday, Mar 11

Fish & Chips with much more
St. George's Community Center
19199 St. George's Church Road
Valley Lee
4:30p.m. to 7p.m.

Fresh local fish served to go the St. George Community Center, next to the Catholic Church. Pancit, soup fritters and more. Suggested \$12.00 donation for adults. We hope to see you soon!

Saturday, March 12th

SMTMD contra dance
Christ Church Parish Hall,
37497 Zach Fowler Road
Chaptico
7:30p.m.

Come out to swing, promenade, and do-si-do to lively jigs, reels and waltzes at the SMTMD contra dance, on Saturday, March 12th at Christ Church Parish Hall in Chaptico, Maryland. The Southern MD Open Band will be playing live acoustic string music and

caller Jason Little will teach and call the dances. The beginners dance workshop (no partner required) starts at 7:00 PM, and the dance begins at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$6 for SMTMD members and \$10 for non-members; (band members and children under 17 are free). There will be an ice cream social during the intermission. Please bring a water bottle to the dance. Go to www.smtmd.org for directions and more information. Watch the website for updates.

Sunday, March 13

Drive-Through Seafood Dinner

Holy Angels Catholic Church
21340 Colton Point Road
Avenue
11:00 am until sold out

\$30/dinner (cash or check only)
Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Chicken and more
Bake Table will be available
301-769-3332

Saturday, Mar 19

Southern Maryland Fishing & Outdoor Adventure Fair

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
42455 Fairgrounds Road
Leonardtown
8a.m. to 3p.m.

The Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization (SMRFO), Inc. is sponsoring a Southern Maryland Fishing & Outdoor Adventure Fair on 19 & 20 March, 2022—8:00am—3:00pm both days. The event will include selections of rods/reels, lures, umbrellas, tackle, outdoor

sports gear, paintings, crafts, and more. Featured speakers include Lenny Rudow, editor of Saltwater Fishing (Saturday at 9:00am) and Eric Packard, Freshwater Fishing (Saturday at 10:00am). The USPS Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron will be conducting a Maryland Safe Boating class, starting on Saturday at 9:00am; exam and certification starts on Sunday at 9:00am. The event also includes a kids casting contest, door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Admission is \$5.00, payable at the entrance (kids age 12 and under are free). Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD In-

ternet Calendar.

Ongoing

Companions and Buddies for Singles

This is a group of singles seniors aged 50 and up. We meet on Monday's at the Leonardtown Library.

We have a half hour of socializing. Then we play on events to go to, Such as Dine outs, Plays, Movies, Trips, Picnics, We also have potlucks, games.

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Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 1658

Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 1080

Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 3101

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Chair Yoga

We are excited to announce that in-person Chair Yoga has returned to Northern Senior Activity Center, Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., led by Paty Massón! Chair Yoga is a type of yoga that has been modified to allow participants to safely perform all of the required exercises. This class uses modified yoga positions which incorporate a chair either prominently for a "seated" experience OR as an aid for ease and stability. This class is open on a drop-in basis with an attendance maximum. A \$35 fitness card purchase gives you 10 fitness classes with the card punched each class as you participate.

Nutrition Presentations by Donna Taggart

Donna will present The Benefits of Tea at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Monday, March 14, at 10 a.m. Bring your favorite teacup and enjoy some samples while learning about this beloved drink. Registration is required- please sign up by leaving a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. ADDITIONALLY- Donna will be offering free personal nutritional counseling at 11 a.m. on the days she is here if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539.

"Financial Concerns" Presented by Hope and Healing

As we age life's events can often become overwhelming, both mentally as well as physically. Especially during this time it's

even more important to take care of your mental wellness. We have collaborated with Hope & Healing Psychotherapy, LLC to bring you a special series at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. Each month we will hear a presentation on a new topic. On March 15, at 12:30 p.m., the topic will be "Financial Concerns". Advance sign up and a suggested donation of \$5 is requested. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to register.

