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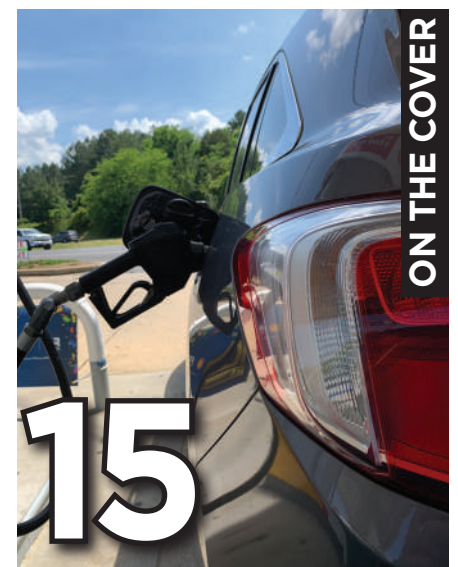
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THU 6/2		90° /67°	Heavy afternoon thunderstorms	MON 6/6		87° /66°	Partly sunny and warm
FRI 6/3		81° /62°	Mostly cloudy not as warm	TUE 6/7		85° /71°	Clouding up; humid
SAT 6/4		85° /61°	Sunny	WED 6/8		86° /71°	A t-storm in the afternoon
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# Planning Commission Approves Cannabis Zoning Amendment

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A newly approved zoning amendment that codifies more regulations on the placement of certain cannabis-related operations, whether they are dispensaries, processing facilities or growing sites will now go to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for a final vote.

The county planning commission voted unanimously to send the new text amendment to the commissioners at their June 6 meeting; it was their second meeting debating the ordinance including one on May 9.

One of the key changes made by the planning commission to the draft ordinance was to ensure that a general site plan was required of any of the three kinds of cannabis-related operations.

Assistant County Attorney John Houser explained to the planning commission that, as written, the proposed ordinance only required a minor site plan, which would have a cannabis project go before the technical evaluation committee (TEC) but not the planning commission for a public hearing.

The ordinance as originally written kept all three uses as a conditional use, which required any cannabis-related plans to go before the county board of appeals to get a variance before being able to begin work.

This still did not necessarily include the planning commission in the development approval process.

There are three such facilities already operating or under construction in St. Mary's, a dispensary in Mechanicsville, a processing facility on Mervell Dean Road in Hollywood and an enclosed 50,000 square-foot industrial-sized growing facility on Abell Road in Avenue that is nearly completed.

"That makes a lot of sense," said planning commission member Joe Fazekas. "Because we don't know what's coming down the pike.

"This industry could change dramatically... it would be important for the plan-

ning commission to have a sense of that."

The push to enact some sort of ordinance dealing specifically with medical cannabis operations here springs from the uproar over the facility in Avenue, which was approved without going to either the planning commission or board of appeals and never had a public hearing.

That resulted from senior planning department leadership deciding to categorize the project as a minor agricultural site under the zoning ordinance.

With this designation, no public hearing was required under the law.

The county's push to enact some sort of cannabis-related regulation takes on greater importance as the state is poised to legalize the recreation use of cannabis in certain quantities and under certain conditions after the question goes to a referendum on the ballot later this year.

Merl Evans, planning commission member, was adamant that town centers and village centers not be included in the allowable zoning categories for any of the three cannabis-related operations due to infrastructure issues such as water and sewer availability.

"There needs to be an ordinance in place and it has to be thoughtful," Evans said. "Being more restrictive now is a better idea... I just don't think these town centers and village centers are capable of supporting it."

Under the ordinance as originally written, an applicant could apply to put a facility in those two centers, Evans said.

Adjustments to the ordinance to make it less restrictive in the future could always be made, Evans continued.

He wanted growing operations restricted to industrial areas only in the county, with processing facilities in industrial zones and light commercial areas.

Dispensaries should not be so restricted, Evans said.

The new ordinance also restricts growing operations from the rural preservation district.

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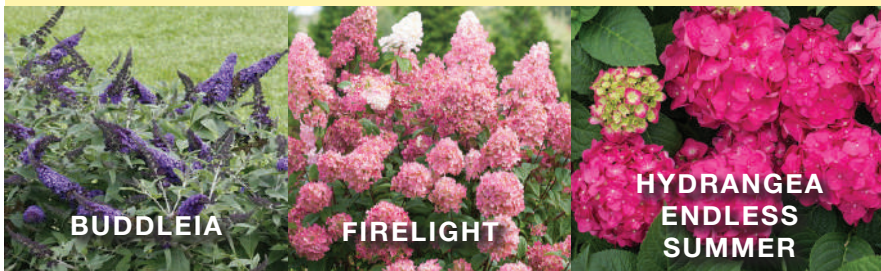
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# Snow Hill Park Plan Gets Another Hearing

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A plan to improve aspects of Snow Hill Park, located in Mechanicsville, with certain new amenities got a consensus of approval from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this week but they still voted to give the plan one more public hearing before final official approval.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said he favored the plan, which includes a new boat ramp as well as tennis courts at the 163-acre site located on South Sandgates Road but was the first to make a motion to send the plan to an evening-time public hearing on June 28 at 6:30p.m.

The new dual boat ramp would accommodate boats of 20 feet in length and over and be four-feet deep.

The aged, vacant house on the property would also be demolished, according to the plan.

Hewitt said there had been comments sent in recently that opposed some of the improvements

as taking away from the natural aesthetic of the property.

Commissioner Todd Morgan agreed.

"I love the plan," Morgan said. "But let the public have some input on this."

Recreation and Parks Director Arthur Shepherd, who is retiring, said there had been several stakeholder meetings on the proposed project.

Also, there had been an on-line survey open to the public to render comments on the plan, parks and recreation officials said.

There is \$3 million in the county's capital construction project towards completion of the Snow Hill Park Master Plan.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$5.75 million.

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.

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# Police Oversight Panel Members Approved

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Local leaders approved a list of candidates to serve on the county's new Police Accountability Board (PAB) and Administrative Charging Committee this week to comply with new state mandates that give local governments more control over the manner in which local law enforcement is run and discipline of law officers meted out.

Named to the board were Nickolas Cromwell, Ylonda Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr. Lynda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Charles Shilling and Joseph Van Kirk.

Cromwell, Dowleyne and Everett all have terms extending to June 30 of 2025, according to county documents approved at the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their June 7 meeting when they voted to approve their consent agenda.

Kauffman, Lydon and Lymas were appointed to the PAB to serve until June 30 of 2024, while Phelan, Shilling and VanKirk will serve until June 30 of 2023.

The total number of members on the PAB is nine; an increase from the original five proposed by the county.

Community input into the formation process of the board called for broader range of membership and the county commissioners acquiesced.

Per the new mandate, five members of the PAB comprise the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) which has oversight in police disciplinary investigations.

The PAB would meet quarterly with law enforcement leaders to review agency activities as well as any complaints filed against them by the public as well as review the outcome of disciplinary actions.

The ACC would review the investigations of officers by their own agency and recommend disciplinary actions against that officer if appropriate.

The ACC would also, among other mandates, review the evidence in an investigation involving a law enforcement officer's actions, for which they had been charged.

Cromwell, Lymas and third member, Peter Wild, have already been named to the board, county documents show.

State law mandates that the PAB and ACC be ready to begin their duties by July 1.

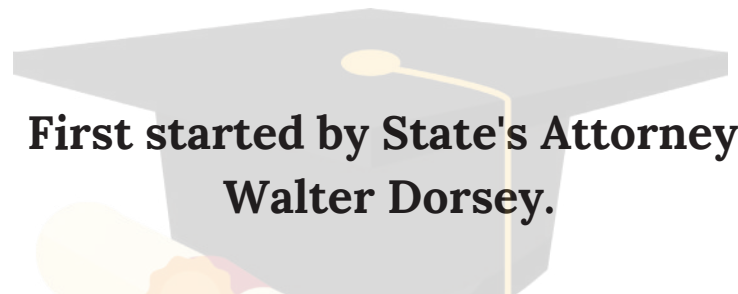
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# County Continues Push To Complete FDR Blvd



The most recent work on FDR Boulevard at the intersection with Chancellors Run Road

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The county government agreed to approve option contracts this week for four more pieces of land to help complete the FDR Boulevard project; the total cost was a \$15,750.

According to county documents the approval was necessary “to acquire the needed fee simple and easement areas from property owners to construct the FDR Boulevard Phase 3B project.”

The four properties are in close proximity to Phase 3B of the project, which would extend from Buck Hewitt Road to Pegg Road — a section of one mile in length — whose intersection with Route 235 sits directly across from Gate No. 1 of Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

The county is currently constructing Phase 3A of the project, which is 0.8 miles of road from the intersection of Chancellors Run Road and what was formerly Fire Department Lane to Buck Hewitt Road.

Phase 3B of the project consists of 23 land parcels that are affected by the proposed construction, county documents show, roughly half of which have been acquired by the county.

Assuming that the county is successful in obtaining all of the land easements for Phase 3B, construction bidding should commence this fall, according to county development documents, with the contract award for construction in the winter of 2023.

Utility relocation for Phase 3B is scheduled to begin this summer; construction of this phase is projected to take 18 months once begun.

The FDR Boulevard project has taken years to get this far and once finished will comprise 3.7 miles of road paralleling Route 235 from Route 4 to Pegg Road.

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# Death in Colton's Point Under Investigation



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 75-year-old man who was found in the water at Cather Marine on Palmer Road the morning of June 6, The County Times has learned.

Jason Babcock, spokesman for the sheriff's office, said there are

no signs of foul play.

Investigators are continuing to probe for a cause of death and have yet to release the identity of the deceased until next of kin have been notified, Babcock said.

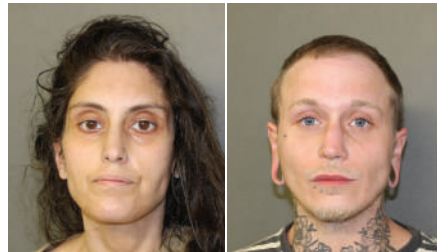
The deceased was first reported found at approximately 7:30 a.m., Babcock said.

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# Two Arrested, Drugs Recovered in Raid

On June 3, 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Division executed a search and seizure warrant pursuant to an ongoing narcotics investigation on Kyle Dylan Dishner, age 29 of Mechanicsville, as well as the vehicle he was operating. A passenger in the vehicle was identified as Larissa Grace Cataneo, age 31 of Mechanicsville. Recovered during the execution of the search warrant was more than 126 grams of fentanyl in capsules packaged to indicate distribution, with a street value of \$9,000.

Dishner and Cataneo were arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, and charged with the



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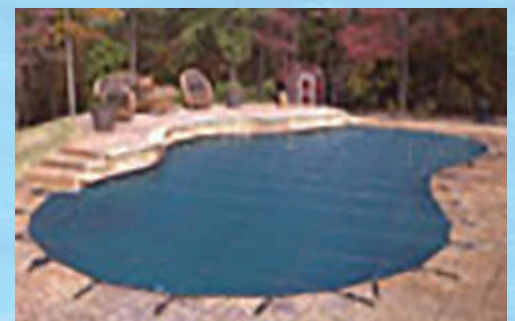
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# St. Mary's Woman Dies in Chesapeake Beach Crash

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Preliminary Investigation revealed a 2005 Nissan Altima was traveling west on Breezy Point Road approaching South Blue Heron Drive when it struck a tree and rolled over partially ejecting the operator from the vehicle. The Nissan Altima was operated by Michelle Lee Twigg, 47 of Lexington Park, who was the sole occu-

pant. Life saving measures were administered on scene. Twigg was transported to CalvertHealth Medical Center, where she was pronounced deceased.

