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Local police reform must be complete by mid-2022



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# Superintendent Talks Student COVID Cases

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said this week that St. Mary's public schools have experienced a high rate of COVID-19 infection among students over the past five weeks of classes but the numbers seem to be abating.

Also, the state Department of Health published reports of St. Mary's schools far outpacing other schools in different jurisdictions for infections among students might not be all they are represented to be, Smith said, because jurisdictions might not be reporting all the cases the same way as St. Mary's.

For example, on the state's COVID tracker website, there are no reports from neighboring Calvert County.

In the state's most recent report St. Mary's numbers of COVID-19 infection far surpass almost all other schools reported, even in jurisdictions that are much larger with more students.

Margaret Brent Middle School reports 61 students having been infected, while Piney Point Elementary reports 24 student infections as of Sept. 29.

Smith said those numbers are cumulative and do not reflect the actual number of the week.

As of Oct. 6 Great Mills High School reports 34 student infections while Leonardtown High School is reporting 71 total infections.

Margaret Brent's numbers increased by one to 62 total infections, while Piney Point increased to 36 by the Oct. 6 reporting date.

Still, the county continued to suffer from low vaccination rates, he said.

"We've got exceptionally high rates of outbreak here and that's because we have exceptionally low rates of vaccination," Smith said at the St. Mary's County Board of Education meeting Oct. 5. "If we have a high transmission rate in St. Mary's you're going to have a high transmis-



Superintendent Dr. Scott Smith

sion rate in the schools."

Some viral transmission was to be expected, he said.

"We have the largest congregate setting of individuals in the county."

The school system is also reporting all of the positive test results it receives on students and staff to include the rapid antigen tests as well as the laboratory-confirmed tests which can take days instead of hours.

"We are not just recording laboratory-confirmed PCR tests, which is the gold standard," Smith told the school board, noting that many residents are seeking the more rapid form of the test rather than wait.

"That's not reflecting what's going on in the larger community," Smith said of only recording laboratory-confirmed data "So, we have the most complete, transparent information in front of us.

"If we wanted to depress those numbers keep them lower, we would just go with the laboratory-confirmed PCR tests."

Smith said that for several weeks there have been more than 100 students a week who have reportedly contracted the virus, but most cases have not been serious.

"Cumulatively we are at over 500 cases since the beginning of the year," Smith said. "Most of those cases are lightly symptomatic or asymptomatic."

"It does appear we are trending down,"

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School	Positive Cases
Leonardtown High School	71
Margaret Brent Middle School	62
Piney Point Elementary School	36
Great Mills High School	34
Spring Ridge Middle School	29
Leonardtown Middle School	22
Esperanza Middle School	15
Capt. Walter Francis Duke Elementary	8
Hollywood Elementary	4
White Marsh Elementary	4
Oakville Elementary	2
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- Healthy Living for Your Brain - 10 a.m.

- 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's:  
Why Early Detection Matters - 11 a.m.

#### **Serenity Place LLC**

- Mental Health - 1 p.m.

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# Crosby: Not Sure On Reintroducing St. Mary's Voting Reform Bill

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

During the last session of the Maryland General Assembly, Del. Brian Crosby introduced a bill that would have eliminated the at-large voting system St. Mary's County currently uses to elect the county commissioner board and replaced it with voters from each of the four districts here only voting for commissioner candidates hailing from their district.

The commissioner president seat would still have been elected county-wide.

Crosby's bill passed the House of Delegates but died in the Senate; it caused significant controversy here among current commissioners and voters.

It would have also affected the way several other counties with commissioner boards would have selected their leaders.

At a joint session between the county delegation to Annapolis and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to discuss eight proposed bills for the upcoming session, Crosby was asked directly by Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy if he planned to reintroduce the legislation next year or any other measure would affect local elections beyond the bills discussed at the evening meeting held Oct. 5.

"I don't know that answer at the moment," replied Crosby. "I would say any bill I've proposed in the past is an option."

"But we haven't made that final determination."

Crosby reiterated that he still supported the philosophy behind the policy of HB 655, but was not sure he would bring it back.

Crosby argued that communities should be able to elect their closely held representatives without their votes being diluted by communities farther afield in the county.

Opponents argued that all commissioners essentially being elected county-wide despite being required to reside in different districts ensured that local government was united in looking after a broad spectrum of county interests.

Crosby was called to task earlier this year for saying that at-large voting was a product of segregation-era Jim Crow laws, which he defended as a true statement at the Oct. 5 meeting of state and county leaders.

He said he was not calling any leaders here racist and offered an apology to anyone offended, but

stood by his statement of historical links to voter disenfranchisement.

Del. Matt Morgan took exception.

"You can't say that a system is racist if there's no evidence of racism in that system," Morgan said. "The system we use in Charles County has a completely different outcome and it's the same system."

Crosby said Charles County was "on the wrong side of the issue" and that at-large voting had been cast down by multiple courts across the country.

Commissioner John O'Connor said the debate had this week over the bill was too long in coming.

"This discourse is what needed to happen last year, what's going on now," O'Connor said. "It would've been very helpful for all of us."

"It's obvious this is coming up again."

O'Connor said he wanted to ensure that residents had the chance to speak on the bill before it was entered into the legislature in Annapolis.

"I've said this 1,000 times and I mean it; I did not think this was going to be a controversial issue," Crosby said. "Obviously it turned out to be second most controversial issue of the last session."

"A little bit of political inexperience on my end."

Crosby said he still did not consider the bill "a big deal" and that there was still a period of public comment on the bill in the last General Assembly.

One "silver lining" of COVID-19 was now there existed multiple on-line methods of testifying in Annapolis that negated the need to drive there to give testimony.

"You had the opportunity to participate in the process and so did our citizens," Crosby told commissioners.

"It followed the proper process." Guy was not satisfied.

"It followed the proper process but delegate, let me tell you right now you did not follow the process here," the county commissioner president said. "When I asked you what was in the bill you told me 'to listen in to the House and you can find out.'"

"That's what you told me" Guy said Crosby's handling of the situation earlier this year "took part of the process away from our citizens."

"And that really upsets me." Commissioner Todd Morgan said the voting system here should be left up to residents to decide.

"The citizens of St. Mary's



Delegate Brain Crosby

County deserve their decision on how they want to vote," the District 4 commissioner said. "It shouldn't be dictated to us by Annapolis."

Morgan said most who were familiar with the issue believed the bill would again be reintroduced.

"To sit there and say it's not going to happen or 'I don't know' is

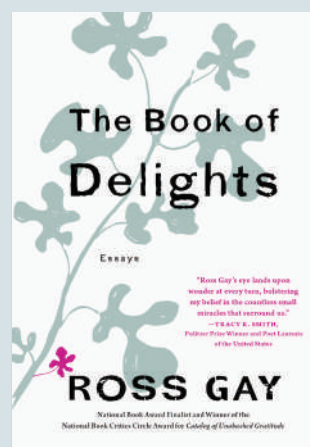
disingenuous," he said.

Crosby said the idea for the bill was not his but was brought to his attention by county citizens.

"It's not something I drew up in a lab in my basement," Crosby responded.

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## New COVID Cases Drop Sharply

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

After reaching a pandemic high of 641 new cases of COVID 19 in a seven-day period last week, those numbers dropped precipitously to 474 new cases for the week starting Oct. 3, the latest information from the St. Mary's County Health Department shows.

Despite the steep decline in new cases, the health department continues to warn that the county is still experiencing a high rate of community transmission of the virus.

The latest data shows that 73 percent of the most recent new cases are not vaccinated; just five percent are partially vaccinated and 21 percent are fully vaccinated.

For the past 11 weeks the number of fully vaccinated residents who have been infected with COVID-19 has surpassed the number of those who are only partially vaccinated, the data shows.

The total number of viral cases since the pandemic began in March of 2020 recorded in St. Mary's is 11,004; 771 of those cases are breakthrough events, or instances where fully vaccinated resi-

dents have still contracted the disease. Health officials have continued to press for more residents to become fully vaccinated but the percentages have been improving; the age group between 12 and 17 years of age is 42.6 percent vaccinated.

The vaccination rate for ages 18 and over has now reached 62.7 percent; the overall percentage of residents vaccinated is 55.6 percent.

This week has seen 24 residents hospitalized in St. Mary's, the latest data shows, but the number of those hospitalized who are fully vaccinated, nine, nearly matches the number of hospitalized who are unvaccinated, or 11 patients.

Only four of those hospitalized this week so far are partially vaccinated.

The virus continues to take lives here; so far 149 St. Mary's residents have fallen to COVID-19 anywhere in the state.

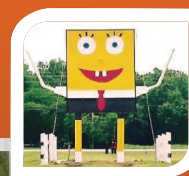
The data shows that 117 county residents have died from COVID-19 here in St. Mary's; 37 non-residents have died from the disease here.

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# Feral Cats Linked to Growing Vulture Nuisance

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The number of turkey vultures, a nuisance bird species but one that is federally protected from elimination, appears to be growing in St. Mary's County; elected leaders warned residents this week that their burgeoning presence is due in large part to the presence of feral cats.

More specifically, the amount of food left outdoors by feral cat lovers to feed the felines is also making its way into the bellies of the scavenging birds.

County leaders say they have been inundated with e-mails from feral cat lovers protesting the apparently increased trapping of feral cats by animal control officers to stem the tide of vultures.

County Commissioner John O'Connor said the purpose was to capture and remove the feral cats, not put them down.

"Our animal control is not trapping these animals to put a needle in them to kill them," O'Connor said. "They're not trying to euthanize these animals, they're trying to find solutions."

The feeding of stray or feral cats has often centered in and around county-owned park land in Lexington Park where a feral cat colony has existed for about a decade.

That colony's location is in close proximity to Patuxent River Naval Air Station, whose flight operations are 24 hours a day and possibly threatened by the presence of vultures and the like in their airspace.

Years ago, the county had a similar problem at the county airport in California when nearby stores at the Wildewood Shopping Center left their garbage bins open, thus attracting flocks of the large carrion-eating birds.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said protecting the operations on the base, as well as the interests of local businesses was key.

"At Millison Plaza the turkey vultures are nesting in the trees but they're also starting to rip up the roof tops again," Morgan said. "It's not a problem with the restaurants and the businesses — they're keeping their dumpsters closed."

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## Commissioners Extend Reach of Hotel Tax

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

For years the county has sought after additional accommodations tax revenues from short term rental properties such as those offered by Airbnb and Vrbo but has fallen short of its goals.

But this week the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved a resolution that requires such business entities to collect the five-percent tax — which has already been required of hotels and motels — and remit it to the county on behalf of the host property.

The request for the resolution was brought to the commissioners by Kelly Hinkle, deputy director of the Department of Economic Development.

It was based on a legal opinion by County Attorney David Weiskopf that such properties could be taxed under the law; the pressing issue is that while the hosting companies inform property owners of the tax, those property owners do not always collect it.

This resolution would put the onus on the hosting company to do so.

"Last year there were six proper-

ties who were remitting the tax," Hinkle told commissioners at their Oct. 5 meeting. "This year there are 13 that are remitting the tax."

Hinkle noted the progress and Commissioner Eric Colvin seemed pleased that the rate had "doubled" but there was still much revenue the county was missing.

"There are an estimated 150 such short-term rental properties in the county," Hinkle said.

The new resolution also requires the hosting companies to provide a list of all the rental properties they are offering each year to the county government, including the names and addresses of the owners.

Just under 40 percent of the accommodation tax collected by the county goes to fund Visit St. Mary's, the county's tourism agency.

