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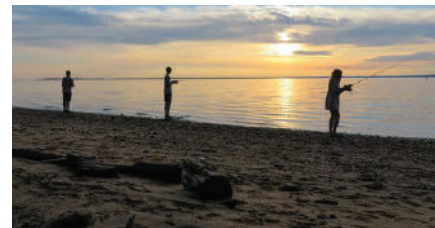
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FRI 6/3		81° /62°	Mostly cloudy and not as warm	TUE 6/7		85° /71°	Clouding up; humid
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Charlotte Hall Royal Farms Appeal Continued To Next Month



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county planning commission in March denied the concept site plan for a Royal Farms convenience store and gas station in Charlotte Hall at the former site of the Wentworth's Nursery at the intersection of Oaks Road and Charlotte Hall Road.

The applicant had appealed the case to be heard by the Board of Appeals on May 26, but instead asked for a continuance.

David Wiegel, an attorney for the law firm of Dugan, McKissick and Longmore, told the sitting board of appeals members that the applicant wanted to wait for all of the board members to be in attendance to make a decision.

There were only four members of the appeals board in attendance that evening, though it was still a quorum.

The board of appeals is a five-member board but with only four members in attendance the possibility existed of a 2-to-2 tie on a decision.

The meeting will now occur

July 21.

"We do expect there to be a full board that night," said appeals board attorney Steve Scott.

The motion to approve the project, with conditions fell to a 4-to-3 vote at the planning commission's March 21 meeting.

Among the conditions for approval in the motion called for traffic improvement for a designated left turn lane, a left through lane and a designated right turn lane to access the site from the surrounding routes.

Several residents opposed the project because of worries of increased snarled traffic at already dangerous intersections.

Some members of the planning commission were alarmed at testimony of dangerous driver behavior at the intersections involved but defended the applicants wishes as they had planned to mitigate those impacts.

Others who voted against it said they did not want to add to an already dangerous traffic situation.

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Fatal Hit-and-Run Trial Moved to August

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The trial of a man accused of striking and killing the driver of a Mennonite horse and buggy in Loveville in October with a stolen pickup truck, has been moved to August, Circuit Court documents show, after Judge Joseph Staloni declared a mistrial after a four-day trial on May 27.

The defense counsel of Ryan Nicholas Cherrico, of Mechanicsville, made a motion to both have a mistrial declared and to strike some of the testimony for the prosecution, court records show.

Staloni granted the defense motion but denied their request to have Cherrico, who has been charged with homicide by a motor vehicle and negligent manslaughter and other counts, to be released on bond.

Court documents show he was remanded to the custody of the county detention center.

Members of the States Attorney's Office said that the prosecutor in the case, Sarah Proctor, was not allowed to discuss the case.

The trial has been reset to Aug. 9, court records show.

Cherrico was under suspicion by police almost immediately after the incident on Oct. 27 of last year, court papers show.

According to an application for a statement of charges against Cherrico, sheriff's deputies found him at the Third Base store



Ryan Cherrico

just about one-half mile away from the incident just minutes after it had occurred.

The crash occurred at about 7:30 a.m. and witnesses said they saw the operator of the red 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier run away from the scene.

Officers questioned Cherrico and documented their encounter with him but said they did not detain him for lack of evidence.

But they noted that Cherrico, 31, of Mechanicsville had a strong smell of alcohol on his breath and exhibited "slow, slurred, deliberate speech."

Surveillance video from several shops and stores in the area clearly showed Cherrico walking to Third Base, court papers showed, but the defendant gave police a false alibi to avoid being suspected of causing the crash.

Law enforcement officers were also able to obtain text messages between Cherrico and his mother which showed he had been the operator of the stolen truck and knew he had caused a fatal crash; law officers also found that Cherrico's family was attempting to send him to Colorado to avoid apprehension.

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Commissioners To Decide on Snow Hill Improvement Plan

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A proposed Master Plan for the Snow Hill Park, located on North Sandgates Road, in Mechanicsville, is scheduled for possible approval by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their June 7 meeting.

The plan calls for the demolition of an aged, long standing but vacant home on the 163-acre property, putting in tennis courts and fencing.

One of the main improvements the master plan calls for is a dual boat ramp and kayak launch that would include between 22 and 26 parking spaces to accommodate visitors.

"A decision will need to be made regarding the size of boats permissible for use on the ramp," county documents show. "Current conditions allow for boats 16 feet and under, dredging will not be needed.

"Boats over 16 feet will require dredging which is an additional cost; costs for flank walls and lock revetments will most likely be needed and those costs are not included in the Master Plan."

There is \$3 million in the county's capital construction project towards comple-



Snow Hill Park viewshed

tion of the Snow Hill Park Master Plan.

The commissioners purchased the Snow Hill property in 2017 to help increase the public access to waterfront throughout St. Mary's; the county has the most waterfront property in the state but the vast majority is held privately.

There is already some opposition to the prospect of adding more construction activity at the park that some believe will take away from its natural appeal.

"I am concerned that the building of a boat launch will alter the park in such a way that non-boaters may stay away from this beautiful property," said Peter Neus of Hollywood and a member of the Friends of Snow Hill. "The loss of beach, the paving needed to accommodate parking trucks and trailers and the commotion associated with boat traffic in the waters will change the park for the worse."

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Please report any animal bites or potential rabies exposures involving people to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008. Suspected animal bites to pets or livestock should be reported to St. Mary's County Ani-

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As a general reminder, the following precautions will help protect your pets and family members from rabies:

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- Keep pets in your home or yard and walk them on a leash.
- Never approach, touch, or feed animals unknown to you.
- Do not feed pets outdoors. Pet food and other food sources such as unsecured garbage cans may attract unwanted and unhealthy animals into your yard.

SMCHD investigates reports of animal bites and, based on the outcome of the investigation, refers the affected person(s) to the hospital's emergency department or to their primary health care provider for treatment and vaccination.

