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Café Owner Says She'll Find New Home

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After a four-and-a-half hour public hearing April 25, the county's planning commission approved a concept site plan for a Royal Farm convenience store and gas station at the aged shopping center located just outside Gate 2 of Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

It was a close vote; 4-to-3. Those who voted against it noted the sharp increase in traffic the project would bring as well as exacerbating unsafe road conditions.

Those in favor said the applicant had met all the requirements of the law, including on traffic.

This decision means that the historic but deteriorating group of buildings will likely be demolished to make way for the new development; the small businesses that are locally owned will have to move.

That includes the much beloved and often patronized Linda's Café, owned and operated by Linda Palchinsky.

For 33 years Palchinsky has run her business there, becoming a fixture of Lexington Park in an area where the community first sprang to life to support the navy base during World War II.

Palchinsky said she, and others who have been tenants there, have operated there from month to month on leases with the property owners, who are based in Virginia.

The specter of having to vacate with little notice has always loomed over her, Palchinsky said.

"I'm very despondent, very depressed," Palchinsky told The County Times the day after the marathon hearing. "That intersection is going to be doomed for accidents."

"It'll be a mess."

The Royal farms would be more than 5,000 square feet in size, with the fuel canopy area coming in at roughly the same size.

Testimony during the hearing showed the business would generate an additional 6,000 to 7,000 vehicle trips per day there.

The access roads that would be affected are Coral Drive and Tulagi Place, along with Great Mills Road and Route 235. Jeff Bainbridge, a representative for Royal Farms at the hearing, said they had a 20-year lease with the property owner.

The fierce support of Linda's Café and the other tenants there was matched by the opposition to the Royal Farms project.

Palchinsky brought in the results of two petitions, one on-line and another with signatures from those who recently visited

her restaurant, with nearly 2,000 signatures between them in opposition to the proposed project.

"Linda's should stay because it is the heart of Lexington Park and an institution unto itself," said Del. Brian Crosby at the Monday hearing. "It is a community space."

Crosby said the block that houses Linda's Café and other tenants, such as a thrift store and Oasis of Victory Christian Church International, was one of the last remaining pieces of historic Lexington Park.

"We talk all the time about supporting small business," Crosby continued. "Removing the quintessential small business in St. Mary's County is not acceptable."

"Linda's should stay because we do not need another gas station outside another gate."

Frank Taylor, president of Taylor Gas, Co., also opposed the project.

"I'm shocked that the Navy just signed off on it," Taylor said, noting the long-standing restrictions on development close to the base to guard against excess damage or loss of life due to a possible aircraft crash.

Taylor said he had attempted to find storage space for propane tanks in the AICUZ (Air Installation Compatible Use Zone) in the 1990s and the county planning department deferred to the Navy; he was promptly laughed to scorn, he said.

"How much petroleum storage is going to be at the Royal Farms," Taylor said. "It can't be any [less] than I have."

Despite suffering a major loss, Palchinsky said she was not done serving Lexington Park.



Palchinsky showing the petition to oppose the Royal Farms that would supplant her business and others at Tulagi Place.

"I'm not going to give up," she said. "This is what I'll die doing."

She said she would soon busy herself looking for a new opportunity to set up her restaurant in another location, though she did not know where that would be.

"I don't want to leave Lexington Park but there's not a lot left here," she said. "I won't give up."

"I'm sure something will come up."

In a later interview, Crosby said his office was investigating ways to help Linda find ways to relocate.

"We're always here to help the com-

munity," Crosby said. "That's part of the reason why we're here."

After the approval of the concept site plan, the project's final approval would come from the director of the planning and zoning department Bill Hunt.

Votes in favor of the project were planning commission chair Howard Thompson and members Merl Evans, Kim Summers and Joseph L VanKirk.

Votes against were Joseph Fazekas, Patricia Robrecht and Joseph StClair.

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Optimist Files for District 3 Commissioner Seat

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A county native who grew up in Lexington Park but now lives in the 7th District wants to be the next county commissioner for District 3.

Mike Alderson, currently a member of the 7th District Optimist Club, is running as a Republican in District 3, facing off against Elizabeth O'Connor and Dawn Murphy.

The race will be decided in the primary election July 19 as there are no Democratic challengers in that race.

Alderson said he and others in the community have lost confidence in the level of transparency in the county government.

This has been exacerbated, he said, by the recent controversy over a industrial-sized cannabis farm in Abell that was approved entirely in-house in county government planning circles but never went to a public hearing.

"I really think we're losing the transparency in government we're supposed to have," Alderson said.

Alderson served in the U.S. Marine Corps and has been active in

community service through the 7th District Optimist Club, especially in planning the Blessing of The Fleet celebration each year, and establishing local youth soccer clubs.

"I think I have a lot to give back to the community," Alderson said. "I don't think I'm ready to stop giving back."

Alderson said he wants to establish more trust between residents and county government agencies; he has heard too many complaints about small business owners not getting the same information on requirements for various projects they wish to undertake.

"No one wants to go to LUGM [Department of Land Use and Growth Management] or any county agency because you'll get a different story on what you need to do depending on the person you talk to."

Alderson also said he is a keen supporter of parents rights and would advocate for them in dealing with the public school system.

"I want to preserve our heritage without compromising our future," Alderson said.

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Veteran K-9 Deputy Running for Sheriff

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sgt. Todd “Flee” Fleenor, a 22-year veteran of the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office and the senior K-9 handler for much of that time, wants to be the next sheriff.

Fleenor faces Capt. Steve Hall, current commander of the sheriff’s office Special Operation’s Division, and County Commissioner John O’Connor, who has also filed for the position.

O’Connor’s wife, Elizabeth O’Connor, who recently retired from the agency after 22 years of service as well, has filed to run for her husband’s seat in the Commissioner District 3.

Fleenor, 47, said he wants to reform the relationship between the rank-and-file of the agency and fight back hard against the violent crime that has surged in the county in the past two years.

“I believe the deputies are more scared of dealing with supervisors and the fear of internal investigations than they are coming to work,” Fleenor said. “And they put their lives on the line every day.”

Repairing this relationship, Fleenor said, was key to recruiting and retaining deputies.



More deputies meant a better ability to fight the surge in violent crime.

He praised outgoing Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron’s use of a task force last year to arrest suspects who were in possession of illegal guns.

The problem, Fleenor said, was that the task force was only active for a brief time.

“I want that to come back 24/7,” Fleenor said. “I don’t want it to stop because we don’t have the manpower.”

“We had great results with that taskforce.”

Fleenor also wants more K-9 units added to the agency.

“That’s to combat the fentanyl that

is on the streets,” Fleenor said. “The overdoses down there [southern portion of the county] are out of control.”

Fleenor said the K-9s would not be on foot patrol in places like Lexington Park but he also wanted more foot patrols in those areas where crime was most prevalent.

Fleenor was aware of community complaints about the lack of personnel stationed in some of the newly constructed district stations, this would be another key goal of his administration, he said.

“I think Sheriff Cameron had a good idea,” Fleenor said. “But [the district stations] aren’t really staffed with anybody.”

“We have to work on recruitment and retention.”

It was not a question of compensation for deputies, Fleenor said.

“The pay and benefits are great,” Fleenor said. “We’re not keeping these people because of the fear of internal investigations.”

Fleenor has two sons, one who is a deputy and the other a correctional officer, both with the agency.

He is also a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served from 1993 to 1997.

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St. Mary's Hosting Volunteer Fire Convention



The Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade in Ridge in 2019.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The 75th Annual Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention kicks off at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department April 30 through May 1; Bay District Chief Joe Gould will be sworn in as the president of the regional firemen's association.

On Sunday regional fire companies will have an apparatus parade through Lexington Park, staging first in the St. Mary's Square shopping center, according to information from the Bay District fire company.

"Anybody can attend," said Bay District Vice President Jason Adams. "It's a great family event anybody can enjoy."

The reviewing stand will be located in front of the MIL Corporation, on Great Mills Road, and this is where spectators can begin gathering, lining the sides of the route. After units pass the reviewing stand, they are scheduled to continue down Great Mills Road

and turn left on FDR Boulevard and proceed to the Millison Plaza parking lot next to the Lowes Cinema 6 theater.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic the annual convention and parade has not happened for two years. The firemen's games will be on Sunday after the parade which is set to begin at 1 p.m.

Adams said anyone from the community can come and watch the games, which will include firefighters running an obstacle course in full gear and emergency medical responders taking care of mock casualties.

Food trucks and food vendors will also be available, he said.

The event is scheduled to occur rain or shine; the firemen's games will be held at the Bay District Station 3 on South Shangri-La Drive.

The parade, games and festivities are all expected to last until about 6p.m. that evening according Bay District fire company.

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School Bus Struck in Chaptico

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a crash on Budds Creek Road in Chaptico April 27 involving an unoccupied school bus and dump truck.

Initial reports from first responders show there were two patients identified on scene with one transported to an area hospital for treatment.

There were no entrapments as a result of the crash, first responder reports showed.

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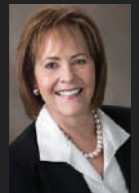
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Two Businesses Fail Alcohol Compliance Checks

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Alcohol Enforcement Unit recently conducted a succession of alcohol compliance checks within St. Mary's County at 10 businesses in Leonardtown. Eight of the businesses were found to be compliant, while two businesses failed to ask a minor for identification.

The covert compliance checks were conducted on April 22, 2022, using an underage Sheriff's Office Cadet, for the Leonardtown Luau event. The cadet wore personal clothes, carried no personal identification and entered the store or restaurant to order or retrieve an alcoholic beverage from the business in an effort to make an underage purchase.

Of the 10 businesses visited, eight were found in compliance

with Maryland law and required identification from the underage cadet. Two businesses failed to ask for any identification and the cadet was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage.

The Leonardtown businesses found to be in compliance were Antoinette's Garden; Olde Town Pub, Social Coffeehouse & Speakeasy; Sweetbay Restaurant and Bar; The Front Porch; The Rex; Centre Liquors and Breton Bay Fine Wines & Liquors.

The two Leonardtown businesses found to be in violation were Brudergarten and Slice House.

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Lexington Park Man Arrested with Loaded Ghost Gun and Ammunition

On April 26, 2022, at 3:06 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21400 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for the reported man with a gun observed near a business. Deputies arrived on scene and the individual fled into the woods, behind the business. A perimeter was established, and the individual was located in the woods and observed by deputies to be armed with a handgun. The individual, later identified as Terrell Anthony Duckett, age 26 of Lexington Park, was ordered to drop the weapon and he complied. A loaded handgun was recovered with no make, model, or serial number, commonly referred to as a "ghost gun." Duckett was wearing a backpack when he was taken into custody and located in the backpack were an additional 76 rounds of ammunition.



Terrell Duckett

located on his person and he was subsequently charged with Possession of Contraband at Place of Confinement.

Duckett remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status. A "ghost gun" is a privately made firearm without a commercially applied serial number, rendering the weapon untraceable.

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.

Duckett was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown. Duckett was charged with the following:

- Firearm-Possession with Felony Conviction
- Regulated Firearm-Illegal Possession
- Loaded Handgun on Person
- Handgun on Person
- Illegal Possession of Ammunition

Duckett was also served an outstanding theft warrant. When Duckett arrived at the detention center, suspected marijuana was

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Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Sunday, May 8, 2022
10:00am to 3:00pm

Breakfast

- Scrambled Eggs & Chives
- Bacon Strips
- Maple Sausage Links
- Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
- Fresh Made Waffles w/ Maple Syrup & Butter

Entrees

- NY Strip Loin w/ Sautéed Mushroom & Onion in Lite Au Jus
- Honey Glazed Spiral Cut Ham
- Solomons Shrimp Boil
- Bourbon Glazed Salmon Fillet w/ Fresh Dill

Accompaniments

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Garlic Butter Roasted Brussel Sprouts
- Roasted Potatoes w/ Peppers & Onions

Salads

- Garden Salad
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- Seafood Salad
- Fruit Salad

Dessert

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Easter Scratch-off Fun Gives Mechanicsville Wife \$100,000 Win



Her husband's stack of unplayed scratch-offs yielded a \$100,000 Easter win.