The resolution received a unanimous approval vote from the county commissioners.

"I think it's a long time coming," said Commissioner Todd Morgan. "It's time that we even the playing field... so that Airbnb and Vrbo pay their fair share."

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## Health Department Columbus Day Operations

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021. This includes the main office in Leonardtown, all satellite offices, and COVID-19 testing and vaccine operations. Notifications to COVID-19 positive patients and contact tracing efforts will continue during the holiday. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

COVID-19 testing continues to be available in the community at local urgent care centers and some primary care provider practices in the community. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19

and need medical evaluation, contact your personal healthcare provider or a local urgent care facility. If you are experiencing a medical emergency please call 9-1-1 or seek care at the emergency department. For more information on local COVID-19 testing, please visit [smchd.org/covid-19-testing](https://smchd.org/covid-19-testing).

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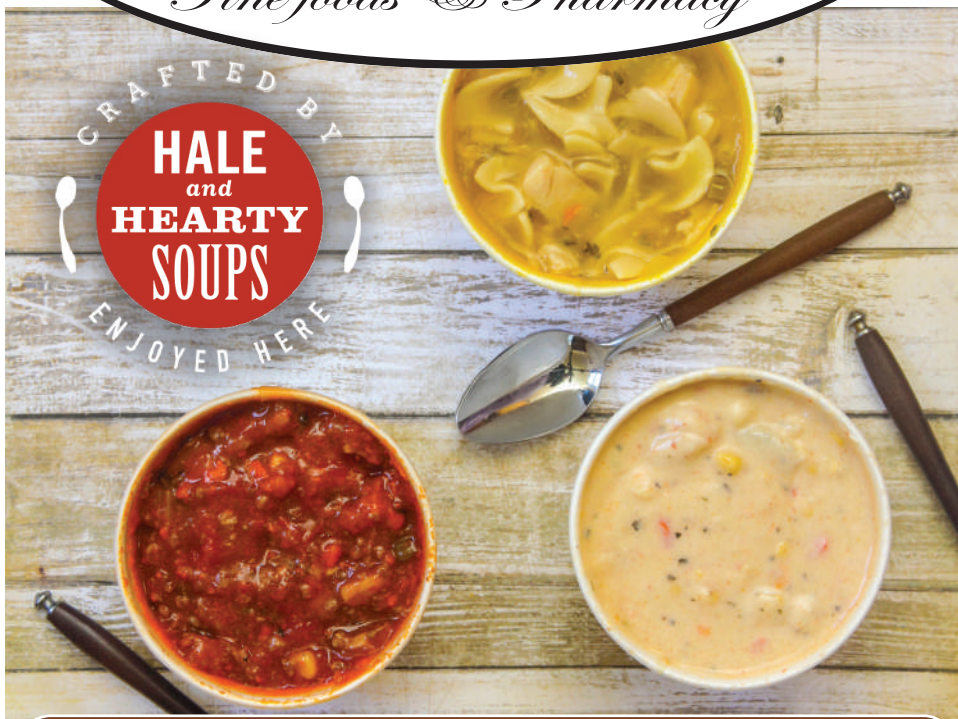
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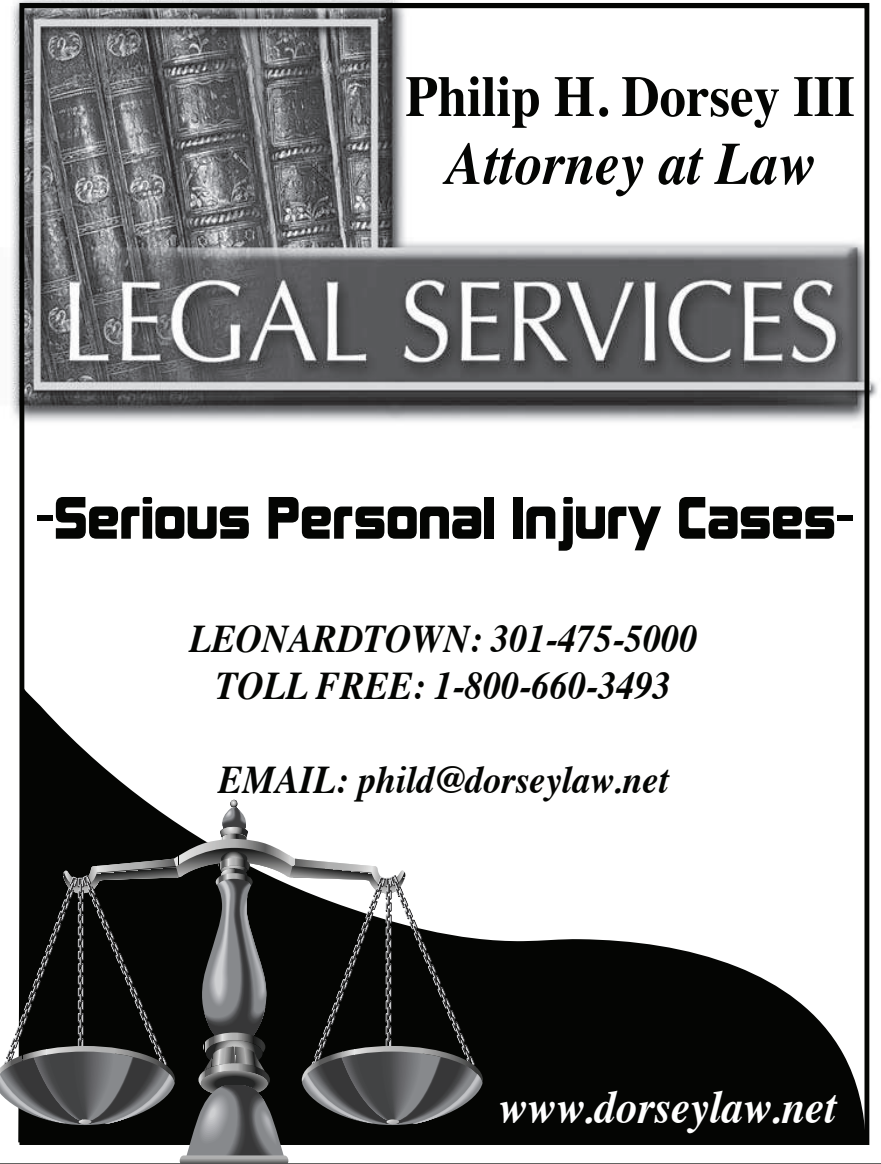
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FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO CHLOE ALYSSA RAYMOND

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-692  
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from CHLOE ALYSSA TAYLOR to CHLOE ALYSSA RAYMOND. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: My personal choice.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 11/10/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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Clerk of Court for  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
IN THE MATTER OF ANDREW FREDERICK MICHAEL SCHUMANN  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO TIBERIUS DAWNBRINGER

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-694  
Notice (Adult)

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

### Drug Arrest-

On September 8, 2021, a search warrant was executed in the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, on **John Wendell Young**, age 47 of Lexington Park. Located on Young's person was suspected cocaine and packaging to indicate distribution. A second search warrant was executed at Young's residence and located was scale containing suspected cocaine residue, and a large quantity of suspected marijuana. Young was charged with Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana, Possession With Intent to Distribute, and CDS: Manufacture Equipment.



John Young

### Drug Arrest-

On September 16, 2021, a search warrant was executed in the 21100 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, on **Raymond Michael Shorts**, age 31 of no fixed address. Located on Shorts' person was several pills suspected to be fake oxycodone containing suspected fentanyl, along with packaging to indicate distribution. Short was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession With Intent to Distribute and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana by DFC. T. Snyder# 342.

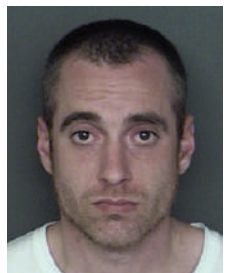


Raymond Shorts

ton Park, on **Raymond Michael Shorts**, age 31 of no fixed address. Located on Shorts' person was several pills suspected to be fake oxycodone containing suspected fentanyl, along with packaging to indicate distribution. Short was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession With Intent to Distribute and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana by DFC. T. Snyder# 342.

### Armed Robbery-

On September 25, 2021, Dep. Wynnyk responded to the 22700 block of Three Notch Road in California, for the reported robbery. Investigation determined **Cory Adam Dare**, age 31 of Leonardtown, assaulted the victim by kicking and punching the victim. The victim further advised a gun was displayed and personal items stolen to include a cellphone and money. Dare was located, arrested and charged with Armed Robbery, Robbery, Theft, Assault 2nd Degree, and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Cory Dare

## Shooting in Great Mills Under Investigation

On Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at approximately 12:44 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 45700 block of Horsehead Road in Great Mills, for the reported shots fired. Deputies arrived on scene and located a male victim, age 33 of Lexington Park, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported by helicopter to an area trauma center for treatment.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and crime lab personnel responded to the scene and continued the

investigation.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Edward Vogt at (301) 475-4200 extension 78145 or by email at [Edward.Vogt@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Edward.Vogt@stmarysmd.com).

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

### Editor's Note:

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



# St. Mary's County Man's Favorite Numbers Finally Pay Off



Although he missed the jackpot, St. Mary's County resident Eric Brown is still celebrating a \$150,000 third-tier Powerball win from the drawing on September 29.

Wins \$150,000 Powerball prize from Sept. 29th drawing

Eric Brown is a faithful Powerball player. He doesn't care if the jackpot is \$40 million or \$600 million – he always buys a month's worth of Powerball. This time, his favorite numbers proved very lucky for the St. Mary's County resident. Although he didn't bring home \$570 million jackpot on September 29th, he did win a \$50,000 third-tier prize that was multiplied to \$150,000 because of a 3X Power Play.

The 52-year-old married father of two teenage daughters has been playing Powerball since 2009. He plays his sports jersey numbers from high school and his favorite numbers 7 and 11. Last week he visited his favorite Lottery retailer, a Sheetz Store located at 22711 Three Notch Rd. in California, MD and purchased fifteen draws through October 25. He also picked up a soda and headed to work.

Eric checks the Lottery website the day after each drawing. When he checked the drawing from September 29, he saw some familiar numbers — he matched four of the white balls and the red Power Ball number.

"I was like, 'whoa', I have a lot of these numbers," said the winner. "And then I looked again and realized I had the Power Ball too. I know that four numbers and the

Power Ball is a \$50,000 win!"

Excited, Eric called his wife at work to tell her of his big win. "I think we won \$50,000," he told her. But, still wanted to confirm the win, Eric did a bit of research and saw that he also had a 3X Power Play multiplier, increasing his win to \$150,000. To further confirm the win, he downloaded the Maryland Lottery app and scanned the ticket. Sure enough, a congratulatory message showed that he was a \$150,000 winner.

"I had to call my wife back," he said. "She was not convinced and I had to send her three pictures, — one of the website numbers, one of actual ticket and the \$150,000 winning message."

The program manager for the Navy is feeling extremely grateful for the big win.

"This is such a blessing and came right in time for our family," he shared. Eric, who will be celebrating 25 years of marriage in June, plans to use some of the winnings for an already planned anniversary trip to Hawaii where he and his wife will renew their vows. As far as the rest of the winnings, he says he will pay down some debt and save the rest.

In 2021, Maryland has had one jackpot win of \$731.1 million, two second-tier \$2 million wins, three second-tier \$1 million wins along with 46 third-tier wins of \$50,000 to \$150,000. In addition to Eric's third-tier \$150,000 win, another lucky ticket worth \$50,000 was sold in Chesapeake City from that same drawing.