March Health Watch Presentation

IBS, Oh What a Plight! will be the topic of the next Health Watch Presentation at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, March 16, at 10 a.m. When it comes to irritable bowel syndrome, there are so many symptoms with too many solutions. For example: dietary fiber may lessen constipation in people with IBS, but it may not help with lowering pain; fiber helps keep stool soft so it moves smoothly through the colon and The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends consuming 20 to 35 grams of fiber a day for adults- yet fiber may cause gas and trigger symptoms in some people with IBS. Increasing fiber intake by 2 to 3 grams per day may help reduce the risk of increased gas and bloating. WHAT?!?! We really need to talk about this with Health Watch Coordinator Mary Tennyson. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660, to sign up for this talk. Limited seating available. Free

Nutrition Education: Benefits of Tea

Do you want to learn more about nutritional health? Join us at Northern Senior Activity Center, Monday, March 21, at Noon, for Nutrition Education with Donna Taggart, Certified Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietician. This month, Donna will cover the benefits of tea. Make sure to bring your favorite mug or teacup! To request a reservation for these sessions, please leave a message on the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115, starting March 20 at 8 a.m., and your call will be returned

Loffler Book Club News

Read the book The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah during March in preparation for the next Loffler Book Club meeting which will be on Friday, April 1, at 2 p.m. This book is a deeply moving, powerful story about the strength and resilience of women and the bond between mother and daughter. Discussion will be led by Diane Thomas. For more information about being a part of this book club call 301-475-4200, ext. 1658, or e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

Hearing Screenings

Dr. Pinno, with Jacobs Audiology, will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16. They will be here to answer any questions you may have about hearing loss as well as offering FREE hearing screenings. For more information, please call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon & Shenanigans

Bring the luck of the Irish with you to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on St. Paddy's Day (March 17) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for some blarney, dancing, lunch and maybe a bit of mischief. Wear some lucky green and don't forget to bring your sense of humor. On the menu that day will be: Corned Beef and Seasoned Cabbage, Parslied Potatoes, Pears with Lime Jello, and Irish Soda Bread. Cost is by lunch donation. Pre-registration is required: call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Limited seating available.

Grief Support Group

Everyone has experienced grief in some way. It can be very difficult to go through, especially on your own. Join our free grief support group at Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 14, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This group, led by Mechanicsville-based grief counselor Melinda Ruppert, LCPC, is great place to connect with a network of people who are experiencing similar struggles. As her website explains... Melinda works with individuals, couples, and families, around aspects of grief and transition. Her approach is one of companioning, walking alongside someone experiencing grief; not treating them like they have a disorder that needs to be resolved or fixed. Starting March 20, please request a reservation by leaving a message on the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115. Your call will be returned. Space is limited.

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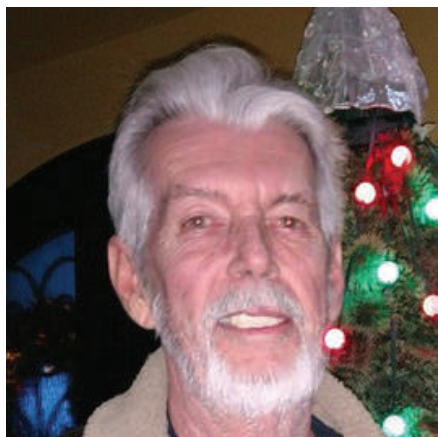


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In Remembrance

Raymond Philmore Connelly

Raymond Philmore Connelly, "Phil",



70, of Dameron, MD, formerly of Rappahannock, VA, passed away on March 1, 2022 at his home. Born on September 23, 1951, he was the son of Mary Helen Parker and the late Raymond Cleveland Connelly. Phil is survived by his children Donna Lacey (Joe) of Hollywood, MD, Debbie Stone (JF) of Callaway, MD, Phil Connelly of Drayden, MD, and Richy Connelly of VA, his siblings Vicky Holuik of Dameron, MD, Eddie Connelly (Debbie) of FL, Becky Carroll (Rick) of St. Inigoes, MD, and Paul Danieli (Donna) of Elkridge, MD, as well as 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Phil moved to St. Mary's County, MD in March 2020. He worked as a surveyor for various companies for 45 years, retiring in 2019. Phil enjoyed watching NASCAR, listening to country music, and talking with friends and family.

