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NICOLET BASKETBALL 15

John Duckett helps bring the community together with the Nicolet Basketball Association. Photo courtesy of Ceandra Scott



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Work begins on temporary bridge replacement for Manor Road

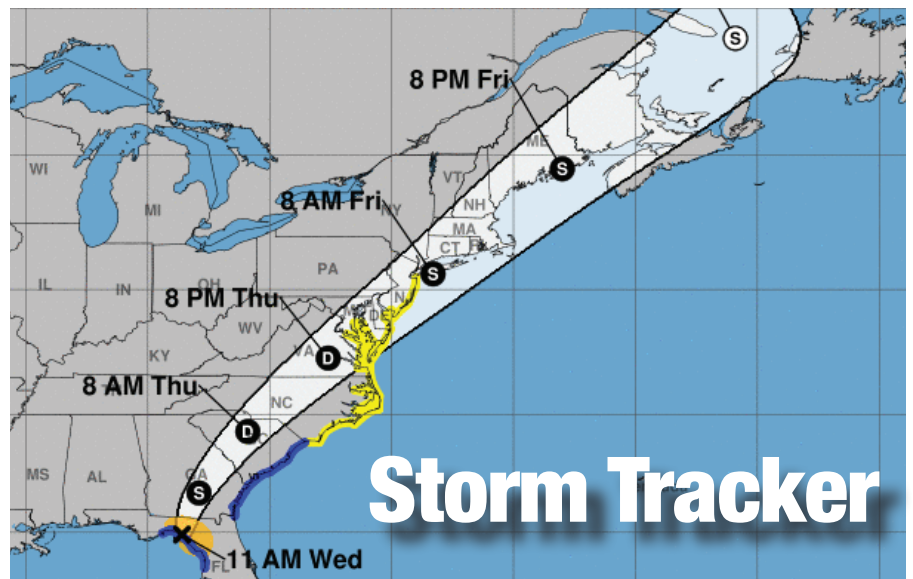


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Town Government Hit in Ransomware Attack

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A nationwide ransomware attack that hit thousands of businesses and organizations claimed the Town of Leonardtown government as one of its victims.

The town's computers are still down as of Wednesday afternoon, The County Times has learned, and many services that rely on internet connectivity, such as bill payment, are unavailable.

"They ensured us all our data was safe and that it was backed up off site," said Town Council member Mary Maday Slade. "They said we shouldn't have to pay the ransom demand."

The contractor providing computer services for Leonardtown is JustTech, Slade said.

Ransome ware attacks demand monetary payments to the perpetrators of the attack or they retain the files in an encryption lock or release those files to the dark web.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said the attack happened shortly after noon on July 2.

"We were typing on our computers when a warning flashed on our screens from the firewall and everything went away," McKay said.

An e-mail from JustTech's CEO detailed the ransom ware attack.

"We discovered the breach, disabled, and shut down the affected servers within [eight] minutes..." said Joshua Justice. "Not all our customers were impacted, and we are still working with incident response teams to determine the impact. In the meantime, please shut down your Windows based computers and servers until you hear from us.

"To confirm, neither JustTech servers nor your network were directly hacked or breached. The intrusion came through the remote monitoring and security software we utilize from an industry leading provider."

Russian-based computer hackers could be to blame for the cyberattack, the e-mail stated; cybersecurity experts are speculating that the most recent attack could be the largest in history.

The ransom demanded by the hackers was reportedly \$45,000 per computer; McKay said 19 computers employed by Leonardtown were still infected.

"They will wipe all our computers and restore all of our backups," McKay said. McKay said the exact time of the repair has yet to be determined.

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Flash Flood Watch Issued for St. Mary's

Self Service Sandbags Available for Citizens



The National Weather Service in Sterling, Virginia, has issued a Flash Flood Watch for St. Mary's County for Thursday, July 8, night into Friday, July 9. Tropical Storm Elsa is expected to move across Southern Maryland Thursday night, bringing heavy rainfall with totals estimated to be up to 2 to 3 inches, with amounts of up to 5 inches possible.

In response, St. Mary's County will offer self-service sandbags Thursday, July 8, 2021, for citizens wishing to prepare.

Sandbags will be available Thursday, July 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following St. Mary's County Convenience Center locations:

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ket Turner Road

Oakville – 26630 North Sandgates Road

Clements – 24547 Horseshoe Road

St. Andrews – 44595 St. Andrews Church Road

Valley Lee – 45350 Happyland Road

Ridge – 13939 Point Lookout Road
Sandbags are not pre-filled and are limited to between 10 and 25 sandbags per person while supplies last.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Works & Transportation at 301-475-4200, ext. 3527.

Defendant Pleads Guilty to 2020 Murder

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Lexington Park man has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in connection with a shooting that occurred near the Patuxent Homes community in August of last year.

Malachi Aaron Banks, 19, faces a possible 40 years in prison after his plea hearing June 23 for the murder of Dyante Battle, who was shot in a wooded area behind a fast food restaurant and left suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Before accepting a plea deal, Banks had denied being involved in the shooting but state police detectives found evidence of him admitting to shooting someone the day of the incident recorded on a door bell camera.

The gun used in the homicide was not recovered.

The indictment against Banks, which included many other charges against him, including first-degree murder, stated that he had conspired to kill Battle with several unknown conspirators.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed in county District Court last year police first developed Banks as a suspect when a witness said he had gone to a residence on Hillary Court and confessed to shooting someone that evening.

The defendant's girlfriend, identified as

Amanda Green, said Banks had come to see her to get her help in disposing of gun used in the slaying of Battle.

Green denied helping Banks dispose of the weapon, charging papers read.

At the site of the shooting, police found multiple spent casings from firearms, including .380, 9mm and .40-caliber handguns.

When detectives interviewed Banks' family members, they said Banks and they, including one other person, had been in the backyard of their home on Hancock Drive shooting guns days before the murder.

Those same family members said Banks was not at home at the time frame of the murder, which contradicted the story the defendant told law officers, court papers read.

Additional video surveillance of the crime scene showed five suspects fleeing in dark clothing the night of the killing, court papers stated, with one of them leaving a .45 caliber handgun behind.

A search warrant served on Banks' home found a 9mm pistol, two rounds of .380 ammunition and many other loose rounds of ammunition, police stated.

Having previously denied being at the crime scene, Banks changed his story to police stating he was in the vicinity and saw some people running from the scene of the shooting.

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New Health Plan Prioritizes Mental Health

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Health Department's strategic plan for the next five years to help the county to become a healthier community puts mental health as its most critical mission and its first goal is to reduce the number of emergency department visits involving mental health crises.

The issue has been a long-lasting problem between the county and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, with the emergency department there becoming perhaps the main provider of some sort of mental health service, a task for which it was not originally designed.

Dr. Meena Brewster, chief of the health department and county health officer, has said in the past that the county's only emergency department is overburdened with dealing with mental health cases.

According to the latest plan the rate per 100,000 people in St. Mary's County for the emergency department has 25,611 visits for adults 65 and older and 10,888 visits for those aged 18 to 64.

The plan wants to reduce those visits down to 23,050 and 9,799 respectively.

Another goal is to reduce the misuse of drugs and alcohol, which are contributors to behavioral health problems.

The county health department's data shows that 29.3 percent of high school students who responded to a behavioral survey have used marijuana one or more times in

their life, 14.8 percent have misused prescription painkillers as well, the report states.

The county wants to reduce those percentages to 26.4 and 13.3 percent by 2026 respectively.

The county also has a goal of reducing the number of fatal opioid overdoses from 31 this past year to 28 in the next five years.

Sheriff's deputies made 901 emergency petitions with the courts this past year to seek psychiatric treatment, the health department wants to reduce that number to 811; the sheriff's office applied for emergency petitions multiple times for 230 people in the same year, the goal is to reduce that to 207.

The report stated that the health department wanted to reduce the effects of chronic disease by reducing from 38 percent the number of high school students who admitted to using tobacco in a month's time to 34 percent.

Maintaining a healthy weight is also a key goal; the report shows that the percentage of county adults who responded to a health survey who are considered to be at a healthy weight was just 25.4 percent.

The plan calls for that percentage to increase to 27.9 percent by 2026; it also wants to reduce the percentage of diabetes cases from 11 percent countywide to 9.9 percent.

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Work Begins On Manor Road Bridge



Manor Bridge Road washed out.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After a nearly a year of being washed out due to heavy rains and flooding from Tropical Storm Isaias, work has finally begun on replacing the small bridge on Manor Road in Bushwood.

Officials with the county confirmed that demolition work is now beginning at the washout site and that a temporary stream crossing will be installed until design work can be completed on a permanent replacement.

For months residents, particularly local farmers, had complained that they had to travel greater distances around the bridge to get out onto main roads or move their heavy equipment to work during the harvesting season.

Recently the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation chief John Deatrick told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County that they had switched contractors to complete the lagging project work; a subcontractor engineer had failed to move quickly enough on key design elements of the bridge.

Both Deatrick and members of the board called the long delay "embarrassing."

The Trading Post, construction contractors located in Great Mills,



Construction equipment set up near Manor Bridge Road

were given the contract to complete the work.

The county is also pursuing options to replace the Busy Corner Road stream bridge in Clements as well.

Last week the state reopened the bridge over Persimmon Creek on Route 6, also known as Morganza Turner Road, in Mechanicsville, with a completely new replacement after the aging span was also washed away last year.

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Auction Closes: July 14, 2021

(Specific time auction begins to close to be determined & will be posted online)

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and Saturday, July 10th, 8 am – NOON

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County Jazz Festival Returns This Weekend



Latrice Carr



Marion Meadows

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The 21st Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival is returning this weekend after being cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is already mostly sold out according to the event website, showing that local residents and those throughout the region are apparently eager to enjoy a return to a more normal summer.

Presented by the Friends of the St. Clements Island and Piney Point Museums, the event will begin with a free jazz concert July 9 at the Leonardtown town square, followed the next day with the main event at St. Clements Island Museum with an extensive lineup of jazz artists to include Marion Meadows and the Latrice Carr Music Group.

Anyone is free to walk into the Friday free concert but ticketed space is limited at the Fenwick Inn.

At the Friday event outside the Fenwick Inn on Fenwick Street, the road will be shut down to traffic and open to everyone. Live jazz music from GrooveSpan will be playing along the street and there will be food available. Many of the businesses along Fenwick Street will be open with more jazz fun.

Also, Antoinette's Garden will be hosting a Jazz Era After Party starting at 9 p.m.. Attendees who come in costume will receive 20 percent off their order, according to event planners.

The evening will be a celebration of jazz music throughout the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s, event planners have stated. Everyone is invited to come dressed in attire from those periods and there will be a costume contest with cash prizes for the best dressed individual and couples. While costumes are encouraged, they are not required. Complimentary accessories will be available at the accessories table while supplies last.

Food options at the main event July 10 at the St. Clements Island museum include seafood vendors selling crabs, shrimp and crab cakes as well as wings from Olde

Town Pub.

The final day of the festival returns to Leonardtown July 11 with jazz-themed activities, "jazz brunches" and other activities around town.

The festival is the signature fundraising event to support the Friends of the St. Clements Island and Piney Point museums.

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Graduation, Assessments Requirements Changes Coming Next School Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Starting this next school year there will be significant changes to graduation requirements for high school students as well as how much end of course assessments will tally into their final grades for certain core classes.

Currently, high school students must earn 21 credits in both core and specialty and elective courses to graduate in four year's time; that requirement has been boosted to 22 credits by the state.

Students must now enroll in a mathematics class for all four years of their high school career, top officials with the St. Mary's County School System told the school board last week at their

regular business meeting.

Students still learning under the previous requirements only need to have three math credits.

