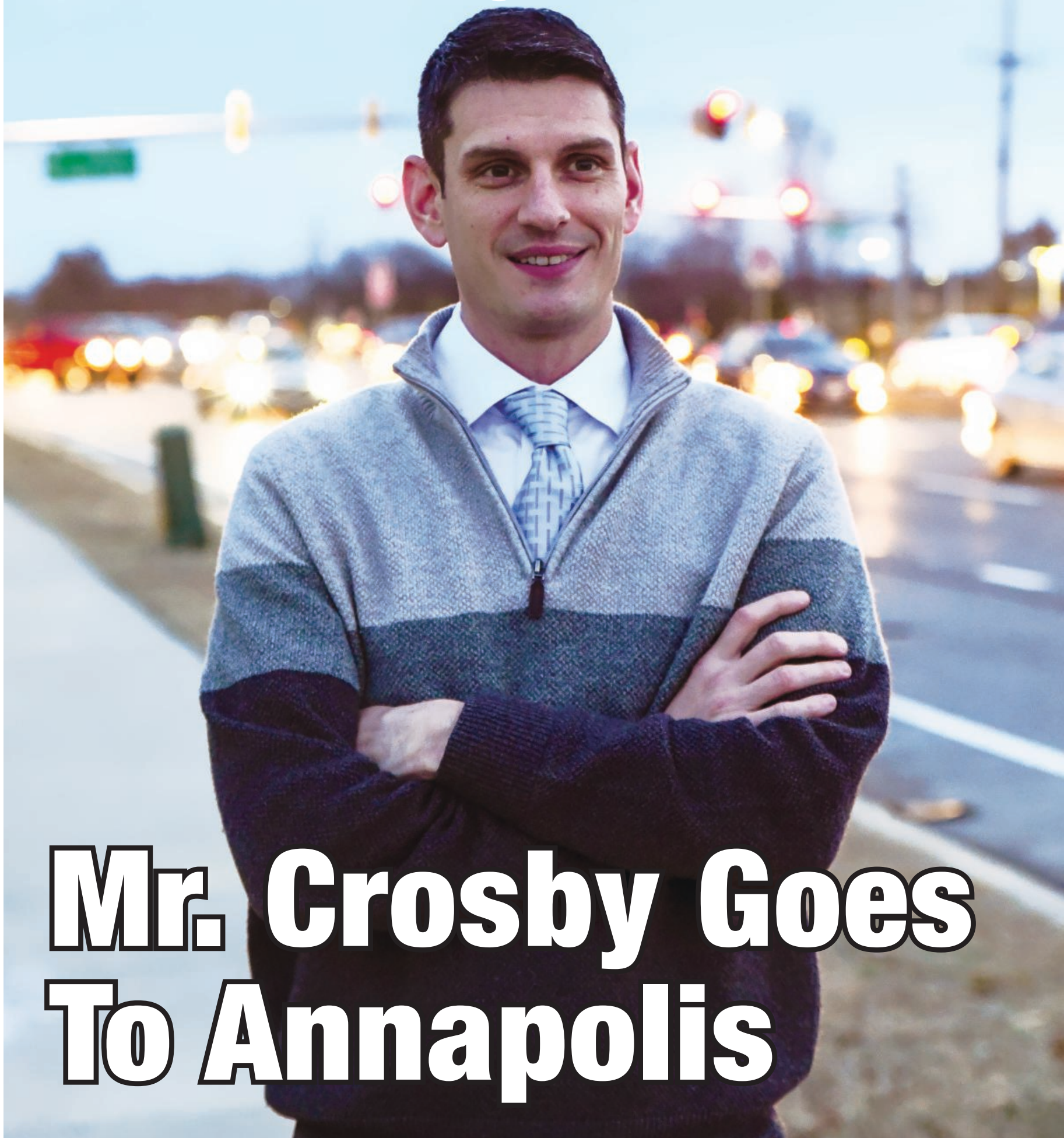


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Controversy Over Bond Bill



Colvin

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A county commissioner and state delegate are chiding other members of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County after they put in a request for a \$30 million bond bill for capital construction projects without a public hearing.

Commissioner John O'Connor, speaking at the Tuesday meeting, made a motion for a public hearing on the bond bill as well as for a bill proposed by Commissioner Eric Colvin on oyster water column leases as well as another measure for storm evacuation routes.

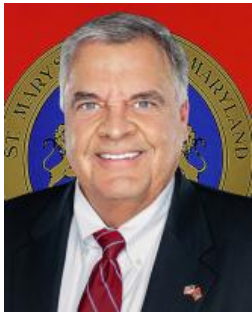
O'Connor argued that legislation should be held to public scrutiny before being sent to Annapolis.

His measure failed by a 3-to-1 vote.

The package of legislative proposals were discussed and voted on Dec. 18 but neither the bond bill, nor the other legislative measures were part of it.

"If we're going to do something I think the public should be included in those changes."

On the issue of the legislation for water column leases, Colvin disagreed with O'Connor, saying that the public had provided a constant stream of comments



Morgan

on the impacts the leases had on local waterways.

Any legislation proposed by the county, in this case ensuring that property owners were adequately informed of leases proposed close to them, would still be heard in Annapolis.

"The forums we held were on the same issue," Colvin argued.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the issue at hand was one of timing; the commissioners have yet to finish their capital construction project budget for fiscal 2020 and are uncertain about how much they will need to complete projects including FDR Boulevard, adult detention center renovations and the new Leonardtown Library/Garvey Senior Project.

He said members of the delegation had been informed that the commissioners would be seeking bonding authority; that means they were seeking the ability to go to the bond market for funding, not more funding from the state.

Without the bonding authority, there could be no borrowing for critical projects, Todd Morgan said.

"There's no smoke and mirrors game going on here," Todd Morgan said. "But we need to get things moving in Annapolis to meet the deadline to get pro-



O'Connor

posals in."

Del. Matt Morgan (Dist. 29 A) sent a message out to constituents criticizing the lack of a public hearing on the \$30 million bond bill.

"Every dollar that is spent by government is a dollar they have collected from someone else via taxation and \$30 million is nothing to sneeze at," Matt Morgan said

in his missive. "I believe the public should have had an opportunity to voice their concerns on this topic."

County Attorney David Weiskopf said that any ordinance the county commissioners proposed had to conduct a public hearing by law; that was not the case for a legislative proposal that would have to be decided in Annapolis.

There was no legal requirement, Weiskopf said, for a public hearing locally on a legislative proposal.

Any bill, however, would have multiple public hearings in Annapolis.

"No law gets passed without a public hearing," Weiskopf said.

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Vision Outlined For 3rd Building at SMHEC



Dr. Darryll Pines, head of the USM's school of engineering, speaks with Senator Jack Bailey and Steve Eastburg on Smartonics at a meeting on USM's plans for SMHEC.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dr. Robert Caret, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland (USM), told community stakeholders last week that when his organization takes over the reins at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in just a few months, the transformation will be a harbinger of innovation and prosperity.

The key piece to making that happen, he said, was the construction of the long-awaited third building at the higher education center (SMHEC) that will be a hub for research and development for

unmanned and autonomous systems that can be transferred to the commercial market.

The aim, Caret said, speaking at SMHEC Jan. 4, was to diversify the local economy and provide a place where local defense industry talent could find a home rather than looking to other communities for the next challenge.

"This will become our third regional center," Caret said, adding that such centers were far more than places for academic study, they were centers for entrepreneurship.

He said the centers USM currently runs are responsible for between 300

and 400 inventions a year created by students that result in about 50 patents a year.

What's more those same students are encouraged in starting businesses that apply these innovations to the marketplace.

"A lot of exciting things are related to technology transfer," Caret said to a full conference room at SMHEC. "A lot of this is being done by students themselves."

The new research hub at SMHEC would also help serve the needs of the defense related work force already in the region by providing skilled employees and new technologies related to cyber security and data analytics, among other in-demand skills.

Dr. Darryll Pines, head of the USM A. James Clark School of Engineering, said the third building could become a center for technological revolution.

"It's to develop skills for people in the region to go out and change the world," Pines said. "That's how I see the vision for this building."

Pines estimated that the unmanned and autonomous technology base represented a \$2.5 billion market in Maryland with more than 2,000 jobs.

Observers at the meeting said the sheer number of officials, from the USM on down to elected leaders, helped to dispel concerns that the third building

might never be constructed.

Both Sen. Jack Bailey and Del. Brian Crosby attended as well as a significant number of leadership from USM.

Many from the defense industry came as did others from educational institutions.

Glen Ives, a member of the SMHEC Board of Governors, said the move to bring USM to St. Mary's started 10 years ago with bringing in the unmanned vehicle test site next to the county airport.

Thereafter, Ives said, the momentum began to build for the USM to move more fully into the county.

"It made a lot of sense... with what we believed SMHEC could do," Ives said. "It's incredible to see where we are today."

"[USM] is a \$6 billion enterprise coming down to St. Mary's County; that has to be a good thing."

The coming of USM with the third building could provide another economic engine to compliment the naval air station.

"They are that engine," Ives said. "They're that fuel to take us to that next level."

"The University System of Maryland has been on board since the beginning; there shouldn't be any doubt in anyone's mind that they are committed to this."

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Fatal Overdoses Dropped Slightly in 2018

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Fewer people died in 2018 from opioid related overdoses than in 2017, said County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster in a report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday, though the numbers are still preliminary, she warned.

"There will likely be a slight decrease

in fatalities over 2017," Brewster said. "But the numbers [of fatalities] are still high."

Opioid deaths reached a high of 34 in 2017 but that dropped to 29 for 2018 the latest data showed; deaths from fentanyl, which is many times more powerful than heroin, also dropped from 26 to 21 from year to year.

There was an increase in fatalities, though, due to cocaine intoxication;

the latest data shows that there were six such deaths in 2017 but that more than doubled to 14 through November.

"There's a lot of mixing of cocaine and opioids," Brewster said.

The use of cocaine with opioids may be to counteract the affects of heroin or other opioids, which suppressed respiration and other bodily functions, she said, but users who did this were mistaken that the cocaine would help stop an overdose.

The number of alcohol deaths dropped from 11 to six from 2017 to the end of November.

The number of opioid prescriptions has dropped significantly in St. Mary's County from 106,127 in 2015 to 81,990 through December of last year, Brewster said, though admittedly the numbers were still staggering.

"You guys are giving out too many drugs," Commissioner Mike Hewitt said of doctors.