Husband's stack of games contained top-prize winning \$100,000 Lucky scratch-off

The Easter bunny left a \$100,000 nest egg hiding in the home of a Mechanicsville couple last weekend. The husband, who is an avid Lottery player, often encourages his wife to join him in his scratch-off fun. Their Easter surprise was her discovery of a \$100,000 top-prize winning \$100,000 Lucky scratch-off that she took from her husband's stack of unplayed games.

"I'll have you know I win absolutely nothing," she announced on April 18 when she claimed her prize. As for her husband, who encourages her to play, she laughed and said, "Now he's mad I picked the winning ticket!"

Going by the nickname "Holiday Luck," the 52-year-old explained her husband's Lottery strategy. The St. Mary's County resident likes to stop at different retailers to buy games and purchased the \$100,000 winning scratch-off at NSR Market #001 (a.k.a. Korner Karryout) at 27350 Three Notch

Road in Mechanicsville.

As usual, he bought a series of tickets in the \$5 and \$10 range. However, breaking with routine, he added a \$30 \$100,000 Lucky scratch-off.

That's the very game that "Holiday Luck" picked out of the pile on Easter. She scratched off all of the latex, gave the instant ticket a passing glance and said, "That's not even a winner." Her husband wanted to make sure she was correct. He used the Lottery smartphone app to scan the ticket's QR code and informed his wife she was incorrect in a good way.

Most of the proceeds from the win will end up in "Holiday Luck's" money market account for retirement. Some of the funds will pay for a memorial bench in honor of a son who passed away. "Holiday Luck" also plans to spend some of the windfall on a trip to England "to create memories" with her daughter, who accompanied her to claim the prize.

The Lottery retailer also shares in the fun. For selling a \$100,000 top-prize winning scratch-off, NSR Market #001 picks up a bonus of \$1,000, equal to 1% of the prize value.

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET BUTTERBEAN



Pets are like infants that never grow up. Forever children. We love them for that.

-Anonymous

Hello, my name is Butterbean. My buddies here at TCAS say I'm an ABSOLUTE CUDDLEBUG who can't get enough chin scratches! I also really LOVE PLAYING with my toys but once I'm tired out, I'll want to be SNUGGLING as close to YOU as possible. Now, I'm looking for a NEW HOME where I can spread my LOVE. Every home needs a LOVEBUG so email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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

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Valley Lee Fire Department Opens



SMECO Introduces Renewable Energy Rate Option

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) has received approval from the Maryland Public Service Commission to make a 100 percent renewable energy option available for residential and commercial accounts.

SMECO will purchase renewable energy credits (REC) to cover the total amount of energy used by the members who sign up for the green energy option, called "Rider G." Since SMECO is already obtaining 32 percent of its energy from renewables, members who sign up for Rider G will be charged an additional rate to pay for renewable energy for the remaining 68 percent of the energy they use each month. The Rider G rate will be updated on or about January 1 of each year for changes

in REC prices and purchase percentages. The rate may also be adjusted at other times whenever significant market pricing changes occur.

SMECO members who are interested in the Rider G rate can find more information or sign up online at smeco.coop/go-green. Members who purchase energy through an alternate supplier are not eligible for SMECO's Rider G green energy option, but there are alternate suppliers that may also provide a 100 percent renewable option or contracts with various levels of renewable energy. Alternate suppliers can be found under the link "Shop for Electricity" on the Maryland PSC's website—www.psc.state.md.us.

Press Release from SMECO

11 Quilts Presented at American Legion



PAX Sound of Freedom traveled to Avenue, Maryland, on April 7th to present quilts to 11 veterans at the American Legion Post. Shown (l to r): James Maddox (Army - two years); Bernie Owens (Air Force - four years) Dave Woodcock (Navy - 26 years); Todd Steill (Navy - 17 years) Dan Ion (Navy - 21 years); Ramon Granados (Navy - one year); Randy Guy (Air Force - 20 years); Rick Jennings (Navy - 22 years) George Kennett (Navy - 15 years); Mike Barbour (Navy - 20 years); Not Pictured: Edward Kennett (Marine Corps - three years)

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MARK GOODMAN

Case No. C18CV22-000052

Plaintiff

v.

ANTONIO ROBERTO RENASCO

and

DENISE A. BLAKE

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND,

and

all unknown owners of the property AND ANY PERSON HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS: **1.50 ACRES S/S BRETON BEACH RD**, BEING known as being recorded in Liber MRB 30 page 30, and running thence with said road in an easterly direction for a distance of 315 feet, thence leaving the road running in a southerly direction a distance of 208 feet; thence running westerly for a distance of 315 feet to the southeast corner of the Beckley Land; thence northerly with the Beckley Land a distance of 208 feet to the beginning.

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

Account No: 03-031403

Known as: 1.50 ACRES S/S BRETON BEACH RD

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 22nd day of February, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 22nd day of April, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debrah Burch
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County Maryland

CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY MARYLAND NOTICE ALTERNATE SERVICE

PLAINTIFF: ASHLEY JAXEL
DEFENDANT: CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON

ASHLEY JAXEL, the aboved named plaintiff, has filed a complaint motion titled COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY in which she is asking the court to grant CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN.

The Circuit Court for St. Mary's County may grant that relief unless CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON, et al., above named defendant can show reason why the court should not grant the relief. CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON AND FREDERICK MILLER must file a response to the petition/complaint/motion on or before June 6, 2022.

If CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON, et al fails to respond within the time allowed, the court may enter judgement by default or grant the relief sought, as long as a copy of this notice is published in a newspaper in this county/city at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks on or before May 4, 2022.

After the time period in the judge's order has passed, you may ask the court for a default judgement or to move forward with your case.

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

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

On-View Arrests: Unattended Child

On April 16, 2022, DFC Hersh responded to the 41500 block of Fenwick Street in Leonardtown for a check the welfare call. A witness observed two adults leave a vehicle while it was running and after some time, a child was seen sleeping in the back seat. The vehicle was located and running at the 22500 block of Washington Street with the child still inside asleep. The child's parents, **Rostislav Leshchiner**, age 46 of Silver Spring, and **Maria Angelica Vasquez**, age 43 of Silver Spring, were located and both were charged with Confine Unattended Child.

Assault

On April 14, 2022, Deputy Max Schell responded to the 46000 block of Radford Lane in Lexing-

ton Park for the report of a disturbance involving a person with a baseball bat. Deputies arrived on scene where **Shailita Shorna Holt**, age 26 of Lexington Park, exited a vehicle with a baseball bat and began to run toward a crowd of people on the sidewalk. Victims and witnesses advised that Holt attempted to run over a juvenile child with a vehicle. The child dove out of the way to avoid collision. Other victims advised that Holt physically attacked them. Holt was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and was charged with two counts of First-



Shailita Shorna Holt

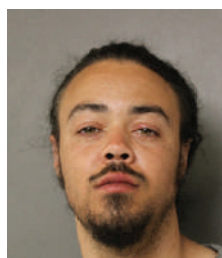
Jamaze Jovan Wood, age 23 of Lusby- Theft by Dep. Wilhelmi# 365.

Anthony Lavelle Proctor, age 30 of no fixed address- Trespass: Private Property and Violate Protective Order by Dep. Marsch# 397.

Warrant Arrests:

William Russell Hobbs, age 34 of Piney Point- Driving on Suspended License by Dep. Fleenor# 388.

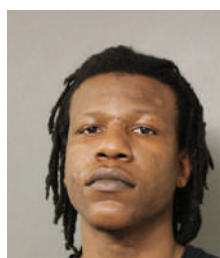
Scott Andrew Davis, age 41 of California- Escape 2nd Degree by Dep. Wilhelmi# 365.



Anthony Lavelle Proctor



William Russell Hobbs



Jamaze Jovan Wood

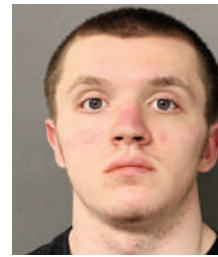


Scott Andrew Davis

Degree Assault, two counts of Second-Degree Assault and Disorderly Conduct.

Malicious Destruction of Property

On April 17, 2022, DFC Hersh responded to the 41800 block of Tomey Court in Leonardtown for the report of property destruction. The victim advised that **George Henry Wilson III**, age 18 of Leonardtown, had caused damage to the home's kitchen, staircase and bedroom. Wilson showed marks on his hands and knuckles consistent with punching walls. Wilson was charged with Malicious Destruction of



George Henry Wilson III

Property: More than \$1,000.


Disorderly Conduct

On April 14, 2022, Deputy Thomas Deinert responded to the 46000 block of Radford Lane in Lexington Park for the disturbance listed above. Deputies attempted to disperse the crowd and most of which left the area, but some remained and **Keona Dominique Best**, age 26 of Prince Frederick, did not stop being disorderly. Best was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Keona Dominique Best

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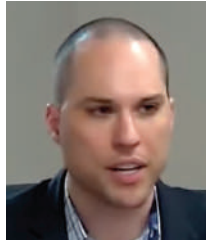
Bennett Wilson

- Contract Specialist
- Former Deputy Director of Economic Development for St. Mary's County
- "I'm exceptionally passionate about walkability and bikeability. Everybody who lives in town should be able to take a sidewalk to get here [downtown]"
- Wants to ensure the implementation of the waterfront and downtown strategic plans.
- Wants to support small businesses and bring more amenities to town, such as a small craft storage area at the wharf.
- Wants more transparency in town government



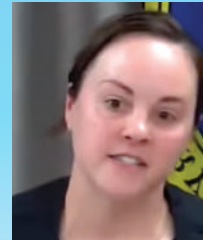
Andrew Ponti

- Member Town Planning and Zoning Commission
- Marketing Manager, St. Mary's County Museum Division
- Married, lives in Clark's Rest
- "There's nothing like [Leonardtowntown], not just in Maryland but in St. Mary's County."
- Advocate for making the town as walkable as possible.
- Wants to find ways to make living in town more affordable for young professionals.
- Supports the completion of the downtown and waterfront strategic plans.
- "That's one of the passions I have; smart growth is what we need."



Christy Hollander

- Town Council member
- Civil Engineer for Metropolitan Commission
- Wants to continue to implement the downtown and waterfront strategic plans
- Wants to help protect cherished small businesses in town
- "I've lived here my whole life; we're town people."



Tyler Alt

- Town Council Member
- County native, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran
- Works on Patuxent River Naval Air Station
- Wants to continue work on downtown and waterfront strategic plans
- Wants to ensure traffic safety, including cracking down on speeding, especially for young children living in growing town neighborhoods.
- "I want to make Leonardtowntown more walkable, grow intelligently and see the downtown plan and the waterfront plans completed."



Candidates Responses to

What is the most pressing challenge facing the town?

La Quay: "A lot of the complaints I hear are about Route 5. It seems to be dragging on with State Highway Administration. Why is it taking so long?"

"The more we grow in Leonardtowntown the more traffic we're generating."

Earhart: "That traffic is a huge issue. Also, Academy Hills, we don't have sidewalks that lead into the downtown."

"I'd like to see the speed limit reduced on Route 5 and I'd just like to get more people to shop at our small businesses."

Hollander: "I think our main concern is infrastructure, water and sewer."

"We have pipes that are 50,60,70 even 80 years old. It's only a matter of time before they break."

"We really need to make sure that we're investing properly in all that infrastructure and that it's properly maintained and replaced at the end of its useful life."

Slade: "We are not through with this pandemic; people are still suffering. We need to do what we can to help these small businesses pull through this and survive."

"If the town dies the property values of everyone's house in this room is going to go down."

"One of the things I would love to see us do is get rid of is the personal property tax for small businesses."

Wilson: "I agree... infrastructure, water and sewer is pretty important. Also, filling up the vacant store fronts."

"How do we encourage people to start more businesses and get people to shop at those businesses?"

Ponti: "Property values are really high and it's causing people, not just young people to leave Maryland, especially St. Mary's County."

Has seen many young professionals leave after just one year of employment.

"They just can't afford to live here. They want to live in a nice place, they don't want to live in 'affordable housing.'"

Wants to find affordable spaces for small businesses downtown.

Alt: "I think infrastructure and roads are the top priority for Leonardtowntown. The downtown plan, the waterfront plan they tie in different parts of Leonardtowntown to the infrastructure."