These changes will begin for the freshmen class coming in in August.

Lisa Bachner, director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Dr. Alex Jaffurs, Assessments and Accountability Officer, gave a presentation of the changes June 30.

Health education requirements will also increase from one semester – half a credit – to one full year.

The technology education requirement has now been extended to allow the computer science course to fill the credit as well.

"All of our 8th graders had computer science this year," Bachner said, not-

ing that the advanced technology education requirement has been deleted from the credit manifest by the state.

Students will still have to fulfill two credits of the world language requirement, but instead of being able to switch languages the credits must be from the study of just one language.

Instead of three credits in electives, Bachner said, students will only be required to have two-and-a-half credits.

High school students must still complete an end-of-course assessment – high stakes testing – but the nature of its effect on their overall grade has become more critical.

In the four core course areas where they must take such a test, English, algebra, science and government, the assessment will now count for 20 per-

cent of their final course grade.

"One of the things this solves for example is that a student may have passed English 10 but not the assessment associated with it," said Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith. "This now puts direct skin in the game."

"It will be very straight forward in theory."

Jaffurs said the new calculus will reduce "haggling" over whether a student passed the course by binding the course work and the assessment so closely.

The state Department of Education will be monitoring the results of the new requirements for assessments for possible modification in the near future.

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Summary Changes - Graduation Requirements

Previous State Credit Requirements	Approved State Credit Requirements
<p>Students must earn a minimum of 21 credits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English – 4 credits Math – 3 credits Science – 3 credits Social Studies – 3 credits Fine Arts – 1 credit Physical Education – ½ credit Health – ½ credit Technology Education – 1 credit One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Language – 2 credits Advanced Technology – 2 credits CTE Program Completion Other electives - 3 credits 	<p>Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English – 4 credits Math – 4 credits (must be enrolled all four years in math) Science – 3 credits Social Studies – 3 credits Fine Arts – 1 credit Physical Education – ½ credit Health – 1 credit Technology Education Computer Science – 1 credit One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Language – 2 credits of the same language Advanced Technology – 2 credits CTE Program Completion Other electives – 2.5 credits



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Sobriety Checkpoint on Saturday, July 10, 2021

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, along with the Maryland State Police, will be conducting a roadside sobriety checkpoint on Saturday evening, July 10, 2021.

The sobriety checkpoint will be conducted on Three Notch Road/Route 235 in the Lexington Park area where law enforcement officers will evaluate drivers passing through the checkpoint for signs of alcohol or drug impairment.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office recognizes that roadside sobriety checkpoints are highly visible and efficient tools used in efforts to combat impaired driving. Advance notification of sobriety checkpoints gives motorists the opportunity to make informed decisions by preventing and deterring impaired driving. Advance notifications are also required by law for the validity of a sobriety checkpoint.



Sheriff Tim Cameron advises the residents of St. Mary's County to drive sober, or to make arrangements for a sober driver.

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

ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Suspect in Lexington Park Shooting Arrested

On July 3, the Youth Gun Violence Task Force arrested De'Quan Sabien Gantt, age 20 of Lexington Park and charged him with the following:

- Assault First Degree
- Assault Second Degree
- Possession of Firearm/Minor Handgun on Person
- Loaded Handgun on Person
- Illegal Possession of Ammunition
- Regulated Firearm/Illegal Possession
- Reckless Endangerment
- Firearm Use/Felony Violent Crime

The arrest stemmed from Gantt's alleged involvement in a May 16 shooting which took place in the 21800 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park in which a 41-year-old male victim was located suffering from a gunshot wound to the abdomen.

The victim was flown to an area trauma center for treatment and later released.

Gantt remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status.



De'Quan Gantt

Anyone with information on this incident or gun violence in St. Mary's County is asked to contact (301) 475-4200 ext. 78087 or by email at stop-gunviolence@stmarysmd.com.

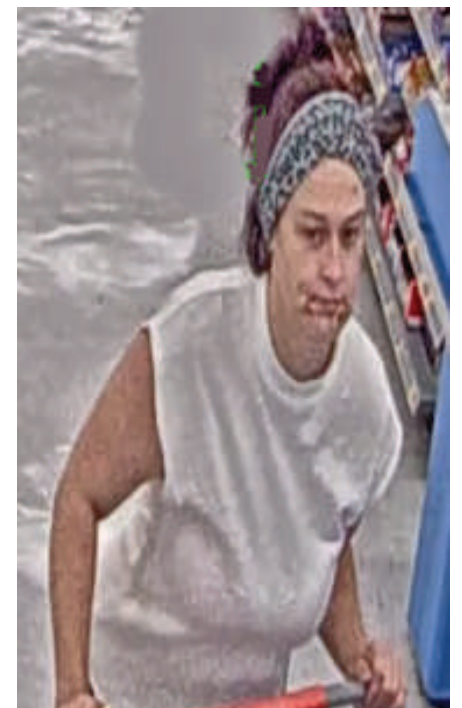
The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Youth Gun Violence Task Force is a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Maryland State Police (MSP) and the State's Attorney's Office for St. Mary's County to ensure the safety and security of all residents, through the arrest and prosecution of those seeking to do harm unto others through gun violence.

Walmart Theft Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Monday, July 5, 2021 at noon, the suspect did not scan all of the items in her cart while using the self-checkout register at the California Walmart store. She left the register without paying for the items she did scan and then pushed the shopping cart toward the exit passing the last point of sale. When asked for a receipt while leaving, the suspect fled the store before she could be identified.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Casey Hill at 301-475-4200, ext. 78112 or email casey.hill@stmarysmd.com. Case # 34783-21

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



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May is Military Appreciation Month and PAX Sound of Freedom awarded Quilts of Valor to five service men and women at the Thrivent Financial Offices in Lexington Park on May 22. Shown (l to r) are: Joshua Hood (Navy - 15 years), Dustin Richmond (Navy - 20 years), George Cheverton (Army - 4 years), Linda Wilhoit (Navy - 13 years), and Maira Callis (Navy - 10 years).



As a special honor for Joshua Hood's service dog, a German Shepherd named Malak, Miriam Boles designed a canine quilt specifically for him.

Changes for COVID-19 Testing Sites

School Based Health Centers Closing - Extended Summer Hours at Other Sites

Due to limited testing volume, the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) COVID-19 testing will no longer be offered at the School-Based Health Centers at Spring Ridge and Margaret Brent Middle Schools after July 9, 2021. Effective July 12, 2021, COVID-19 testing will be offered with extended summer hours at the SMCHD main office in Leonardtown and Harm Reduction Program office Lexington Park.

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing (effective July 12, 2021) Locations:

SMCHD Main Office at 21580 Peabody Street in Leonardtown
 Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Harm Reduction Program office at 46035 Signature Lane in Lexington Park

Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Drive-thru (walk up available for vehicles over 6'10" or residents on foot)

No appointment or doctor's order needed for testing

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More information on local COVID-19 testing is available at smchd.org/covid-19-testing. For more information about COVID-19 updates and information, visit smchd.org/coronavirus.

SMECO Issues Credits to Members

General Refund Totals \$4.2 million

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) is refunding members' capital credits totaling nearly \$6.6 million. Of that total, a general refund of approximately \$4.2 million will be issued in July. Eligible active members will receive credits on their bills, and checks will be issued to eligible former members. Special refunds of about \$2.4 million will be paid throughout the year to include estates of deceased members.

"We are happy to issue capital credit refunds to SMECO members when our financial obligations have been met. Passing savings on to members is a basic co-op principle," said Sonja M. Cox, SMECO president and CEO. She added, "SMECO members invest in their cooperative every time they pay their bill, and receiving their share of a portion of SMECO's margins is one of their rewards."

SMECO's margins for 2020 totaled more than \$27 million. SMECO uses margins—revenue minus expenses—as working capital for new construction, system improvements, and facility upgrades. Cox explained, "Our members help to finance SMECO's operations, and they realize one of the benefits of being a co-op member when they receive a refund."

At the end of each year, SMECO's margins are allocated to a special



account for each member, based on how much electricity the member purchased and the rate at which the account was billed. SMECO's Board of Directors regularly evaluates the financial condition of the cooperative and determines when SMECO members' capital credits will be refunded. Refunds will be credited to members' bills beginning July 12 and checks will be mailed to eligible former members beginning July 19.

All eligible active members will receive a credit on the bill for their primary account. If members wish to contact SMECO to designate their primary account, they may call 1-888-440-3311. Eligible former members will receive a full refund of the balance in their capital credit account if the balance is \$100 or less. Any remaining balances attributable to allocations made in the years 1986 and 1987 will also be issued to eligible members and former members. Whenever SMECO members move out of the co-op's service area, they should contact SMECO to update their mailing address in order to receive refund checks in the future.

Press Release from SMECO.

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Marylanders Challenged to Support Local Farms

Buy Local Week Coming Up

Are you up for the 'Challenge' to buy local during Buy Local Week? The statewide Buy Local Challenge (BLC) encourages Marylanders to support local farms and producers by choosing to buy and enjoy Maryland grown and produced farm products every day during Buy Local Week, July 17 through July 25, 2021.

To set the stage and get consumers' taste buds prepped for Buy Local Week, the Buy Local Challenge Facebook page and website are now previewing new resources and incentives for consumers to discover the bounty of Maryland's fields and farms in person and virtually.

The Maryland Buy Local 'Follow Me To...' mini video series features 8 new episodes highlighting local small business collaborations with regional farms that are set to be released throughout the month of July. This season's videos focus on ingenious value-added farm products and the farmers and producers who create them – think cutting boards and spoons made from Maryland grown woods, coffee beans infused with Maryland distilled Bourbon, and delicious jellies lovingly made with local wines, to list a few.

Intrigued? There are many more Buy Local activities for the whole family to enjoy. Starting July 1st, enter to win a 'Buy Local Swag'

gift bag and other prizes by completing the Buy Local Challenge Scavenger Hunt or posting a photo of fun local finds with the hashtag #BuyLocalChallenge.

Also look out for these special BLC promotions – free giveaway lime green BLC shopping bags (limited quantities) appearing at Southern Maryland markets in early July, and Maryland Market Money (MMM) "Buy Local Bonus Bucks" (an extra \$5 incentive plus the MMM match) for all customers shopping with their Federal Nutrition Benefits available during Buy Local Week at participating Maryland Market Money markets across Maryland.

Visit the BLC website at www.buylocalchallenge.com and the Maryland Buy Local Challenge on Facebook to find Buy Local Week highlights, competitions and prizes, plus recipes and extensive statewide farm guides, farmers' market directories, downloadable pledge certificates and more.

The Buy Local Challenge is a statewide program created by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and is jointly promoted in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Press Release from SMADC.

High Temperatures Predicted in St. Mary's County

With the temperatures expected to be in the mid to high 90s and heat indexes possibly exceeding 100 degrees, the Department of Emergency Services encourages citizens to prepare.

During sweltering and humid weather, your body's ability to cool itself is challenged. When the body heats too rapidly to cool itself properly, or when too much fluid or salt is lost through dehydration or sweating, the internal temperature will rise. As a result, you or someone you care about may experience a heat-related illness.

Infants, young children, the elderly and those with preexisting conditions are particularly susceptible to heat-related illness. Learn the symptoms of excessive heat exposure and the appropriate responses by visiting <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/heat-illness.shtml>.

As a reminder, please check on the elderly and your neighbors.

For more information on St. Mary's County Government recommended preparations, please visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/es/beprepared/>.

Comptroller Virtually Presents Schaefer Awards

Comptroller Peter Franchot today virtually presented the William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award to honorees in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

"Whether lifting the spirits of seriously ill children, feeding the hungry, or raising funds for man's best friends, these Marylanders are true heroes," Comptroller Franchot said. "Now more than ever, we need leaders who step up and lend a helping hand to people facing adversity or those who society has left behind."