Brewster agreed.

"Yes, that's how it [the opioid crisis] started," she said.

The county's chief health officer continued by saying her office was partnering with the Department of Social Services to "methodically address the issue of adverse child experiences" such



Dr. Meena Brewster

as neglect, abuse, violence in the home and foster care as a way to stave off later abuse of drugs.

Brewster has said that childhood trauma can often lead to drug abuse and other destructive behaviors.

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Sotterley Gets International Recognition

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Almost 300 years ago a slave ship named the Generous Jenny brought captives from Africa directly to Sotterley Plantation in Hollywood; that dark deed would, centuries later, mark the historic site as a place of reconciliation and healing on the international stage.

Just before the start of the new year, Historic Sotterley received recognition from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as one of 31 sites associated with the Middle Passage, or the direct transfer of African slaves to the United States.

“It’s remembering the people who were lost in horrible conditions and those who survived,” said Nancy Easterling, executive director at Sotterley, adding that the new designation offered a “healing component” to their educational programs on the lives of slaves at the plantation.

“It shows our dedication to show an honest representation of history,” Easterling said. “It shows we’re going to tell these stories, we’re going to be inclusive.”

Part of the requirements to receive the designation from UNESCO as a Site of Memory was to have primary documentation to prove slaves were directly transported here and that there were educational programs to tell the stories of captive Africans.

Unlike some sites that were Middle Passage destinations, Sotterley had both, according to Jeanne Pirtle, Education Director at Sotterley.



Sotterley Mansion

Some of these sites no longer have any structures to denote it from the rest of the landscape, she said.

Six years ago Historic Sotterley held a ceremony to commemorate the Middle Passage captives brought here and several years later they installed a marker on the site for the same purpose; this all helped in receiving the designation, which took about a year once it

was applied for.

“We’re honored and excited about it,” Pirtle said of the UNESCO designation. “This is another rung in our mission growth.”

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Town Creek Wants County Funding for Pool Repair

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The community swimming pool in Town Creek has been closed for the past two summers due to failing plumbing and now the group which oversees its operation, Town Creek Recreation Inc. (TCRI) wants the county to pay for the repairs and renovations to the 50-year-old pool.

Cindy Cartwright, president of the Board of Directors for TCRI said at Tuesday night's public forum that 40 years ago, when TCRI gained 501c7 non-profit status that it should have been exempted from paying property taxes.

She said in her testimony that perhaps neither the county nor TCRI understood that they should not have had to pay property taxes.

"This is an opportunity to correct an oversight that has been ongoing for 40 years," Cartwright said.

She said TCRI was requesting the county reimburse the organization for \$43,000 paid in property taxes from 1989 to 2018; the county's records only go back that far, Cartwright said, and that there were still other property taxes paid between 1974 and 1989 that were unaccounted for.

The overall request was for \$100,000 from the county to pay for the pool repairs and renovations.

"This would be a timely investment in one of the county's oldest communities," Cartwright said.

Also at the public hearing were numerous supporters for the construction of a new community center in Lexington Park; many speakers called for accelerating the project in the county's capital improvement construction schedule.

The project is currently slated for planning in 2022 at a cost of about \$16 million.

"In case you haven't gotten the point yet, let me be pretty clear," said Marcia Greenberg. "We're not going away."

Greenberg, one of the leaders of the community center effort, said it was not a small group of people seeking the center but a broad base of residents.

"We can spend our time getting 3,000 signatures and we will if need be, but we encourage you to take a pass on that," she said. "Listen to these voices, let's get on with it."

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Hoyer, Bailey, Brown Tour Pax River

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) on Jan. 2 toured Naval Air Station Patuxent River with Congressman Anthony Brown (MD-04), who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, and State Senator-Elect Jack Bailey. During the visit, the group met with Vice Admiral Dean Peters, Commander of Naval Air Systems Command; Rear Admiral John Lemmon, Commander of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division; and Leslie Taylor, Executive Director of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. They also visited the Air Combat Environment Test and Evaluation Facility, including the anechoic chamber and manned flight simulators.

"I appreciated the opportunity to visit Naval Air Station Patuxent River this morning and learn more about how Congress can support the important work being done in Southern Maryland," said Congressman Hoyer. "I've been proud to advocate for and deliver funding necessary for facilities, including the large anechoic chamber, that ensure that Pax River continues to be the premier facility for research, development, testing, and evaluation of naval aviation. The

men and women who serve their country daily at Pax River play a vital role in strengthening our national security, and I thank them for their service. I look forward to working with Congressman Brown and Senator-elect Bailey to support them and their important mission."

"Pax River plays a key national security role as a home for some of our military's newest technology and training for our warfighters," said Congressman Anthony Brown. "Without it, our men and women in uniform would be less safe; the personnel at Pax River have a critical ongoing mission that Congress must continue to back. I am looking forward to continuing to work with my good friend Steny Hoyer to support the base, the men and women who work there, and the surrounding communities in Maryland."

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St. Mary's Weathering Partial Government Shutdown

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As the federal government enters its fourth week of a partial shutdown, St. Mary's County seems to be faring better than most other jurisdictions, mostly due to the funding of the nation's defense budget.

"We're not hearing anything really, not since the base [Patuxent River Naval Air Station] is still doing business," said Richard Fleming, executive director of the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce. "I've been in several meetings [with businesses] and no one's had any problems so far."

"I'm not sure [the shutdown] is having a significant impact on us, which is a good thing."

According to state statistics from the Maryland Department of Commerce almost 22 percent of St. Mary's County's workforce is employed by the federal government; that equates to roughly 20,000 people.

George Clark, ride share coordinator with the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, said the shutdown also

appears to have little effect on the number of county residents who travel into Washington, D.C. each day.

"For the MTA [Maryland Transportation Administration] commuter buses, they're still running on normal schedules," Clark told The County Times. "They're a little light [on passengers] but not all of them are federal employees."

Of the six vanpools he oversees, Clark said just one has dropped off; its destination was to the Food and Drug Administration located in White Marsh near the District.

Each vanpool can take up to 15 people, he said.

There are more than two dozen commuter buses traveling into the District each morning from St. Mary's County alone, Clark said.

Passengers on the commuter buses pay for monthly passes to travel on board.

Clark said the MTA might consolidate some commuter bus routes into the District if the shutdown continues.

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Combs, Former Town Council Member, Passes

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Thomas Combs, former member of the Leonardtown Town Council, local bank executive and excavation business entrepreneur, died Jan. 3.

He was 71.

He was born in Leonardtown in 1947 and graduated from St. Mary's Ryken High School in 1966 and went to numerous positions at the First National Bank of St. Mary's including vice president and eventually started his own excavation company.

He ended his career by working in the mortgage industry with his son.

He worked an extensive door knocking campaign in 2014 to get elected to the town council, where he served until May of 2018 when he lost his bid for reelection.

Combs wealth of knowledge on finance and public infrastructure made him a valuable member of the town council.

"He had such a wealth of knowledge and he was so willing to share that knowledge," said Town Administrator Laschelle McKay. "You always knew where he stood on issues, but he was also reasonable and would discuss issues."

"He brought a lot to the table and he is missed tremendously."

Combs was especially needed in overseeing the renovation of the town's

waste water treatment plant for its enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) system mandated by the state.

The project was a costly one and needed to be done right, McKay said.

"He worked to ensure we ended up with a good project with the ENR system at the waste water treatment plant," McKay said.

Combs was also a supporter of managed growth in town and redevelopment of older properties to enhance economic prosperity.

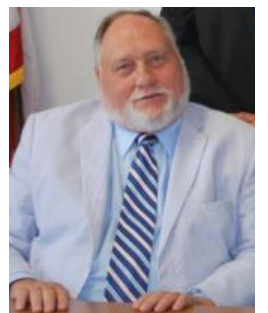
"He was very much on board with where the town was going," McKay said.

Mayor Dan Burris had fond memories of Combs.

"He was a good friend and supported everything we were trying to do in town," Burris said. "He built sewer plants so he knew exactly what needed to be done."

"He was always fun to be around; he liked to have a good time."

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Combs

Drug Arrests in Callaway Weapons Violation Arrests



King

On January 3, 2019, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Unit, along with the COPS Unit and Sheriff's Office K-9, conducted a vehicle stop in the 20700 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Callaway, in reference to an ongoing investigation. The operator of the vehicle was identified as **Javonta Christopher King**, age 24 of Lexington Park, and the front seat passenger was identified as **Kentwan Lionel Wills**, age 21, with no fixed address. Also in the vehicle was an infant child. Sheriff's Office K-9 positively alerted on the vehicle during a scan, and subsequent search of the vehicle yielded a digital scale with white powdery residue, and a plastic bag containing suspected cocaine was located in the vehicle. Wills was found to have an active warrant for his arrest for the charge of Driving While Suspended. Located in Wills' pants was a folded lottery ticket which contained a powdery residue: suspected Ecstasy.

Wills was arrested and charged with two counts of CDS Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS Possession-Paraphernalia. Once at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center, three baggies of suspected cocaine were located hidden in Wills' underwear. Wills was also charged with Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement, and served the outstanding warrant for Driving While Suspended. King was arrested and charged with CDS Possession-Not Marijuana.

Additional charges are pending review with the St. Mary's County States Attorney's Office.



Wills



Briscoe

On January 2, 2019, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21800 block of Ronald Drive in Lexington Park, regarding a possible wanted individual. Upon arrival a vehicle was observed occupied by several individuals; as deputies approached the vehicle a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. Contact was made with **Jalonte Dalquan Ford**, age 19 of Great Mills, who was an occupant in the vehicle. A search of Ford and the bag in his possession yielded over 186 grams of suspected marijuana and a loaded handgun, which investigation later determined was stolen.

Further search of the vehicle yielded another handgun which was wrapped in a shirt, located under the driver's seat of the vehicle, within reach of the driver and rear passenger. **Martiez Armeni Briscoe**, age 22 of Lexington Park, occupied the driver's seat, and a 15 year-old-male juvenile was seated in the rear passenger seat behind Briscoe. Briscoe was arrested and charged with Handgun in Vehicle; the minor was arrested and charged as a juvenile with Handgun in Vehicle. Ford was charged with the following crimes:

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Judge Karen Abrams selected to receive Lifetime Achievement Award

Former Maryland Circuit Court Judge, the Honorable Karen Abrams, has been selected by the St. Mary's County Commission for Women to receive the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Judge Abrams' community activities have included membership on the following boards: United Way of St. Mary's County, St. Mary's Nursing Center Foundation, Calvert Marine Mu-

seum and Calvert Marine Museum Society, Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust and Historic St. Mary's City Foundation.