All services will be private.

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

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Harry Richard Errington



Harry Richard Errington, 91, of California, MD, passed away on March 3, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born on October 15, 1930 in Skipback, PA, he was the son of the late Anna Leamy Errington and Robert W. Errington. Harry was the loving hus-

band of Gwendolyn Charlotte Errington, whom he married in Litchfield Park, AZ. Harry is survived by his children Douglas Craig Errington of Naples, FL, Jeffrey Lane Errington of Leonardtown, MD, Robyn Lynn Strayer of Leonardtown, MD, his brother Arthur Errington of Bonita Springs, FL, and 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

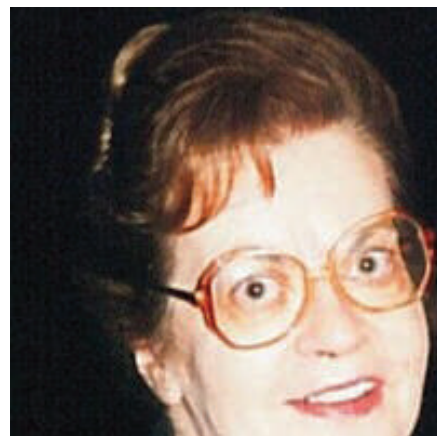
Harry graduated from Schwenksville High School in 1948. He served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1974, retiring after 23 years in 1974. While serving in the United States Navy, he was in the Vietnam War, Korean War, and earned the Bronze Star with combat V, Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct Medal (third), Occupation Service Medal (Europe), National Defense Service Medal (2nd), Vietnam Service Medal with 3 stars, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was also a member of the American Legion, VFW, and Elks. He moved to St. Mary's County, MD in 1966, and worked for the United States Navy as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, retiring in 1974.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 in Patuxent Presbyterian Church, California, MD with Pastor Matt Pooley officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

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

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Patricia Ann Moore



Patricia Ann Moore 80, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on March 4, 2022 at her home with her loving family at her side.

She was born on April 9, 1941 in Washington D.C. to the late John Paul Manyette and Catherine Crystal Catalano Manyette.

Patricia is a 1959 graduate of Chamberlain High School. In July 1959 she enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a Seaman

Recruit. On May 26, 1967 she married her beloved husband, Allen Houston Moore, Jr. Together they celebrated over 26 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in 1993. She enjoyed spending most of her life living in Accokeek, MD. She was employed as a payroll clerk for National Electric Co Op Association (NRECA) for many dedicated years until her retirement where she moved to West Virginia for 12 years. She and her husband enjoyed taking family vacations with their children camping at Lake Anna, VA on weekends during the summer break. She was artistically talented and made many beautiful ceramic pieces. She created each piece start to finish and even had her own kiln. Later in life, she moved to St. Mary's County to spend more time with her children and grandchildren, whom she loved dearly. She spent a lot of time with her grandchildren, following them in all the events they participated, from motocross racing to dance. She also liked to take them to Kings Dominion and go on family camping vacations with them. She especially enjoyed camping in Tomahawk, WV near her hometown.

Patricia is survived by her children: Catherine Glorious of Denver, Co, Allen Houston Moore III (Marian) of Mechanicsville, MD and Jacqueline Moore

of Lexington Park, MD; her sister, Dorothy Lee of Mechanicsville, MD; nine grandchildren: Brandon Moore, Brittany Moore, Randall Mayle, Jason Mayle, Kyle Cox and Joseph Thompson; two great grandchildren, Autumn Nicole Cherrico and Addison Lea; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her siblings: Richard Manyette, Catherine Meade, Joan Elwood, Irene Conner and Carol Catalano.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday March 16, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with prayers recited at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Michael Tietjen on Thursday, March 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. Interment will be held at a later date at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons: Brandon Moore, Randall Mayle, III, Jason Mayle, Kyle Cox, Joseph Thompson and CJ Lea.