Heather Maertens is the Calvert County Schaefer award recipient. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she continued helping the county's most vulnerable; raising money for county animal shelters through her Breakfast at Sniffany's annual fundraiser, while making custom necklaces to benefit Calvert Hospice, United Way and the Brem Foundation. Maertens is the owner of Maertens Fine Jewelry and Gifts in Lusby.

In Charles County, restaurateur Joe Gressis was selected as the Helping People recipient for his generosity in caring for the hungry and isolated.

Gressis annually offers free Thanksgiving meals to those in need. During COVID, he went above and beyond by continuing that tradition and delivering meals to 80 Marines on duty near his Waldorf restaurant, Lucianna's Steakhouse. Gressis also owns Galazio Restaurant in La Plata and two OBO Pizza establishments in Waldorf and Indian Head.

Foundation 4 Heroes was chosen as the St. Mary's County recipient for their unwavering dedication to caring for Veterans and critically ill patients. The team of volunteer heroes, led by Dr. Jay Lipoff, don superhero costumes to lift spirits, raise funds, and remind everyone to discover the hero within to conquer life's daunting challenges.

Since 2012, Comptroller Franchot has presented Schaefer Awards to individuals or organizations serving their community in each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions. This year, all award presentations will be held virtually. Press releases will be sent announcing the honorees in each region, along with links to view the virtual ceremonies.

Press Release from Office of Comptroller Peter Franchot

Council Hosted Virtual Job Fairs

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) hosted a series of industry-specific virtual job fairs this past spring to connect regional businesses with job seekers. To date, 18 individuals have been hired as a result of these industry-specific job fairs.

Across four job fairs, 537 job seekers registered to attend, and 224 interviews were held for immediate openings. 48 organizations in the region's key industry sectors of construction, healthcare, IT and professional services, and retail and hospitality attended.

"As we continue to bounce back from the pandemic, getting people back to work is our priority," said Ruthy Davis, Director of Regional Workforce & Business Development, TCCSMD. "Connecting businesses with the right candidate is what we do, and we're thrilled to see these events succeed."

Each business received a relevant database of resumes from registered jobseekers. 80% of registrants submitted their resumes, and companies



are using this resource to continue to reach out to qualified candidates.

"Thank you to our businesses and job seekers for participating in our job fair series. We look forward to hosting another round of job fairs for each industry in the fall!" Davis continued to say.

The 2021 Industry Specific Virtual Job Fairs were organized by Southern Maryland JobSource, TCCSMD's workforce division. Learn more about Southern Maryland JobSource, and its programs and events at www.somdworkforceboard.org.

Press Release from Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

Leonardtwn Opens a New Butterfly Trail

There's something exciting around every corner in Leonardtown, Maryland - a place where you can walk the Wharf, spend the day paddling along the beautiful Breton Bay, sample award-winning wines at the Winery, explore specialty shops and galleries! Now you can ReDiscover all that Leonardtown has to offer in the new Leonardtown Butterfly Trail (opening July, 11 2021)!

This brand-new trail (as well as the kid's Caterpillar Corner) will mark exciting historic landmarks, beautiful outdoor spaces, hidden works of art and fun activities throughout this vibrant Southern Maryland Town.

As an Arts & Entertainment District (the only one in Southern Maryland), it's fitting that the trail will be marked by beautiful butterfly banners and flags created by one of Leonardtown's talented local artists, Eric Clark Jackson.

Eric created the unique works of art through a process called batik. Batik is an Indonesian technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to cloth. Eric views his work as a contemporary take on traditional

wildlife illustration, with much of his subject matter pulled from the land and water of the Chesapeake region.

Come experience Leonardtown as never before - a town filled with art, history, excitement and adventure! All this and more is

waiting for you to ReDiscover in Leonardtown!

Join us for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony commemorating the opening of this wonderful addition to Leonardtown on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 1 PM.

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new Trail and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at: VisitLeonardtwn-MD.com/ButterflyTrail.

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Town Creek July 4th Celebration



The mood at this year's Town Creek 4th of July Parade and Pot-Luck Picnic in the Park was especially celebratory. Town Creek Recreation Inc, better known as Town Creek Pool has been raising funds for repairs and renovations since late 2017. With many thanks to a recent donation from a generous benefactor and literally hundreds of additional supporters, we have \$125,000 of the \$142,000 needed for repairs and renovations. We have plans to open on Memorial Day in 2022!



Additional donations are still needed. Donations can be sent to TCRI, PO Box 851, California, MD. 20619. Supporters wishing to buy an engraved brick can do so at www.bricksrus.com/donor-site/towncreekpool. TCRI was created in 1964 with the purpose of promoting recreational facilities for the residents in the area of the Town Creek Subdivision. This has tended to include folks from all over St. Mary's County. We also sponsor activities to promote community spirit.

Commissioners to Host Public Forum July 13

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will host a Public Forum Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room inside the Chesapeake Building, at 41770 Baldrige Street, in Leonardtown.

Public Forums provide residents an opportunity to speak directly to the Commissioners on topics of their choosing. Residents may offer appreciation, questions or suggestions in a mutually respectful format.

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via:

- Email: csmc@stmarysmd.com.
- Mail: Commissioners of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD, 20650.
- Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1234 to speak via telephone during the

public forum.

d. Submit a three-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com through 5 p.m. Thursday, July 8, 2021.

Those wishing to speak at the forum will receive up to three minutes to address the Commissioners. Anyone wishing to provide more detailed comments can do so via email or regular mail.

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Public Forums are televised live on St. Mary's County Government TV 95 (SMCG TV 95) and streamed live on the St. Mary's County YouTube Channel.

For those without access to cable television or the internet, a listen-only line is available by calling 301-579-7236; Access code: 963443.

Sign Up to Receive Code RED Weather Warnings

The Department of Emergency Services wants St. Mary's County residents to be prepared and informed. In advance of inclement weather, residents should sign up to receive email warnings, updates, and special notices, including road closures, severe weather updates, Recreation and Park Notices and CodeRED Weather Warnings.

The St. Mary's County Government CodeRED Emergency Notification System is an ultra-high-speed telephone communication service used to contact citizens quickly. This system calls all or targeted areas of the County when vital information needs to be immediately relayed to citizens. CodeRED delivers a recorded message describing the situation in the affected area, which may include instructions requiring action on the part of the recipient.

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Residents can also sign up to receive these notifications via text through the CodeRED Mobile Alert app: <https://tinyurl.com/CodeRED-Mobile-app>

For more information on preparing for emergencies, visit: <https://www.stmarysmd.com/es/beprepared/> or call the Department of Emergency Services at 301-475-4200, ext. 2110.

Social Services Announces Expansion of Access

The Saint Mary's County Department of Social Services (SMCDSS) is pleased to announce the expansion of the SMCDSS Customer Care Team, Lexington Park hours of operation and program enhancements to the Child Support payment options.

Redesign of Service Delivery - Since March 2020, Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) and SMCDSS have undergone changes to ensure all customers' needs are met while providing a full array of services and benefits online, on the phone or on location. The State of Maryland's MDThink, an on-line platform, has been updated to provide easy access to benefits including food and cash financial assistance, Medical QMB/SLMB, and Energy Assistance. For more information or to apply, St. Mary's residents are encouraged to visit <https://mymdthink.maryland.gov/home/#/>.

The Customer Care Team (CCT) has implemented an appointment-based system to better serve the community and meet the needs of customers. The CCT answers a wide-array of questions relating to customer benefits and services,

schedules in-person and on-line appointments and resolves 75% of issues at first point of inquiry.

The Lexington Park office, located at 21775 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park, MD, is open for lobby services during the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Appointments for services and benefits are encouraged, however, crisis concerns will be addressed appropriately on a case-by-case basis.

Child Support Payment Options available through St. Mary's County DSS include:

On-Line: <https://md.smartchildsupport.com>

On the Phone by Credit Card: 844-324-3855

By Mail: Maryland Child Support Account, PO Box 17396, Baltimore, MD 21297

Money Orders can be purchased at your local Post Office, Bank or Other Retail Establishments

For added convenience and efficient service, payments can be made at the DSS Lexington Park office by appointment. To schedule a time between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., please call the Customer Care Team at 240-895-7000.

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Summer Basketball Brings Community Together

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Nicolet Basketball Association (NBA) has run for five years in Lexington Park and has become more than just a place for men 18 years old and up to take to the courts, it has become a part of the community's fabric and a way for people to connect in ways they might never have.

The person largely responsible for its creation and continued success, John "Duck" Duckett, said it is a labor of love that keeps him busy all throughout the summer.

Duckett, 43, is a county native and graduate of Great Mills High School where he was a star athlete.

His talent took him far, to the University of Virginia (UVA) to play football on a full scholarship; he graduated in 2003 with a degree in anthropology.

He came close to going pro in the National Football League.

"I tried out for the Buffalo Bills but I got cut," Duckett said. "I had a great time trying out."

He loved playing football at UVA and his time on the Cavaliers as a linebacker gave him five years at the school.

"Your first year doesn't count for football, you just learn all the plays while you're going to classes," Duckett told *The County Times*. "It was awesome."

After earning his degree Duckett returned to St. Mary's and worked at various jobs; his job working at the Showtime Deli in Millison Plaza makes him as much of a community fixture as his running the local NBA.

He and some friends decided to do something about a lack of activities for local men, from young to old.

"I just wanted to start a basketball league," Duckett said. "A group of guys said there was just nothing for men to do here."

Shelly Hutchins, the NBA's coordinator, said it was a long-lasting problem in Lexington Park.

"There are plenty of things for women and children to do but there isn't that much for men," Hutchins said.

The league operates by registering players and assigning them to teams for a \$50 fee – which take the same names as the teams in the National Basketball Association, such as the Nicolet Celtics – and they play against each other on Thursdays and Saturdays, often for awards and prizes.

Those include haircuts at local barber shops, movie tickets at AMC Theatres, dinners at local restaurants like the Showtime Deli and even free hotel stays.

Players on teams are also rotated onto other rosters through a draft system that pushes players to work

with people who they aren't familiar with, fostering new friendships.

Duckett said he pays for the local NBA out of his own pocket and through many community donations.

No one associated with the NBA gets paid, he said.

"Everything is volunteer," Duckett said. "The community helps out a lot."

Since 2016, the NBA's founding, between eight to 12 teams have played the summer but the number of people who show up at Nicolet Park for games is far greater than the team members on the courts.

"People love basketball and it's in walking distance," Duckett said.

"We've had as many as 300 people show up at a time," Hutchins said.

Like many other organizations, the local league had to shut down much of its gameplay during the COVID-19 pandemic but people seem



Photo courtesy of Ceandra Scott.



John "Duck" Duckett has taken his life long love of athletics and turned it into a community staple with the Nicolet Basketball Association. Photo courtesy of Ceandra Scott.

eager to rejoin play on the courts.

Moreover, Duckett is keenly aware that the league gives young men something to do, and look forward to, other than potentially getting involved in criminal activity.

Given the recent increase in gun violence locally, which has been centered in Lexington Park and involved young men, Duckett is eager to keep the games going.

"Every year, the crime may get worse, but the league brings people

together who would never speak outside the [Nicolet] park," Hutchins said. "It's to keep them from the Leonardtown detention center."

Jonathan Gelrud, of Showtime Deli, said many young men who would not take guidance or advice from others will take it from Duckett.

"They'll listen to him," Gelrud said, noting Duckett's athletic pedigree carries much weight with them. "He knows what it's like."