For more information about rabies and the rabies vaccination clinics, visit the SMCHD website at smchd.org/rabies-prevention

Commissioners Give Final Approval to Over \$300 Million Budget



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County unanimously approved a \$324.8 million budget this week that includes the use of \$25 million from the county's undesignated fund balance to pay for capital construction projects.

It also uses the last of the American Rescue Act funding of about \$11 million.

The \$25 million will be put towards highway maintenance and improvement projects such as the continued buildout of FDR Boulevard, which takes up roughly half of the allocation.

The separate Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget is \$68.8 million.

The income tax was reduced from 3.17 percent to 3.0 percent in the fiscal 2023 budget. The 3.0 percent income tax rate was last seen in the fiscal 2018 operating budget.

Department of Finance Director Janett Cudmore called the new rate "a big accomplishment" at the May 24 county commissioner business meeting.

The property tax rate remains at .8478 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The sheriff's office received an extra \$6.7 million in funding to reach

to \$27.5 million; it is a 29.2 percent increase over the prior year.

The Board of Education also received more money over the prior year as well; their total local allocation was \$121.5 million.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt praised the budget but issued a warning.

"I've had my share of voting against budgets," said Hewitt. "But I think what this budget did is it gave something to everybody."

"It gave income tax breaks to some people; there was no increase in the property tax rate."

The increases for schools, law enforcement and county government also meant salaries for employees there would grow, he said.

But being flush with federal cash would not last much longer.

"We're operating in good financial times, but going forward next year, the year after, this American Rescue money is going to be going away," Hewitt said.

"On top of that we have this inflation going on that's really driving up the costs of everything."

"We need to be vigilant that we are doing the right thing as far as our income and our expenses."

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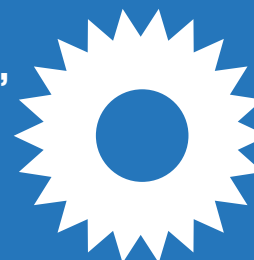


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Parent Alleges Children Sexualized in School



Elena Brewer speaks on the "sexualization" of children in county schools

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A St. Mary's County resident who said she had three children in the county school system told Board of Education members last week that her 5th grade son and 3rd grade daughter had both been exposed to school-related materials that had contributed to their "sexualization" without parental consent.

Elena Brewer, who described herself as a naturalized citizen from the former Soviet Union, demanded that the school board make policy barring such sexualization.

Her son, Brewer said, had picked a book from a reading list given to him by his teacher titled "The Thing About Jellyfish."

In the book a homosexual relationship is described between two characters.

Brewer said she praised the school board for leading the system through the COVID-19 pandemic but was incensed by what she considered an overreach.

"Tonight, I want to speak about a different pandemic," Brewer said. "The sexualization of our children in our taxpayer funded public schools.

"Our children are bombarded with

the LGBTQ propaganda in the form of terminology, classroom décor and even teachers' attire; all without parental consent."

Her daughter, who was a 3rd grader, she said, was exposed to a rainbow flag with the word "Pride" written on it in support of the LGBTQ community in one incident and in another her daughter was debating with another student whether a transgender person depicted in an image in her art class was a man or woman.

Her daughter returned home from school, on both occasions, confused, Brewer said.

Neither her son, nor daughter knew, at the time "what heterosexuality was, much less homosexuality," Brewer said.

"This kind of propaganda is causing irreversible damage to our children, robbing them of their innocence and making them susceptible to destructive and unhealthy choices," Brewer said. "This is blatant sexualization of our children and it is done without parental consent," Brewer continued.

Calls to Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith for comment were not returned as of press time.

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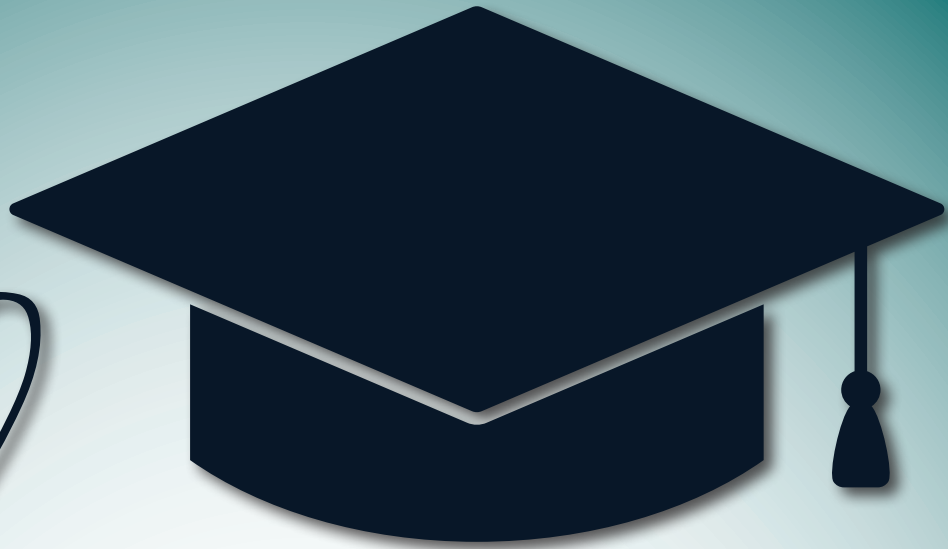
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Graduates Look to the Future with Hope



Judy Nguyen - LHS Salutatorian



Caroline Lancaster (Salutatorian) and GMHS Principle Jake Heibel



Mackenzie Mozzo - CHS Valedictorian

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For the first time in two years St. Mary's County public school seniors will be graduating as they have before the COVID-19 pandemic, gathered with their fellow classmates and family members without social distancing protocols.

Seniors were looking forward to finally graduating, this time on the new turf fields at their own schools, leaving the stress of the pandemic years behind them and moving on to the next stage of their lives.

Great Mills High School Salutatorian Caroline Lancaster is graduating at just 17 years of age with 12 college credits gathered from her advanced placement courses and four classes taken at the College of Southern Maryland.

"I guess I'm pretty young to be a senior," Lancaster told The County Times on the eve of her graduation.

She plans on attending James Madison University in the fall with a singular focus on getting a degree in intelligence analysis.

