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# Witness: State Trooper Fired At Least 14 Times at 16-Year-Old Boy

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Witness statements and drone footage regarding the shooting of 16-year-old Peyton Ham in Leonardtown by a Maryland State Police trooper suggest the law officer fired multiple rounds, perhaps the entire capacity of his service weapon, when he confronted the suspect April 13.

The drone footage available online showed that at least 15 evidence marker flags on the ground, possibly denoting expended shell casings, in three separate, distinct groups.

Also, a witness, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they heard at least 14 shots fired in the incident in three separate salvos that day.

The trooper's service weapon, a Glock 22, .40 caliber pistol, has a magazine capacity of 15 rounds.

Other neighborhood residents have reported finding bullet holes in their residential property, across Hollywood Road, from where the shooting took place.

More than a week after the shooting, information about the incident from law enforcement is still in short supply.

The day of the shooting the Superintendent of State Police Woodrow Jones III told reporters that the name of the trooper who fired on Ham would be released within a 48-hour period.

The name has yet to be released.

Jones also said that the number of times the trooper discharged his weapon that day was "still under investigation."

Greg Shipley, director of the Office of Media Relations for the state police, responded to The County Times that such flags could be used to mark many kinds of evidence other than shell casings.

Shipley went to say that he did not have information to confirm or deny the findings of The County Times.

Also, requests by The County Times to review the two 911 calls that went to the county's Emergency Communications Center have been denied.

Shipley said the audio files have yet to be released because they are still part of an active investigation.

When The County Times initially asked the county government for copies of the recordings of the two 911 calls that warned of a male in the 2300 block of Hol-

lywood Road acting suspiciously and possibly having a gun, Steven Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, said the recordings were ready for distribution.

The County Times also asked the emergency services department for the times when the trooper was dispatched, as well as when he declared shots had been fired and when he had requested medical assistance.

Those requests have gone unanswered.

Ham was shot after he allegedly confronted the trooper with a handgun, which later was revealed to be an airsoft pistol that closely resembled a real firearm.

Typically, airsoft replicas are equipped with a brightly colored tip at the muzzle to distinguish it from a real firearm.

In the aftermath of the shooting, the Maryland State Police released images of the knife recovered from the scene.

According to law officers, the trooper fired a second time at Ham, after the suspect had already been wounded, because Ham had allegedly tried to get back up with the knife.

The knife was a small, folding-style pocket knife which appeared to have a blade length of approximately three inches.

The state police did not release an image of the actual airsoft pistol recovered from the scene. Instead they released a stock image of an airsoft pistol believed to be of the same model as the one Ham possessed that day as well as an image of an actual handgun, apparently to show how realistic the replica could be.

Shipley said, in an e-mail, that the image of the actual airsoft pistol recovered would not be released as it had blood on it.

It is unknown whether any video recordings of the shooting exist; state police do not wear body cameras – as St. Mary's County Sheriff's deputies do – and, according to Lt. Krystle Rossignol, commander of the Leonardtown Barrack not all state police vehicles have in-car cameras.

Rossignol said she did not know whether the trooper's vehicle was equipped with an in-car camera.

Shipley said many of the older models of the cameras are being replaced with newer models.

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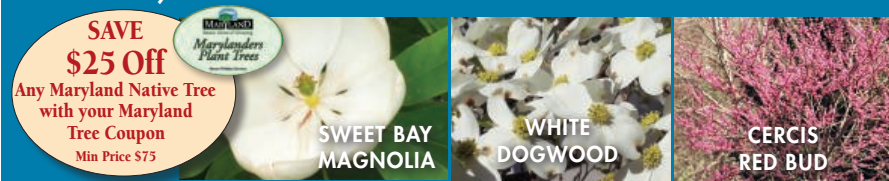
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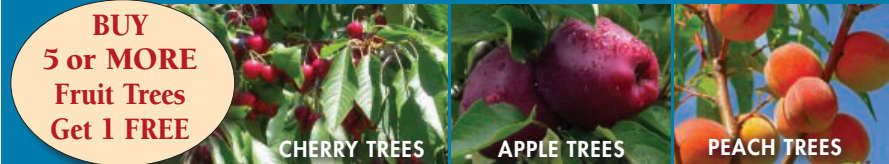
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# Commissioners Fire Back at Superintendent In Budget Scrap



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Last week Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith told the St. Mary's County Board of Education that the schools budget for fiscal 2022 had a deficit of approximately \$3 million that needed to be bridged to fulfill the board's negotiated agreement with its employees, or he said, the system would have to cut teachers positions or funding for programs.

A week later at their April 20 business meeting, several members of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County said they had continuously funded the school system above maintenance of effort for years and that Smith was trying to force the issue by making "dire" predictions, while at the same time refusing to make cuts elsewhere in the proposed schools budget.

"This commissioner believes we need to fund education to the maximum extent we can," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt, adding that Smith had claimed the system would have to lay off 49 teachers without the requested extra funding or defund programs such as STEM.

"These are very dire things to project," Hewitt continued, adding that St. Mary's County in 2014 was regarded by the state as being last among jurisdictions in its share of local aid to the school system.

That has since changed, he said, noting the commissioners' commitment to education funding.

"In seven years, we've managed to go from No. 24 to No. 15," Hewitt said. "It's not as good as we'd like it, but it shows our commitment to education."

Hewitt said the school board has signaled it was unwilling to find money in its own budget to come up with the additional \$3 million.

"What's disingenuous on the part of Dr. Smith is for him to say without this agreement he has to

deal with the dire consequences without the funding the commissioners give," Hewitt said. "There's money they can move around."

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy was more blunt in his assessment of the situation.

"Every year I've been here we have overfunded the [maintenance of effort] for the school system by millions of dollars, not a few hundred thousand dollars but millions of dollars," Guy said. "I have to scorn Dr. Smith for bringing these things up, the things he's going to have to cut if we don't give him the additional funding."

"That is a very rude thing to do as far as I'm concerned."

At the school board's April 14 meeting Smith told board members he could not comprehend the recent split commissioner vote to deny the additional funding.

Smith's proposed budget asks for an additional \$5.9 million to fund the negotiated agreement while the commissioners have only agreed to provide \$2.69 million.

"We are not adding any new positions in the unrestricted budget for next year," Smith said. "The county's adding over 90 but we're not adding any."

He said the commissioners' offer of \$2.6 million only covers one merit increase in pay for employees and not the 1.75 percent cost of living increase in the negotiated agreement.

The commissioners have \$3.1 million in funds they have not made a decision on how to spend, Smith said, while the county was projecting a 15.7 percent increase in revenue this fiscal year.

"I'm dumbstruck," Smith said. Commissioners John O'Connor and Eric Colvin were the two commissioners who voted to approve the extra funding for the schools budget.

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# Mechanicsville Man Arrested in Fatal Hit and Run

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The suspected driver and vehicle in the fatal hit-and-run collision on April 16 in Mechanicsville has been identified as Conrad Leland Young Jr., 32 of Mechanicsville, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office reports.

Capt. Steve Hall, commander of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Special Operation Division, said Young has yet to be charged, but they are pending.

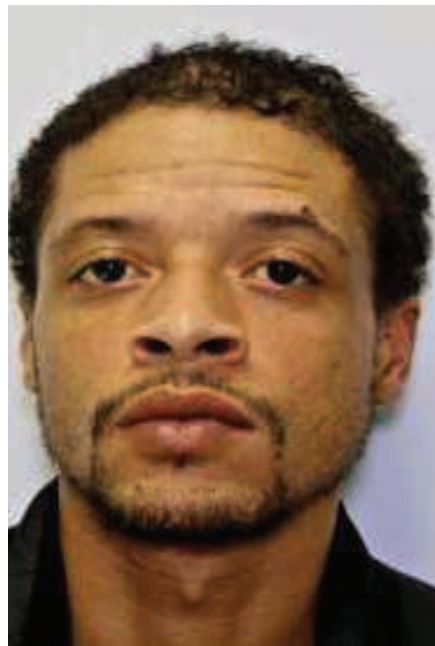
"He will be charged but we're letting the State's Attorney's Office choose the method, manner and the charges," Hall told The County Times.

The victim has been identified as Anthony Lawrence Ford, 19 of no fixed address.

Hall said the sheriff's office is actively seeking the assistance of the public in getting more details about the striking, either direct witnesses or anyone who may have some kind of electronic or other kind of recording of the incident.

"At this point we can't rule out anything and we're not going to," Hall said. "The event was a significant impact to the victim; it was not a clip or a sideswipe."

Last Friday at 6:13 a.m., deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 27000 block of Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville for the report of a person lying on the ground off the southbound shoulder of the roadway. Upon arrival, deputies located an unidentified male lying in the grass who was pronounced deceased. Investigation determined there was evidence to suggest the unidentified male was struck by a vehicle. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Of-



Conrad Leland Young Jr.

fice Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation. At this time, it is believed that a red Toyota Tacoma TRD pickup truck was traveling southbound on Three Notch Road and struck the pedestrian who appears to have been on the southbound shoulder. Anyone with additional information about the collision is asked to contact Cpl. Vincent Pontorno at 301-475-4200, ext. 72337 or email [vincent.pontorno@stmarysmd.com](mailto:vincent.pontorno@stmarysmd.com) or call the Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008.

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# Commissioners Get Update on EMS Staffing

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The addition of paid, supplemental staffing at county rescue squads is helping those volunteer groups to better respond to calls for service, a recent update presented to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County showed, but some shortfalls persist.

For months the county has employed supplemental contract staffing to each of the seven volunteer rescue squads and the advanced life support (ALS) unit to ensure there was adequate emergency coverage during daytime hours.

The COVID-19 emergency only exacerbated the problem of too few volunteers being available to staff rescue squads during the day, a condition which has lingered for years in St. Mary's.

Commissioner John O'Connor said he had noticed in the northern portions of the county last week that Charles County was still providing mutual aid to St. Mary's emergency calls.

"While I expect a certain level of mutual aid, the amount of times I saw it I was a little surprised," O'Connor said. "Is it just that our ambulances are busy?"

Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, said some problems have not been entirely solved.

"No, it's the same problems," Walker responded. "When we don't have the contract staffing or the contractor cannot come up with enough people then there are shortages and mutual aid occurs."

"It's still occurring, today. Certainly, it's going to be reduced the further and further we go into this."

Calvert and Charles counties are still coming to St. Mary's to assist, Walker said, but not at previous levels.

Walker reported that of the \$906,000 commissioners had allocated to pay for contract medical aid, the county had spent \$749,688.

He explained that the county had received some additional CARES Act COVID-19 recovery aid from the federal government in the amount of \$447,752 to defray the costs to St. Mary's.

This left the county with \$604,084 left in of its original local allocation.

"So that's good news," Walker said.

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# County's Application to Rezone Old Munitions Site Halted

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

An application to change the zoning of a 600-acre site in Mechanicsville, used decades ago as a munitions manufacturing site, from being in the rural preservation district (RPD) to a zoning designation approved for industrial use has been tabled for now.

At the Apr. 12 meeting of the county's planning commission, Director of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management Bill Hunt requested a continuance on the public hearing scheduled that night to allow the county to review the 2010 comprehensive zoning plan as well as adoption of zoning maps.

The public hearing has been reset for June 21.

The land, located on Friendship School Road, was once owned and operated by a business named Thiokol, which was involved in the production of explosive materials from "sometime before 1950 and ending in the late 1950s" according to county planner staff reports.

Those same reports state that "unexploded ordinance was buried on the property and the burial locations are not known."

The county contends that zoning the land as part of the RPD was a mistake.

However, many residents surrounding the site have opposed its reversion

to an industrial area, citing that its RPD designation did not restrict it from being used for limited residential or commercial use, such as logging.

A petition against the zoning change also argued against industrial use there because it is located in the stream shed for McIntosh Run, not served by water or sewer lines and is not close to either of the county's designated growth areas of the Leonardtown or Lexington Park development districts.

Though the county was applying to increase the zoning intensity of the property, it was privately owned.

"My biggest concern with this approach is that by upzoning the property we are giving the owner a by-right ability to completely develop this 620-acre property," wrote Brandon Hall. "The RPD zoning was not an error and aligned with previous development plans for the parcel."

"The owner has admitted as much through repeatedly listing the property as RPD, the county has always considered the property to be RPD when reviewing development plans and until recently, the [Maryland Department of Environment] made no mention of an industrial usage."

The owner of the property is listed at PB II LLC on staff reports.

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# For These Senators, Police Reform is Personal

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Senator Jack Bailey

For St. Mary's and Calvert Counties two state senators, the contentious debate on and final passage of a landmark police reform package in this year's General Assembly session was a personal matter. Senator Jack Bailey (R: 29) and Senator Michael Jackson (D: 27) and are the legislature's only former law enforcement officers.

Jackson was sheriff of Prince George's County and former Fraternal Order of Police chapter president, and Bailey is a retired Natural Resources Police officer.

The police reform package was one of the prime topics of discussion at the annual Calvert County Chamber of Commerce post-session breakfast, held virtually on April 13. And Jackson and Bailey were front and center on the issue, having sat side by side in the Judicial Proceedings Committee, which Jackson said grappled the whole session on the issue.

Bailey said it wasn't just that he and Jackson were the only two former law enforcement officers and FOP leaders. "Both of us hold graduate degrees in police management. And when it came to some of these topics, our [professional] opinions were minimized, what we knew to be facts, were thrown aside for simply a soundbite."

He and Senator Jackson are from different sides of the aisle and often disagree, but Bailey said they both favor transparency and "there are times where we have to take a second look."