"As we continue to grow and open all these connections so everybody can walk to downtown we need to take certain safety precautions."

Push the state for more traffic signals to ensure safety of the walking public.

How would you mitigate concerns about parking?

Earhart: Parking garages should be our No. 1 focus.

"There isn't a lot of parking but there is parking."

There are hidden nooks of parking in town that need to have better signage to direct motorists to it.

Hollander: "There's a lot more parking out there than people think there is, it's just not in front of the small business you want."

"The signage we've been working to get people to the parking lot is very important so people know where they are."

"At some point we are going to need a

parking garage."

Slade: Talks to small business owners frequently to find out the issues they have; parking isn't one of them.

"The businesses say they are doing fine."

The new trolley in town will help bring people from parking lots to the downtown.

Wilson: "I agree there is not a parking problem. But in talking with businesses there may be a limited number of handicapped spots."

The signage, trolley and beautification of alleyways to guide to and from parking areas.

Ponti: "No, we don't have a parking problem. [Finding the parking spaces] is a 1,000 times better than it used to be."

"Could it always be better? Yes."

Alt: "We have to evaluate it as new businesses are moving in. Awareness is the big key to it."

"The trolley will help, we've budgeted the trolley for the rest of the year."

"Right now I don't see parking as an issue."

La Quay: "I also don't see parking as an issue but that's because I'm local. I'm familiar with all the places you can park."

"Jury trials are starting back up and when you have jury trials a lot of people come to town. And a lot of times they have a hard time finding parking. If it coincides with an event then you really have a hard time finding parking."

"If you use the signage... you will find a good parking space."

What legislation do you propose to handle vacant/derelict properties in the downtown and in the greater town area?

Hollander: "We do have blight guidance. We can always work with developers to reduce taxes to the point where they're profitable. But I think that's a case by case basis. I don't think it should be done across the board."

Earhart: "Landlords will actually make more money writing off their property on their taxes than having a small business."

"What's important is to have legislation to entice landlords to rent to small businesses and make it more affordable."

La Quay: "I'd want to look to see what's already being done. Is there anything in place to entice them more to move things ahead?"

"I'm not afraid to say we need to bring in a heavier hand, perhaps a fine."

Alt: "I wouldn't pass any legislation. I think we have enough on the books, we've dealt with it in the past. We just need to enforce what's already on the books."

Ponti: "The key is enforcement. The town has already been doing a good job trying to enforce things. We can always try to do more."

"It's kind of an affordability issue but you have to balance out property rights."

Wilson: "Collaboration is key. Reaching out these property owners is where we should start."

Could try incentivizing property owners if they reduce their rates below market for a certain period of time to bring in a business.

ncil Voters Guide

Heather Earhart

- Member of town Planning and Zoning Commission for 10 years
- Works on the town's Façade Grant Committee
- Program Manager for government contractor
- Lives in Academy Hills
- Wants to help implement downtown and waterfront strategic plans
- Wants to find ways to aid small businesses, persuade property owners to reduce leasing prices to bring new businesses to fill vacant storefronts.



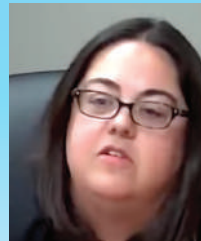
Mary Maday Slade

- Town Councilmember
- Accountant, Owner of Bookkeeping By Blanche
- Married, three children
- "I understand the difficulties small businesses face on a daily basis. I want to make sure safety is a priority in the town."
- Helped the town council navigate the COVID-19 crisis by finding ways to aid town businesses.
- Helped establish movable barricades/ planters to allow for outdoor seating during the pandemic.
- Wants to continue the work to implement the downtown and waterfront plans.



Tawny La Quay

- Originally from Charles County, graduate of St. Mary's Ryken High School.
- Works for the magistrate at St. Mary's County Circuit Court.
- "I'm a huge supporter of businesses in the town and I spend a lot of money there. I live here. I play here."
- Wants to ask the tough questions to get results for the town residents.
- Likes that Leonardtown is becoming known as a "miniature Annapolis."



LEONARDTOWN ELECTION

The Election of three (3) Council Members of the Town of Leonardtown will be held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022.**

The polls will be open for voting at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown between the hours of **12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** **Deadline for Obtaining Emergency Ballot is Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm.**

For questions, please call 301-475-9791 or go online at Leonardtown.somd.com or email Leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov .

Election Voting Qualifications

To qualify to vote in a Town Election one must be registered. To register, one must be a citizen of the United States and at least eighteen (18) years of age, and have been a resident of the Town for a period of at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

Election Forum Questions



"I don't like to use the 'T' word... but you could actually tax the property owner for that" if vacant for more than 24 months.

Slade: People have a constitutional right to own their property; my job is not to come in and say 'I don't like the business you have here,' or 'I don't like the fact that you're empty,'" "I'm not going to force you to sell your business."

"We need to work with the owners and build Leonardtown in a positive way. As Leonardtown grows... a lot of that will sort itself out."

Supports some fines and letters going out to property owners.

Would you support legislation to restrict/prohibit chain restaurants/businesses in downtown?

Alt: "No, I would not pass legislation to ban chain restaurants... because those are owned by local people."

LaQuay: "I wouldn't support that. Franchisees are local; that's their bread and butter."

"If it's done in a proper way we can have chains, but I'd like to limit it because I don't want to take away going to dinner at The Rex."

Earhart: "We just had this with planning and zoning; I was the only one to vote against the Dairy Queen."

"I don't agree with chains coming into Leonardtown. I really love the feel of not having those franchise chains in our small community."

Supports using comprehensive plan to restrict chains from coming downtown.

Hollander: "I do support to a degree

limiting where chain restaurants go. We're working on a focus group to address that and that's to protect our downtown business core."

"Do we want a Ruby Tuesday's to come in and take out all those businesses? We don't. We want to protect our small businesses."

"People are allowed to do what they want with their property within the zoning."

Slade: "It's a slippery slope. When we talk about banning all chains, what would happen if Trader Joe's wanted to come to downtown Leonardtown? People would go crazy if we turned them down."

"Who are you going to ban and who are you not? If you don't want a chain here don't support them. Support the local business."

Wilson: "I would support limiting it. I'm interested in finding out what the task force comes back with. There may be room for chains, but not in the downtown."

"I think it's key that we enhance Leonardtown's character."

Ponti: "It needs to be limited. Again, property rights [in voting to approve the Dairy Queen] I didn't want a gas station, a Dairy Queen and a Dunkin' Donuts all at the entrance to our beautiful town."

"We need to support the local business more than the chains."

What are your aspirations for the town?

Slade: "I want to continue to see Leonardtown develop but be safe. I don't want to bring the crime in or open up the streets for people to come in so that in five to 10

years I feel like I have to leave."

"I want to continue the walkability, I love aspects of the downtown plan... the dog park I've been fighting for four years."

"For me to be able to retire here, for this to be my home forever, that's what I want from Leonardtown."

Wilson: "A vibrant walkable community with all the storefronts so people can come here and find things to do for recreation... in the first five years the focus can be on the waterfront and building that up down there."

"Getting sidewalks everywhere so everybody can walk. You're paying the town taxes should be able to feel that you are part of that town."

"It should be affordable... we need a mix of housing."

Ponti: "One of the crucial things is extending the town like it's a naturally grown tree, not just these separate communities. The town has done a great job of connecting those communities... eventually through the downtown plan and the waterfront plan. Those are my things too." "Making it affordable [for young people] to come back and stay if they don't work on base."

Alt: "The next five years I want to work on the waterfront plan. As we expand the pier, I want to make sure we can have boaters come into town, walk up the hill, go visit the restaurants and then exit by the water as well."

"The trail that connects the wharf to the winery and I'd also love to see the amphitheater in the next five years."

"For the next 10 years as more houses come in I'd like to make sure it's more walkable, safety is increased. Then we start investigating how we add in the oth-

er parts of the waterfront plan."

"We have to integrate that smartly."

LaQuay: "I definitely do like the waterfront plan, I want to make sure it's family friendly. At the amphitheater, can we get a stroller in there? Can someone with a diaper bag and three screaming kids get to their seats? I would push for that as a mom."

"When I was in Ryken, we'd come into town and there was nothing here. We were up to no-good. I'd like to see something for them to do and not get into trouble."

"People talk about things being walkable, but what about scooter rentals? What about Segway tours? Have we looked into that?"

Earhart: "Definitely I'll say the wharf, I'm so excited about that. Bringing the amphitheater down and the food trucks in will be a big opportunity for the other small businesses."

"I'm really excited about the Tudor Hall project but I want to balance that with being environmentally smart about it."

Hollander: "We need to focus on recovering from COVID-19, from inflation. The cost of chemicals for the treatment plant have skyrocketed, everything has skyrocketed. We need to get that in a settled position, make sure we can do all that hopefully within our current tax rate."

"Then we can start implementing the waterfront plan and the downtown plan."

Hoyer Tours CSM Health Sciences Construction Site

Secures Program Funds for Regional Campus

Congressman Steny Hoyer met with College of Southern Maryland (CSM) leadership and staff to tour the construction of the new Center for Health Sciences at the college's Regional Hughesville Campus April 19. During a pre-tour briefing, the group discussed how the \$500,000 in critical funding Hoyer secured in FY2022 omnibus is being used to upgrade equipment for the new facility's health education programs.

"I am excited to be at the College of Southern Maryland to visit the Health Sciences Center and observe the progress underway," said Hoyer.

"The construction site will one day become an extraordinary building that helps expand opportunities for students pursuing an education in the sciences, and I look forward to coming back in the future when it is finished," he continued. "Knowing how critical this new facility will be for the College of Southern Maryland, I was proud to work alongside advocates to secure \$500,000 in federal funding in the Fiscal Year 2022 omnibus to support the ongoing educational programs at the center and ensure that it has the equipment and resources it needs to offer the best experience to our students."

"We are so grateful for your support," CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy told the congressman during the briefing. "I can't overstate the importance of this center and what it will mean to our students, our community, and our region's workforce. It will serve as a central learning location for our health and nursing programs and it will be the college's flagship building."

Hoyer described the state-of-the-art technology that will be offered at the center "the wave of the future," and "science on display" before thanking CSM leadership and staff for demonstrating how federal investments are "being put to work in service to Southern Maryland students and our communities."

Joining Hoyer, his staff, and Murphy were Dean of CSM School of Science and Health Dr. Laura Polk and CSM Vice President of Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey.

The Center for Health Sciences is the second building on CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus and will serve as a central, convenient location for the college's health programs and instruction. It will be approximately 50,000 square feet, designed to LEED standards and will feature specialized



From left, CSM Vice President of Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey, CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy, Congressman Steny Hoyer and CSM School of Science and Health Dr. Laura Polk pose in front of CSM's new Center for Health Sciences, currently under construction at CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus.

health sciences laboratories for CSM's programs in nursing, emergency medical services, rehabilitation, wellness and fitness, pharmacy technician, medical assisting, health information management and medical coding, and medical laboratory technology. The center will also include a clinical simulation

center, collaborative learning spaces, classrooms, a computer lab, faculty and staff offices, a student success suite, and a large multipurpose meeting room. Construction is currently on track for completion in late fall 2022.