She wants to go on to work in the national security field.

She said she was influenced by watching television programs that dealt with national security issues as part of their storylines.

She had considered, briefly, trying to go for a career in the medical field but decided against it.

"Bones and blood isn't my favorite thing," Lancaster told The County Times. "But intelligence analysis, this is perfect."

She said she has gifts of strong problem solving abilities and is intuitive when dealing with people, which she thinks will be useful traits in the intelligence analysis trade.

Like many of her classmates,

dealing with COVID-19, and the isolation from her friends and teachers while having to learn in virtual and then hybrid learning environments, she found the long-term adjustments very stressful.

"Having to be isolated from people... I wasn't prepared for that," Lancaster said.

Still, she was able to maintain a grade point average above a 4.0 while being one of three team captains for the girls' varsity soccer team in both her junior and senior years.

She learned that having the right relationships were one of the keys to her success in school.

"That's probably the most important thing I learned, to surround yourself with good people," Lancaster said, adding they helped her maintain a "positive mindset."

Even with all of her hard work and academic success, Lancaster did not know she was going to be named salutatorian until she got a call at home.

"My mom said the principal called and I thought I was in trouble," Lancaster said. "It was a real surprise."

Lancaster was set to graduate June 2.

"I'm a little stressed out but I'm excited," she said.

Mackenzie Mozzo, Chopticon High School's valedictorian, said she had a goal since she was a freshman of being the top student in her class.

She started in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program in middle school and continued achieving at a high level with advanced placement courses throughout her high school career.

She's going to move on to the University of South Carolina to

take part in their nursing program, which has graduated classes of nurses who have gone on to have 100 percent success rate in taking the most difficult of nursing certification exams.

She, too, is graduating with a grade point average well over 4.0.

COVID-19 was difficult to deal with from a learning point of view, she said, but she pushed through.

"Honestly, I missed the in-person classes," Mozzo said. "But, I never didn't do my work."

"During that time, you had to teach yourself."

She succeeded in advanced placement classes such as calculus, environmental sciences and psychology and computer science.

Many students fell behind during the past two years in their schoolwork because they lacked the structure of the classroom and it showed in vastly increased failure rates throughout the school system.

She is focused on becoming a nurse anesthetist, she said, because it involves being precise in measuring dosages of medications to patients.

"The diagnosis and math behind all of that really interested me," Mozzo said. "I've always been attracted to the medical field."

She learned that making the most out of her situation was important to her success.

"What I learned was definitely to take every opportunity your given," Mozzo said. "And no matter what, keep your sights on your goal."

"During my freshmen year, I definitely didn't think I'd be the valedictorian; but here I am."

Judy Nguyen, Leonardtown High School's salutatorian said she also started her high school career with a sharp focus on excellence.

She wanted to be valedictorian, Global International Studies (GIS) distinguished scholar and class president when she graduated.

She said she almost achieved all three.

"Salutatorian? I'll take it!" Nguyen said cheerfully. "That [ambition] fueled my journey."

"I love Leonardtown High School so much."

She was class president all four years, she said, working to organize fundraisers and homecoming events and coming up with new traditions to celebrate.

One was senior sunrise and senior sunset, she said, where seniors would gather at sunrise on the school football field the first day of school and commiserate and eat breakfast together.

The last day of school they gathered at sunset in the same place to have one last moment together as a class.

"It's a culmination of our four years," Nguyen said.

Nguyen was part of the GIS program and loved learning in the English and social studies department.

She is moving on to Yale University to study in their ethics, politics and economics program, she said.

She said she wants to go to law school and practice law for a few years and then move on to teaching as a professor and lecturer.

"I have a passion for teaching," Nguyen said. "I love to spread knowledge."

She said perhaps the best lesson she learned in her four years was to have confidence in herself in achieving her goals.

"Everything works out in the end," Nguyen said. "If it hasn't worked out, then it's not the end."

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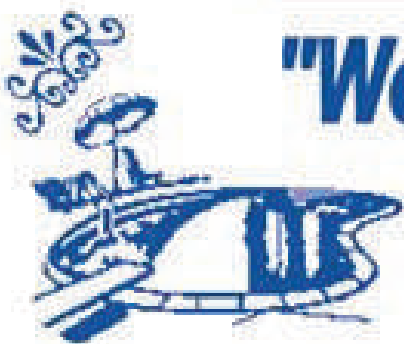
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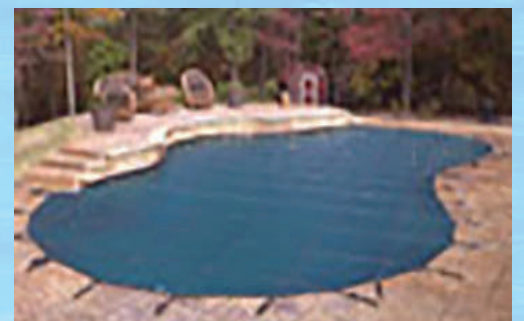


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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Narcotics Arrest

On May 26, 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Division were conducting a surveillance operation and witnessed a suspected CDS transaction inside a vehicle, in the 22100 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle along with detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division and detectives from the Narcotics Division. **James Perry Bond**, age 31 of Great Mills, was an occupant in the vehicle. Located on Bond was a large quantity of U.S. currency, suspected cocaine and suspected fentanyl in quantities to indicate distribution. A search warrant was conducted on Bond's hotel room which yielded additional evidence.

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

- CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute (two counts)
- CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana (two counts)
- CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia

Identity Needed for Theft Suspect



The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Friday, April 1, 2022 at 2 pm, the suspect placed a Dewalt impact drill under this shirt and left the Tractor Supply store in Charlotte Hall without paying for it. The suspect then left the area in a blue Chevy Avalanche.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Kyle Fleenor at 301-475-4200, ext. 78088 or kyle.fleenor@stmarysmd.com. Case # 16424-22

Citizens may remain anonymous

and contact the St. Mary's County 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.