Bailey added, "You can never move forward if you don't do self-examining. But that was never allowed in this process. This was a reckoning if I have ever seen it. We had examples from all around the country that came into Maryland, that didn't exist here. This was simply a soundbite for social media."

He said in 1974, the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights was established "to protect minority police officers from discrimination in their ranks and in their communities. That was the whole reason behind it, but that was thrown aside. Nobody cared what the reason was because it said it was a bill of rights for police officers. So, it, it gave the impression that they had more rights than other people. There was nothing further from the truth, but you know, when the train gets moving, we throw a lot of things aside."

"The fact is we've got a whole other year to examine this because there are



Senator Michael Jackson

so many holes in this legislation that you can see right through it.

"This morning I was actually on the phone with different members of the general assembly and with FOP representatives, because of the fact that we've got to get everybody working together so we can come back, and we've got to address some of the things that were left aside."

Jackson said, "You have two retired law enforcement officers in the general assembly out of 188. That's very difficult and challenging for folks who have worked it as a career to be locked into a bubble where folks are telling you how horrible your career has been."

He continued, "It's very difficult for anybody. I don't care who you are. It's like me going to the business community and saying your businesses not operating effectively and perception becomes reality. Then there's reality within that, but not to have input from you is not fair. And we saw that time and time again. So, I am very frustrated. I'm very upset. I am about accountability."

Jackson said during the first round of police reform in 2016, a work group of senators, delegates and stakeholders traveled around the state. "This time we traveled the state virtually, but the challenge was each chamber," adding "I think it was a mistake not to have a group of senators and delegates working on this versus having two different chambers, just like Mike Jackson and Mark Fisher have a bill. So that's the context of saying, it's going to crash in the middle and if time runs out, then we're sort of going to put together a package just to get it through the session."

Moving the effective date of the package to July 1, 2022 gives some time to get things right, Jackson believes. "That'll give us an opportunity to continue to work on that and bring in some stakeholders."

"It's a very trying time for myself and Senator Bailey, dealing with this matter, but you know, every business needs reform in a business that touches folks."

He said, "We know this is what the law says now, but prior to the effective date, we have to look at it from a rational standpoint that this will not be sustainable," adding "otherwise it's just a knee-jerk reaction. The public deserves more, and better."

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# Two Animals Test Positive for Rabies in the Piney Point

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) reports two animals in the Piney Point area have tested positive for rabies. On April 1, 2021, a fox was collected from the Ball Point Road area and on April 16, 2021 a raccoon was collected from the Goddards Road area. The test results were confirmed by the State's laboratory at the Maryland Department of Health in Baltimore.

Rabies is a potentially fatal virus that is transmitted through the saliva of an infectious animal. Residents are advised to use caution when approaching wild animals or unknown domesticated animals. Pet owners in the area are advised to examine their animals for bites, scratches or wounds of unknown origin, and report suspect injuries to the St. Mary's County Animal Control Office at 301-475-8018.

The following precautions will protect your pets and family members from the threat of rabies:

- Be sure your pet has up-to-date rabies shots. Maryland law requires that all cats, dogs and ferrets four-months and older have current rabies shots.

Low-cost rabies clinics are provided by SMCHD and St. Mary's Animal Welfare League (SMAWL) from March – November.

- Keep pets in your home or yard and walk them on a leash.

- Never approach or touch animals unknown to you.

- Do not feed pets outdoors. Pet food and other food sources such as unsecured garbage cans may attract unwanted and unhealthy animals into your yard.

SMCHD investigates reports of animal bites and, based on the outcome of the investigation, refers the affected person(s) to the hospital's emergency department or to their primary health care provider for treatment and vaccination. Residents are asked to report any animal exposures involving humans to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008.

For more information about rabies and the rabies vaccination clinics, visit the SMCHD website at [www.smchd.org/rabies-prevention](http://www.smchd.org/rabies-prevention)

# Circuit Court Offers Open House

The Circuit Court of St. Mary's County will be conducting an open house for any interested persons to attend and review the accommodations that will be used during COVID-19 for jury selection. The open house will take place Wednesday, April 21, 2021, from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Leonard Hall Recreation Center

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## St. Mary's Senior Activity Centers to Reopen

The Department of Aging & Human Services is pleased to announce the Senior Activity Centers will reopen to the public Tuesday, April 27. Hours of operation for the Loffler, Garvey, and Northern Senior Activity Centers will be Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants will be required to complete an updated registration form.

Upon reopening, participants will be able make reservations to join in exercise classes, both indoor and outdoor, and utilize exercise equipment available at all three senior activity centers. Physical distancing guidelines must be observed at all times while participating in these activities.

Due to social/physical distancing and resulting space limitations, we will continue virtual programming in addition to in-person fitness and art instruction classes, among others. Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for a full calendar of upcoming activities. While not all activities, such as card, board and table games that do not allow for adequate social/physical distancing, are available yet, we look forward to offering an ever-growing roster. Small groups that can maintain adequate social/physical distancing such as sewing and quilting, and are able to bring their own supplies, will be able to meet. At this time, activities that require direct physical contact, such as massage and reflexology, will not be available. Bus transportation is not available at this time.

The following additional guidelines will be in place when the senior activity centers reopen:

- Complete the Daily Health Screening tool before entrance. Participants' temperature will be checked at the door before entering the facility. Anyone with a fever of 100° F or higher and/or completing an unsatisfactory health screening will be asked to return another day.

- If able to enter, consumers will proceed to receptionist who will confirm activity appointment and punch fitness card, if needed.

- Class sizes will be limited to allow for a minimum of 6 feet social/physical distancing. A reservation to participate must be made in advance by calling the reception desk at the center one wishes to attend. No drop-in programs or visits will be allowed at this time. Drop-in activity will resume at a later time when deemed safe.

- Observe social/physical distancing guidelines as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, the Local Health Department and St. Mary's County Government.

- Always wear a face covering when indoors; and when outside if unable to maintain 6 feet of distance



while walking through the parking lot and on the grounds. Outdoor group activities involving physical activity (walking, pickleball, biking) also require wearing a face covering and additional space for physical distancing.

- Seniors should arrive no more than 10 minutes before their planned activity or appointment. Participants should leave the building within 10 minutes after completion of their activity or appointment.

- Have an up-to-date signed waiver and AIM registration form on file with the Department; checked by staff before arrival.

- Provide for frequent hand-washing or use of hand sanitizer (> 60% alcohol) throughout the building.

- Use of exercise equipment will be by appointment only, limited to 45 minutes. One exercise appointment will be available each hour, on the hour, to allow 15 minutes for adequate cleaning between consumers. Household members may exercise together. Face coverings will be worn at all times.

- Participants in group exercise classes will be spaced 8-10 ft. apart, with floors appropriately marked for social/physical distancing. Each participant will supply their own equipment (mat, hand weights, exercise band, etc.).

- Face coverings are required while exercising unless the participant has a documented medical exclusion. Approval of a medical exclusion is determined by the County Nurse based on medical documentation before admittance to a senior activity center is allowed.

- If fans are used during exercise classes, they will be overhead, not directly aimed at exercise participants.

- Signage will be placed outside of the restrooms. Restrooms will be limited to ½ capacity so that social distancing may be maintained.

- Due to limited space and availability of programs, only St. Mary's County residents will be able to attend.

Your cooperation with these guidelines helps to ensure the health and safety of everyone at the senior activity centers. The Department of Aging & Human Services is pleased to welcome our community members back and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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# Five Quilts of Valor Awarded



Shown are five military veterans who were awarded with Quilts of Valor by PAX Sound of Freedom at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park on April 17. The recipients were, (l to r) Hartmut (Harry) Metzler (Army - 4 years), Donn Rushing (Navy - 13 years), Kenneth Pitcher (Army - 4 years), Sandra Hartkemyer (Navy - 20 years), and Joshua Reed (Army - 4 years):



Special recognition was given to Harry Metzler, the recipient of four Purple Hearts. He was presented with a special quilt for Purple Heart veterans and is shown with Miriam Boles who designed, pieced, quilted and bound his quilt. If you, a family member, or friend served in the U.S military, you are entitled to a Quilt of Valor. Please contact St. Mary's County group leader, Sylvia Lague, at (941) 705-0094, if you are interested in receiving a quilt or would like to participate with the group.

# Leadership Class Experiences Public Safety



Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2021 on April participated in the fifth of nine educational sessions – Public Safety. The day was spent at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center in Prince Frederick and was led by Cpl. Bill Rector LSM'19, Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

After a welcome by several Calvert County public safety representatives, the class received a brief on 911 call center operations and training practices.

Next, they got up close and personal with several fire apparatus and watched a variety of demonstrations including a vehicle extrication.

During the lunch break, emergency personnel were on hand for a Q&A session discussing a wide range of topics like human trafficking and Calvert County's mobile crisis team initiative.

The afternoon portion of the day kicked off with the Tri-County Sheriffs Panel featuring Assistant Sheriff Dave McDowell (Calvert), Sheriff Troy Berry (Charles), and Sheriff Tim Cameron (St. Mary's). Afterward, the class watched several police demonstrations including K9 and drone

teams in action. They finished out the day with a visit from Trooper 2, getting an in-depth look at the helicopter and its personnel's mission and capabilities.

Leadership Southern Maryland's Executive Program is a nine-month, tuition-based program and is designed and dedicated to educate and inspire a diverse group of current and emerging leaders to create collaborations and partnerships to impact the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and incorporates a cross-section of the region to include diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity and gender.

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

For more information, please contact Denise Foster, Executive Director Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-7663 via email [denise@leadershipsomd.org](mailto:denise@leadershipsomd.org) or visit [www.leadershipsomd.org](http://www.leadershipsomd.org).

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## Department of Recreation & Parks' Gymnastics Academy USAG Team Competes

The Department of Recreation and Parks is pleased to announce the St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy gymnastics team was represented at Maryland team competitions with 27 athletes from Levels 2-8 and Xcel Silver, Gold & Platinum teams in April. The athletes competed at the All-Pro Gymnastics Easter Eggstravaganza Meet in Elkridge, MD, on Easter weekend in vault, bars, beam and floor events. Level 2 came away from the meet earning the 2nd Place Team Award in their group category. Levels 3, 4 and Xcel Gold also came away earning the 3rd Place Team award for their respective groups. St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy is proud of the achievements of all who competed Easter weekend at All-Pro Gymnastics.



Park's is extremely proud of all of the hard-working coaches and gymnasts that competed in these meets and looks forward with anticipation to the remainder of the season.

The gymnasts also competed in the Harford's Cherry Blossom Flyp10 Classic Meet. They competed virtually from their home gym here in St. Mary's County. State competition will also be held in a virtual format this year. The Department of Recreation and

For more information on St. Mary's County Gymnastics, please visit [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/gymnastics](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/gymnastics) or call 301-862-1462. Follow St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks on social media @stmarysrecandparks and at [www.facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation).

## Pax Museum Hosts the Annual STEAM Day

After much anticipation, the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum will be hosting the fourth annual STEAM Day on April 24, 2021. This year the museum will be joined by a variety of participants. As in recent years the event will be centered around the theme of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

Beginning at 10 am families will be welcomed into the museum at standard pricing for full-day access to the museum grounds. A majority of vendors will be stationed outside on the flight line and in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines. Guests will be able to experience interactive stations, as well as up-close demonstrations.

Staff from local companies and organizations will be on hand all day to welcome visitors and children, and to assist with a variety of hands-on demos. Parties that have affirmed their involvement include: • St. Mary's County Radio Club • Pax Space • Escape From the Past • St. Mary's County Library • Tech Port • Calvert Marine Museum • St. Mary's Arts Council, featuring artist Dan Ropp • Brian Vetter Mid-Atlantic Droid & Prop Builders • And so much more! "We are thrilled to be back hosting our first STEAM event since the beginning of the pandemic," said Executive Director Amy Davis on the upcoming event. Throughout the past year, the museum

event coordinator has worked diligently to ensure that STEAM Day could return with all safety concerns addressed. While the public will be invited to enjoy the same STEAM Day they've known over the past few years it is asked that all participants wear a mask and maintain social distancing. About the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum: The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum (PRNAM) serves as the link between the U.S. Navy's missions at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River (Pax River) and the community defined by those missions. The museum sits in an enviable location with an inspiring story perfectly suited to the technological preoccupations of our era. PRNAM is unique in terms of its collections and mission, which are focused on the research, development, test, and evaluation environment as well as experimental concepts that never made it to the Fleet. The museum also houses artifacts and simulators, films, and books spanning the history of Naval Aviation, as well as 25 one-of-a-kind aircraft. Current hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission to the museum complex is \$5 for Adults, \$4 for kids 5-12; kids 4 & under are free. For more information see the museum website at [www.pax-museum.org](http://www.pax-museum.org)

## Kelly Schulz Announces Candidacy for Governor of Maryland

Today, Maryland Commerce Secretary, small business owner and mother Kelly Schulz announced her candidacy for Governor of Maryland.

She said, "The past year has been incredibly tough for us all, but the perseverance and fortitude I've seen from Marylanders across our great state has been awe-inspiring. Their strength has inspired me to run for governor and, if given the opportunity, I will serve the people of Maryland with tireless dedication."

Schulz serves as Maryland's Secretary of Commerce and previously served as Maryland's Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. She was a small business owner in the cybersecurity industry and also a former member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

Schulz continued, "We've come a long way over the past few years, but there is still work to be done. I want us - together - to build on our past successes and fulfill the great



promise and potential for the next generation.

"From Western Maryland to Baltimore City, the Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, and my hometown of Frederick, we will chart a better and brighter future for us all."