She has served with the Inquiry Committee of the Attorney Grievance Commission, the Public Defender Regional Advisory Board, the Attorney Character Committee for St. Mary's County, the Maryland Council of School Board Attorneys and the Family Violence Co-

ordinating Council.

Judge Abrams was integral in founding the St. Mary's County Substance Abuse Recovery. The Substance Abuse Recovery Court promotes abstinence while addressing the unique needs of persons who have criminal records and addiction problems. With a team of professionals she has recruited, Judge Abrams and the recovery court have reduced the rate of incarceration and recidivism. Moreover, St. Mary's County has seen a cost savings of \$84 per person per day, and more than \$25,000 per person annually.

Judge Abrams has a varied professional background that is reflected in her approach to seeking compassionate and creative solutions to difficult situations. With the heart of a social worker, the intellect of an attorney and the discernment of a judge, she has improved the lives of St. Mary's County citizens in many ways.

She has represented many private and corporate clients over the course of her 23 years of practice, as well as the St. Mary's County Board of Education, the St. Mary's County Board of Elections, the St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board, St. Mary's Nursing Center, St. Mary's Home for the Elderly and the Town of Leonardtown.

Judge Abrams is a member of the Seventh Circuit Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission, the Inquiry Committee of the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Conference of Circuit Court Judges, as well as the American



Judge Abrams

Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association, St. Mary's County Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of Maryland and the Maryland Bar Foundation. Judge Abrams is a recipient of the Daily Record's Leadership in Law Award.

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Franchot: Shutdown Not Expected to Delay Opening of Tax Season

Maryland and IRS on track for January 28 start

Despite the federal government shutdown, Comptroller Peter Franchot said there are no plans to delay processing personal income tax returns for Tax Year 2018. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Maryland remain on track to begin processing individual returns on January 28.

Processing of business tax returns began today, January 8.

"Marylanders should go about their typical preparations to file their personal income tax returns," Comptroller Franchot said. "My agency is in direct communication with the IRS to monitor the situation. If there are any changes at the federal level, we will immediately notify taxpayers."

The IRS has asked furloughed employees to return to the job during the shutdown to avoid any impact to the processing of tax returns.

As in previous years, the Comptroller's Office will not immediately process a state tax return if W-2 information is

not on file with the agency. Employers are required to report wage information to the Comptroller on or before January 31.

The filing deadline for 2018 tax returns is Monday, April 15.

Taxpayers are encouraged to file their returns electronically for the fastest possible processing and to ensure they receive all possible refunds. A list of approved vendors for use in filing your electronic return can be found at www.marylandtaxes.gov.

Free state tax assistance is available at all of the agency's 12 taxpayer service offices, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A list of office locations can be found at www.marylandtaxes.gov.

For more information on any tax-related matter, please visit the Comptroller's website at www.marylandtaxes.gov or call 1-800-MD-TAXES (1-800-638-2937) or 410-260-7980 in Central Maryland.

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Annual Photo Contest Now Taking Submissions

2019 Contest Runs Through Aug. 31

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now accepting entries for its annual photo contest. Photographers, novice or professional, can enter for the chance to win cash and other great prizes.

Winning entries will be posted online, featured in an issue of the seasonal Maryland Natural Resource magazine, and placed in the 2020 wall calendar.

More than 4,300 photos were submitted by more than 800 photographers in the 2018 contest, shattering last year's record of 1,500 photos. Photographers from more than 16 states, including California, Florida, New York and Ohio entered the contest.

Entries can include images from anywhere in Maryland featuring birds, fauna, flora, insects, natural phenomena, outdoor recreation, scenic landscapes, weather or wildlife. Judges will choose first, second and third place winners for

each season; from among the first-prize winners, an overall grand prize winner will be awarded. Social media users will also be able to select a "Fan Favorite" via the department's Facebook page.

Photographers may submit up to three entries for \$10 with additional entries (no limit) at \$3 each between now and Aug. 31. All photos must be original and unpublished. The contest is open to residents and visitors alike, but only photos of Maryland will qualify to win.

The best overall photo receives a grand prize of \$500 cash, a one-year Maryland State Park and Trail Passport, a complimentary five-year magazine subscription and five copies of the 2020 calendar. First, second and third place winners also receive prizes.

Press Release from MD DNR



Community Collaborative Strives to Dismantle Racism

Series of Events Scheduled in St. Mary's

The newly created Tri-County All-Community Collaborative (TRACC) will embark on a six-month-long initiative to promote unity via conversations and events within St. Mary's County. There are a series of events scheduled for January designed to help dismantle racism and privilege in Southern Maryland.



Maureen Bunyan

15th Annual Southern Maryland Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21, at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The theme of the day is "All Life is Interconnected."

The breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m. and costs \$10 payable at the door. The program will begin at 8 a.m. at no cost, featuring a keynote address by broadcast journalist Maureen Bunyan. Following the program, beginning at 10 a.m. the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. O, Nu Zeta Omega Chapter will host a Day of Service, providing services and activities for students of all ages and adults. The breakfast and program will be held in the J. Frank Raley Great Room, Campus Center (18952 E. Fisher Road). The Day of Service will be held in the Campus Center and adjoining Aldom Lounge. For more information, contact events@smcm.edu or call (240) 895-4310.

"Eyes on the Prize" series episode with facilitated discussion takes place on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 6 – 8 p.m. in Cole

Cinema, Campus Center at St. Mary's College, and then again on Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the United States Colored Troops Interpretive Center, 21675 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park, Md. The landmark series, which first premiered in 1987, documents the history of the civil rights movement in America. For more information, contact Dr. Ken Coopwood at kcoopwood@smcm.edu or 240-895-4259.

Racial Equity Institute Workshop takes place on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 2 – 8 p.m. at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, 44219 Airport Road, California, Md. In this lively and participatory presentation, organizers will use stories and data to present a perspective that racism is fundamentally structural in nature. By examining characteristics of modern-day racial inequity, the presentation introduces participants to an analysis that most find immediately helpful and relevant. For more information, contact Mr. Kelsey Bush at Kelsey.Bush@stmarysmd.com or 301-475-4200.

TRACC participating partners include: Community Mediation Center for St. Mary's and Calvert counties, Historic Sotterley, Inc., Minority Outreach Coalition, St. Mary's College of Maryland (The Center for the Study of Democracy and the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, & Equity), St. Mary's County Branch NAACP #7025, St. Mary's County Library, Sierra Club, Trinity Lutheran Church, United Committee for African American Contributions; and Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC.

Press Release

SMADC Seeks Host Venues

Annual 'Buy Local Challenge Celebration' Event



SMADC is seeking farms, wineries and other established agritourism venues in Southern Maryland to co-host the Buy Local Challenge (BLC) Celebration, an annual event that seeks to promote Southern Maryland's agricultural community and connect consumers with the bounty of the region's farms and food.



The BLC Celebration is held each year in a different county and farm/agritourism venue in Southern Maryland. "It is the intent of the SMADC Board that all five Southern Maryland counties have the opportunity to host the BLC Celebration. In the past two years, the Celebration has been hosted by Greenstreet Gardens in Anne Arundel County and Robin Hill Farm and Vineyards in Prince George's County," explained SMADC Director Shelby Watson-Hampton, "So going forward, we are reaching out to agritourism venues specifically in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties."

To pave the way for advanced planning and promotion and build on grow-

ing public enthusiasm for the BLC Celebration, SMADC is hoping to identify a host site in each one of the three aforementioned counties for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The farmers' market style festival always takes place in the evening, on the last Monday of July, and features upwards of 50 vendors offering tastings and sales of Maryland grown and produced farm products as well as wineries, breweries, distilleries, local artisans, crafters, and agricultural organizations. Other attractions include a raffle, food trucks, musical entertainment, carriage rides, and children's activities/play area. The event has grown in popularity, attracting over 600 people (in 2018), including VIP's from state legislature and local government.

Established agritourism venues located in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties that have the ability to host large public events are encouraged to apply to host the BLC Celebration. Host applications are due by Tuesday, February 5th. For full details and host site selection criteria visit 'What's New, News and Announcements' at www.SMADC.com, or email info@smadc.com.

The BLC Celebration concludes the statewide Buy Local Challenge Week (promoted in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture), which encourages consumers to support their local farms and eat locally produced farm foods.

Two Locals Make Super Bowl Weekend Cut

These Participants are Elderly and Four-Legged

By Dick Myers
Editor

They are named Sherman and Annie and they've been chosen for the big event. Sherman and Annie are foster dogs with Sugar Faces Senior Dog Rescue of Southern Maryland. After auditioning in New York City, the pair will be seen on Animal Planet on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. on Dog Bowl, a one-hour special hosted by award-winning animal advocate, Jill Rappaport.

Dog Bowl II is a lead in to the popular Puppy Bowl, which is now in its 15th year and features the cute and never predictable antics of puppies joyfully playing with balls

According to a press release from Animal Planet, "Sherman and Annie, of Sugar Faces Senior Dog Rescue, are two of 63 competing in Dog Bowl, where the dogs range in ages from 2-16 years old and there are a variety of breeds and mixed breeds represented including a cocker spaniel, pug, German shepherd, basset hound, Pomeranian, chihuahua, bulldog, Pekingese, boxer, American Eskimo and many more!"

Sugar Faces was started by Melissa Carnes who observed a need in Southern Maryland for an organization concentrating on helping find homes for older dogs that are often harder to adopt. She started in animal rescue with the St. Mary's Animal Welfare League when she heard they were looking for help with intake for animals being transported from the area impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

Annie, 13, and Sherman, 12, are adorable dachshunds who will be on display during Dog Bowl and who are available for adoption. It's the chance to have a star in your own home. Carnes said her organization was contacted by Animal Planet last summer and were invited to come to New York to audition for the show. Sugar Faces volunteers paid their own way. They were selected, and the show was filmed in October, Carnes



Melissa Carnes (l) with Annie and Sharon Fhonkwiler, with Sherman

told The County Times.

Carnes views their participation as a way to tell a wider audience about the benefits of adopting an older dog. Information about the four-legged participants in Dog Bowl will be shown on the screen throughout the show.

Not to be outdone by the football competition, the Puppy Bowl will feature two teams, this year with brand new names: Team Goldies and Team Oldies.