Identity Needed for Theft and Fraud Suspects



The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the persons pictured in a theft and fraud investigation. On Monday, April 25,

2022 at 9:11 pm, the suspect wearing a black hooded sweatshirt stole the victim's purse and bag containing medication and food from the victim's car at the California Wawa. The suspect then left in a silver vehicle driven by the suspect in the white undershirt. The suspects proceeded to the Great Mills Sheetz where the victim's credit card was used.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspects or this incident is asked to call Deputy Casey Hill at 301-475-4200, ext. 78112 or email casey.hill@stmarysmd.com. Case # 20905-22

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO.: 2021-CP-40-04005

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

U-HAUL CO. OF AZ, et al.,
Plaintiffs

vs.

JERRY WHITE, et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF LEGAL ACTION

To: Defendant, Ashley Wheeler

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Jamal "Cabbagestalk" Dixon, 2607 Ferguson Court, Waldorf, MD you have been sued in the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County, South Carolina in cause number 2021CP4004005. NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT was filed August 10, 2021, for the purpose of instituting a Declaratory Judgment action against Defendants as a result of an auto accident. All persons having a defense are required to file a response herein within the time prescribed by law. Notice is hereby given that if an answer is not filed within the time prescribed by law a judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. For a full copy of the complaint you may contact the attorney named herein.

Unless an appearance is made by you, a Default Judgment will be taken on July 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. by the Law Office of R. Edward Henderson, P.O. Box 1764, Florence, SC 29503; Michael Parker, Parker LLP (Pro Hac Vice) 1200 Summit Ave, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 (Pro Hac Vice) attorney for Plaintiffs herein.

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What Investors Can – and Can't Control

As an investor, you can easily feel frustrated to see short-term drops in your investment statements. But while you cannot control the market, you may find it helpful to review the factors you can control.

Many forces affect the financial markets, including geopolitical events, corporate profits and interest rate movements – forces beyond the control of most individual investors.

In any case, it's important to focus on the things you can control, such as these:

- **Your ability to define your goals.**

One area in which you have total control is your ability to define your goals. Like most people, you probably have short-term goals – such as saving for a new car or a dream vacation – and long-term ones, such as a comfortable retirement. Once you identify your goals and estimate how much they will cost, you can create an investment strategy to help achieve them. Over time, some of your personal circumstances will likely change, so you'll want to review your time horizon and risk tolerance on a regular basis, adjusting your strategy when appropriate. And the same is true for your goals – they may evolve over time, requiring new responses from you in how you invest.

- **Your response to market downturns**

When the market drops and the value of your investments declines, you might be tempted to take immediate action in an effort to stop the losses. This is understandable – after all, your investment results can have a big impact on your future. However, acting hastily could work against you – for example, you could sell invest-

ments that still have solid fundamentals and are still appropriate for your needs. If you can avoid decisions based on short-term events, you may help yourself in the long run.

- **Your commitment to investing**

The financial markets are almost always in flux, and their movements are hard to predict. If you can continue investing in all markets – good, bad or sideways – you will likely make much better progress toward your goals than if you periodically were to take a "time out." Many people head to the investment sidelines when the market tumbles, only to miss out on the beginnings of the next rally. And by steadily investing, you will increase the number of shares you own in your investments – and the larger your ownership stake, the greater your opportunities for building wealth.

- **Your portfolio's level of diversification**

While diversification itself can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help greatly reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. Just how you diversify your investments depends on several factors, but the general principle of maintaining a diversified portfolio should govern your approach to investing. It's a good idea to periodically review your portfolio to ensure it's still properly diversified.

The world will always be filled with unpredictable, uncontrollable events, and many of them will affect the financial markets to one degree or another. But within your own investment world, you always have a great deal of control – and with it, you have the power to keep moving toward all your important financial objectives.

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Past performance of the markets is not a guarantee of how they will perform in the future. Investors should understand the risks involved in owning investments, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. The value of investments fluctuates, and investors can lose some or all of their principal. Article was contributed by David McDonough

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Three License-Free Fishing Days Scheduled

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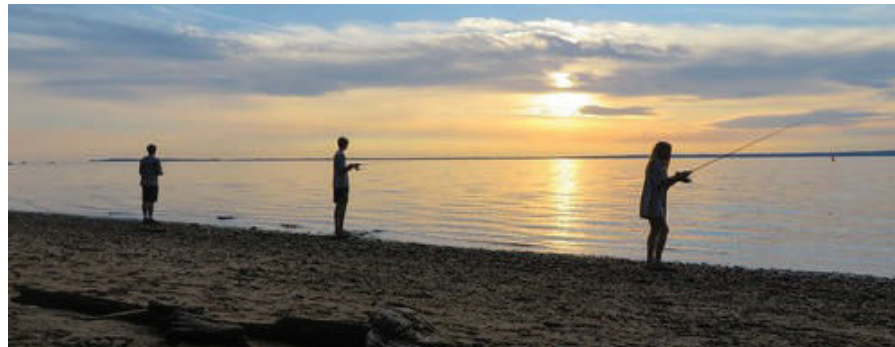


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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announces its 2022 license-free fishing days will be held on Saturday, June 4, Saturday, June 11, and Monday, July 4.

Maryland's annual license-free fishing days offer anglers a unique opportunity to explore the state's diverse fishing without needing a fishing license, trout stamp, or registration. On these days, any individual may catch and possess finfish in any tidal and nontidal waters of Maryland, as long as it's for recreational purposes. All anglers must follow current size and catch limits found in the DNR fishing and crabbing guide.

The department also has dozens of other resources to help new or experienced anglers, including angler access maps, Click Before You Cast environmental monitoring reports, and fish identification charts. In addition, anglers of any level are encouraged to sign-up for the Maryland Fishing Report, which provides up-to-date fishing information.

Aside from these free fishing days and certain license-free areas, anyone 16 or older fishing in Maryland must possess a license, which can be obtained or renewed online or on the department's mobile app.

Press Release from MD DNR

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

A Brief History of Tudor Hall

One of Leonardtown's oldest buildings is Tudor Hall, an impressive two-story Georgian style manor house and the home of the St. Mary's County Historical Society.