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# Time Is Short To Enact Local Police Reform

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office has until July 1 of next year to fully comply with the mandates set forth in HB 670 — the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 — and there are many.

The law is largely transformative in the way law officers do their jobs and places a much higher level of scrutiny on their actions vis a vis a requirement to establish a Police Accountability Board (PAB), an Administrative Charging Committee, which can direct a local law enforcement agency head on how to discipline their personnel for policy infractions, and a trial board.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, who largely opposed the General Assembly's take on police reform earlier this year, has said the new law will create new levels of bureaucracy on his agency and only make getting rid of bad law enforcement officers harder, not easier.

"I believe the original intent of this legislation was to get rid of bad cops as quickly as possible," Cameron told *The County Times*. "We were already getting rid of the bad cops faster than what this [the new law] allows."

The new act requires counties to establish a PAB and its membership as well as a budget for staff. The act also requires the county to appoint a chair of the PAB, who also has relevant experience.

The overall membership of the PAB has to reflect "to the fullest extent practicable" the racial, gender and cultural diversity of the county; the PAB can receive complaints from the citizenry regarding interactions with the police and meet quarterly to discuss improving policing in the community in general as well as review

the outcome of how local police are disciplined.

The PAB also makes recommendations on police policy changes that would improve accountability, the law states.

Cameron said he believes the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) and its powers goes against his state-constitutionally mandated office as sheriff.

He contends that his office is the only one charged with managing the agency and its personnel, including how they are disciplined for policy infractions.

Those infractions differ from criminal actions, which are investigated by the agency's Criminal Investigations Division.

Under the new law Cameron must abide by the ruling of the ACC in disciplining an officer, which he said is in direct contravention of his constitutional authority as sheriff.

"Under the ACC I could only do as they recommend or go higher not lower," Cameron said. "There have been cases where there were mitigating factors where I lessened the punishment."

"I'd do it again."

The members of the ACC would consist of the PAB chair, two civilian members selected by the PAB and two members selected by the executive officer of the county.

Each member of the ACC must also receive training on police procedures from the Maryland Police Training Standards Commission.

As St. Mary's County has no executive officer, Cameron told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County last week that he is the one vested with the authority in choosing certain members of the newly-mandated policy accountability groups.

The new law said the local governing body has a part in pick-



Sheriff Timothy Cameron talks to commissioners about pending police reforms.

ing members of these new police oversight committees.

"This is where the sheriff... and the legislature disagree about who gets to appoint members to the Police Accountability Board," County Attorney David Weiskopf told commissioners at their Sept. 28 meeting. "The sheriff believes as a constitutional officer it's not the commissioners' place to oversee him."

Cameron described the situation as "complex."

"We're going to muddle our way through this over the next several years," the sheriff said. "The legislature is likely to come back and address some of these things, but not this year because it is an election year."

The law refers to the superior governing body which oversees local law enforcement; but Cameron said the commissioner board has no authority to oversee his agency.

"That is not this board's role," Cameron told commissioners last week. "I am the governing body of the sheriff's office."

"Not one time in this bill is the term 'sheriff' used; this was written for a county with a county police department."

Cameron continued: "Make no mistake; this bill, in my opinion, encroaches upon the separately elected constitutional office of sheriff."

"This is the beginning on the attack of the office of sheriff."

Weiskopf argued that the governing body as defined in the legislation was the county commissioner board, differing from Cameron's interpretation of the new law.

But Weiskopf admitted that the legislation lacked clarity on important points such as the one on which he, Cameron and the legis-

lature differed.

"Could this bill have been written better?" Weiskopf asked. "Absolutely."

The county attorney said he and Cameron were exploring whether the county would need to hire full-time staff to support the boards in their work.

Cameron told commissioners flatly that they would have to find a way to compensate members of the PAB and ACC given the sheer amount of work they were likely to encounter.

"We can't do this with volunteers," Cameron said. "These are unfunded mandates."

Overall, the new system would make the process of disciplining or removing an officer more cumbersome, said Cameron.

"This has created a new bureaucracy and there is no clarification coming unless it comes from the legislature," Cameron told commissioners. "It's going to take much longer than the previous [law enforcement officer's] Bill of Rights did."

Cameron said the only way any further clarity would be brought to the new law would be through legislative action, which was unlikely in the immediate future, or through litigation in the courts.

Weiskopf was unsure if provisions of the law would be adjudicated soon in speaking with commissioners in public session last week.

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy took the side of the sheriff after being briefed on the law and its potential consequences for law enforcement.

"Of course, you're right sheriff," Guy said. "You're the governing body who is going to appoint these people."

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# Budget-Friendly Dining Room Renovation Ideas

If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the dining room may be akin to one of its arteries. The mood created in the kitchen spreads to the dining space where family and friends gather to eat and enjoy one another's company.

Dining rooms can get lost in the home renovation shuffle, as many homeowners tend to focus on renovating kitchens and bathrooms instead. Homeowners do not have to invest a lot of money in renovations to give their dining spaces awe-inspiring makeovers. Here's how to do so on a budget.

**• Lighten and brighten.**

Dining rooms were once very formal spaces. Dark woods, large pieces of furniture, over-the-top chandeliers, and other details could be found in many homes. But now that houses are being built with open floor plans, dining rooms can blend with other spaces, which have moved to lighter colored walls, flooring and furniture. A fresh coat of vibrant paint can work wonders and it doesn't cost much. If you can't remove a floor, cover it with a brightly colored area rug.

**• Switch things up with slipcovers.**

Slipcovers can be changed each season to dramatically alter the look of a dining room for little investment. Slip covers also protect chairs and can be

easily laundered after spills.

**• Add floating shelving.**

Floating shelves provide much-needed storage or display space without the need to invest in another piece of furniture. Depending on the shelving, they can work in modern design schemes or even farmhouse dining spaces.

**• Clear out the clutter.**

It might be time to say "so long" to that large curio cabinet and the knickknacks within it. Curio and china cabinets used to be de rigueur, but plenty of people now prefer more open and airy dining rooms. For those who want to keep the cabinet, try decluttering inside to only include the very best display pieces and see if the cabinet can be refinished with paint or a lightly colored stain.

**• Improve lighting.**

Make the chandelier the statement piece of the space. Go for a bold color or an innovative design. Then add accessories throughout the space that coordinate with the chandelier.

**• Add bench seating.**

Those who need additional seating may not have to get entirely new furniture. Swap out some chairs for benches, which can fit a couple more guests than chairs.

**• Create depth with color.**



HGTV says that using various shades of the same color in a space can add depth. Coordinate drapes, walls, seat fabrics, and accessories for a cohesive design.

Renovating a dining room doesn't require a large investment of time and money. A few simple steps can give dining spaces a whole new feel without busting homeowners' budgets.



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# Quick and Simple Ways to Make a Front Door Pop



Visitors' impressions of a home are often dictated by the home's entryway. Much as one may judge a book by its cover, the same can be said about the impression that a front door and entryway can create, regardless of how accurate that impression is.

Making certain changes to an entryway can go a long way toward improving curb appeal. Entryways also can set the scene for a home's interior. Whether one chooses to be classic or bold, modern or traditional, there are various ways to quickly transform a home's entryway.

**• Bold front door color**

Color can dramatically enhance an entryway. Painting an existing door or replacing it with a more vivid option can do the trick. The DIY Network says certain colors stand out as favorites. These include turquoise, yellow, red, indigo, orange, and black. The door color should complement the other shades of the home, such as those on siding and trim.

**• Custom walkway**

Guide guests right to the front door with an attractive (and safe) walkway. Stamped concrete or decorative paver blocks may fit the bill. This walkway can extend to the street or to the driveway.

**• Contain plants.**

Landscaping around the entryway should be neat and well-tended. Overgrown plants or shrubbery may give off an air of neglect. Container plants and carefully curated shrubs can create a neat and inviting aura.

**• Highlight the address.**

Make sure the home can be found easily with bold and decorative house numbers. Consider two different address signs: one illuminated and easily viewed from the curb, and another closer to the front door.

**• Utilize high-end materials.**

The relatively small area of real estate by the front door enables homeowners to splurge on more opulent materials that can really add a feeling of luxury. These can include colorful tiles, ornate planters, decorative wooden doors, or elaborate knobs and lighting fixtures.

**• Add architectural details.**

Find out which architectural elements will meld with the style of the home and then incorporate them. Moldings, columns, shutters, and trim are areas to consider.

The entryway to a home garners a lot of attention. Homeowners can enhance their spaces with entryways that really make a statement.

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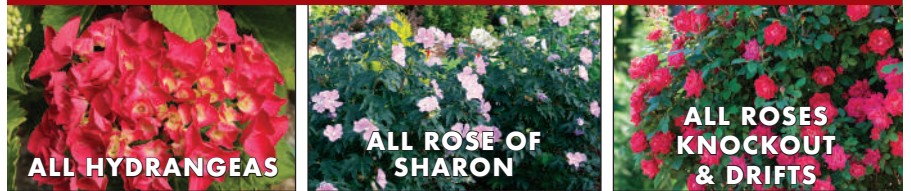
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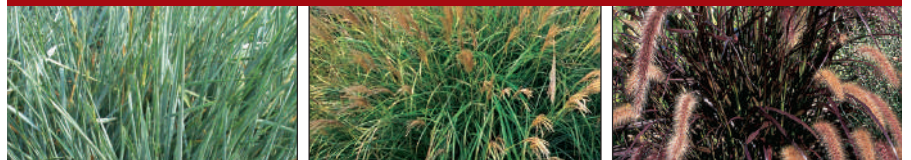
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# How to Recognize When You Can Stop Mowing



Each weekend in spring, summer and fall, millions of homeowners fire up their mowers and cut the grass in their yards. A few hours spent mowing the lawn can be a great time to get some sun and some exercise in the great outdoors.

As fall gradually transitions to winter, homeowners may wonder when to stop mowing their lawns. Each lawn is different, and when to stop mowing may depend on a host of factors, including local climate and the type of turf. In addition to climate and turf, homeowners can keep an eye on these conditions to determine when the time is right to put their mowers away for the winter.

#### • Frost

Warm-season grasses typically go dormant after a couple of significant frosts. Homeowners can jot down each frost during fall. Frosts are most noticeable in the early morning hours, so be sure to check lawn conditions each morning as the weather begins to grow cold. Frost may be noticeable without even going outside, but homeowners may need to go outside to check on chilly mornings or on days when the previous night was especially cold. If you must go outside, stay off the grass to protect it. Two or three frosts might be enough to make warm-season grasses go dormant for the winter. Cool-season grasses may keep growing and require mowing even after a few frosts, so it's imperative that homeowners determine which type of grass is in their yards.

#### • Soil temperature

If it's hard to determine if frosts have occurred, homeowners can try checking the temperature of their soil to decide if they need to keep mowing. The lawn care experts at Pennington recommend homeowners continue mowing warm-season grasses so long as they keep growing. Lawns may not grow as quickly in fall as they do in spring or summer, and growth may not be as visible to the naked eye during this time of year as it is in other times. Homeowners can routinely check soil temperature to determine if their grasses have stopped growing. Warm-season grasses tend to stop growing once the soil temperature is consistently at 55 F or below, while cool-season grasses tend to stop when temperatures are 45 F or lower.