Gelrud also said that sometimes

budding disputes between people who come to play basketball in the league are snuffed out after they play a game or two.

"Players who may have a disagreement before they play are talking to each other afterwards," Gelrud said.

Duckett said he was inspired early in life to be an athlete by an uncle who played basketball for Temple University.

"I said to myself, 'If he can do it, I've got to do it,'" Duckett said.

Teachers and coaches at school pressed him to go on to college, though, as his dream of becoming a professional athlete needed guidance.

"They saw my talent and they did everything they could for me," Duckett said, adding that sacrifice has inspired him to continue with the basketball league. "The guys I went to college with, they all gave back to the community."

"It's just something you're supposed to do."

Duckett both plays in games and referees them; spectators may chide him for some of his rulings on the court but they always celebrate his work afterwards when the games are over.

"It's always like a 'thank you' to me," said Duckett.

The NBA survives on Duckett's own money and donations from the community, he said he does not want to accept or use any grant money that would almost certainly have requirements attached to it.

"If it means something to me, I'll keep doing it on my own," Duckett said. "I know I'm going to do what's right."

"We're trying to keep the good ones with us; that's what we're trying to do, salvage what we can."

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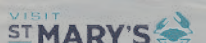
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St. Mary's College Welcomes New Board Trustees

St. Mary's College of Maryland welcomed two new trustees in June: Melanie L. Hilley '92 and Jesse Price '92. Both will serve six-year terms of service on the College's Board of Trustees.

"I am excited that St. Mary's College is adding two new Trustees with such important and relevant experience. The fact that both are St. Mary's College alumni who can share a critical perspective on aspects of the SMCM student experience and what students need to become productive and successful after they graduate is an added bonus. Our Board is student-focused and moderately progressive, taking great strides in solidifying our standing as the National Public Honors College and in its support of initiatives such as LEAD and the recent program prioritization. The new trustees enhance both the diversity of perspectives and student centrism," said Tuajuanda C. Jordan, president of St. Mary's College.

"On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, we welcome our newest members and look forward to continuing St. Mary's College's important role as a premier liberal arts and sciences institution," said Susan L. Dyer, Board of Trustees chair.

Alumna Melanie L. Hilley '92 has

spent the majority of her professional life as a litigation and compliance attorney, culminating as a principal/owner of PricewaterhouseCoopers US, a "Big Four" accounting firm and member of a global network of trust and consulting firms. She serves as a principal responsible for ethics, compliance and business integrity for the United States and Mexico, and oversight of related international compliance areas. Among her duties are to foster a speak-up culture of ethics and compliance, and to implement key compliance programs focused on financial, market, data and employment integrity. These programs leverage governance structures, comprehensive risk assessments and compliance monitoring, training and awareness assets, and technology automation and offshore resourcing. Previously, she held senior positions at Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., Accenture LLP, FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, f/k/a NASD), and BearingPoint Inc. (f/k/a KPMG Consulting Inc.), among others.

She received her Juris Doctor (cum laude) from the University of Baltimore School of Law and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Baltimore Merrick School of Business, both in 1995. She graduated with

a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 1992, with a double major in economics and political science and a minor in Spanish. She was also a member of the sailing team, receiving the following honors: Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association All-American Crew, 1991; Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association All-American Crew, 1992; and St. Mary's College Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, 2000.

Her volunteer and charity work include support of humane societies and pro bono legal counsel.

Alumnus Jesse Price '92 is a lifelong strategist, advocate and coalition builder with decades of experience connecting people and public policy. Currently serving in the U.S. Public Policy division of TikTok, Price is responsible for promoting and supporting related business priorities within government entities and grassroots partnerships as well as technology-focused advocacy organizations. Price's duties include executing strategies for engaging with policymakers in support of TikTok's diverse community of content creators and the platform's continuing operational capability development.

Before joining TikTok, Price served for more than a decade as senior director

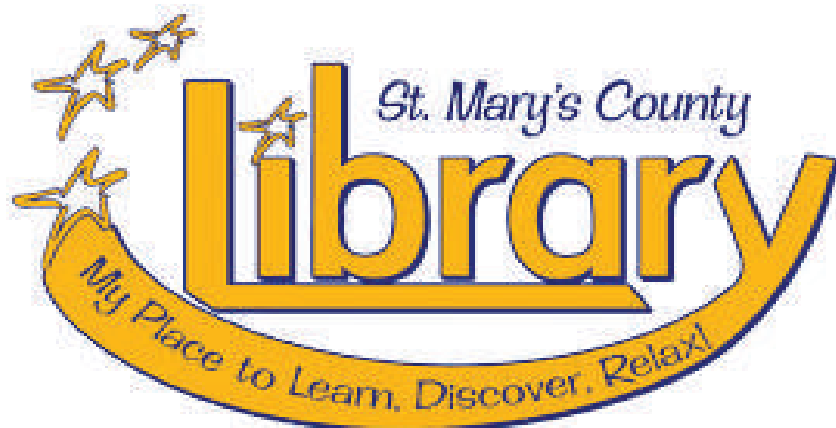
at Eli Lilly and Company. Price represented Lilly and its interests before Congress, the Executive Branch, and federal regulatory agencies and was responsible for developing and executing legislative and political engagement strategy on a broad range of bio-pharmaceutical, corporate tax and federal healthcare policy issues. Price's duties also included overseeing the management of the LillyPAC political action committee and employee grassroots education and advocacy programs.

Prior to joining Lilly, Price spent a career in public policy and political advocacy and organization – culminating in a near decade-long tenure on the Capitol Hill legislative staff of U.S. Representative Melvin L. Watt.

Price serves on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Corporate Advisory Council and on the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Board of Directors. He is also Chairman Emeritus of the Greater Washington Urban League Board of Directors.

Price received a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's College in 1992, with a double major in sociology and anthropology.

Press Release from SMCM.



Taiko: The Art of Japanese Drumming with Mark Rooney

Mark Rooney will perform two interactive performances of traditional & contemporary songs & rhythms that explores the instruments, the voice in taiko, and a bit of history & Japanese vocabulary on Thursday, July 15. Some audience volunteers will get to try their hand at playing these BIG drums! Note for those with sensitive ears: Taiko drums are very, very loud.

The first performance will be held on Thursday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m. This event will be outdoors on the grounds of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (27108 Mt Zion Church Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659). There are wooden benches available, or you may bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. Be sure to wear your sunblock!

The second performance will be held on Thursday, July 15 at 2 p.m. at the Leonardtown Library. This event will be outdoors in the grassy area behind the library. Please bring chairs or a blanket

to sit on, and wear your sunblock!

In the event of bad weather, this event will be rescheduled to July 22. Please register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to get updates in case of a weather-related change. When registering, please include the total number of people (adults and children) in your group. Total attendance is limited to 100 for physical distancing.

Meet Author Michelle Cameron: Historical Fiction Medal Winner

St. Mary's County Library is excited to introduce Michelle Cameron in a virtual author event on Monday, July 19 from 7 – 8 p.m. Michelle Cameron is the author of works of historical fiction and poetry: *Beyond the Ghetto Gates* (She Writes Press, 2020), *The Fruit of Her Hands: The Story of Shira of Ashkenaz* (Pocket, 2009), and *In the Shadow of the Globe* (Lit Pot Press, 2003). *Beyond the Ghetto Gates* was the Silver medal winner for Historical Fiction in the 2020 Independent Publisher Book



Awards (IPPYs), a semi-finalist for the 2020 Chanticleer Goethe Awards, and a finalist in the 2020 Foreword Indies. Michelle is a director of The Writers Circle, a NJ-based organization that offers creative writing programs to children, teens, and adults. Michelle will discuss researching her most recent novel of historical fiction, *Beyond the Ghetto Gates*, including several unexpected discoveries that helped the plotline, her writing process, and some of the novel's themes. A Q & A session will follow. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

Intro to Foundation Directory Online

Looking for grants for your nonprofit? Come learn how to use Foundation Directory Online (FDO) on Tuesday, July 20 from 6 – 7 p.m., the most comprehensive prospect research tool for fundraisers, with over 235,000 grantmaker profiles. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Charge! Part 1: Are Electric Vehicles right for me?

Have you been wondering about EVs? Wonder no more - now you can find out from owners of Tesla, Volkswagon e-Golf, and Mustang Mach-E on Thursday, July 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Learn what it's like to own and operate an electric vehicle. Get the answers to questions like: Is there REALLY no engine? How long does it take to charge? How far can I take it on a trip? What is the maintenance like? Does it have much pick up? How is it compared to a gasoline car? Join us to find out the answers to these questions and more at this virtual panel discussion! This is part one of a two part series on electric vehicles. 'Charge! Part 2: What is the future of electric vehicles in Southern Maryland?' will be held Thursday, August 12 at 6:30pm. Register for this virtual event on www.stmalib.org.

New CSM Provost Named

New Division of Learning Vice President

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announced that Dr. Rodney Redmond has been named vice president of the college's new Division of Learning and CSM's first provost. Redmond had been serving in the role as CSM's interim vice president of Academic Affairs since January 2021, as part of a unique cross-college transfer between CSM and Montgomery College (MC), where Redmond served as the College-wide Dean of English and Reading.

"I am proud to announce my selection of Dr. Rodney Redmond for the position of Provost and Vice President for the Division of Learning at the College of Southern Maryland," shared CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy in her announcement to the CSM faculty and staff May 17. "This was a highly competitive search."

In his role, Redmond will lead a new organization that will see the college's current departments of Academic Affairs and Continuing Education and Workforce combine to centralize all areas of learning in one division. Included in the Division of Learning will be the School of Continuing Education and Workforce, the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Professional and Technical Studies, the School of Science and Health, and Library and Technology Resources.

Murphy said Redmond was selected for several reasons, including his demonstrated ability to listen, be empathetic, care for others' well-being and for his commitment to the growth of people as an intuitive act of stewardship. He is a servant leader.

"The provost is a new role in our college, and while it's in its infancy, it's part of our long-term goal of improving student learning and advancing our new strategic plan," she further explained. "Dr. Redmond understands that and can articulate how the college's strategic goals fit into the work of the new Division of Learning. He will grow with the position as we shape it."

Murphy also cited Redmond's track record of recruiting and retaining minority faculty. "Our students need to see people in their classrooms who look like them, especially our young minority men," she wrote in her announcement. "Diversification of our workforce is a critical strategy in improving student success."

"And last—but certainly not least—he collaborates well—an essential leadership trait," Murphy said. "Collaboration, one of our college values, is defined as 'we are stronger when we work together.' Dr. Redmond will help us be stronger... I have confidence that Dr. Redmond will be a positive and thoughtful part of nurturing our work."

Redmond said he is honored to have been selected and looks forward to permanently joining the CSM team.

"I have worked in higher education for over twenty-five years and I have yet to overcome my fascination with learning," he recently told the participants of CSM's



Rodney Redmond

62nd Spring Commencement May 14. "In my last five months here at CSM, I can tell you – without a doubt—that my biggest takeaway – what I learned the most – is that this CSM family (faculty, staff and students, together) have unbreakable strength and commitment to each other."

Redmond began his career in education more than 20 years ago. Initially, working in secondary education as a sophomore level English teacher, he later transitioned into a career in higher education. Within the higher education arena, he has worked as an adjunct professor, teaching English Composition and Developmental English, at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio before joining the English faculty at the Rockville campus of MC. During his tenure as an English faculty member at MC, he served in various roles including his work as a member of the Assessment Center Advisory Committee, the English Discipline Steering Committee, the English CLEP coordinator, the English Competency coordinator and chair of the department of English Composition, Literature and Professional Writing. He also co-lead a state-wide workgroup on Assessment and Placement that resulted in a MOU concerning Assessment and Placement between Maryland community college presidents and state superintendents of schools in Maryland.