The home was once the centerpiece of an 1,100-acre plantation, America Felix Secundus, owned by Abraham Barnes. After doubts and disputes about the correct boundaries of the plantation, King Charles granted Barnes a patent to the property in March 1744 (the original of which hangs in the Board Room of Tudor Hall). The property extended from what is now Town Creek north to Macintosh Run and north from Breton Bay to the area near the current County Administration Buildings. Barnes built a simple wood-frame home on the site where Tudor Hall now stands.

Around 1798 (some records say 1760), the house was expanded to include single-story brick wings on either side of a two-story wooden structure. Following the purchase of America Felix Secundus by Phillip B. Key in 1817, in 1820 his son, Henry G. S. Key inherits the property and remodels the house to its current approximate external appearance, replacing the central wooden structure and adding a second floor to each of the two wings. The building consisted of a columned loggia, hanging staircase, a wide hall from the loggia through the house, a second floor with eight bedrooms (six with fireplaces). It is believed that the exterior brick was overlaid with stucco at this time. The Key family occupied the home continuously until 1917.

Following the death of Henry G. Key, Tudor Hall is rented to various families through the mid-1940s then falls into disarray.

Mary Patterson Davidson purchased Tudor Hall in 1949 with the intention to restore it as a library for St. Mary's County residents. Restoration was overseen by architect Gertrude Sawyer. It was during the restoration of 1949—1950 that extensive interior



Tudor Hall prior to the 1969/70 renovations. Note 1st floor window to the right of the porch and absence of gutter and downspouts.

remodeling was done and exterior stucco removed. No drawings or plans for this renovation have been located. The Library opened a year later in 1950.

The removal of the exterior stucco and repointing of oyster shell and lime mortar with Portland cement has caused extensive cracking and water penetration ever since. During 1969 and 1970, repairs and restoration made through a HUD grant. Restoration architect Orrin Bullock oversaw the project, using the 1820 building design as his model. In what was originally a 14-room house, rooms were consolidated to provide more open space for library use. Significant changes included installation of an internal staircase from the second floor as well a relocation of interior walls and openings.



Tudor Hall today

By 1984, the Library had outgrown the building. In December that year, the Historical Society purchased the building, moving its headquarters to it from the Old Jail. Five years later, the Maryland Historical Trust was granted an easement in perpetuity requiring the Historical Society to maintain the building and grounds in keeping with its 18th and 19th century character. While not a museum in the usual sense, Tudor Hall has many pieces recalling its past and the people who called it home.

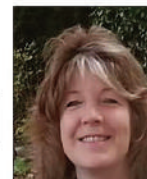
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Tudor Hall ca. 1937

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



A LOVING ROUTINE



Last week seemed to slip by before I knew it was gone, maybe because the Monday after Strawberry Festival I spent most of the day curled up on the couch, but I wanted to say thank you to Wanderings readers who did come up to say hi at the Strawberry Festival on the 22nd. If I had been thinking clearly without my mind going a thousand different directions I would have asked for your names, but good manners went away along with my mind. I hope everyone enjoyed the great, hot barbecue offerings of Mike's Barbecue and some cool, refreshing dessert afterwards while shopping with the crafters and vendors and listening to The Bushmill Band and Folk Salad play toe-tapping music inside the hall. The 90 degree weather was a bit much, but our church community and all who helped in any way made it a great day. Thank you all. We really appreciate two of the charities the festival donates proceeds to, ACTS and Hospice for setting up information tables. My husband wasn't able to dress up fully as a Clements Cutie, but he did stroll through with his Clements Cuties shirt and hand out information.

The busy pool opening "before Memorial Day" season has wound down, so the pool secretary (me) will have less time on the phone, but my husband will still be busy with pool servicing, liner installations, and all too soon getting ready for pool closing season. About October or sometimes into November, the pool season is officially done. Then my husband and I get to spend a few months together every day until April. We like our routine and know when there may be days when we each need a day apart.

Routines work for me, and for us. The part I really like is when we have unhurried mornings when we can sit out in the Adirondack chairs with his coffee and my tea before the heat of the day starts. Sometimes we sit in companionable silence, and sometimes we chat, or rather I chat, and then my husband shows me that coffee mug he was given that says, "It's too early for you to say things". It's really never too early for me to say

things, but I take the hint and get back to gazing out at the pretty yard and street view from our cozy seating area.

Our firepit area is like a cozy cocoon with the tree branches, now heavy with leaves, shielding us from the direct heat of the sun. If we are out there early enough, the grass is a beautiful lime yellow green which sparkles with dew. Our crazy hound dog Mindy loves the morning routine too; she soaks up the sun letting it heat her bones through and through before finding a shady spot for a short time. Then Mindy is back out to lay in the sun on the damp grass until she decides it's time to do the happy dog dance on her back for a while. I'm always glad for the happy dog dance time, since squirming on the grass gets the loose fur out.

The beauty of each morning amazes me every day like it's the first time I've ever seen it. I hope I always feel that way. I probably will since I'm 60 now (oh shoot, only for 3 more weeks) and have felt the awe of each morning as far back as I can remember. I often wonder if people all over the world who feel anger and hate would take the time to enjoy and truly appreciate each morning, each day, and each end of day sunset would that make a difference in their view of life and how short and precious it is. Well, it's just a thought...and a hope. I think the old saying of "taking time to stop and smell the roses" is a true, time-tested adage for happiness. I went with my husband the other day on a pool call, and all I really wanted to do was walk around her pool and smell all the beautiful roses. Well, I guess I know what that means...it's time for another Loveville Produce Auction trip, not for strawberries this time Mike (and yes I am really a spring chicken!), but to buy some of my own beautiful flowers to smell and see from our happy morning spot... something else to add to the beauty of our morning routine.

To each new day's beautiful adventure, Shelby

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

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St. Mary's Project Graduation, began in 1984 at the direction of then State's Attorney Walter Dorsey. As your next State's Attorney, I pledge to *fully support this program in a lawful and ethical manner*. As a community, we need to offer our graduates a safe and secure substance and alcohol free celebration to continue saving lives.