Schulz is running to be the nominee of the Republican Party. The primary is scheduled to take place on June 28, 2022.

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## Buy Local Guide Released

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, has released the 2021 online guide to Southern Maryland farmers markets, on-farm stores and farm stands.

The 'So. Maryland, So Good: Buy Local Guide', previously known as the Southern Maryland Farmers Market Guide, has been updated with a new look and an expanded directory of regional farmers markets, farm stands and on-farm stores that offer farm raised produce, value-added products, and other Maryland produced farm foods.

Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic and ongoing, local farm food resources such as farmers markets, neighborhood farm stands and on-farm stores have become essential destinations for consumers looking for a dependable supply chain of fresh locally sourced foods. The new So. Maryland, So Good: Buy Local Guide is designed to support this continuing trend with a convenient one-stop-shop directory of Southern Maryland farm market venues that offer a variety of locally grown farm products including produce, meats, seafood, dairy, value-added products such as jams and jellies, pickles, honey, baked goods, and cut flowers, plants and herbs.

The online Buy Local Guide lists more than 30 farmers markets in the five-county area (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's), as well as 22 Southern Maryland farm stands and stores with regular in-person business hours, open to the public seasonally or year-round, and 10 additional markets in Maryland, Washington, D.C and Virginia that host one or more Southern Maryland farm vendor.

Search the interactive guide by county to locate farm markets in your area and find 'need to know'



market details – season openings and business hours, location maps, market websites and social media links, plus information on virtual farmers markets, online order and payment options. Listings also provide vital food access information for food insecure households; bold 'keys' identify which markets, stands and stores accept Federal Nutrition Benefits and look for the 'Maryland Market Money' program logo on participating markets that offer matching dollars for purchases made using SNAP/EBT/P-EBT, eWIC, and Senior and WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) benefits.

The new So. Maryland, So Good: Buy Local Guide is available now to view online at SMADC.com under 'Consumer Resources', on the 'Get our Guides' page. The Guide will be updated frequently as farm markets prepare to open for the 2021 market season and continue to adjust their operational procedures to ensure a safe and adequate food supply for consumers in line with the latest state and federal COVID-19 guidelines.

*Press Release from SMADC*

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# On-Line 'PianoTalks' Scheduled April 30<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary's College of Maryland Musician-in Residence Brian Ganz will resume his popular "PianoTalk" series on the Zoom platform. For the event he will play a major piece from the composer and discuss its significance. PianoTalk will be April 30th at 12 noon and will be free and open to all who register for them, and they will also be available through streaming later.

To register for April 30, "Chopin's Revolutionary... Nocturne!" use this link: [bit.ly/SMCMApril30](https://bit.ly/SMCMApril30)

"It is so wonderful to return to live, real time music making after so many months," pianist Ganz said. "Sharing pre-recorded music certainly has its place, but nothing can replace the excitement and electricity of live music," he continued.

On April 30 Ganz will focus on Chopin. Ganz said, "We'll take a look at a work that Chopin may well have intended as a response to Poland's attempted revolution in November of 1830. Most of us know the Revolutionary Etude, but this nocturne I'm calling 'Revolutionary' is just as powerful in its own way."

Ganz hopes to be the first to perform all the works of Chopin. He began his "Extreme Chopin" quest at Strathmore in North Bethesda in January of 2011 in a sold-out recital that

launched the ambitious campaign to perform the composer's approximately 250 works. The 10th recital in the series, Chopin and the Growth of Genius, took place on February 1, 2020. This year's recital was broadcast virtually in December, and will be rebroadcast on April 25. It can be heard at this link: <https://nationalphilharmonic.org/event/music-that-connects-us-all-encore/>.

Ganz has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the National Philharmonic, the Baltimore and the National Symphonies, the City of London Sinfonia, and L'Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte Carlo. He has performed in many of the world's major concert halls and has played under the baton of such conductors as Leonard Slatkin, Mstislav Rostropovich, Pinchas Zukerman, Jerzy Semkow and Yoel Levi. A critic for La Libre Belgique wrote of Ganz's work: "We don't have the words to speak of this fabulous musician who lives music with a generous urgency and brings his public into a state of intense joy."

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*Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland.*



Classical pianist Brian Ganz will continue his popular "PianoTalk" series virtually on April 20 and April 30 at noon on the Zoom platform.



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# Free Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Card Available

St. Mary's County Health Department and PinPoint US, LLC are partnering to offer free digital COVID-19 vaccine cards for St. Mary's County residents. The VaccineCheck service will generate a personalized digital version of a CDC vaccine card after verifying COVID-19 vaccine history through Maryland's statewide immunization registry.

Residents can also use the service to upload images of their paper CDC vaccine card for safe digital record-keeping accessible through their smartphone or computer.

Data uploads and verification of vaccine history are conducted using the HIPAA-compliant PinPoint platform.

"We could not be more excited about the partnership with St. Mary's County Health Department, the first local health department to implement the VaccineCheck program in the country," says Mr. Chris Nickerson, PinPoint Managing Partner. "The VaccineCheck program will create an authenticated digital copy of vaccination cards for all St. Mary's County residents

after their records have been verified with the Maryland State Immunization Registry, enabling ease of access county-wide."

"This innovative and user-friendly service offers St. Mary's County residents a convenient way to carry with them an electronic version of their CDC vaccine card," says St. Mary's County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster. "In addition, residents who have lost their paper record can now access an authenticated digital version to verify their vaccination status. We are so grateful for the ingenuity of the PinPoint team and their partnership in making this service available for free to St. Mary's County residents."

St. Mary's County residents can access the VaccineCheck service at [www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine)

For local COVID-19 updates, information and data, please visit [www.smchd.org/coronavirus](http://www.smchd.org/coronavirus) or call the St. Mary's County Health Department at 301-475-4330.

*Joint Press Release from PinPoint US, LLC and St. Mary's County Health Department*

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

## Wanted- Rainier Nazal Dizon

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Rainier Nazal Dizon, age 39 of Lexington Park. Dizon is wanted for failing to register as a sex offender/providing false information. Dizon is 5'8" and weighs 190 pounds with brown hair and eyes.



Rainier Dizon

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Rainier Nazal Dizon is asked to contact Detective Taylore Nauman at (301) 475-4200 extension 78109 or by email at [Taylore.Nauman@stmarysm.com](mailto:Taylore.Nauman@stmarysm.com). For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

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

For official news and information, follow the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on Twitter @firstsheriff.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person shown in a theft investigation. On Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:45 pm, the suspect placed merchandise in his jacket pocket and then left the Family Dollar store in Lexington Park without paying.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Allison Mattera at 301-475-4200, ext. 78124 or email [allison.mattera@stmarysm.com](mailto:allison.mattera@stmarysm.com). Case # 20489-21

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## Wanted - Leon Anthony Barnes

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's

Office is seeking the whereabouts of Leon Anthony Barnes, 46 of Lexington Park, for Second-Degree Escape from the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown. Barnes violated the terms of his pretrial release by allowing his monitoring device to expire this week.



Leon Anthony Barnes

Anyone with information about Barnes' whereabouts is asked to contact Detective Corporal Austin Schultz at 301-475-4200, ext. 71953 or email [austin.schultz@stmarysm.com](mailto:austin.schultz@stmarysm.com). Case # 20324-21

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## Assault-

On April 6, 2021, Dep. Salas responded to the 21600 block of Liberty Street in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined the victim and Kenya

## Deanne Marbley,

age 21 of Lexington Park,

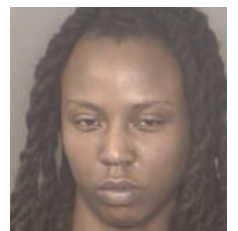
were involved in an argument.

During the argument, Marbley

obtained a steak knife and threatened the victim.

The victim was

able to remove the knife from Marbley at which time Marbley obtained a pocket knife which she placed under the victim's chin and threatened the victim. During the incident, the victim sustained bruises and cuts from struggling with Marbley in attempts to disarm her. Marbley was placed under arrest and proceeded to strike a deputy on scene in the face. Marbley was charged with Assault First Degree and two counts of Assault 2nd Degree.



Kenya Marbley

## Editor's Note:

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

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# Christmas in April Moves to May

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County Christmas in April (CIA) has helped refurbish and rebuild homes for the disadvantaged and disabled for more than 30 years here, but their county-wide, one-day event they have held annually to do the charity work came to an abrupt halt last year with the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But now, the group is ready to get volunteers to get back to its single day of heavy lifting home renovation. The date set is May, 22, said Howard Thompson, president of the group.

"It's just to give people enough time to get comfortable with dealing with the virus, everyone's getting vaccinated now," Thompson said.

In the past crews of laborers and skilled tradespeople as high as 50 in number would descend upon a house in need of repair, working inside and out all day long until the work was completed.

But with fears of COVID-19 infection still a serious concern, much of the way CIA operates has had to change.

Masks and gloves will be standard issue on job sites, Thompson said, and whereas most of the work was once done on the interior of a home, the focus now will be more on the home's exterior.

"We're going to require those [masks and gloves] of all of our volunteers," Thompson said. "We'll do as much on the outside as we can; we'll focus on what we can do on the outside and underneath the home.

"It used to be 60/40 inside and outside work, now it's going in reverse."

Mold and pest control will be one of the services CIA provides this year on its workday.

"We've always done that," Thompson said. "You don't know what you'll get when you walk into a house."

While CIA was not able to have its major public workday this past year, its volunteers worked throughout the winter to help struggling homeowners on a case by case basis.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic was still raging, they found ways to help.

"The truth is, the last few years we've been working all year round," Thompson told The County Times. "When we're going out on home inspection tours, we find all kinds of problems.

"In some of these cases the repairs can't wait, you really have to help them right there."

In one case, CIA volunteers helped a disabled woman whose floorboards in her trailer's hallway, leading to her bathroom, had rotted through.

While rolling along in a wheelchair, Thompson said, the woman would have to find ways to lay a board down and pick it up and replace it in front of her to get closer to the bathroom.

"It was sad, it was tragic," said Thompson.

CIA volunteers were able to fix the problem.

CIA volunteers have also kept busy during the pandemic by building handicapped ramps for the disabled; Thompson explained that people who had recently gotten out of the hospital and were confined in wheelchairs or otherwise disabled returned home without their homes being modified.

CIA solved those problems, he said.

With CIA crews going into people's homes this year, those crews will be much smaller to help forestall the potential spread of COVID-19; they will be

just 15-person groups this year, Thompson said.

The number of homes to be repaired this year will be about the same – 16 – but the scope of work will have to be reduced.

"It won't be on that grand a scale," Thompson said. "We have 16 homes to work on, 13 of them are on the list of last year."

In all there are between 300 and 400 volunteers ready to work next month but CIA is still in need of skilled, licensed laborers such as carpenters, plumbers and electricians.

"This year is the first we've had to look for plumbers," Thompson said.

COVID-19 made raising funds to continue the work CIA does much more difficult, Thompson said, which meant CIA had to reach into savings to restart its event this year.

Some local companies, which have provided in the past both funding and volunteers have had to pull back from their commitments.

"Some companies aren't letting their people do this," Thompson said. "They're very strict about COVID-19.

"Thank God we had some savings, so we tapped into that; and most of our materials are donated."

So many volunteers require fuel to keep working throughout the day, too, but this year it will be harder to do even that.

In times past it was easier to just go out and get meals for the crews, this year much more planning will be in order.

"We have to feed the people," Thompson said. "The meals this time will have to be pre-packaged, pre-made."

At the end of the CIA workday there has always been a huge feast laid out



for volunteers at the Leonardtown fair grounds, with volunteers feasting at tables in close contact.

This will also have to change this year.

"This year we'll have things like hamburgers and hotdogs," Thompson said, "But it won't be like it was.

"If we can't do it outside, we won't do it."

In past years, volunteers have been rewarded with a t-shirt from CIA as well commemorating their work; they will still receive one, just with last year's date on it.

"It just didn't make sense to print new ones this year," Thompson said.

Despite the reduction in some of the amenities for CIA volunteers this year, the organization is still committed to trying to make the work a positive experience.

But they also want to ensure homeowners get the most out of the volunteers' efforts.

"We're not going to let anybody down," Thompson said.

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# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Team Effort Brings First-Of-Its-Kind P-8A Decoy Prototype to Test

An Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20 P-8A Poseidon successfully completed an airworthiness test of a pod-mounted radio frequency countermeasure (RFCM) prototype at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Atlantic Test Ranges, March 12 at NAS Patuxent River.

The first-of-its-kind radio frequency defense decoy could allow the P-8A to thwart enemy radio frequency missile attacks.

“This has the potential to be a game-changer for protecting the warfighter,” said Capt. Eric Gardner, program manager for the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft Program Office (PMA-290). “We continue to look for ways to enhance capabilities that allow the fleet to be successful.”

Getting the pod into testing, in just over a year, took a complete team effort.

Constantly looking for upgrades to the P-8A, PMA-290 set out to find a solution to a potential threat from surface-to-air radio frequency missiles.

Outlining their needs and running lead on the project, PMA-290 brought in the Advanced Tactical Aircraft Protection Systems Program Office (PMA-272),

the Rapid Prototyping, Experimentation & Demonstration (RPED) team, and the NAWCAD Aircraft Prototype Systems Division (APSD) to get the ball rolling.

The RPED team supported APSD in designing the RFCM pod, which integrated the proven AN/ALE-55 Fiber Optic Towed Decoy from PMA-272 into a shell. The team developed the shell design based on the certified AGM-84 Harpoon missile, and then incorporated unique tracks and housing to fit and deploy the decoy.