Falling leaves have long been a barometer used by homeowners to determine if they need to keep mowing their lawns. That's not necessarily a reliable metric, as grass can still keep growing even if leaves have been falling for weeks. In addition, using a mulching mower when leaves begin falling is a great way to provide the lawn with nutrients it can use throughout the winter. Some trees shed their leaves more quickly than others, but it's a good rule of thumb that lawns will need to keep being mowed if trees are still retaining more than half their leaves.

A host of factors can help homeowners determine when it's safe to put their mowers away for the winter.

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# Prepare Your Deck For Winter

Homeowners often take steps to winterize the interior of their homes in the weeks before winter's arrival, but such efforts should extend to the outside of a home as well.

Decks make for great gathering places when the weather permits. Decks are where many people spend their free time and eat their meals come spring and summer, when the temperatures climb and the sun sets well into the evening. But as summer turns to fall, homeowners must take measures to protect their decks from potentially harsh winter weather.

**• Inspect the deck for problems.**

Decks tend to be used more often in summer than any other time of year. That makes fall and early winter an ideal time to inspect for wear and tear and any additional issues that may have cropped up throughout the summer. Damaged boards and loose handrails should be fixed before winter arrives, especially for homeowners who plan to use their decks in winter. Fixing such issues in winter and even into spring may be difficult thanks to harsh conditions, so

make good use of the relatively calm autumn weather to fix any issues on the deck.

**• Clear the deck of potted plants.**

Even homeowners who intend to use their decks in winter should remove potted plants from the deck in the fall. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that moisture can get trapped between deck boards and plastic, wood or ceramic containers in cold weather, and that can contribute to mildew, discoloration or decay.

**• Store unnecessary furniture.**

Homeowners who like to sit on their decks in winter will no doubt want to leave some furniture out over the winter. But those with lots of furniture for entertaining guests can likely move the majority of that furniture into a garage or shed for the winter. HGTV notes that doing so will prevent the potential formation of blemishes on the deck that can result from inconsistent weathering.

**• Remove snow, but do so carefully.**

Prolonged contact with snow and ice can damage a deck. As a

result, homeowners should clear snow from their decks when accumulation is significant. HGTV recommends using a snow blower on the deck to avoid scarring. If a shovel must be used, push snow with the planks to reduce the risk

of damaging the deck.

Homeowners who take steps to protect their decks throughout the winter months can ensure these popular areas are ready once entertaining season returns in the spring.



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# Tackle Box Fishing Report



Plenty of keeper rockfish in the Patuxent.

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

Rockfish and bluefish have been very active this past week as cooler temperatures have encouraged the fish to school and feed up for the coming winter.

Good catches of bluefish have been made from the shore by surf casters in the Potomac around St. George Island and in the Patuxent at Cedar Point. The blues are in the 1 to 4 pound range and love fresh cut bait. The blues are also breaking in the bay and rivers and can be caught on most any shiny lure. There are a lot of 10 to 12 inch blues feeding on peanut bunker on the surface. Metal jigs fished below the breaking feeding juveniles can result in hook-ups of bigger blues, rockfish and an occasional bull redfish.

The spawn of menhaden this season seems excellent. There is a school of bunker rippling the water most anywhere you look. These bait fish that cleanse the water and provide food for predator fish are the lifeline of the bay. These bait

fish are called alewives, menhaden, and bunker; all the same fish.

The big reds are still around and both catches and sightings were reported all week.

Rockfish are very active for lure casters and trollers in all areas.

Trollers have found stripers in the 20 to 28 inch range off Piney Point, Breton bay and Ragged Point. Catfish are competing for the lures meant for the rockfish, and they can easily weigh eight to twenty pounds. Some have reported eight out of ten fish landed have been catfish in the deeper waters of the Potomac.

The spot and perch catches in the Patuxent have slacked off the past ten days. The water has been stirred up with very high tides due to hurricane Sam way out in the Atlantic, and the transition to fall temperatures seems to have slowed them up.

Very good catches of large mouth bass were made this week at St. Mary's Lake. Wacky worm rigs and swimming baits have worked very well.

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## What Does Retirement Security Mean to You?

October is National Retirement Security Month. But what does retirement security mean to you? And how can you work toward achieving it?

Here are some suggestions:  
**Build your resources.**

While you're working, save in tax-advantaged accounts such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. In your 401(k), contribute at least enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. Remember, especially early in your career, time is often your biggest asset. Be sure to save early, since the longer you wait, the more you'll need to save to help reach your goals.

**Look for ways to boost retirement income.**

When transitioning to retirement, you can take steps to align your income with your needs. For example, consider Social Security. You can start collecting it as early as 62, but your monthly payments will be much larger if you can wait until your "full" retirement age, typically between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.) So, if you have sufficient income from a pension or your 401(k) and other retirement accounts, and you and your spouse are in good health with a family history of longevity, you may consider delaying taking Social Security. You also might want to explore other income-producing vehicles, such as certain annuities that are designed to provide a lifetime income stream.

**Prepare for unexpected costs.**

During your retirement, you can anticipate some costs, such as housing and transportation, but other expenses are more irregular and can't always be

predicted, such as those connected with health care. Even with Medicare, you could easily spend a few thousand dollars a year on medical expenses, so you may want to budget for these costs as part of your emergency savings, and possibly purchase supplemental insurance. You may also want to consider the possibility of needing some type of long-term care, which is not typically covered by Medicare and can be quite expensive. The average annual cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's about \$55,000 per year for a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. To address these costs, you may want to consider some form of protection, such as long-term care insurance or life insurance with a long-term care component.

Do your estate planning. It's hard to feel totally secure in retirement if you're unsure of what might happen if you have an unexpected health event, become incapacitated or die earlier than expected. That's why you'll want to create a comprehensive estate plan – one that might include documents such as a durable power of attorney, a will and a living trust. A review of your insurance coverages and beneficiaries can also help protect your assets and ensure they are distributed the way you want. In creating your plan, you will need to work with your financial advisor and a legal professional, and possibly your tax advisor as well.

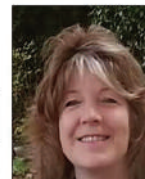
Thinking holistically about your retirement security and developing and executing a strategy aligned with your goals may help free you to enjoy one of the most rewarding times of your life.

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# Wanderings

## of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



### GOOD TIMES IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND



Vintage Source wine tasting

I didn't realize how much I look forward to Thursday night Over 40 men's softball season from spring thru fall. The games are fun of course, and my throat gets hoarse from yelling for the team my husband is with, The Hobos, whose home field is at Cryer's Back Road Inn in Compton. There is such great camaraderie of the men and of all of us wives and girlfriends who cheer them on in rain or when the field is dusty and dry. I am sure the billowing clouds of orange field dust sifting across the stands contributes to our hoarseness. That orange ballfield dust was once the bane of my existence. I was always searching for the best method of making those white socks white again, and ball pants knees look the color they were born with. Now my husband plays if they are short the needed number of players, but mainly he helps coach, and be a 3rd base coach, though somehow that darn orange dust still finds its way on his socks and clothes.

Hence, the last two Thursday evenings felt a bit out of whack to me without a ball game. How was I to know before I married my husband 20 years ago, that I would end up being so invested in softball and all the people involved that I have met over the years. I love sitting out on the bleachers, smelling the new-mown grass and freshly turned earth of the field that Jim Cryer (and Kathy when needed) lovingly take care of. Many of the fields still have corn and barns that surround them. Some are next to their home bar or organization, and a few are just fields where the home bar has long since changed hands or is gone forever. One field's restaurant/bar is a few miles down the road.

Sometimes I look at what is now the liquor store in the middle of the median in Mechanicsville and remember, first eating there with my mom back in the late 70s, and later in the early/middle 2000's sitting at the horseshoe bar after games or going down in the basement where everyone played pool and sat at the tables. Gosh it seems so long ago. When I met my husband he was the coach of the St. Mary's Landing Young Men's softball team, as well as playing, and also playing in a PG County league. It was quite an introduction to a new world for me. Even now, when I think of what an amazing 1st baseman he was, and how he made these unbelievable catches almost doing the splits, I

get a little catch in my throat. I even did a stint as scorekeeper which was not a good fit for me. I should still be apologizing to the other team's scorekeepers for my constant barrage of questions. And I believe that a coach's wife, who really knows nothing about the game, should NEVER be scorekeeper. All in all, such good memories over the years, and happy to have met such wonderful friends along the way.

Saturday, the 25th was the Over-40 league's end of year tournament and a more beautiful day could not have been had. Normally it is the end of September heat wave that greets us on that day. I was more than thankful it was a cooler than average, since I had started my high-dose prednisone (the Devil's Tic-Tacs) taper and knew I was in store for my own personal heat wave. The main thing on my mind was cupcakes because I knew The Vintage Source was open that weekend and they had cupcakes, and by chance also had wine tastings from Generations Winery, whose wines I love. Softball, Prednisone, cupcakes, wine – who am I to argue with a day like that. The first time I went over to Vintage Source by myself, then when my step-daughter Michelle showed up – her boyfriend plays on the team too – we ended up going over and having our first wine tasting (11 am is the new 5 pm right?)...and I had my cupcake. It's important to eat something before day drinking. Then when some of our other friends showed up, we took them over as well. Michelle Radez, and all who work at The Vintage Source were so wonderful and welcoming. You can see in the photo (step-daughter Michelle is on the right, me on the left with the already squinty eyes, then Christina, Lora, and Melissa between us) that we had a great time looking around and enjoying our wine tastings. Oh, was there a tournament going on? Congratulations Chunk and the Ideal Air team on the win! Yes, we got back each time to yell and watch each game, but no reason we couldn't have been having our fun too. I know we will have our oyster nights and other get-togethers until the season starts again next spring and I can hardly wait to be back with all those I treasure on those dusty, lovely Thursday nights.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby  
Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook.



# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, Oct. 7

### 8-Week Teen Grief Group

Leonardtown Library  
23630 Hayden Farm Ln  
Leonardtown  
6p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Hospice of St. Mary's is offering a free grief support group for 9th-12th graders. This is a service to the community to provide support to teens who have lost a loved one. The group will take place at the centrally located, Leonardtown Library. Please RSVP by contacting 301-994-3023 to sign up for the teen grief group.

The dates for the 8-week group are as follows: October 7, 14, 21, & 28, and November 3, 10, & 17.

For more information, please call 301-994-3023 or check out our website [www.hospiceofstmarys.org/](http://www.hospiceofstmarys.org/)

Please Note: This is not limited to families who had a loved one in Hospice. All groups will transition to virtual if required

### American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Rd.  
Avenue  
8p.m. to 9p.m.

American Legion Post 221 invites all active duty personnel and veterans to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00pm. Visit our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-221-105239187962458/](http://www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-221-105239187962458/) or e-mail us at [alpost221@aol.com](mailto:alpost221@aol.com). Call 301\*848\*9458 for more information. Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD Internet Calendar.

## Friday, Oct. 8

### Pick Your Own Sunflowers

Gold Petal Farms  
37260 Manor Rd.  
Chaptico  
10a.m. to 7p.m.

We're back with our last sunflower field for the year with seven acres of pick-your-own sunflowers!

Located on our beautiful Southern Maryland farm, stroll through paths of multi-variety sunflowers to find the perfect ones to take home and share.

COST: \$10 per person for 10 stems (age 7 and up) This is the minimum cost to enter the field. Pay at the admission barn when you arrive. Additional sunflowers are \$1 per stem. Children 6 and under are free.

FIELD FLOWER COLLECTION: Clippers and collection buckets will be provided.

TAKING FLOWERS HOME: Bring a bucket and water to transport your flowers home.

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION: Painting stations, family-friendly games and photo opportunities.

