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# Push for Zoning Amendment on Cannabis Offered, Criticized

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to have the county Planning Commission recommend changes to the county's zoning ordinance to address the approval of cannabis growing operations.

But one commissioner criticized the motion as too little, too late.

Commissioner John O'Connor offered the motion at the beginning of the March 22 business meeting; Commissioner Todd Morgan read it into the record.

"I move to request that the Planning Commission review, hear, consider, draft, and make recommendations to the County Commissioners to approve or disapprove the adoption of an ordinance to amend the text of the comprehensive zoning ordinance regarding Medicinal Cannabis growers, processors, and dispensaries."

In a social media post O'Connor wrote that: "This is not to regulate the industry but to ensure citizens are informed."

Local elected leaders say they have been inundated in recent weeks with citizen calls both in favor of and opposition to an industrial-style medical cannabis growing project on 26 acres in Avenue in the Critical Area, which is usually strictly restricted from development in an effort to protect the watershed.

In a later interview, Commissioner Eric Colvin said all levels of county government were responsible for not preparing the county to deal with medical marijuana projects so they would be subject to broader public scrutiny.

"The failure was lack of foresight," Colvin said. "That can be put on land use staff, the county commissioners and on the county administrator."

"The lack of foresight was not updating our zoning," Colvin said former county administrator, Dr. Rebecca Birdget, bore some responsibility.

Colvin referred to a planning depart-



ment decision to categorize the project as horticultural rather than agricultural industrial minor as the choice Department of Land Use and Growth Management Director Bill believed best fit with the criteria, but Colvin was still troubled by the memo detailing that decision.

"The memo concerns me because it identifies the weaknesses in our zoning ordinance that leaves vagueness out there to let county staff make unilateral decisions."

Kate Charbonneau, director of the Critical Area Commission, has informed The County Times that the project is governed by a completely different set of rules because the state's Department of Agriculture has deemed it agricultural in nature.

Hunt's decision labeling the project as horticultural under the county's zoning ordinance and not an agricultural industry operation meant it would not be subject to review by the county's Planning Commission.

A county government memo written in October of last year showed that Hunt could have chosen to label the operation under the agricultural industrial minor classification, which would have allowed it to proceed but with a site plan that would have to be reviewed by the planning commission.

This means the plan would have been subject to a public hearing as well.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said trying to come up with a zoning text amendment, especially since this was likely to be the only such operation li-

censed by the state for the near future, was akin to political theater.

"This commissioner does not have a problem with medical marijuana and coming up with a great idea to make millions of dollars," Hewitt said. "When this use was proposed in 2018, that was the time we should have looked into where this kind of use should be."

Hewitt, who has been the county's liaison to the Critical Area Commission for the past seven years, said the only county that allows such an operation in its rural preservation area is Cecil County.

"It's just three acres planted in the ground," Hewitt said.

That is a little more than 130,000 square feet of growing space; the Avenue-based operation could reach a little

more than 100,000 square feet, according to county planning documents.

"This is all a show," Hewitt chided. "Other counties in the state have regulated where they go, before they are permitted to start."

"St. Mary's County didn't do that."

Colvin said the county was currently reviewing its Comprehensive Plan, which is the driving document that guided growth as an opportunity to identify and change weaknesses in the zoning ordinance.

"This highlights how incredibly important the Comprehensive Plan is," Colvin said, adding the county was soliciting public comment. "Please be involved in the process."

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## Son, Mother Charged in Lethal Home Invasion



Rylan Somerville



Lakisha Rhodes

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's Sheriff's deputies have arrested the person they believe is responsible for the shooting death of 55-year-old James Brian Thompson in a March 10 home invasion on Oregon Way in Lexington Park.

Rylan John Somerville, 19, of Lexington Park was arrested March 18, according to the sheriff's office, and charged with first-degree murder, first-degree attempted murder and other counts.

Sheriff's deputies also arrested Somerville's mother, Lakisha Rena Rhodes, 43, of Lexington Park as an accessory after the fact to the homicide.

An application for a statement of charges filed in St. Mary's County District Court stated that one of the victims in the home invasion, the son of the deceased, could identify Somerville as the one who shot and killed his father.

The witness said he was held at gunpoint by three black males wearing dark clothing and ski masks while sitting in his car outside the Oregon Way residence he shared with his father.

"Where's the [expletive deleted]," the one holding the gun said, charging documents stated before the victim handed over an Apple iPhone valued at \$1,300.

The three men then took son into the residence at gunpoint, charging papers stated, when Thompson saw them and his son.

The son of the deceased told sheriff's detectives that he saw his father go back into his bedroom, presumably to retrieve a shotgun,

only to be shot twice by the home invader holding the gun.

The surviving victim, who identified Somerville as the gunman, told police he knew the suspect from Great Mills High School, which both attended four years ago.

The victim told police that after his father was shot, Somerville fired a round at him as the victim was on the floor of the residence but missed.

All three fled the scene.

During the on-going investigation, sheriff's deputies were called to a group home on Tippet Road for a weapons violation report; a duffle bag with guns was found under the back porch of the home and Rhodes, who was employed there by the owners, was found to have had possession of the bag on Mar. 12, just two days after the homicide.

While being questioned by detectives, Rhodes said she had not had any contact with her son; detectives viewed surveillance from the group home showing Rhodes carrying the bag as well as cell phone records of her son calling her.

"The defendant clearly had contact with the suspect... after the homicide," police wrote.

The guns found in the bag were an AR-15 rifle and a Springfield Armory XD-40 pistol with four rounds in the magazine.

The rounds in the magazine were labeled on the casing with "Speer .40S&W," the same as spent shell casings found at the crime scene, according to court papers.

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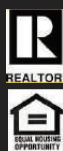


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# North County Farmers Market Finished



A concept rendering of the North County Farmers Market

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The long-awaited North County Farmers Market, built off of Thompson Corner Road to replace the old farmers market site at the Charlotte Hall Regional Library, has been completed, county officials said this week.

The market is located on Redstone Lane in Charlotte Hall and is set to be officially opened April 5.

County economic development officials said this week that a portion of the market will be open to the public April 9.

Construction had stalled there in recent months as supply chain problems prevented electrical control components from being delivered, but they have now been installed.

The project consists of two distinct buildings built across from each other on the property; visitors driving in will see the year-round market on the left of the entrance road, with the seasonal market on the right.

The seasonal market will be open April 9, according to county economic development officials.

The uses for the space will include agricultural workshops, county public meetings, aggregation and distribution of farm products as well as some limited processing.

Both structures will resemble barns but the year-round market will have vendor space for value-added products – essentially taking raw agricultural products and selling them once they have been processed into

more refined items – and a kitchen in a 5,100 - square foot facility.

There will also be restrooms there, some of which may be available afterhours to service hikers and bikers on the nearby Three Notch Trail.

The accompanying seasonal market will be divided into 14 stalls to allow for farmers to bring their harvests to market, and will include a secured storage area so their items can be safeguarded by the property manager.

It will have the same square-footage as the vendor market.

The other agricultural-related projects being pursued by the county are the Regional Agricultural Center (RAC) to be located near Lettie Marshal Dent Elementary School in Mechanicsville and a slaughter house run by independent operators from the Amish community that is working towards certification by the USDA to butcher and process local livestock meats.

The three facilities are designed to meet a growing demand for local raised meats and locally grown produce sought after by consumers who want to know more about how their food is produced.

The county planning commission will hold a public hearing on the RAC March 28 in Leonardtown.

The slaughter facility, known as Westham Butcher Shop, LLC, located in Mechanicsville, received its U.S. Department of Agriculture certification in May of last year.

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# Plan for Royal Farms, Starbucks in Charlotte Hall Denied

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

By a close vote the county planning commission denied a concept site plan that proposed placing a Royal Farms gas station and convenience store and a Starbucks coffee house on the corner of Route 5 and Charlotte Hall Road in Charlotte Hall.

The motion to approve the project, with conditions fell to a 4-to-3 vote at the planning commission's March 21 meeting.

Among the conditions for approval in the motion called for traffic improvement for a designated left turn lane, a left through lane and a designated right turn lane.

Several residents opposed the project because of worries of increased snarled traffic at already dangerous intersections.

Commission member Joseph Fazekas, who made the motion for approval, said that many of the residents who opposed the project were worried about traffic on the surrounding roads, which he said were outside of the developer's scope of



action.

"I was alarmed to hear there were people running red lights," Fazekas said. "I hope this perks up the ears of the sheriff's office for some more enforcement there."

Fazekas said, however, that the developer had proposed improvements to certain issues, such as sidewalks, that he favored.

"I have grave concerns about this project," said board member Kim Summers, who voted against the project. "What we're doing with this project is we're creating different traffic patterns, we're adding to a situation that already ... is dysfunctional on some levels."

"It's unfair to the people in our community to put something there that is potentially going to be unsafe and add to the traffic issues we already have."

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# Commissioners Approve Police Reform Boards

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County now has two new boards designed to provide oversight of local law enforcement activity of the sheriff's office — the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC)—after the Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to approve resolutions creating them this week.

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

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

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

The newly approved resolutions establish the accountability board with nine members, whereas a previous resolution would have provided only five.

Public testimony on how the board should be comprised indicated there was support for more members on the board than just five, The County Times

reported earlier this month.

The resolution also mandates that five members of the PAB come from each of the four commissioner districts, with one at-large.

There would also be an ex-officio (non-voting) member on the board from the sheriff's office who would be available to offer insights into law enforcement operations, according to the resolution.

The composition of the board would also have to reflect the census results of the county, with an eye towards diversity, and board members would be required to go through a vetting process to include a criminal background check.