By employing the assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition’s delegation of other transactions authority (OTA) for prototype projects, PMA-290 and NAWCAD were able to complete a one-of-a-kind contract with BAE Systems to develop the RFCM pod’s additional internal equipment suite. The OTA, a non-Federal Acquisition Regulation contracting approach, could potentially allow this critical self-protection technology to transition from prototype to fleet capability in much less time than a traditional effort.

APSD and BAE leveraged the established AN/ALE-55 electrical design to

accommodate the suite’s installation.

“A lot of the challenge and effort went into designing, to our best estimates, for what BAE was expected to put in the pod,” said Michael Hansell, the leading APSD engineer for the project. “We had to adapt and redesign rapidly. We worked as fast as possible to support PMA-290 and RPED to make sure we could pivot and adjust to meet established timelines.”

Constant tweaks were needed as the teams continued to hone in on a capable design.

“Michael Hansell and his team’s flexibility and willingness to go above and beyond, to work through issues and prepare for BAE, was key in getting [the pod design and build] done in a timely manner,” said James Sherman, the APSD project lead.

The Naval Innovative Science & Engineering (NISE) program funded the project, which provided the means to conceptualize, prototype, build, and test this new capability for the Navy.

This funding accelerated the design and manufacturing cycle for the prototype to just under six months. The expedited developmental process supports

the rapid prototyping of new and developing technologies and provides the resources to find solutions and incorporate improvements to fill capability gaps in the fleet faster.

The teams were also able to utilize PMA-272’s F/A-18 lab equipment to speed up the timeline.

All this teamwork culminated in the successful airworthiness test with VX-20.

“This shows that when we identify a need and work rapidly as a team we can bring a viable solution to test that has the ability to greatly impact the warfighter,” said Lt. Cmdr. Mike Marschall, PMA-290 weapons and rapid capabilities co-team lead.

Following the test, the pod went to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California where it successfully completed effectiveness testing, March 21-26. It will now continue to be tested at a system level leading to platform integration through planned capability fielding phases.

PMA-290 manages the acquisition, development, support, and delivery of the Navy’s Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft.



A member of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20 puts a pod-mounted radio frequency countermeasure system on a P-8A Poseidon, March 12. The pod successfully completed an air worthiness test at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Atlantic Test Ranges at NAS Patuxent River

# Baltimore Mayor to Deliver St. Mary's College of Maryland Commencement Address

St. Mary's College of Maryland is pleased to announce that Mayor of Baltimore and St. Mary's College alumnus Brandon M. Scott '06 will be the College's 2021 Commencement speaker. The virtual Commencement celebration will be held on Saturday, May 8, beginning at 9 a.m., to coincide with the first of three in-person Grad Walks at the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium.

Scott is the 52nd mayor of Baltimore, Maryland. He was unanimously elected president of the Baltimore City Council by his colleagues in May 2019. As Council President, Scott developed and released the first-ever City Council President legislative agenda, focused on building safer, stronger communities, cleaning up city government, investing in Baltimore's young people, and centering equity.

Previously, Scott served on the City Council representing Baltimore's 2nd District. He was first elected in 2011 at the age of 27 and is one of the youngest people ever elected to the Baltimore City Council.

During his first term, Scott emerged as a leading voice in reducing violence in Baltimore and reinstated Council oversight of the Baltimore Police Department by holding quarterly hearings. He believes that reducing violence will require a holistic, all-hands-on-deck approach, one



Mayor of Baltimore and St. Mary's College alumnus Brandon M. Scott '06

that recognizes violence is fundamentally a public health issue. Scott led legislative initiatives that created extensive crime data sharing and online reporting of crimes by the Baltimore Police Department. In 2016, Scott introduced and passed legislation creating an open data policy in Baltimore.

In early 2018, then-Councilman Scott introduced and passed legislation on equity in Baltimore. His equity assessment program law requires all city

agencies to operate through a lens of equity and require all operating budgets, capital budgets and proposed legislation to be weighed through an equity lens. That legislation is in the early stages of implementation.

Scott was a member of the Young Elected Officials Network and served as the secretary of Housing and Urban Development for YEO's America's Cabinet. He also served as the chair of the National League of Cities' Large Cities Council.

Scott is a lifelong resident of Baltimore City. He is a graduate of MERVO High School and St. Mary's College of Maryland. He lives in Baltimore's Frankford neighborhood in Northeast Baltimore.

Scott recently joined a St. Mary's College of Maryland Student Government Association meeting where he discussed his years as an undergraduate at the College. He shared how his campus involvement helped to prepare him for future leadership roles and his participation in campus traditions.

"My friends and the people who were there when I was at St. Mary's will tell you long ago, I knew I wanted to be the mayor of Baltimore because for me, serving and making my city a better place is the only thing that I ever really wanted to do with my life. I will tell you, that would not have happened, if I did not go to St. Mary's. My degree is in political science, but really, my activism and my service really blossomed at St. Mary's. Being the president of Black Student Union, being on the SGA programs board and many other things are how I learned about coalition building and [this] is where I learned to work for things greater than oneself and worked to improve the lives of all people."

*Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland.*

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### Meet Maryland Author John Balkam

John Balkam, author, social entrepreneur, and sports marketing professional will be joining us to talk about his book "3-Win Sponsorship: The Next Generation of Sports & Entertainment Marketing" on Monday, April 12 from 7 – 8 p.m. As a public speaker and the founder of Third Win Group, John's primary goal is to connect activist athletes and artists to brand marketing teams interested in taking a stand on social and environmental issues. In 3-Win Sponsorship, he points out the impact that sports and entertainment sponsorships have had on our society in the past, and the reasons why athletes, artists, and entertainers will continue to influence social issues in the future. Join us as John explains the 5 principles behind a 3-win sponsorship, how a Win-Win-Win mentality benefits all of us, and the business case for brands to embrace the 3-Win

mindset and methodology. Register with an email address on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event. Copies of Balkam's books will be available for purchase at White Rabbit Bookstore in California, MD

### STEM Fun: Art Machines

STEM Fun: Art Machines will be held Tuesday, April 13 from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Learn about levers and fulcras as you engineer three sculptures that are designed to move. Register to reserve a supply kit and receive the link to the live Zoom event with STEM coaches from FutureMakers. Register once per child needing a supply kit on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org); kits will be available for pickup beginning Thursday, April 8. The live program will also be recorded for later viewing.



### Art with Jamie Naluai: Welcome Spring

Paint a spring scene in acrylic on wood with local artist Jamie Naluai on Thursday, April 8 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Find a list of recommended materials to follow along and register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org). Jamie Naluai is a local artist based in Southern Maryland who creates murals, faux finishes, and trompe l'oeil of all sizes in Maryland and the greater Washington D.C. area.

### Outdoor Storytime at Historic St. Mary's City

Stories, songs, and activities for children with their adult caregivers, in the great outdoors at Historic St. Mary's City on Saturday, April 17 from 9 – 9:30

a.m. Siblings welcome; please register once per family group on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org). Rain date: Apr 24. This activity will take place on the State House lawn, which is a grassy area. Participants should park at the State House parking area and follow the signs to storytime, bring blankets or chairs for comfort, and follow social distancing practices during the event. This outdoor event is weather-dependent; in case of bad weather it will be postponed or cancelled. Masks are encouraged during the outdoor storytime, and required to enter any Historic St. Mary's City buildings. Storytime attendance is free; families wishing to explore the grounds afterward should plan to visit the Gift Shop to purchase admission after 10am.

# School Employees Recognized

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. Scott Smith announces the "outstanding employees" who have been recognized for their service and dedication to St. Mary's County Public Schools.

Irene Hall, Food Service Manager at Spring Ridge Middle School, has been selected as the Educational Support Professional of the Year award winner. The Educational Support Professional of the Year award was established in 2009 to recognize the essential role support staff has on the success of the school system by fostering a positive learning environment for students. Hall has been employed with St. Mary's County Public Schools for ten years.

April Ryan, Art Teacher at George Washington Carver Elementary School, has been selected as the representative from St. Mary's County Public Schools for the Maryland Teacher of the Year program. Ryan has been employed with St. Mary's County Public Schools for a total of six years. She will compete against other teachers from across the State of Maryland for the Maryland Teacher of the Year Award. Ryan holds a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree, with certification in Visual Art, and a Bachelor's Degree in Studio Art from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Jennifer Rea, Science Teacher at Esperanza Middle School, has been selected as the representative from St. Mary's County Public Schools for the Washington Post Teacher of the Year program. Rea has been employed with St. Mary's County Public Schools for thirteen years. She was a finalist for the Washington Post Teacher of the Year Award competing against other teachers from public and private schools throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Rea holds a Master's Degree in Childhood Education and Literacy from Long Island University/C. W. Post Campus and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with Honors from Stony Brook University.

Janet Fowler, Principal of Greenview Knolls Elementary School, has been selected as the representative from St. Mary's County Public Schools for the Washington Post Principal of the Year program. Fowler has been employed with St. Mary's County Public Schools for eighteen years, the last eight in the role of principal. She was a finalist for the Washington Post Principal of the Year Award competing against other principals from public and private schools throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Fowler holds a Master's Degree in Leadership in Teaching with a concentration in Administration, Supervision and Reading from the College of Notre Dame and a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education PreK-Three from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Laurel Dietz, Assistant Principal of Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary School, has been selected as the Leader of Excellence award winner. The Leader of Excellence award was established in 2018 to recognize the essential role administrative or supervisory staff has on the success of the school system by fostering cooperation between the school or school system and the community. Dietz has been employed with St. Mary's County Public Schools for twenty years, the last five in the role of Assistant Principal. Ms. Dietz holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Towson University and a Bachelor's Degree in Music from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

As the school system celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2021, they not only thank their teachers, but principals, administrative and support staff as well. Every employee makes an important contribution to the success of our students. Hall, Ryan, Rea, Fowler and Dietz will represent the school system along with all nominees for the Educational Support Professional of the Year and Outstanding Educator, and other St. Mary's County Public Schools' staff at a virtual Staff Recognition Ceremony on May 13, 2021.

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# Regulations Issued for Bay Striped Bass Fishing

Include Two-Week Midseason Closure



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces new regulations for the Chesapeake Bay summer-fall striped bass season.

The 2021 summer-fall season in most areas of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries will be open May 16 through July 15, and resume August 1 through Dec. 10. Anglers would be able to keep one striped bass per person, per day, with a minimum size of 19 inches. During a chartered fishing trip, the captain or mate would not be permitted to land or possess striped bass for personal consumption.

During the closure period from July 16 through July 31, anglers will be prohibited from targeting striped bass, which includes catch-and-release and charter boats.

The 2018 benchmark stock assess-

ment for striped bass indicated declines, so the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has determined that conservation measures are needed to reduce the amount of striped bass being removed. This includes dead discards, which are fish that die after being caught and returned to the water.

Maryland has coordinated with the ASMFC to develop regulations in compliance with its coastwide fishery management plan. After a midseason closure was inaugurated during the 2020 season, data collected by the department determined that the water quality and temperatures are more potentially harmful to striped bass during the last two weeks of July than proposed closure dates later in the season.

*Press Release from MD DNR.*

# Seahawks Defeat Knights, Sweep Series

The St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team (8-8, 6-4 C2C) hosted the Southern Virginia University Knights (0-15, 0-8 C2C) on Saturday (Apr. 17) afternoon in Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference action. The Seahawks defeated the Knights 13-9 and swept the series with a perfect 4-0 record against Southern Virginia this season. **St. Mary's College - 13, Southern Virginia University - 9**

## How It Happened

Southern Virginia grabbed the early lead with two runs in the top of the first inning. St. Mary's College cut the Knight lead in half in the bottom of the first with a RBI single from Dillon Waters. In the second inning, Southern Virginia extended their advantage to 4-1, but the Seahawks responded with three runs in the bottom half to even the game 4-4. Sam James lined a two RBI double and Jake Wood flied out to center field to bring James home for the three runs.

St. Mary's College held a slim 6-5 lead after three innings, but started to pull away from the Knights in the fourth and fifth innings. Joey Bryner tallied a RBI single in the fourth inning before the Seahawks exploded for four runs in the fifth inning to jump out to a commanding 11-5 lead.

James and Woods recorded RBI's in the inning while Sam Smith scored on a passed ball and Derrick Booker made his way home due to a wild pitch.

From there, Wood and D. Waters recorded RBI singles in the seventh inning to extend the Seahawk lead to 13-6. The Knights managed to plate three runs between the eighth and ninth innings but couldn't overcome their deficit.

## Inside the Box Score

Booker and D. Waters led the Seahawks from the plate with three hits each. Booker also drew two walks and D. Waters tallied two RBI. Wood and James led the Seahawks with three RBI each.

Mark Smith started the game on the mound for the Seahawks and threw five innings, and eventually earned the victory. Smith racked up five strikeouts and allowed four earned runs. Jackson Edelman and Nick Testoni pitched in relief. Edelman pitched three innings and recorded four strikeouts, while Testoni threw the final inning of the contest.

## Up Next for the Seahawks

Apr. 23 vs. Salisbury | 3 p.m.

*Press Release from SMCM.*

# Comeback Attempt for Seahawks Falls Short



Photo Credit: Bill Wood

The #22 St. Mary's College of Maryland women's lacrosse team (6-4, 2-3 C2C) hosted the #4 Salisbury University Sea Gulls (11-0, 2-4 C2C) on Saturday (Apr. 17) evening in Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference action. The Seahawks trailed by eight goals at one point and eventually fell 14-13 in overtime.