This year's halftime show will feature DC Humane Alliance's 'Barktoberfest' with senior wiener dog races and Jill Rappaport reporting on amazing dog adoption stories.

For more information on Sugar Faces Senior Dog Rescue, please visit www.sugarfacesrescue.org.

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Crosby Looks To Establish Firm Base As Freshman Legislator

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Set to take the oath of office this week after pulling off an upset win in District 29 B in November, Democrat Brian Crosby said he is excited to begin work as a delegate and wants to begin tackling some key issues in his district.

The Philadelphia native is busy with running his own financial business connected with the defense industry that he started late last year but has a basic legislative agenda mapped out for his first days in the Maryland General Assembly starting this week.

One bill he has planned is for the waiver of re-registration fees of vehicles for military personnel who are assigned to a duty station in Maryland; Crosby argues that since they did not choose to come to Maryland they should not have to pay the fees.

Such a bill would not only save military personnel money but it would also ease the transition to life in a new state, Crosby said.

"I would like to see that waived," said Crosby, 36, a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a Ranger for five years in overseas combat deployments.

Crosby said the assurance of funding for what has come to be known as the third building at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, is another of his top priorities.

He attended a gathering of stakeholders for the planned new building at the higher education center Jan. 4.

The third building, long awaited, would be run by the University System of Maryland and be a hub of unmanned and autonomous systems research and development. The idea is to take emerging technologies that were once the purview of the military and find ways to bring them to the civilian market and diversify the economy.

Economic development and diversity is a subject Crosby is keen to explore locally; he has received an appointment to the Economic Matters Committee in the House of Delegates.

"That's my first choice," Crosby said. "I'm happy about my committee appointment."

Crosby said since the committee focuses on business regulation it was the ideal place to examine policy that would help diversify the economy.

Like many other elected leaders, Crosby realizes that the region has become so dependent on the defense industry and government-funded prosperity that it has become vulnerable to contractions in federal spending.

"We do need to find and create jobs not related to the [Patuxent River Naval Air Station]," Crosby said. "Those kinds of jobs enhance a community and promote more stability for those who come here."

But the base continues to generate economic growth and with that comes traffic congestion; Crosby has identified the intersection at Great Mills Road and Route 5 as the worst traffic problem in his district.

Traffic in the morning and evening rush hours to and from Webster Field in St. Inigoes causes hours of congestion with seemingly no end in sight.

Crosby said one of his main missions is to finalize the plans to improve the problem intersection.

"There is no plan that I can find," Crosby told The County Times, noting that engi-

neering for any improvements there are slated to happen sometime in the next five years.

"We need to speed that timeline up," Crosby said. "I feel like I'm starting on this plan from scratch.

"Unless you press the issue it's not going to get done."

Crosby said he wants to build a firm foundation for getting work done in Annapolis and that means learning the job and forming relationships.

"I'm a freshman legislator," he said. "You've got to figure things out and build lasting relationships.

"Laying the groundwork for that is my No. 1 goal. I'm going to do my homework."

Part of that relationship building is bringing legislators from outside the county, sometimes from far away power centers in Maryland, to St. Mary's County to see the work being done here both on the Navy base and in the private sector and show how important the county is to the state.

"We need to make the right connections," Crosby said. "How often has a legislator from Annapolis or Baltimore actually been here?"

But he doesn't countenance the excuse that more rural counties like St. Mary's suffer due to larger delegations taking up resources for their larger constituencies.

"It's on our representatives to get the resources we need," Crosby said.

Crosby doesn't see being the only Democrat in the county's delegation as a problem; he said relations with his colleagues have been cordial.

He expects to work closely with Senator Jack Bailey; both were seen sitting at the same table during the stakeholders meeting for the higher education center.

"All the relations are positive," Crosby said. "I'll be working closely with Jack Bailey; we've talked about common issues and common goals.

"He's my state senator, we have a good working relationship."

In an open letter to his constituents Crosby pledged to eschew partisan politics and wanted his relationship with Bailey to be an example.

"If we want to change the partisan politics that are so prevalent in our government, we need to set the example," Crosby stated. "I promised all of you I would work with anyone, from either side of the aisle, to deliver tangible results for our district, and that is what I intend to do."

Crosby's background is diverse, growing up in a large family

he won an athletic and academic scholarship to Drexel University and went on to law school and a practice in the Midwest for a short time, he said.

Following that he said he decided to fulfill a long-held dream of becoming a U.S. Army Ranger that saw him serve for five years and see multiple deployments.

He said he was 27 when he decided to join the Rangers, one of the military's most elite and deployed units.

"My grandfather was always my idol, he was in World War II in the infantry," Crosby said. "He always held them [the Rangers] in high regard and I always wanted to serve.

"At that age it was a now or never situation for me. I followed my heart."

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CSM Cooking Class: Going Beyond the Recipes

Demonstrating Classic Italian Traditions



CSM Italian Instructor Simonetta Baldassari shares age-old Italian traditions, recipes and meals with her students during her annual “Traditional Italian Christmas” cooking class.

Christmas is by far the most important holiday of the year in Italy with festivities that last from Dec. 8 through Jan. 6, according to College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Italian Instructor Sim-

onetta Baldassari. And for that reason, sharing age-old Italian traditions are as much a part of the course as are the recipes and meals Baldassari imparts upon her students during her annual “Tradi-

tional Italian Christmas” cooking class.

The Liguria-born, adjunct faculty instructor joined 16 CSM students for a customary Italian gathering last month at the Custom Kitchens showroom in

La Plata with one goal – to create an atmosphere where it felt as if family and friends were reuniting to feast on delicacies and relive customs from long ago.

On the menu at the recent class were traditional favorites such as cocktail della casa, Sjabebi (pasta fritta), Involtini d’asparagie e pancetta (asparagus and pancetta), Branzino al cartoccio (sea bass) and gnocci de patate (potato pasta). At the table were well-appointed place settings and decorations, all arranged with great detail. And in the air was a sense of familiarity, warmth and fun, shared CSM Assistant Director of Personal Enrichment Shaunda Holt.

“She has such a beautiful personality,” said Holt, of Baldassari. “She has a huge following because she is so informative and real. Students follow her from class to class.”

Baldassari has been teaching cooking classes and Italian language classes for CSM since 2013. For those interested in delving into the taste of, or language of, Italy, below are a list of classes currently scheduled for the winter and spring of 2019:

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CSM Italian Instructor Simonetta Baldassari, right, teaches the Traditional Italian Christmas class with GSM Assistant Director of Personal Enrichment Shaunda Holt by her side.



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Languages:

- PEP-8780-157441 Simple Italian - Language and Culture. Wednesdays, March 6 - April 17, 6:30-9 p.m. at the La Plata Campus.
- PEP-9000-157443 Intermediate Italian. Wednesdays, April 24 - May 29, 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. the La Plata Campus.

Cooking Classes:

- PEP-9140-157439 Couples Night Out - Italian Style. Thursday, Feb.

14, 6-9 p.m. at Custom Kitchens and Baths in La Plata.

- AAA-7590-157440 Marti Gras in Italy. Thursday, Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m. at Custom Kitchens and Baths in La Plata.
- AAA-8050-157442 Limoncello - Liquid Sunshine. Thursday, March 14, 6-9 p.m. at Custom Kitchens and Baths in La Plata.
- PEP-8800-158738 Meet the Pasta. Thursday, March 28, 6-9 p.m. at

- Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf.
- PEP-8790-160129 Pizza School. Thursday, May 2, 6-9 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf.
- PEP-9270-158740 Italian Wines and Appetizers. Thursday, May 16, 6-9 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf.

Students can register for personal enrichment classes up until the day of the class, although earlier registration is encouraged because some classes have

minimum registrations required to run. For information on non-credit, personal enrichment offerings at CSM, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/personal-enrichment/>. Registrants must be 21 years of age or older to register for cooking classes as wine is typically served with the meal.

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Matches include Ring of Honor star and MCW Pro Wrestling Heavyweight champion Dante Caballero vs. Brandon Scott, who recently faced NWA World Heavyweight champion Nick Aldis.

ROH stars and MCW Tag Team champions Sons of Savagery (Bishop Kaun, Malcolm Moses) defend against The Hell Cats (Sexy Steve, Jimmy Starz).

Former MCW Heavyweight champion returns to take on three members of Caballero's "Cartel".

International sensation Kekoa faces John Skyler, featured on WWE television throughout the last year.

Fan-favorite Greg Excellent challenges Shaun Cannon.

Steiner and Bordeaux are competing, as well.

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The time to start planning for retirement is now and that is true whether you are a baby boomer or in your 30's, 40's, 50's or wherever. Planning is not rocket science—it begins with a willingness to take a hard and honest look at your own financial situation.

We are lucky to have a variety of resources at our disposal to educate ourselves about retirement. Where to start? How about looking at your own compa-

ny's 401(k) plan—you know, the one you signed up for when you joined the company. When was the last time you took a look at the investment options made available through your own 401(k) plan? Remember that the investment choices you make when you are young and able to withstand the downturns in the marketplace will not be the ones you need to choose when you are older and close to retirement. Take a look at what you have and if you do not understand the options made available to you, talk to somebody at the company or outside of it. Learn for yourself. By the way, while you are taking a look at that 401(k), please check your beneficiary designations. Are they up to date? Are your beneficiaries still your parents or have you updated to include your spouse and children?

Use all available resources to educate yourself. Today, the number and variety of free online investment education services is staggering. Every brokerage firm, insurance company and bank has a website full of learning tools, including retirement calculators, that will help you understand where you are and where you need to be. Or, if you prefer, your local library has hundreds of books available to you free of charge.

Imagine what you want out of your retirement and start getting organized. The huge home you had to raise your children, now gone, can be a troublesome burden at order age. Is it time to start looking to downsize? Have you

planned to move to another state to be closer to loved ones in retirement? What do you know about the cost of living in another state? Will your retirement plan cover those costs? Get your thoughts together and then seek a professional opinion about how to get where you want to be.

Why is it that we go to doctors for second opinions but most of us never bother to get a second opinion about our retirement plans? Never be afraid to meet with multiple advisers—you want to find the right fit for you and that may take time. When you meet with a professional, arm yourself with information about you, your finances and what you want to get out of your retirement.

If you have already been working with an investment professional and are not happy with the relationship, call them. Meet with them. Discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied, talk to others.