County documents state the vetting process would establish to the commissioner board's "satisfaction" the applicant's "fitness to serve."

The Police Accountability Board would, in turn, appoint members to serve on the charging committee.

The charging committee would consist of five members to include the chair of the PAB, two civilians appointed by the county commissioners and two members appointed by the majority of the accountability board.

By state law, both police oversight bodies must be staffed and ready to operate by July 1.

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## St. Mary's Blazes Under Investigation



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Investigators with the State Fire Marshal's Office are continuing to look into two residential dwelling fires that took place just hours apart March 21.

The first fire occurred on North Poteat Court in California in a camper; the owner has been identified as Sharon Gonzalez.

Fire marshals report a resident of the home was outside when they noticed smoke coming from the camper. The resident attempted to extinguish the fire before it extended to their neighbor, but was unsuccessful.

The neighbor's house sustained fire damage on the outside wall next to the camper, fire marshals reported.

The total damage sustained in the fire was estimated at \$8,000; there were no injuries reported.

It took 40 firefighters from the Bay District volunteer company 20 minutes to extinguish the fire.

Fire marshals report the fire started in the interior of the camper

and has been ruled as accidental.

The second fire occurred at about 2:45 p.m. on Valley Court in Lexington Park in a two-story apartment complex.

Fire marshals say a resident of the complex was alerted by the activation of the smoke alarm. When she went into the hallway, water and smoke were coming from the apartment next door, fire marshals reported.

The sprinkler inside the closet where the blaze originated extinguished the fire prior to the fire department's arrival.

About 30 volunteers from the Bay District fire company responded to the incident; fire marshals have ruled the incident as the result of an incendiary element.

No one was reported injured in the apartment fire; the estimated damage came to \$3,000.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Southern Regional Office, at 443-550-6833.

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The candidate deadline for filing is Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4:30 PM. Candidates may file at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland.

In order to hold elective or appointive office as Mayor or as a Town Council member one must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Town for at least one (1) year, and at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Property ownership alone does not qualify for election or appointment as a Town Councilmember.

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Deadline for submitting a completed application for an Absentee Ballot is

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the Town Office by 4:30 pm.

Deadline for Obtaining Emergency Ballot is Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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## Town Homes Planned Near Town Square

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A developer has been working with Leonardtown officials on plans to build approximately 40 town homes on a piece of vacant property just off the town square, The County Times has learned.

Philip Barber, the developer, has said that he plans to bring a concept site plan before the town government in the next several months; the site to be developed is the body shop portion of the former Winegardner Chevrolet on Washington Street along with the backlot of the same property.

The store front and show room portion of the large building which has long stood on the town square is still owned by the local Bell family who owned a prior car dealership there bearing their name, said Town Administrator Laschelle McKay.

"[Barber's] been working with us and an engineer working on a [project] drawing," McKay said. "He still has to go through the planning process."



The entire property is about four acres in size across several parcels.

"I feel really lucky to have that property under contract," Barber said. "It's a really good parcel."

Barber said his development would be in keeping with the town's plans for redevelopment and infill in the downtown area, which is to boost revitalization and provide for more walkable communities.

The town homes would be three stories in height, Barber said, with no basements and two-car garages.

Barber said he has yet to team with a builder to construct the homes.

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# LSM Executive Director Announces Resignation

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Executive Director Denise Foster has announced her resignation. In a letter she wrote: "When I joined the Leadership Southern Maryland team four years ago, I was excited for the opportunity to lead an organization with such an outstanding reputation for creating positive change in our communities. During my time here, I've been privileged to interact with five Executive Program classes who are eager to learn from area experts and one another as they strive to better Southern Maryland. I have supported the creation and execution of the new Emerging Leaders Program and have watched many passionate individuals dedicate their time and talent into establishing this exciting new curriculum. Working alongside and interacting with LSM's board members, leadership council, committee members, graduates, and long-time supporters has been nothing short of amazing. I owe each and every one of you my thanks.



the coming months, as the LSM Search Committee works to identify the next executive director, rest assured that I will still be supporting the organization to the fullest, finishing out the 2022 programs, facilitating the selection of next year's Executive Program participants, and making preparations for a successful Class of 2023 – the next "Best Class Ever!"

"Looking back over all of my experiences with LSM makes it all the more difficult to share with you that my time as executive director is drawing to a close. It's often said that the "needs of the Navy" come first; and my husband and I are preparing for our next adventure which will take us to Virginia Beach for the next several years. During

"LSM is not, and has never been, just a job for me. It truly is a family and I will miss it dearly. I know that, thanks to the diligent efforts of the search committee and the continued support of all of you, I leave this amazing organization in good hands.

*Press release from Leadership of Southern Maryland*

## Noise Advisory

*NAS PAX RIVER Sets Noise Advisory for Webster Field*

Communities surrounding the NAS Patuxent River and Webster Field airfields are advised that helicopter nighttime testing events are scheduled to take place March 24, 2022 from 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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# Sell it - Buy it at Auction

## Tri County Livestock Auction

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month – Auction begins at 4 PM

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(closest physical address is 9033 Glock Place – Look for auction sign at entrance)

This auction is managed/conducted by the Tri-County Livestock Auction committee.

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# Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants Total \$320,000

Grants Supports Communities, Projects, and  
Schools

Forever Maryland is proud to announce that 85 grants totaling \$320,000 have been awarded toward environmental education, community cleanup and beautification projects through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program.

These annual grants are funded by the Maryland Environmental Trust, Forever Maryland, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

“Keep Maryland Beautiful grants help improve, sustain, and enhance communities all across our state,” Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. “These local initiatives also help Maryland meet our goals of cleaner water and access to green space for all our citizens.”

“DHCD is pleased to provide \$250,000 to nonprofits, local governments and community groups,” said DHCD Secretary Kenneth C. Holt. “These grants provide support for local projects and activities that directly impact litter removal, greening and beautification, and improving citizen stewardship in communities statewide.”

“It’s important to MDOT’s mission that we contribute to environmental stewardship across Maryland,” said MDOT Secretary James F. Ports Jr. “This year’s package of 16 MDOT grants – which include funds for purchasing native shrubs, getting rid of invasive species, educating students and maintaining a pollinator garden – build on the department’s commitment to preserve our ecosystem. I look forward to seeing these projects bloom.”

Keep Maryland Beautiful recipients included schools, nonprofit groups, municipalities and land trusts in 20 counties and Baltimore City. Many of these grants focus on developing and supporting communities, families, youth and students who take personal responsibility for the health of their communities, protecting nature in their backyards and seeking ways to help reduce or resolve environmental challenges.

“We’re thrilled with the success we’ve seen from the grant program,” said Forever Maryland Chair Nick Dilks. “This program will continue to make a significant environmental, economic, health, and recreational impact across Maryland through these new grant projects.”

Awards given this year were:

One Aileen Hughes award totaling \$5,000, awarded to an individual representing a Maryland land trust for



“Trees Not Trash” a community initiative funded by the 2021 Keep Maryland Beautiful Clean Up and Green Up Grant, focuses on beautifying city neighborhoods.

outstanding leadership, partnership and innovation in a conservation project. The grant is awarded to the Maryland land trust in recognition of the individual’s efforts and good work. The grant is given annually to honor the late Aileen Hughes, a true leader in the conservation movement.

12 Citizen Stewardship awards totaling \$17,500, given in honor of **Bill James**, who drafted the legislation that founded Maryland Environmental Trust, and **Margaret Rosch Jones**, former executive director of the Keep Maryland Beautiful program. These grants are awarded to schools, nonprofits and other community organizations whose missions are centered upon directly engaging community members in environmental education and stewardship. These grants also support organizations that demonstrate active engagement as defenders of the environment by developing innovative solutions to local environmental problems.

61 Clean Up & Green Up Maryland awards totaling \$250,000. This grant was established in 2017 to help community groups and nonprofit organizations statewide with neighborhood beautification activities that include litter removal, greening activities, community education, and citizen stewardship statewide.

11 Janice Hollmann Grant awards totaling \$47,500, given to Maryland land trusts to increase capacity, support community programming and innovation and foster stronger, better connected land trusts. All grants require a 100 percent match from the land trust of in-kind services and privately raised funds. The grant is given in memory of Janice Hollmann, who exemplified citizen leadership of local land trusts in Maryland.

2022 recipients of Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants include: All Saints Episcopal Church in Sunderland, American Chestnut Land Trust Inc., and Southern MD RC&D Board Inc.

Press Release from MD DNR,

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## TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER



# Local Knight Selected Maryland Citizen of the Year

By Dave Spigler  
Contributing Writer

Each year the Knights of Columbus State Council conducts a search throughout the State of Maryland to identify and honor residents who have made profound contributions to the well-being of their communities. A nominee must have demonstrated exceptional abilities to enhance and preserve the quality of life for his or her neighbors to be considered for selection. Their accomplishments should be significant and go well beyond the efforts normally expected. Candidates are selected from seven areas of endeavor including Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician and Citizen of the Year for this recognition. More than 140 Knights of Columbus Councils scattered around the State are provided an opportunity to nominate individuals for these annual seven State honors. This competition is stiff and the selection committee has their work cut out to select the “best of the best” from the many outstanding candidates submitted. Nominees do not have to be Knights to be considered.

This year’s Maryland Citizen of the Year is Charles “Chuck” Shilling a longtime resident of St Georges Island and well known for his active volunteerism throughout St Mary’s County and the State! He has been a successful leader in the Knights of Columbus for many years. He has also made a name for himself in his professional career as a counselor and advisor. He is intimately involved in many aspects of his community as well. Importantly, Chuck is a wonderful family man who continually sets an example for others by his many unselfish acts and personal achievements.