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In Remembrance

Elinor Ann Vance



Elinor Ann Vance, also known as Ellie, of Medley's Neck in St. Mary's County, Maryland, died Saturday, February 19, 2022. Born on March 22, 1940, in Youngstown, Ohio, she was the daughter of George P. and Helen M. Walsh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Captain Richard Moon Vance (Moon), USN. They were married from August 11, 1962, until his death on November 8, 1996. She was also preceded in death by her brother H. Thomas Walsh, Sr.

She leaves her daughter Jennifer Marie Hale and her husband Gary of Great Falls, Virginia, her son Commander John Clair Vance III, USN Ret. and his wife Sue of California, Maryland; a brother, George P. Walsh, Jr. of Youngstown, Ohio, and twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, to whom she was known as 'MaMoon': Nathanael (wife Lucy Kelly Hale and son Declan), James, Rebekah (Turner)(husband, First Lieutenant Charles Turner, USA, and daughter, Charlotte), Thomas (wife, Bethany Berry Hale), Kathryn, Margaret, Anna, Brigid and Samuel Hale; and Deacon Kyle, Sean and Erin Vance.

Elinor was a graduate of Ursuline High School and received a B.A. and a B.S. in Elementary and Secondary Education from Youngstown State University, and a M.S. in Counseling from Troy State University. She was a

Navy wife for 26 years before she and Moon retired from the Navy and moved to West Hampton Beach, New York. They moved to the home they built (and loved) on the Potomac River near Leonardtown, Maryland, in 1994. She was a member of Our Lady's Church in Medley's Neck, Maryland.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Friday, March 18, 2022, at Brinsfield Funeral Home in Leonardtown, Maryland. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Morganza, Maryland. Interment will be conducted at Arlington National Cemetery in the coming months (arrangements to be provided by Brinsfield Funeral Home in Leonardtown).

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 (www.hospiceofstmarys.org) or the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, 1750 Radford Blvd, Suite B, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508 (www.navalaviationmuseum.org).

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

Nancy Lee Thompson Mattingly



Nancy Lee Thompson Mattingly passed away peacefully on March 3rd, 2022 in her home in Leonardtown, MD.

Born November 25, 1933 in Leonardtown MD she was the daughter of late Maurice Chapman Thompson Jr and Mary Jennette Springer Thompson. She married Joseph Richard "Dickie" Mattingly at St. John's Catholic Church on May 8, 1954 and celebrated over 51 years of marriage before his death in 2005. She is also predeceased by her brother Maurice Chapman (Tommy) Thompson III.

She is survived by 7 children, Susan Mattingly of Avenue, MD, Jos. Richard Mattingly (Donna) of Bushwood, MD, Paula Woodburn (Sparky) of Hollywood, MD, Katherine Nutter (Brian) of La Plata, MD, Lisa Goddard (Wayne) of Valley Lee, MD, Helen Wernecke (Ray) of Chaptico, MD, and Elizabeth "Bitsy" Abell (David) of Hollywood, MD. She was the proud grandmother to 18 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

Nancy was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She grew up in Hollywood, MD where she attended St. John's School. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1951 and then attended Strayer Business School in Washington, DC. Nancy worked at St. Mary's Hospital for 30 years as a medical coder in the medical records department retiring in 1996.

Nancy and Dickie started and raised their family in Leonardtown where Nancy was a member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters at St. Aloysius Church. She also was a former member of the St. Mary's Garden Club and The Historical Society of St. Mary's. They later moved to Nancy's childhood home in Hollywood, MD where she lived until moving back to Leonardtown in 2016.

Nancy was known for her Friday night family dinners when she would feed anywhere from 20 to 50 people from a bottomless pot. She was an accomplished cook and talented seamstress who enjoyed all genres of needlework and crafts. After her retirement Nancy enjoyed American and European travel on riverboat cruises, and beach and lake vacations with family.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons Brian Woodburn, Kyle Woodburn, Nicholas Ford, Rick Mattingly, Grant Mattingly, Sam Wernecke, Mark Bailey, Matthew Abell, and Michael Nutter. Honorary pallbearers will be granddaughters Holly Johnson, Alison Norris, Jacqueline Hite, Emily Doane, Coale Thompson, Sarah La Duca, Kate Bollen, Erica Walker, and Caitlin Nutter.