— Jaymi Sterling

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STATE'S ATTORNEY

Authority: Friends of Jaymi Sterling; Treasurer Alison Weaver

Margaret Rosalie Backhurst

July 18, 1950- May 7th, 2022

Margaret was born to parents Harry Willard and Letha Mandy Dement on July 18th, 1950 in Leonardtown Maryland at the old St. Mary's Hospital. She married William Backhurst on December 15th, 1979 and he adopted her son Jason. She was preceded in death by her parents Willard and Letha Dement, her brother Harry Jr., her sister Wanda Norris, her great niece Carissa Cromwell, her husband William Backhurst and many more extended family.

She is survived by her son Jason Backhurst and his wife Cassie, her two grandsons Christopher and Zachary Backhurst and his wife Jaicey, her sister Joyce Jones, her sister Hazel Starr and her husband Terry, and her brother Stewart Dement and his wife Rose. Her five nieces Maria Starr, Angela Meador, Mandi Cromwell,

Mary Claire and Brooke Fox and three great nephews Joshua, Lucas and Nikolas and one great niece Megan.

Margaret worked at Hills and Lord Calvert for many years. She then started her own cleaning business and was highly regarded as one of the best. She took care of several handicapped and elderly people she met throughout her life. At the end of her work life she was a teacher aide at Starmaker Learning Center.

She enjoyed taking care of people of all ages which was what she said was her calling. She love getting together with family and friends, reading books, watching old movies, going to thrift stores, working in her flowerbeds and spending time with her two cats. Her body will be cremated and there will be no service at this time. Her ashes will be with her son Jason in Corpus Christi, Texas. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Joyce Ann Thorne

Joyce Ann Thorne (Windsor) of Charlotte Hall, Maryland, was born on March 21, 1939, to the late Albert and Pansy (Hutchinson) Windsor of Forestville, MD. Joyce passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at the age of 83, from injuries sustained in an earlier accident. Preceding Joyce in death was her beloved husband, Paul H. Thorne, Sr., who she married on July 27, 1957. Paul passed away on October 25, 2005, and was missed by Joyce every day thereafter.

Left to cherish her memories are her sons and their wives, Paul H. Thorne, Jr. (Jule Ann), and Jeffrey D. Thorne (Kellie), her grandchildren Russell, Daniel, Breanna, and Jacob (special friend Evie), her sister Thelma Geraldine Cease, along with many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces, extended family and friends all mourning the loss of this very special woman. Joyce was the epitome of a true matriarch of her family and words do not express the overwhelming feeling of loss at this time.

Throughout her life, the State of Maryland's Volunteer Fire Service played a significant role in Joyce's life. Joyce began as a member of the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in 1957. At the time in order to join the Auxiliary, you had to be married to a member of the department. She often told her husband Paul that was why she married him so she could join the Auxiliary. She was a tireless member and as she and her family lived across the field from the fire department building, she was ready to serve in any way she could. She would go on to preside over the Auxiliary as President in 1961-1962, September 1971-1974, 1981-1984, 1989-1990, 1993-1995, 2003-2005, and has 64+ years of active service to the Forestville Ladies Auxiliary. She was a Forestville team member of the Prince George's County Auxiliary's Duckpin Bowling League and a member of the Forestville Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary Competition Hookup Team competing over the years in many field days throughout the Prince George's County Conventions and also traveling with Forestville for some years to FASNY Fireman's Home in Hudson, New York, to compete in FASNY's Field Competition days as well. The time spent with friends in New York was just one more thing we all enjoyed with Joyce and the Fire Department's volunteers and Ladies Auxiliary members. Joyce also served as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association in 1979. In September 1984, she was selected and honored as a member of the Hall of Fame for her outstanding service to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. Joyce had the privilege to serve as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association from 1996 to 1997. She was inducted into the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Fireman's Association's Hall of Fame in 2002. Also, Joyce was an active member of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Foundation and was an honorary member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Joyce has maintained an active presence in all of these associations through

her membership and committee work until her untimely death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maryland Fire - Rescue Services Memorial Foundation, Inc., Post Office Box 742, Annapolis, MD 21404

The funeral service will be on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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

All arrangements were made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. in Charlotte Hall, MD.

Florence Ann Michalski

Florence Ann Michalski, 89 of Arnold, MD (formerly of Leonardtown, MD) passed away on May 23, 2022.

She was born on December 5, 1932 in Eastern Baltimore County, Dundalk, MD to the late Richard B. Lelonek and Elizabeth A. Glogowski.

Flo was born and raised in Dundalk, MD. She married Michael Michalski, the love of her life, in 1964. They travelled often with his jobs to many places, but her favorite was near home, Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. She loved to read, and enjoyed classical music and opera, with season tickets to the Kennedy Center. She loved just as much traveling from Leonardtown to Annapolis for high school concerts, and later Bucknell University for recitals and other performances featuring family members. She treasured her family, including her many nieces and nephews, great and even great-great nieces and nephews. She lovingly doted on them and was so generous, thoughtfully sending cards on every holiday and remembering everyone's birthday. Her home was full of their pictures, and her room in these last few years was decorated with photos and cards from them and drawings from the little ones. She was a longtime member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Her faith was important to her, and she prayed the rosary so often that she wore out several. She enjoyed going to the local church dinners around St. Mary's County.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews: Victoria Taffe, Richard Lelonek, Susan Hubbe, Margaret McDowell, Robert Lelonek (Karen), Sharon Siegal (Michael) and Roger Crane (Stephany); and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband, Michael Walter Michalski and siblings: Dorothy Crane, Richard Lelonek, Frances Lelonek, and Robert Lelonek.