Chuck successfully led his 70-man Council at Holy Face Church, Great Mills for the past two years as their Grand Knight. His leadership skills and superior imagination helped inspire this small group to meet the special challenges created during this “Pandemic” period. Together they found new means to overcome obstacles impacting their ability to raise critically needed funding for the local Special Olympics and the Care Net Pregnancy Center organizations. He designed a new way to safely conduct a “Polar Plunge” when all other events were cancelled throughout the State. With the assistance of his several officers, they were able to exceed previous donation totals for their well-known “Tootsie Roll” Program by locating additional venues for Knights to stand in public with their yellow and red aprons and cans collecting money in exchange for their iconic chocolate candies.



Charles Shilling

And despite their small size, his Council conducted move activities and events then most of their larger Brother Councils in Maryland! For their fine efforts, they were rewarded with the “Double Star Council Award” an honor seldom bestowed upon any Knights Council.

Additionally, Chuck developed a reputation as an advocate and advisor for supporting the Criminal Justice System for the State. He served as a volunteer on the “Stephanie Roper Committee following the tragic loss of Ms. Roper who was violently murdered in an infamous case years ago. He served as a lobbyist in Annapolis for all victims and was personally involved in promoting over 23 statute laws to bring more balance to the system of justice and improve a citizen’s rights for fairness and equality. He was recognized many times by the Governor of Maryland and the State Legislature for his meritorious volunteer work and was presented the Governor’s Annual Award and Certificate of Merit for his years of outstanding contributions in the field of “Victim’s Rights.”

Chuck has given much of his free time to help out his local community. He previously served as a volunteer member of the Valley Lee Fire & Rescue Squad where he became certified to operate many

of the emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire brush trucks, fire jeeps and even rescue boats. He was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician and IV Tech as well. And he still finds time to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the St. Mary’s Youth Memorial in Great Mills, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the memory of more than 220 young people under the age of 18 in the County that lost their lives under many different circumstances. He raised a significant amount of funding to upgrade and maintain this special place for All Souls Day Masses and celebrations. It serves year-round as a sacred spot where parents and families can come and quietly reflect and pray for their lost loved ones.

Of all his achievements, the one he is most proud of is his strong reputation as a family man and a father! He gives his wife Lori much of the credit for this success. Together they raised two boys Brett and Dan who made the most of their education and achieved outstanding academic records while in high school. Brett graduated with honors and won appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He did equally as well there and graduated and received orders to flight school and became a fighter pilot

flying F-16s. He recently completed an assignment in Germany flying border patrols in the Middle East within sight of the Russians. Last year, Lt. Colonel Brett Shilling was featured on the “Today Show” flying NBC reporter Richard Engel on border patrol to show how we keep our eye on our adversaries. His story also appeared in this newspaper. Younger brother Dan entered the US Naval Academy the day Brett was commissioned in the Air Force. Chuck obviously set a fine example for these two lads much as he does for his brother Knights. As one indicator of their great relationship and successes as parents, Chuck and Lori were honored by of their Council as their “Family of the Year.”

Always a gentleman, Chuck Shilling routinely demonstrates an uncanny willingness “to be there for others.” He totally gives of himself. He is positive and confident in every undertaking and does not know nor does he accept “failure!” Of his many phenomenal attributes is his keen ability to recognize a need and quickly formulate plans to correct a problem. He sets a firm pace for others to follow and assists those who are unable to keep up. His long record for taking care of others represents an excellent example for how one can become a better citizen in today’s divisive world!



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St. Mary's County Arts Council and the SoMar Drummers will host a drop-in audience participation Drum Circle from 6 to 7 PM. This event is open to all ages and all skill levels, bring your own hand drum or use one of ours! Shakers will be available to use and keep. From 7-8 PM there will be a drumline performance by local students, bring a chair and enjoy the show! Both events are free and will be located at the grassy area adjacent to the Arts Council.



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# MARYLAND STATE POLICE CRIME REPORT

On 3/8/2022, Tpr D. Black conducted a traffic stop on Great Mills Road at Pleasant Mill Drive, Lexington Park, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted which revealed suspected Alprazolam and Suboxone, and drug paraphernalia. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Dustin Robert Platt, 37 of Leonardtown, MD. Platt was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana x2 and Possession of CDS: Paraphernalia.

On 3/11/2022, Tpr D. Black conducted a traffic stop on Great Mills Road at Midway Drive, Lexington Park, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted which revealed suspected Oxycodone. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Dayton John Caldwell Harris, 54 of Prince Frederick, MD. Harris was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana, Possession of CDS: Paraphernalia, and Prescription: Omit/Remove Alter/Obliterate Label.

On 3/12/2022, Tpr K. Poland responded to the Popeyes located at 21729 Great Mills Road, Lex-

ington Park, MD for the report of someone trespassing. Upon arrival, Tpr Poland recognized the suspect as George Wheeler Jacks, 33 of Prince Frederick, MD, who had previously been told to leave the property by troopers. Jacks was issued a criminal citation for Trespassing and was released.

On 3/13/2022, Tpr M. Koontz conducted a traffic stop on Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted which revealed suspected Cocaine and Oxycodone and suspected Marijuana. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Christina Marie Fetty, 44 of Lexington Park, MD. Fetty was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where she was charged with Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana x2 and was also issued a civil citation for Possession of CDS: Marijuana Less Than 10 Grams.

On 3/14/2022, Tpr J. Pettitt responded to Sandgates Road at Ridge Road, Mechanicsville, MD for the report of someone causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, Joseph Franklin Morgan, 62 of Mechanicsville, MD was intoxicated and continued to act disorderly after being told to stop. Morgan was

arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where he was charged with Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

On 3/21/2022, Tpr J. Barlow conducted a traffic stop on Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville, MD. The registration plates on the vehicle were confirmed as stolen through the Charles County Sheriff's Office. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Demarco Derrell Campbell, 28 of Waldorf, MD. Campbell was issued a criminal citation for Theft: Less Than \$100.00 and was released from the scene.

### The following people were arrested for Driving under the Influence:

- On 3/9/2022, Raymond Allen Copsey, 59 of Mechanicsville, MD was arrested by Tpr C. Baden
- On 3/11/2022, Melissa Renee McGee, 44 of Bryans Road, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Engleman
- On 3/11/2022, Leroy Oliver Preston, 65 of Baltimore, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pettitt
- On 3/12/2022, George Wayne Armiger, 44 of Mechanicsville, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Engleman
- On 3/12/2022, Devonte Arnez Shubrooks, 28 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by TFC M. Posch
- On 3/16/2022, Vincent Paul Shontere, 59 of Avenue, MD was arrested by Cpl Z. Null
- On 3/19/2022, William Darnell Wills, 57 of Mechanicsville, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Engleman
- On 3/19/2022, Adam Rolland Gassman, 39 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr D. Black
- On 3/20/2022, Jeffrey Scott Barber, 44 of Mechanicsville, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pettitt

### The following people were arrested for Open Warrants:

- On 3/8/2022, Brian Adam Liley, 32 of Charlotte Hall, MD was arrested by Tpr N. Zack for FTA: First Degree Assault and Second Degree Assault
- On 3/8/2022, Montreal Arnez Wade, 27 of Mechanicsville, MD was arrested by Tpr N. Zack for Violation of Probation: Driving while license was revoked
- On 3/9/2022, Davante Daris Brooks, 28 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr N. Zack for Possession of a Firearm With Felony Conviction
- On 3/9/2022, Franklin Lee Russell, 25 of Hollywood, MD

was arrested by Tpr D. Black for Possession of a Rifle/Shotgun With Felony Conviction

• On 3/10/2022, Tina Marie Tippet, 33 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr D. Black for FTA: Driving while license was suspended

• On 3/10/2022, Lawrence Alvin Hoffman Sr, 55 of Coltons Point, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pettitt for FTA: Indecent Exposure

• On 3/12/2022, Anthony John Knittel, 38 of Hollywood, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pettitt for Violation of Probation: Second Degree Assault

• On 3/15/2022, Anaka Wright, 22 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr M. Koontz for FTA: Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana and Possession of CDS: Paraphernalia

• On 3/15/2022, Jamar Moss, 40 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr N. Zack for First Degree Rape, First Degree Assault, Attempted First Degree Murder and Resist/Interfering with Arrest

• On 3/16/2022, Antwaun Marquis Somerville, 32 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Eckrich for Possession of CDS: Marijuana Greater Than 10 Grams

• On 3/16/2022, Cory Michael McAndrew, 31 of Piney Point, MD was arrested by Tpr M. Koontz for Possession of CDS: Intent to Distribute Narcotics x2 and Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana

• On 3/16/2022, Cory Michael McAndrew, 31 of Piney Point, MD was arrested by TFC A. Piscopo-Bann for FTA: Driving without a required license

• On 3/17/2022, Keona Dominique Best, 26 of Prince Frederick, MD was arrested by Tpr C. Willhite for FTA: Driving while license was suspended

• On 3/18/2022, Brandon Harrison Shaw, 34 of Great Mills, MD was arrested by TFC M. Johnson for Possession of CDS: Marijuana Greater Than 10 Grams and Possession of CDS: Intent to Distribute

• On 3/19/2022, Troy Lamont Fenwick, 46 of St. Inigoes, MD was arrested by Tpr N. Zack for Violation of Probation: Second Degree Assault

• On 3/21/2022, Wayne Ellis Campbell, 32 of District Heights, MD was arrested by TFC M. Posch for Violation of Probation: Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana

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### Editor's Note:

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



# Maryland Day Returns to St. Clements Island, St. Mary's City



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Maryland Day, the celebration of the colony's beginnings in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, is the first major, historically-related event to be held at both St. Clements Island Museum and Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) in two years since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and the staff there have been busy in the interim continuing to examine each site's history.