Never become obsessed with the daily financial news. You are thinking and planning for the long term and you do not want to get sidetracked by the ups and downs of the market. Once you have a retirement plan, stick to it. It's fine to watch the financial news but keep in mind this is entertainment, nothing more.

One thing is critical whether or not you are close to retirement. You need to plan for your loved ones. Get a will or a living trust. Make sure you have a current power of attorney, both medical and financial, so if something happens to you, someone you love will be able to

take care of you. Make it easy on your loved ones. Get all your documentation together in one place including insurance policies, car and boat titles, etc. Remember—"it's not an if, it's a when." When you die, leave behind a plan for your loved ones, not a mess.

Finally, while we all might think that having wealth is critical to happiness in retirement, it turns out that the most powerful predictor of satisfaction after retirement is the extent of a person's social network, not wealth. Maintaining your social networks, giving of yourself to others, these are the predictors of retirement happiness.

Talk to your friends and neighbors. How many times have you heard someone who is retired say they are busier in retirement than when they were working. That's because retirement can certainly be the time in life when you give back to others and that, in itself, will bring happiness. This is your retirement. To get the most out of it, you need to make it work for you. Good luck with your retirement!

I will be talking about retirement and estate planning on Wednesday January 16th at 11am at our offices, 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach and, through the Calvert County Commission on Women, at the Calvert County Library in Prince Frederick at 1pm on Saturday January 19th. My book, LIVE SECURE: Financial Planning for Women and the Men Who Love Them, 2019 edition, will be available. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space—it's free and I'd love to meet you.

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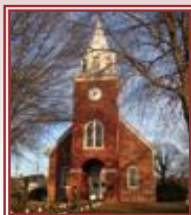
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NAVAIR's Leaders Mentor, Make Investments in Workforce



Jennifer Young, Program Executive Office for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons assistant program executive officer (Engineering) (right), talks with Logistics Management Specialist Faith Wallace and Electronics Engineer Anthony Boone about work-life balance.

"Take every opportunity to improve your skills and develop strategic relationships," Industrial and Logistics Maintenance Planning Sustainment Department (AIR 6.7) Director Tracy Burruss said during a speed mentoring event sponsored by Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Diversity Advisory Team Nov. 14.

"You don't do anything alone in this business," she said. "Mentors are part of your success and enhance your ability to provide better support to the fleet."

Mentoring is a core component of NAVAIR's workforce development efforts. Established in 2007, the command's Mentoring Program provides employees guidance on career paths and a framework to learn from others' experiences. One way it accomplishes this is through speed mentoring, a forum for employees to engage in a series of short conversations with several mentors on topics of their choice. Twelve members of the senior executive service and NAVAIR

leadership volunteered for the two-hour, AAPI-sponsored event, focusing on work-life balance, business acumen, networking and education.

"Many junior employees don't have a seasoned employee to help them grow and give them guidance because they don't know where to start," speed mentoring event organizer Ann Buckler said. "Everything in an employee's life—personal and professional—is based on relationships. Building key relationships enables your success."

"Professional development events like these help employees better identify their professional goals and renew their focus on their career choices," event organizer and participant Joseph Pham said.

Employees can also use iMentor, an online tool, to find a mentor. Many, however, are apprehensive about reaching out and engaging with senior leadership. AAPI hosted this event to make it easier, according to Pham.

Engineer and one-month employee

Gustavo Morales Burbano is more certain about his career goals after receiving first-hand advice from several mentors during the event. "They gave me a different perspective on what I should do to advance my career," he explained. "That includes expanding my reach, finding mentors both inside and outside of my organization and preparing myself for each experience."

Speed mentoring benefits senior leadership as well—not only is it an opportunity for mentors to encourage junior employees face to face, but it is a chance to influence the future of the command. Program Executive Office for Tactical Aircraft Programs (PEO(T)) Deputy PEO Sean Burke said that while the event's participants are some of the newest members on their team, he urged them to critically think about how they could become more effective and efficient. "I let them know that they have the power to do things better," he said. "I explained to them that the most important question they could ask is: 'Why are

we doing this this way?'"

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 Chief Test Engineer Christian Rice gave similar advice. "I asked them to share their ideas and let them know and understand that they are the future," he said. "They need to 'lean forward' to help Naval Aviation accelerate."

He also encouraged them to apply what they've learned outside of NAVAIR to their current jobs. "We have employees with a range of different experiences that can be leveraged to improve how we approach our business," Rice said. "For example, I met one person who taught for 17 years. I advised her not to forget she was a teacher and to use those experiences in her new position here."

The engagement of NAVAIR leadership reflects how much it values the professional development of the workforce, Buckler noted. "They are taking time and resources to grow future leaders," she said. "That investment is invaluable."

A View From The BLEACHERS Marriage Counseling

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The Pittsburgh Steelers have had but three head coaches - Chuck Noll, Bill Cowher and Mike Tomlin - since 1969 and have been run by the Rooney family since the franchise's inception in 1933.

I've used those statistics in this column before, but that doesn't make them any less amazing. The three head coaches over five decades is particularly mind boggling, considering the transient nature of the career field. Professional coaches live out of suitcases in pre-furnished, rented apartments. Their families don't immediately uproot to move to their latest employment destination. They pay monthly storage fees in multiple cities. Absentee ballot has been their voting method since the Reagan administration. Papa was a rolling stone; wherever he laid his hat was his home. Ditto for professional coaches.

Except, of course, in Pittsburgh. Except, of course, for the Steelers.

Organizations talk about stability, establishing core values, brand creation and developing a symbiotic relationship with their city, the type that oozes into the pores of locals and, over decades, creates a nationwide fan base. Some succeed briefly or even for an era; most fail miserably and quickly. Coaches are then fired. Executives are run off. Organizational reboots follow.

Except in Pittsburgh. Except for the Steelers.

Until now?

What is going on in western Pennsylvania? First Le'Veon Bell - one of the top running backs in football - gets into the mother of all contract disputes and sits out this season. Now Antonio Brown - among the NFL's best wide receivers - essentially goes AWOL before a pivotal season-ending game and seems determined to finagle his way out of Pittsburgh for the contentment that apparently awaits in some other NFL locale. QB Ben Roethlisberger is doing damage control, head coach Mike Tomlin seems fatigued by the public drama and Steeler nation is likely befuddled by why Bell and Brown wouldn't want to join Jerome Bettis and Franco Harris and Lynn Swann and John Stallworth as fellow Steelers Hall of Fame running backs and wide receivers. The situation is hot mess, so much so that TE Jesse James

likened the Steelers...the Pittsburgh Steelers...to the Kardashians.

For D.C. football fans, this dysfunction, lack of logic and loss of direction is routine. The Washington football team has been a rudderless, overly dramatic and substance-lacking disaster for at least 20 years - a period coinciding with Daniel Snyder's ownership. Kirk Cousins's exhausting multi-year contract squabble and ultimate exit from D.C. is not identical to Bell's or Brown's situation, but it shares similarities. Like Bell, Cousins felt under-valued and never could reach a long-term agreement; like Brown, his relationship with the organization became irreparable. Cousins left for greener pastures - and a lot of greenbacks - in Minnesota. Bell's a free agent and on his way out of Pittsburgh. Brown, who remains under contract with Pittsburgh, doesn't seem far behind.

Business is business, but who's winning here? Minnesota, Washington and Pittsburgh all regressed this season. Cousins's performance fell far short of his \$26M price tag. Washington's fix at quarterback - Alex Smith - suffered a horrific injury and may never play again. Bell didn't earn a dime. Brown is laying waste to his Pittsburgh career and reputation. If Pittsburgh loses both Bell and Brown, the once irreproachable Steelers organization deserves criticism. And none of them, neither the teams nor the players - are participating in the playoffs this year.

How all this came to pass is unclear. The suspects? Pride, ego and money - in spades. Maybe Cousins eventually plays up to his contract in Minnesota or Washington finds a better solution at quarterback. Pittsburgh might be better without the Bell and Brown distractions; a fresh start on a different NFL team may serve both players well. The bet, though, is that all of the above, soon or on some distant day, will wish they had of worked a little harder to make it work. Familiarity can breed contempt. Change can be seductive. But sometimes staying the course - and the character-building scar tissue, the relationships and the deep satisfaction it can yield - is worth the grind.

I'll stop there because this is starting to feel like marriage counseling...and that's way beyond my qualifications.

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Seahawks Men Fall to Visiting Frostburg



Phil Newsome '19 | Photo Credit: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's basketball team (6-7, 0-2 CAC) dropped a CAC contest Saturday (Jan. 5) evening 82-69 to the visiting Frostburg State University Bobcats (6-6, 2-0 CAC). The loss snapped the Seahawks four-game win streak.

St. Mary's - 69, Frostburg - 82

How It Happened

- FSU jumped on St. Mary's early by outscoring the Seahawks 12-2 to begin the game. Trailing 38-21 with 2:45 remaining in the opening half, St. Mary's fought themselves back into the game with eight consecutive points to end the half. Spencer Schultz, Justin Milstead, Naheed John, and Zach Spooner all drained shots during the run.
- St. Mary's cut FSU's lead to eight from a clutch three-point shot from Schultz with 1:50 remaining

in regulation. However, the Bobcats responded with corresponding scores to keep their distance from the Seahawks.

Inside the Box Score

- Schultz paced the Seahawks offensively with a team-best 17 points. Additionally, Schultz added six rebounds, three assists, one steal, and one block.
- Spooner had his best scoring night of the season with 15 points, while adding five rebounds coming off the bench.
- Phil Newsome contributed a team-high eight rebounds and tallied six points.
- FSU's Lawrence Pettis and Edwin Cole led all scorers in the contest with 22 points each.

Press Release from SMCM

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

In Remembrance

Priscilla Mae Statesman



Priscilla Mae Statesman, 85, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on January 1, 2019 at her home. Born on December 23, 1933 in Medley's Neck, MD she was the daughter of the late Mattie Mae Mason Swailes and Peter Swailes. Priscilla was the loving wife of the late Warren Alexander Statesman, Sr. whom she married on April 16, 1960 at St. Mark UAME Church in Valley Lee, MD and who preceded her in death on March 11, 2017. She is survived by her children; Warren Alexander Statesman, Jr. of Valley Lee, MD and Kirstin Aminta Riddle (Brian) of Glen Burnie, MD. 1 grandchild. Siblings; Violet E. Robinson, Mary M. Statesman, and George A. Swales.