Family will receive friends on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Reverend Raymond Schmidt at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 43950 St. Johns Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. Interment will immediately follow at Our Lady's Medley's Neck Catholic Church Cemetery in

Leonardtown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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Buddy McBride



Buddy McBride went to be with his loving wife, Adelaide Maryland Trossbach, in heaven on February 27, 2022.

He was born February 11, 1942 in Niles, Michigan to Mildred Joan Brown and Dale Franklin McBride.

Buddy grew up in the San Diego, California area, graduating from Grossmont High in 1960. He joined the Navy, and while on tour in St. Mary's County met the love of his life, Addie Trossbach. They were married May 23, 1966 and lived together happily for 51 years until her passing in 2018. Buddy spent 20 years as a sailor in the Navy, working in several locations, including NAS Pax River, MD and in Brunswick, ME. After retirement he worked on radar systems for various contractors and in the Civil Service. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Embry Riddle.

After retirement, Buddy was an active member of the Ridge Lions Club. He worked hard at ticket machines, manning the grill at several fundraisers, and selling beer at the Ridge Carnival for the Lions. He even earned the prestigious Bullthrowers award for exemplary service in 2013 from the District 22 Lions. He also was a member of the Fleet Reserve and the American Legion Post #255. He gave of himself and his time freely to all who needed it.

Buddy is survived by his daughters Charlene Joan McBride Taylor and Kathleen Marie McBride Hilderbrand; his son Buddy William McBride Jr.; his half-brother Dale Franklin McBride Jr of Caldwell, ID; and half-sister Reva Rintoul of Sacramento, CA. He is also mourned by his 5 grandchildren Joe and Kelly Coulby, Gabby and Tommy Taylor, and Chris McBride.

Buddy was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Adelaide Trossbach Mc-



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Bride who is probably already thinking up ways to put him to work in heaven.

Serving as pallbearers will be grandsons, Joseph Coulby, Chris McBride, and Tommy Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ridge Lions Club in care of the Treasurer, Theresa Kaftan, at 18478 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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

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Marianne Elaine Fast



Marianne Elaine Fast (aka Mimi), 66 of Colton's Point, MD passed away on Friday, February 25, 2022 at her home in Colton's Point, MD with her loving family by her side.

She was born on March 4, 1959 in Washington, D.C. to the late John Marvin Greer and Mary Joanne Mead.

She married Christopher Fast on February 21, 1998 in Waldorf, MD and were happily married for the last 24 years. She was a loving mother to two children- Elaina & Carlos. Family was the most important thing to her; she loved so fiercely. In her free time, you would often find her boating with her husband, traveling up to Luray to visit family, or nurturing her beautiful flower garden in Coltons Point. Her granddaughter, Kennedy Olivia, was the light of her life and her very best friend. Marianne had previously been employed as an Accountant for Bryans Road Tire for over 20 years; up until she was diagnosed with cancer in 2019. She was passionate about the ones she loved and would do anything to see them smile. She was known as "Mimi" to those who knew her well and had magnetic personality. She is survived by her loving husband Christopher Fast, her daughter, Elaina Gautier Carter (Scott) of Bluffton, SC; Her son, Carlos Gautier (Kait) of Lusby, MD, her granddaughter Kennedy Olivia, her sisters, Kathy Self, Andrea Weightman, Sharon Bogle, Susan Greer and her brothers Patrick Greer and David Greer. She is preceded in death by her parents.

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

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neral Home, P.A.

Vernon Alphonso Greene



Vernon Alphonso Greene, "Al", 57, of Callaway, MD, passed away on February 23, 2022 in Callaway, MD. Born on January 28, 1965, he was the son of Helena M. Greene of Callaway, MD, and the late Sterling E. Greene, Sr. Vernon is survived by his siblings Ronald X. Greene (Paula) of King George, VA, Wilbur A Greene, Sr. (Nadine) of Gloucester, VA, Gary T. Greene of Gloucester, VA, Tony Greene of Waldorf, MD, and Kenney Greene (Brandie) of Waldorf, MD. He was preceded in death by his brother, Sterling E. Greene, Jr.