Redmond has served MC as the representative to the local NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program and chair of the board of directors for The Bernie Tetreault Scholarship Program. He is a member of the National Council of Black American Affairs, Community College Humanities Association, Montgomery Coalition of Adult English Literacy, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, Fraternity, Inc., and has served as a panelist with the Maryland Arts and Humanities Commission.

He earned his bachelor's in English Education from Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. After matriculation at Rust College, he received his master's from the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. He completed his doctorate in Higher Education Administration, focusing on community college leadership, from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Press Release from CSM.

School Administrative Appointments



Angela Rohrer, Assistant Principal at Evergreen Elementary School



Amanda Kellam, Assistant Principal at Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary School



Robert Springer, appointed as Food and Nutrition Services Coordinator in the Department of Food and Nutrition Services



Superintendent of schools Dr. J. Scott Smith announces the administrative appointments made by the Board of Education at its meeting of June 30.

The board appointed Karen Breslauer as Acting Coordinator of Fiscal Services, in the Department of Fiscal Services. Breslauer holds a Master's Degree from Western Governor's University and a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Methodist University. She currently serves as a Benefits Accountant in the Department of Fiscal Services.

Amanda Kellam has been appointed as Assistant Principal, 11 month, at Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary School. Kellam holds a Master's Degree from St. Mary's College of Maryland and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. Kellam currently serves as an Instructional Resource Teacher at Mechanicsville Elementary School.

Angela Rohrer has been appointed as Assistant Principal, 11 month, at Evergreen Elementary School. Rohrer holds a Master's Degree from Towson University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin. Rohrer currently serves as an Instructional Resource Teacher at Leonardtown Elementary School.

Robert Springer has been appointed as Food and Nutrition Services Coordinator, in the Department of Food and Nutrition Services. Springer holds a Master's and a Bachelor's Degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Springer currently serves as a Supervisor of Accounting in the Department of Fiscal Services.

Breslauer's appointment is effective July 1, 2021.

Kellam's, Rohrer's, and Springer's appointments will become effective August 2, 2021.

Press Release from SMCPs.

Pet

OF THE WEEK

MEET HAKI

"Opening up your life to a dog who needs a home is one of the most fulfilling things you can do."

-Emma Kenney



Hey there everybody, my name is Haki. Here's my Canine Resume: I'm a FUN, PLAYFUL 3 year old pup, I LOVE GETTING ATTENTION from people more than just about anything, I happily introduced myself to all the wonderful caring TCAS staff members, I absolutely love it when someone pets me, I'm SUPER SMART, I know the commands to sit and paw (but be ready cause I'll not only give you one paw, I'll give you the other without even being told!), I'VE LIVED WITH YOUNG KIDS and I SEEM TO LOVE EVERYONE I meet! WHEW! What more could you want? Did I mention my sweet face and curly tail? Now, I'm looking for an active adopter who will take me on all kinds of escapades, continue my training, and give me UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. Send that email to animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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St. Mary's College of MD Partners with CSM & Wor-Wic College for New Marine Science Transfer Credits



Students from College of Southern Maryland and Wor-Wic Community College now can easily transfer into St. Mary's College of Maryland's new marine science major with the signing of two articulation agreements.

These articulation agreements are designed to facilitate students' ease of transfer to St. Mary's College. CSM students graduating with an Associate of Science in the Mathematics and Sciences: General or Biology or Chemistry or Mathematics Concentrations and students from Wor-Wic Community College graduating with an Associate of Science in STEM Transfer: Biology Concentration will be eligible for admission into St. Mary's College's new marine science program. The goal of these articulation agreements is to lay out a sequence of courses both at the community college and at St. Mary's College that will allow transfer students to complete their bachelor's degree in four semesters after their associate degree.

There is also a dual admission option with St. Mary's College and both community colleges. Students interested in dual admission are encouraged to consult with an academic adviser at CSM or Wor-Wic and the Office of Admission at St. Mary's College to assist in choosing courses to promote timely graduation.

Interested students should apply to the St. Mary's College Office of Admission at least six months prior to the start of the semester they wish to transfer. These

agreements are also available to part-time students.

The new marine science program is available at St. Mary's College beginning fall 2021 semester. The new major will embrace the College's waterfront environment with the use of the St. Mary's River and Chesapeake Bay to create a unique, rigorous, and innovative program. Because of the location of St. Mary's College on the St. Mary's River and because of the College's close association with the St. Mary's River Watershed Association, many opportunities exist for marine science that are not available at the other Maryland higher education institutions.

St. Mary's College also welcomes international students to apply to the College. Additional admission materials will include the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and WES transcript evaluations if applicable.

More information regarding admission to St. Mary's College can be found on the College's website.

St. Mary's College of Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary's College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland.

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Covert Wins at Potomac

Quade Takes Limited Late Model Thriller

York Haven Pa's Jason Covert drove to his first Late Model win of the season in last Saturday nights 35-lap "Ernie Jones Memorial" at Potomac Speedway. The win for Covert, worth \$3022, would be the 17th career win for the former four-time track champion.

Covert drew the pole for the start of the event and surged into the lead on the first lap. Dale Hollidge, in his first start driving the Lacey Racing no.45, slid into the runner up spot on the 6th lap and ran Covert down. The duo would then put on another epic Potomac battle as the ran nose to tail for the duration with Covert squeaking out the win by a car length at the finish aboard his Cameron/Mann owned Rocket no.72. "We've been running pretty good the last few weeks and that has given us a bunch of confidence." Covert said in victory lane. "Everyone on this team has worked their guts out this year and its always special when we can win one at their home track." Kenny Moreland, Sam Archer and Brent Bordeaux would trail at the finish.

Derick Quade continued his stellar season with his 4th victory of 2021 in the companion 20-lap Limited Late Model feature. Quade darted from the pole with 5th starting Kyle Lear in tow. The pair would then race side by side the entire way with Quade scoring the hard fought win by less than a car length steering his Longhorn no.74. "That was one of the hardest races we've won." Quade stated post race. "The track was really rough tonight and Kyle made us work for it but I'm glad we were able to come out on top." Brandon Long, Billy Tucker and Dale Murphy completed the top five.

In support class action, current point leader PJ Hatcher drove to

his 8th win of the season and career 23rd in the 15-lap Street Stock feature, Mikey Latham scored win number 3 and career win no.20 in the 15-lap Hobby Stock event, Dominic King made it 5 wins in 6 starts in the 15-lap U Car main with red hot Justin Hatcher notching his 5th win of the season in the nightcap 15-lap Strictly Stock contest.

Late Model feature finish

Jason Covert, Dale Hollidge, Kenny Moreland, Sam Archer, Brent Bordeaux, Jamie Lathroum

Limited Late Model feature finish

Derick Quade, Kyle Lear, Brandon Long, Billy Tucker, Dale Murphy, Danny Garrett, Jeff King, Jonny Oliver, James Snead

Street Stock feature finish

PJ Hatcher, Dylan Welsh, Ben Pirner, Mike Bladen, John Cobb, Stephen Hilgenberg, Deuce Wright, Walt Homberg

Hobby Stock feature finish

Mikey Latham, Greg Morgan, Eric Hanson, Hilton Pickeral, Austin Lathroum, Wyatt Hanson, Colin Long, Billy Crouse, Owen Lacey, Watson Gordon, Bobby Miexsall, Troy Kassiris, Mason Hanson DNS-Stephen Suite

Strictly Stock feature finish

Justin Hatcher, Scooter Tippett, Casey Sheckles, Daniel Knodle, Jayden Hatcher, Richie Gibson, John Hardesty, Stephen Suite, Greg Mattingly, Travis Dye, Brian Johnson, Nabil Guffey

U Car feature finish

Dominic King, Jason Penn, Seth Hood, Joe Beard, James Stonestreet, Kristy Whitehouse, Joey Suite, Kaitlyn Inscoc, Ashley Stansell, Mackenzie Smith, Emily Quade, Faith Lacey, Shelby Beale, Brook Bowles

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway

A View From The BLEACHERS



WORK IN PROGRESS

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Many calendars have been hung and discarded. Several decades have slipped by. The face in the mirror and perpetual backache indisputably indicate middle age has arrived. Which, my kids would offer, means little more than that I am old and a disintegrating shell of my mythical younger self.

Love...can be brutal.

Unbeknownst to the young, the value in a well-used odometer is the imparted wisdom and the invaluable perspective it enables for whatever life serves. A sports fan lacking wrinkles, creaky bones and gray hair has experienced only games and seasons. Those with glorious patina can reflect on entire careers, make cross-generational comparisons and critically analyze broader trends.

I am a grateful witness to many extraordinary athletes and events. A skinny, athletic kid on a loaded North Carolina team, won six NBA Championships and became, arguably, the greatest basketball player of all time. Another skinny kid, although far less athletic and once hopelessly buried on the University of Michigan quarterback depth chart, won more Super Bowls than anyone in NFL history. An averaged sized prospect with suspect speed and from a little-known school, became the greatest wide receiver of all time. An oversized shortstop from Aberdeen, Maryland became his hometown MLB team's very best, broke an amazing record for uninterrupted service and waltzed into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Two sisters from Compton, California took over the tennis world and expertly navigated the worst of fishbowls for two decades. Both won multiple Grand Slam championships; the younger has won the most of the Open Era. A golf prodigy exited Stanford University, quickly ascended the summit of golf, won major championships with ease, lost his way personally, broke down physically and authored one of the great redemption stories in sports history.

Introducing Michael Jordan, Tom Brady, Jerry Rice, Cal Ripken and Serena and Venus Williams, and Tiger Woods, respectively.

The achievements for each are historic - all-time stuff; but their success was neither given, nor was it linear. Injuries bit Jordan, Brady, Rice and Woods. Ripken tweaked his batting stance as much as Woods tinkered

with his swing. The (unprecedented?) media and social pressure constantly threatened to consume the Williams's. And these names are the few who actually made it; sports is littered with prodigies who fell far short of expectations. Heath Shuler, Kyle Boller and Kwame Brown are a few cringe-worthy names for local fans.

Being that this is the column of random connections, contemplation of these sporting greats, their uneven journeys and ultimate triumphs (and the much longer lists of failed hopefuls) created an unmistakable intersection with American history. We The People are much like a generational athletic prospect. America was spoiled with a rich toolkit - a government of, by and for the people, untried levels of diversity, a capitalist economy with a social conscience and declared liberties and equality for all - that seems, at least on paper, to support the comprehensive pursuit and attainment of unrivaled happiness.

A keen eye detects where this is going.

The Jefferson Memorial offers a further (and tangible) connection to American history. Quotes from Thomas Jefferson, and excerpted thoughts from his various writings, are captured on the Memorial's porticos and rotunda. Collectively they capture the concepts of free thinking, personal liberty and equality - the written bedrocks of America, the great prospect for humanity. Ah, but much like this flawed founding father, we have torn a few ACLs, broken bones and suffered setbacks (many self-inflicted) while chasing the fulfillment of our bold claims. We have failed many over our centuries of existence; economic and technological advancement has, sadly, consistently outpaced and compromised our social progress. The gap between American fact and the American brochure is alive and well. And as recent history has indicated, too many of us are determined, for perceived personal benefit, to perpetuate that gap.

But here we are, at the comparatively young age of 245 years old, still the best hope for humankind, still the most audacious idea, still seeking to reach our potential and still very much a work in progress. Success or bust - it's up to us. Fortunately, history tends to grade on the curve.

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Navy Strike Test Squadron Changes Command

Capt. Elizabeth “Lizard” Somerville took command of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 from Lt. Col. Mark “Ammo” Amspacher during a change of command ceremony at NAS Patuxent River today.