BRING YOUR OWN food (and have a picnic under one of our walnut trees) and pups (well-behaved dogs are allowed and must remain leashed and picked up after).

MORE INFO: [goldpetalfarms.com/sunflower-maze-maryland](http://goldpetalfarms.com/sunflower-maze-maryland)

### Steamed Shrimp Dinner

St. George Catholic Church  
19199 St. George's Church Road  
Valley Lee  
4:30p.m. to 6:30p.m.

\$15.00 to-go orders only, at St. George Catholic Church. Pancit and Fries included.

### Ridiculously Easy Halloween Décor Demonstration

Loffler Senior Activity Center,  
21905 Chancellors Run Rd  
Great Mills  
11a.m. to 1p.m.

This presentation is a must if you love easy but effective Halloween decorations for your table or event. Join Shellie for a demo and inspiration on how to use the things you already have around the house; you will not believe what can be done in just a few minutes! Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1660.

## Saturday, Oct. 9

### LVRSA Fundraiser

Generations Vineyard Wine  
22715 Wheatleys Content Farm Ln  
Leonardtown  
8a.m. to 8p.m.

Stop by Generations Vineyard and buy a bottle of Chambourcin during the month of October. For each bottle of Chambourcin sold during October, Generations Vineyard will donate \$1.00 to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary. Chambourcin is an easy drinking, dry red wine has a deep purple color with fresh fruit aromas like blackberry and plum. Aged in French oak barrels for 8 months, gives this delicious red a soft finish with a hint of oak. Pairs perfectly with your favorite pizza or burgers on the grill. Buy several bottles and give as Christmas Presents (it's only a few months away). Thank you!

## Sunday, Oct. 10

### Our Lady of the Wayside Apple Festival Drive Thru

The Belmont Farm  
24079 Budds Creek Rd  
Clements  
Noon to 5p.m.

Price: \$22.00. Cash, checks and credit/debit cards accepted. The menu includes fried chicken, pulled pork, shrimp macaroni salad, green beans, coleslaw, chunky applesauce and roll. A variety of apples, apple pies, and apple dumplings will be for sale. Tickets for a money raffle and an Apple Harvest Raffle Basket will be available for sale. There will be an online Silent Auction the week of and after the event. Our Lady of the Wayside's "Works of Mercy" will accept nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry. For more information contact Brenda Russell at 301-247-1871 or at [rsbrsll@aol.com](mailto:rsbrsll@aol.com).

## Monday, Oct. 11

### Pax River Quilters Guild

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

Pax River Quilters Guild is holding a in person meeting and also zooming for anyone not able to attend, So be sure to become a member to join the zoom if not able to attend in person. We are having a guest speaker Geraldine Wilkins speaking on Machine Quilting, her website is [www.livingwaterquilter.com](http://www.livingwaterquilter.com)

Visit our website [www.paxriverquiltguild.com](http://www.paxriverquiltguild.com) for more information about our guild. Email [prqgsomd@gmail.com](mailto:prqgsomd@gmail.com) for an application to join, or check out our Facebook page Pax

River Quilters Guild. Monday night We will have Social Time and a Big Show and Tell in person.

Bring your block of the month, food pantry donations.

New Members welcome for more info call Cindy at 301-769-1151

## Thursday, Oct. 14

### Educational Video Series—The Secret of Tuxedo Park

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

In the fall of 1940, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill ordered a small team of scientists on a clandestine

transatlantic mission to deliver his country's most valuable military secret, a revolutionary radar component, not to the U.S. government, but to a mysterious Wall Street tycoon, Alfred Lee Loomis. Using his connections, his money, and his brilliant scientific mind, Loomis and his team of scientists developed radar technology that would arguably play a more decisive role than any other weapon in the war. The Secret of Tuxedo Park tells a long-overlooked story of an individual who helped alter the course of history in World War II. Register to see this video by leaving a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Seating is limited to 16.

## Saturday, Oct. 16

### Anti-Sex Trafficking Symposium

Leonardtown Library  
Hayden Farm Ln  
Leonardtown

10a.m. to 1pm. Anti-Sex Trafficking Awareness Event

LOCATION: Leonardtown Library, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD

TIME: Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The event will feature speakers talking about illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain, will be held Saturday October 16 from 10:00-1:00 at the Leonardtown Library.

St. Mary's County is not insulated from human trafficking. What is considered a form of modern-day slavery can happen anywhere — in rural or urban regions, upscale or poverty-stricken neighborhoods.

Those attending will learn how to spot the signs of human trafficking in the community, and will hear from great speakers, experts in their fields as they discuss the impacts, lures and safety nets related to trafficking.

Kristi Wells, CEO of Safe House Project will speak about how to spot, report and prevent child sex trafficking in the United States. Jennifer Foxworthy, Founder and CEO of Unstoppable You Ministries will speak about problems intersecting with trafficking such as abortion, homelessness and pornography. Detective Joshua Buck of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office will speak about various human trafficking platforms and the internet threat to our children.

Please join us for this important event.

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**James DeLafayette**  
**"Jimmy" Carpenter Jr.**



James DeLafayette "Jimmy" Carpenter Jr., 83, of Avenue, MD passed away on September 12, 2021 at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital, in

Leonardtown, MD.

He was born on January 31, 1938 in Takoma Park, MD to the late James DeLafayette Carpenter Sr. and Carmella Margaret Cheechia Carpenter.

Jimmy is a graduate of Gwynn Park High School. On November 27, 1992 he married the love of his life, Mary Lucille Carpenter. Ironically, they were high school sweethearts who years later found themselves re-united and shortly thereafter married. Together they celebrated over 28 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed for many dedicated years as an Iron worker for Local 5 until his retirement. He enjoyed country and blue grass music and was an excellent dancer, attending many local dances with his wife. He was avid sports fan, particularly enjoyed football, with his favorite team being Washington and watching boxing. He was an avid reader of the newspaper and stayed abreast of local and worldwide current events. He had a special bond with his cat, Molly, she could always be found sitting on his lap. He was handy and lived by the motto that "duct tape and caulking could fix anything." His family was always a priority and he enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them.

In addition to his loving wife Lucille, Jimmy is also survived by his children: James David Carpenter and Steven Richard Carpenter (Katrina) both of Chesapeake Beach, MD, Stanley William Carpenter (Lynn) of Upper Marlboro, MD, Wayne Graves (Pam) of Avenue, MD, and Brenda Koncen (Dale) of Chaptico, MD; his grandchildren: Amanda Rawlins, Steven Carpenter Jr., Jesse Carpenter, Dawn Carpenter, Tony Carpenter, Andrew Graves, Kimberly Tippett, Scotty Nelson, Stevie Rae Sicheri, Eric Carroll, BJ Kemp and Aaron Kem; nine great grandchildren; and extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Connie Sell, and his granddaughter, Natasha Graves.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609.

All services will be private.

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

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**Joseph Anthony (Tony) Baden**



Joseph Anthony (Tony) Baden, businessman and farmer, who for 37 years owned and operated the Lexington Park, St Mary's

County, MD Rod N' Reel, died suddenly Sept. 29 of pulmonary embolism complications during surgery for a DVT (deep venous thrombosis, a blood clot in his leg) at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Va. The Hollywood, MD. resident was 76. Anthony (to his family), Tony (to his customers), was born in Ireland. As a one-year-old, he arrived at Ellis Island in the arms of his mother, an Irish war bride, after WWII.

He grew up on a tobacco farm in Baden, Prince George's County, the oldest of six children. He attended Gwynn Park High School and often talked about the encouragement the shop and agriculture teachers gave him. He met his future wife, Jenny, there, took her to the prom, and married her after serving in Germany while in the Army during the Cold War.

He worked as a sign electrician in PG Co., then as an early computer operator with Sperry Univac. He was a successful, innovative farmer, including inventing an automated tractor mounted tobacco cutter.

He owned the Rod N' Reel where he was both the owner and, because of his personality, was the Rod N' Reel. Tony enjoyed laughing and joking with his customers. This interaction with his customers was an essential contribution to his being a valued part of the community.

Tony was always innovating, trying new ideas and evaluating if still beneficial. (Video rentals when popular, pool table, when popular). He was successful in his business ventures, including adding a walk-in beer cooler and laundromat.

He is pre-deceased by his parents, Joseph H. & Bridget Baden, and his sister, Maureen, who died as a child. He is also pre-deceased by his wife, Jennifer (Jenny) Adell Baden.

He is survived by two sons, Dean Baden of Leonardtown, MD. and Scott Baden of California, MD., three brothers: William Baden (& Brenda), Eston Baden, Halbert Baden (& Gloria), his sister Patricia Baden O'Donnell, two nieces: Emily and Katey, six nephews: Billy (& Anna), Bobby (& Hillary), Randy (deceased), Christopher, Manny, Alex (& Christina),

and David (& Rachel). He is also survived by eight grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family will receive friends on Monday, October 11, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. Where a funeral service will be held at 11:00 Am in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD.

In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Hollywood Vol. Fire Dept. P.O. Box 7 Hollywood, MD 20636 or Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept. P.O. Box 50 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD.

**Patricia Ann (Milburn) Godwin**



Patricia Ann (Milburn) Godwin, 87, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away peacefully amongst family Tuesday, September 28,

2021 at her son's residence in Great Mills, MD. She was born in Arling-

ton, VA on September 1, 1934 to the late Alfred Baker Milburn Sr. and Doris Marie (Havens) Milburn.

Patricia was preceded in death by her younger brothers Charles Havens Milburn, his wife Elfriede Anna (Hupperich) Milburn, and Alfred "Ted" B. Milburn, Jr. She is survived by son Charles Havens Milburn, Jr., his wife Patricia (Nice) Milburn, granddaughter Emily JoAnn Milburn, great grandson Bentley, and her son Patrick Scott Milburn, his wife Vickie (Kite) Milburn, as well as nephew Erik Robert Colavita, sister-in-law, Carolyn (Keeney) Milburn, nephew Michael Milburn and niece Theresa Milburn Brown.

"Pat" graduated from Falls Church High School in 1951, attended the Winchester Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and became a registered nurse in 1954 until she decided to pursue a career as a Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC Police Officer in 1961. She retired from the DC Women's Bureau in 1967 after being injured in the line of duty.

Pat was a talented fisherman knit artisan, enjoyed reading, and bragging about her two sons, granddaughter and great grandson. She was a Cub Scouts of America Den Mother, an elementary school PTA president, and a member of the Cape St. Mary's Citizen's Association where she served as secretary



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and later president. She will be missed by her family and friends.

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### James Lee Dufour, Sr.



James Lee Dufour, Sr., "Pappy", 71, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away on September 28, 2021. Born on June 25, 1950 in Laurel, MD,

he was the son of the late Doris May Engles and the late Raymond Wilfred Dufour. James is survived by his longtime companion, Donna Marlett, children Penny Lynn Alvey of Lexington Park, MD, James Lee Dufour, Jr. (Sara) of Vienna, VA, Brandy Marie Dufour of Lexington Park, siblings Raymond G. Dufour (Karen) of Louisiana, Michael L. Dufour (Liz) of Mechanicville, MD, Russell Dufour of Lexington Park, MD, Barbara Dufour of Lexington Park, MD, and Glenda Espina of Lexington Park, MD, grandchildren Mark Andrew Alvey of Lexington Park, MD, Kristina May Alvey of Lexington Park, MD, Jasmine Perri Miles of Lexington Park, MD, and James Russell Dufour of Vienna, VA, as well as seven great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and friends and family. He was preceded in death by his siblings Billy Dufour, Ernest Dufour, and Ronald Dufour.