Vernon was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1984. He was an agricultural worker for over 20 years. Vernon enjoyed detailing cars, lawn care, and word puzzles and searches.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 11, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father David Beaubien officiating. Readings will be read by Dr. Victoria Goring New Testament Revelation 21:4 to Revelation 21:6, Marie Herdon Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1 to Ecclesiastes 3:8 and the full obituary will be read. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Terrill Greene, Troy Greene, Ernest Price, Wilbur Greene, Tony Greene, and Kenny Greene.

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

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Larry Wayne Elliott, II

Larry Wayne Elliott, II, 58, of St. Mary's City, Maryland, formerly of Marion, Ohio, passed away on February 21, 2022 at Northwest Hospital in Randallstown. He was being cared for by his daughter Nicole in Westminster. Born on May 16, 1963 in Marion, Ohio, he was the son of Larry Elliott Sr. of



Marion, Ohio, and the late Diane Carr Crabtree. He was predeceased by his wife Kimberly Kay Elliott.

Larry was a Navy veteran, serving our country from 1982 to 1990. While in the service he specialized in Aircraft Organizational Maintenance and gained many accreditations including Navy Unit Commendation, Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and many more. Before retiring in 2020 he was an Aviation Maintenance Test Evaluator with Jahn Corporation at Patuxent River Naval Airforce Station.

In addition to his father, he is survived by daughter Nicole Alme and husband Scott of Westminster; two sons, Samuel Elliott and wife Amanda of St. Mary's City, and Benjamin Elliott and fiancé Jasmine King of Lexington Park; step-mother Janet Britz Elliott of Marion, OH; step-father Gilbert S. Crabtree of Gilmer, TX; sister Shelly Warren and husband John of Georgetown, TX; three brothers Kevin Stayner of Marion, OH, Brian Elliott of Columbus, OH, and Brett Crabtree of Marion, OH; granddaughter Emmalise Elliott.

A public Celebration of Life will be held at American Legion Post 255 in Ridge, MD on Saturday, April 2, 2022 beginning at 1:30 PM. We will be gathering to share our favorite memories, followed by a good ol' fashioned potluck with music, drinks, horseshoes and bar games. In honor of our King of Happy Hour, Larry, the Legion will be serving alcohol at Happy Hour Prices all night long! If you would like to donate a special dish to the Larry Elliott Memorial Feast we welcome you to contact Nicole Alme at poppa.bear516@outlook.com. If you would like to send flowers please contact Kenny's Flowers in Lexington, Park, MD at (301) 863-7079. A private family service will be held at Quarry Park in Marion, OH at a later date.

Joseph Hampton Somerville, Jr

Joseph Hampton Somerville, Jr., "Hampton" or "June Bug," 82, passed away on March 2, 2022, in Leonardtown, MD. Born on October 8, 1939



in Chaptico, MD, he was the son of the late Agnes Marie Somerville and the late Joseph Hampton Somerville, Sr. He was the loving husband of Agnes A. Somerville, whom he married on November 24, 1984 in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Avenue, MD. Hampton is survived by his children Mary Thomas of Waldorf, MD, Iris Somerville Carr (Devon) of Washington, DC, Wayne Thomas Somerville (Stephanie) of Waldorf, MD, Bernadette Somerville (Steven) of Bowie, MD, Cecil Somerville (Trish) of Waldorf, MD, Jefferey Somerville (Debbie) of Chaptico, MD, Michael Somerville of Vancouver, WA, Kevin Dyson of Avenue, MD, Christine Mills of Waldorf, MD, his siblings George Somerville (Evelyn) of Chaptico, MD, James Somerville of Chaptico, MD, and Charles Somerville (Vivian) of Brentwood, MD, twenty-three grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons Anthony Thomas Somerville and Joseph Somerville, siblings Thomas Somerville (Shirly), Elizabeth Nally (Richard), and Theresa Briew (Gorland).