Press Release from CSM



Children's Author Talk with Susan Kusel

Meet a real author! To celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, Susan Kusel will read her award-winning book "The Passover Guest," and share how she creates her stories on Sunday, May 1 from 2 – 3 p.m. at Lexington Park Library. Ask your questions about being an author! Ms. Kusel will sign books after her talk- bring your own copy, or books will be available for purchase. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Beginner Ukulele Workshop

Learn to play the ukulele! Local music teacher Nani Lowery will lead a 2-part virtual workshop for beginners to get your started on your musical journey on Tuesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 5 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. No ukulele? No problem! Borrow one from the library before the first session. We have 20 ukuleles available, with tuners and cases. Have your own ukulele? That's great! Make sure it's in working order, and that you have a tuner (or download a tuner app for your smartphone). This workshop is open to adults, teens, and tweens who

are in 6th grade and up. A class packet with instructions and music will be emailed to all participants, or can be picked up at the library prior to the workshop. Register on www.stmalib.org

Virtual Author Talk with Martha Wells

Join us with a discussion with Martha Wells, author of the incredible series, Murderbot Diaries on Wednesday, May 4 from 7 – 8 p.m. Martha Wells has written many fantasy novels, including The Wizard Hunters, Wheel of the Infinite, the Books of the Raksura series (beginning with The Cloud Roads and ending with The Harbors of the Sun), and the Nebula-nominated The Death of the Necromancer, as well as YA fantasy novels, short stories, and nonfiction. Her New York Times and USA Today-bestselling Murderbot Diaries series has won the Hugo, Nebula, Locus, and Alex Awards. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

African American Genealogy

Interested in learning about your fam-



ily's history and ancestry? Join us with Christine Iko, a librarian at the Enoch Pratt Library, who specializes in African American History and Genealogy on Monday, May 9 from 6 – 7 p.m. African American genealogical research is different from other ethnic backgrounds. Due to slaves being considered property, they were prohibited from reading, writing, attending school, legally marrying, owning land, owning a business, voting, and participating in many other activities that generate records on which much genealogical research is based. Citizenship was granted in 1868 to slaves, an action that had an impact on records like letters, diaries, wills, census records, land deeds, voter registrations, and school records. However, like people of that time, written documents were sometimes segregated. These records might be kept in separate files or listed in the back of record books. Finding aids may also have these complications. For example, many military records of African Americans are indexed separately. Finally, African American genealogy and history has not been widely researched. When Alex Haley wrote his best-selling book Roots, many people

began to question their elders about their past and research their own family histories. But this has only occurred in the most recent past. There's a lot of history to try to catch up with! If you are interested or intrigued on where to begin, how to start, where to research, we hope to see you with us in this great program as we welcome Christine in discussing all there is about African American Genealogy.

Register on www.stmalib.org. Smartphone Photography Contest

It's back! Join us again for our 2nd Smartphone Photography Contest! Do you take the best pictures in St. Mary's County? Do you love showing your photography skills off on Facebook and Instagram? St. Mary's County Library invites submission of photographs taken with a smartphone for entry into our Smartphone Photography Contest. The contest is open to anyone in our community in the following age groups: Teens (ages 13 to 17), and Adults (ages 18 and older). Please read all guidelines on www.stmalib.org before submitting entry materials.

Forrest Center Students Win State SkillsUSA Competition

Students from the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center recently participated in the 49th Annual SkillsUSA Maryland State Championships which took place in the Anne Arundel County area. The contests that Forrest Center students competed in were as varied as the program offerings at the center.

At the awards ceremony, 31 Forrest Center students medaled. In addition to the medalists, two students were elected to state-wide office and one student was selected as a National Voting Delegate. Results are as follows:

Telecommunications Cabling
 Gold Brianna Melton (Electrical Wiring)
 Silver Dylan McNey (Electrical Wiring)
 Bronze Joshua Gates (Electrical Wiring)

Drone Competition
 Gold Bella Heckathorn, Teddy Bates (Engineering)

Information Technology Services
 Gold Camille Van Erp (IT Networking)
 Bronze Weston Carr (IT Networking)

Advertising Design
 Silver Emily Jilek (Graphic Communications)

Digital Cinema Production
 Bronze Raymond Cain, Gabriel Horton (TV/Video Production)

Promotional Bulletin Board
 Silver Jocelyn Gaskin, Caleb Bryan, Summer LaRocco (Teacher Academy)

Engineering Technology Design
 Gold Brianna Rourke, Fiona Hall (Engineering) & Lilia Burkes (IT Networking Academy)

Medical Terminology
 Silver Allison Curtis (Academy of Health Professions)

Diesel Equipment Technology
 Gold Evan Sonon (Diesel Technology)

Audio/Radio Production
 Gold Vincent Landreth, Grady

O'Neill (TV/Video Production)
 Silver Dominic Laurel, Connor McGraw (Radio/Audio Production)
Emergency Medical Technician – EMT

Gold Jenna Albertson, Britany Bean (Firefighting/EMT)

First Aid-CPR
 Silver Katherine Thompson (Academy of Health Professions)

Basic Health Care Skills
 Silver Christina Klobnock (Academy of Health Professions)

Job Skill Demonstration Open
 Gold Bo Hunt (Academy of Health Professions/ROTC)

Health Knowledge Bowl
 Bronze Team C - Jordyn Walters, Emily Smetana, Riley Lillard, Lindsey Magill (Academy of Health Professions)

Officer Elects:
 SkillsUSA Maryland State Officer – Lilia Burkes (IT Networking)
 SkillsUSA Maryland State Officer – Jace Darvill (Academy of Health Professions)

National Voting Delegate:
 Emily Smetana (Academy of Health Professions) – Former SkillsUSA Maryland State Secretary

All gold medal winners are qualified to compete at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA the week of June 20, 2022. The state officers and National Voting Delegates also attend the National Conference as part of the state's leadership and participate in the national delegate assembly.

Fifteen Forrest Center students have the opportunity to represent the state of Maryland in Atlanta, Georgia this year. Fundraising efforts are currently underway. If you would like to donate toward the students' trip, please contact the school at 301-475-0242 and ask for Mr. Eric Millham or Ms. Mary Thompson.

Press Release from Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center.

Kids Can Join Local Artist for Summer Art Classes

Offered at St. Clement's Island Museum



Join art instructor Ellen Duke Wilson in exploring fine arts at St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids classes this summer. Young artists will expand their understanding of art and history while learning to sketch, paint and sculpt. Students will also reflect how making art can impact society in positive way for future generations.

"We're very grateful to have the very talented Elle Duke Wilson back for a fourth year to teach these popular classes," says Christina Barbour, site manager of St. Clement's Island Museum. "The children have loved coming to each class here at the museum and learning something new in a fun, creative way."

At the end of each session, all participants will create an indi-

vidualized work of art to share with their family and community. These classes are geared toward children ages 7 to 17. Preregistration is required and the price is \$3 per child. All materials are provided, and participants are asked to bring a light snack. Parents are encouraged to sign up soon as slots fill up quickly.

The following class dates are schedule: June 21, 22, & 23; July 5, 6, & 7; July 26, 27, & 28; and Aug. 9, 10 & 11.

For more information regarding St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids, or to sign up your child, please call Christina Barbour at 301-769-4723. For more information or other events, visit www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Museum Division.

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A View From The BLEACHERS



LISTENING INTENTLY

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The bar door creaks open. A middle-aged couple walks in, both squinting as aged eyes adjust to the dark ambiance. The tables are packed, but a broader scan of the room reveals two open stools at a well-worn bar – the perfect landing spot.

After a few minutes of small talk, it becomes clear that the drinks sitting in front of the lovebirds aren't their first of the evening. The energetic pair soon pull the quiet soul sitting next to them into a jovial conversation. It was a timely meeting. The melancholy soloist was a newlywed on the first business trip since his nuptials and was in need of good vibrations. The couple was celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary and was bursting to tell their story.

They had met at work, nearly 25 years prior. It was more like at first sight, than love. He was in a serious relationship; she was about to start one. They had caught one another's eye, though, developed a friendship and, ultimately, as other love interests waned, they had gotten together. The resulting journey had been amazing. They had two kids, one in college, the other about to graduate high school. Their family had transcended various challenges – loss of loved ones, medical curve balls - and lived through a scroll of cherished memories – first steps, Lego builds, school plays, sports, band concerts and family vacations. Tears had been shed and shared along the way, but there had been far more smiles. It was their story – so far.

The newlywed listened intently. He even offered to buy a round to keep the conversation flowing. They politely declined and instead bought him a drink for good luck. What he found more captivating than the major milestones of their lives, were the details around how they had arrived at their employer at exactly the same time. The husband had started at another job after college, one he enjoyed and that paid well; he only sought a new one after a corporate merger created considerable employment uncertainty. He spoke with a friend about his predicament; his

buddy noted that his company was hiring and suggested that he apply. He did...and found much, much more than a career reboot.

The wife was in her last year of college and, on a whim, decided to attend a spring festival near her school. While there, she ran into an acquaintance at a popcorn stand who mentioned an upcoming job fair and encouraged her to go. She did...and then she met the recruiter for the job at the place where she met...her husband.

Two lives were completely changed (for the better judging by the flow of elixirs and genuine affection), and new human life was created, by a corporate merger and random meeting that happened only because of a shared hankering for kettle corn. This was their story. The newlywed had his. We all have ours. Life, man...it is so dynamic.

Which, of course, brings us to sports. While reading this and contemplating your own incredible journey, hundreds of young men from all over the country will be transfixed by this weekend's NFL draft. Some will be in attendance anticipating a grip and grin with commissioner Roger Goodell. Many more will be watching with family and friends. All will be waiting for their name to be called – the moment when a childhood dream is realized and their lives are immediately uprooted and sent to an unfamiliar place, where they will meet new coaches and teammates, work for an unfamiliar organization, and engage with a new community.

The NFL draft is largely consumed and analyzed in football terms. But there is a profound human element in play. As names methodically fill out the draft scroll, lives reach an inflection point, an experience with a distinct before and after. It isn't far-fetched to imagine these newest NFL players sitting at a bar 25 years from now, perhaps with a significant other on their arm, celebrating the amazing personal journey that began when their name was called. Hopefully they will buy a drink or two for the night's stranger-turned-friend who listens intently to it all.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

Tackle Box Fishing Report



By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Striped bass season opens Sunday, May 1. In both the Potomac and bay the limit is one per day, 35 inch minimum. This trophy season lasts until May 16 when the minimum changes to 19 inches in Maryland, one per day; and 20 inch minimum in the Potomac, 2 per day.

The spring has been unseasonably cool this year which may keep the big spawners in the bay longer and provide good opportunity to catch a trophy fish this year.

In the meantime, the catfish are over the moon in the Potomac an

Patuxent. Fresh cut bait, a strong rod and reel, and stamina is all that is needed to load the boat. The shoreline and pier fishermen can get plenty too.

There has been at least one croaker show up in the pound nets, several speckled trout, and quite a few spot. The fish are coming, we just need consistent weather where the temperatures do not go below 50 at night. That is not going to happen this week.

Crabs have not started moving yet. They are 2 weeks behind, or more.

Fresh water fishing is good. Plenty of bass, pickerel and crappie.

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Summer Music Festival Kickoff Concert Announced



The Town of Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Business Association and the St. Mary's County Arts Council are proud to announce the return of the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival. Leonardtown will host a summer of FREE, live outdoor concerts featuring an exciting lineup of artists including the Robbie Boothe Band, the Latrice Carr Band, Leonardo Garcia Y Son Horizonte, Blazin Keys, Reagan Years and more throughout the Town from April to October.

An exciting new addition this year are a series of concerts/celebrations at the Leonardtown Wharf! The series, titled On the Water's Edge, is sponsored by Jimmy Hayden of Re/Max 100. Attendees will be able to join in the fun by land or water – catch FREE shuttle rides from the Leonardtown Trolley provided by Patuxent Transportation from the Leonardtown Square down to the Wharf or pull up to the Town's new slips and enjoy the music with friends right from your boat.

The music festival kicks off on Saturday, April 30 when Leonardo Garcia Y Son Horizonte performs at the Leonardtown Wharf from 6-9 p.m. during the Leonardtown Music and Dance Appreciation Day, an all-day event filled with music and dance performances throughout Leonardtown being held in honor of International Day of Dance and is also an early celebration for Cinco De Mayo. This award-winning ensemble performs a wide variety of original compositions and arrangements from traditional Salsa music to Salsa Jazz. Talented Latin Dance Instructors, Tracy Hurtt and Robin Santiago will be on hand to teach attendees who wish to learn Salsa and Kizomba dancing.

In addition to live music and dancing, attendees will be able to purchase and enjoy tasty eats from Sal-

sa's Mexican Café and Olde Town Pub, award-winning wine from the Port of Leonardtown Winery and sweet treats from the Frog Town Ice Cream Shop. For those who wish to take their evening to the next level, Luxury VIP Picnics are available at a special rate for the event. Book your own romantic Date Night Picnic for Two for \$150 or An Evening on the Town for 4-6 for \$225 with Stacy from Picnics with a Twist (limit to three couples and two larger groups). Packages include a Boho picnic table with cutlery, napkins, plates and glassware, charcuterie board/boxes and ice bucket with bottled water, picnic blanket/rugs and pillows for seating, assorted games, décor (LED candles, fresh flowers) and more. For more info and to book your reservation contact: picnicswithatwist@gmail.com.