Maryland Day festivities will begin March 25 at St. Clements Island Museum in Coltons Point, with the following day focusing on events in St. Mary's City.

Karen Stone, director of the county government's Museum Division, said the division was excited to have the seminal event return to where Maryland first began.

To start the celebration, a Catholic mass will be held on St. Clements Island at 11 a.m., Stone said, with free boat rides to the island beginning at 9 a.m.

"We are excited about Friday," Stone said. "We are the very, very first site where things in Maryland all began."

The main ceremony commemorating the English landing almost 400 years ago will begin at 2 p.m., with Francis Gray, representing the Piscataway/Conoy Native American nation which first came into contact with the English settlers, scheduled to be in attendance.

"This is a day remembering when both cultures met," Stone said of the importance of the event. "It's a pilgrimage site."

St. Clements Island is the first landing site of the colonists, where Father Andrew White, of the Society of Jesus,

gave the first Catholic mass held in the colony.

Representatives from the Society of Jesus will also take part in the two-day celebration.

Also scheduled to speak is Dr. Julia King, a professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland who will be conducting archaeological research this summer on St. Clements Island, Stone said, noting the important historical lessons the earth still provides in understanding not only Maryland's beginning but the native peoples who lived here many centuries before.

That work also continues at St. Mary's City, according to Dr. Regina Faden, executive director of Maryland's historic first capitol.

On the second day of the celebration, Mar. 26, Faden said, all will be welcome to come to the city and enjoy its attractions.

"The day is open to everyone; the museum is open for free," she said.

Even during the pandemic, archaeological work has continued in earnest at the city, especially at the fort site that was found last year, marking the discovery of the original defensive structure where the colonists lived when they first founded the city in 1634.

The colonists would later broaden the settlement in a fully-fledged community.

But always amongst the colonists were the Native American peoples, specifically the Yaocomaco people, living side by side.

Faden said that the colonists and the native peoples lived in relative harmony for about a decade before conflict broke out between them.

"We know they lived side by side,"

Faden said. We know [indigenous] people have lived here for 12,000 years before the arrival of the English.

"The fort is the inflection point where everything changed."

St. Mary's City has a new tour program called "Changing Landscapes" which helps visitors examine more closely how native people lived before and during the time of the colonists' arrival, Faden said, which is informed by the recent discoveries from the work at the fort.

"It's exciting to get back to work there," Faden said of the fort site's importance to understanding the city.

Among the other attractions there is the Maryland Dove, a representation of the cargo ship that accompanied the sister ship the Ark on its way from England bearing colonists.

It is soon to be replaced with a new Maryland Dove, currently under construction at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum on the Eastern Shore.

Faden said the new vessel, which is a more accurate representation of a 1630's cargo vessel, will be first set in the water March 28.

The vessel will then undergo more preparations including rigging and sea trials to earn its U.S. Coast Guard certification.

The historic city plans to take possession of the new vessel by either June or July, Faden said.

Faden said the celebrations will help bring focus back to the historic city following the pandemic.

"This is our big annual event; it kicks off our season," Faden told The County Times, noting that the COVID-19 pandemic had taken a serious toll on its operations, being closed down for much of it.

Historic St. Mary's City will be open to the public for free for both days of the Maryland Day celebration.

Silas Hurry, Emeritus Curator of Historic St. Mary's City, long-time volunteer Christa Conant, and Governor Larry Hogan will each receive the city museum's highest honor, the Cross Botony award, for their years of support to the institution, Faden said.

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## St. Mary's Transit to Add Bus Service for Cherry Blossom Festival

St. Mary's Transit System (STS) will add extra bus service on the Southern Route (Route #7) in the Lexington Park area Saturday, March 26, 2022, to aid in transportation to and from the Cherry Blossom Festival at Lexington Manor Passive Park.

Service will be increased Saturday, March 26, 2022, between 11:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. from the free parking area at Lancaster Park at 21550 Willows Rd in Lexington Park to the festival at Lexington Manor Passive Park at 21675 South Coral Drive in Lexington Park.

The fare for transportation is \$1 per trip for an adult and \$.50 per



trip for each child 12 and under. The STS bus will be at the Lancaster Park parking area at 15 and 45 minutes after each hour from 11:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

For more information, please contact STS dispatch at 301-475-4200, ext. 1120, or [sdispatchers@stmarysmd.com](mailto:sdispatchers@stmarysmd.com).

## Leonardtwn Hosts Plein Air Event at Leonardtown Wharf

Do you love plein air painting, or have you ever wanted to learn? Then join us for an evening of creativity at the Leonardtown Wharf on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Capture the beauty of Breton Bay while enjoying the smooth jazz stylings of the GrooveSpan Trio (kicking off our brand-new music series: On the Water's Edge), sample award-winning wine from the Port of Leonardtown Winery and tasty eats from Farm.Fork.Soul and Linda's Café on the Go Food Trucks, and the Frog Town Ice Cream Shop will be serving sweet treats. If you'd just like to join us and watch the artists in action, feel free to browse, shop, wine and dine with us throughout the evening and marvel at the spectacular sunset on Breton Bay. The evening's activities include the following:

**Open Paint for Plein Air Artists:**  
This activity is FREE and open to plein air artists of all levels. Bring your easel and supplies and join us for a community paint along at the beautiful Leonardtown Wharf. Artists are welcome to bring a small table to display and sell their work. Space is limited, please register to attend at [brandy.blackstone@leonardtwnmd.gov](mailto:brandy.blackstone@leonardtwnmd.gov). Registrants will be entered into a gift drawing (prize TBA).

**Learn to Paint Outdoors:**  
Class: Learn the Basics of Plein



**Air Painting- \$40/pp**

Fee includes all supplies & instruction

Learn the basics of plein air painting from Carrie Patterson, professional artist, Professor of Art at

St. Mary's College, and owner of the Yellow Line Studio in Leonardtown. Registration required/limited tickets available. Carrie and her studio will set up your painting station with your easel, paints and all the supplies you need at the Leonardtown Wharf. Learn how to quickly capture the beautiful sunset and make your mark in oil paint. Each participant will leave with their own unique view of Breton Bay. Whether you're new to painting or would like to brush up on your skills, this class is for you.

For more information about this event or to purchase tickets to the Plein Air Painting Class go to: [VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/PleinAirEvents](http://VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/PleinAirEvents).

## "Mad About Leonardtown" Two-Day A&E Extravaganza

Come to Leonardtown for First Friday Event Weekend in May to join in a unique experience that will both thrill and delight! In honor of the completion of Leonardtown's latest, most unique mural titled "Alice in Leonardtown", the Town will throw a three-day spectacular from Friday, May 6th – Saturday, May 7th! The weekend festivities include the following and much more:

### FOR ADULTS:

The Mad About Leonardtown A&E Cocktail Party & Fundraiser (Must be 21 or over, limited tickets available)

The Town of Leonardtown and the Fenwick Inn invite you to join them for an exciting evening of arts and entertainment at the Mad About Leonardtown A&E Cocktail Party & Fundraiser on First Friday, May 6, 2022 from 6 PM – 10PM! Join us for a one-of-a-kind celebration featuring fabulous performances, magic and art. The Fenwick Inn will host a CURIUSER and CURIUSER cocktail party featuring unique entertainment (aerial acrobatics, flow artistry, fire dancing, magic and illusions), charcuterie, specialty drinks and more. The main event of the evening will be a live and silent auction featuring the works of talented local artists, fabulous destination packages and exciting experiences to help raise funding for Leonardtown's Arts & Entertainment District. Experience an evening of WONDER and EXCITEMENT – dine with beloved Lewis Carroll characters come to life, be amazed by thrilling sights, sounds and tastes, and experience the vibrant works of local artists while helping to continue the dynamic arts and entertainment you've come to love in Leonardtown.

For tickets and more information visit: [VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn](http://VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn).

### FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY:

The Alice in Leonardtown A&E Mural Ribbon Cutting and Movie Festival

(this event is FREE and open to the public – there may be a fee for select activities and food)

Join us on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 7 PM – 9:30 PM for the unveiling of Leonardtown's newest mural – "Alice in Leonardtown". Talented local artists, Tom Rogers and Dan Ropp, have created a spectacularly creative mural, inspired by the beloved Lewis Carroll book and the animated movie about a young girl named Alice who goes on a WONDERous journey (can you guess the book/movie name?). The mural provides anyone who views it with a visual journey through the WONDERS of Leonardtown and St. Mary's County including local landmarks, figures and delicacies. Following the Ribbon Cutting will be a free movie screening of the animated classic adaptation of this beloved story for the big screen. The movie will be shown on the mural, which doubles as an outdoor movie screen. The evening will be hosted by Leonardtown's very own Alice! Come dressed as your favorite WONDERLAND character, have your picture taken with Alice and enjoy activities, food and movie fun! For more information go to: [VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn](http://VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn).

For a full list of themed events, activities and special offers throughout Leonardtown for May's "Mad About Leonardtown" First Friday Event Weekend go to: [VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn](http://VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn).





# CSM Earns Spot in Academic Engagement Network

## Students Offered Cyber Career Opportunities

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students studying cybersecurity will receive game-changing instruction and opportunities thanks to the college's acceptance into the first cohort of the U.S. Military's Cyber Command's (CYBERCOM) Academic Engagement Network (AEN). Through the network, CYBERCOM will collaborate directly with CSM to prepare students for the workforce, increase cyber-applied research and innovation, and expand cyber-focused analytic partnerships to enrich the nation's strategic cyber dialogue.