## #22 St. Mary's College - 13, #4 Salisbury University - 14

### How It Happened

• Salisbury jumped out to a 3-0 lead early in the first half, but the Seahawks cut the Sea Gull lead to one with back-to-back goals from Jayne Barkman and Lily Davison. Next, Salisbury went on a five-goal run to extend their advantage to 8-2. Kelly Emge tallied the final goal for the Seahawks in the first half at the 8:36 mark, but Salisbury notched the final goal of the half and took a 9-3 lead into halftime.

• The Sea Gulls recorded back-to-back goals to start the second half to take their largest lead of the game, 11-3. St. Mary's College continued to compete and strung together a three-goal run to trim the Salisbury lead to 11-6. Barkman, Davison, and Emge fired shots into the back of the cage during the run.

• After a goal from Salisbury at the 21:41 mark, the Seahawks began their furious comeback attempt with five unanswered goals to bring the score 12-11 in favor of Salisbury. Nancy Slaughter and

Emge found the back of the net twice, while Lucy Gussio scored once during the run.

• The Sea Gulls scored with 7:01 remaining in regulation to extend their advantage to 13-11, but the Seahawks responded with back-to-back goals from Barkman and Davison to even the score at 13. With four minutes remaining, the Seahawks used clutch saves from Aimee Uibel and stout defensive play from their defensive unit to head into overtime. However, the Seahawks were charged with a yellow card with one second remaining in the second half and the penalty carried over into overtime. St. Mary's College started overtime a player down and couldn't overcome the disadvantage as Salisbury scored the game-winner at the 4:46 mark of overtime.

### Inside the Box Score

• Emge led the Seahawks on the offensive end with four goals. Gussio, Barkman, Slaughter, and Davison followed with three points each, respectively. Francesca Ziccardi and Stephanie Heffron tied for the team lead with two caused turnovers each. Uibel led the Seahawks with four ground balls, while Barkman recorded a team-high eight draw controls. In goal, Uibel collected 11 saves.

• Alexis Strobel led Salisbury with one goal and five assists.

### Up Next for the Seahawks

• Apr. 22 vs. Mary Washington | 4 PM | Jamie L. Roberts Stadium

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# Hardy Two for Two With Battle of the Bay After Friday Potomac Score

*"Hatcher Ten Straight in Street Stocks, Bounty Placed"*

By Doug Watson  
Budds Creek, MD-

Fresh off his Georgetown (DE) Speedway win on Thursday night, Winchester Va's Kyle Hardy drove to a thrilling win in round two of the "Battle of the Bay" RUSH Dirt Late Model Series Friday at Potomac Speedway. Hardy's win, worth \$3000, came in his family owned Rocket no.99 and would be his 5th win overall in 2021 and his first career RUSH triumph at Potomac.

Former Potomac RUSH champion Logan Roberson darted from the pole and appeared to have the car to beat as he effortlessly lead a majority of the the 30-lap event. As Roberson lead, Kyle Hardy emerged in second on the 25th lap and went after Roberson. The final lap of the feature had the fans on their feet as Hardy caught Roberson and as the duo raced into turn three, contact was made with Hardy surviving to take the win with Roberson second. "This has been a great season so far for us." Hardy stated in victory lane. "I know Logan is probably upset with me, but with \$3000 on the line we had to try something." Hardy gave his view on the move that won him the race. "The line into three got cleaned and polished and I could just roll through." Said Hardy. "He (Roberson) was just dead stopped and I got to him at the exact time and unfortunately we got together." Max Blair was third with Matt Quade and the Jeremy Wonderling completing the top five. Heats for the 44 entries went to Max Blair, Logan Roberson, Kyle Hardy, Ben Scott, Walker Arthur and Jeremy Wonderling. Triple B-Mains went to Levi Crowl, Darrell Bossard and Joe Martin.

In support class action, PJ Hatcher rolled to his 10th consecutive and third win of the season in the 15-lap Street Stock feature. Potomac management has now placed a bounty of \$200 to any division driver who can beat Hatcher in a feature while he is still on the track. Colin Long became the

third different winner of the three week old season with his victory in the 15-Lap Hobby Stock main with Dominic King collecting his second win in a row in the 15-lap U Car nightcap.

## RUSH Late Model feature finish

Kyle Hardy, Logan Roberson, Max Blair, Matt Quade, Jeremy Wonderling, Austin Hubbard, Kyle Lukon, Levi Crowl, Jeremy Pilkerton, Walker Arthur, Joe Martin, Nick Davis, Logan Zarin, Amanda Robinson, Justin Kann, John Waters, Josh Ferry, Sparky White, Ben Scott, Darrell Bossard, Jason Genco, Matt Glanden, Cody Dawson, Donald Lingo Jr., Joey Love

DNQ- Ed Pope Jr, Chuck Bowie, Derek Magee, Robert Smith, Devin Brannon, Cory Sines, JJ Mazur, Kyle Murray, Brandon Sturgis, Megan Mann, Ryan Frazee, Bill Henry, Bud Watson, Andy Michael, Mike Raleigh, Cody Stamp, Michael Duritsky, Trevor Collins, Timmy Booth

## Street Stock feature finish

PJ Hatcher, Deuce Wright, Stevie Gingery, Ben Pirner, Marty Hanbury, Bailey Tolson, Mike Bladen DNS- Hank Stonestreet

## Hobby Stock feature finish

Colin Long, Mason Hanson, Mikey Latham, Wyatt Hanson, Buddy Dunagan, Hilton Pickeral, Watson Gordon, James Rainey, Billy Crouse, James Stone Jr, Eric Hanson, Troy Kassiris, Stephen Suite DNS-Owen Lacey

## Strictly Stock feature finish

Greg Mattingly, Casey Sheckles, Daniel Knodle, Richie Gibson, Cameron Harris, Nabil Guffey, Scooter Tippett, Brian Johnson DNS-Bob Todd, Justin Hatcher, Travis Dye, Natalie Davis

## U Car feature finish

Dominic King, Kyle Randall, Kristy Whitehouse, Seth Hood, Lonnie Hobday, Kaitlyn Inscoc, Joey Suite, Jason Penn, Emily Quade, Joseph Beard, Richard Inscoc, Ashley Stansell, Mackenzie Smith, Faith Lacey

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### Welcome Back to the Department of Aging & Human Services!

The Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to announce the re-opening of the Senior Activity Centers to the public. Centers will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. All activities and use of the fitness equipment will be available by appointment only. Face coverings will be required at all times while in the Senior Activity Centers. For more information, visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1050.

### Scattergories- it's back with a new day and time!

Friday, April 23, 1 p.m. via Zoom

Candice and Shellie will again be hosting Scattergories two times a month on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 p.m.! This game requires paper, pencil and computer or smart phone to connect with us on ZOOM. The rules are easy, but the categories can be challenging. If you like thinking up things that start with a specific letter while competing against a timer and other players, then this is for you! To get in on the game, e-mail Candice.Nelson@stmarysmd.com. She will e-mail you the link on the morning of play. Players will be admitted starting at 12:50 p.m. so that the game can begin on time.

### Fancy Jar Basket Class

This is a great project if you like to use your hands. Pam King returns on Friday, April 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for basketweaving online using Zoom. The project is designed for those with a beginner to intermediate skill level. (Reasonable hand dexterity is needed if you are trying this for the first time.) The Fancy Jar Basket is a small basket woven around a small jar with dyed embellishments. The Zoom class can accommodate up to 9 participants with an internet connection. Complete kit includes-jar, wooden base, pre-cut basketry reed in several sizes for weaving, and printed instructions assembled in a zip lock bag. Supply kits are available by pickup at the Northern Senior Activity Center in a contactless manner. There is no fee to participate; funding for this program is provided by the Maryland Department of Aging Senior Center Operating Funds Grant. For more information or to register in advance, contact Helene Hunter at 301-475-4200, ext. 3101.

### 911 Memorial Tour

There is still time and space to register for a virtual tour of the 911 Memorial. The tour will take place on April 28, 2021 at Noon. This 45 minute live virtual tour via Zoom will explore the design and history of the outdoor

Memorial, highlighting the stories of those affected by the attack. Funding for this event is being provided by the MD Department of Aging Senior Center Operating Funds Grant and will be offered free of charge for up to 100 participants. Pre-registration is required by e-mailing Shellie Graziano at [Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com).

### Current Events Session on Zoom

Do you want to discuss today's topics with others? There's a lot going on! This was a popular meeting at the Loffler Senior Activity Center before COVID happened. Now that people are getting accustomed to using Zoom, we think this is a good time to start meeting again. We will hold these discussions on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10 a.m. The next one is scheduled for April 26. You do NOT need to have a Zoom account to attend, you only need to have access to the internet via computer, laptop or phone and an e-mail account so that we can send you the link, which you will receive in a reminder notice before the meeting. Contact Sheila. Graziano@stmarysmd.com to sign up for the first session.

### Virtual Book Club on Zoom

The Loffler Book Club is currently reading Book of the Little Axe by Lauren Francis Sharma. A few copies are being held for us at the Lexington Park Library. If you would like to read this novel and discuss with the book club on Friday, May 7, at 2 p.m. on Zoom then contact Shellie at Sheila. Graziano@stmarysmd.com. You do not need a Zoom account to participate, you just need an e-mail address. The link will be sent to you the day of the meeting.

### Community Shred Day & Medication Collection

The Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to partner with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, the St. Mary's County Health Department, and the Department of Public Works & Transportation to host a Community Shred Day & Medication Collection on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the governmental center, located at 41780 Baldrige St, Leonardtown, MD.

For the safety of the community and employees assisting during this event, masks will be required. Remain in your vehicle once on site and adhere to instructions from attendants. Please place documents or expired medications in your trunk or truck bed to lessen the chance of exposure.

For more information, contact Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073, or email [Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com).



**Spring Craft & Vendor Show**  
May 1, 2021  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Leonardtown Volunteer  
Fire Department  
Outside in the Carnival Lot  
22733 Lawrence Ave Leonardtown  
Gifts & Goodies ~ 30 Plus Vendors  
Handmade Crafts & Vendor Items  
For vendor info email [jamieredd@hotmail.com](mailto:jamieredd@hotmail.com)  
Sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Leonardtown  
Volunteer Fire Department

# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, April 22

### Diabetes Prevention Program

The Diabetes Prevention Program helps participants establish and stick with positive lifestyle changes, such as healthy eating habits, physical activity and positive stress management, which can prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. This free program includes 16 weekly sessions, followed by monthly sessions for ongoing support from a lifestyle coach. Register at [www.smchd.org/dpp](http://www.smchd.org/dpp).

## Friday, April 23

### Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Shabbat evening services are being held online due to COVID19. Beth Israel Synagogue will hold online services EVERY FRIDAY at 7 PM. Check our website calendar ([bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html](http://bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html)) for event details.

### Carnival Pizza And Funnel Fries Drive Thru

Hollywood VFD 4p.m.- 7p.m.  
Prices are pepperoni \$12, cheese \$10, funnel fries \$4. Pre-Orders recommended: No Orders after 4/21. Call Elaine Quade 301-373-2695.

## Saturday, April 24

### Spring Craft and Vendor Fair

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$30.00, Register for event / For more information: Call Darlene at 240-434-1095 after 5:00PM; If it rains, accommodations will be made to move into bldgs.; (\*DUE TO THE CDC GUIDELINES WE REQUEST THAT YOU WEAR A MASK, AND SPACES WILL BE 6FT DISTANCE\*)

## Tuesday, April 27

### Science for Citizens

Virtual; 7 p.m.  
Future Chesapeake Bay health will depend on the combined in-

fluence of environmental changes and peoples' responses to those changes. Dr. Lisa Wainger will describe research into these combined effects that found that adaptations that farmers are already making to improve crop growth under changing weather are likely to prevent some harm to Chesapeake Bay water quality. This beneficial effect could be enhanced by looking for additional opportunities to change the timing of nutrients to water bodies. <https://www.usmf.org/ScienceForCitizens/>

### Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.  
Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The support group meets weekly. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. For more information call the church office and leave a message at 301-645-0660 or email us at [admin@ccsomd.com](mailto:admin@ccsomd.com).

## Wednesday, April 28

### Wayback Wednesdays

We hope you're loving our weekly video series showing some of the stories that make St. Mary's County's history so unique and interesting. We thought this would be a fun way to bring our closed museums to you while we all keep our social distance. Join us every week for short videos featuring everything from the quirky to the fascinating - tune in! We have several episodes in the playlist! [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)

### DAV Assistance Program

St. Mary's Square ReStore; 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Veterans - do you have a service-connected disability? Did you receive an injury while on active duty and are now filing for disability through the Veterans Administration (VA)? The Disabled American Veterans organization is here to assist you with

those VA forms at no cost to you. These men and women (who are disabled veterans) are volunteers who ensure you are placing the proper information in the proper blocks and advise you on common mistakes that are made on these VA forms. Their spaces are toward the rear of the building on the left side. Stop by and see if we can be of assistance to you. No appointment necessary.

## Thursday, April 29

### Healthy Meal Prep Seminar

Virtual; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Please visit [healthystmarys.com/eatlivebehealthy](http://healthystmarys.com/eatlivebehealthy) to register.