James enjoyed fishing, working the carnivals, and being a big joker.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

### James E. Guy (Jimmy)

James E. Guy (Jimmy), "Bubba," 93, of Hollywood, MD, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2021 at Medstar St. Mary's in



Leonardtown, MD. Born June 5, 1928 in Hollywood, MD, he was the son of the late James Elmer Guy and Mary Madge (Dean) Guy.

Jimmy would go on to meet and wed the love of his life, Joan Marie (Marsh) Guy on February 10, 1951 in Washington, D.C. Together, in 1954 they would go on to build and run Guy Construction Company, a successful family business for many years. After living and raising their three children in Prince Georges County, they purchased waterfront property in St. Mary's County where they would build their dream home, which housed many wonderful memories of their legacy together. They shared 52 years of marriage before Joans passing in July 2003.

Jimmy enjoyed visiting his numerous friends and "buddies" at the local Patuxent Moose Lodge. An animal lover, he always made sure the ducks and the squirrels in his yard had plenty of food. You could often find him outside on any day, admiring the sights from the waters and the many boats that passed by.

Jimmy is survived by son, Robert Guy (Kathy) of Leonardtown, MD and daughter, Karen Thompson (Wayne) of Mechanicsville, MD. In addition to his children, he is survived by his eight grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren (another great grandchild arriving October 2021); and two great-great grandchildren (another great-great grandchild arriving November 2021). In addition to his parents and beloved wife, he is also preceded in death by his sister, Mary Alberta Kamm; his daughter, Julia Ann Ludke; one granddaughter and one great granddaughter.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois 60611, [www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org) or the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue

Squad, P.O. Box 79 Hollywood MD 20636.

### Erin Nicole Bean



Erin Nicole Bean, 3, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on September 25, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

Born on April 12, 2018, she was the daughter of Cara Bean and Scott Bean of Hollywood, MD. Erin is survived by her sister Kayla Bean of Callaway, MD, her brothers Kevin Bean and Lindon Bean, both of Hollywood, MD, as well as maternal grandmother Linda Millar of Hollywood, MD, paternal grandparents Leonard and Donna Bean of Hollywood, MD, niece Remingtyn Slaughter of Callaway, MD, aunt Pam Millar of Hopewell, VA, uncle Joey Bean (Jennifer) of Leonardtown, MD, cousins Samantha Millar Tippett (Ryan), Collin Millar, Jaxon Goddard, Carsyn Tippett, Justin Bean, and Alyssa Bean, special friends Theresa Bean and Taylor Bean, and many many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family members. Erin was predeceased by her maternal grandfather, Russell Millar, and her uncle, Robbie Millar.

Erin loved all things outdoors, especially the mud. She enjoyed riding her bike or tricycle, playing on the trampoline, in the sandbox, or flying through the air on a swing. Although she couldn't yet read, she would often sit for extended periods of time looking at her books or even flipping the pages of whatever novel Mommy was reading. Her favorite shows were "Veggie Tales", "P.J. Masks", and, most recently, "Super Why". She loved to sing nursery rhymes and had an amazing memory to recite parts of her favorite shows. She did not communicate her wants and needs verbally, but she always found a way to get her point across, through gestures or two-word phrases. Erin never knew a stranger; her heart was open to love and befriend everyone. She was independent, strong-willed, and focused. She liked to play by herself but had the deepest belly laugh when playing with Daddy or sharing silly moments with her brothers. Erin shared a special bedtime routine with Mommy, looking out at the twinkling stars, saying prayers, tucking in her baby dolls, and finally, holding hands until she fell asleep. Now, Erin rests eternally among the stars. She will be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Contributions may be made to The Autism Project, a local 501C3 non-profit organization, at P.O. Box 1518, North Beach, MD 20714

([theautismprojectmd.com](http://theautismprojectmd.com)), the Autism Spectrum Support Group of SOMD at P.O. Box 2162, California, MD, 20619, Autism Anchoring Dogs at [www.autismanchoringdogs.org](http://www.autismanchoringdogs.org), and Project Lifesaver at [www.projectlifesaver.org/get-involved/donate](http://www.projectlifesaver.org/get-involved/donate).

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### Donald (Duck) Leroy Thompson



Donald (Duck) Leroy Thompson of Avenue, Maryland passed away on September 24, 2021. He was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland on February 1, 1941,

to Marie Arvilla (Faunce) Thompson and James Leroy (Roy) Thompson. Though he loved travelling and exploring this great country, he was a proud resident of the 7th District in St. Mary's County his whole life.

He married his high school sweetheart Rose Marie (Pilkerton) Thompson of Mechanicville, Maryland on June 23, 1962, at Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicville, Maryland. They had two (2) children, Cynthia Thompson Arevalo, and Brian (Vicky) Thompson. He is survived by his wife Rosie (of 59 years), children Cindy and Brian, three grandchildren Crystal (Chris) Moore, Whitney (Glenn) Tozier, Kaelyn Thompson, two (2) great grandchildren Christopher and Jason Moore, sister Barbara Honigsberg and her children Catherine Honigsberg, and John (Hope) Honigsberg.

He graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1959 and served in the U.S. ARMY National Guard as part of the Nike Hercules Missile Unit.

Donald was one of the last U.S. Coast Guard licensed wooden boat builders in Maryland, a skill he learned from his uncle Frank (Boy) Faunce as he grew up. He was a commercial waterman, boat builder, master carpenter, and construction superintendent. He led several major construction programs at the U.S. Navy Yard, Vice-President's Home, Georgetown Mall, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Galaudet University Chapel, Goddard Space Flight Center, Brandywine Natural Gas Power Plant, and the Quantico Marine Base. He spent many hours volunteering at his church (Holy Angels Catholic Church) and the American Legion Post 221 where he served as a past Commander and numerous other positions.

He loved feeding and admiring



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wildlife in his backyard as well as fishing with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. He also loved sharing stories about his youth and family ancestors that included waterman stories of his father Roy Thompson and grandfathers Capt. Frank Faunce and Golden Thompson. He loved to share his lifelong experiences and humorous stories of setting fish nets, crabbing, eeling, oystering, clamming, and boating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, 21530 Colton Point Rd, Avenue, MD. 20609 or the American Legion Post 221, P.O. Box 98, 21690 Colton Point Rd, Avenue, MD. 20609.

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

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### Panayiotis "Pete" Xenofondos



Panayiotis "Pete" Xenofondos, 97, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away at his home on September 23, 2021. Born on November 21,

1923 in Vathylakas, Cyprus, he was son of the late Eleni Yerolemi Michael and Xenophon Michael. Pete was the loving husband of Kyriacou "Karen" Xenofondos, whom he married on July 28, 1968 in Vathylakas, Cyprus. He is survived by his children Michael Xenofondos of Waldorf, MD, Eleni (Harry) Karageorge of Falls Church, VA, Xenis Xenofondos of Lexington Park, MD, and Athena (John) Xenofondos of Falls Church, VA, as well as his grandchildren Maria Karageorge, Peter Karageorge, and Peter Von Holle, and seven nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his siblings Prodromos Xenofondos and Annezou Papanicolaou.

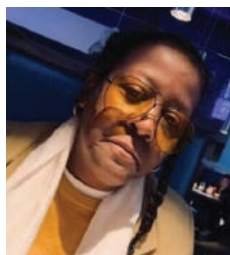
Pete was a Restaurant Owner and Operator at Pete's Galley Restaurant and Bar in Lexington Park, MD for over 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was a faithful member of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, in Annapolis, MD, he belonged to the Thomas J. Shryock Lodge No. 223 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maryland.

Pete was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He immigrated to America from Cyprus in 1950 with only a couple of dollars in his pocket and created a beautiful, enriching, and wonderful life for himself and for his family. Pete was very well-known and respected throughout the community, was a

proud 32nd degree Mason for 61 years, and had a profound impact on so many lives. He died peacefully surrounded by his loving family following a stroke.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Thomas J. Shryock Lodge No. 223 Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maryland at 24410 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636.

### Geraldine Patricia Hall



Geraldine Patricia Hall, affectionally called Geraline, was born on April 25, 1966, and departed this life on September 25, 2021, at

Doctor's Community Hospital in Lanham, Maryland, after a brief illness.

Geraldine was the seventh of ten children born to the late Edna Cecelia Johnson and Charles Henry Hall. Geraldine was born, raised, and educated in Southern Maryland, graduating from Chopticon High School in 1986 where she played basketball. Geraldine worked for the Prince George's County Government, where she held an administrative position for more than seventeen years.

Geraldine was known for showing great passion in her life. She was friendly and met no strangers. Geraldine was very vocal about the many loves in her life, in both word and deed. She loved God and demonstrated that love by volunteering as a church bus driver, often pulling over to the side of the road to offer praises to God, and by helping others.

Geraldine loved her family, starting, of course, with her son, Travis, but admitted to being completely enamored by her #1 Grandson, Tristin Chase. Although Geraldine loved all three of Travis' children (Grandma's Babies), it was 10-year-old Tristin, who stole her heart. Geraldine made sure that Tristin, his 2-year-old sister, Nyla "Na'Na" and 6-month-old brother, Jayceon "Jayce" wanted for nothing.

Coming from a huge family, Geraldine sought always to help others, often putting their needs ahead of her own. Helping people was her special gift. So many people were special to her and her family and friends eagerly returned that love. So much so that her niece, Tavia Tate "Tay", from her extended family, gave Geraldine a kidney.

Geraldine had many other loves as well. She was an accomplished Bass Master, sometimes catching fifteen- to twenty-pound fish. In addition, she was an accomplished Grill Master, "everyone loved her ribs." She loved gambling at Maryland Live or MGM casinos and at

home you could find her working in her flower garden or assembling something complicated like a new grill or the shed she recently built from the ground up, or simply playing cards (Poker or Tonk) all night.

Geraldine's passing is a great loss to more persons than we can count. However, besides her family there are some extra special friends and extended family members that we must mention by name: The Whalen Family, including Joyce (deceased), Eunice, Albo, and Priscilla; Stephanie Howe, Ada McCoy, Keyma Baker, Leele Proctor, Audrey Carroll, Zenobia Jones, Patsy Hall, and Linda Banks; and a very special aunt, whom Geraldine loved dearly, Martha Brooks. Also, very special to Geraldine was her nephew, Demetrius Lamar Hall, for whom she was an advocate, prompting her to become a Black Lives Matter activist.

In addition to her parents, Geraldine is pre-deceased by three sisters: Jackie Tyer, Leona and Audrey Hall; and one brother, Charles Hall.

Those left to cherish fond memories of Geraldine include: her son, Travis Hall (Keyera); two grandsons, Tristin Chase and Jayceon Hall, one granddaughter, Nylah Hall; her loving and devoted partner of over twenty-one years, Lisa Rena Faircloth; four sisters, Rebecca Tyer (Oscar), Valeria Tyer, Jennifer Thomas, and Martha "Mar" Tate (Wendell); four brothers, Leroy, Willie, Bobby, and Thomas (Crystal) Hall; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD.

### Howard Winthrop Kinports, Jr.



Howard Winthrop Kinports, Jr., 91, of Hollywood, MD passed away on September 18, 2021 at his home with his loving family

at his side.

He was born on April 7, 1930 in Winthrop, MA to the late Howard Winthrop Kinports, Sr. and Mildred Allison.