At this time, speed and alcohol are contributing factors in this crash. Senior Deputy First Class Jeffrey Hardesty of the Crash Reconstruction Team is conducting the investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or any events leading up to it is asked to contact S/DFC Hardesty at (410) 535-2800 or via email: Jeffrey.Hardesty@calvertcountymd.gov

*Press Release from CCSO.*

# Local Woman Dies in Charlotte Hall Parking Lot

On Monday, June 6 at 5:23 p.m., St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to 30343 Triangle Drive in Charlotte Hall for the reported motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, the driver was pronounced deceased due to sustained injuries and the Sheriff's Office's Collision Reconstruction Unit was requested.

Preliminary investigation determined that a 2013 Ford Escape, operated by Doris Marita Thompson, 81 of Mechanicsville, was parked in front of the Taco Bell business. As she was exiting the vehicle, the Ford Escape began to roll backward across the parking lot. Thompson became completely ejected and was run over by the vehicle.

At this time, operator error appears to be the contributing factor in the collision. Anyone who

may have witnessed the collision or events leading up to it who have not already provided a statement are asked to contact Sgt. Brian Connelly at 301-475-4200, ext. 78031 or email brian.connelly@stmarysmd.com.



# Three Candidate Forums Set

Three evenings of Primary Election Candidate Forums will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays in June, beginning on June 15, 2022. All forums will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Lexington Park Library, Rooms A & B.

Forums are scheduled for the following offices on the following dates, in the order listed:

- June 15: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Judge of the Orphans' Court, State's Attorney, Sheriff.
- June 22: Board of Education District 1, Delegate 29B, Commissioner District 3, Delegate 29C.
- June 29: Commissioner District 1, Commissioner District 2, Commissioner District 4, Commissioner President.

Candidates have been invited to participate in a "Meet and Greet" beginning at 5 p.m. in the Library Lobby on all three evenings. Tables will be available for candidate materials. However, no campaign materials; i.e., flyers, signs, hats, pins, t-shirts, etc., will be allowed in the meeting room during

the forum.

Forum Procedure: Each candidate will be allowed a three-minute opening statement. Audience members will then have approximately 30 minutes to address questions to one or more candidates. (All questions must be submitted in writing; the forum moderator will direct questions to the candidates). The forum will end with two-minute closing statements from each candidate. Watch parties will be held at the Leonardtown and Charlotte Hall Libraries.

The forums can also be watched at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/StMarysCountyLibrary/playlists>.

The forums are co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of St. Mary's County, St. Mary's County NAACP Branch 7025, the Center for the Study of Democracy at St. Mary's College of Maryland, and the St. Mary's County Library.

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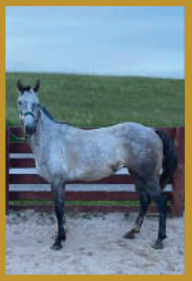
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Please contact the Department of Public Works & Transportation for additional information at 301-475-4200.

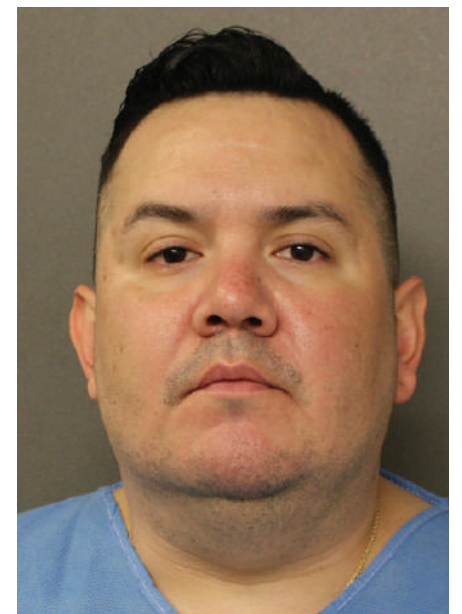
## Shooting Suspect Arrested

Lance Richard Zuniga, age 37 of Lexington Park, has been arrested in connection with the officer-involved shooting on June 2 and charged with the following:

- Firearm Use/Felony-Violent Crime
- Reckless Endangerment (two counts)
- Assault First Degree (seven counts)
- Assault Second Degree (seven counts)

Zuniga remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, on a no-bond status. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are forthcoming for Zuniga.

The day of the incident deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21600 block of Liberty Street in Lexington Park for the reported shots fired. Deputies arrived on scene and began an immediate search of the area for the suspect. Deputies on scene heard additional shots fired and encountered the suspect outside in front of several apartments. Deputies instructed the suspect to put down the weapon, however the suspect did not comply. A deputy on scene en-



Lance Richard Zuniga

gaged the suspect at which time gunfire was exchanged between the suspect and a deputy. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody and transported to an area hospital for treatment of injuries not related to gunfire.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Tyler Payne at (301) 475-4200 extension 78010 or by email at [Tyler.Payne@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Tyler.Payne@stmarysmd.com).

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# St. Mary's Gets \$1.9 Million for Piney Point Shoreline Restoration

U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin and Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (all D-Md.) announced June 7 that \$1,937,953 in federal funding to enhance shoreline restoration and coastal resiliency at the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park. This funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund (ECRF) will be directed to the St. Mary's County Department of Public Works and Transportation to combat ongoing shoreline erosion and flooding issues and habitat deficiencies associated with the park to better protect this coastal community treasure.

"As climate change contributes to the acceleration of the erosion of our shorelines and harm of our ecosystems, we must invest in the preservation of our local treasures," said Senator Van Hollen. "The Piney Point Lighthouse is a historic beacon on the Chesapeake and its surrounding wetlands are equally important to environmental and cultural conservation. These funds will help preserve the Lighthouse and Historic Park to en-

sure their viability for years to come. We will keep working to protect and invest in the Bay as a key driver of regional recreation and economic growth and a critical priority for the environment."

"I led the successful effort to reauthorize the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in part because the organization is a key partner in helping Maryland build resiliency in the face of intensifying climate change, and this investment is a prime example of its value," said Senator Cardin. "This grant will help stem the erosion that increasingly threatens one of Southern Maryland's most recognizable sites and important cultural hubs, ensuring that future generations of local residents and visitors have the opportunity to experience the unique Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum."

"The funds announced today represent a victory for St. Mary's County coastal communities as we work to make our state and nation more resilient in the face of a changing climate," said Congressman Hoyer. "Maryland has been impacted by an increasing trend of

extreme weather patterns, causing severe storms, flooding, and putting our local ecosystem at risk. With this funding, we can make our communities more durable to the impacts of a warming climate, recover faster from damages brought by climate change, and protect our precious wildlife. I was glad to work with my colleagues to grant this funding through the Fiscal Year 2021 disaster supplemental appropriations package and will continue to work alongside them to address the existential threat posed by climate change to our communities and economy in Maryland's Fifth District."

Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum is a six-acre passive marine park situated on a peninsula adjacent to the main stem of the Lower Potomac River where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Potomac River. Along with its attraction as a cultural monument, it draws considerable resident and tourist traffic in the summer months. The banks and shoreline area of the Piney Point Museum have been eroding significantly, resulting in 20 feet of the beach having been lost.

While the park does flood during large storms, both the lagoon side and the historic lighthouse side experience active erosion that threatens the nature of the park and the structures presiding on it. With these federal funds, along with a local match of \$132,730, St. Mary's County will provide a resilient and functional shoreline to the community and construct approximately 1,100 feet of living shoreline and enhance 0.63 acres of tidal wetland to combat ongoing shoreline erosion issues and habitat deficiencies associated with the park.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund was established to increase the resiliency of coastal communities located within federally declared disaster areas impacted by hurricanes and wildfires. The fund supports conservation projects that strengthen natural systems at a scale that will protect coastal communities from the future impacts of storms, wildfires and associated natural hazards, while improving habitats for fish and wildlife species.

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

### Drug Arrest

On May 10, 2022, Cpl. Holdsworth conducted a vehicle stop in the 24000 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown. The operator of the vehicle was identified as **Dejuan Antwan Stafford**, age 36 of Hollywood. A passenger was arrested on an outstanding warrant and CDS was located; a search of the vehicle yielded a digital scale containing residue (suspected heroin) a suspected CDS smoking device, and an additional suspected CDS smoking device containing residue. Stafford was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS:

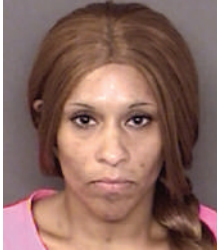


Dejuan Stafford

Possession-Paraphernalia.

### Drug Arrest

On May 10, 2022, Cpl. Holdsworth conducted a vehicle stop in the 2400 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown. **Serenity Faith Byrd**, age 30 of Hollywood, was a passenger in the vehicle. Byrd had several outstanding warrants for her arrest. Byrd provided Cpl. Holdsworth with a false name at the time of the vehicle stop. Byrd's identity was confirmed and she was arrested on the outstanding warrants for CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Paraphernalia, Burglary 4th De-



Serenity Byrd

gree, Trespassing: Private Property, and Fraud-Person Identity to Avoid Prosecution. Located on Byrd's person was a metal object clipped to her shirt containing a powder substance (suspected heroin). Byrd was also charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Paraphernalia.

### Assault

On May 30, 2022, Cpl. Pontorno responded to the 38000 block of Colton's Point Road in Colton's Point for the reported assault. The victim advised **Brandy Lynn Finley**, age 42 of Maddox, punched the victim in the face during an argument. Visible injury was observed to the victim and

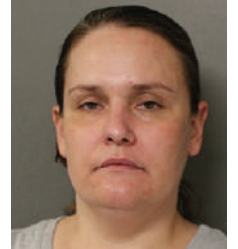


Brandy Finley

Finley was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

### Assault

On June 1, 2022, Dep. Marsch responded to the 22100 block of Erickson Court in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined the victim was removing tags from a vehicle, when **Angela Marie Marshall**, age 39 of Lexington Park, got into the vehicle, backed up and then drove forward striking the victim with the vehicle, knocking the victim to the ground. Marshall was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.



Angela Marshall

## Editor's Note

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

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vs.

JERRY WHITE, et al.  
Defendants

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# No Relief In Sight From Rising Gas Prices



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Democratic leadership in the Maryland General Assembly have resisted calls from Comptroller Peter Franchot to come back into special session to temporarily halt the coming increase in the gas tax rate as gas prices are set to reach \$5 per gallon.

Nationwide, prices have already reached an all-time average high of \$4.92 per gallon.

The gas tax hike is scheduled to take place July 1, raising the 36-cent tax to 43 cents per gallon.

The gas tax increases with inflation by law.

The legislature gave motorists a one-month gas tax holiday in March that ended April 17 even as gas prices continued to creep higher.

Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist. 29A) said the state has enough money in surplus to provide relief by suspending the gas tax altogether, immediately.

"The General Assembly absolutely screwed up," Morgan told The County Times. "The state has a \$7.5 billion surplus and the gas tax accounts for about \$100 million in revenue every month.

"They could take away all 43 cents of the gas tax and we could get by," he said.

Morgan said that much of the transportation trust fund, into which gas tax revenues go, does not go to local road improvements or highway maintenance.

Rather, a full 61 percent of that

trust fund revenue goes to mass transit which serves more urban jurisdictions such as Montgomery, Prince George's and Baltimore counties, Morgan said.

"The overwhelming source for the transportation trust fund is the gas tax," Morgan said. "It's an issue of fairness."

Gov. Larry Hogan, who has called on Franchot to "soften" the impact of the coming gas tax hike, still has the authority to call a special session of the General Assembly to address the tax hike.

Hogan has yet to do so.

Fuel prices have affected every facet of life nationwide and St. Mary's is no different.