### Diabetes Prevention Program

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## Ongoing

### Scratch-Off Fundraiser Raffle

PRIZE; \$250 Scratch-Offs & \$100 Cash; \$5.00 Per Ticket - (MUST BE 18 TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS); Purchase in Person: \*At SDVFD & RS, Valley Lee - Wednesday (630pm - 830pm); \*At Dyson's Lumber, Great Mills - Saturdays (8am-2pm); or \*At WEIS, Callaway - Sundays (9am-1pm); For more information contact: Robin Dove (240)577-0270, Drawing: Tuesday, May 18, 2021@ SDVFDRS Auxiliary Meeting; Winner need not be present to win!

### Blackstone Grill Raffle

To benefit 7 th District VFD Auxiliary Range Top Combo with

Griddle, Two-Burner Stovetop & Fryer A basket full of Cooking Essentials included. Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Ruffled: July 2, 2021 Contact: Barbara Sue at 301-769-2654

### COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Lexington Park Office:  
Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 862-1680  
Leonardtown Office:

Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 475-4330  
SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:

Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free  
No doctor's order needed

Free of Charge (no out-of-pocket cost, co-payment, co-insurance, etc.)

Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible - Uninsured community members are

## Upcoming

### Unicorn Photo Fundraiser

Greenwell State Park; May 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We are excited to announce a very special fundraiser event which will include an opportunity to get your photo taken with one of our very own Greenwell unicorns! You can sign up for a timeslot at <https://greenwellfoundation.org/event/unicorn-photo-fundraiser/>. We will be following all safety procedures and masks will be required (you may remove masks briefly for the photo). Please join us and celebrate spring with a great family photo! Hope to see you there!

# Be Conscious Of Your Investment Environment

On April 22, we observe Earth Day, an occasion that has inspired millions of people over the decades to take steps to clean up our world. Of course, your physical surroundings are important, but you also operate in other “ecosystems” – social, cultural and political. And you’ll need to consider your investment environment, too. How can you improve it?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Avoid “toxic” investment strategies.**

The dangers of pollution helped drive the creation of Earth Day. As an investor, you also need to watch out for “toxins” – particularly in the form of unhealthy investment techniques. For example, chasing after “hot” stocks can burn you. In the first place, by the time you’ve heard of them, they may already be cooling off. Second, and probably more important, these hot stocks just may be wrong for the investment mix that’s appropriate for your needs. Another toxic investment strategy: trying to “time” the market by “buying low and selling high.” No one can really predict when market highs and lows will occur, and if you’re always jumping in and out of the investment world, you’ll likely waste time and effort – not to mention money. Instead of looking for today’s hottest stocks or guessing where the market is heading, try to create and follow a long-term investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Reduce waste.**

From an environmental standpoint, the less waste and garbage we produce, the better it is for our planet. As an investor, can you find “wasteful” elements in your portfolio? It’s possible that you own some investments that may

be redundant – that is, they are virtually indistinguishable from others you may have. Also, some investments, due to their risk profile or performance, no longer may be suitable for your needs. In either case – redundancy or unsuitability – you might be better off selling the investments and using the proceeds to purchase others that can be more helpful.

- **Recycle wisely.**

Recycling is a major part of the environmental movement. At first, though, you might not think the concept of recycling could apply to investing. But consider this: If you own stocks or mutual funds, you may receive dividends, and, like many people, you may choose to automatically reinvest those dividends back into the stocks or funds. So, in a sense, you are indeed “recycling” your dividend payments to boost your ownership stakes – without expending additional resources. And, in fact, this can be quite an effective and efficient way to increase your wealth over time.

- **Plant some “trees.”**

Planting trees has always been a key activity among boosters of the environment – with the recognition that their efforts will take years, or even decades, to reach fruition. When you invest, you must sometimes start small. By purchasing a limited amount of an investment and nurturing it over the years by adding more shares, you may one day have achieved significant growth. (Keep in mind, though, that there are no guarantees – variable investments such as stocks can lose principal.)

By making these and other moves, you can create a healthy investment environment – one that can help you achieve your long-term goals.

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## Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



### JUST WHEN YOU STOP LOOKING...

You know the old saying, “Just when you stop looking for something you will find it”. Sometimes, I think the items really weren’t there at all and then will suddenly, and magically, appear. I will swear that whatever the item was, it was not in its proper place the last 15 times I looked. Does this happen to others too? I have been looking for photos of my great aunts and uncles, great grandmother, my mother, and I, taken in Jersey City, NJ in the 1960s. I searched all over this office for months, then 20 minutes ago, there they appear right at the back of this slide-out part of my desk. The desk has been dusted, everything taken off multiple times, though I had never separated two small notebooks when moving them...until today. Of course, the stack of photos sat between them. I was going to write about something else entirely, but once I found the photos, the memories started rushing back. Maybe my sons will save keep some of these columns.

Once I found the stack of photos, I had to study them, trying to remember the sound of my great grandmother Elizabeth Toth Bolha’s Hungarian accent and how she pronounced every letter in a word, like the “e” at the end of noodles, pronouncing it noodlees. The photos also brought back memories of her tiny kitchen and 3rd floor walk up apartment. How did she raise 8 children in four rooms – it may have only been three rooms? I imagine coming from Hungary at the age of 16 in 1903 to Ellis Island in the New York Harbor must have been exciting and scary. By November 1907, she was married with her first child, my grandmother, known as Betty, or Ma to me. Great Grandma learned how to stretch meals as we all know how to do when our children were small. I still remember all the creamed vegetables (filled you up much quicker in cream sauce), and the careful, divvying up of the meat for each plate. On the back of the huge old wood cook stove there was always bacon leftovers or meat grizzle, she called crackling”, frying up to add to her fluffy baking powder biscuits. All the food had to be cooked or baked on Saturdays, since no work could be done on Saturdays in her strict Catholic beliefs. Only heating and serving for the Sunday big meals.



Great Grandma took in washing for a living, which became even more important after her husband died in 1953. When I would stay there sometimes in the 60s or early 70s, I remember her pulling in the laundry pinned on the long lines stretched between the tall apartment buildings. I thought everyone had a washer and dryer like we did in suburban Maryland. Sometimes she would send me down to the corner store located in the first floor of another apartment building for potatoes or flour. A cousin was always on hand to walk with me, but no one seemed to worry about any problems then.

What cherished memories we all have from those old photos from our childhoods. Some people never look back at the past, but I love bringing the people in the photos back to life for a few minutes here and there. My mother took all these photos for someone to remember. I enjoy seeing the great aunts in their cat-eyed glasses, the female cousins and wives of the male cousins with the 60s flip hairstyles and pale lipstick. I especially love the photo of my great grandma and my grandmother in the little kitchen with the fun wallpaper and built in cabinet behind them. Great grandma had her apron and her white cap on to keep her long coiled white braids in place, and my sweet Ma who lived not far from us in Clinton, looking happy and content visiting with her sweet mother.

I suppose I found what I had been looking for...or maybe needed: the memories my mother saved for me in images and her scrawled notes in pen on the backs. I guess I’ll quit looking for things – they will find me when the time is right.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby

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



# Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV21-000090

Alan Wetter

Plaintiff

vs.

The Estate Of Annie L. Moss  
7511 Mandan Rd  
Apt 112  
Greenbelt, Md 20770

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

all known owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

Wilson Dr.  
0-0000

and also known as Account Number 07-021135

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

Wilson Dr.  
0-0000

also known as Account Number 07-021135

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 19 day of March 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having general circulation in St. Mary's county once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 19th day of May, 2021 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all right of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV21-000045

Alan Wetter and Keith Schmidt,  
c/o Lucas I. Dansie, Esq.  
406 5th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Plaintiff

vs.

Lee Hazel  
3319 Truelove St., Sanford NC 27330

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

all known owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

Lot 14, Block 57 of Longview Beach Club, according to a plat thereof recorded in Plat Book C.B.G. No. 2 at Folio 24 among the Land Records of St. Mary's County Maryland.

and also known as Account Number 07-018029

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

**Lot 14, Block 57 of Longview Beach Club, according to a plat thereof recorded in Plat Book C.B.G. No. 2 at Folio 24 among the Land Records of St. Mary's County Maryland.**

**and also known as Account Number 07-018029**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having general circulation in St. Mary's county once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of May, 2021 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all right of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

IN THE MATTER OF GLADYS MAE HUTCHERSON  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO GLADYS MAE JOHNSON HUTCHERSON

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-197  
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from GLADYS MAE HUTCHERSON to GLADYS MAE JOHNSON HUTCHERSON. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Records to Match

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 05/30/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PRISCILLA BURDETTE LACEY  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO PRISCILLA BUNNY RUSSELL

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-211  
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from PRISCILLA BURDETTE LACEY to PRISCILLA BUNNY RUSSELL. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: This is my name of choice

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 05/30/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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

## In Remembrance

### Willow Jensyn Brinsfield



Willow Jensyn Brinsfield, infant daughter of Makenna A. Brinsfield, joined the angels in Heaven on April 10, 2021.

Willow was beloved by all who met her. She was small but mighty and touched the lives of everyone she met, leaving an indelible mark on the world. Her life, though short, was remarkable. Her smile was infectious and as bright as a shining star. She brought love and hope to all of us and lives on in all our memories. She was sent to us as an angel for just a short

amount of time before God called her back to be an angel in his Kingdom.

She is survived by her mother, Makenna; her grandparents, Edward N., III "Trae" & Michele Brinsfield; her uncle and godfather, Blake Brinsfield; her great grandparents: Edward "Ned", Jr. and Nancy Brinsfield, Brenda A. Mayor; her great-great grandmother, M. Teresa Mayor; her godmother, Samantha Walzel; and many extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American SIDS Institute, 528 Raven Way, Naples, FL 34110 or [www.sids.org/ways-to-help/donate](http://www.sids.org/ways-to-help/donate)

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

### Brent Matthew Robrecht

Brent Matthew Robrecht, 93, of St. George Island, MD died on April 12 at home with his wife of 66 years, Margaret Simpson Robrecht. Born January 10, 1928 in Leonardtown, MD he was the youngest son of the late Harry and Lelia Robrecht. He married Margaret on January 8, 1955 in her hometown of Lebanon, PA. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his six children: Mike and Tammy Robrecht of Livingston, TX, Andrea and Robert Greer of Denton, MD,



Bruce and June Robrecht of Great Mills, MD, Keith Robrecht of Mechanicsville, MD, Mary and Bruce Robertson of Germantown, MD, and Theresa and Tony Laurel of Callaway, MD. His grandchildren are Heather Schrader, Dallas Bonner, Mason Robrecht, and Matthew Robertson and great grandchildren Brianna, Cameron and Ryleigh Schrader.

Brent was preceded in death by his brothers Earl, Neal, Leon and Philip and his sister Josephine.

Brent attended Little Flower School and graduated from St. Michael's High School in Ridge, MD in 1945. In 1948 he joined the United States Air Force. His tours of duty included Korea, Newfoundland, Greece and Vietnam. He also spent time at Patrick AFB in FL, Travis AFB in CA and McGuire AFB in NJ. He served 21 years and retired in 1969 as Chief Master Sergeant. Brent was an active member of the Air Force Sergeant's Association.

After his Air Force retirement, he worked as Supply Superintendent at the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point, MD for 20 years. He retired a second time in 1990. Brent was also a member of St. George Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD.

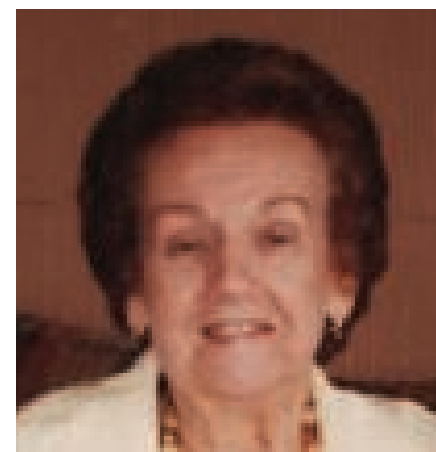
Brent, fondly known by locals as Matthew, was an honest hardworking man who dearly loved St. George Island. He enjoyed time on the water and seafood, gardening, and caring for his property, walks with his dog and drives in the country. He was generally quiet and reserved but he loved to hear and tell a good story and had a great grin and wonderful smile. Matthew was always there to help and said he never met anyone he could not get along with. He was a man of faith who loved his country and his family. He appreciated the little things in life and had a life well lived.

Pallbearers are Keith Robrecht, Mason Robrecht, Dallas Bonner, Tony Laurel, Billy Schrader and Sean Moore.

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

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

### Margaret Louise Wheeler



Margaret Louise Wheeler, 90, of Clements, MD, was very peacefully called home to be with the Lord on April 13, 2021 in the presence of her loving family. Born on December 19, 1930 at Nuns Oak in Medleys Neck, MD, she was the youngest daughter of the late James Ernest Johnson and Mary Rosalie Cooper Johnson.

Margaret completed her primary education at Our Lady's School in Medleys Neck and then studied at Great Mills High School. On April 29th, 1950, she married John Ernest Wheeler of Hurry, MD at St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown. They made their home in Maddox before moving to Clements in 1957.

Margaret was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County, and had fond memories of growing up in a large farming family with her 12 siblings along the shores of Breton Bay. Once she married and started a family of her own, she primarily dedicated her life to being a homemaker. In her younger years though, she did work in several assistant school teaching roles in the county, and offered in-home daycare to a number of local families who became "extended family", and remained near and dear to her heart over the years. She considered her family her greatest accomplishment. She cherished living a simple and humble life with her Catholic faith as its centerpiece. Her "audience with Pope John Paul II" during a trip to the Vatican and a visit to London in the early 1980s were occasions of which she frequently spoke.