On October 2, 1950 Howard enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on October 1, 1954 as a A1C (P). During his service he earned the National Defense Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Upon discharge from the Air Force he continued his career in

law enforcement as a police officer with the Prince George's County Police until 1977. At his retirement, fellow officers joked that they should retire his ticket book as well since he believed in second chances and had a tendency of issuing warnings in lieu of actual tickets. He was a people person and was proud to serve his community as a police officer. On October 12, 1956, Howard married the love of his life, Mary Thelma Kinports. Together they celebrated over 64 wonderful years of marriage.

He and his wife enjoyed dancing, attending police conventions, and vacationing with their family to Ocean City, MD where he was known to sit on the beach all day with his "medicine." He was an avid Washington Redskin fan and held season tickets at RFK Stadium for many years where he collaborated with a tight knit group of fellow fans to orchestrate unforgettable tailgates. He and his son Dennis attended every Super Bowl that Washington competed in during the 80's and early 90's. His sense of humor and love for people made him the life of the party. He was quick with a joke and even faster with his warm and loving smile. Every year he and his wife Mary hosted a Christmas Eve party that was open to all friends and family. Although no invitations were ever sent, everyone knew that their door was open and they were welcome to stop by. Family was his greatest love and he beamed when he spoke of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They are so very proud and honored to have had him in their life.

In addition to his beloved wife, Mary, Howard is also survived by his children: Dennis Lee Lavalley, Sr. of Mechanicsville, MD, Tracey Kinports Hobbs (Kerry) of Hollywood, MD, and Kimberly Ann Blodgett (Shane) of Hollywood, MD; his siblings: Nancy Shaw of MA, Robert Kinports of FL, and Richard Kinports (Donna) of DE; his grandchildren: Kristy Lavalley Goumis, Dennis Lee Lavalley, Jr. (Roxanne), Matthew Howard Hobbs, Jennifer Lynne Bailey (Drew), Tyler Howard Hobbs (Kate), Shane Daniel Blodgett, Jr., and Ryan Zachary Blodgett; his great grandchildren: Brayden, Jorden, Skylar, Bryan, Ronin, Nicholai, Teagan, and Banks; and extremely important extended family and friends that he loved like his very own. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings: Polly Beeler, Ernest "Al" Headley and George Headley.

A Life Celebration will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at FOP Lodge 89, 2905 Old Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Associa-



tion, 10665 Stanhaven Place, Suite 205D, White Plains, MD 20695 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### Ann Forsman



Ann Forsman, 94, of Solomons, MD (formerly of Piney Point, MD) passed away on October 3, 2021 at Asbury Solomons with her husband of 64 years

by her side.

Born on January 20, 1927 in Scranton, PA, she is the daughter of the late Thomas Joseph Manley and Mabel Quinnan Manley.

Ann entered the U.S. Navy on August 26, 1948 and proudly served her country as a Registered Navy Nurse for 10 dedicated years before her honorable discharge as a Lieutenant in December 1957. During her service she earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean Ribbon. After the Navy, she was employed as a skilled and caring registered nurse for over 31 years until her retirement in 1981.

On December 27, 1956, she married the love of her life, Arvid Edwin Forsman in Oak Harbor, WA. Together they celebrated over 64 wonderful years of marriage. They had three children; all of which she was extremely proud of. Her youngest son Alec Edwin Forsman preceded her in death in January 2021. She volunteered for 12 years at St. Mary's Hospital and 15 years with the American Red Cross. She also tutored elementary school age children for the St. Mary's County Board of Education. She had a strong faith and was a member of Patuxent Presbyterian Church in California, MD.

Ann had a passion for playing bridge and really enjoyed each and every game with both her friends and family. She always had her "penny purse" ready to go to the next game.

In addition to her husband, Ed, Ann is also survived by her children, Daniel Thomas Forsman (Rhonda) of Lawrenceville, GA and Laurie Ann Hogan of Ft. Frances, Ontario, Canada; her grandchildren: Jennifer Forsman Hansford, Daniel S. Forsman, Stephanie H. Forsman, and David S. Forsman; her great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Daphne; and extended family and friends.

Ann came from a strong Irish background and actually had a pretty good authentic accent when it was called for. She would like to share this:

May the Irish hills caress you may her lakes and rivers bless you. May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.

A Graveside Service with military honor guard will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, 47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Asbury Benevolent Fund, 11450 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688.

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

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### Christopher "Chris" Donald Jorgenson



Christopher "Chris" Donald Jorgenson, 48, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at his residence.

Born on October 26, 1972, in Minnesota he is the son of the late, Gloria Woodhams and Clinton Woodhams currently residing in California State.

Chris proudly joined the United States Navy in December, 1990 and served his country honorably during Desert Storm. Chris was a proud American. During his enlistment, he received several awards and commendations. After his courageous service, Chris would become an Ironworker and support his family as a member of the Local Union 5. He loved and took pride in his work and in the brothers and sisters he worked alongside.

A man of integrity and dedication, Chris fell in love with a wonderful girl, Tonya and they married in June 2000 and have celebrated over 21 years of marriage. Their love has grown throughout the years and even more with the birth of their daughter. Although separated by distance, his 3 sons from his previous marriage were always in his thoughts and heart. Nothing brought a sparkle to Chris' eyes as much as being with his family.

A man with a big heart, Chris would help anyone he could. He enjoyed movie time with his family, visiting museums and arts galleries, sarcasm and humor and snuggling with his dog Teddy and cat Odin.

A great man has left many behind to celebrate his life and remember his outgoing personality. As the sun sets in the autumn evening, look up into the fading night and see the first twinkling stars and know Chris is watching you from above wishing you happiness. He is now

at peace and able to guide you on your path to paradise where you will meet again.

Chris is survived by his beloved wife, Tonya Jorgenson of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Cody Jorgenson, Cameron Jorgenson, Cole Jorgenson and Aspen Jorgenson; his mother-in-law, Rita King and his father, Clinton Woodhams. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gloria Woodhams.

A celebration of life will be arranged for family and friends to join in remembering him and all of the ways he touched their lives. To be announced at a later date.

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

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Chris's honor to the Wounded Warriors Project or The American Foundation of Suicide Prevention.

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

### Marian Lillian Nichols



Marian Lillian Nichols, 88, of Charlotte Hall, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly September 28, 2021 at the Charles

Reginal Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland.

She was born August 24, 1933 in King George, Virginia to the late Henry Marvin Owens and Lillian Bernice Owens "Heflin". She was one (1) of seven (7) children.

Marian met the love of her life, Wesley Lindy Nichols and knew she had to make him her forever. They married on July 16, 1949 and celebrated over seventy-one (71) years of marital bliss. Their love was inspiring and grew with each passing year. Their enduring union welcomed eight (8) children, Diane, Kathy, Patricia, Carol, Wesley, Ronald, Tammy, and Shelia.

She was a woman of many talents. On a warm summer day, she enjoyed fishing and being outside, breathing in the fresh air and soaking up the sun. She liked going crabbing to bring them home and sit around a picnic table with her family, just talking about anything and everything. She was an avid WWE fan and liked to watch her favorite wrestlers Roman Raines, John Cena, Hulk Hogan and many more, dominate the ring counting right alongside referee for a takedown. Above everything else, she loved to spend time with her grand kids, spoiling them every chance she got and cherishing every milestone she could share with them. Although her presence will be missed, the true glory of her spirit has left an

imprint on the souls of all those she touched throughout her life. May the sun shine bright and memories warm your heart as you remember the blessing of being her family and friends.

Marian is survived by her children, Diane Nelson of Ripley, MD, Kathy M. Haag (Kenneth) of Titusville, FL, Patricia Harrington (Lance) of Indian Head, MD, Carol Bailey (Teddy) of Charlotte Hall, MD, Wesley L. Nichols, Jr. (Debbie) of King George, VA, Ronald D. Nichols of Charlotte Hall, MD, Tammy Payne of LaPlata, MD, MD, and Shelia Shadle (Kevin) of Waldorf, MD; thirteen (13) grandchildren; eighteen (18) great-grandchildren, ten (10) great-great grandchildren, many Nieces and nephews; her sisters Juanita Gallahan of King George, VA, Shirley Gonzalez (Fred) of Port St. Lucie, FL, Sylvia Boggs of King George, VA, Doris Copen (Clay) of King George, VA, Joan Hayden (Gerald) of King George, VA and her sister-in-law Hazel Owens of King George, VA. She is preceded in death by both of her parents Henry Marvin Owens and Lillian Bernice Owens "Heflin"; her husband Wesley Lindy Nichols, her brother Wallace "Pete" Owens; her son-in-law Tommy Nelson and brother-in-law Sterl Boggs.

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### Patricia Anne Ramey,



Patricia Anne Ramey, 81, of Mechanicsville, MD born August 29, 1940 in Lenoir, NC to Raymond and Inez Keller, passed away

peacefully on September 28, 2021 in the comfort of her home. Her caregivers Sylvia Baker, Carol Bowles, Chartise Jackson and Karen Thomas provided Pat with exemplary care and went above and beyond to ensure her comfort. They loved her and she loved them.

On December 27, 1956 Pat married Grady Ramey and together they shared sixty-four (64) years of marriage and raised four children.

Pat loved being a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and dedicated church member. She had a heart of gold and always had her own unique way of saying things with that witty southern twang.

She was a treasured member of St. Mary's County Public Schools and worked many years as a school cafeteria manager where she loved the comradery of working with her "girls" in the kitchen.



Pat was a member of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. She was the organist/pianist for over forty (40) years and sang with the choir at times. She always made the best coleslaw for the annual church dinners and was always involved in church activities all throughout her life. She loved going to church and spending time with her church family.

Pat is survived by her daughters, Loretta A. (Ramey) Graves of Mechanicsville, MD; and Barbara L. (Ramey) Shawyer (Kenny) of Huntingtown, MD; daughters-in-law, Carol Ramey Ludka and Frannie Hammett; five (5) grandchildren, Melanie Graves, Jeremy Graves (Krystal), Shawn Ramey (Chelsea), Ashley Shawyer and Cali Shawyer; four (4) great-grandchildren, Shawn, Carter, Bella and Jackson; sister, Elizabeth (Faye) Kangas (Gail) and many other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by husband, Grady Ramey; parents, Raymond and Inez Keller; sons, G. Carl Ramey and Steven D. Ramey; and sister, Brenda Jean Kuhn.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church or Hospice of St. Mary's.

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### Michael (Mike) David Wescott



Michael (Mike) David Wescott  
Mike, 62, of Leonardtown, MD passed away peacefully on September 21, at his home.

He was born on August 18, 1959 in San Diego, CA.

Mike graduated in 1977 from Westbrook High School in Westbrook, ME. After graduation Mike joined the Air Force stationed at Dover Air Force base until 1985. He then went on to work for Lockheed Martin and various sheet metal/aviation companies until he became a small business owner in the customer service industry at the Portland International Jetport, Portland, ME until retiring.

Mike is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn (Jackie) (Deering) Wescott, his daughter Allison (Wescott) Lorete and her husband Michael Lorete; his granddaughters, Lillian and Claire Lorete; his mother Mary Ann (Howe) Wescott. He is also survived by his 3 nephews Mi-

chael, Nathan, and Craig Burnham and their families; and many LOVING Aunts, Uncles, cousins and in-laws. He is preceded in death by his father Richard C. Wescott and his sister Mary Teresa (Wescott) Burnham.

Mike will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### James Myron Downs



James Myron Downs, 'Jimmy' 80, of Hollywood, MD passed away on September 24, 2021 at Medstar St. Mary's Hospital in

Leonardtown, MD.