Col. Richard E. Marigliano, Commodore of Naval Test Wing Atlantic, presided over the change of command ceremony.

“As commanding officer of the largest developmental test squadron, Lt. Col. Amspacher brought inspirational leadership to the command,” said Marigliano. “I have no doubt Capt. Somerville is up to challenge of continuing the great work here.”

This is not Somerville’s first time at the helm of a developmental test squadron. Before joining VX-23 as Chief Test Pilot in October 2019, Somerville led VX-31 in China Lake, California, where she oversaw developmental flight test on various fixed wing platforms’ weapons systems and software.

“I am incredibly fortunate to be taking the helm of such a great command,” said Somerville. “This is a really exciting time in flight test – we have big changes coming with unmanned systems and other important capabilities to deliver fleet squadrons.”

Somerville’s military career is peppered with firsts. She was the first female aviator at Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 141. Somerville was also a department head in VAQ-141 during the maiden deployment of both the Navy’s Growlers and USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77). Somerville was the first female commander of a Naval developmental test squadron at VX-31, and now the first

female commanding officer of VX-23.

“Capt. Somerville will do a fantastic job carrying the mission of VX-23 forward,” said Amspacher. “She will benefit, as have I, from the incredible talent, ingenuity, and tenacity of the military, civilian, and contract personnel that make the Salty Dogs great. It’s not just about the people, it is ALL about the people!”

During his time as VX-23’s commanding officer, Amspacher oversaw the integration of the small diameter bomb II and the Joint Direct Attack Munition on the F-35, as well as the aircraft’s participation in the Italian aircraft carrier ITS Cavour (CVH 550) Sea Trials. The Next Generation Jammer on the EA-18G Growler took its first flight during his tenure, a significant milestone in future electronic warfare capability. Amspacher also played a key role in high-risk testing of the new electromagnetic launch system and advanced arresting gear recovery system aboard USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).

During the ceremony, Marigliano awarded Amspacher the gold star in lieu of a second award to his Meritorious Service Medal.

Amspacher’s next orders are to the AV-8B Weapon Systems Program Office (PMA-257).

VX-23 supports the research and development, test and evaluation of fixed wing tactical aircraft. As Naval Air Systems Command’s largest flight test organization it provides pilots, maintenance services, safety oversight and facility support. The squadron conducts more than 3,000 flight operations each year, both shore based and



shipboard.

VX-23 is a component of Naval Test Wing Atlantic, under Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. With facilities in Patuxent River, Maryland; Lakehurst, New Jersey; and Orlando, Florida NAWCAD advances capability and operational readiness for na-

val aviation.

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Beachy Anchor Craft

Welcome your visitors with this beautiful Beachy Anchor on your

front door! Join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Friday, July 9 at 1:30 p.m. We will be painting and adding your own unique quote or last name to this adorable anchor. The cost for this class will be \$20. Advanced payment is required. Please call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to register.

Nutrition Education with Donna Taggart

Join us for important information from Dietitian, Donna Taggart, at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Monday, July 12 at 11 a.m. The July presentation topic is How to Fill Your Nutrition Shortfalls. Ms. Taggart is a licensed dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator. Advanced registration is required as space is limited. To register, call the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

What in the World is Happening?

Current Events is once again holding court on the latest topics of the day at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This group has resumed meeting every Monday at 10 a.m. Walk-ins are now welcome! For questions call 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

Another Volunteer Bingo Caller Needed

The Loffler Senior Activity Center is looking for another person to call BINGO two Wednesdays per month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. We have one new volunteer who will call twice a month and would like another person to call on the other two Wednesdays. If you are someone who enjoys providing fun for the 50+ population, can call out numbers loudly and sometimes referee, we would love to hear from you! Call Shellie Graziano at 301-475-4200, ext. 1655, or e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com

stmarysmd.com.

Pinochle Players Needed

Do you like playing this game? Our group plays on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. They are looking for a few more people to get another table going. Interested? Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1658 or e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

Loffler Book Club Selection Announced

The next book club meeting at the Loffler Senior Activity Center will take place on Friday, August 6 at 2 p.m. The group is reading Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini. Let us know if you'd like to be a part of this group by e-mailing Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com or call Shellie: 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.



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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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Thursday, July 8

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. csmd.edu/transferthursdays

Friday, July 9

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) for event details.

Bingo

Father Andrew White School; 6:30 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus Council 1470 in Leonardtown is reopening bingo.

Saturday, July 10

8th Annual Car Show

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Adult spectator \$3 donation, children 10 and under FREE. Trophies for the top 30 and 5 specialty awards. Vehicles must be registered by 4 pm to be judged. T-shirts to the first 20 cars, trucks or motorcycles through the gate and dash plaques to ALL., music, food, vendor, Blessing of event, pie eating contest and more. Registration fee is \$20 at the gate. For further information contact Jimmy Herriman at 301-481-0360. Visit us at www.mtzionmech.org for rain information. 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Mechanicsville

Sunday, July 11

Carry Out Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus Hall Ridge; 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\$14 per dinner, self serve dining room available, baked goods available. 301-872-4641

Monday, July 12

Co-Ed Match Play Tournament

Wicomico Shores Golf Course

Participants play when they choose and turn in score cards

Ages 15 and up

Bracket format

Lowest handicap plays highest handicap

Single elimination

\$25 entry fee

For more information, call the Golf Shop at 301-884-4601 or visit www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/golfcourse

Pax River Quilters Meeting

Virtual; 6:30 p.m.

Pax River Quilters Guild Welcomes You Visit our Website www.paxriverquiltguild.com or our Facebook page Pax River Quilters Guild for more information to join our group. Pax River Quilts Guild is a 501(c) (3) Organization and is open to everyone. Currently meetings are online 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Following CDC Guidelines. July 12 on zoom We will have Zoom speaker Veruschka Zarate (website www.prideandjoyquilt-ing.com) from Redlands California speaking on her quilt journey with Foundation Paper Piecing and Designing. call 301-769-1151, Cindy for more info.

Blood Drive

2nd District Firehouse; 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

For more information / schedule your life saving donation, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to download the blood donor app.

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Tuesday, July 13

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@ccsmd.com.

Wednesday, July 14

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

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.

Food Pantry

Noon- 6 p.m.

St. Matthew's Pentecostal Church, 23755 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. 301-475-2910

Thursday, July 15

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. csmd.edu/transferthursdays

Ongoing

AmazonSmile Charity

AmazonSmile could donate a percentage of shoppers' purchases to the 2nd District VFD & RS (AKA Co. 6 / Valley Lee). For more info / instructions how to shop contact Cheryl @ 240-925-7559

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 welcome and will not be charged

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000004

v.

MD INVESTMENTS
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property LOT 644 SECTION 2 PLAT 3 GOLDEN BEACH, in the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S, sold by the Collector of Taxes for the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S and the State of Maryland to the plaintiff in this proceeding:

The property is described as account number 05-009537, LOT 644 SECTION 2 PLAT 3 GOLDEN BEACH assessed to MD INVESTMENTS.

The complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 24th day of May, 2021, by the Circuit Court for ST. MARY'S COUNTY, Ordered, that notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this order in some newspaper having a general circulation once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 24th day of July, 2021, and redeem the property ACCOUNT NUMBER 05-009537, LOT 644 SECTION 2 PLAT 3 GOLDEN BEACH, and answer the complaint or thereafter a final judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the plaintiff, KNM INVESTMENTS LLC, a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000007

v.

HOPPING HARVEY C HOPPING KATHLEEN R
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property LOT 15 BLK J PLAT 1 - SECTION 4 PLAT 8/47 - WICOMICO SHORES, in the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S, sold by the Collector of Taxes for the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S and the State of Maryland to the plaintiff in this proceeding:

The property is described as account number 04-032349, LOT 15 BLK J PLAT 1 - SECTION 4 PLAT 8/47 - WICOMICO SHORES assessed to HOPPING HARVEY C HOPPING KATHLEEN R.

The complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 15th day of June, 2021, by the Circuit Court for ST. MARY'S COUNTY, Ordered, that notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this order in some newspaper having a general circulation once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 15th day of August, 2021, and redeem the property ACCOUNT NUMBER 04-032349, LOT 15 BLK J PLAT 1 - SECTION 4 PLAT 8/47 - WICOMICO SHORES, and answer the complaint or thereafter a final judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the plaintiff, KNM INVESTMENTS LLC, a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000005

v.

BRINTZENHOFE RICHARD A SUZANNE J
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property LOT 37 BLK B PLAT 1 - SECTION 2 PLAT 8/44 - WICOMICO SHORES, in the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S, sold by the Collector of Taxes for the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S and the State of Maryland to the plaintiff in this proceeding:

The property is described as account number 04-040074, LOT 37 BLK B PLAT 1 - SECTION 2 PLAT 8/44 - WICOMICO SHORES assessed to BRINTZENHOFE RICHARD A SUZANNE J.

The complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 24th day of May, 2021, by the Circuit Court for ST. MARY'S COUNTY, Ordered, that notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this order in some newspaper having a general circulation once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 24th day of July, 2021, and redeem the property ACCOUNT NUMBER 04-040074, LOT 37 BLK B PLAT 1 - SECTION 2 PLAT 8/44 - WICOMICO SHORES, and answer the complaint or thereafter a final judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the plaintiff, KNM INVESTMENTS LLC, a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000006

v.

James and Mary Parrish
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property LOT 32 BLK F PLAT 6 SECTION 2 PLAT 8/47 WICOMICO SHORES, Mechanicsville, Maryland in the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S, sold by the Collector of Taxes for the COUNTY of ST. MARY'S and the State of Maryland to the plaintiff in this proceeding:

The property is described as account number 04-033027, LOT 32 BLK F PLAT 6 SECTION 2 PLAT 8/47 WICOMICO SHORES assessed to PARRISH JAMES P.

The complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 24th day of May, 2021, by the Circuit Court for ST. MARY'S COUNTY, Ordered, that notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this order in some newspaper having a general circulation once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 24th day of July, 2021, and redeem the property ACCOUNT NUMBER 04-033027, LOT 32 BLK F PLAT 6 SECTION 2 PLAT 8/47 WICOMICO SHORES, and answer the complaint or thereafter a final judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the plaintiff, KNM INVESTMENTS LLC, a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS TOWN OF LEONARDTOWN WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PRODUCTION AND INSTALL

The Commissioners of Leonardtown are seeking bids from local sign companies to produce and install a wayfinding system of signs in the Town of Leonardtown. Interested companies are encouraged to contact the Town Hall at 22670 Washington Street, POB 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650 to pick up a bid packet or visit www.Leonardtown.somd.com to download a packet. A pre bid meeting will be held at 9 a.m., Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the Town Hall. Sealed bids will be received until 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. For further information contact Laschelle McKay at 301-475-9791 or by email at Laschelle.mckay@leonardtownmd.gov.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown reserve the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, and to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

IN THE MATTER OF TAYLOR RENEE ALLEN
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO TAYLOR RENEE WOOD

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-000232

Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name of a minor from TAYLOR RENEE ALLEN to TAYLOR RENEE WOOD.

The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Minor child to keep born name and mother's last name

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 07/31/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



DATE NIGHT #1

Date night #1 was really nice last Friday. Normally we go out somewhere to eat in the area, or sometimes just order pizza. Robert asked me what I wanted to do, and I said, "Eat crabs at Seabreeze?????" I know he loves to be on the water. He shook his head no. Then I said, "How about the little seafood place on Benedict that's been around forever I have heard a lot about?????" He didn't want to go there either. I wanted to yell at that point, "Then why the heck did you ask me where I wanted to go????", but I normally don't. You may notice that all of my previous questions end with several question marks which means that my voice gets quieter yet goes up in tone at the end. This is a common problem with many women, and is referred to as upspeak or upward inflection, or you may know it as Valley Girl speech. I remember our Family and Sex Roles Professor at St. Mary's College constantly admonishing the women in class to speak confidently, not like you are unsure of everything you say. When it comes to where to eat or where to go, I revert back to upspeak, and I hate myself for it. But if you have been with someone or married long enough then you have probably been in this situation where no one wants to say where they really want to go, because you think the other person must have somewhere already in mind.