"We are building a direct pipeline from the education sector to the workforce," said CSM Chair of Technology Lakisha Ferebee. "Working directly with employers helps us make sure we are teaching the content we need to teach so that our graduates can transition directly to the workforce."

CSM is one of 14 community colleges selected to participate in this national network. In total, partners consist of 70 universities, 14 community colleges, nine minority serving institutions, four military service academies, and four military war and staff colleges.

Being actively engaged with the AEN allows CSM to receive real-time information about changes in the cy-



berspace domain that may impact students, programs, research, and partnerships. CSM students will now also receive invitations to exclusive webinars about CYBERCOM's most pressing problems, as well as how to benefit from key Department of Defense programs that impact cyberspace; and gain access to guest lecturers from CYBERCOM on cyberspace strategy, policy, law, innovation, and workforce issues.

"We are in prime location to take advantage of the growth in jobs in cybersecurity, which is a priority for national security," said Ferebee. "We are ready to form a strong partnership with this program. The opportunities here are huge."

"Cyber Command's goal for the AEN is to strengthen our relationships and communication with these participating institutions," said CYBERCOM's Executive Director David Frederick. "This will improve and

sustain our efforts to meet cyberspace educational requirements and workforce needs."

Last month, U.S. Army Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, commander of U.S. Cyber Command, director of the National Security Agency, and chief of the Central Security Service hosted a virtual welcome session for students, faculty and staff partners selected to participate in the inaugural CYBERCOM Academic Engagement Network event.

"I hope all of you view this initiative as common ground for a shared dialogue, not just CYBERCOM's arena," said Nakasone. "Ideally, it would be terrific if we could mature this network to the point where we move beyond solely dialogue and develop real solutions, real impacts to our shared challenges."

CSM has a strong track record of preparing students for the cybersecurity workforce, which the Bureau of Labor Statistics expects to grow 33 percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Last year, cybersecurity faculty earned national recognition from the National Cyberwatch Center's Innovations in Cybersecurity Education program. CSM's faculty won Best Submission runner-up for adapting

its "Cybersecurity Workforce: Bridging the Gap" courses during the pandemic to keep cybersecurity students who are supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) engaged. It also highlighted ways that CSM is measuring success in creating a social and learning community through this grant project.

"We are constantly trying to innovate and try new things while still giving students an education that makes them competitive in the workforce," CSM Professor and Business Coordinator Dr. Mary Beth Klinger said then of the award. "Ultimately our end goal is to provide students with the joy of a cyber career."

The Cybersecurity Program at CSM is designated as a CAE-CDE 2Y - National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense 2-Year Education by the National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Students in the program develop a foundation in computer theory, explore cybersecurity concepts, and select a specialized track to pursue in Digital Forensics, Network Security, or Information Assurance. For more information about Cybersecurity programs, visit CSM's Cyber Center.

*Press Release from CSM.*



### Paws to Read

For beginning readers or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading out loud to a therapy pet for 15 minute sessions on Saturday, April 2 from 2 - 4 p.m. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book. Register for a session on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Ancestry Library Edition at Leonardtown Library

Interested in starting your genealogical research but do not know how to start? Join us Monday, April 4 from 6 - 7 p.m. at Leonardtown Library as we provide an overview of Ancestry Library Edition, a free service available at St. Mary's County Library. Genealogy is a massive interest among

many people, both near and far, and Ancestry is one of, if not the most, well known and most utilized genealogical database. The St. Mary's County Library offers this service free to anyone in the Library - a wonderful amenity that allows individuals to perform their research. We will offer answers and clarification, along with a tutorial, of how to use Ancestry to research one's own genealogy, in addition to how to start researching one's family history. From understanding the sources provided, to identifying where to acquire more information, to simply learning how to get started using Ancestry, we will be showcasing this database to those who are interested in better understanding Ancestry. This session is open to anyone, regardless of experience. We look forward to seeing you! Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org)



### Outdoor Storytime at Greenwell State Park

Stories, songs, and activities for children with their adult caregivers, outdoors at Greenwell State Park on Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Siblings welcome; please register once per family group. This program takes place outdoors under the big trees on the Manor House Lawn. Since the barn will be open to guests on this day, be sure to visit out all the friendly horses and goats after the program, and explore the trails and other outdoor areas at the park. Please bring a blanket or chairs for storytime, & feel free to bring a picnic lunch for later! This outdoor program is weather-dependent; in case of bad weather it will be cancelled. Please register with an email address to get

weather-related updates. Park admission is \$3/ vehicle for Maryland residents and \$5 for out-of-state residents. Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Author talk with Jesse Q. Sutanto

Join us for a discussion with author Jesse Q. Sutanto on Tuesday, April 5 from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. , to hear about her hilarious novel, Dial A for Aunties and the upcoming sequel, Four Aunties and a Wedding. What do you get when you combine the pacing of a fast-moving mystery caper, the drama and humor of a classic rom-com, and the compelling poignancy of the best women's fiction? One-of-a-kind escapist reads from author Jesse Q. Sutanto. Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.





# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Providing Nuclear Communications Link Now and In The Future

By NAVAIR  
Public Affairs

The E-6B Mercury provides an important link in the nation's strategic nuclear deterrence. It allows survivable communication between the president and the triad of nuclear weapon systems — bombers, missile fields, and ballistic missile submarines.

Sustaining this mission while preparing for the future is becoming even more important as global competition grows.

"This is a critical time for our country," said Chief of Naval Operations Operations Adm. Mike Gilday in a prepared statement to the House Appropriations Committee, Jan 12. "The People's Republic of China and Russia are using all elements of their national power to undermine U.S. interests in the global commons."

Keeping the link of communication open is a "no-fail" mission and one the Airborne Strategic Command, Control and Communications Program Office continues to help accomplish by sustaining the E-6B while also preparing

for the future with a recapitalization aircraft.

"Our people understand the mission and the importance of sustaining this vital asset," said Capt. Adam Scott, program manager. "They know why these aircraft always need to be ready to go."

During the past year, the program office made several significant sustainment efforts to support the fleet. Spar chord corrosion and stress corrosion cracks were discovered during in-service and depot maintenance. The current spar chord material became obsolete and the team quickly qualified a new material. Manufacturing new spar chords required converting the original 2D drawings into 3D digital files.

An additively manufactured fuel dump manifold was approved for use on the aircraft. The component replaces casted hardware that has been a sustainment concern while saving lead-time over the re-development of traditional casting tooling.

"Being able to look at and attack these sustainment issues as an enterprise has

really helped us," Scott said. "The collaboration across the Naval Aviation Enterprise has been invaluable."

In September, the fully qualified additively manufactured water separator was approved for use on fleet aircraft. The units are replacing legacy separators that had been a top concern for the past two years.

The program procured a United Kingdom E-3D for use as an E-6B trainer aircraft, which will help increase aircraft availability and readiness.

"The aging aircraft is making it more of a challenge to maintain but we continue to find ways to get the job done and provide operational readiness," Scott said.

The airframe has been around for more than three decades with the Navy accepting the first E-6A in 1989 to perform the Take Charge and Move Out mission. The aircraft were then modified into the E-6B with added workstations and specialized equipment. The first E-6B aircraft arrived in 1997 with the fleet modification complete by 2003.

"Sustaining our readiness has never been more vital to our nation's future," Gilday said. "Meanwhile, our force design requires a relentless focus on modernization to keep our platforms relevant."

With that in mind, the program has been working on a recapitalization aircraft (E-XX) that will take over the TACAMO mission. The program will use a variant of the militarized C-130J Super Hercules for E-XX TACAMO testing.

The Department of Defense currently uses the C-130J in multiple services, and it is deployed at various bases worldwide. The program office will be acquiring three non-configured aircraft for testing.

The program is also working on communications and mission systems integration contracts for the recapitalization aircraft to help modernize the strategic nuclear deterrent.

"For the nation and our allies, we are making sure the president can reach our strategic forces now and in the future," Scott said.



The E-6B Mercury provides an important link in the nation's strategic nuclear deterrence.



# Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## CHECKING OUT A "NEW" OLD PLACE



Last Sunday was a little chilly, but that didn't deter my husband from wanting to take a spin in our old Mustang convertible. We put on our warm coats and headed out with no real plan in mind. Then we remembered that there was going to be live music, a Port of Leonardtown Winery wine tasting, and The Chaptico Market Food Truck at The Potomac Gardens bar down in Colton's Point. There is a nice little description on their Facebook page about it: "Est. 1936, we are an historic General Store, Bar, and Dance Hall in Coltons Point, Maryland. (7th District). Situated across from St. Clements Island Museum where the sunrises over the lower Potomac". I hadn't been into the bar in many years, but always loved the cozy alcove seating in the large room.

My friends Angela and Shawn Wathen are managing the bar, whom along with a partner are working hard to create an amazing bar and venue space. Angie wrote back to me "what an awesome place it is ... It's one of the most charming places in St. Mary's County where people come to actually talk to one another at the bar. People who live in the area that haven't seen each other in a while are coming back in to reminisce. It really is a special place, and it deserves all the attention. It's also going to be a marketplace that sells a lot of convenient things along with some artisans spots. [I must add that Angie is an amazing, professional artist herself, and husband Shawn is a talented local musician] The marketplace will be open again in April selling Keye's Creamery ice cream, bait & tackle, penny candy, and all the things that made little local marketplaces like that special?"