He was born on January 22, 1941 in Washington, D.C. to the late George Myron Downs Jr. and Helen Bernice Milburn Downs.

Jimmy worked for the Department of Defense for over 30 years as an accounting processor, before his retirement. He was a simple man who never met a stranger. He enjoying vanilla milkshakes, room temperature cokes from the can and all American foods. He loved listening to Blue Grass and 50's music, and imitating his role model, PePe Le Pew. He enjoyed watching the Washington Nationals and was a life long, die-hard Redskins fan. He also made daily outings to get his coffee and visit various family members. His family was his greatest love and he enjoyed visiting with them and spending as much time as possible, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jimmy is survived by his daughter, Suzanne Doris Redding (Benjamin Sr.) of Hollywood, MD.

In addition to his daughter, he is also survived by four of his siblings; Virginia Gainer (Joe Sr.) of Charlestown, WV, Kenneth Downs Sr. of King George, VA, Richard Downs Sr. (Alicia) of Waldorf, MD, and John Downs of Mooreville, NC. Jimmy is also survived by his two grandchildren: Kortney Morgan (Gregory Sr.) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Benjamin Redding Jr. (Katelyn) of Hollywood, MD., his three great grandchildren: Gregory Morgan Jr., Kylee Morgan and Benjamin Redding III and too many "favorite" nieces and neph-

ews to name. In addition to his parents, Jimmy is also preceded in death by his siblings: George Downs III, Doris Downs, Donald Downs, Ralph Downs Sr., Norman Downs, David Downs Sr., and Joan Beard.

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### Sharon Gail Weiner



Sharon Gail Weiner, 71, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on September 25, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on September 28, 1949 in Baltimore, MD to the late Harrison Sachs and Shirley Barshook Sachs.

On October 31, 1971, Sharon married her beloved husband, John Samuel Weiner in Baltimore, MD. Together they celebrated over 49 wonderful years of marriage. She spent her career nurturing and teaching students as an Educator, 3 year in Baltimore City Public Schools and 32 year for St. Mary's County Public Schools.

In addition to her husband, John, Sharon is also survived by her children: Scott Weiner (Kelly) of Hollywood, MD, Rachel Smith (Eric) of Orange Park, FL, and Aaron Weiner of Hollywood, MD; her sisters, Boni Jacobson of West Palm Beach, FL, and Lauri Sachs of Great Mills, MD; her grandchildren: Lauren Weiner, Olivia Weiner, Jaiden Smith and Keira Smith; and many extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Ste. 120, Baltimore, MD 21220.

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### Sharon Marie Norsworthy



Sharon Marie Norsworthy, 65, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Hospice House of St. Mary's in

Callaway, MD.

She was born on June 9, 1956 in

Washington, DC to the late Samuel Henry Craddock Jr. and Wylodean Kelly Craddock.

She owned a hobby and antiques shop at the Charlotte Hall Farmers Market for many years and met some of her best friends there and local business owners. She was a "Jane of all Trades"; she could restore and repair just about anything that needed it. She saw the world with the vision that "all things old could be made new again."

Her shop was called 'Now and Then'. She enjoyed bartering and attending estate sales and auctions. She always looked for the best deals.

She also worked for the Department of Defense as an Administrative Specialist, beginning her career in Alexandria, Virginia and retiring from the Patuxent River Naval Base. She won many awards for her dedication and support of the United States Army and again to the United States Navy in her time of Civil Service.

When she was diagnosed with small cell carcinoma she enjoyed visiting the local thrift shops and each one would save the best wigs for her. They looked forward to her coming in to look through the basket of donated wigs.

Mom looked good in any wig but when her hair grew back, it was the most beautiful platinum color. She got compliments from everyone. She was the happiest when getting dressed for the day, matching head to toe with her makeup just perfect. Her blue eyes were the brightest towards her last days. She was so happy to see visitors and listen to one of her favorite songs, "Wind beneath my wings" by Bette Midler from the 1988 movie, Beaches.

Her Christian faith was one she cherished personally and she kept close to her heart.

Sharon is survived by her son, Francis A. Showalter Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD and her daughter, Tammy Lynn Showalter of Lexington Park, MD, her brother Samuel Lee Craddock (Patricia) of Milton, DE, her two half-brothers Alex Craddock (Lori) and Eric Craddock (Tammy) and many nieces and nephews, cousins and her dog Hunter and grand puppy Bella. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her brother Frederick Warren and her half-sister Judi Townsend.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice House of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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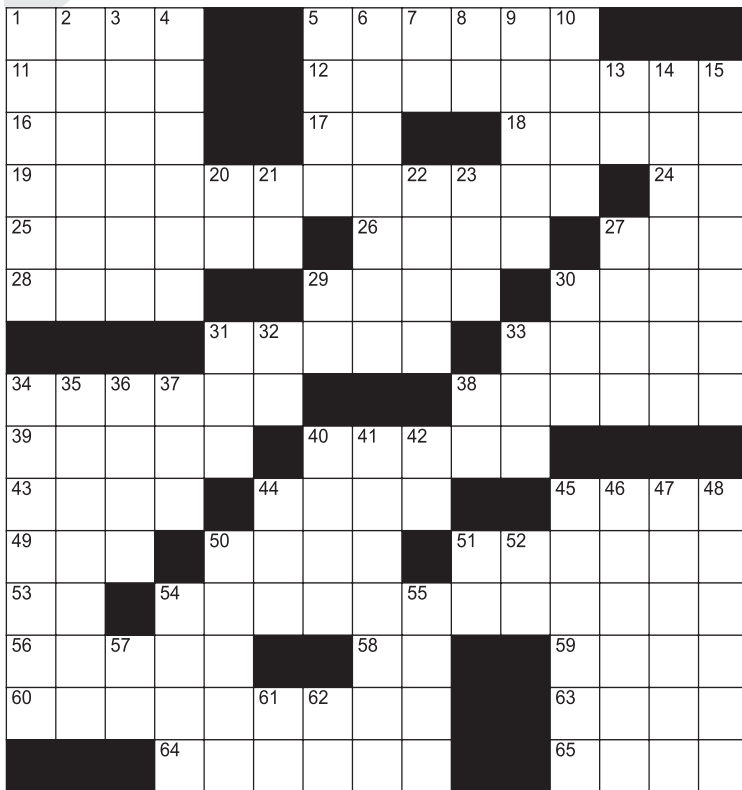


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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. A way to recognize
- 11. "VeggieTales" character
- 12. Getting out of by cunning
- 16. Mythological mountain
- 17. Atomic #18
- 18. Viscous liquid
- 19. 2010 Denzel film
- 24. 12th star in a constellation
- 25. Made better
- 26. Pouches
- 27. Nervous twitch
- 28. This (Spanish)
- 29. Tennis legend Bjorn
- 30. Hand (Spanish)
- 31. Afrikaans
- 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- 34. Treated with kid gloves
- 38. Leaseholder
- 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & \_
- 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 45. Mark
- 49. Health insurance

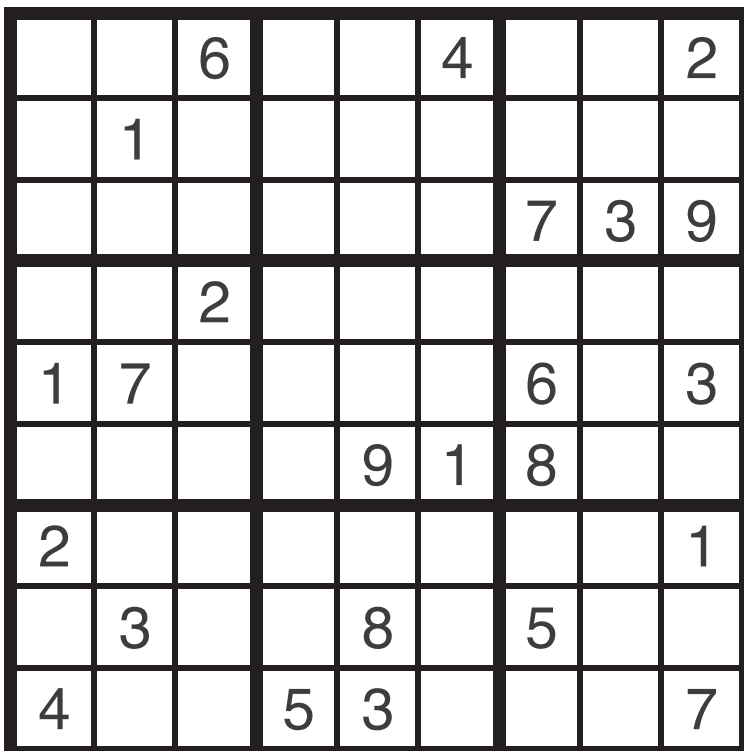
50. Custom clothing brand

- 51. One who makes suits
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- 56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Imaginary line
- 60. Hopeless
- 63. Darken
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units

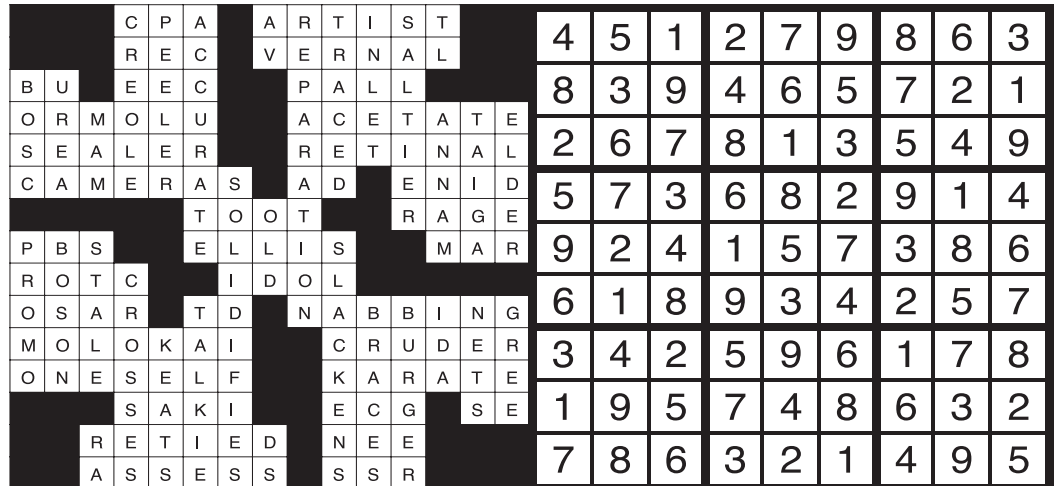
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. A way to fit out
- 2. Football carries
- 3. Force out
- 4. Maintaining equilibrium
- 5. Sealed with a kiss
- 6. Type of container
- 7. Hollywood
- 8. We
- 9. Small freshwater ducks
- 10. Norse personification of old age
- 13. Says who you are
- 14. Candidate
- 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- 20. Defunct language (abbr.)

- 21. Take too much
- 22. Iranian province
- 23. Records electric currents
- 27. \_\_\_ and feathers
- 29. Beloved Mr. T character
- 30. More (Spanish)
- 31. Beverage
- 32. Promotional material
- 33. Green vegetable
- 34. National capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Pound
- 40. Popular Yugo
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Millihenry
- 44. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- 45. Make wider
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Acknowledging
- 48. Private, romantic rendezvous
- 50. Calvary sword
- 51. Disease of the lungs
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Fleshy, watery fruit
- 55. In one's chambers
- 57. Set of information (abbr.)
- 61. Dorm employee
- 62. Indicates position



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