We hope you'll join us for a wonderful evening of Salsa music, dancing and fun – not to mention a spectacular Wharf sunset! Then look for other exciting concerts around Town from the Leonardtown Square to the Port of Leonardtown Winery from April 'til October 2022 and be sure to join us for a fabulous summer of music in Leonardtown!

For a complete list of music in Leonardtown visit: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest.

Other concerts around Leonardtown, including the Leonardtown Square and Port of Leonardtown Winery, are presented by the Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District, Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, the County Times, Port of Leonardtown Winery and other valued sponsors. To view a full list of sponsors for the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival go to: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest.

Press Release from the Town of Leonardtown

Hospice Run 2022



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.

Thu. Apr 28

Southern MD 27th Annual Spring Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
Leonardtown
5p.m. to 10p.m.

Thursday 5pm—10pm Gate Admission: FREE (Carnival ONLY Night—no other attractions will be open)

Thursday Carnival Ride Bracelet Special:
5pm -10pm ONLY Ride Bracelets cost: \$25
Carnival Ride Tickets cost:
Single Ticket: \$1.25
20 Tickets: \$20
40 Tickets: \$38

The Weekend:

Gate Hours:

Friday, April 29th: 5pm to 10 pm

Saturday, April 30th: 10 am to 10 pm

Sunday, May 1st: 10 am to 6 pm

Admission:

Friday—Sunday:

Adults: \$6

6-12 years: \$3

Under 6: FREE

Bring a non-perishable canned food item per person and receive \$1 off admission.

Snyder's Amusements Midway Rides

Carnival Ride Tickets cost:

Single Ticket: \$1.25

20 Tickets: \$20

40 Tickets: \$38

Friday, April 29th: Tickets Only

Saturday, April 30th: Tickets and

11am-4pm ONLY Ride Bracelets

cost \$25

Sunday, May 1st: Tickets Only

Attractions:

Joe Wenal Chainsaw Carver

Reggie Rice Show (Sat. & Sun)

Tractor Pull (Sat. & Sun.)

Car Show (Sat 10am-3pm)

Beer Brewing Demonstration (Sat)

Live Entertainment

Artists & Crafters

Indoor Yard Sale

Farm Animals

Great Food

Hay Ride

Kid's Games

Flower Sale

Raffle & Pull Tabs

Noises Off

21744 South Coral Drive

Lexington Park

8p.m. to 11p.m.

Michael Frayn's Noises Off takes a fond look at the follies of the-atre folk, with out-of-control egos, memory loss, and passionate affairs that turn every performance into a high-risk adventure.

This play-within-a-play captures a touring theatre troupe's production of Nothing On in three stages: dress rehearsal, the opening performance, and a performance towards the end of a debilitating run. Frayn gives us a window into the inner workings of theatre behind the scenes.

Brimming with slapstick comedy, Noises Off is a delightful backstage farce, complete with slamming doors, falling trousers, and—of course—flying sardines!

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Adults \$18, Seniors/Students/

Military \$15, Children \$13

Thursdays all tickets \$13

Fri, Apr 29

Common Ground: Passage to Strength and Change Symposium

44300 Sotterley Ln,

Hollywood

10a.m. to 3p.m.

April 29th and 30th, Historic Sotterley will hold two days of on-site programming, entitled Common Ground: Passage to Strength and Change. This symposium will feature a roundtable with some of Sotterley's diverse descendants, a living history performance, a study of genealogy to discover unknown relatives and ancestors using DNA, and the Executive Vice-President of Content from Maryland Public Television telling his own journey using previews of yet to be released films; Becoming Frederick Douglas and Harriet Tubman Visions of Freedom.

Free registration is open for this event, but seating is limited. Please register as soon as possible to save your spot. There is an add-on lunch

option available for purchase with your registration.

This event, as part of our Common Ground Initiative, is made possible by the generous support of Maryland Humanities, and the Maryland Heritage Area Authority.

Sat. Apr 30

St. John's School's Spring Auction

43900 St Johns Rd

Hollywood

6p.m. to 8p.m.

You will enjoy an evening of delicious food and competitive bidding that sponsors the early education of the children at St. John's School. Come and bid on many live and silent auction items to take home your special prize.

Tickets are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Your ticket price includes dinner and an auction paddle. Beer, wine and top shelf drinks will be available throughout the evening for purchase. Everyone must be 21 or older to attend! Doors open at 5:30PM.

Purchase your tickets online at auctria.com/auction/S1S2022

Sun, May 1, 2022

East Coast Drifters Spring Open

Car Show

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge

27636 Mechanicsville Rd,

Mechanicsville

8a.m. to 3p.m.

All years Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles are welcome. Top 70 and several other awards. First 100 receive dash plaques. Pre-registration \$15 by April 17. \$20 at gate. Spectators \$5 (under 12 free) Registration cut-off Noon. For more info call: Chuck 301-751-5602 or Rich 240-538-4266 eastcoastdrifters.com (rain date May 15)

Tue, May 3, 2022

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Event

21030 Point Lookout Road

Callaway

11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.

The community is invited to join the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, the Department of Aging

& Human Services, and the Triad/SALT Council to thank this year's Law Enforcement Officers of the Year and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to their community.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day will be held Tuesday, May 3, 11:30 a.m. at The White Rose, located at 21030 Point Lookout Road in Callaway.

The Officer of the Year from each agency will receive recognitions from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Governor Larry Hogan, the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House of Delegates, the Triad/SALT Council and others.

The community is invited to stay for lunch, free of charge, following the ceremony. This event is free and open to the public.

Wed. May 4

Little Explorers: Trees, Leaves, Flowers, and Seeds

Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation

47621 Old Cove Road,

Lexington Park

10a.m. to 11a.m.

For pre-school children ages 3-5 years

Spend the morning learning and making discoveries through stories, play, art, music, science, and nature.

\$4 per child/ Members \$3. One accompanying adult free— full-day admission included.

Location: Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation

Upcoming

Attention Graduates of the Chopticon High School Class of 1970

Registration is now open for our 50-year (actually 52nd) Class Reunion Celebration 10-11 June 2022

Tour of CHS 10 June

Dinner/Dance 11 June

Registration will be via:

(1) Facebook @ Chopticon High School Class of 1970 or

(2) Response to Reunion Committee forwarded email or

(3) Reply to Reunion Committee letter

Registration ends 16 May 2022

See You There!

CHS70 Reunion Committee
class70CHS@gmail.com



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

NAVAIR Engineer Helps Maryland Youth Discover Career Paths Through Robotics

By Lisa Rendzio

Airborne Electronic Attack Systems (PMA-234) communications

The Airborne Electronic Attack Systems Program Office (PMA-234) Test and Evaluation Lead escorted a team of students, known as the Bot Brigade Quartic, to the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Chesapeake Regional Championships, in Hampton, Virginia, where they won first place for their video submission for the Promote Award, Apr. 9 and 10.

Dan Ensminger has used his enthusiasm for engineering and program acquisition experience to lead 29 local youth robotics teams over the past 14 years.

"We are developing the next generation of problem-solvers through practical applications in a fun environment, and I am so proud of what these students are able to learn and accomplish," said Ensminger.

He became interested in building robots after learning about the LEGO Mindstorm robot kits. While researching ways to make the kit more fun for his three kids, he stumbled across the FIRST Lego League website. The organization fosters a hands-on approach to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning and has organized competitions.

Ensminger saw that the deadline for registering teams for the FIRST Lego League (FLL) was only three days away and since that did not give him and his family time to find a team, he decided to pay the \$200 fee to register a new one.

"I assumed we could find at least two other students to meet the minimum team size, and a week later our newly minted team had 10 members," stated Ensminger. "Bot Brigade had a very successful first season in 2008, advancing to the Maryland State Championship, and the club grew from there."

All three of Ensminger's children are mechanical engineers, which he credits to their involve-

ment in robotics.

"FIRST robotics exposed my children to the engineering process, and the satisfaction they could derive from applying science and math to solve "real-world" problems," he said. "Our team has dozens of graduates who have chosen STEM fields after exposure through robotics that allowed for a better understanding of their interests and talents before making decisions about future careers."

As a head coach, he ensures members stay motivated and receive training on the robot design process, basic mechanics, 3D modeling, and programming. He also assists with recruitment of team members and mentors.

"The most rewarding aspect of coaching robotics is sharing the team's excitement and satisfaction

when they work through a tough design, build, or programming problem and have achieved a successful result – usually indicated by shouts of joy coming from the garage," Ensminger said. "It is also very exciting to see students find something they enjoy that translates to what type of work they may be interested in pursuing before heading off to college."

This season's Bot Brigade Quartic team consists of 12 students from 7th to 12th grade across St. Mary's County, including public, private, and homeschooled students. The team meets with Ensminger every other week during the off-season and five plus days a week leading up to any competition. The team also participates in virtual meetings for training and administrative tasks.


At this year's FIRST Tech Chal-

lenge (FTC) regional championships, in addition to winning the Promote Award, the team went undefeated in their five qualifying matches; finished 7th place, out of 40, during qualifying rounds; and had the highest average autonomous scoring at the tournament out of 80 teams.

"The team experienced connectivity issues during competition rounds that interrupted control of the robot and suppressed the team's scores during driver-controlled periods," Ensminger said. "Problems only came up during actual competition rounds so they were difficult to troubleshoot. This drives home the importance of testing under actual operational conditions, something to which everyone in the engineering world can relate."



Dan Ensminger, left, head coach of the Bot Brigade Quartic robotics team, explains a practical application of building robotics to two team members in his garage, while other team members work out 3D modeling around from his kitchen table. Ensminger has led local Bot Brigade teams for the past 14 years. (Photo courtesy of Bot Brigade Quartic)

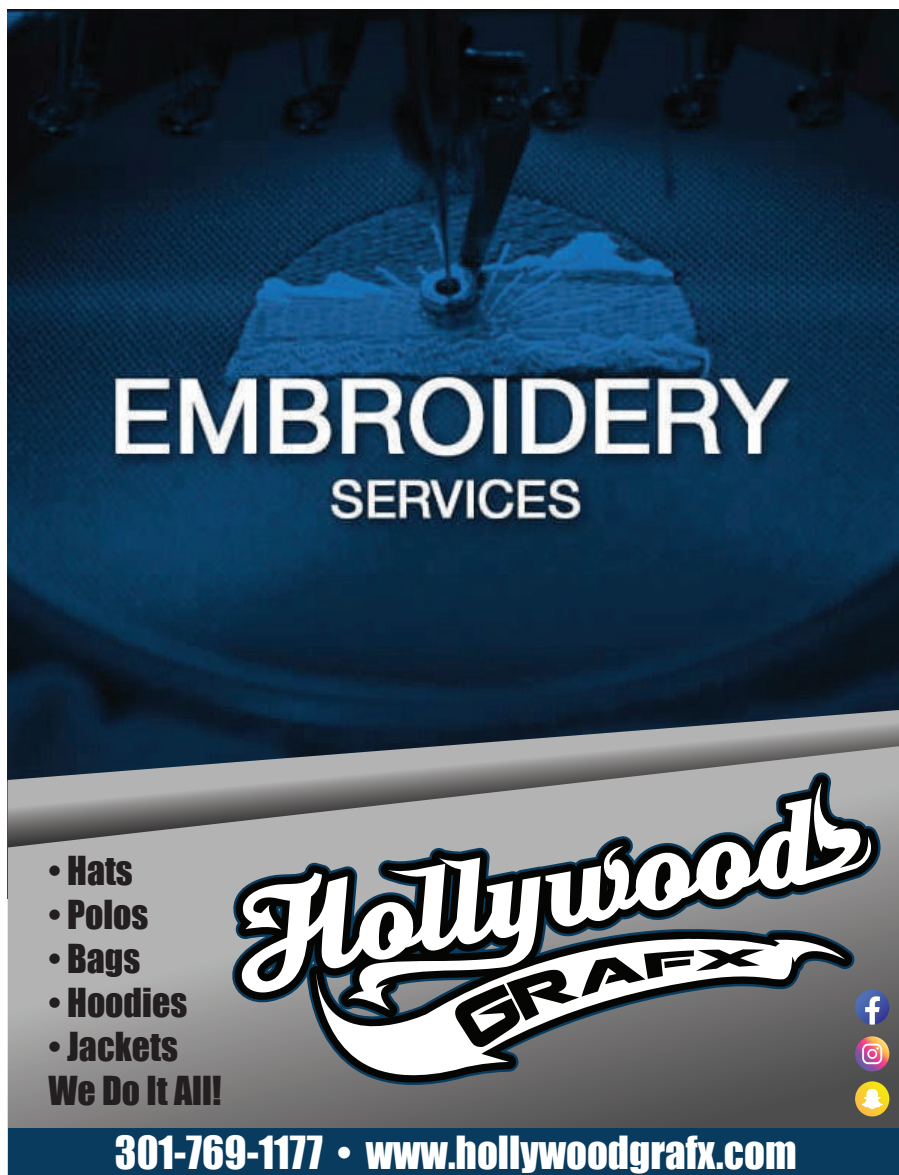


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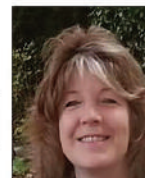
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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