Angie also added that, "We still have the barstools and the chairs that were made in 1936. It's one of the friendliest bars I've ever been to, and I think that's because of all the patrons being so wonderful. I can honestly say that the bar is very unique in the way that everyone talks to everyone no matter what size crowd is in there. The bar has been open since 1936 and it has never closed. We are the fifth owners. We felt it was im-

portant to keep it as authentic as it was".

Well, my husband and I can attest to the friendliness of the bar. We knew many of the people in there from many years ago or recent friends. We sat at our high top enjoying the great sounds of the duo Chris {Dean} and Dave {Hammer}. What was not to like, they started out with a Tom Petty song. Patrons got up to dance, take trips out to the food truck, drink at the bar or from the Port of Leonardtown Winery table, and just talk to everyone about everything.

One really neat thing is the trolley ride they have set up to run between The Port of Leonardtown Winery to The Potomac Gardens – very neat idea. Tourists who visit the winery can also experience one of our oldest bars and see the beauty of Coltons Point, and even wander down to The St. Clements Island Museum if they want.

All ages were visiting the bar that day, and we were happily surprised when my husband's daughter, and friends showed up as well, so we had a great afternoon to early evening before heading back out to the Mustang, this time with the convertible top up to head home after an enjoyable day.

I hope you will take a look at their Facebook page and see the latest photos of the newly sealed and gleaming floor in the dance, band, venue space and check out the custom made epoxy river bar top by IV River Tables that was completed since we were there Sunday. The L-shaped bar in the bar room is amazing and there is plenty of seating. The Potomac gardens is open Thursdays – Sundays and also offer subs and potato and pasta salad along with all the bar beverages you could want. I also just found out that they will be hosting Ladies Nights on Thursdays starting this week with a special drink menu from 3 to 7. WooHoo! So, take a spin in your car or motorcycle to the coolest new "old" bar around.

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



## The Way We Were...

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

# RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: ITS MARYLAND BEGINNINGS

When the Ark and Dove anchored at St Clements Island in March 1634, they brought with them not only men and women seeking better lives in the New World. They brought with them as well, the seeds of liberty which matured into a clear, non-hierarchical understanding of church and state—seeds which had germinated in Catholic 14th century scholastic theology.

At the start of the 17th century, Catholic England had turned legally Protestant under Henry VIII in 1534, then Catholic again under Mary I, then back to Protestant under Elizabeth I. Each change brought persecutions. The question was whether Catholics with their allegiance to the Pope could be trusted to be loyal to a monarch who claimed to be the head of the Church. The Protestant establishment assumed that the answer was no. The pope claimed the authority to depose kings and absolve Catholics of their duties to non-Catholic monarchs. Catholics were thus potential traitors.

Raised a Catholic, George Calvert decided the penalties and discrimination against Catholics were too much to bear and, around age twelve, joined the Church of England. While he would rise in English government, his colleagues suspected him of harboring Catholic sympathies. But Calvert served his king well. Until 1625, that is, when he resigned as secretary of state and publicly re-embraced Catholicism. King James treated his adviser with respect, allowing Calvert to remain on the Privy Council and naming him Baron of Baltimore. But only a month later, James died and Charles ascended to the throne.

One of King Charles I's first acts was to require privy councilors to take loyalty oaths—among the conditions was fealty to the King as head of the Church. Calvert refused to take the oath.

Turning to America, Calvert and other Catholics could find a respite from the continual pressures and hostility they suffered in England. Charles granted him a broad proprietary charter, but Calvert died before he could set sail. His son Cecil inherited the title of Baron of Baltimore and the proprietorship of extensive lands that would become

Maryland. The majority of settlers arriving in the new colony in 1634 were Protestant, but there were many Catholics among them.

Still, the monarch wanted to ensure that his subjects in Maryland were loyal. This created decades of political and theological controversies about loyalty oaths. Cecil tried to chart a course that honored both pope and king. Like his father, he was loyal to the king. The Calverts did not believe that popes could depose kings or that church ought to interfere with the civil power. Yet even as they disagreed with papal claims, they were unwilling to proclaim "something the pope had declared true" to be damnable heresy. The Calverts struggled to draft an alternative oath that could satisfy the king while still respecting the pope. English Catholics navigated slowly their loyalties to church and state.

In 1649, Calvert introduced a toleration act, the first of its kind making Maryland a Catholic refuge but not a Catholic colony. Through toleration, Calvert sought to not give offense to Protestants while allowing Catholics space to worship. His was a landmark innovation.

Many Catholic Marylanders drew their ideas about church and state from a particular strand of Catholic political thought: conciliarism. The conciliar movement originated in the 14th century and asserted the primacy of councils in the Catholic Church. Conciliarists viewed the Church as a kind of corporation "in which the pope was a magistrate elected by the church's representatives, limited in his spiritual jurisdiction by the authority of other bishops, and susceptible to doctrinal error." The conciliar position was controversial among Catholics (and would finally lose out to papalism in formal Catholic doctrine in the 19th century). But in America, the conciliar perspective was dominant among elite Catholics and helped persuade Protestant observers that Catholics were loyal and trustworthy.

*This article is based on "Our Dear-Bought Liberty: Catholics and Religious Toleration in Early America" by Michael Breidenbach and available through the Historical Society bookstore.*



# St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services

## Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 1658  
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 1080  
Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 3101

Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for the most up-to date information

### Protect Your Identity

Do you have paper documents with personal information that you'd like to purge? Or do you have unused, unwanted, or expired medications in your cabinets? Dispose of these items safely at the Community Shred & Medication Take Back Day. This event will be held Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Department of Aging & Human Services, located at 41780 Baldrige St. in Leonardtown.

Join Cpl. Rachael Roszell from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 10 a.m. in the Department of Aging & Human Services Building for a presentation on identity protection.

For more information, contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at

[sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com](mailto:sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com) or 301-475-4200, ext. 1073.

### Presentation with Author Carol McCabe Booker

Journalist Carol Booker will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center to present her newest book *Cove Point on the Chesapeake: The Beacon, The Bay and the Dream* on Friday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. She was recently spotlighted in the Calvert County Times. Carol Booker is a Georgetown law grad, environmental and international broadcasting entities. She has savored the shores of Cove Point for the past 40 years, absorbing the wonders of the Chesapeake in all its glory. During her presentation she will discuss her

newest book and take questions afterwards. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to register beginning March 20 at 8 a.m.

### Project Linus Meeting

The St. Mary's County Chapter of Project Linus will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. The mission of Project Linus is twofold: **FIRST:** To provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new handmade blankets, quilts, and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers" and **SECOND:** To provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children. We are fortunate to have a local chapter right here in St. Mary's County! Led by Southern MD Coordinator Ginger Barnes, this group usually meets the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. unless the 3rd Friday falls on a day the center is closed as happens in April. Do you wish to be a blanketeer? Contact Sheila. [Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Graziano@stmarysmd.com) or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

### Cherry Blossom Canvas Art

The cherry blossoms are a beautiful tradition in the Washington D.C. area. What better time to create a lovely piece of art to hang in your home for the springtime? Come join Kathy Creswell, Program Specialist, as she helps the class create a beautiful piece of art

on Wednesday, April 13 at 10 a.m. No painting experience is needed for this class and all supplies will be provided. The cost for the class is \$10 per piece of art. To register, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075. Registration opens March 20. Payments are due within 5 business days from the time of sign up.

### Video on Human Trafficking

**Not for Sale: A Two-Part Documentary on the Fight Against Human Trafficking** will be shown at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 14 at 10 a.m. The focus is on the global problem of human trafficking and the modern-day abolitionists who are fighting it. Based on the book *Not for Sale* by David Batstone, covers what modern-day abolitionists are doing to fight the rampant terrors of human trafficking in the U.S. and abroad. Tens of millions of people are slaves today. In spite of this tragic figure, there are modern day abolitionists who battle human trafficking. Register to see this video by leaving a message on our reservation line,

301-475-4200, ext. 1660 approximately 117min. Free, seating is limited.

### Grief Support Group

Everyone has experienced grief in some way. It can be very difficult to go through, especially on your own. Join our free grief support group at Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 14, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This group, led by Mechanicsville-based grief counselor Melinda Ruppert, LCPC, is great place to connect with a network of people who are experiencing similar struggles. As her website explains... Melinda works with individuals, couples, and families, around aspects of grief and transition. Her approach is one of companioning, walking alongside someone experiencing grief;

not treating them like they have a disorder that needs to be resolved or fixed. Request a reservation by leaving a message on the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115. Your call will be returned. Space is limited.

### Card Making

Join us in the Art Studio at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 14 at 2 p.m. to make one-of-a-kind cards for your family and friends. This is a great way to interact with others while making cards for holidays, birthdays and more. Everything is included for you to make your cards. You will be given the opportunity to use rubber & clear stamps, die cutting and embossing machines, cardstock, embellishments, and punches. Whether you are new to card making or want to learn a new skill, our Card Making Classes will give you the opportunity to show off your creativity and have fun! The cost for the class is \$5 payable at time of registration: \$1/ card payable on day of class. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to make reservations, beginning March 20.

### Art Pottery: Wind Chimes

Get creative in this two-part class at Northern Senior Activity Center on Fridays, April 8 & 22, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.! Enjoy making art pottery forms (you have a choice of shapes) that will build your custom wind chime all under the direction of our volunteer, Pam King. All materials are provided, such as clay and glaze, with firing fees also included. Finished art will be available for pick up on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 26. Request a reservation by leaving a message on the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115. Your call will be returned. A payment of \$10 is needed within a week of your confirmed reservation.

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# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, March 24th

**Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser**  
Action Lounge and Billiards  
25470 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown  
4p.m. to 8p.m.

Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the needed Queen to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win the jackpot, which increases each week the Queen is not found. There is also a nightly 50/50 raffle. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

## Friday, March 25th

**SMTMD Open Mic**  
Christ Church Parish Hall  
37497 Zack Fowler Rd  
Chaptico  
7:30p.m.

Come out for some great music and friendship, to hone your performance skills, to meet new friends and possibly learn a few new licks.

The doors open at 7:00 PM, and the music starts at 7:30 PM. The admission is \$7, and performers are admitted free. To sign up to perform, please contact Michael Smith in advance, at [smtmdmike@gmail.com](mailto:smtmdmike@gmail.com). Visit [www.smtmd.org](http://www.smtmd.org) for more information.

Light refreshments will be available.

**IHM Seafood Dinners**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
22375 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park  
4p.m. to 7p.m.

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## Saturday, March 26th

**Free Grocery —NO Catch**  
Living Word Community Church  
39371 Harpers Corner Rd.  
Mechanicsville  
9a.m.

First come first serve. Just drive-up get your food and drive away.

**Widow/Widower Group**  
Leonardtown Baptist Church  
23520 Hollywood Road  
Leonardtown  
10a.m. to Noon

No matter how long since your loss—2 months or 2+ years—join us to gain support and practical advice from those who understand this very specific grief journey. In the alternative, attend to provide support to others new to this difficult journey.

## Sunday, March 27th

**Play chess for fun.**  
Taphouse-1637  
23418 Three Notch Road  
California  
11:30a.m. to 1:30a.m.

Chess players group. We play most every Sunday, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come out and enjoy friendly competition. All skill levels are welcome. This is not an organized club or sponsored chess event. Just a bunch of local chess players meeting to play chess on Sunday afternoons.

[www.taphouse1637.com](http://www.taphouse1637.com)

## Monday, March 28th

**Companions and Buddies for Singles Seniors**  
23630 Hayden Farm Ln  
Leonardtown  
5p.m. to 7p.m.

This is a group of singles seniors ages 50 and up. We meet on Mondays at the Leonardtown Library. We Have half hour socializing. We plan on events to go to such as movies, dine out, movies, plays, picnics and trips. For more information call Christine Olson 301-997-4160 or email [mccambridgec@yahoo.com](mailto:mccambridgec@yahoo.com) or just show up.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Case No. C18CV20-000074

**Plaintiff**

v.

James E. Hill, Jr.  
40879 Bishop Rd.  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659,

and

Marilee G. Hill  
40879 Bishop Rd.  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659,

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

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

40879 Bishop Rd.  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
and also known as Account Number 03 -042030

**Defendants.**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

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

**40879 Bishop Rd. Mechanicsville, MD 20659 also known as Account Number: 03—042030**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 2nd day of March, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 2nd day of May, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debrah Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County Maryland

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point LLC  
Case No. C18CV20-000086

**Plaintiff**

v.

Clarence William Taylor, Melvin D. Taylor, Ralph C. Taylor, John Leon Taylor c/o Lawrence H. Taylor, Personal Representative and Serilda Dorothy Godfrey.

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as: 0-0000 WATHEN RD and also known Number 03-031365

**Defendants.**

**REISSUE ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

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

**WATHEN RD and also known Number 03-031365**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 9th day of March, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 9th day of May, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debrah Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County Maryland

**LEONARDTOWN ELECTION**

Election of three (3) Council Members of the Town of Leonardtown will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Notice is hereby given that an election of three (3) Council members of Leonardtown shall be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, and that the polls shall be open at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM, on said date, for voting.

Deadline for submitting a completed application for an Absentee Ballot is Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the Town Office by 4:30 pm. and Deadline for Obtaining Emergency Ballot is Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

The candidate deadline for filing is Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Candidates may file at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland. Qualifications apply. Call 301-475-9791 for details.

To obtain forms or for any questions, please call 301-475-9791 or go online at Leonardtown.somd.com or email Leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov.

Emergency ballots are for any voter who becomes unable to go personally to the polls because of illness or infirmity or condition of employment that occurred after the deadline for submittal of application for Absentee Ballot (April 26, 2022).

**ELECTION VOTING QUALIFICATIONS**

To qualify to vote in a Town Election one must be registered. To register, one must be a citizen of the United States and at least eighteen (18) years of age, and have been a resident of the Town for a period of at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point LLC

Case No. C18CV20-000087

**Plaintiff**

v.

James Yungyao Shih, Trustee, The Shih Family Trust

and

Taifu Shih, Trustee, The Shih Family Trust

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

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

Thomas Rd, Piney Point, MD 20674-0000 and also known as # 09-000887

**Defendants.**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

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

**Thomas Rd, Piney Point, MD 20674-0000 and also known as # 09-000887**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 8th day of March, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 8th day of May, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debrah Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County Maryland

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN  
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Monday April 11, 2022 at 4:15 p.m. at the Town office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Copies of the recommended budget will be available on April 1, 2022 online at <http://leonardtown.somd.com> or at the Town Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to attend or send written comments by 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2022 to:

leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov

or

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# Editorial & Opinion

## If Not Now, When?

State Route 5 through Leonardtown is one of the most dangerous sections of roads in our community. Yet, despite the past eight years with a Republican Governor, Republican Senator, and Republican Delegate, funding for the improvements needed have not been appropriated.

Governor Larry Hogan is visiting St. Mary's County this Friday and Saturday. While there is official business scheduled for the trip, it is not lost on anyone that his stepdaughter, Jaymi Sterling is engaged in her own political campaign for State's Atorney here in St. Mary's County.

This is Hogan's last year as Governor. It is not clear who will be Maryland's next governor. While history would tell us most likely the next Maryland governor would be a liberal leaning Democrat from Baltimore, there may well be more at play during the next election than just the history of Maryland.

The Democratic party appears to be

headed towards a difficult election this November. It is hard to find a national issue which Democrats can point to as successful policy over the past year and a half. This is going to impact all elections, federal, state, and local this fall. As it stands today, the Republican party will be competitive in the race for Maryland's next governor.

The Hogan administration has provided funding to improve a section of State Route 5 through Leonardtown, however, has failed to fund the larger sections that are so badly needed.

Despite enjoying transportation funding at unprecedented high levels over the past eight years due largely to Maryland's high gas tax which automatically increased year over year, Hogan has not set in place the means to complete State Route 5 improvements. It appears Hogan is leaving office this coming January without a solution in place.

Maryland's transportation budget in-

corporates the next six years. Hogan could have placed appropriate funding in the long-range budget to complete Route 5, which would have paved the way for completion of this road after Hogan leaves office, or it would have forced the next governor to remove the funding from the budget. Either way, Hogan could have left office with this most important project having hope of getting completed.

Certainly, our state delegation understands the importance of this project, and the unique opportunity with Hogan as governor. Yet we never hear these gentlemen discuss or advocate for these funds. Hogan helped these gentlemen get into office, surely, they have enough persuasion to have this safety concern addressed.

We believe the improvements needed, and safety concerns that exist, should have raised this project to the level of full completion over the eight years that Hogan was in office. If we are unable to get this done

with Hogan as governor, how do they expect to get it done when he is gone?

We understand there are many transportation needs around the state. Yet, with far fewer resources available, the last Republican governor, Governor Ehrlich, provided more funding for transportation projects to benefit St. Mary's County in 4 years compared to Hogan in eight years.

There are many other transportation improvements needed in St. Mary's County. State Route 5 through Charlotte Hall needs improvement, State Route 5 at the Great Mills Road intersection needs improvement, State Route 4 needs improvement. And there are more.

While we know everything that is needed was not possible to do, we are perplexed and disappointed that the improvements through Leonardtown were only partially funded. If we can't get it done now, then when?

## Federally Illegal Marijuana

### To the Editor:

Thank you for breaking the previously unpublicized news that non-corrupted local public officials are now raising important questions about the irregular approval of a major federally-illegal marijuana production facility in St. Mary's County as exposed in your 3/17/22 article, "Major Cannabis Operation Draws Fire" by reporter Guy Leonard.

It appears that stoner-caucus politicians at the state level are attempting to sneak through another back door addition to their previous marijuana legalization efforts such as when they created the Cannabis Commission under the Maryland State Health Department to promote federally-illegal marijuana as a state-approved snake-oil medicine.

In the face of massive devastation of basket-case Baltimore from decades-long de facto legalization of marijuana there, and the malignant impact of marijuana on the youth of our state both health-wise and safety-wise, this addition of a major factory to produce and distribute that child brain-poisoning, politician-enriching, addictive dope must be terminated immediately.

Also, with our state government already enabling the smoking of "medical" marijuana and vaping pens, misguided addicts can now send that dangerous pot smoke deep into their lungs where instead of healing anything it actually can contribute to the pandemic lung disease epidemic of Coronavirus in the nation's deadly plague.

Thus, governmental and business enablers of that destructive federally-illegal marijuana industry deserve prosecution and punishment under federal law to the fullest extent commensurate with the massive harm to our families and communities that such criminal marijuana drug trafficking has caused. Parents who have lost loved ones to drugs and drug-related crimes might want to personally counsel some of those pot-pushing politicians and their pot-industry business friends.

*DeForest Rathbone  
Leonardtown, MD*

## Litter

### To the Editor:

I am responding to Kathie Raley's plea to all St. Mary's residents to please be more responsible regarding litter.

Our beautiful county is being trashed by the very people who live here.

Golden Beach Rd. Is especially bad and despite the many pleas to Mr. in public works, it just gets worse. Makes me wonder with the taxes we pay, why crews cannot be dispatched to pick up the litter.