She is survived by her children: John Ernest Wheeler, Jr. (Jody Adelsperger) of Ellicott City, Joseph Francis Wheeler (Terri) of Clements, Joan Wheeler Hancock (Bill) of Loveville, and Timothy Allen Wheeler (Doug Bradshaw) of Eldersburg, MD; seven grandsons: Greg Wheeler (Phyllis), Brad Wheeler (Melanie), Justin Wheeler (Amanda), Wesley Hancock (Catherine Wheatley), Christian Wheeler, Ryan Hancock, and Daniel Wheeler; five great-grandchildren: Emma Wheeler, Tyler Wheeler, Peyton Wheeler, Hailey Hancock and Ky-



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lie Hancock; and 1 step great-grandchild: Aubree Lipshaw. She is also survived by her former daughter-in-law, Joanne Wheeler Scott of Eldersburg, MD, sisters-in-law: Mary Ellen Johnson, Ramona Johnson Harper, Delores Wheeler and Elaine Wheeler; many nieces, nephews, and their families, numerous friends, and her special spiritual counselor and friend, Carolyn Farrell.

In addition to her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ernest on February 2, 1998. She was also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Catherine McConville-Wheeler and all of her siblings: Ernest Hilary Johnson, Mary Mildred Stone Adams, Joseph Melvin Johnson, James Manning Johnson, Lillian Maria Johnson, William Robert Johnson, Henrietta Maria Bean, Elsie Elizabeth Stone, Mary Rosalie Hayden, John Frederick Johnson, Charles Bertram Johnson, and Francis Benedict Johnson.

The family will receive friends at Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home in Leonardtown on Friday, April 23rd from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood beginning at 10:30 AM with Fr. Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Brad Wheeler, Justin Wheeler, Wesley Hancock, Christian Wheeler, Daniel Wheeler, and Tyler Wheeler. Honorary pallbearers will be: Greg Wheeler, Ryan Hancock, Emma Wheeler, Jimmy Herbert, and Minette Clarke. At her request, Ryan Hancock will offer his vocal talents throughout his grandmother's life celebration.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund, C/O Sacred Heart Church, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618 and/or Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, 21530 Colton Point Road, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609.

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

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### **Aloysius "Al" David Ammann**

Aloysius "Al" David Ammann, 61 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on April 10, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Born January 31, 1960 in Cheverly, MD, he was the son of the late Ada V. Beall Ammann and Clyde E. Ammann.

Al was the loving husband of Wanda L. Ammann whom he married on September 11, 1984 in Leonardtown, MD.

He is survived by his children:



Aloysius D. Ammann, Jr. of Leonardtown, MD and Renee Rosenzweig of FL, 1 grandchild and 1 great-grandchild, siblings: Diane M. Ammann of Leonardtown, MD, and Joseph B. Ammann of Bushwood, MD.

In addition to his parents Al was preceded in death by his siblings: Ginny Radcliffe, Alma Wilde, Bobby Ammann, Patty Shelton, Cindy Osterman and Mary Christine Amman.

He graduated from Chopticon High School in 1978, and attended the FBI College in Brunswick, GA. AL was a Police Officer for the U. S. Capitol Police for 33 years, retiring in 2015.

Funeral Services will be held on April 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM in Faith Bible Church, 26325 Three Notch Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659 with Pastor Robert McNutt officiating.

A reception will follow the service.

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

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### **Deputy First Class William Weston "Wes" Beisel**



Deputy First Class William Weston "Wes" Beisel, 32, passed away at his Hollywood, Md. home on April 8, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Ashley, and their two sons, William and Waylon. He also leaves behind his parents, Rebecca and Larry Beisel of Ruther Glen, Va. and Kenny and Lisa Wilson of Kennet, Mo., as well as 4 siblings: Kaitlyn, Samantha, Matthew

and Joseph. His loss is also mourned by his many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews, in-laws, friends, and fellow officers.

Wes was a devoted father, husband, son and brother who proudly served his community as a Calvert County Sheriff's Deputy. He loved to make others laugh, and often inspired his family and friends to smile and laugh so hard that they cried. He also enjoyed sharing stories, preparing smoked or grilled food for his loved ones, and playing hockey.

Wes served as a school resource officer assigned to Northern High School (NHS) in Owings, Md. He began his career with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office in January of 2012, fulfilling his childhood dream of working in law enforcement. He served many roles during his career, including patrol deputy, traffic reconstruction investigator, FOP lodge secretary, Community Action Team member, and school resource officer.

Financial contributions to ease the financial burden of DFC Beisel's sudden and tragic loss on his family are welcome and appreciated. The Calvert County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 109 has organized a Memorial Fund on GoFundMe, 100 percent of the proceeds of which will benefit Wes' widow and young children.

Financial donations can be made online at <https://gofund.me/f0e31314>. Donations can also be dropped off in person at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at 30 Church Street, Prince Frederick, Md. These should be labeled: "Attention "Wes Beisel Memorial Fund". Donations may be mailed to the Calvert FOP Lodge 109, P.O. Box 851, Prince Frederick, Md. Please make check donations payable to: "Calvert FOP Lodge 109" and write "Wes Beisel Memorial Fund" in the memo line.

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

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### **Kimberly Kay Elliott**



Kimberly Kay Elliott "Kim" 56, of St. Mary's, City MD, formerly from Princeton, MN was taken from this world from Esophageal-Gastric cancer on April 6th, 2021 with her loving family by her side. She was born on January 23rd, 1965 in Minneapolis, MN, to Janice K. Wendorff and the late James. A. Wendorff Sr.

Kim is survived by her loving husband Larry Wayne Elliott II whom she married on April 2nd, 1992 in Leonardtown Maryland, her children; Nicole Alme (Scott) of Westminster, MD, Samuel Elliott (Amanda Motz) of St. Mary's City, MD, Benjamin Elliott (Jasmine King) of Lexington Park, MD, Her Siblings; Mitch Wendorff, of Princeton, MN, and Pat Wendorff of Princeton, MN; and her granddaughter Emmalisse Adel Elliott. Kim is preceded in death by her brother Jim Wendorff Jr. of Milaca, MN.

Shortly after graduating from Princeton High School in 1983 she enlisted in the United States Navy. She honorably served for 6 years where she was a ground equipment mechanic. After her service in the Navy Kim became a Veterinarian Technician where she worked at the Three Notch Veterinarian Hospital in Hollywood, MD.

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can be made at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD

The family will be holding a virtual viewing through the "Remembering Kimberly Kay" Facebook page or through the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/803405080278619>

### Jean Alberta Rhoades



Jean Alberta Rhoades, 78, of Lexington Park, MD (formerly of Massachusetts) passed away peacefully on April 13, 2021 at MEDSTAR St Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

Born in Winthrop MA, the beloved daughter of the late Ralph and Augusta (Smith) Ford, she was a 1962 graduate of Winthrop High School. She obtained her Home Health Aid certification and dedicated her life to the care of others. Prior to her retirement, Jean was employed by Asbury Solomons Assisted Living Retirement Community for 21 years as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Jean was always a New Englander at heart. She was a dedicated Mother and avid Boston sports fan who completely cherished every moment with her immediate and extended family. She also valued all of her friendships to which she formed throughout her life. She lovingly influenced her grandchildren on who the proper team was to root for (RedSawx, Bruins, Patriots, Celtics). She enjoyed BINGO, Crocheting, Lighthouses, Crabbing, The beach, Swimming, and Cooking Lasagna or eating Lobstah /Scallops/ Clams. She loved watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, Victory Woods deer and birds with her friends from her "treehouse", and Breton Bay sunsets with family.

You will be forever with us MOM!

Jean is survived by her son, Timothy R. Mercier and daughter in law Carey E. Mercier of Leonardtown, MD; her grandchildren, Ryan Mercier of Accokeek, MD, Lindsay Mercier of Sutton, MA, Marissa Mercier of Port Tobacco, MD, and Brendan Mercier of California, MD; her great grandchild, Korie O'Brien; and many extended

family and friends. In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by her son, Steven E. Mercier and her sisters: Norma Kelly, Alice Waldrop, and Peggy Boudreau.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650, followed with a Prayer Service celebrated by Rev. Greg Sylar of St. Georges Episcopal Church at 2:00 p.m. A Graveside Service will be held by Father Walter Connelly of St. John's Episcopal Church on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Winthrop Cemetery in Winthrop, MA.

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### Durand (Randy) Martin Hedin



Durand (Randy) Martin Hedin of Ridge, MD passed away suddenly on April 16, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, his son Ira Hedin (Rachel) and his two stepdaughters, Stephanie Stillwell (Aaron) and Robin Wilcox. He also has 10 grandchildren, Marissa, Kayla, Annalyse, Arianna and Maci Hedin, Ethan, Noah and Sophie Stillwell and Hunter and Ryder Forse. He also leaves behind his brother, Dennis Hedin and his sisters, Donna Mulford and Diane Harvey.

When he completed tour of duty in Viet Nam he returned to Long Prairie and went to St. Cloud State and North Dakota State University where he earned a BS in Pharmacy. He worked in local pharmacies and married Myra Breummer and had two boys, Aaron and Ira.

They moved to the island of Saipan in where Randy established the complete pharmacy system for a new hospital.

After two years they returned to the states and Randy joined the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corp in 1987. He served on Indian reservations in South Dakota before joining the FDA in 1993 where he worked in

the Division of Metabolism and Endocrinology for 14 years. In 2004 he met Pamela Wilcox. She was the love of his life and they married in 2006.

After retiring from the FDA in 2007 he became a consultant and then joined VirxSys, a firm working on development of a new HIV treatment. He fully retired in 2012 and he and Pam traveled the world and enjoyed time with his precious grandchildren. In 2015, Randy and Pam moved to Ridge, MD on St. Jerome's Creek. Randy and Pam continued to travel but his favorite time was spent in visits from the grandchildren.

At this time all services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Attn: Membership Department, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com). Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Margaret T. Cullison



Margaret T. Cullison, 87, of California, MD passed away on April 10, 2021. Margaret was born on August 13, 1933 in Ridge, Maryland to the late Henry and Alice Trossbach.

On October 3, 1953 she married her beloved husband, Joseph Henry Cullison at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, MD. Together they celebrated over 67 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in January 2021.

She was employed by County Trust Company of Maryland from 1954 – 1961 and worked for Maryland National Bank/Nations Bank from 1961 – 1995, when she retired.

She enjoyed crabbing, fishing, canning, and making preserves. She loved spending time with her family.

She and her husband have traveled extensively across the United States and to many countries.

She was a member of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church.

Margaret is survived by her son Anthony Joseph "Tony" Cullison and his wife Anna of California, MD; her grandsons, Daniel Budzenski

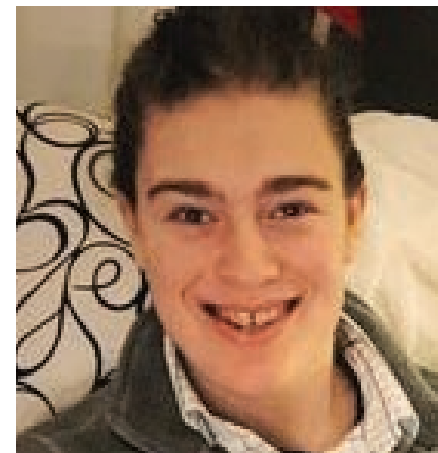
(Brenda) of San Diego, CA, Christopher Cullison of Charlotte, NC and Jacob Cullison of California, MD; her siblings, June Camioni of Valley Lee, MD, Louise Shafer (Philip) of California, MD, Vera Rucker of Glen Burnie, MD, Bo Trossbach of Palm City, FL, Joan Hardy (Albert "Sid") of Marietta, GA, Leroy Trossbach (Jo) of Hughesville, MD and Mary Alice "Kay" Peel (William) of Canton, GA. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she is also preceded in death by her son Joseph Henry Cullison, Jr. and her siblings: Charles Donald Trossbach, Helena Pepher and Ruth Unkle.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 and the Alzheimer's Association of Maryland, 10665 Stanhaven Place, Suite 205D, White Plains, MD 20695.

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### Peyton Alexander Ham



Peyton Alexander Ham, 16, of Leonardtown, tragically passed away on April 13, 2021.

Peyton was born on February 26, 2005, to Jason Ham & Kristee Boyle at Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida, and was always an absolute joy and light of his parents' life. He was an "old soul" who gravitated naturally to adults at gatherings. Clever, bright, and quick-witted, Peyton described himself to one of his favorite teachers as "I can be quiet, but I'm actually pretty funny. Well, many people think they're funny, but I make people laugh."

Peyton was a baseball enthusiast, brought about by his grandfather's love of the game. He enjoyed rooting for his hometown team, The Baltimore Orioles, and would often discuss games play by play with his Grandad over the phone while watching them compete. He loved his family, siblings and cousin's very much. Peyton could best be described as an "Alex P. Keaton" type personality. His love



of conservative politics always taking center stage with his lively debates at the family dinner table.

When Peyton entered Leonardtown High School, he was overjoyed to be accepted into the Global International Studies Program and excelled at the challenge of the advanced curriculum of this college prep academy. He was an avid history enthusiast, studying many genres including European history, ancient monarchies, the World Wars, and the rise and fall of the former U.S.S.R. To more deeply delve into Roman History and the government of the Roman Empire, he studied Latin and became a member of the Latin Club. With his learning and insights, he was an excellent member of the Model United Nations. He was thrilled to make his school's "Mock Trial" team and enjoyed being selected as the coveted "Prosecutor" for one of his team's major cases. His love of learning never ended and he would often be listening to his favorite podcast while chopping ingredients for his latest meal.