John Lachovic, a father of seven children who all still live at home with he and his wife, said providing for his family has only gotten harder.

"It's changed how we travel," Lachovic said, who said he must travel in a large truck or 15-passenger van for his family. "We cut a lot of trips, even our grocery bills have changed.

"We have an automatic grocery pickup every two weeks and it usually costs \$400, it's gone up to \$550 now."

He took his family on their annual vacation three weeks ago and the fuel prices in more normal times was \$350 for a round trip, it skyrocketed to \$600 this time, he said.

"We had to cut out a lot of the stuff we would normally do," Lachovic said. "Even now going we have to think about if we really want to go to

the mall in Waldorf.

"It was never a thought before about the fuel costs."

Phil Langley, owner of Fish the Bay Charters, said diesel fuel, which powers his fishing boats, has doubled in price since last year.

"My profit margins are a lot thinner than a year ago," Langley said. "It's scary because right now... I don't know where it's going to stop."

Langley estimated the average fuel consumption of his boat is about 16 gallons per hour.

"It's pretty close to \$100 an hour for me just to operate," he said.

Frank Taylor, president of Taylor Gas, Inc. said they have tried to absorb some of the cost increase in fuel prices for their customers, but he was unsure how long his business could continue to do that.

"We've eaten a lot of that," Taylor said. "We can't get the whole gamut.

"It's put a strain on us."

Taylor said his business has passed on about 60 percent of the cost increase to customers so far.

"If things continue to rise you can't absorb it all," Taylor warned.

Perhaps the only benefit to the rising gas prices is that commuters are finding ways to make their trip to and from work more affordable.

George Clark, transportation program manager for the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, said his job has been made easier by the skyrocketing fuel prices.

"I'm seeing some really positive reactions with what I do," Clark said.

"People are more interested now in getting in car pools and van pools."

A brace of new van pools have been formed in the past three weeks from Mechanicsville to the Library of Congress in The District and from Charlotte Hall to the U.S. Coast Guard in the same location, Clark said.

Also, interest in commuter buses has quickly risen despite people being initially reluctant to return to them after the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clark said ridership during the pandemic dropped to essentially zero and recently came back to 21 percent.

But, with the sharp rise in gas prices, that ridership has risen in Southern Maryland to 34 percent this week.

"It's pretty amazing," Clark said, noting he, too, was personally feeling the pinch as it costs him \$125 to fill up his pickup truck.

Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist. 29B) said he voted to extend the gas tax holiday.

He said the state could still find a way to provide tax relief.

"The governor can still call a special session, that's an opportunity," Crosby said. "But there are oil companies that are exploiting a war in Ukraine and that's not being discussed.

"It's squeezing everyday middle class Americans."

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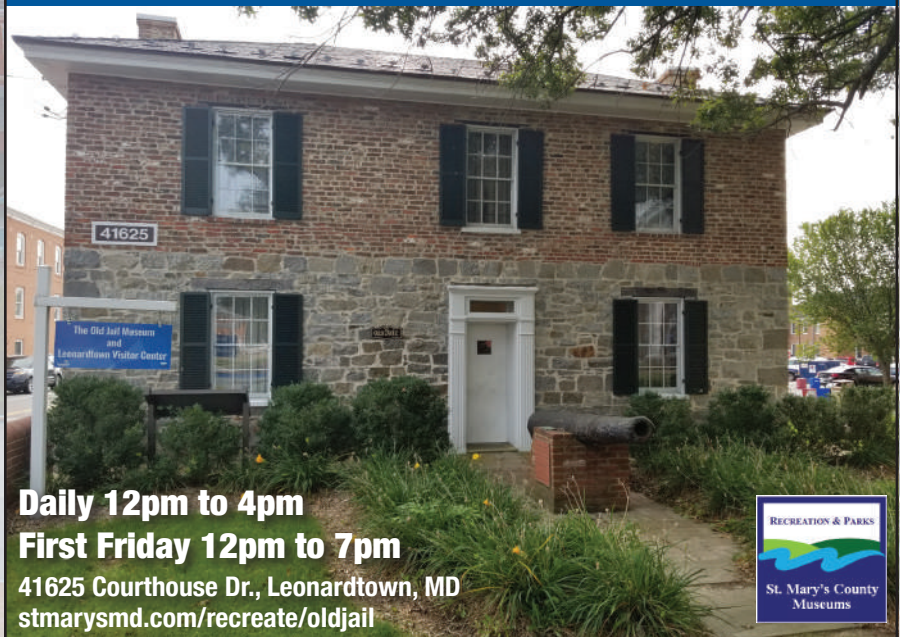
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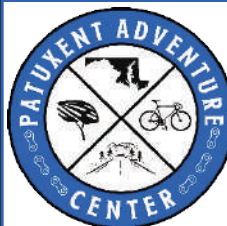
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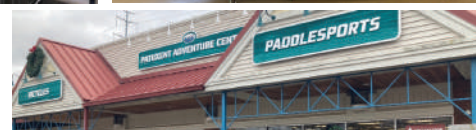
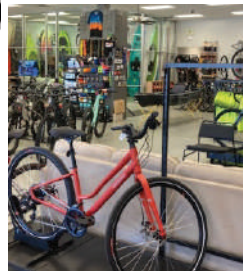
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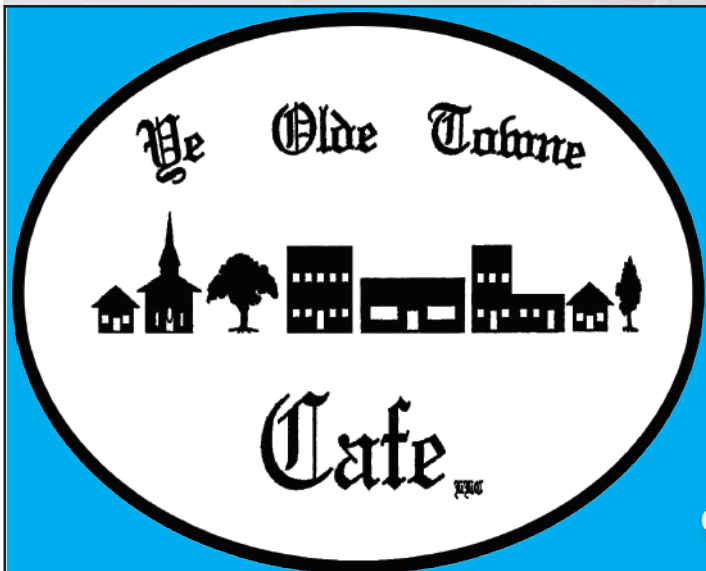
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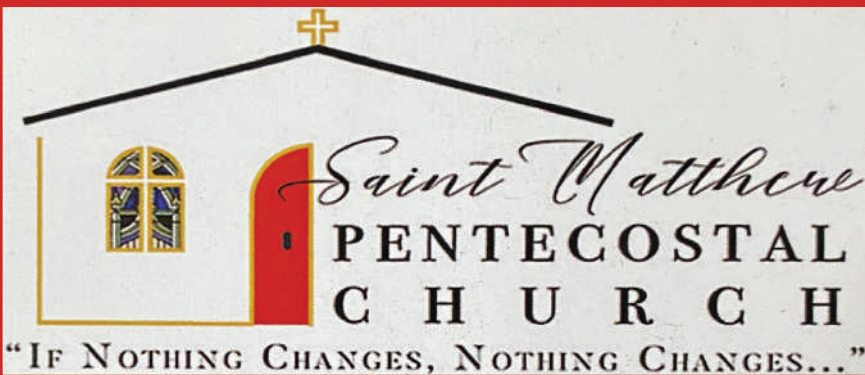
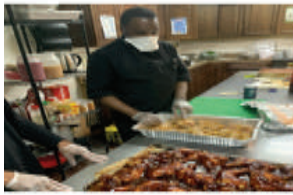
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## WM Davis Awarded Chesapeake Shores Clubhouse Contract

*Budget Adjustment Needed for Price Escalation*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has put smiles on the faces of patrons who use Chesapeake Hills Golf Course. The BOCC has awarded the contract for the much-anticipated new clubhouse.

St. Mary's County builder W.M. Davis, Inc. was the low bidder at \$5,732,435 and unit pricing, if required and approved by the county, plus a contingency for unforeseen changes or modifications in the amount of \$573,243.50.

The project suffered the construction sticker shock that has plagued the country due to inflation. Before awarding the bid, the commissioners approved a budget adjustment of \$3,175,000 to cover the costs.

The increased costs, according to Director of Parks and Recreation Shannon Nazzal, will be covered by "a loan from the General Fund of \$3 million and by moving \$175,000 (from another account)."

Nazzal said the loan would be paid back to the county through an unsecured note from profits from the golf course operation.

Commissioner Mike Hart, a long-time supporter of the golf course, said across the country it has been shown that courses can't be profitable without the right amenities.

"I truly believe this can pay for itself and



Artist's rendering of new clubhouse

make money," Hart said.

Nazzal said, "The Chesapeake Hills Golf Course Clubhouse construction consists of an approximately 8,150 square foot, single-story clubhouse with a mechanical mezzanine, administrative, bar and grille, commercial kitchen, caterer's kitchen, pro shop, and support. The work also includes site/civil, general construction, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection engineering."

She explained, "Chesapeake Hills Golf Course was obtained by Calvert County in 2008. Since then, there has been a need for continuing improvements to the building and course. On January 7, 2018, a winter storm with very low temperatures caused overhead water pipes to fail in three locations at the clubhouse. The clubhouse had not been in use since that time and was demolished in May of 2019."

There were three bidders with W.M. Davis being the lowest.

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# Sheppard Retires Again



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# Great Mills Native Deployed Aboard USS Tripoli



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Nevyh Harris, from Great Mills, Md., prepares to launch an F-35B Lightning II, assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121, aboard amphibious assault carrier USS Tripoli (LHA 7). Tripoli is conducting routine operations in U.S. 7th Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Peter Burghart)

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The Calvert County Chamber of Commerce and the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual W2W Regional Summit on August 3, 2022. The summit will be held at the Solomons Inn Resort & Marina in Solomons.

The summit is open to women who want to share knowledge and ideas with other professional women while learning new techniques to nurture growth on a personal and professional level.

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Our 2022 keynote speaker, Melissa Dawn Simkins, affectionately known as "The First Lady of Personal Branding," is a pioneer in personal brand leadership with a proven track record of advising Fortune 100 companies, CEOs, C-suite executives and influencers. She is a sought-after strategist on how to lead change in the face of adversity. She is CEO of Velvet Suite® an award-winning leadership innovation firm unleashing purpose-driven leadership as the uncontested catalyst to growth. She is also the Founder of The She-Suite®, the female focused leadership and lifestyle platform of Velvet Suite on a mission to reset the standard for working women to boldly lead with purpose in work, well-being and beyond. The She-Suite Brand Leadership Institute (BLI), is the only online personal brand leadership readiness platform built to scale for the enterprise to ready, retain and advance all

women & women of color. Simkins is a sought-after keynote speaker on leadership innovation, the future of work and well-being for women.

Simkins is a former contributor to Inc.com and has been a frequent guest on media outlets such as CNN, CNBC and more. She is the author of Brand Me. Make Your Mark: The Ultimate Playbook for Personal Branding. As an innovator, Simkins was the first African American female advisory board member for the World Brand Congress. Velvet Suite created the National Football

League (NFL) Player Brand University in partnership with the NFL, the first personal brand development academy of its kind in all professional sports. Other Velvet Suite clients have included: Boston Scientific Corporation, Google, Allstate, Home Depot, UBS, the National Basketball Association, CEOs, C-Suite executives, celebrities, pro-athletes.

Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 am. Breakfast and lunch are included in the \$75 (Early-Bird) | \$85 (after 6/30) registration fee. Attendees must register in advance, no walk-ins can be accommodated.

If you would like to highlight your business, sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Kathy Maney at [kathy@calvertchamber.org](mailto:kathy@calvertchamber.org) or 410.535.2577 by July 22, 2022.

For more information and to reserve your spot at the Summit, please visit the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce website at [www.calvertchamber.org](http://www.calvertchamber.org).

Joint Press Release

# St. Mary's County Government Operations for Juneteenth

In observance of the Juneteenth holiday, all St. Mary's County Government administrative offices will be closed Monday, June 20, 2022. Offices will reopen with regular operating schedules Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

The six (6) Convenience Centers and the St. Andrews Landfill will be open on Monday, June 20, 2022, with regular hours of operation.

The Lexington Park Library will be closed Sunday, June 19, 2022, and all three St. Mary's County Library branches (Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown and Lexington Park) will be closed Monday, June 20.

All Senior Activity Centers (Garvey, Loffler and Northern) will be closed. There will be no Home-Delivered

Meals.

The St. Mary's Transit System (STS) will be closed.

The Department of Recreation and Parks School programs and facilities will be closed except for the Great Mills Swimming Pool, which is open 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and the Wellness & Aquatics Center will be open from 6 a.m. – noon.

The St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and the Old Jail Museum will be open for visitors from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Drayden African American Schoolhouse will be open for visitors from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Wicomico Shores Golf Course and all St. Mary's County parks will be open with regular operations.

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# SMECO Awards Scholarships

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) has awarded four scholarships for 2022 to high school seniors who live in the Cooperative's service area. Scholarships are based on the applicants' scholastic achievement, financial need, and school and community involvement. SMECO has awarded scholarships to 120 students in the 30 years since beginning the program in 1993. Each of the following students will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship: Destiny Erugo, Corey Goddard, Sawyer Gray, and Julianna Hammett.

Destiny Erugo, a graduate of North Point High School (NPHS) in Charles County, plans to attend Loyola University New Orleans to pursue a degree in public health. She has served as secretary of the NPHS Best Buddies. Erugo has also been a member of the NPHS varsity tennis team, National Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society. She volunteers through OUR Place Soup Kitchen. Erugo served as the chairwoman of the National Council of Negro Women during the 2021 Top Teens of America Area II Conference and has participated in the Southern Maryland chapter of Top Teens of America since 2018. She is active in programs that further her education, including participating in the Brandeis Precol-

lege Program for Women's Health and completing 40 clinical hours at the University of Maryland Charles County Regional Medical Center. She has received the Principal's Honor Roll each year. Her mother, Ebere Erugo, and stepfather, Alland Leandre, live in Waldorf, Maryland.

Corey Goddard, Jr is a graduate of North Point High School in Charles County. He plans to study biology at Howard University. An avid soccer player, Goddard is a member of the NPHS soccer team and a club team. In addition to soccer, he also enjoys lacrosse and volleyball. He is a member of the NPHS marching band, serving as both section and squad leader. Goddard won the Marching Band Choreography Award and performed two solos, helping the band win second place in two separate competitions. Goddard has earned the Principal's Honor Award and the North Point Theatre Volunteer of the Year Award. He has volunteered at the Bethel Baptist Church, performing outreach and facilitating bible-teaching videos. Goddard is the child of Corey Goddard, Sr. and Sophia Goddard of Waldorf, Maryland.

Sawyer Gray, a graduate of Patuxent High School (PHS) in Calvert County, plans to study elementary education at the College of Southern Mary-

land, Prince Frederick Campus. Gray has been a member of the National Honor Society since 2020. She has served as a treasurer, vice president, and president of the PHS Best Buddies. Gray has been a member of the varsity lacrosse team for two years, a member of the PHS varsity Cheerleading Team, and the symphonic band. She volunteers in her community while also working a part-time job and running a small business with her sister. Gray is ranked 18th out of 231 students and has earned Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, the Academic Excellence Award, the Academic Excellence Award for the Teacher Academy of Maryland, and Most Spirited Award. Gray is the child of Paul and Abbe Gray of Lusby, Maryland.

Julianna Hammett is a graduate of Leonardtown High School (LHS) in St. Mary's County. She plans to study nursing at Salisbury University. Hammett is a member of the National

Honor Society and a cabinet member and mentor for the Freshman Academy. She is a member of the chorus and chamber choir, performs student-to-student mentorship, serves as head editor of the LHS newspaper, and has been a baseball manager each year. Hammett volunteered through the Key Club and Leo Club service organizations and served as president of the Leo Club for one year. She attended the Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference, where she worked alongside students from other states to help find solutions for the ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine. Hammett's parents are Suzanne and Jose Ocasio (stepfather) and Robert Hammett of St. Mary's County.

SMECO provides scholarships to local students who excel in their endeavors and who show promise in their chosen field of study.

*Press Release from SMECO.*



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## Archaeological Discovery of the 1660s : Jesuit Chapel and Priests' House at Newton

Dr. James Gibb will discuss the archaeological findings of the Jesuit and Priests' House at Newton virtually on Monday, June 27 from 7 – 8 p.m. As part of the 350th-anniversary commemoration of its founding, the Parish of St. Francis Xavier in Newtown, St. Mary's County commissioned an archaeological search for the original chapel. We found it, as well as evidence of a previously unsuspected house for the Jesuit fathers and lay brothers. The chapel contrasts with that found at St. Mary's City and reconstructed by the Historic St. Mary's City Commission. The differences reveal aspects of religious intolerance and Catholic resistance in the County during the late 17th and early 18th

## Using the 1950 Census: Finding Our Ancestors and Telling Their Stories

Access to the 1950 census was released on April 1, 2022. Join librarian, Elizabeth, as she breaks down the 1950 census, as well as previous census records, as a source for your genealogy research at Leonardtown Library on Tuesday, June 28 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. What were your parents or grandparents up to 72 years ago? Learn how to find them on the newly released 1950 census. As Elizabeth explored the census, she began to piece together a fascinating story of her great grand aunt. Maybe you can find stories for your ancestors hidden in the 1950 census. This is an in-person program at the Leonardtown Library. All skill levels welcome. Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org)

# ★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

## Library Closed for Juneteenth

Lexington Park Library will be closed on Sunday, June 19 and all three locations will be closed on Monday, June 20 in observance of Juneteenth. All locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, June 21.

## Mr Jon Concerts

Join musician Mr. Jon and his puppet friend George the Monkey for a high-energy family concert, and come ready to DANCE! Please register each member of your group (adults and children).

Leonardtown Library on Friday, June 24 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Sensory Friendly at Leonardtown Library on Friday, June 24 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Mt. Zion United Methodist on Saturday, June 25 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Lexington Park Library on Saturday, June 25 from 2 – 3 p.m.

## The Irish Civil War

Interested in learning about Irish History? Join us in discussing the Irish Civil War, a conflict that lasted less than a year from 1922-23 on Monday, June 27 from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Leonardtown Library. A hundred years ago in 1922 Ireland erupted in a civil war that was waged between two opposing groups: the pro-treaty Provisional Government and the anti-treaty Irish Republican Army (IRA), over the Anglo-Irish Treaty following the Irish War of Independence (1919-21). If you are interested in Irish History, please join us in both recognizing this centennial and in learning about one of the most important events in modern Irish History. This program will discuss and elaborate on why the Irish Civil War occurred, what events led up to it, the outcome of the War, and the cultural significance that still exists today presently in Ireland. The expected runtime is an hour, including both a presentation and a time for questions and answers. Register

# CSM Commemorates 63<sup>rd</sup> Spring Commencement

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) celebrated 432 candidates for 438 degrees and 136 certificates during its 63<sup>rd</sup> Spring Commencement May 13 at the college's La Plata Campus. The event marked the return of in-person festivities for the time-honored tradition since the beginning of the global pandemic in 2020.

Of the students celebrated, 160 are from Charles County, 147 are from St. Mary's County, 102 are from Calvert County and 23 are from outside the region. Sixty-three percent of the graduates are women and 37% are men. Twenty-six percent of the students graduated with honors.

The majority of degrees, or 23.7%, are in the field of arts and sciences, nursing (16.2%), business administration (8%), cybersecurity (4.8%) and engineering, (4.1%). The top certificates obtained were in general studies transfer, advanced and basic accounting, business management and cybersecurity. The oldest graduate is 67 years young, and the youngest is 17.

After a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem, sung by Waldorf resident and CSM student Caroline Carter, 20, the ceremony was filled with emotional speeches, numerous recognitions and memorable words of encouragement.

CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy provided the keynote address. Appointed the fifth president of the College of Southern Maryland July 1, 2017, she recently announced her intent to enter retirement on Dec. 31, 2022.

CSM Board of Trustee Jay Webster's introduced Murphy – showering the president with accolades and admiration.

"I assure you, the board of trustees was very reluctant to accept her plan to retire," he shared, calling Murphy a passionate leader for equity and social justice. "We consider the selection of Dr. Murphy as the college's fifth president as one of our greatest accomplishments."

## Be Still in This Moment

Murphy began her comments by asking the audience to slow down, and be present.

"I have a friend who always commented on how I was so much 'in the world,' she explained. 'I'd always assumed that meant I operated in reality, while she, diagnosed with schizophrenia, perhaps did not."

"The world, for her, was a place of continual movement, of 'getting and spending,' and sometimes we simply need to be still," she continued. "So, let's be still now in this unique moment. This is the only time in the history of the universe that this group of people will be assembled in this place for this purpose. The only time. Let's be silent for a moment and know it."

After a moment of quiet, Murphy acknowledged the tremendous, and often life-changing disruptions caused by the pandemic in the last two years.

"Throughout those months, all of us at the College of Southern Maryland did all we could to keep your education going, but it's YOU who rose to this challenge and learned to learn during continued change and uncertainty. I am immensely proud of you, and because of you, I am optimistic about our future," she said.

"Some of you know, this is my last com-



Oldest graduate Jim McDonald poses with the youngest CSM graduate to participate in the day's commencement ceremony, Abigail Sellner. Sellner received her AA in Social Science from CSM May 13 and will graduate with Northern High School June 2 with her high school diploma.

mencement, my last lecture," she added. "The bulk of my career happened in the 'Before Times.' That experience, and frankly, that skill set will not create the future. The future will be crafted by people who don't cling to 'the way we've always done things.' If we are really honest with ourselves, that's a good thing."

Murphy then charged the graduates with rebuilding the world with compassion.

"Most of my life is in the rear-view mirror, yet when I look through the windshield at the horizon, I am incredibly hopeful—because of you," she said. "Making sense of this pandemic will take us decades. Our world must be constructed anew, and you will do it."

As she closed her remarks, she was met with an extended standing ovation.

## You all Make Lasting Impacts on Us

"Every time I hear the first notes of Pomp and Circumstance play and watch the audience turn to watch as their graduate is marching in, I think about all the stories that fill this space," shared Senate Faculty President and Communication Professor Sarah Merranko. "I think about the journeys that led you to this exact place where you are about to be recognized for your academic achievements. I think about the students I have met and the stories they have shared with me, but also those I have yet to meet; sometime in the future, when in casual conversation in the line at the grocery store, they notice my CSM sweatshirt, and they say, 'I graduated from CSM!'"

Merranko, who is marking her 20<sup>th</sup> year serving CSM students, shared that at every commencement she stands in awe as she looks across at the hundreds of graduates' faces knowing full-well how hard they worked to earn their degrees.