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Leonard Elwood Kessler



Leonard Elwood Kessler, 88 of Lexington Park, MD peacefully went to be with his Lord on May 20, 2022 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Born May 16, 1934 in Lavelle, PA, he was the son of the late Elwood Wellington Kessler and Margaret Ida Leshner Kessler. He is survived by his children Susan Kessler-Lott (Gill) of Lexington Park, MD, Barbara Jean Smith (Nelson) of Lexington Park, MD, Dianna Lynn Nueslein (Richard) of Hollywood, MD, Michael Eugene Kessler (Bonnie) of Lexington Park, MD, Joyce Marian Kessler-Nueslein of Lexington Park, MD, Annette Carol Wimmer (David) of Springfield, VA, Karen Kessler Stanley (Michael) of Lexington Park, MD, and Jay Wellington Kessler (Ann) of Lexington Park, MD, 21 Grandchildren, and 25 Great Grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Melva Williams (Harold) of Painted Post, NY, Janice Cone (Theodore) of Lexington Park, MD, and Marilyn Tourney (Keith) of Gulf Shores, FL. He is preceded in death by his loving wife Peggy, with whom he shared 63 years of marriage, his son Stephen Leonard Kessler, and his siblings Ella Mae Whiting, Alfred Kessler and Arlin Kessler.

Leonard's early years were spent on the family farm with chores such as collecting eggs and milking cows. His parents

moved the family to St. Mary's County in 1942 to build their lives in Maryland where he attended Great Mills High School; he later earned his GED while in the Air Force.

In 1950, he met the love of his life, Peggy, at North East Nazarene Camp in North East, Maryland. After a long-distance relationship with many love letters written, they were married on November 24, 1956 at the Church of the Nazarene in Collingdale, PA. During their six-year courtship, Leonard served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952- 1956. He spent a tour in Japan during the Korean conflict and was awarded the Korean Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Leonard was a hardworking, entrepreneurial businessman. He was a St. Mary's County School Bus Contractor for almost 40 years and established Kessler Body & Equipment, school bus dealership. During the 1970's gas crisis, he started Kessler Bus Lines carrying patrons from all over the county to Pax River NAS. This was St. Mary's County's first shuttle bus service. He and Peggy, along with partners, bought and refurbished the old Rex Theatre in Leonardtown opening Ye Olde Ice Cream Parlour & Restaurant. In later years, they were instrumental in establishing the Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene. He was always finding ways to support Christian ministries and education including gifting Kings Christian Academy their first school bus contract. His interests included deer hunting and collecting and restoring classic cars; he was a Model T and Nash Rambler enthusiast. His pride and joy were his children, making each one feel like they were his priority.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in honor of Leonard to the Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 1110, Leonardtown, MD 20650, or the Hollywood Church of the Nazarene, 24710 Sotterley Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com. Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Freida Kay Dixon

Freida Kay Dixon, 67 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on May 23, 2022 at her residence with her loving family at her side.

She was born on September 26, 1954 in Leonardtown, MD to the late J.T. West and



Geneva Presley Farrell of Avenue, MD.

Freida was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She successfully completed the CETA Program (a secretarial program) at Charles County Community College (now known as the Community College of Southern Maryland). She was employed for over 25 dedicated years as a Library Technician for DynCorp at the Naval Test Pilot Center, Patuxent River until her retirement. She was detail oriented and kept meticulous records. On August 26, 1980, she married her beloved husband, Clayton Timothy Dixon in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 41 wonderful years of marriage.

She was a delicious home cook and was known for her southern style biscuits and gravy. She and her husband enjoyed taking trips together, especially to Niagara Falls and the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Her family was her pride and joy, especially her grandchildren, whom she enjoyed spending her time with.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is also survived by her children, Heather Rozella Bellosi (Marco, Jr.) of Owings, MD and Clayton Timothy "Timmy" Dixon, Jr. of Lexington Park, MD; her sisters, Judy Wilson (John) of Leonardtown, MD and Kathy Quade Bell (Johnny) of Leonardtown, MD; her grandchildren: Marco Bellosi III, Devin Johnson, Joshua Bellosi, Daniel Bellosi, Camryn Dixon, James Bellosi, and Matthew Bellosi; and her dog, Alice and many extended family and friends. In addition to her father, she was also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Jessica Bionacci, her sister, Debbie Hall and her dog, Sophie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the (NIMH) National Institute of Mental Health, Gift Fund, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 6229A, MSC 9655, Bethesda,

MD 20892-9655.

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Patricia Louise Cluff



Patricia Louise Cluff, 81, of Great Mills, MD, passed away on May 26, 2022 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on February 3, 1941 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Dorothy L. Zell and the late George T. Zell. Patricia is survived by her children James Kilinski of SC, Theresa Troiano of Great Mills, MD, Timothy Kilinski of Lusby, MD, and John Lacey of Aldie, VA, her siblings Shirley Hart of Woodbridge, VA, Michael Zell of Eastern Shore, MD, and Mary Rangel of Grant Pass, OR, as well as eight grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her brother, George Thomas Zell, Jr.

Patricia moved to St. Mary's County, MD in 2002 from Northern Virginia. She worked as a manager and bank teller.

All services will be private.

Contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Nursing and Rehab Center, 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 1889, La Plata, MD 20646.

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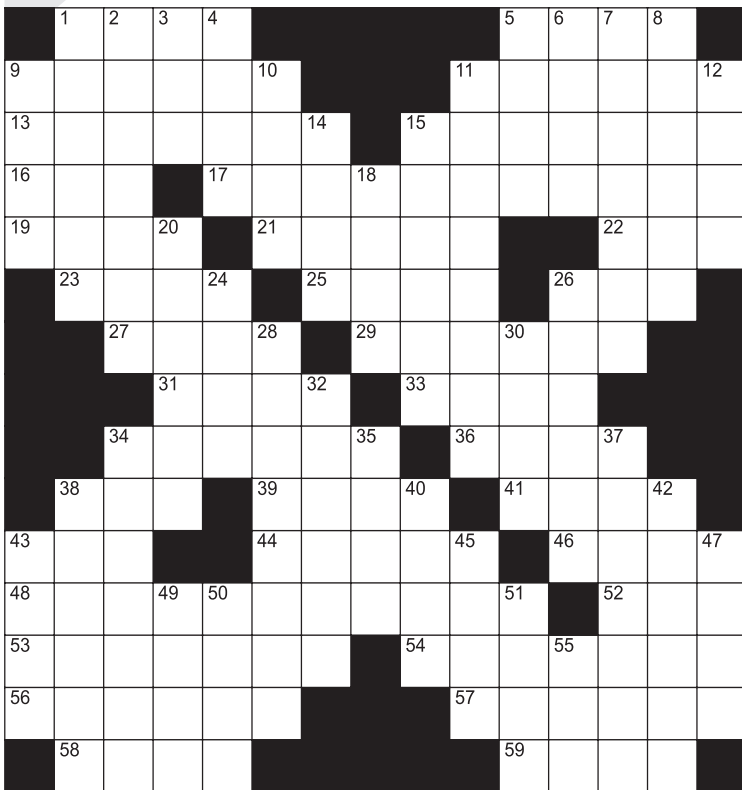