LEONARDTOWN; A SMALL TOWN WITH A BIG HEART

The Leonardtown Luau last Friday was a really fun day for everyone, especially for those of us with the Clements Cuties organization who raise funds to help local children fighting rare cancers. All the participating businesses opened their doors, maybe with a bit of surprise on their faces, to a bunch of great men in their Clements Cuties get-ups who took over the space near and behind their bars and let us pass out information about all our upcoming events and pass the plate, so to speak, for donations. I always smile when I see the smiles and laughter on the employees and patrons faces. And as you can see by the attached photo, my husband, Rockin' Roberta was in his best Clements Cuties fundraising form.

Many thanks to The Rex (as always) for letting us take over the old theatre space for the Clements dress and make-up preparation, and to all the businesses that either donated or let us invade and raise funds: Social Coffee House, The Slice House, Shepherd's Old Field Market's Brudergarten, Olde Town Pub (where Robert and I finally got to sit down and eat and listen to the band), The Front Porch (WOW! Their habanero margarita was amazing), Antoinette's Garden (YUM! Blueberry moonshine with fresh blueberries), The Everyday Saint Brewing Company (coming soon) next to The Front Porch (they were working on the brewery, and we just interrupted Tyler and Michelle and got a photo op), The Fenwick Inn, S-Kape Salon and Spa, and Noli's.

We weren't the only important fundraiser going on last Friday. Laschelle McKay, Leonardtown Town Administrator, is fighting and looks like is on the winning side of her journey with Parkinson's Disease. Laschelle was out and about with Team Laschelle in her "Kick the Schell out of Parkinson's" t-shirts where 100% of the proceeds go to The Michael J. Fox foundation. The Rex even had a special drink for sale called Laschelle's Rum Punch with a portion of the proceeds from that and all their Island themed drinks going to Laschelle's cause. Go Laschelle and Team Laschelle!!

And Leonardtown didn't quit being the small town with a big heart last weekend. The Run & Fun Walk for Hospice was held on Saturday. Another great local organization that



needs donations to help our loved ones, or possibly ourselves someday. I was with a friend whose husband was dying and placed in hospice care at Hospice of St. Mary's in Callaway. What a caring group of individuals throughout his stay until his passing. The rooms are large, lovely, and homey with a large family area in the building and beautiful grounds. I was honored to be there with my friend through her husband's transition and passing.

I wished we could have made it to Leonardtown's Spring Fling car show on Sunday with our '65 Mustang Convertible, but we had other plans that day. I saw all the photos and was amazed at all the beautiful and well-maintained classic cars. Sounds like it was another perfect day for an outing in the town square. I remember setting up my art tent when the Spring Fling used to be behind Leonardtown Middle School. I would take commissions to paint people's classic cars. That was a long time ago.

You don't even need to leave our county on the weekends, during any season. We have so much going on all the time in every town. And Leonardtown, the county seat, the perfect little town with the great big heart is a wonderful place to explore, eat, drink, and enjoy.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

Editorial & Opinion

Value is in the Eye of the Beholder

New this week, we have placed a price per copy on the cover of our weekly publication, The County Times.

For the past 16 years The County Times has been available throughout the community on 100's of newsstands each week free to the public. Yet, it has never been free.

Thomas Jefferson once said: "Where it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Jefferson might well be alarmed at the way news is being gathered today and delivered through social media platforms. This new way threatens the viability of quality local journalism across the globe, and in our community.

To stay informed on issues before our local governments, school boards,

and other institutions, we need journalists covering their meetings, asking informed questions, and presenting comprehensive information for debate and discussion throughout our community.

Unlike national and international news, there is no substitute for locally produced news. By its very nature, local news depends on local newsgathering.

Today, we are the local newspaper. We are the ones living here, we are the ones invested in our local community. We are the ones, keeping it local, including local journalists gathering the facts every day. We reflect the values of our residents and businesses, we challenge assumptions and shine a light on our imperfections and aspirations.

Yet, as our local small businesses have had to overcome the disruptions of the past two years and now the crippling effect of inflation, we do not feel it

is appropriate to ask them to pay more to cover our rising costs. Our small businesses need your support more than ever, and so do we. Therefore, we are asking our readers to contribute what amounts to less than twenty cents per day at our full year rate.

We also ask that you mention to your local government officials, how important it is that we keep a local community newspaper in our county. And the government our journalists are engaged with everyday should be spending advertising dollars with The County Times. It makes no sense that your government would be spending your tax dollars and fees to do government advertising with a newspaper that is not local, and not even a Maryland company.

Our new "Grab & Go" model is based upon the honor system, because we have a community worthy of such. Continue

picking up your copy each week at your favorite newsstand. When you are able, you can scan the QR Code with your phone, or go to mycountytimes.com to make your contribution electronically. Or you can simply mail a check to P.O. Box 250, Hollywood, Maryland 20636.

We need you – our loyal and cherished readers who value and benefit from the professional reporting we do and recognize the critical role we play in monitoring and, when needed, challenging the actions of local government and other institutions.

All our efforts are geared to creating greater public awareness and engagement towards building a stronger community.

We thank you and love serving you.



It's the Location

To: St. Mary's County Commissioners

I attended and spoke at the Commissioners forum on April 12, 2022 in regards to the cannabis facility. Let me first be clear that I am not against the cannabis industry and any means. If it is medically proven to help people with their problem, more power to them. Numerous people spoke on behalf of the industry, only one person spoke against. The industry was not the topic of the meeting; it was the location that is the cause of the discussion.

I am against the location of the current facility being built in Abell. There is no zoning ordinance for this operation in St. Mary's County. How can the Planning and Zoning Department just assign a classification to the project with no existing guidelines? Is the use of random decision making by a single individual the correct way to operate the county business? How can a project of this magnitude, which is located in the critical area, be approved without a critical area study, which is required by law, a public hearing, and the lack of proper reviews? The lack of the public hearing is the most disturbing thing to me. How is anyone allowed to express their concerns? How is anyone know what is actually being proposed? The impression was given that there was going to be a greenhouse, this is far from the truth of what actually happened. In my opinion this was an obvious attempt to cover up what was happening until everything was approved.

This project is NOT agricultural in any means of the description of agriculture. It by their own description is an innovative industrial complex which should be built in an industrial center, not in a rural community. The majority of the plants are grown in a building not in a field. When have you ever seen a laboratory on a farm? Why would you need a laboratory on a farm?

Numerous individuals stated at the public forum that you should be able to do what you want on your own property. This attitude would not be the same if it affected them. This type of approach would lead to the demise of the area in a short amount of time. Let's open a slaughter house or perhaps even better a hog farm in the Leonardtown proper, Wildwood, Golden Beach, Country Lakes or any other residential area and see how that goes over. Maybe all of the Commissioners would want to build a house next door to this operation. I am sure it could be arranged for them to be able to purchase lots. Anyone interested?

It should also be known that this is not owned by Mr. Mattingly alone; there

are numerous corporations in various states that probably have the controlling interest, however it is hidden behind mountains of red tape. The land is owned by Blue Griz LLC out of Texas.

You as County Commissioners have failed miserably by allowing this project to happen in this area. You will again fail miserably if you allow this to continue and expand.

What are you doing by allowing this project to continue is a free for all for development of agriculturally zoned property to be used for any reason, which you will (have) no grounds for stopping this from happening.

I know that you do not have time to oversee every project and that the work was performed by others, however, as the so to speaker owners of the business of St. Mary's County, it is time for you to get involved, the buck stops with you. Doing nothing is not going to make this problem go away, it is only going to intensify. The lack of transparency is only making the situation worse as it gives the impression that there is something to hide. I am quite certain that not everything was done properly by the county government in this situation, but it needs to be corrected. As a business owner I have the responsibility to correct any diffencies by my employees regardless of the cost to me. I have operated a business in the manner for approximately 40 years and I expect nothing less from you as the elected county leaders. You as the county business have the same responsibility.

As I see it you are in a terrible situation with only three options available to you.

Allow the project to continue and be taken to court by the community.

Stop the project and be taken to court by the developer.

Purchase the project, fast track a permit to the developer in an industrial center and find a use for the building for the county.

Your realistic options are limited and none of them will be to your liking, however, you have to do something.

I look forward to your response;

Respectfully

*John R. Butterfield
Bushwood, MD*

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

In Remembrance

Richard Thomas "Dick" Holden



Richard Thomas "Dick" Holden, 93 died on April 22nd, 2022, at his home in St. Georges Park. He was the son of the late Basil and Gertrude Holden of St. Georges Island. Mr. Holden was preceded in death by his wife Catherine Adele Holden. He is survived by his brother Robert Holden and sons: Richard T "Rich" Holden Jr., Earl A. "Andy" Holden and Wayne P. Holden along with a large extended family and many friends.

Mr. Holden was born in Balti-

more and moved with his family to St Georges Park before WWII, his father a carpenter was employed building the Patuxent River Naval base. He served briefly in the Maryland Army National Guard then joined the United States Air Force, serving for twenty years at locations all over the world, before retiring in 1969.

He returned to Maryland and settled with his family. Mr. Holden was employed at the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship for many years and was also an independent plumbing and carpentry contractor.

Mr. Holden had been at times both a commercial and recreational crabber, fisherman and oysterman. He is remembered for his craftsmanship, especially as a boat builder, helpful nature and outgoing personality. He will be buried at St Georges Catholic Church where he had been a member of the parish for much of his life.

The family will receive friends on Monday, May 2, 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 Mass of Christian

Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 12:00 Noon in St. George Catholic Church Valley Lee, MD with Father Paul Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Ronald "Ron" Edward Tinsley, Sr.



Ronald "Ron" Edward Tinsley, Sr., 75, of Mechanicsville, MD, formerly of St. George's Island, MD, passed away peacefully to his eternal life on April 18, 2022 while surrounded by family. Born on June 10, 1946, he was the son of the late Orlando Edward Tinsley and the late Mary Agatha Tinsley. Ron is survived by his wife Patricia Tinsley, whom he married in September 1976 in La Plata, MD, his sister Joan Turgeau, children John (Judi), Ronald Jr. (Norma), Donna, Theresa, Joe (Kristol); grandchildren Drew, Meghan, Sarah, Jordan, Cole, and six great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter Jordan Danielle Tinsley.

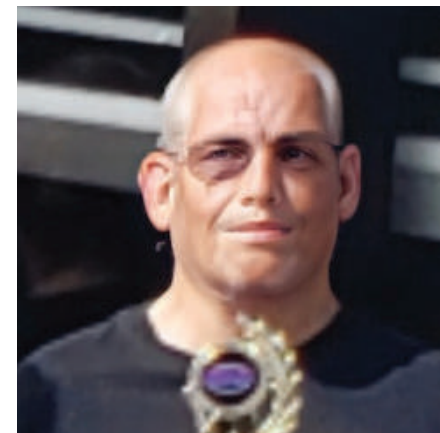
Ron proudly served for over 25 years as an electrician with the IBEW Local 26. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, and was an avid fisherman, gardener, enjoyed collecting antique fishing tackle, sharing a smile, and could often be found at the local poker or pitch game.