"I love the diversity of our student body," she said. "I love the rich experiences you bring to the classroom and to our campus. I love that our students are a part of our local community before they are our students and some long after they have walked out our doors. Truth be told, I may not always

love it when I throw on a baseball cap and run out the door on a Saturday morning to see one of my former students seeing me less than professorial. But after that moment of ego passes, it always makes me smile to know that I am remembered and to have you share your stories with me. And I remember you too. In fact, we all do. So please remember that while you may never walk into another classroom here again, you will always have a home at CSM."

Youngest Participant Kept Her Eye on the Prize

The youngest graduate to cross the stage, Abigail Sellner, 18, said she was hooked on college classes from the start: She took her first CSM class, Introduction to Sociology, when she was just 15 years old and never looked back.

Sellner tested in to CSM's Talented and Gifted program when she was a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Northern High School and concurrently took classes at CSM. The social sciences major and Huntingtown resident stayed focused on her goals, using her free time and summer breaks to take classes online. She received her college degree before she receives her high school diploma.

"I have been so overwhelmed because of this accomplishment," she said. "I have worked really hard for this moment."

Working hard is what Sellner does. While at Northern, she was a cheerleader all four years – and served as the squad's captain during her senior year. While at CSM, she was elected to Student Government Association at the Prince Frederick Campus and was among the first students to graduate from CSM's Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Leadership Academy – earning a scholarship for her scholarly leadership work.

She credits CSM Professor Lisa Lynk, Student Life Coordinator and SGA sponsor Erika Fisher and her SGA student cohort for helping her grow. She also said that her parents, sister, and boyfriend were instrumental in helping her succeed.

"I am blessed to be surrounded by a strong support system," Sellner said. "I have grown in ways I could never have imagined because of my experiences at CSM. I think everyone should start their college journey at a community college. They welcome you right away and sincerely want you to succeed. I don't think I would have been as successful if I had gone straight to a four-year university from high school. I am beyond thankful for CSM. I feel prepared for anything, now."

Sellner will attend West Virginia University, entering as a junior, to finish her bachelor's degree this fall.

## Trustee Distinguished Service Award

The CSM Trustee' Distinguished Service Award was bestowed on CSM Board of Trustee Past Chair Theodore L. Harwood II, by CSM Board of Trustee Chair Jay Webster. Harwood served with distinction on the CSM Board of Trustees from 2010 – 2020, serving three terms as chair from 2017 – 2020.

He served on all subcommittees for the board including chair of the audit committee and as trustee liaison to the CSM Foundation Board of Directors from 2010

– 2016. During his trusteeship, he authored the Achieving the Dream letter of support, worked diligently to minimize cybersecurity risk, promoted excellence in board governance and reinstated tenure for faculty.

Harwood continues his commitment to serve CSM students, ensuring affordability and access remain a priority by serving on the CSM Foundation as a board member.

"His service and continuous volunteer efforts result in the collective heartfelt gratitude of everyone at CSM and the Board of Trustees," said Webster.

Webster also took the moment to honor Samuel Jones, a trustee of the CSM Board of Trustees since 2014, who continuously served and provided leadership until his passing on Tuesday, April 12.

"Sam was an exceptional trustee, professional, and friend," said Webster. "As a trustee he served on all committees and chaired several, multiple times, he asked thoughtful questions, was considerate in his deliberations, and cared deeply for the students, staff, and faculty of the college."

## Faculty Excellence Award

College of Southern Maryland Professor of Philosophy Dr. Richard Bilsker was recognized during the college's 63<sup>rd</sup> Spring Commencement for receiving the CSM Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. The award is bestowed upon a full-time professor by members of CSM faculty.

"The faculty excellence in teaching award is a celebration by one's peers," shared Merranko while announcing the awards during the commencement festivities. "It provides a platform for acknowledging a commitment to exemplary teaching, student engagement, contributions to the college and one's department, professional development, and community commitment. Faculty are nominated annually and anonymously evaluated against a rigorous rubric, celebrating achievements in teaching."

Read the full story on Bilsker and his contributions to students' success at "Peers Recognize CSM Professor Dr. Richard Bilsker With Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award."

Inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award  
CSM's 1983 alumna, pre-engineering program coordinator and adjunct faculty member Jehnell Linkins was honored for her tireless work on behalf of students and the community with the college's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is a new way for the college to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional achievements, service to the community, or service to CSM.

"Jehnell truly has been a terrific advocate for CSM and for our students, and that's what community college is all about," said Michael Bellis, CSM's assistant director of alumni and annual giving. "She has given her amazing talents back to the college and is a passionate advocate for our learners. She has been so instrumental in so many lives that it can be a challenge for her to walk from her car to her office without being stopped by a grateful student," said Bellis.

Press Release from CSM



# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION News

## Navy Successfully Completes First Flight Test of Mission Computer Alternative on the T-45



The Navy's Air Combat Electronics program office (PMA-209) successfully completed first flight test of the Mission Computer Alternative (MCA) in a T-45, at Naval Air Station Patuxent River on March 30. Pictured are PMA-209 team members, from left: Bill Brown, Michael Kay, Jason Bean, Jeff Boyce, Kelly Pruitt, Jeff Williamson, Brandon Patz, Richard Boecher, and Tom Adams

The Navy's Air Combat Electronics program office (PMA-209) recently completed the first test flight of the T-45 trainer aircraft's Mission Computer Alternative (MCA) which is intended to improve readiness for the legacy system.

PMA-209 collaborated with the Naval Undergraduate Flight Training Systems program office (PMA-273), which manages the T-45 aircraft, and Air Test Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 to execute the March 30 flight at Patuxent River and test out the design replacement for the existing Mission Display Processor.

"The flight was flown successfully, proving MCA is on the right track," said Lt. Alex Mensing, VX-23 test pilot. "We know what needs to be improved and will continue to work together to bring an accurate and reliable system to

the fleet."

PMA-273 sought out MCA as a mission computing solution primarily to address the potential obsolescence issues the Navy may face on an aging platform. They plan to leverage the MCA to support additional capabilities such as required navigation performance / area navigation (RNP/RNAV).

The MCA is a Hardware Open Systems Technologies (HOST) conforming mission computer that drastically reduces schedule for regular hardware and software updates associated with mission computing. It can be economically and rapidly adapted to support platform requirements and processing needs. The system is on track to provide RNP/RNAV in the near future.

"The Navy developed this mission computer technology using OA standards, bringing the gov-

ernment one step closer to getting much needed capabilities and functionality to the fleet cheaper and faster," said Capt. Margaret Wilson, PMA-209 program manager.

The Navy will leverage investments made during the MCA's development to support and minimize development cost of future MCA iterations, and lower the hardware and software logistics lifecycle funding footprint by using common, commercial-off-the-shelf hardware and software development designed to OA standards.

"We are very excited to be leading the way in bringing OA standards to the warfighter with the MCA," said Jeff Williamson, PMA-209 common mission computers team lead. "This technology will enable accelerating new capabilities to the fleet, at reduced

cost, while paving the way for it to be employed in the naval aviation systems that our warfighters already have."

About PMA-209

PMA-209 is a collaborative team of proactive acquisition professionals enabling current and future foundational aviation requirements led by Capt. Margaret Wilson, PMA-209 program manager. The program office is NAVAIR's executive agent for the development and management of cutting-edge air combat electronics systems.

Established in 1988, PMA-209 is responsible for providing critical capabilities to the warfighter in the form of common, fully developed, supportable, and reliable systems that align with the strategic and operational requirements of our platform PEO and PMA customers.

# Summer Music Festival Presents Latrice Carr & The N2N Band

The summer of music continues when the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival presents another exciting concert featuring Latrice Carr and The N2N Band On the Water's Edge at the Leonardtown Wharf on Saturday, June 11 from 5-8:30 p.m.

N2N kicks off the evening with a Motown tribute featuring popular tunes from Hitsville USA from 5-6:30 p.m. Then Latrice Carr, a local favorite known for sophisticated stylings of a wide genre of music from R&B, jazz, pop, country and more, performs with her full band from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

In addition to live music, attendees will be able to purchase and enjoy tasty eats from the Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, award-winning wine from the Port of Leonardtown Winery, beer from the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and sweet treats from the Frog Town Ice Cream Shop.

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 (the trolley is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. throughout the day), or pull up to the Town's new slips and enjoy the music with friends right from your boat. Land lovers, please bring your own lawn chair or blanket for your comfort.

Join us for an amazing afternoon of music On the Water's Edge at the Leonardtown Wharf this Saturday. Then look for other exciting concerts around Town from the Leonardtown Square to the Port of Leonardtown Winery



Latrice Carr

from June '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](http://VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest).

The On the Water's Edge music series at the Leonardtown Wharf (part of the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival) is sponsored by Jimmy Hayden of RE/MAX 100. 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](http://VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest).

*Press Release from Town of Leonardtown.*

# Museum Presents 'Conversation & a Cruise' Series

Beginning June 11, visitors can enjoy summer breezes on a fun, educational, and family-friendly morning of cruising during a series of themed events on the St. Clement season's Island Museum Water Taxi.

The three cruises occur June 11, July 16 and Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The June 11's theme will be "Fish of the Potomac River," July 16's will be "Pirates of the Bay," and Aug. 13's will be "Boating Through Time." Each tour and cruise will be fun and educational for all ages.

"Since beginning this cruise series last year, we knew we had to continue to offer these fun, yet educational, cruises for our younger visitors to get them out on the water and learn something new," states Karen Stone, manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "This year's series includes three fun cruises regarding different interesting subjects. We have plenty of opportunities to grab tickets for these three cruises before they sell out."


Though there are three cruises to book before tickets are gone, Stone suggests reserving early. "We recommend calling



in for any of the cruises as soon as possible – the tickets will sell out quickly as we only allow a maximum of 15 spots per cruise for these exclusive events."

The event will begin at St. Clement's Island Museum with an introduction and distribution of expedition materials. The tour will end on St. Clement's Island, and from there, you can return to the mainland or check out Blackstone Lighthouse. Participants will even be able to make a fun souvenir to take home after each cruise. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 per child, and children two and under are free (but must still be registered). The cost includes educational and activity materials as well as the boat ride. Only 15 seats are available for these exclusive cruises. Those interested should call 301-769-2222 to book tickets.


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



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# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thu, Jun 9, 2022

### Axe Throwing at Brudergarten Beer Garden

SOF Market  
22725 Duke Street  
Leonardtown  
5p.m. to 9p.m.

Viking Axe Throwing is at Brudergarten Beer Garden at Shepherd's Old Field Market in Leonardtown, each Thursday (6-9 PM) and Sunday (1-6 PM).

Must be 18 yrs. or older. All equipment provided. Singles or multiple players welcome! Please wear or bring closed-toed shoes for the event.

More great events at the Brudergarten Facebook page!  
Add to Your Calendar

## Fri, Jun 10, 2022

### Homeschool Fridays

Historic St. Mary's City  
18751 Hogaboom Lane  
St. Mary's City  
10:30a.m. to 2:30p.m.

A program specially designed for homeschool families, with interpretive discussions, demonstrations, and hand-on activities.

Pre-registration with full payment is required.

\$10/ Members \$8; Additional workshops: Members \$5 / Non-members \$7

Rain or shine.

Register: [Programs@Digshistory.org](mailto:Programs@Digshistory.org) / 240-895-4980

### Good Clean Fun Soap Making

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Ages 9 & up

Soap making goes back thousands of years. The most basic materials used for soap making were those found in nature. Through demonstrations and discussions, students will learn about the history of soap, how it was made and its many uses.

### Compass Creations

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Ages 7 & up

This program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain insight into the navigational methods used by sailors in the 17th century.

Students will gain an understanding of the science behind magnetic compasses used at sea and how they are still used today. Participants will create their own rudimentary compass and test their direction-finding skills.