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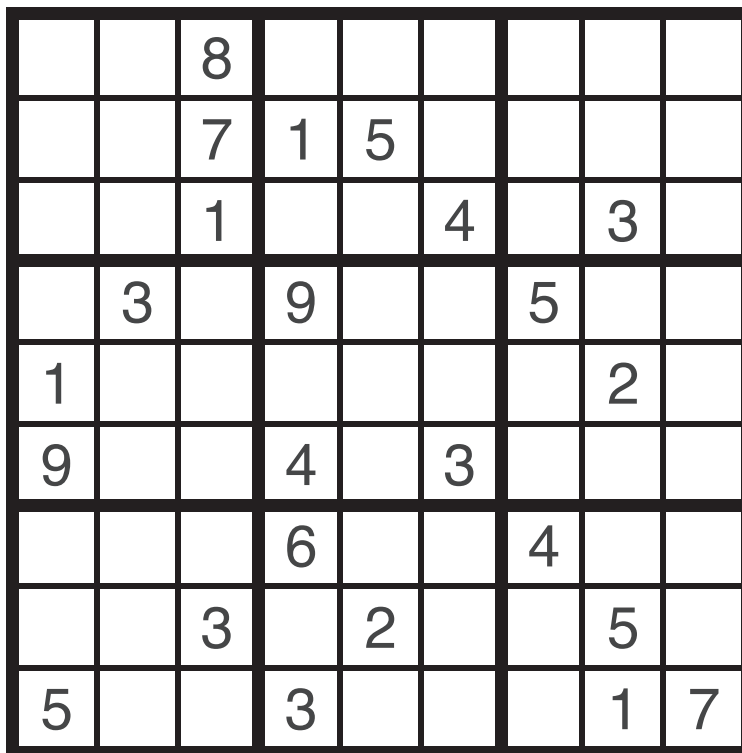
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- 5. Growl
- 9. Where things stand
- 11. Made a sharp sound
- 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
- 15. Deteriorate with age
- 16. A way to save for retirement
- 17. The Big Apple
- 19. Intestinal pouches
- 21. City in New Hampshire
- 22. Giving a bad impression
- 23. Samsung laptops
- 25. Without (French)
- 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
- 27. System of one more computers
- 29. Captures
- 31. Authentic
- 33. Female mammal's nipple
- 34. Pandemonium
- 36. Satisfy

- 38. Arrived extinct
- 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Monetary unit
- 44. Showed old TV show
- 46. They help you hear
- 48. One who eliminates
- 52. Congress' investigative arm
- 53. Parties
- 54. Most supernatural
- 56. Takes illegally
- 57. Breathes while asleep
- 58. Sea eagles
- 59. German surname

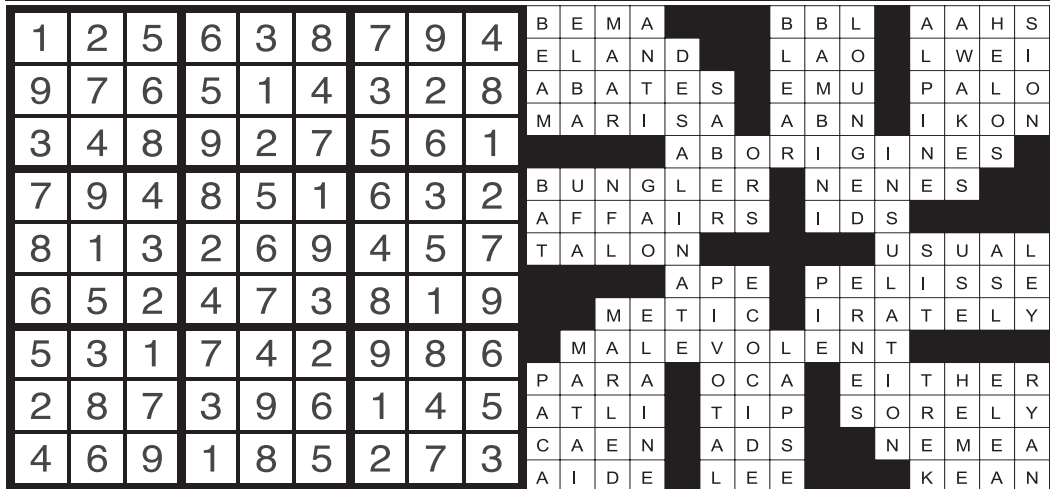
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- 1. Looks at for a long time
- 2. Solution for diseases
- 3. Belonging to a thing
- 4. Former Packers fullback
- 5. Contemptible person
- 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 7. Helps
- 8. Final section of the large intestine
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 10. Look for

- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Susan and Tom are two
- 14. Female sheep
- 15. A poet writes it
- 18. Affirmatives
- 20. "Full House" actress Barber
- 24. Traveled rapidly
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. Set wages
- 30. Peter Gabriel song
- 32. Sides of a jacket
- 34. More beautiful
- 35. Actress Kate
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Indicate
- 40. The cost of a room
- 42. Gets rid of something
- 43. Impudence
- 45. No No No
- 47. Drunkards
- 49. Middle eastern country
- 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
- 51. Primary component of ribosomes
- 55. An informal debt instrument



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