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.

Raynold W. Miller, Jr.

Raynold W. Miller, Jr. (Big Ray) entered into eternal rest on April 9, 2022. Born on January 22, 1963, in Medina, New York to the late Raynold W. Miller, Sr and Irene Chase Miller. He is survived by his brother, Daniel (Lisa) Miller of Albion, New York, and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his Uncle Wally



who helped to raise him.

Big Ray was a Lifetime member of the Albion Volunteer Fire Department, the Albion Emergency Squad, and a member of the Albion Fireflies Drill Team. He was a member of the Western New York State Firemen's Association. Big Ray received an award for two-time overall training hours for Orleans County. He was Chief mechanic for 13 years for Emergency Squad which was caring for the Hurst tools, boat, and truck/ambulance.

Big Ray moved to Hollywood, MD when he accepted a position as Equipment Operator with the State Highway Administration, where he continued to work until his retirement.

He was an associate member of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

Big Ray enjoyed playing Bingo throughout the Tri-County area. You often seen him with his friend "Puddin" on their way to a Bingo game. You could often find him in the parking lot of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department polishing his truck.

Big Ray also enjoyed going to the many races with his good friend Mike, watching Mike's daughter Mattie racing her diesel dragster. He always made sure it was bright and shiny for her to race. He also enjoyed racing himself.

Big Ray was several people's personal "Uber" before "Uber" was invented.

A celebration of life will be held on May 2, 2022, at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in remembrance of Big Ray!

Amber Rosetta Joy

Amber Rosetta Joy, 29, of Great Mills, MD passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 17, 2022 in Lexington Park, MD.

She was born on February 8, 1993 in Leonardtown, MD to Larry Paul Joy of Chaptico, MD and



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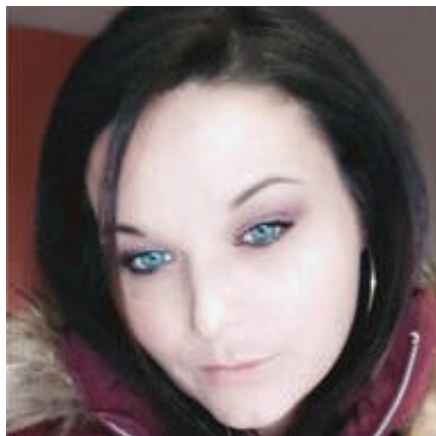
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Flora Thomas Laungayan Joy of Great Mills, MD.

Amber is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She attended Leonardtown High School and the College of Southern Maryland. She was creative and artistic, making many beautiful pieces. She enjoyed being outside gardening, fishing, and crabbing with her dad. She was an animal lover and rescued many abandoned animals. She had many pets during her lifetime, including dogs, cats, and ducks. Growing up she aspired to be a veterinarian. She enjoyed horseback riding and baking cookies with her mom. Her witty sense of humor was infectious and enabled her to make friends easily.

In addition to her beloved parents, she is also survived by her children, Anthony T. Thompson, Jr. and Abbigaile L. Thompson of Hollywood, MD; her sister, Brandy Cecelia Bowles (Thomas) of Hollywood; her brother, Allan Michael Joy of Knoxville, TN; her grandparents, Clara Rosetta Joy of Hollywood, MD and Manuel A. Laungayan (Pop-Pop) of Laurel, DE; her nieces/nephews: Landon, Trevor, Aaron, Emma, Cadence, Avorie, and Allan; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her brother, Larry Antolin Joy.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Johnny Joy-Uncle, Ronnie Joy-Uncle, Eddie Joy-Uncle, David DeLozier-Cousin, Thomas Bowles-Brother-in-law, Kenny Lee-Cousin, Manuel T Laungayan Jr-Cousin, and David Laungayan-Uncle. Honorary Pallbearers are as follows: Manuel T. Laungayan Sr.-Uncle, and Manuel A. Laungayan - Grandfather (Pop Pop)

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to: The Mission (in Remembrance of Amber R. Joy) P.O. Box 2011, California, MD 20619. Or online at: <https://seekingshelter.com/the-mission/>

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

Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD.

Michelle Ann Jordan



Michelle Ann Jordan, 68 of California, MD passed away on April 19, 2022 in Leonardtown, MD.

She was born on August 19, 1953 in Fairfield, CT to the late Thomas Joseph Carroll and Gertrude Marie Morgan.

Michelle married her loving husband, Fred Raymond Jordan on October 23, 1997 in Lusby, MD. Her strong work ethic began at the young age of 18 and she worked for various government contractors, most recently as a Security Specialist for ASEC Corp until she retired in 2015. Michelle loved to travel, work in her flower gardens and bake for her friends and family. A dedicated outdoor enthusiast she was always up for a road trip. She loved to camp, backpack, mountain bike, road bike and she fished all over the country but she enjoyed cooking with her grandchildren the most.

She is survived by her husband, Ray; her children, Noreen Procacini (Andrew) of Eagleville, PA and Elizabeth Quade of California, MD; her step-children, Tina Blakely (Brian) of Coatesville, PA, Sandra Jordan of West Chester, PA, and Wayne Jordan (Rhonda) of Chandler, AZ; her siblings, Thomas Carroll (Nina), William Carroll, Raymond Carroll (Joan), Brian Carroll (Kathy), Dennis Carroll, Kathleen Goldcamp (Frank), and Noreen Dow (Randy); her sisters-in-law, Carole Carroll and Linda Carroll, and her brother-in-law, Mark Tanner; her grandchildren, Greyson, Brady, Tony, Thomas, Liam, Abigail, Jordan, Austin, Indiana, and Sylas. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Olivia Martin and her siblings, Richard Carroll, Diane Tanner, and Christopher Carroll.

The family will receive friends on April 30, 2022 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Joe Orlando, at Brinsfield Funeral Home,

P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Private interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD.

Pallbearers will be Zac Ferra, Mark Truesdale, Liam Blakely, Wayne Jordan, Austin Reichert, and Tony Quade.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Rosemary Hayden



Rosemary Hayden, 68 passed away at home on April 17, 2022 after a long fight with Parkinson's Disease.

Rosemary was born on August 25, 1953 to Joseph and Esther Forrest.

Rosemary is survived by the love of her life, Clyde Hayden who she just celebrated 50 years of marriage with in October 2021. Her daughter Michelle Hayden Carroll (son-in-law, Nick), her beloved Grandchildren, Robert Bridgett, Caitlin Hayden, Cheyenne Combs, Mikey Combs, Halley Carroll and Matthew Carroll. Her beloved Great Grandchildren Nathan Bridgett, Abigail Bridgett, Maria Hayden, Xavior Gough, Luke Murphy, Savanna Edwards and Luna Murphy. Her siblings, Betty Ann McDonald and Gloria Norris.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Melissa Rose, her parents, Joseph and Esther Forrest, her siblings, John Forrest, Leonard Forrest, Melvin Forrest, Ben Forrest, Anna Ellis, and Nancy Joy.

Rosemary loved doing needlepoint and crocheting, she made the most beautiful afghans, she was an avid reader. She loved her family with all her heart, she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a warrior, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at the young age of 40 and fought hard for 28 years. She will

be remembered for her love of life and family and her strength and courage.

Rosemary requested no services, and in lieu of flowers, she asked for donations to be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, her tribute page is: <https://tribute.michaeljfox.org> and search by "Hayden, Rosemary" or Michelle Carroll. Donations can also be made to the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680 or Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 520, Ridge, MD 20680.

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

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Captain Arvid Edwin

(Ed) Forsman



Retired Navy Captain Arvid Edwin (Ed) Forsman, 89, of Laurel Lodge Retirement Community, Cleveland, GA (formerly of Solomons, MD & Eveleth, MN) passed away on April 15, 2022, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center with his son, Dan, by his side.

Capt. Forsman was born on Nov 26, 1932, in Des Moines, Iowa, to the late Adolph Edwin Forsman and Esther Reisenbichler Forsman. At age 3, he and his younger sister, Mary, lost their dear Mother to pneumonia. His father then moved the family to Eveleth, MN. During his years at Eveleth High School, he graduated with honors, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, played cello in the orchestra and band, acted in plays, sang in the choir, and played on the football and basketball teams, all the while working in the family furniture business.

After graduating from Eveleth Junior College at the age of 21, he joined the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Cadet. On December 26, 1956, he married Navy Nurse Ann Manley in Oak Harbor, WA, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage until her death on October 3, 2021.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School Class 41, the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, a graduate of the U.S. Air War College, and he received a Master of Science from the University of Rochester.

His first tour of duty was with the Heavy Attack Mining Squadron 10 in South Korea in 1953. In 1956, he was assigned to Patrol Squadron 17 at NAS Whidbey Island, WA, where he was a Plane Commander and was also the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Operations Control Center Officer for the Commander Fleet Air, Whidbey Island, WA. He was a graduate of the Naval Test Pilot School Class 41; he served in the Weapons Systems Test Division of the Naval Air Test Center from 1965 to 1968. In 1968 Capt. Forsman was Skipper of the Heavy Attack Squadron 21 at Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Vietnam; conducting low-level, night attack missions using electric optical sensors in Vietnam and Laos. From 1971 to 1975 he served as the Chief Officer in the Strategic Analysis Section, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt AFB, NE; conducting worldwide computerized war games of the Single Integrated Operations Plan (SIOP) assessing the U.S. nuclear strike plan. Capt. Forsman served as Director, Programs Division at Naval Air Systems Command when he was assigned as a special assistant to the Chief of Naval Material conducting studies on manpower balance. His final com-

mand was the Director of Anti-Submarine Aircraft Test Directorate from 1977 to his retirement in 1980. He logged 8600 flight hours in 40 different fixed-wing aircraft and 3 helicopters.

After retiring from the Navy he worked for Sperry Univac and later UNISYS, and became Site Manager for their operation in NAS Pax River, MD for 11 years. In 1991, he became Site Manager for SEMCOR directing all their programs at the Naval Air Test Center, later Naval Air Warfare Center. In 2003 he left to form his consulting firm, A&A International, and after several years retired.

Capt. Forsman was a Past President of The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, Past President of The Rotary Club, headed the Oyster Festival in 1994, was a Paul Harris Fellow, was on the Board of St. Mary's College, sang in St. Maries Musica for years and was part of many recordings, was an elder and sang in the choir at Patuxent Presbyterian Church. He also volunteered in the community and prepared tax returns for those who could not.

He was an avid golfer, who for many years, played golf regularly, and qualified for the Senior Olympics in golf. He immensely enjoyed participating in Father-Son Golf Tournaments with his son, Dan, in Myrtle Beach, SC and traveled with him to Scotland to play St. Andrews. Annual hunting trips to South Georgia with his son, grandsons, and nephews was

a special time. He also became certified in deep-sea scuba diving and traveled with his son, Alec, to scuba dive in Belize. For many years, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Ann, on frequent trips to visit their daughter, Laurie, in Arizona and Canada.

Capt. Forsman is survived by his children, Daniel Thomas Forsman (Rhonda) of Lawrenceville, GA, and Laurie Ann Hogan of Ft. Frances, Ontario, Canada; his grandchildren: Jennifer Forsman (Nate) Hansford, Daniel Stephen Forsman, Stephanie Forsman, and David Forsman; his great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Daphne. He also is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Margy (Forsman) and Les Nelson, and sister Jane (Forsman) Harrison, and brother-in-law Bob Buchanan, in addition to several nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Alec Edwin Forsman, his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Esther (Forsman) and Mark Hovland, his sister Nan (Forsman) Buchanan, Stepmother Dorothy Schlenker Forsman, and sons-in-law, Pat Cochran and Murray Hogan.

Memorial Services will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Patuxent Presbyterian Church in California, MD with Pastor Matt Pooley officiating. A eulogy will be given by his son, Dan. The family will greet visitors at the church beginning at 9:00 AM. A graveside service with military honor guard will be held immediately after the memorial services on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, 47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Captain Arvid Edwin Forsman may be made to Patuxent Presbyterian Church, 23421 Kingston Creek Road, California, MD 20619, or to the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, 22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653

The family has made a memorial video in tribute to Captain Forsman. <https://vimeo.com/701357346/0d3cfe73c8>

JoAnn Garrett Corkum

JoAnn Garrett Corkum, 80, of California, MD, passed away on April 18, 2022.