### Experimental Archeology Artventure

1:00—2:30 p.m.  
Ages 6 & up

Experimental archeology is a hands-on way to gather knowledge about how things were made long ago. Students will engage in experimental archeology when they join the Woodland Indian Hamlet staff in exploring the nearby area to gather colorful natural resources that would have historically been used to make pigments.

### Food Fashion and Fun

1:00—2:30 p.m.  
Ages 6 & up

This workshop provides students an opportunity to learn and experience many aspects of daily life in St. Mary's City in the 17th century. Through discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on participation, students will explore, examine, and connect to the material culture of Maryland's past. See how a meal was prepared on an open fire using a period recipe. Discover what was fashionable at the time and have fun with style by making your own cornhusk doll. Hear about pastimes and try your hand at playing a game or two.

### The Exploring the Past High School Walking Tour

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

This program is designed to meet a portion of the US and AP US History curriculum. This tour includes topics about colonial Maryland history throughout the 1600s, comparing and contrasting different groups of people living in Maryland at the time of and after point of contact, religious and political history at Maryland's first capital, and the tobacco economy.

## Sat, Jun 11, 2022

### Community clean-up of Great Mills Road

21641 Great Mills Rd  
Lexington Park  
Noon to 3p.m.

St. Mary's Community Development Corp. is hosting a community clean-up of Great Mills Road on Saturday, June 11th from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eacaf22aafdc70-great](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eacaf22aafdc70-great) to register as a volunteer. Make sure to read the instructions and indicate your t-shirt size with your name.

Volunteers will park at St. Mary's Square, use the crosswalk located at the Square, and meet at Church of the Ascension (21641 Great Mills Road). Please arrive by 9 AM to receive instructions, tools, supplies, and a free volunteer t-shirt. Volunteers will be assigned to a group and will pick up litter in their assigned sections. At noon, volunteers may return to Church of the Ascension for a lunch to celebrate their achievement and get to know their neighbors! Please remember to wear sunscreen and closed-toed shoes.

If you have questions, please contact Taylor Smith at [execdirector@stmarysdc.org](mailto:execdirector@stmarysdc.org).

## Sun, Jun 12, 2022

### Farmers Market-Fly in Walk in- Drive in

St. Mary's County  
Airport Terminal  
44200 Airport Rd  
California, MD [View Map](#)  
9a.m. to 1p.m.

Vintage DC3 (C47) on display (weather permitting)!!

\*Moonstruck Oysters (locally farmed),

\*Dixon Family Farm-Great local farm producing fresh cut flowers, artisan tobacco stick boxes, locally flavored Maple Syrup & pecans,

\*Olga Cakes-Great baked items by our local Ukrainian baker!

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\*Mully's Brewery—Local craft beer

## Mon, Jun 13, 2022

### Pax River Quilters Guild

Good Samaritan  
Lutheran Church  
20850 Langley Road  
Lexington Park  
6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

If you like to quilt or would like to learn, join our Quilting Group

[www.paxriverquiltguild.com](http://www.paxriverquiltguild.com) or email [prqgsomd@gmail.com](mailto:prqgsomd@gmail.com) for an application to join, or call 301-769-1151 for more info.

## Wed, Jun 15, 2022

### June Health Watch: Have Fun, Feel Good!

Loffler Senior Activity Center  
21905 Chancellors Run Rd  
Great Mills  
10a.m. to 11a.m.

Did you know that participating in activities you enjoy may also help support healthy aging? As people get older, they often find themselves spending more and more time at home alone. The isolation can lead to depression and is not good for your health. If you find yourself spending a lot of time alone, try adding a bit of social activity to your routine. Mary Tennyson has some good ideas on how to go about it! Advance registration is required for this program. Seating is limited.



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# Letters to the Editor

## Representation is Not Propaganda

### To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article "Parent Alleges Sexualized Teaching"

The remarks made by a parent at the 5/25/22 BOE meeting and resulting County Times article claim students are "bombarded with LGBTQ+ propaganda through classroom decor and teacher apparel... which is sexualizing children and making them susceptible to future unhealthy and destructive choices." Representation is not the same as propaganda, and it is harmful to conflate the two. I am thankful for SMCPs employees who ensure there is LGBTQ+ representation, as well as representation from other minority communities, in schools: it deepens students' understanding of the human experience and expands their capacity for compassion.

The article states the parent's daughter was "exposed to a rainbow flag with the word 'Pride' written on it." Exposure to a variety of people and communities is what education is all about. Each family can decide how they address tolerance and acceptance in their own homes; but it is unrealistic and small-minded to demand public schools pretend an entire community of people don't exist. It seems this parent wants the public school to prioritize their specific views rather than be inclusive.

The parent was also upset by a book from their student's suggested summer reading list, *The Thing About Jellyfish* claiming it "sexualized" their son. The book merely mentions the main character's brother has a boyfriend. I don't hear these same types of accusations when there are heterosexual relationships depicted in school literature. If the mention of a relationship between two young men is "sexualizing children," why wouldn't the mention of a relationship between a man and woman do the same thing? By this same logic, wouldn't any mention of a relationship, regardless of orientation or gender, be "sexualizing children"? They also stated: "my child didn't know what heterosexuality was at the time, much less homosexuality." All children know what heterosexuality is, even if they don't know the terminology. We see heterosexuality everywhere: in cartoons, commercials and children's books. The issue here seems to be intolerance, rather than sexualization. There is nothing sexual about rainbows on the wall, colorful apparel and the mention of two young men dating in a book.

Queer children and families exist regardless of whether or not we put up a rainbow. However, putting up a rainbow might help someone feel included, or even save a life. Forty-two percent of LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered attempting suicide last year. Yet, LGBTQ+ youth who had access to spaces where they felt valued and included reported much lower rates of attempting suicide (Trevor Project, 2022). We have to provide safe spaces for ALL students, including LGBTQ+ students.

This parent's comments are damaging and dangerous to our LGBTQ+ community. Their type of hyperbolic, negative language fuels division and instigates violence. To claim that somehow the presence of LGBTQ+ representation is harmful to children is to vilify an entire community. Just a few months ago, Mike Cahall, the former Rescue Squad Chief (who was also an out and proud gay man) was on the cover of the County Times to honor his lifetime of service for our community. There are amazing LGBTQ+ individuals all around us who make our schools, communities and homes better. It is privileged and malicious to benefit from the many contributions of the LGBTQ+ population and then denounce their very existence.

I call on everyone who wants our schools to continue providing safe spaces and meaningful representation for ALL students, in particular our LGBTQ+ students, to take action. Contact your school/BOE communicating your support, ensuring that the hateful speech of a few is not heard as a majority opinion.

*Sarah Gravelle  
SMCPs Parent  
California, MD*

## A Forum for Parents

### To the Editor:

The June 2 article in the County Times by a parent expressing hurt over her children being sexualized by a teacher consortium trying to deform and deprave the next generation of children was both alarming and prophetic. Several weeks ago I contacted the County Commissioners urging them to create an open forum or commission so that worried parents could come forward to complain without the fear of being charged as terrorists as they were at school board meetings in Virginia, but the Commissioner President just shrugged the idea off as though it were the concerns of an ignorant and illiterate public.

As a former educator for many years, I can testify to what is coming this fall, which is worse, not even considering the pervasive violence. Obviously, the Commissioners are more moved by the transgender and LGBTQ mafia than by the sexual enslavement and killing of our children.

*Professor Walter Boswell  
Leonardtown, MD*

# Pet



## OF THE WEEK

## MEET WINSTON



There are no bad days  
When you come home  
To your dogs' love!

Hello everybody, my name is Winston. My loving TCAS pals say I'm a DEBONAIR, FRIENDLY GUY who is SUPER PLAYFUL with lots of energy! My tail is always WAGGING, my body is always WIGGLING, and I absolutely LOVE getting attention from my people! At ONLY A YEAR OLD, I already know some BASIC OBEDIENCE SKILLS and I love to show off my shake! I've lived with another dog, I'm HOUSEBROKEN, and I LIKE KIDS but right now my energy may be too much for small children. I'm so anxious to find MY NEW FAMILY so email [animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov](mailto: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.

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## TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

## A View From The BLEACHERS



### LIKE HOME

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Three years ago, the Washington Nationals were in the midst of a lost season. Rock bottom had been reached weeks before, on May 23 to be exact, after a four-game sweep by the Mets left the Nats with a 19-31 record and squarely in the running for the most disappointing team in MLB. There was talk of manager Dave Martinez being fired and stars Max Scherzer and Anthony Rendon being traded. Even the most ardent optimist struggled to find a path to relevance, much less jubilation.

But truth is, indeed, stranger than fiction. In reaching these improbable depths and dashing all logical hope, the Nats created the foundation for one of sports' most incredible redemption stories. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined in late May 2019, that on All Hallows' Eve's eve, I would be hugging my dad, my wife, my kids and drying tears in the wake of a Nats World Series Championship. But that's exactly what happened. Somehow. Some way. It was like living through a fairy tale.

For Nats nation, the time since that late October night in 2019 has been hard to process. Star third baseman and postseason stud Anthony Rendon signed with the Angels in the offseason. COVID robbed the team and its fans of a 2020 victory lap. Stephen Strasburg got hurt, multiple times, and has started just seven games since being named World Series MVP. Howie Kendrick and Mr. Nat, Ryan Zimmerman, retired. Scherzer and Trea Turner, among others, were sold off in last season's fire sale. Now the team itself is on the market, rumors are swirling about a possible trade of Juan Soto, and Martinez and General Manager Mike Rizzo, both with contract options looming, face an uncertain future.

Other than that, it has been steady as she goes. Does Meriam-Webster define "tumultuous" with a Nats logo?

As of this writing, the Nats are rocking a 21-35 record this season. It is similar on paper to the woeful 19-31 record in 2019, but there's no comeback in the offing for this young, undisciplined, modestly talented, scrambling

band of ballers. The organization is years from competing again. Meanwhile, many of its former stars are wearing other MLB uniforms (Scherzer, Harper, Rendon and Turner) and its best player not named Soto is rehabbing in the minors (Strasburg).

The disintegration happened so fast. In some ways, the realized fragility of that World Series experience has enhanced it; in other ways, it is hard not to feel gyped. Where was the afterglow? The happily ever after? Is there nothing to do other than file it away, hang some memorabilia to remember 2019...and move on?

Afraid so.

Now almost three years removed from that magical World Series and with mostly strangers in Nats uniforms today, the team has morphed into a COVID metaphor. The ballpark is the same. The team colors are unchanged. Hot dogs and beer still fit together like peanut butter and jelly. But the familiarity is superficial. Rendon isn't at third. Turner isn't at short. Zimmerman isn't at first. Scherzer isn't on the bump. The Nats are like the classic Abbott and Costello skit "Who's on first?" – literally. Watching them feels a little bit like life since COVID jumped species (or however it infiltrated humans). Everything looks the same, but something is off. It is still our house, but doesn't feel like home. The missed family gatherings, disfigured school years and graduations, lost sports seasons, mass telework, weird supply chain interruptions (cars, microchips, furniture, baby formula), canceled flights, gas prices cratering and now spiking, inflation partying like it's the 1970s at Studio 54's peak, curbside take-out and grocery shopping, and masks strewn about – it all requires considerably more psychological processing.

In the meantime, life marches on. And there is little else to do, little more that needs to be done, other than to march with it. When the umpire yells "Play ball", grab a bat or a glove, take the field and play. Who's on first? What's on second? Not sure who's on third? Don't mind the awkwardness. It will all feel like home again soon.