Hampton was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduate of Banneker High School. He worked in construction for the Blake Company, George Hyman Construction Company, Clarke Construction, Perini Construction, and Scheibel Construction. Hampton retired after 40 years on October 8, 2004.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Thomas Somerville, Donnie Briscoe, Jerome Holly, DeWayne Somerville, James Ball, Jr., and Nathaniel Somerville.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

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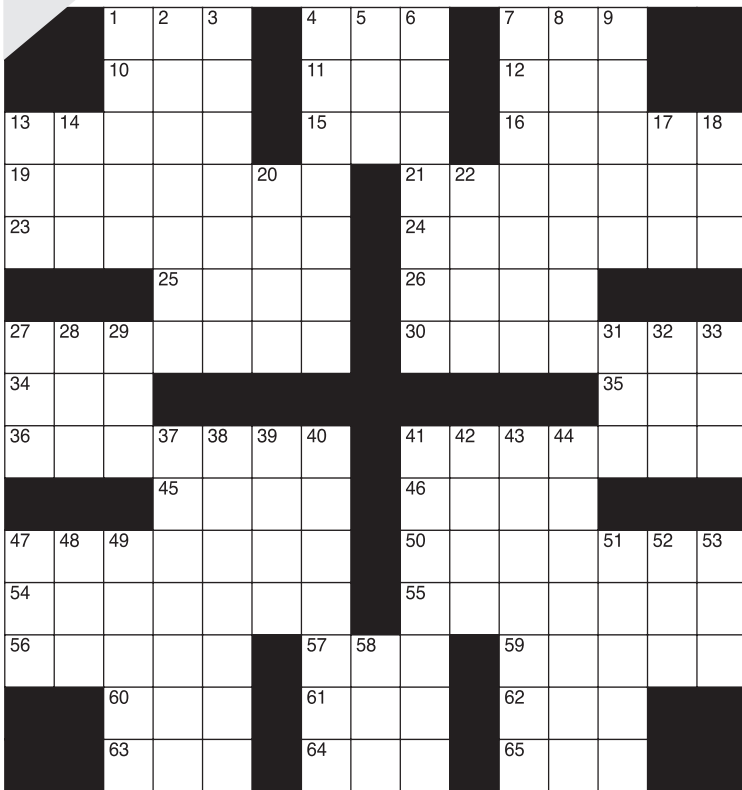
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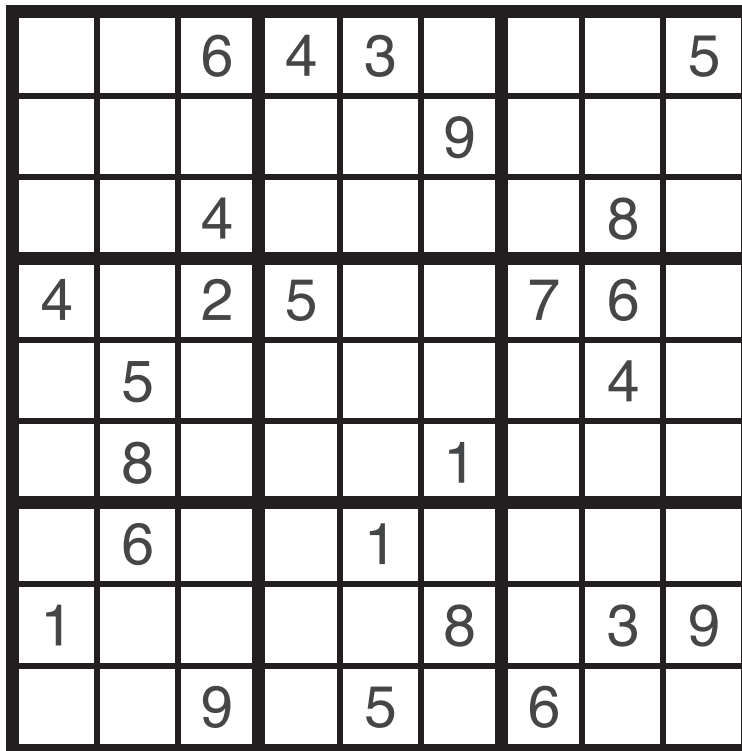
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- 4. Member of the family
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- 10. ___ Angeles
- 11. Military mailbox
- 12. Patriotic women
- 13. Shallow lake
- 15. Tear apart
- 16. Middle Easterner
- 19. Eat to excess
- 21. Stained
- 23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 24. 1st day of month
- 25. Skin disease
- 26. Skating figure
- 27. Annelids
- 30. Gracefully slender
- 34. Kids need it
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Indents
- 41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- 45. Belgian River
- 46. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 47. Originate from
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges

- 54. Made less clean
- 55. Professions
- 56. 3s
- 57. Scarf
- 59. Yellow light
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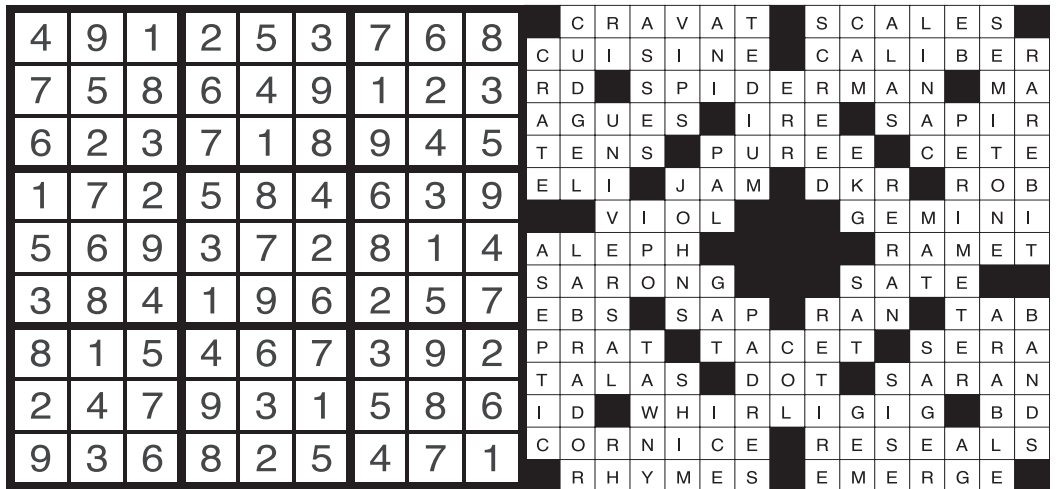
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- 28. Drugmaker ___ Lilly
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- 31. Klutz
- 32. Chinese statesman
- 33. Stir with emotion
- 37. Flat-bottomed boat
- 38. Go-between
- 39. This (Spanish)
- 40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- 41. Small waterfall
- 42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- 43. Utter repeatedly
- 44. One of the bravest
- 47. Sun up in New York
- 48. Space station
- 49. Chilean seaport
- 51. Hasidic spiritual leader
- 52. They ___
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Single unit

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- 1. Scandinavian drink
- 2. Washington river
- 3. Fast-running flightless bird
- 4. Nerve conditions
- 5. Indicates near
- 6. Immediate relevance
- 7. Things you can eat
- 8. Receptacles
- 9. Retired Brewers great
- 13. Month
- 14. Happy New Year!
- 17. Exclamation to convey truth
- 18. Passports and



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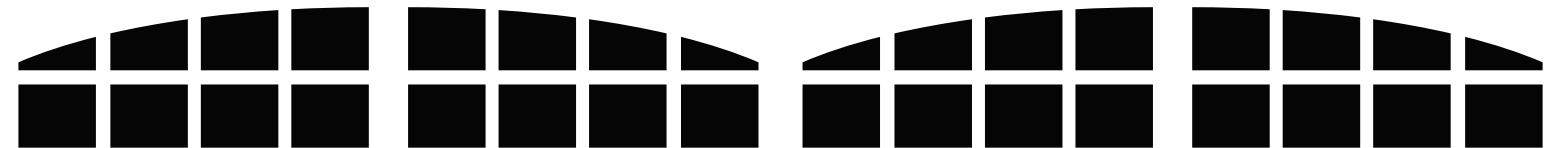


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