JoAnn was born on May 23, 1941, to Louis and Margaret Garrett in Wichita, KS. After graduating from Middletown Area Senior High School in Middletown PA in 1959, she went on to study education at Miami of Ohio University, graduating in 1963.

After graduation, she landed her first job as a teacher in McLean,



Virginia, kicking off a 40-year career in Education. She later earned her Masters in Education in May 1978 from George Washington University.

JoAnn went on to have two children; Audra Corkum King (Joseph King, spouse) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Colin M. Corkum (Loretta Corkum, spouse) of Owings, MD.

After retiring in 2003, JoAnn spent her time traveling, crafting, and baking. She cherished her time with a local chapter of the Red Hat Society – the Ramblin' Roses of Southern Maryland – giving many hours of her time to meticulously plan social events and fantastic vacations as the chapter's Queen Bee.

JoAnn was predeceased by her parents, Louis and Margaret Garrett. She is survived by her sister Linda Thompson (Bill Thompson, husband, children, Stacy Thompson Overcast (deceased) (Steve Overcast, husband of Stacy) Heather Thompson of Huntington Beach, CA, and her brother Max Garrett of Branson, MO, his children David Garrett and Julie Garrett Saffle of Wichita, KS. JoAnn has five grandchildren; Shania Corkum, Skyler Corkum, Garrett King, Daniel King, and Stephanie King. She also has two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on April 29, 2022, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for a memorial service at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

A celebration of life at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge will follow the memorial service.

In lieu of donations, please feel free to make a donation to the charity of your choice or the local pet shelter/rescue as JoAnn loved her animals.

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

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

*My sister and friend on this day (April 30th)
I want to celebrate your birthday with love
and happiness.*

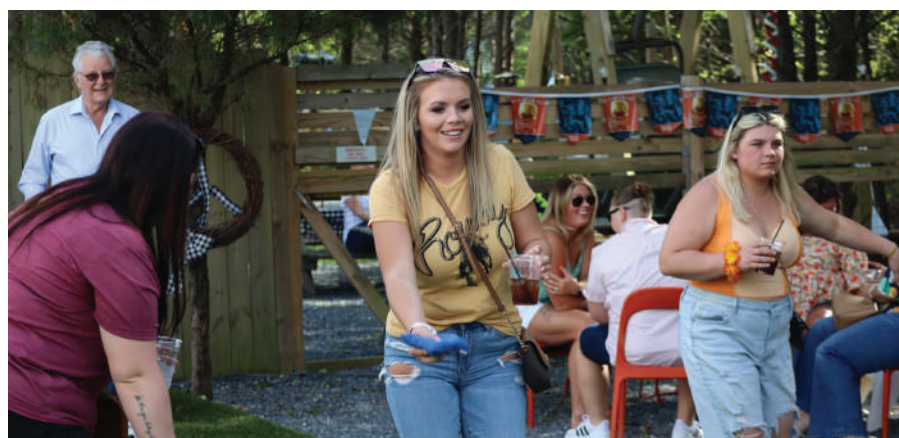
*Thank you for all the wonderful things that
you do for me and the support that you give
me. May you be blessed not only this day but
everyday. My sister and friend. I love you.*

*Love your brother,
Larry*

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TIPS TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LIVING TRUST

*Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel*

If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients have come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their attor-

neys should do that work for the clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.



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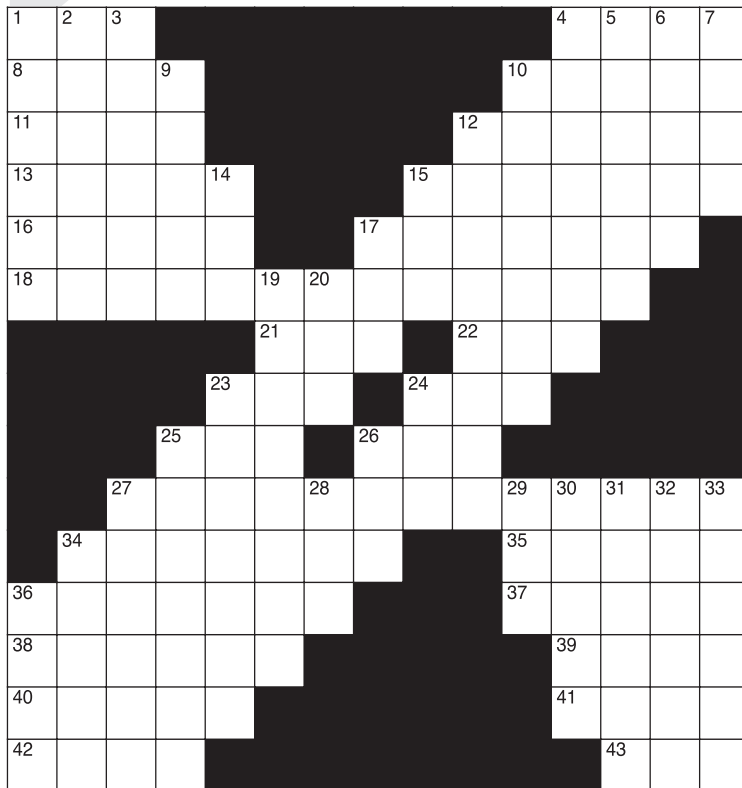
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- 1. A power of perception
- 4. Slotted hinged metal plate
- 8. Popular crop
- 10. Siamese fighting fish
- 11. Larval crabs
- 12. South American mammal
- 13. Occur as a result of
- 15. Slavic language
- 16. An electric underground railway
- 17. Transporting
- 18. A direction
- 21. Opposite of start
- 22. Mock
- 23. People love and hate it (abbr.)
- 24. A people of Myanmar
- 25. A Queens ballplayer
- 26. Southern Thailand indigenous

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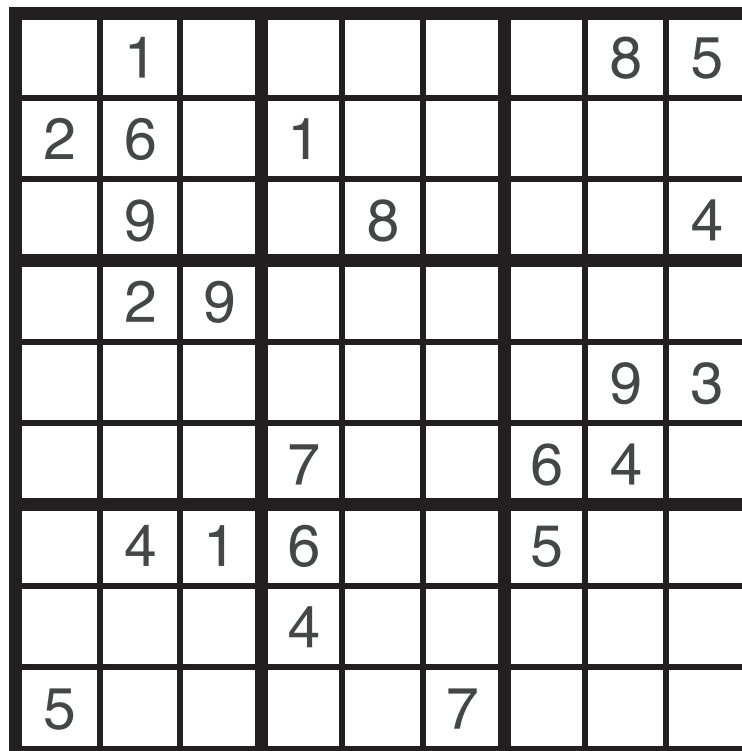
- 27. Famed actress
- 34. Thin strips
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Came down
- 39. Indian religious god
- 40. "Bewitched" actress Moorehead
- 41. Leak through slowly
- 42. Buzzing insects
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

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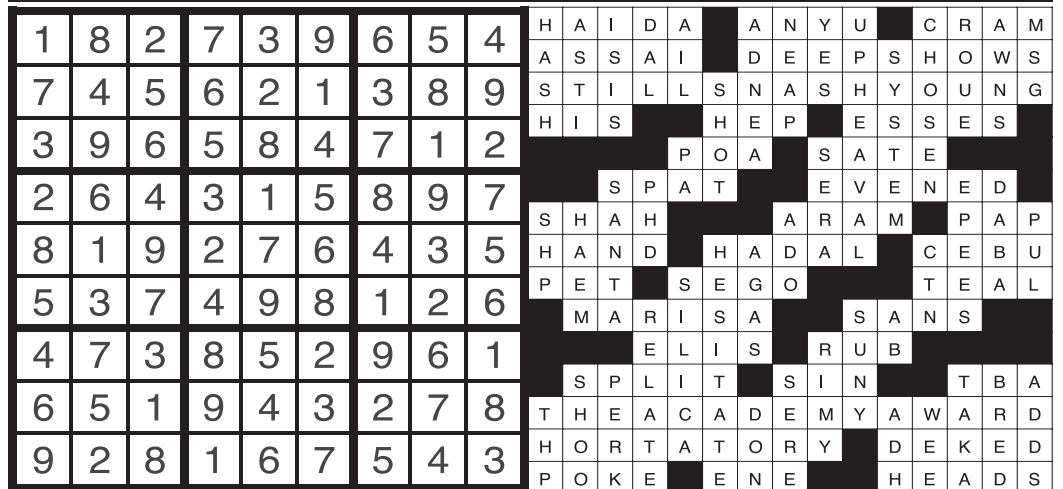
- 12. A room used for the activities of a group
- 14. The longest division of geological time
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. A barrel of liquid (abbr.)
- 19. Bound to do
- 20. Explosive
- 23. Ridicules
- 24. Adult male
- 25. Military personnel
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Found in the sea
- 28. A share lost in default (abbr.)
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. City on the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away
- 34. Wampum
- 36. Lacking brightness

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Skin condition
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Right away
- 4. Vomiting
- 5. Go to
- 6. "The Police" frontman
- 7. Bullfighting maneuver
- 9. Pacific island
- 10. A system of



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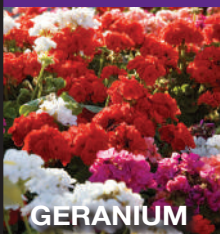
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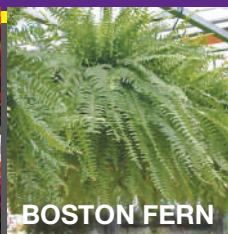
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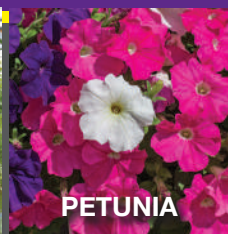
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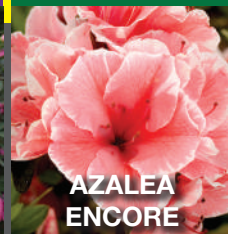


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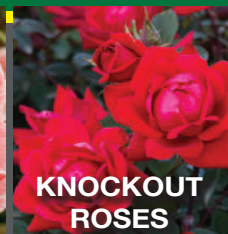


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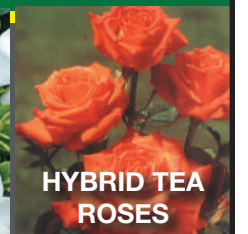
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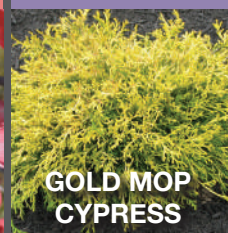


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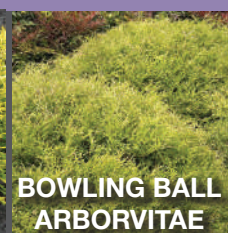


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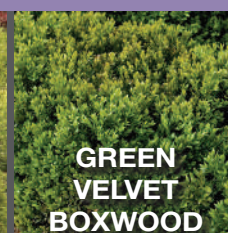
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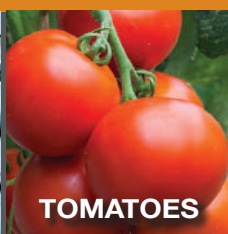
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