Send comments to Ronald.GuyJr@gmail.com

## Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

Perch, rockfish, crabs, and trout have all awakened to the delayed summer arrival.

Stripers are in all the deep holes, structures, and shallows in the bay and rivers. The Solomons Bridge pilings are holding decent rockfish on moving tides for jiggers. About one in four is 19 inches or better. Some are in the 24-to-26-inch range. All the mouths of the creeks off the Patuxent are holding rockfish for lure casters. Trollers on the wrecks and on the 40-foot edges find fish. The rocks at the old light house site at Cedar Point had stripers up to 26 inches for lure casters all week on moving tides.

Perch are now in the deep and in the mouths of creeks for bait fishermen. Beetle spin and Perch Hounders are producing for casters, but the action has not hit full speed yet.

Speaking of full speed, live lining in the upper bay using spot is wide open. The concentration of rockfish up to 30 inches around and north of the Bay Bridge is amazing. Live lining further south around the Gas Docks and at the Power Plant outfall should be very good as soon as spot become more available.

The Potomac has perch in deep and shallow locations; rockfish are plentiful too.

Trout up to 20 inches are now hitting cast lures in the mouth of the Honga and on rocky outcroppings in the salt islands. We should have puppy drum anytime.

Catfish and snakehead have not slowed up. The Potomac and Patuxent have plenty of catfish in the deep during the day and on



Johnny Caldwell with rockfish that took a Yozouri Silver Minnow at Cedar Point. There were many others.

the shoreline at night. Snakehead and carp have proliferated in the heads of the creeks with the extra-long cold and excessive winter grass growth. When a snakehead is spotted you can cast a lure in front of it, but they bite on their own schedule. I have had them follow the lure around and stalk it but refuse to eat sometimes, and other times have them smash it without hesitation. Same lure, same conditions, who knows what lurks in the heart of a snakehead?

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# What's Coming to St. Mary's

The following items will be heard on the Technical Evaluation Committee on June 22.

**Concept Site Plan #CSP22-0120**

**O'reilly's Auto- Hollywood**

(Zoning Ordinance 10-02)

(Use Type #77

Retail Sales- Limited)

Owner: Moran Property 235, Llc

Agent: Bohler Engineering

Location: 23836 Mervell

Dean Road

Hollywood, MD 20636

Tm- 34 Grid- 02 Par- 183 Ed- 06

Tax Id- 025390

Land Use: Mixed-Use Moderate

Intensity

Zoning: Town Center Mixed Use

District, Tmx, Ae-4

Acreage: 2.00

Action Requested: Review Of A Concept Site Plan For A 7,453 Sq Ft. Building For Retail Sales Of Automobile Parts And Accessories.

**Minor Subdivision**

#MSUB22-0131

**Wildes Subdivision**

(Zoning Ordinance 10-02)

(Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

Huntersville Rural Legacy Area

Owner: Richard C. Wildes Jr.

Agent: Little Silences Rest, Inc.

Location: 25045 Secretariate

Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636

Tm- 26 Grid- 03 Par- 475

And 405 And Ed- 06

Tax Id- 049036 And 067433

Land Use: Rural Preservation

Zonin: Rural Preservation

District, Rpd, Rla

Acreage: 17.24

Action Requested: Review Of A

One-Lot Minor Subdivision.

**Minor Subdivision**

#MSUB22-0132

**Knott Subdivision**

(Zoning Ordinance 10-02)

(Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

Owner: Darrell And Kristine Knott

Agent: Linear Surveys, Inc

Location: 40750 Fawns Rest Way

Leonardtown, MD 20650

Tm- 32 Grid- 02 Par- 410 Ed- 03

Tax Id- 077683

Land Use: Rural Preservation

Zoning: Rural Preservation

District, Rpd

Acreage: 15.02

Action Requested: Review Of A

One-Lot Minor Subdivision

**Major Subdivision**

#MJSB22-0133

**Pb II Property**

(Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivi-

sion Ordinance 10-01)

Owner: Pb Ii, Llc

Agent: Lorenzi, Dodds, And Gunnill,

Inc.



Location: Three Notch Road Mechanicsville, MD 20650

Tm- 19 Grid- 12 Par- 059 Ed- 06 Tax Id- 031811

Land Use: Rural Preservation

Zoning: Rural Preservation District, Rpd

Acreage: 619.75

Action Requested: Review Of One-Lot Major Subdivision

**Major Subdivision**

#MJSB22-0134

**Oak Crest Lots 7 And 8**

(Zoning Ordinance 10-02)

(Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

Owner: Cecils Mill, Llc

Agent: Soltesz Inc.

Location: Oak Crest Road

California Md, 20619

Tm- 34 Grid- 10 Par- 292 Ed- 08

Tax Id- 181121

Land Use: Mixed Use Medium

Intensity

Zoning: Medium Intensity Mixed Use,

Mxm, Pud-Ip, Ae-4

Acreage: 105.48

Action Requested: Review Of A

Two-Lot Major Subdivision.



## ARE YOU READY TO VOTE FOR JAYMI?

### Registration Deadline: June 28<sup>TH</sup>

Jaymi Sterling is a lifelong Republican running for State's Attorney in our County. Since no Democrat or Independent has filed, this race will be **decided** in the **Republican Primary on July 19<sup>th</sup>**.

If you are a **registered Republican**, you are **READY** to vote for Jaymi.

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Authority: Friends of Jaymi Sterling; Treasurer Alison Weaver

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STATE'S ATTORNEY

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## In Remembrance

### Guy Joseph Leonard



Guy Joseph Leonard, 80, of La Crescent, MN., and formerly of Baker, WV., died on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. He was born on August 10, 1941 in Berwick, LA., to Harry and Alberta (Hebert) Leonard.

Guy had proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the USS Independence achieving the rank of CWO-3 Catapult Arresting Gear officer. The last carrier Guy served aboard was the USS America and he retired in 1979.

Following his military retirement, Guy worked as an Integrated Logis-

tics Manager at Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

He and his wife Sandra moved to Country Creek Road near Baker, WV. Guy was an active member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Rio, WV., the Bean Settlement Ruritan Club and Lost River VFW Post 7780. Guy and Sandra then moved to La Crescent, MN., to be closer to family. He was an active member of First Ev. Lutheran Church and VFW Post 11542.

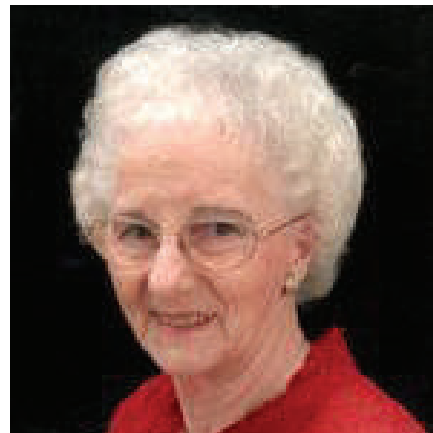
In addition to his wife Sandra of La Crescent, Guy is survived by two sons, Guy J. (Tegan) Leonard Jr., Steven (Kristal) Lowrie, grandchildren Tanner Lowrie and Vivian Lowrie, brother Dale (Diann) Leonard and sister-in-law Sheela Leonard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Harry A. Leonard II, sister Deborah Goins, Brothers in law Wesley Rowe, Karl Langhorst and Rodney Goins.

Memorial services will be held at 11am on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Crescent. Pastor Mark Rieke will officiate. Private family burial will take place at a later date. Visitation will take place at the church Saturday morning from 10am until the time of services. In lieu of flow-

ers, memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of one's choice.

### Mary Alice Anderson



Mary Alice Anderson, 94, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on June 1, 2022, in Leonardtown, MD. Born on October 13, 1927, in Hughesville, MD, she was the daughter of the late Eva McDella Hill Huntington and the late John Marshall Huntington. Mary was the loving wife of the late Thomas "Lewis" Anderson, whom she married on November 18, 1947, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD, and who preceded her in death on March 18, 2000. She was a devoted mother to Mike Anderson and Joan Diehl, both of Mechanicsville, MD, four grandchildren Justin Anderson (Denise), Travis Anderson, Julie Diehl, Brian Diehl (Amy), four great grandchildren Destiny Diehl, Kellan Anderson, Harper Anderson, and Finley Anderson, and with many nieces and nephews.

Mary was one of eighteen children and sister to Maggie Curtain of Alexandria, VA, Elaena Castle of Colorado Springs, CO, Harry B. (Tucker) Huntington of Mechanicsville, MD, and Lewis C. Huntington of Dunnellon, FL. She was preceded in death by her siblings John M. (Jack) Huntington, Charles H. Huntington, Robert S. Huntington, James Zach Huntington, Mildred B. Taylor, Maude E. Hill, Ethel Drinks, Catherine (Kitty) Burch, Edna Unkle, Marie Dyson, Elizabeth Schetron, Agnes Stasch and Charlotte Edwards.

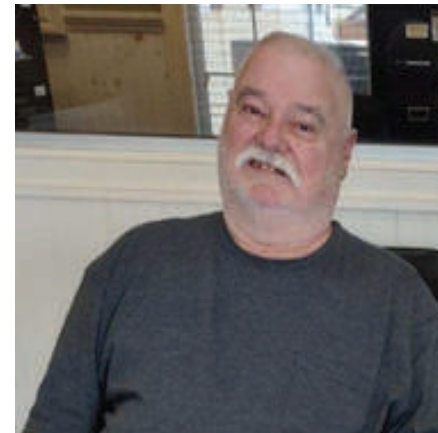
Alice enjoyed gardening, cooking, and loved to play cards.

Contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center, 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 15, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com).

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

### Harold Stephen Brukardt



Harold Stephen Brukardt, 68, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 4, 2021, at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD. He was born on November 17, 1952, to the late Harold Arthur Brukardt and Marie May (Gayon), in Miami, FL.

He moved to Maryland at age thirteen (13), where he would meet the love of his life, Kathryn Loretta Smith. They were married for forty-five (45) wonderful years and welcomed one son, Chris.

Harold loved welding, so much so, that he made a career out of it. He worked for many years at Brandywine Heavy Truck and Equipment. They became an extended family and he enjoyed working on the heavy equipment and trucks. He also worked for Regal Construction Co., W & W Fabrication, and Alvenex. He enjoyed camping, muscle cars, and watching Star Trek with his faithful dog, Heidi. He was a loving husband and father, with a heart of gold. He will be greatly missed by all that knew who his generous spirit.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn Loretta (Smith) Brukardt of Hollywood, MD; son, Christopher Stephen Brukardt of Hollywood, MD; siblings, Sherrie Gayon "Barney" of Welcome, MD; Susie Welch "Marty" of Saint Augustine, FL; Tami Faunce "JR" of Saint Augustine, FL; Denise Guy "Ricky" of Mechanicsville, MD and his many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He was preceded in death by both of his parents, Harold Brukardt and Marie May Long "Gayon"; his sister, Millie Ann Roundes of Menominee, MI and step-father, Thomas R. Long, and three devoted dogs, Candy, Dusty, and Buttons.

The family will be accepting friends for Harold's Life Celebration Memorial on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, at 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with his Memorial Service starting at 11:30 a.m. officiated by Deacon Jo-



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seph Lloyd of the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Avenue, Maryland. Interment will be private.

Pallbearers will be Henry Meinhardt, Steve Cross, Jeff Gayon, Nathan Welch, and Christopher Brukradt.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that a donation is made to The American Heart Association or The American Diabetes Association in Harold's name.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Joseph Howard Pickeral



Joseph Howard Pickeral, 71, of Tall Timber, MD, peacefully passed away on June 2, 2022.

Joseph was born on July 1, 1950, to the late Edward and Mary Pickeral in the bustling city of La Plata, MD. Joseph graduated from Pomonkey High School with the Class of 1968.