Priscilla was a lifelong St. Mary's County MD resident and graduated from Cardinal Gibbons Institute. She was employed as a Sales Clerk for Colonial Office Supplies.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in St. Mark UAME Church Valley Lee, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM with Reverend Pete House, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Alfred Jordan, Shawn Jordan, Jayvon Jordan, Michael Mason, Lamont Saxon and William Thompson.

Arrangements provided by Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Thomas Manning Combs

Thomas Manning Combs (AKA Robert James Alexander Cornelius Candela Caldwell Cox Combs), 71, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on January 3, 2019 at his home. He was born on December 12, 1947 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Frank Alexander and Dorothy Schott Combs. Tommy attended St. Mary's Ryken H.S. and graduated in 1966. He held many positions at First National Bank of St. Mary's including Vice President, later opening an excava-



tating company, he spent many years in the field with Bob's Excavating and Bay Country Contractors and then finished his career as a mortgage banker with his son, Steve. He was an elected member of the Leonardtown Council and treasured his time serving the citizens of the town.

Tommy loved life and lived it to the fullest. Tommy and his brothers and sister grew up in a town of innocence, where your imagination would carry you as far as the eye could see. He explored the woods and hunted. He knew every nook and cranny of the town, every house, and what each house was cooking for dinner. He knew everybody by name, and everybody knew him. Of course, that could be a good thing or a bad thing. He ran the streets of Leonardtown foot loose, carefree where every neighborhood mom was a disciplinarian and acted on it when needed. As he grew older, his state of mind and his antics did not change just the places it happen. He was always up for a game of Pitch, beer, and the company of lifelong friends. You did not have to ask him twice to get a beer or two which would be accompanied by hours of storytelling and laughter. Tommy loved a crowd, loved performing and loved joking around. Certainly, there was a serious side to Tommy and as his children found out you did not want to be on that side of him.

Tommy was best known for his BIG stature, Big personality and large HEART – always inevitably the life of the party. He is loved and is survived by the love of his life, Jani Combs, his children, Stephen (Corey), Lauren (Stuart), David (Tiffany), Nathaniel (Paulina) and Joshua (Christina) along with his 12 incredibly cherished grandchildren. Tommy was dedicated to his family, country and the BEST town in the world, Leonardtown, MD.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM in St. Aloysius Catholic Church Leonardtown, MD with Father David Beaubien officiating. Interment

will follow in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Stephen Combs, Joshua Combs, Nathaniel Combs, David Rowe, Stuart Peterson and Ethan Quinlan.

Contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and the Leonardtown Vol. Fire Department P.O. Box 50 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Chief Petty Officer Allen Eugene Glenn



Chief Petty Officer Allen Eugene Glenn, 65, of Great Mills, MD passed away on January 3, 2019 at his home with his loving family at his side.

He was born on August 20, 1953 in Lansing, MI to the late William Fred Glenn and Dorothy Marguerite Church.

In 1971 Allen enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country until his retirement May 31, 1992. During his service he earned numerous awards and medals. He was employed as a dedicated Senior Logistics Analyst with Eagle Systems since April 1993. On June 14, 2003 he married his beloved wife, Minnie Elizabeth Glenn in Greenville, TX. Together they have celebrated over 15 wonderful years of marriage. He enjoyed traveling the globe, which included both the Eastern/Western Mediterranean, South America, Iceland, Sicily, Okinawa, Diego Garcia, Bermuda, and the Azores, but his favorite destination was Rota, Spain. He was an avid reader of fiction novels and a dedicated NASCAR fan, attending many races with his longtime friend Brad Stair. He was a member of VFW Post 2632, American Legion Post 255 and a past member of the Fleet Reserve.

In addition to his beloved wife, he is also survived by his children: Jodi Lee

Justis (Justin) of Lexington Park, MD and Jed Powell (Leslie) of Commerce, TX; his siblings: Bill Glenn of MI, Gary Martin Glenn (Debbie) of Kerrville, TX, Pamela Sue Campbell of Fleming Island, FL, Robert Arthur (Gerri) of Mackinaw City, MI, Beth Ann Ray (James) of Eaton Rapids, MI, Janet Marie Kendall (Steven) of Eaton Rapids, MI; his grandchildren: Preston Kyle Baldwin, Jacie Taylor Baldwin, Baylor Alan Justis, Kinley Nicole Powell, Rilyn Lark Powell, Summer Rose Powell, and Eli Colton Powell. In addition to his parents he is also preceded in death by his sisters, Carol Lynn Cowing and Mary Lou Butler.

A Chapel and Graveside Service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD and the Veterans Support Center of American (VSCO PAWS), 22121 Royal Oak Road, Quantico, MD 21856.

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

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Carl D. Myers



Carl D. Myers, 71, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Monroe, IN and Kintnersville, PA passed away on December 30, 2018 in Arlington, VA. He was born on June 5, 1947 and was the son of the late Juanita Wintrow Myers and Charlie H. Myers. Carl was the loving husband of the late Elizabeth Jean Myers, whom he married on September 24, 1971 in Virginia Beach, VA, and who preceded him in death on February 1, 2010. Carl is survived by his children, Carla Jean Wilson (Christopher Edmond) of Arlington, VA; Michael G Myers of New York, NY; two grandchildren, Cecelia Elizabeth Wilson and Charles Edmond Wilson; as well as his siblings, Dave Myers of Topeka, IN and Lynn Myers of Monroe, IN. He graduated from Adams Central High School in Monroe, IN in 1965 and earned a



Bachelor's Degree of Science in Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University in 1976.

Carl served in the United States Navy from March 28, 1968 to July 16, 1969 and was stationed aboard the USS America aircraft carrier. While serving in the United States Navy, he earned the National Defense Service Medal. He moved from Bucks County, PA to St. Mary's County, MD in 1996. Carl worked at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Patuxent River, MD as an Electrical Engineer for 17 years, retiring in 2013. He was a proud member of the American Legion and served on the vestry at St. Mary's Chapel. Carl enjoyed spending time with family and friends, reading, and visiting the Outer Banks with his family.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 4:00PM to 7:00 PM, with prayers recited at 6:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home in Leonardtown, MD. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Chapel in Ridge, MD, with Father John Ball officiating. Interment will be private. Pallbearers will be Dave Myers, Lynn Myers, John Myers, Katie Fisher, Christopher Wilson, and Brennan O'Connor.

Contributions may be made in Carl's name to St. Mary's Parish Building Fund for Sunday School Renovations (checks payable to "St. Mary's Parish"), P.O. Box 207, St. Mary's City, MD 20686 or to the Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org – two causes close to Carl's heart.

Thomas Oakley Burch, Jr.

Thomas Oakley Burch, Jr., 87, of Charlotte Hall, MD (formerly of Great Mills, MD) passed away on December 31, 2018 at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home with his loving family at his side.

He was born on July 12, 1931 in Mechanicsville, MD to the late Thomas Oakley Burch, Sr. and Frances Ruth Burch.

Thomas was born and raised in St. Mary's County. On September 2, 1954, Thomas enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on July 25, 1956. During his service he earned the Good Conduct Medal. He was an excellent auto mechanic for many years until his retirement. He enjoyed growing vegetable gardens and was an excellent cook. His favorite hobby was fishing. He also enjoyed playing cards



(pitch and rummy).

He is survived by his children: Thomas Oakley Burch the 3rd of California, MD, Mary Evelyn Mahoney of Lexington Park, MD, and John Jeffery Burch of Lexington Park, MD., also his brothers, Joseph Morris Burch of Charlotte Hall, MD, Ralph Clements Burch of Mechanicsville, MD, Jennings Matthew Burch of Conway, SC, Dennis Xavier Burch of Mechanicsville, MD and James Michael Burch of Waldorf, MD; grandchildren, Patrick Dwayne Mahoney, Sarah Michelle Mahoney, and Thomas Oakley Burch the 4th; and in addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his wife, Sally Lavana Burch (Pier), Mary Evelyn Nelson, Francis Stanley Burch, Richard Melvin Burch, Annie Victoria Morgan, Doris May Sorrell, Brenda Lee Alvey, Carolyn Burch, Mildred Burch and stepson John Vernon Grinder.

Condolences to the family may be made at <http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com>.

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James "Kevin" L. Greene



James "Kevin" L. Greene, 61, of Dameron, MD passed away on December 18,

2018 in Washington, DC. He was born on January 12, 1957 in Leonardtown, MD and was the son of Delores Ceceilia Greene and James Wilbur Greene of Dameron, MD. Kevin is survived by his children Natasha Smith of California, MD, Cassandra Greene of California, MD 7 grandchildren and his beloved dog Titan. Siblings; Bruce Greene, Florinda Greene, Wilhemina Greene, Francis Greene and Felicia Greene. As well as several nieces, nephews and lots of friends.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Kevin graduated from Great Mills High School in 1975. Kevin was employed as an independent electrician, plumber and carpenter his entire life. Kevin was the life of all people he came in contact with. He enjoyed dancing, watching westerns and enjoying his family as well as watching sports especially the Redskins, going fishing, hunting, and working on cars and trucks. He never met a stranger. If you needed anything done he was Kevin on the spot. Kevin will truly be missed. He always had a smile or joke for his friends and he was always the one with the last word. The last thing he said a couple of weeks before his death was, "you might be smart but I'm smarter than you."

Interment will be private.

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

James Golden Thompson, Jr.



James Golden "Jr." Thompson, Jr., 84 of Coltons Point, MD passed away on November 19, 2018 at his home. Born on December 23, 1933 in Avenue, MD he was the son of the late Ruth Margaret Woodall Thompson and James Golden Thompson, Sr. Jr. was the loving husband of Marie Goode Thompson whom he married on May 30, 1952 in Avenue, MD. He is survived by his children; Carolyn Martin (Bob) of Stockton, CA, Margie Russell (Robin) of Clarksburg, MD and Marita F. Thompson of

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La Plata, MD. 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Siblings; Genevieve St. Clair and Paul Thompson. Jr. is preceded in death by his siblings; Thelma Morris, Roy Thompson, Gussie Thompson, Catherine Nelson and Dorothy Williams.

Jr. graduated from Margaret Brent High School and was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County MD. He was a Waterman and the owner of Thompson Seafood in Avenue, MD for 55 years retiring in 2008. In 2004 Jr. was presented the 7th Annual Ancient Order of the Waterman Award at the Blessing of the Fleet. Jr. enjoyed gardening, woodworking, hunting and fishing. In 1972, Jr. was the 1st St. Mary's County Oyster Shucking Champion.