In the case of my husband and this is nearly always the case. He will ask where I want to go, and I will naturally respond with, "I don't know...where do you want to go?. Or" Anywhere is fine". That sometimes elicits the response of, "Well, we will just stay home then." So, over the years, I have tried to be a little more confident and just say where I want to go, sometimes with upspeak, sometimes without. What I get in response for that is, "Well, are you sure you don't want to go such and such instead?" I'll say, "That's fine." And he will say, "No, you said such and such place". I start to get mildly frustrated, and say, "Well, you must have really wanted to go to the place you said in the first place when you asked me where I wanted to go." You can see that leads to a rough start to our date nights. Thank goodness for wine or cocktails once we do agree on a place to take the rough edges off. So anyway, Friday night he did have a place in mind: Port of Leonardtown Winery. YAY!!! I quickly checked Facebook to make sure they were open late and to see what music was playing and if there was a food truck, so we'd know whether we needed to eat dinner somewhere first. I told him yes, Linda's On The Go food truck was going to be there and they were bringing Morgan Salee's cheesecakes besides, however I did leave out the part to him that it was Karaoke night.

After our location was finally decided, I

added a little make-up and styled my hair, he said, "Let's take the convertible". As you may remember, we have a '65 red Mustang convertible which is still in the process of always needing work done on something. We normally only take it out during the day, but I knew he had had the headlights replaced just in case we happened to be out after dark.

We had a wonderful wine tasting at the Port of Leonardtown, I got my favorite "summer burger", and we settled ourselves outside in the beautiful courtyard with the pretty gazebo, where we given our tasting, and enjoyed our bottle of rich Chambourcin. We had so much fun listening to all the Karaoke singers and groups of singers and laughed more than we had in a long time. All the while I had the two songs I used to love to sing running through my head; one by Al Green and one by Tina Turner just in case I got up the nerve to sign up. I didn't thank goodness, though I told Robert if I had been able to stand up straight cause of my back, I'd of been up there in a heartbeat. Next time.

We left the winery when it was still dusk. I was thinking Robert would want to go straight home since we had the Mustang and the headlights aren't real bright, but he decided to go some back roads home with an endpoint in mind of Chaptico Wharf. It was beautiful, and in a convertible you smell every farm field and flower. It was dark dusk as we started back home and found quickly this was going to be one of the scariest nights of our lives. The headlights started going off and on with Robert frantically hitting the brights which would also shut off. It was pitch dark on Maddox Road by then with a drop off to the right and the marsh on the left. I was putting my pale arm up so maybe the large, fast truck coming up on us would see us or stop. I had my cellphone's flashlight shining at him, but all he did was pass us with his passenger giving us the one finger salute. I can say we were even more shaky after that. The headlights kept going on and off (mainly off) and Robert would have to stop the car fast because it was pitch black and you couldn't see anything. I had my cell phone flashlight shining down on the right side white line. Going through Chaptico was a little better with the store lights, but all the way from the circle to Mechanicsville Rd to Yowaiski to home was frightening. We were both shaken up a bit and ready to kiss the ground when we finally got home. I told my husband, "Wow, you sure know how to make date night exciting!" and he said, "Just wait 'til Date Night #2". I was thinking yeah, maybe if I stop shaking by then.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

The Way We Were...

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



St. Mary's

COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Leonardtown in 1949 looking west along Washington St. Note the dirt road.

Long ago while hitchhiking through Italy with the abandon of youth, I booked deck passage on a freighter sailing from Brindisi, Italy, to Piraeus, Greece. On the second morning of the overnight journey, leaning over the ship's rail staring watching the blue waters of the Ionian Sea slip by, I fell into conversation with a sailor on his way home to Greece. Seeing that I was a student and a tourist, he said that when I got to Athens I should first, attention to the city itself, avoiding the tourist spots, seeking out the shops, bars, restaurants, etc., instead. And second, he encouraged me to talk to the locals rather than hanging out with tourists. "Ask them about their lives – get them to tell you stories. Pay attention," he said, "and you'll learn more about a people and culture than any guidebook will tell you."

His advice became a habit. On arriving in Leonardtown three years ago, I turned my ears to story tellers and their stories. And in Leonardtown, stories and story tellers are in abundance! These men and women regaled me with tales of the wharf, of Dukes, of the St Mary's Hotel, of horse carts transporting nuns along unpaved roads. Their stories brought depth and meaning to Leonardtown's streets and buildings. They were different from mine in the details but connected in some way – small town life where neighbors knew each other, greeted each other by name as they sat on their verandas on summer afternoons with a pitcher of lemonade at the ready to share with passers-by.

You are invited to join members and friends of Historical Society as they share their stories and reminisces about Leonardtown's Back Streets and Back Stories on Thursday, July 15th at The Rex at 6:00 pm. Ernie Bell, Frankie Tippet, Gene Woods, Lilly Himmelheber, and others will offer informal stories and conversation ranging uphill from the wharf, through the center

of town, and further up the road.

These "old" Countians ("old" in wisdom, not necessarily in age) are people whose families have lived in St Mary's County and the Leonardtown area for decades, in some cases centuries. They will tell you not only about events and people, but what makes them memorable and why they are important even to today. Their stories have special bonds with town, the land, and with each other. Their stories are told slowly, unfolding in stages as all good tales should. The beginnings and middles are clear; but there are no ends. Whether the subject is tavern-league baseball, summer dances, periods of difficulty or sorrow, a sense of humor and optimism prevails. Leonardtown's dirt roads, its slowly evolving face, its growth become parts of a continuing narrative.

The Historical Society looks forward to bringing History on Tap to pubs and inns elsewhere in St Mary's County. We want to celebrate communities; to allow local story-tellers to share their history and reminiscences everyone, especially with newcomers to the County. If you have stories to tell about your community – from Charlotte Hall to Scotland; from Wicomico Shores to Town Point – get in touch with us! History is all about stories and we welcome yours!

Peter LaPorte
Executive Director

If you would like to learn more about the people, places, and events that shaped St Mary's County, please visit our website – www.stmaryshistory.org

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

In Remembrance

Tammie Marie Wood



Tammie Marie Wood, 35, of Dameron, MD, passed away on June 24, 2021 at her home. She was born on September 3, 1985 in Leonardtown, MD to Tom Nelson and Mary Miedzinski Nelson of Leonardtown, MD. Tammie was the loving wife of Kevin Wood, whom she married on May 26, 2012 in Dameron, MD. Tammie is survived by her son, Raylan Wood, and her daughter, Bailey Wood, both of Dameron, MD, as well as her brother Dale Nelson of Leonardtown, MD.

Tammie was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident and graduated from Leonardtown High School in 2003. She attended UMUC and graduated in 2017 with a BA. Tammie worked as a Flight Test Scheduler for NASPAX/KBR.

At this time all services will be private.

Elizabeth "Liz" Elaine Canter



Elizabeth "Liz" Elaine Canter, 62 of Great Mills, MD passed away on June 28, 2021 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center.

Liz was born on September 25, 1958 in Park Hall, MD to the late Melvin Leroy Lindsay and Elizabeth "Betty" (Thompson) Lindsay of Great Mills, MD.

Liz was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. One of her most memorable pastime activities was playing in the local softball leagues for various teams and hanging out with her friends after the games. She was a loving mother of two children that she cherished raising. They took many unforgettable family vacations to Ocean City, MD. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for different contractors and businesses in her career, like SAIC and St. Mary's Nursing Center. Throughout all of her careers she made many lasting professional and personal relationships. She was an excellent cook and her specialties were her lasagna and cheesy potatoes. She loved collecting chicken figurines in her spare time and enjoyed watching Westerns. She was also a huge fan of the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Redskins.

She is survived by her children, Aaron Halvor Canter (Jaime) of Hollywood, MD and Lindsay Lianne Canter of California, MD; her siblings Melvin Leroy Lindsay, Jr. of Helen, MD and Richard Lindsay (Dorene) of Tampa, FL; her grandchildren, Lillian Marie Canter and Benjamin Aaron Canter, and her significant other, Louis Forbes. She is preceded in death by her father.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Col. John Michael Sellars. Ret. USAF



Col. John Michael Sellars. Ret. USAF, 78, of Charlotte Hall, MD departed this life peacefully on Friday, July 2, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonard-

town, MD. He was born on June 2, 1943 in Glendale, CA. He was the son of the late Charles Sellars and Pearl (Mentzer) Sellars.

John earned an AB in Economics from Occidental College, an MBA from the University of Southern California, and an MPA from Cal State Hayward. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1966 and was honorably discharged from active duty in 1972. He became a member of the Air National Guard and later the Air Force Reserve and retired as a Colonel in 1996. During his long and successful civilian career he worked as an auditor, including for the Government Accountability Office and the University of California. Throughout his life he also volunteered his time as a coach and bookkeeper.

John married the love of his life, Suzanne, and they celebrated over 44 years of marriage before her passing in February 2020. They made their home in Castro Valley, CA and Hood River, OR before moving to Maryland in 2016. At his death he was surrounded with love by his daughter, Jennifer, and his son-in-law, Randy.

An avid gardener, John loved to tend to his fruit trees, his lawn, and his rose bushes. He loved the many dogs and cats he had as companions during his lifetime. He also enjoyed sports, especially basketball and football, and was a fan of USC, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Seattle Seahawks, and the Portland Trailblazers. In his last years he was cared for by the dedicated staff at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, where he enjoyed Bingo, outings to nearby restaurants and stores, Sunday church services, serving on the Residents' Council, and talking with friends.

John is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Randy Ontiveros of Greenbelt, MD; two grandchildren, Danny Ontiveros and Annelise Ontiveros, also of Greenbelt; and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Suzanne Sellars, and by his parents, Charles and Pearl Sellars.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at a later date at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com. Donations in his honor may be made to Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home or the ASPCA.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

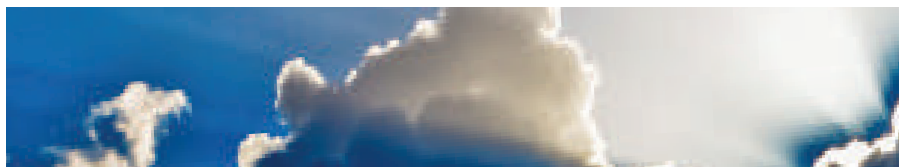
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Cathy Marie Moritz



Cathy Marie Moritz, 69 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on June 25, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

She was born on May 4, 1952 in Michigan to the late Robert "Bob" Hagerty and Jean (Hike) Hagerty of MI.

Cathy married Frederick "Fred" Allen Moritz, Sr. in 1976. She and Fred spent over 40 wonderful years together before his passing in 2017. They were blessed to raise two children. Cathy was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed being with family above all else. She cherished her time at home caring for her children while keeping a beautiful home. Later in life she treasured any time spent with her three grandchildren and watching

them play at all of their sporting events. She had a love of animals especially her Granddogs Roxy and Mocha. In her spare time she enjoyed playing cards and relaxing in the sun.