After graduation, he worked as a land surveyor for over 4 years. Joseph was passionate about surveying and loved what he did for a living.

In 1948, he met Peggy Shirley - Pickeral in Accokeek, MD. Joseph and Peggy went on to have one child, Tonya Ridgell of Ridge, MD.

Joseph retired in 2007 after working for 28 years at the Saint Elizabeth Hospital. While retired, Joseph had time to pursue his love of fishing, crabbing, and baseball.

Joseph was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Mary Pickeral, and his brother Pete Pickeral. He is survived by his wife Peggy Pickeral of Tall Timber, MD, his daughter Tonya Ridgell of Ridge, MD, his brother Richard Pickeral of Waldorf, MD, as well as his two grandchildren, Zachary Ridgell and Quinton Ridgell.

The family will receive friends for a viewing from 9:00 am to 11:00 am with prayers beginning at 11:00 am on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

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

### Charles Henry Countiss



Charles Henry Countiss, 63 of California, MD passed away on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at the Hospice House of St. Mary's.

He was born on November 27, 1958 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Henry Frederick Countiss and Margaret Theresa (Holt) Countiss of Charlotte Hall, MD.

Charles was a graduate of Chopicon High School in 1976. He was employed by Atlantic Broadband as a Construction/Cable Technician for 20 years. When he wasn't working he enjoyed being outdoors at the field, or in his yard. He loved the game of softball and would never pass on watching and cheering on the Charlotte Hall All Star team. He took pride in keeping his possessions meticulously clean. He could always be found working in his yard and detailing his vehicles. He enjoyed being on the phone with pretty much everyone in his contact list lol. But more than anything he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and always supported them in everything they did.

He is survived by his children, Dewayne Marcel Countiss of California, MD Latoya Theresa Chase (Damian) of Leonardtown, MD and Ryan Christopher Countiss (Jasmine) of Clarksville, Tennessee; siblings, Bernard Frederick Countiss (Karen) of Charlotte Hall, MD and James Lawrence Countiss (Valerie) of Charlotte Hall, MD. Grandchildren; Tyra, Dylan, Darius, Jaiden, Jaily, Noah, Rhylan, Aubreigh and Jayden. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

At this time services are private.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Cynthia Jean Donaldson



On June 4, 2022, Cynthia Jean Donaldson died in the arms of her loving family, at her home in Avenue MD, after an extended battle with Lymphoma. She was 74 years old.

Cindy is survived by her husband Bob; their daughters, Jennifer (Steve) of Takoma Park, MD; and Jessica of Arlington, VA. and 3 grandchildren, Olivia, William, and Angel.

Cindy was born on January 9, 1948 to the late Julian P. Gudmundson and Dorothy E. Bunning, in Tyler, MN. She was preceded in death by her brother Julian P. Gudmundson, Jr.

She graduated from Thurmont High School, near Camp David, MD in 1966 and went on to attend the University of Maryland where she graduated in 1977 with a BS degree after going to school and working full time.

Cindy married Robert Edward Donaldson in 1978 after having met in 1972 while both were working for C&P Telephone. They purchased a townhouse on Capitol Hill in 1977 and proceeded to renovate it over the next 15 years. They welcomed Jennifer in 1984 and Jessica in 1987. Cindy rose to the position of Manager of the Government Business Office for Bell Atlantic where she retired after

the arrival of her second child.

Cindy and Bob were both children of military families and moved frequently during their early years. While they didn't meet until 1972, their fathers both worked supporting President Johnson in 1964-1966, Cindy's father managed Camp David as a Navy Sea Bee and Bob's father managed security for Air Force One at Andrews AFB as an Air Force Colonel.

After all that moving, they put down roots on Capitol Hill where they lived for 25 years and in Falls Church, VA where they lived for 18 years. During that period, they temporarily moved with their two small children to Sydney, Australia for 2 years from 1991 to 1993.

Over the past 30 years Cindy and Bob spent many weekends and summer vacations at the family farm and in 2016 built their dream home and moved permanently to Avenue, MD where they have been members of Christ Church, Chaptico for the past 23 years.

Cindy's leisure activities included reading, sewing and cross stitch projects. She was active in the community as the treasurer of the Falls Church League of Women Voters. She also learned how to play Mah Jongg with her Falls Church neighbors. Their weekly games, over a period of 10 years, developed into dear friendships.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at Christ Church, 37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico, MD 20621.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation, 100 Painters Mill Road, Suite 800, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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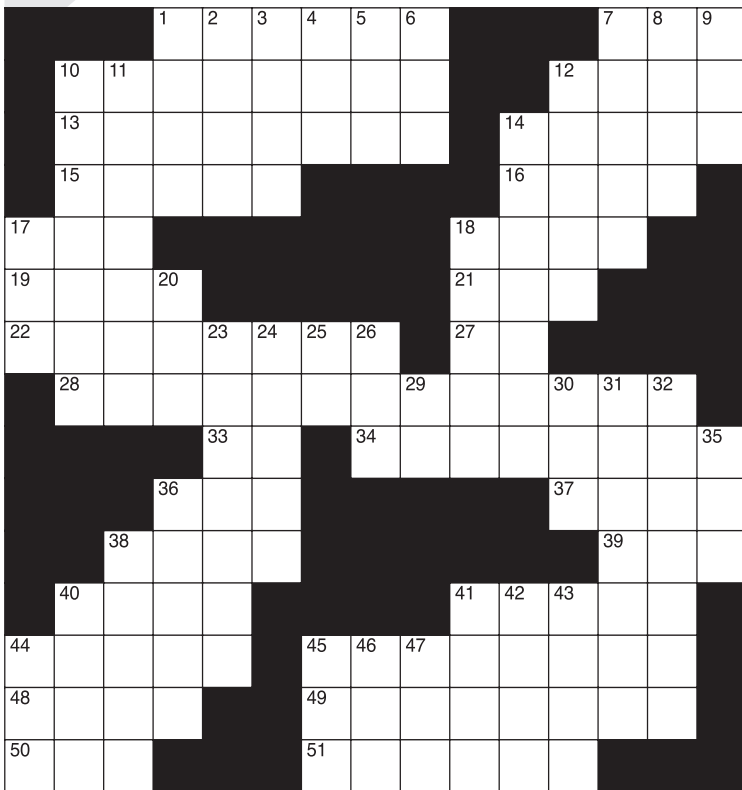


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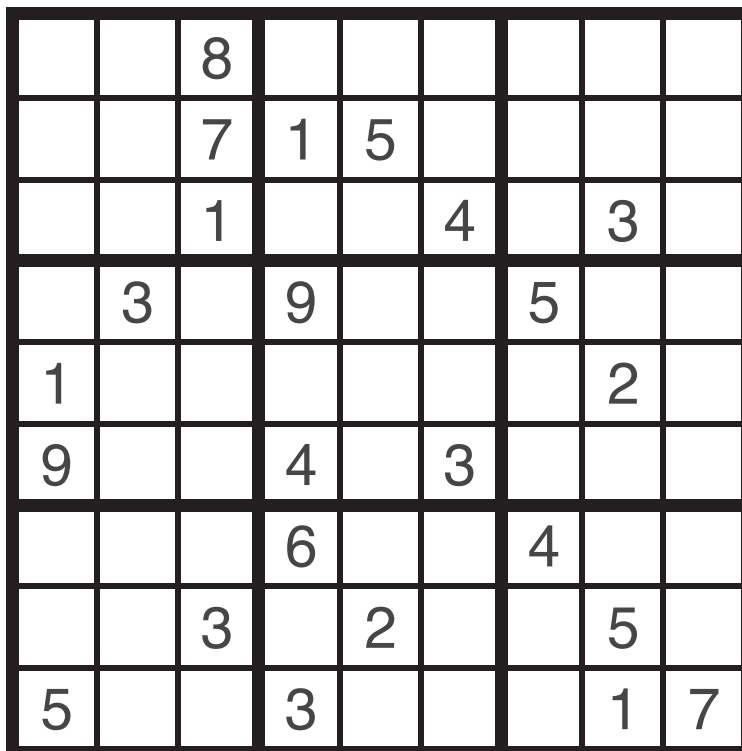
- 1. Toppies
- 7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 10. A Sultan's court
- 12. Maine city
- 13. Largest living land animal
- 14. Appetizer
- 15. Encounters
- 16. Leader
- 17. The source of bacon
- 18. Nuclear near reach weapon (abbr.)
- 19. Celery (Spanish)
- 21. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 22. Eye disease
- 27. Hello (slang)
- 28. Those in their 80s
- 33. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
- 34. Business organizations
- 36. Mimic
- 37. For indicating speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 38. Feeling

- 39. Visual way to interact with computers (abbr.)
- 40. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
- 41. Essential oil used as perfume
- 44. Norwegian composer
- 45. Coast
- 48. \_\_\_ lang syne, good old days
- 49. Gland behind the stomach
- 50. Tooth caregiver
- 51. King of Camelot

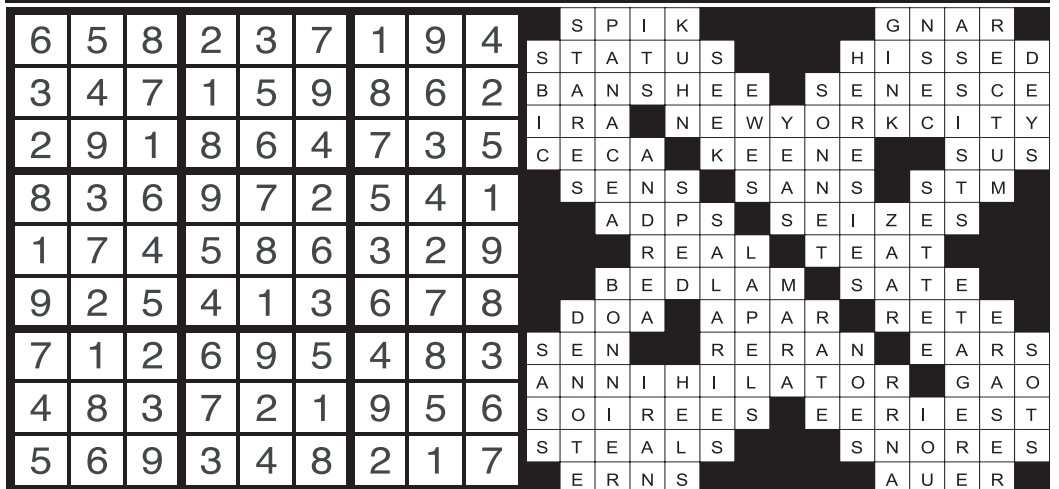
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- 1. N. American indigenous people
- 2. Fascinated by
- 3. Root of out
- 4. Patti Hearst's captors
- 5. Atomic #50
- 6. Habitual drunkard
- 7. Arabic for "peace"
- 8. Trickery
- 9. One's physique (slang)
- 10. Not quite there

- 11. Wistfully mournful
- 12. Popular dance
- 14. Cut of meat
- 17. A way to stand
- 18. "Gunga Din" screenwriter
- 20. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
- 23. A way of jumping
- 24. Utah town
- 25. Of I
- 26. Actress de Armas
- 29. Silver
- 30. Play a role
- 31. \_\_\_ Falls
- 32. Attaches to
- 35. Japanese title
- 36. Expressed pleasure
- 38. Buckets
- 40. Dirt
- 41. Hypnotists' group (abbr.)
- 42. Restaurant drive-\_\_\_
- 43. Digs up
- 44. He voices "Olaf"
- 45. Relaxing place
- 46. Body part
- 47. Pesky house critter



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