Contribution may be made to 7th District Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609 and/or Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Francis Norris Shepherd



Francis Norris Shepherd "Shep", 87, of Leonardtown, MD formerly of Great Mills, MD passed away on December 23, 2018 at his home. Born on October 23, 1931 in Great Mills, MD he was the son of the late Agnes Kathleen Norris and Robert Earl Shepherd, Sr. Shep was the loving husband of Lucille E. Shepherd "Betty" whom he married on September 6, 1954 in St. Aloysius Catholic Church Leonardtown, MD. He is survived by his son Francis M. Shepherd (Rhonda-friend) of Leonardtown, MD. 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Siblings: Ada Marie Joy and BettyAnn Kellam. He is preceded in death by his siblings; Robert Earl Shepherd, Jr., Thomas Eugene Shepherd and Louis T. Shepherd.

Shep attended Little Flower School and was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County MD. He served in the National Guard for 10 years and was employed

as an Assistant General Manager for SMECO in Leonardtown, MD for 40 years retiring June 16, 1992. Additionally, Shep worked for the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home as a Funeral Home Service Associate for more than 6 years. Shep was a member of the 3rd District Opt. Club, Maryland State Fair Board, St. Mary's City Farm Bureau and St. Mary's County Fair Board as Director for 40+ years.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown MD 20650.

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Edwin Waters Bowling, Sr.



Edwin W. Bowling, Sr., of Charlotte Hall, Maryland, passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital. He was born on July 17, 1939, and was the son of the late Benjamin T. and Lessie G. Bowling.

Edwin is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Muriel P. Bowling; his five children: Edwin, Jr. (Nancy), Gerald (Ann), Robin Starinieri (Michael), Dinah Kay Caudle (Fred), and Mark (Lori); and twelve grandchildren: Brandy (Jeffrey), Tyler, Jordon (Heather), Jennifer (James), Amy, Christopher, Madison (Cody), David (Amanda), Dylan (Nicole), Shelby (Zachary), Molly and Megan. He has ten great grandchildren: Ashlynn, Charlotte, David Jacob, Mackenzie, Caden, Emma, Alexander, Nolan, Allison, Abigail, and the eleventh great-grandchild is expected in July. Additionally, Edwin is survived by his siblings: Jean, Patsy (Fred), Calvin (Mary Pat) and sister-in-law, Helen. He is preceded in death by his brother Benjamin L. and brother-in-law, Joseph (Pete) Barbour.

Edwin was a lifelong resident of

Charles County. In addition to working on the family farm, he owned Bowling Truss and Supply in Leonardtown and Bowling's Home Center in King George, Virginia. His hobbies included RV traveling, gardening, and waterfowl hunting. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends. He was quite a jokester who made friends wherever he went. One fond memory his family and friends share is the time he (PopPop) and Muriel (MomMom) won a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dance contest. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, January 10th from 5 to 8:00p.m., at Brinsfield Echols in Charlotte Hall, with words of remembrance shared at 7:00p.m. Funeral services, celebrated by Rev. Larry Harris, will be held Friday, January 11th at 11:00a.m., at Trinity Church Newport. Interment will immediately follow at Queen of Peace Cemetery in Mechanicsville.

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



Marjorie H. Reynolds
1927 - 2018



On July 1, 2018, Marjorie Helen Reynolds took the nearest exit from the Good Samaritan ALF, Palm Coast, Florida, to be reunited with her husband Dean, both her parents, her two brothers, her daughter, Carolyn Elrod, her granddaughter, Eden Elrod, all predeceased. Born in Olean, NY on January 27, 1921, Marjorie is survived by her sister, Dorothy Bentien of Palm Coast, two nieces, a son, a grandson,

James D. Elrod and two great-grandsons. Marjorie had been a resident of St Mary's Co. since 1974, first at her home in Golden Beach until she moved to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in 2012. Residents and staff at CHVH remember Marge fondly from her 20 plus years dedicated service as a CHVH activities volunteer, always appreciated as a congenial companion with a humorous outlook. Marjorie believed in 'friendly and helpful', always generous with encouraging kindness. She extended her volunteer service with a donation of her body for medical education. Since Marjorie never abandoned a deep faith in her Guardian Angel, perhaps in her new life she can pass on such assistance to others of similar faith. Please do remember Marjorie occasionally with a kind thought or prayer for peace.

Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

Queen of Hearts Drawing

Fridays, beginning January 18th for the next **QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING** at a new location: the Brass Rail Sports Bar in Great Mills.

Ticket sales, \$1 each, begin at 4:00 PM. Drawing takes place promptly at 7:00 PM. 50/50 raffle each week. The jackpot begins at \$2,000+ and continues to grow each week until the Queen of Hearts is found. Consolation prizes vary based on the card drawn that week. Minimum \$25 up to \$200. Proceeds benefit the Archangel Scholarship Foundation Corporation in support of St. Michael's School, Ridge. Information or event updates, "Like" our "Queen of Hearts" Facebook page or go to <https://archangelfoundation.wordpress.com/Thanks> to everyone in our community for their continued support!

Calvert Marine Museum Closed

The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store, 14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons, is closed January and February for renovations. We look forward to opening our doors again in March!

UPCOMING

Class Reunion

Chopticon High School Class of 1969 is planning its 50th class reunion for the fall 2019. Members and teachers of this class are requested to contact us to update contact information.

Sarah Blackistone Richardson, 240-925-1119, TheMightySBR@msn.com. Norwood Graves, 301-848-9525, Saramy1@verizon.net.

Friday, January 11

Annual SOMD Jeopardy Tournament

GMHS Auditorium, 21130 Great Mills Road
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Student tournament followed by an adult tournament. \$5 studio audience. Proceeds benefit the GMHS Engineering Club to provide interested students the opportunity to participate in national and international engineering competitions.

New Year's Resolution Support

45020 Patuxent Beach Rd, California
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Trying to make a change? Celebrate Recovery is a free Christian 12-step program. We welcome those 18 & up struggling with grief, anger, depression, addiction, anxiety, or the addiction of a loved one. Questions? ofhCR4u@gmail.com

Saturday, January 12

Bargain Barn Open House

8275 Old Leonardtown, Hughesville
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Open House! Meet our vendors, check out their awesome items and great sales while enjoying hot chocolate, hot apple cider and a light fare.

Dog and Cat Adoption

Pepper's Pet Pantry, Solomons Towne Center behind CVS

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Pepper's Pet Pantry host a dog and cat adoption event with local Saint Mary's and Calvert County animal rescue groups. 410-326-4006.

Contra Dance

Christ Church Parish Hall, Chaptico
7:00 PM

The Southern MD Open Band will be playing and Kim Forry will teach and call the dances. Beginners workshop (no partner required) 7:00, dance begins at 7:30. \$10/non-SMTMD members; \$6/SMTMD members (band members and children under 17 are free). Ice cream social during the intermission. Directions and info: www.smtmd.org

Sunday, January 13

Breakfast

2nd District VFD & RS, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee

8:00 - 11:00 AM

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Turkey Shoot

Moose Lodge, Mechanicsville
1:00 - 4:30 PM

Sign up at noon; first round goes off at 1:00. Shoot for money and prizes. Jimmy Suite, 240-417-5767.

Monday, January 14

Scout Me In—Information Night

Charlotte Hall Library, 37600 New Market Road
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Western Shore District, Boy Scouts of America invites parents/guardians and youth (males and females, ages 5 to 20) to learn about the programs in the Boy Scouts of America organization: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Exploring, and STEM Scouts. beascout.scouting.org

Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group

St. Mary's Nursing Center, 21585 Peabody St, Leonardtown

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Get information, education and support while caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other memory related disorders. Free and open to the public. 301-475-8000 ext 114.

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park

7:00 - 11:00 PM

\$25 Buy-in = 4,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,000 chips and raffle drawing. Food and drink for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 16

Income Tax Knowledge and Recent 2018 Tax Changes

Leonardtown Library, 23250 Hollywood Road
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Improve your personal income tax knowledge. Provides an understanding of the 2018 tax changes; standard deductions, personal exemptions, changes to tax brackets, estate tax, child tax credit, itemized deductions and retirement savings. 301-475-2846

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Free Enhance Fitness in January

Take advantage of Enhance Fitness during the month of January when it is offered free of charge at all three Senior Activity Centers! Enhance Fitness helps older adults at all levels of fitness become more active, energized, and empowered to sustain independent lives. In a typical class, participants will experience:

- A certified instructor with special training in bringing out the physical best from older adults
- A warm-up to get the blood flowing to the muscles
- A low-impact aerobics workout that gets participants moving
- A strength training workout with soft ankle and wrist weights
- A stretching workout to keep the muscles flexible

Make-up with Therese: A New Year, A New You

Let's ring in the New Year with a make-up session! Mary Kay expert Therese Simons will be here at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. to show you what colors work best for you and the proper technique to apply make-up to enhance your best features. We will have a delicious selection of breakfast pastries, non-alcoholic mimosas and coffee from the local coffee house. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early! Cost for the class will be \$5. Payment is due at the time of sign

up. For more information please call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Fitness Cards

Please note that beginning Jan.1, the price of Fitness Cards will increase to \$35. The income from Fitness Card sales pays our wonderful contractual instructors.

R&B Line Dancing at Northern

For the first time at the Northern Senior Activity Center, welcome Marie Bond and Catherine Bush for their first session of R&B Line Dancing on Fridays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22 from 1-2 p.m. These ladies will guide you step-by-step as you learn some of today's trendiest line dances; including dances such as the Cupid Shuffle and the Wobble. Payment of \$12 for 6 classes/\$2 per class is made directly to instructors the day of class. To sign up for this 6 session class in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Beginner's Piano/Keyboard class coming up

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, the author of the "How to Play Gospel" book series and a leading expert on teaching gospel music (Check out his website at Jeffersonpresents.com) will again offer beginner piano/keyboard classes at the Loffler Senior Activity Center starting Tuesday Jan. 15 and continuing through Feb. 19. The cost for the lessons is \$100 for 6 ses-

sions and includes instruction, texts and corresponding cd. Additionally you will need to invest in an inexpensive keyboard (\$50-\$100+ available at local stores and online.) Payment for the lessons can be made directly to Dr. Jefferson on the first day of class. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 8. For questions or to sign up, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the registration desk at Loffler.