She is survived by her mother Jean Hagerty, her children Fred Moritz, Jr. (Heather) of Hollywood, MD and Tina Zimmerman (Randy) of Williamston, MI; her brother Larry Hagerty of Laingsburg, MI and three grandchildren, Alex, Morgan, and Elizabeth. She is preceded in death by her father and her husband.

At this time services are private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Donald Anthony Somerville

Donald Anthony Somerville more affectionately called "Donnie", 64 of Mechanicsville, Maryland, suddenly on Monday, June 28, 2021, transitioned to eternal life.

Viewing is a 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at Gospe Tabernacle of Prayer, 24516 Budds Creek Road, Clements Maryland 20624. Interment, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery, 23080 Maddox Road Bushwood Maryland 20618

IT'S TIME FOR A CHECK-UP

*Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel*

When you visited your doctor last time, did the doctor tell you he or she wanted to see you in 6 months or a year for a "check-up"? Probably, and you probably understood that a check-up of your health was important. Why is it then that many people seem to not understand the importance of an estate planning check-up?

Have you changed over the past 20, 10 or even 5 years? What about your loved ones? Have their circumstances changed over time? Yes, you have a Will so can feel comfortable that you have at least expressed your intentions in writing. But, when was the last time you actually looked at your Will, or Power of Attorney, or Living Will, or Trust? Not surprisingly, most people who actually review their older estate planning documents are shocked by what they find—beneficiaries who have died, executors who are no longer able to serve in such a position, no mention of younger generations of loved ones, continued mention of long-divorced or even deceased spouses, etc. And, keep in mind that it isn't only the will or trust you need to keep up to date. It is, in fact, every beneficiary designation you have made on retirement plans, investment accounts, bank accounts, insurance policies, etc. For a married couple, that means times two.

Does updating your estate planning documents really matter? If you want to leave peace and harmony in your family when you go, the answer is yes. If you want to precipitate a war among loved ones and family members, there is no better way to do it than to have fights over the meaning of language you have left behind. "Everything to my spouse, if she survives and, if not, in equal shares to my children." Sound good? It is, unless you take into account that the creator of this language was divorced with two children he has not seen for twenty years; remarried to a woman who died but had children and has been rearing his step-children (whom he never adopted) as his own for twenty years. Under the language, the step-children are cut out of the will entirely.

Or, suppose you went to the trouble of protecting your loved ones by creating a Revocable Living Trust. The concept of the Trust is to avoid the probate process. To do that, you re-titled your property into the name of your Trust so that you would not die holding property in your sole name. Holding property in your sole name means your loved ones have to go through the probate process

to take possession of the property. To create a Trust and not check it periodically just defeats the purpose of the Trust. Suppose, for example, that you inherited a house after you created your Trust and you did not update the Trust to include it. When you die, that house will have to go through the probate process to get to your loved ones—the very thing you created the trust to avoid. Updating a Trust is critically important and you should be meeting with your estate planning attorney to do that every couple of years.

Let's not forget the critical Power of Attorney document or your Living Will. The person you might have appointed in your Power of Attorney years ago may no longer be capable or even willing to serve in that capacity. Most attorneys advise clients to name at least two fall-back persons who can act as Power of Attorney in the event the named person doesn't survive. If you have not yet done that, make sure you do. And, if you have not reviewed your "no life-sustaining procedures" requests made under your Living Will, make sure you still agree with what you said. Keep in mind—with all estate planning documents, the latest dated document counts.

What about those beneficiaries you designated to receive your retirement amount or insurance proceeds when you die? When was the last time you checked those? You need to know that a Will or a Trust will NOT override the beneficiaries you have named to receive insurance or retirement proceeds. So, make sure those beneficiaries match what you want to do in your Will or Trust. Have you left your retirement savings to an ex-spouse? Or your life insurance proceeds to your deceased parents? Updating beneficiary designations is one of the most important tasks you can complete to ensure you have protected yourself and your loved ones.

Updating your estate documents is not a difficult task. Many firms, including mine, offer document review at no charge. Even if you have changes you want to make, amending your documents is not a costly proposition. Give yourself the gift of peace of mind by regularly reviewing what you have and keeping all your estate planning documents up to date.

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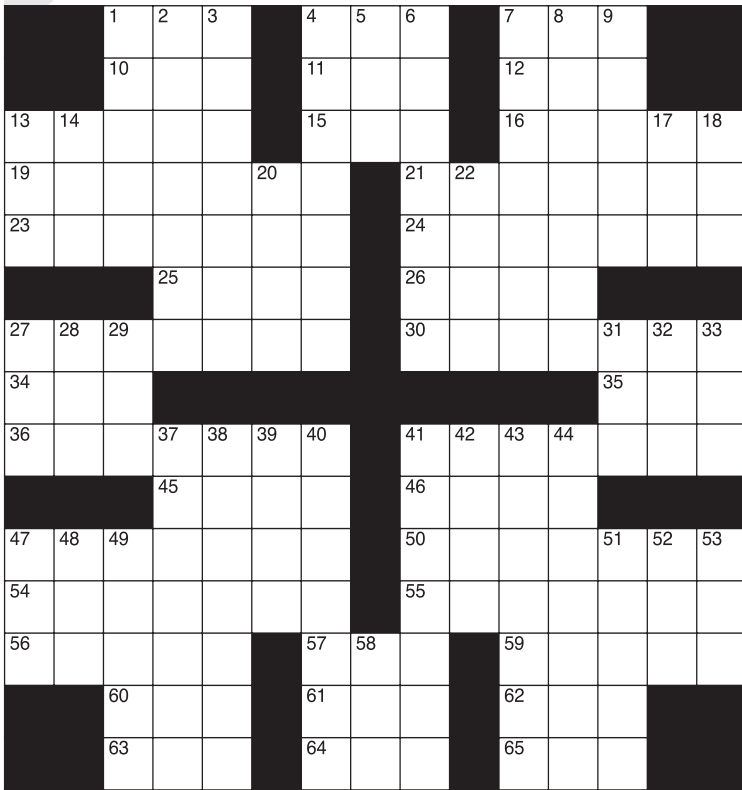
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sr. enlisted Army member
- 4. Payroll firm
- 7. Monetary unit of Macao
- 10. Cooking vessel
- 11. Cow sound
- 12. Hairpiece
- 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- 15. Mother
- 16. Remove from record
- 19. Foolish
- 21. Mailman
- 23. Unit of data size
- 24. Stirred
- 25. Deceptive movement
- 26. We all have one
- 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
- 30. A person's own self
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 36. Tumbler
- 41. A short section of a musical composition
- 45. Young woman (French)
- 46. Wings
- 47. Wine bottles
- 50. Thin layers of

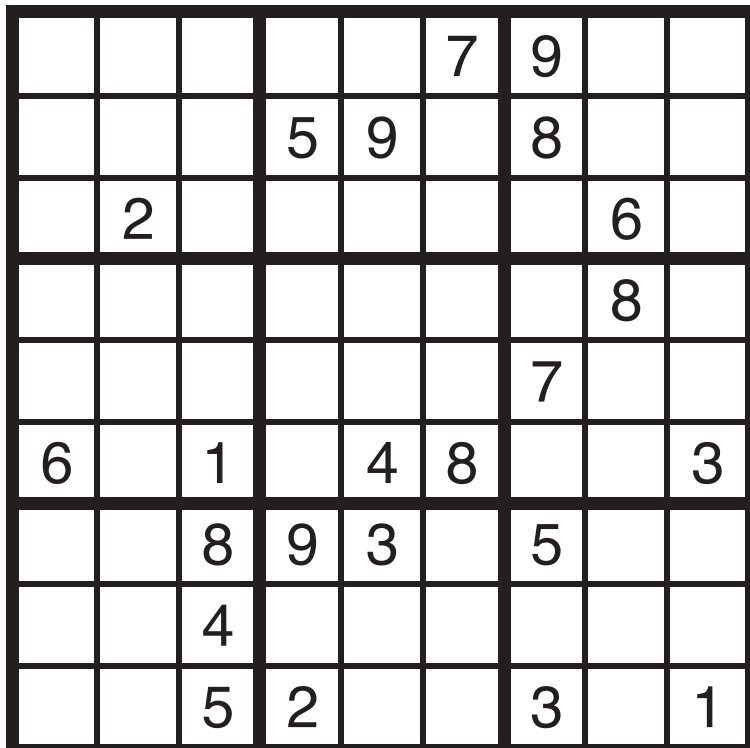
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- 54. Opposite to
- 55. American state
- 56. Uncertainty about something
- 57. Basics
- 59. Indian seaport
- 60. Owed as a debt
- 61. Buffer solution
- 62. Unit of work or energy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. One point south of due east
- 65. Born of

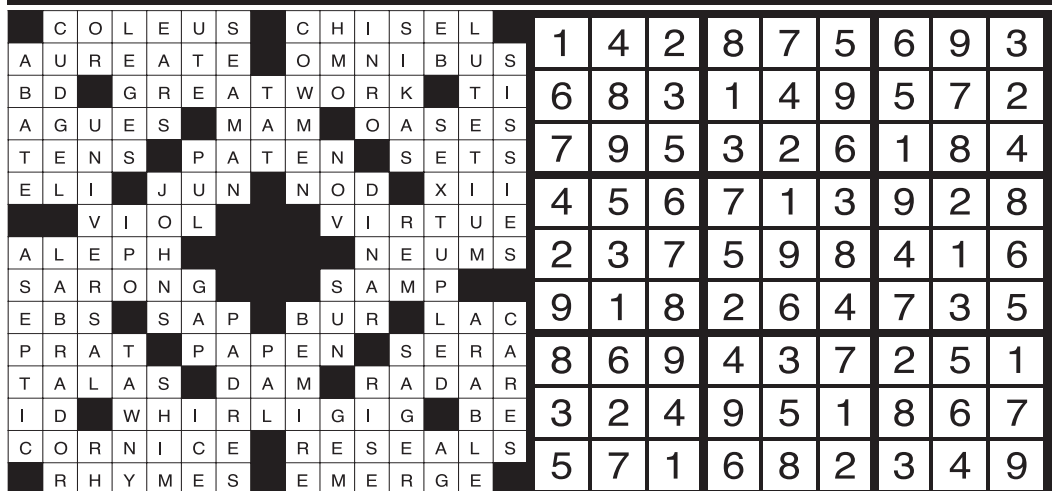
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small stem bearing leaves
- 2. Female Bacchanalians
- 3. Mediterranean city
- 4. Measures electric current
- 5. Arrived extinct
- 6. Edible butterfish
- 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
- 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards
- 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
- 13. Footballer Newton
- 14. Utilize
- 17. Sum of absolute errors

- 18. Opposite of the beginning
- 20. Shoe company
- 22. Algerian port city
- 27. Girls organization (abbr.)
- 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
- 29. Swiss river
- 31. When you hope to get there
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval
- 37. Volume containing several novels
- 38. Less sharp
- 39. Food for the poor
- 40. Having made a valid will
- 41. Royal estates
- 42. Relating to wings
- 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 44. Taking something through force
- 47. Angry
- 48. Before the present
- 49. Showy ornaments
- 51. Norway
- 52. Comedienne
- 53. Consume
- 58. Founder of Babism



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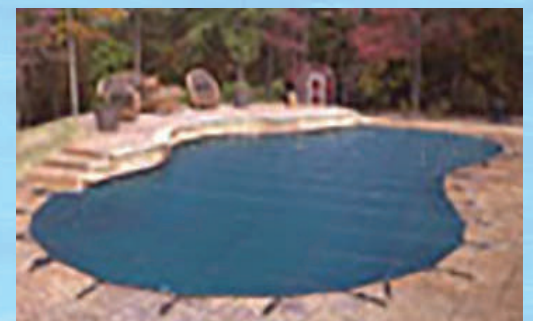


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