Peyton dreamed of attending a 4-year university to obtain an undergraduate degree, and move on to law school, with the ultimate dream of being an elected Senator or Delegate, to represent his home state of Maryland.

Peyton is survived by his mother Kristee and "bonus dad", Michael Boyle of Leonardtown, MD; father Jason Ham Haight (NC); siblings Kailley Long and Zackary Boyle (Leonardtown), Xavier and Phoenix Haight (NC), Isabelle and Amelia Glover (NC); grandparents Keith and Brenda Raley (Ridge, MD); grandmother Victoria Boyle (Leonardtown); great-great aunts and uncle; Audrey Raley Norton (Ridge, MD); Dictator & Mildred Cullison; Great Aunts and Uncles, Danny & Ann Raley (Great Mills, MD), Bruce & Lori Raley (Dameron, MD), Ray and Mary Raley (Ridge, MD) aunts and uncles Kellee Lauren Raley and Derrell Armstrong (California, MD), Kellee Sue Boyle (Leonardtown), Colleen and Andy Havens (Farmville, VA), Andrew and Shelly Ham (Wake Forest, NC), Doug and Kelly Blowe (Wake Forest, NC), Lisa Collins (California, MD), Jerome Collins (St. Mary's City, MD); first cousins Brook, Ryan and Serenity Havens (Farmville, VA); Sterling, Luke, Elizabeth and Abigail Ham (Wake Forest, NC); Hannah, Lilly and John Blowe (Wake Forest, NC), Jackson and Jason (J.J.) Collins (California, MD) and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents Joseph Francis and Patricia Raley, Wesley and Clara May Saunders Somers (Ridge, MD); grandparents Robert and Valerie Ham (Sun City Center, FL); grandfather Thomas Alex Boyle (Cortland, NY) and great aunt Elizabeth Dianne

Somers Reeder (Ridge, MD).

Serving as Pallbearers: John "Peanut" Gatton, Tyler Gatton, Doug Blowe, Scott Raley, Joe Raley, Charles Eible, Andrew Thompson and Brian Hollingsworth

Honorary Pallbearers: Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Our family is heartbroken over this sudden, unexpected loss of life of a talented young man, filled with such promise. Words cannot express the gratitude our family is feeling with the overwhelming love and support being extended by our friends and family in our amazing community.

"INIS VITAE SED NON AMORIS." (LATIN) "THE END OF LIFE, BUT NOT OF LOVE."

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Peyton to the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 520 Ridge, MD 20680 or the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456 Ridge, MD 20680

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### *Ernestina Lee "Tina" Kapczynski*



Ernestina Lee "Tina" Kapczynski, 84, of Lexington Park, MD (formerly of Fort Mill, SC) passed away on April 10, 2021 at her home with her loving family at her side.

She was born in New York, NY to the late Lorenzo Ferrari and Ida De-Mario Ferrari.

Tina met the love of her life, Alexander Francis John Kapczynski, while attending high school in New York. Shortly after graduation they were married and have celebrated over 64 wonderful years of marriage. She left Long Island with her husband and raised her family for over 30 years in Carlsbad, CA. She was a beautiful dancer and had the voice of an angel, often singing in the church choir. She had a flair for design and always had her home decorated beautifully. She was a delicious, authentic Italian cook, with her specialties being her homemade scallion pizza's every Fri-

day night and lasagna. In retirement, she and her husband moved to Fort Mill, SC. She was the matriarch of her family and loved as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and cooking them delicious meals.

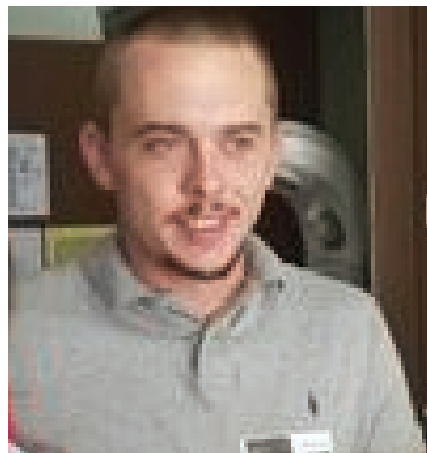
In addition to her beloved husband, Alexander, Tina is also survived by her children: Alex Kapczynski (Karen) of Hypoluxo, FL, Barbara Blades (Robert) of Lexington Park, MD, Michael Kapczynski of Charlotte, NC; TinaMarie Gallagher (Trace) of California, MD; and Robert Kapczynski (Lisa) of Ashburn, VA; Nancy Perepeluk (Harry) of Melville, NY; 19 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

All services will be private.

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

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### *Joseph "Joey" Alex Peters*



Joseph "Joey" Alex Peters, 29, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on April 9, 2021.

He was born on September 4, 1991 in Irvine, California to Joseph H. Peters and Jean Marie Smalling Peters.

Joseph worked as a Loan Officer inside the bank. He loved to play the sweetest pranks on people when he could. He enjoyed traveling the world seeing new places around the globe going to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Tortola and St. Thomas were some of his favorite places. He loved dancing and playing basketball. He was an excellent cook, people especially like his chicken parmesan dish. He was an active member of the VFW Auxiliary Club. He had a magnetic personality that just radiated when he met people specially families with babies he loved to make them laugh. His family was important to him especially his wife Kris and two little girls Rayne and Skye.

He is survived by his wife Kristin Noelle Peters; his children, Rayne Marie Peters of Fredericksburg, VA

and Skye Marie Peters of Chantilly, VA; his parents Joseph and Jean Peters, his siblings Eric Peters of Beaufort, SC and Morgan Peters of Great Mills, MD; his nieces Macy Anderson & Nivada Peters; his grandparents Jack and Toni Tizio of Marco Island, FL; Sybil Foster of Simsboro, LA and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandfathers Charles Smalling & Joseph Peters.

Services will be private.

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### *Nicholas Stephen Spurling*



Nicholas Stephen Spurling, 28 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on April 1, 2021.

Nicholas was born on June 18, 1992 in Lompoc, CA to David Edward Spurling and Michelle Ann Muller Spurling.

Nicholas was a creative and talented young man. He enjoyed designing intricate tattoo work and bringing it to life for his customers. He graduated from the Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy, MD. He enjoyed working on cars and cooking for his family and friends. He was a great storyteller and a jokester at times. Nicholas always said he would like to return to California someday. He was always happy spending time with his family.

Nicholas is survived by his parents and his siblings, David Spurling, Jr., Crystal Sarver, Jennifer Riley, Zachary Spurling, and Jacob Spurling, his grandmothers Elizabeth Curry, Iva Spurling and numerous aunts and uncles.

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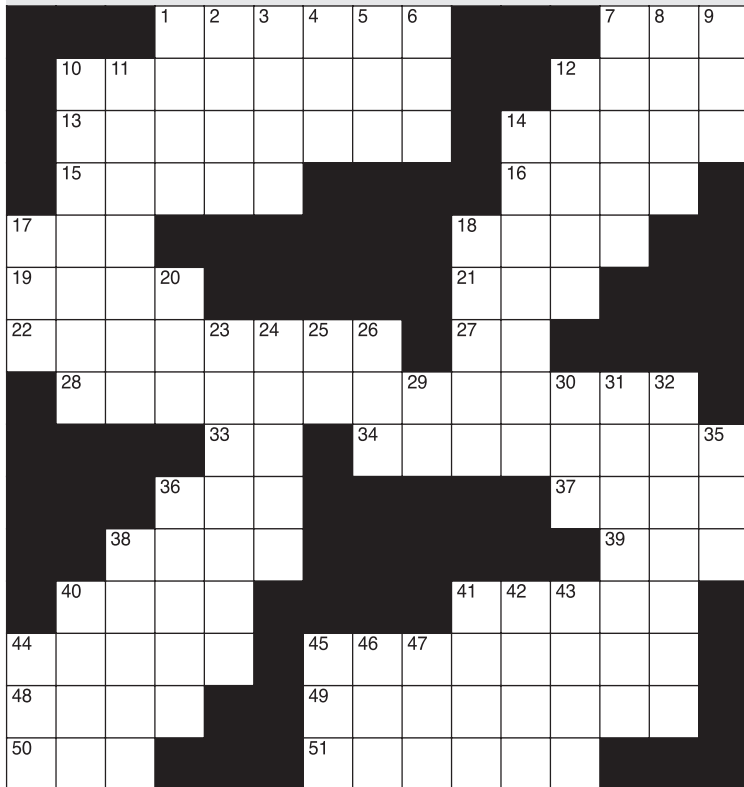
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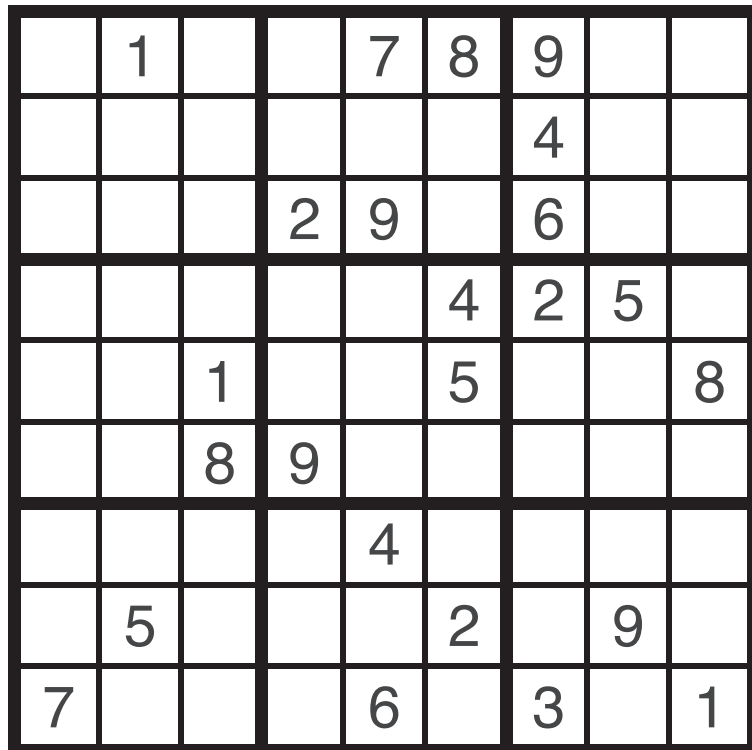
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- 7. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 10. Sweeties
- 12. Competition
- 13. Measures electrical resistance
- 14. Psychotherapy researcher
- 15. Causes injury to
- 16. Open
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Hebrew calendar month
- 19. Whale ship captain
- 21. Children's accessory
- 22. Unknown point
- 27. Exists
- 28. Extremely confident
- 33. Expression of disgust
- 34. The government has many
- 36. Small constellation
- 37. Northern Indian city
- 38. The best pitchers
- 39. Naturally occurring solid

- 40. Apple computers
- 41. Portuguese city
- 44. Ancient Greek war dance
- 45. More reliable
- 48. Sailboat
- 49. Newspapers
- 50. Frequently flooded area
- 51. They dig for coal

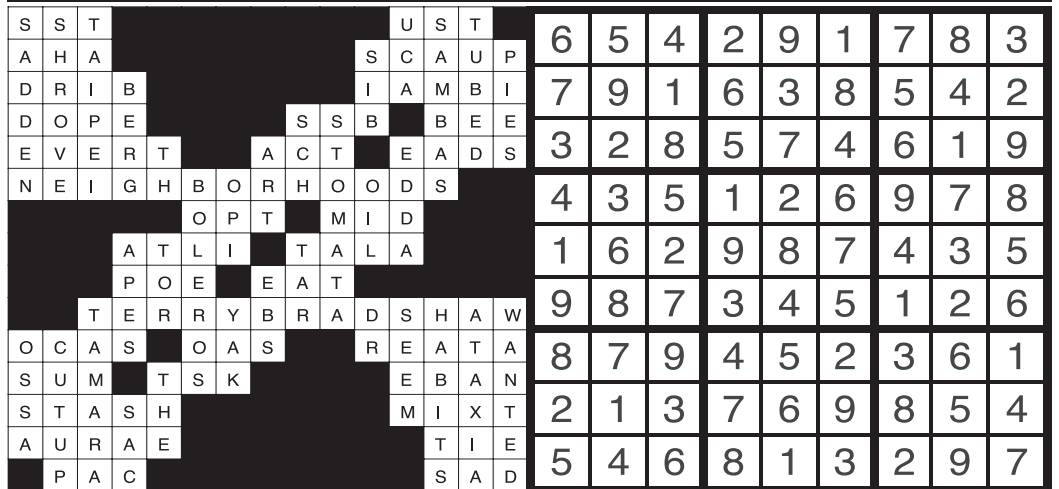
- 20. Stake
- 23. Former British PM May
- 24. US battleships circa 1939
- 25. Greek alphabet letter
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 29. Top lawyer
- 30. Fiddler crabs
- 31. Intolerant
- 32. Persons that cause extreme fear
- 35. Car mechanics group
- 36. Capital of Ghana
- 38. Famed ballplayer Hank
- 40. Emphasizes insignificance
- 41. Light-colored
- 42. Distinctive smell
- 43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Short-term memory
- 46. Japanese delicacy
- 47. One point north of due east

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Partial
- 2. "Mad Men" leading man
- 3. The \_\_ of March
- 4. Healthy
- 5. Where golfers begin
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
- 7. Of the cheek
- 8. Injury reminder
- 9. Statesman Franklin
- 10. For an unknown reason
- 11. Brain parts
- 12. Islamic calendar month
- 14. Avenue where ad men work
- 17. Possesses
- 18. Accept



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