Diabetes Self-Management

Living with diabetes is a full time job. The Garvey Senior Activity Center will offer a Diabetes Self-Management class on Tuesdays from Jan. 22-Feb. 26 at 1:30-4 p.m. The Diabetes Self-Management workshop gives attendees tools needed to take control of their disease. Topics covered include nutrition, stress management, medication management and many more! Space in the class is limited. Register by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050. There is no fee to attend; however, attendance at all six sessions is highly recommended.

AARP Safe Driving Class coming up

An AARP Safe-Driving course will be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with an hour lunch break at 11:30). The cost is \$15 for AARP Members, \$20 for non-members. This program includes emphasis on roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, red-

light running, and safety issues such as speeding, seat belt and turn signal use. Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by the registration desk at Loffler by Monday, Jan. 14. If you wish to order a lunch from the center, the cost is \$6 if you are under 60 and by donation for those 60+ years of age. Lunch (tossed salad w/ dressing, hamburger w/Swiss cheese on a bun w/lettuce, onion, tomato slices, baked sweet potato wedges, spinach, peaches and milk) can be ordered at the same time you register for the class.

Kickboxing

Kickboxing will be offered on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Jan. 16-Feb. 19, at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. This form of exercise tones muscles through punching and kicking. During the class the participants use focus pads, target pads and mitts. Participants may notice an improvement in overall balance and flexibility. The aerobic moves of kickboxing have been shown to improve circulation and it offers a great stress relief. This specialized class is geared towards active men and women ages fifty and above and has great energy without the high impact exercises that are done during a mainstream kickboxing class. The instructor, Geno Rothback, is a registered nurse, a senior fitness instructor, and is a black belt in Taekwondo and certified Martial Fusion and Kickboxing instructor. Cost is \$35 payable to Geno Rothback

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Southern Maryland Math Circle

Lexington Park Library will hold Southern Maryland Math Circle on Saturday, January 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Southern Maryland Math Circle provides fun, fascinating math activities to middle- and high-school students (and their families!) Run by the faculty at St. Mary's College of Maryland, this monthly gathering is sure to inspire a love of mathematical exploration to everyone who comes. Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

Publishing Options for Writers and Illustrators

Leonardtown Library will hold Publishing Options for Writers and Illustrators on Monday, January 14 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Christina Allen, local author, illustrator, and winner of five national book awards, will share her experiences with the different publishing options for writers and illustrators.

She will speak about the process of self-publishing, publishing with traditional book publishers, and starting her own micro-book publishing house, Corn Crib Publishing. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

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Teen Night: Glow in the Park!

Lexington Park Library will hold Teen Night: Glow in the Park! on Thursday, January 17 from 5 - 7 p.m. It's dark outside so it's a perfect time to come in to get your glow on. Create glow in the dark crafts and play glowing games. Open for teens and

tweens ages 12 to 18.

Library Holiday Closing

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, January 22.

Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Annual Brunch

The Friends of the St. Mary's County Library will hold their annual brunch at Olde Breton Inn (21890 Society Hill Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650) on Saturday, February 2 at 11 a.m. A breakfast buffet will be served and a talk from guest speaker, Rear Admiral Steve Eastburg: "The Mission of NAS Patuxent River: Reflections on the Past...and a Look to the Future." Tickets are \$25 per person for Friends members and \$30 per person for non-members. Purchase tickets online <http://bit.ly/FOLBrunch> or by check.

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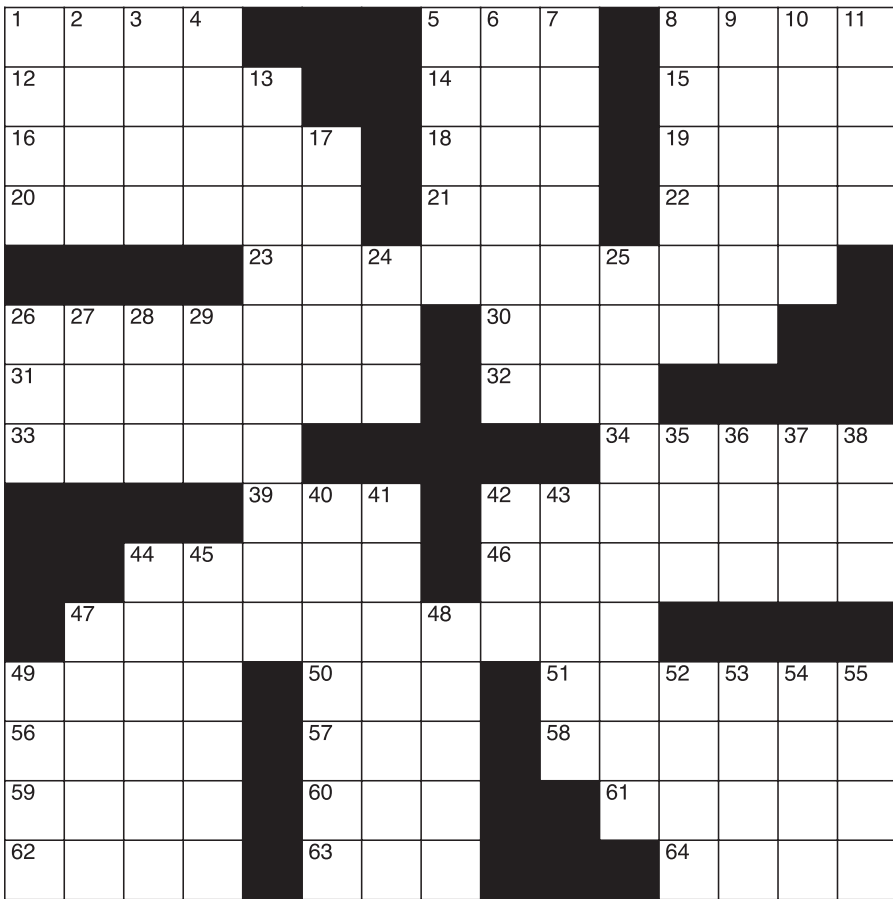


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- 8. Type of notification
- 12. Approves
- 14. Mandela's party
- 15. "Mom" actress Faris
- 16. Predatory insects
- 18. Where honey goes
- 19. Canadian flyers
- 20. Of an earlier time
- 21. Indigenous people of Australia
- 22. Organize
- 23. All over
- 26. Made it through
- 30. Between-meals food
- 31. A quantity upon which an operation is performed
- 32. German mythological god
- 33. "Heavy" type of rock music
- 34. Pharmacy chain Duane ___
- 39. First responders
- 42. Mysterious
- 44. Leisurely stroll
- 46. Most naughty
- 47. Plant tissue
- 49. Small fish
- 50. Men's fashion accessory
- 51. Distant planet

- 56. Destroy
- 57. Location in Norse mythology
- 58. One who is deliberately cruel
- 59. ___ Romeo, car
- 60. Of the ear
- 61. Former name of Tokyo
- 62. Male children
- 63. French/Belgian river
- 64. Tide

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Grave
- 2. Alright
- 3. Sharp tooth
- 4. Bird genus
- 5. Important
- 6. One who studies carefully
- 7. Not very big
- 8. Astronomy unit
- 9. A way to open up
- 10. Trap
- 11. Handle of a knife
- 13. Indicates one from a part of W. Africa
- 17. Lucky number
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Legendary Cubs broadcaster
- 26. Female parent
- 27. Mimic

- 28. Connects to the rim
- 29. Small constellation
- 35. Indicates near
- 36. Consumed
- 37. Criticize
- 38. Shock therapy
- 40. Type of cigarette
- 41. The fashionable elite
- 42. Shed tears
- 43. Arm or branch of a bone
- 44. Quell anger
- 45. Where rock and rollers play
- 47. "The Alchemist" author Coelho
- 48. Choppers
- 49. Lacks brightness
- 52. Port in Yemen
- 53. Brood of pheasant
- 54. Approves food
- 55. A type of sign

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

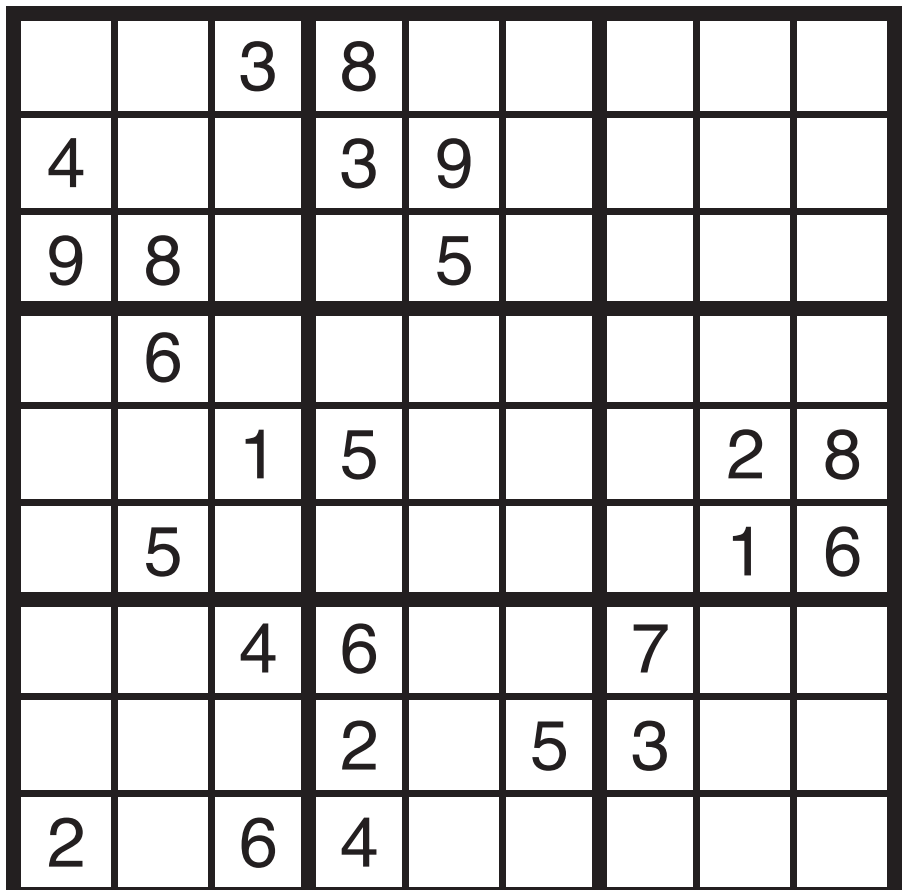


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