As Kathie suggested, if everyone walking along our roads would just carry a bag and pick up what they see, together we could get it done.

*Erin Hayes  
Mechanicsville*

## Abell Residents Speak Out

### To the Editor:

We are writing this as concerned citizens of the 7th district, namely of Abell. We have strong roots in this community dating back many, many generations before us. Our ancestors risked so much to establish the heritage that we have come to know, love and that we have a duty to protect. It is our responsibility to make every effort to do so.

It has been assumed that our fury in opposition of the Abell grow house is because it is a cannabis facility, this is a false claim. It has been rumored that we are out to destroy the character of the owner, but that is even farther from the truth. Our greatest concerns revolve around the location of this project being within the Critical Area. How might this affect our waterways that we harvest fish, crabs and oysters from? How will a project of this magnitude affect our quality of life moving forward? We have a right to these concerns.

We are very well aware of the previous articles written in the local papers, including information provided by the owner. We can only hope that the claims he was quoted for are rooted in truth, as we know words are just words and mean nothing if not followed by actions. As a community we would like to challenge the owner or associated group to provide transparency to the community. If this project is built on the foundation of truth, then there should be no hesitation in providing that truth to the community. If there are plans to reduce impacts on the surrounding community, then it would behoove of the owner(s) to provide these written plans to the concerned citizens. Having such plans would establish trust as a "solid community partner" and moving forward all residents could be put at ease.

*Residents of Abell*

## Maryland Public Information Act Request Answered

### Dear President Guy,

Enclosed please find a letter from YOUR County Attorney's Office stating that they have no public records as per my request. The letter further states that Inspector Hardesty has no knowledge of the complaint regarding the unauthorized construction of a pier on the Herndon property at 45062 Lighthouse Road.

The aforementioned is typical of the MOTHER COUNTY. The County's case #UACC20-00000068 (5/4/2020) was written by Anthony Hardesty regarding the Critical Area issue at hand. Mr. Hardesty also contacted MOE (5/8/2020) to inform them of this old Critical Area violation at the above location. How is it, then, that he claims no knowledge of this, having written a case about it AND reported it to MDE?

Following is an excerpt from my letter to you dated 1/11/22:

"And here we are years later with basically the same county commissioners and the superiors of LUGM still holding office with the very same issues at hand".

My question is this; Is the ball going to continue to get kicked down the road, or is some resolution and action in the works?

Sincerely,

*J. Whitson Rogers  
Baltimore, MD*

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# In Remembrance

## David Lephew



David Lephew, 59, of Mechanicsville, MD, was a proud and caring husband, father, and grandfather. He left this world suddenly to be reunited with his heavenly family on March 12, 2022.

Originally from Landover Hills, David met the love of his life when he was in high school. He married his wife, Rosemary and went on to have two children. David was a provider and a very determined hard worker. He was a floor installer, owning his own company. He taught and mentored many others how to do the trade along the way. David loved hunting that was his passion. He loved being outdoors. He loved music, the bands Journey and Van Halen. David was very close to his grandson and would drive him to school every day. He loved taking the yearly trip to Ocean City with his family. He loved cars, motorcycles and boating. A great mechanic and very handy he could fix anything. In his younger years he was also a great athlete who loved football and wrestling.

David loved his family like no other and would do anything for anyone always giving the shirt off his back.

He is preceded in death by his parents Buddy Edward Lephew and Patricia Ann; his wife Rosemary Lephew and his son Justin Paul Lephew. He is survived by his siblings Rick, Neal, Jimmy Lephew, and his sister Rhonda Lephew; his daughter Amanda; his grandson Vinny and many nieces and nephews.

David was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by anyone who had the honor of being his family or friend.

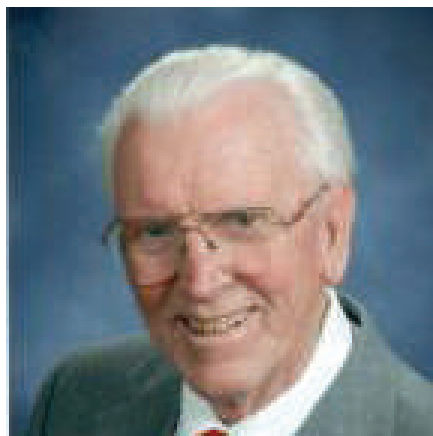
All services will be private.

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

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

## Louis Holden

Louis Holden, "Louie", 91, of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Avenue, MD, passed away on March 17, 2022 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on December 26, 1930, he was the son of the late Gertrude Holden and the late Basil Holden. He is survived by his children James (Terri) Holden of Indian Head, MD, Elizabeth (Frank) Wicker of Avenue, MD, Rachel (Robert) Toney of Asheboro, NC, his brothers, Richard



and Robert, as well as four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Louis was preceded in death by his siblings Hazel, Carl, Laura, Mildred, Paul, Charles, Helen, Grace, Basil, Ruth, Margaret, John, Cecil, Gertrude, and Eleanor.

Louis was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduated from Great Mills High School. He was a Master Carpenter and served in the United States Army from November 27, 1951 to August 26, 1953, during which time he was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, Purple Heart, United Nations Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 25, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father David Beaubien officiating. Interment will follow in All Saints Episcopal Church Cemetery, Avenue, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Treven Stahlman, Robert Toney, Jess Toney, Shane Cameron, John Garner, and David White.

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

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

## Gerald Hayden Jameson



Gerald Hayden Jameson, age 63, of Lexington Park passed away on 3/14/22 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital surrounded by Family and Friends. He was born on July 3, 1958 to the late Joseph Hayden Jameson and Marie Marion Jameson. Gerald was born and raised in St. Mary's County. He attended Great Mills High School, and later earned a certificate in Plumbing and Man-

agement but loved studying law.

In his younger years he played football, baseball and softball. He worked construction his whole life, his last employer was Lincoln Construction in Hollywood, MD.

He married the late Connie Tiger in 1991 and together they had two daughters Jesse, and Joleen.

In Dec. 2008 he married his wife of 13 years Christina Palko Jameson. Christina and Gerald loved riding motorcycles, loved animals both pets and strays and spending time with family and friends. Along with his wife during his recent illness his "man's best friend" Buddy would not leave his side.

In addition to his wife Christina he is survived by his children: Jesse Jameson, Joleen Jameson (Alan fiancé), stepsons: Justin Bean Tiger (Marisa) and Greg Mohler, Siblings: Reginald Follin, James Jameson (Wendy) and Karen Jameson White (Kim fiancé), In-Laws: Janice Muse (Kerry), Janice Palko Zook (Eric), John Palko (Joanie) and John Campbell, Grandchildren: Jaylynn, Kyleigh, James, Layla, Karson, Paisley, Brooklynne, Eli, and Lyric, Nieces and Nephews, and many good friends, some serving as honorary pallbearers: Barry Di-amond, Mike Abell, Jesse Abell, Tommy Sutliff, Sue Dyer, Justin Russell, Bobby Page, Bernie Hutchins and special niece Christina Jameson Cabada.

Family will hold a memorial service on April 3, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Braddock Hall, Bay District Vol. Fire Dept., 46900 S. Shangri La Drive, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Donations may be made to MedStar Hospice of St. Mary's, 44724 Hospice Lane, Callaway, MD 20620 or Tri County Animal Shelter, 6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville, MD 20637.

## Glenn Anthony Morgan



Glenn Anthony Morgan, 59, of Scotland, MD, formerly of Bushwood, MD, passed away on March 15, 2022 in Laurel Regional Hospital, Laurel MD after a long, hard, and courageous battle with

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## In Remembrance

COVID pneumonia. Born on January 19, 1963 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of the late James Roy Morgan Sr. and the late Margaret L (Quade) Morgan. Glenn is survived by his siblings Roy Morgan Jr. of Clearwater FL., Dennis Morgan (Sandy), Jean Nelson (Donnie), Steve Morgan (Cindy) of Mechanicsville MD., Gail White (Roger) of Abell MD., Kathy Guy of Leonardtown MD., and Kevin Morgan (Lisa Wyant Valley) of Chaptico MD. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Bobby Guy, sister-in-law Barbara Morgan, nephew-in-law Charles Greenwell, and great-nephew Steven Alan Cusic Jr.

Glenn was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. He attended Chop-ticon High School, Morganza Md. He worked for over 20 years at the commissary on the Naval Air Station Patuxent River MD. He was a diehard Redskin/Oriole fan, and wasn't in favor of the Redskins changing the team's name. In the summer Glenn enjoyed eating hard crabs, his moms famous corn soup, hot biscuits, and sweet tea. He loved picking strawberries, blackberries, and helping his sister Kathy make strawberry jam.

Glenn was a unique individual who enjoyed his walks to Point Lookout, reading about and reliving the Civil War history that took place at the most southern point in Maryland. His ability to tell stories and recount things that happened years ago was an amazing trait (even if you had heard the story once or twice before, you were going to hear it again). He was a huge fan and supporter of the paranormal world Fredericksburg Paranormal Research and Investigations (FPRI), and Paranormal in The Funhouse. Belle Grove Plantation, King George, VA was his second home

of choice. He loved investigations, ghost tours, history, and ghost stories - but most importantly, he loved the community and friends he found himself among that added to his already large family. Glenn never met a stranger, and was always ready and willing to offer a smile, kind words, and a helping hand. But most of all Glenn loved his family. He looked forward to family get-togethers, and the holidays especially Christmas, so he could be with the ones he loved. He would light up when he was with his family, he loved telling stories and listening to others talk about the "good ole days", and never left without saying "I love you".

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 7023 Merrifield, VA 22116-7023

### James Albert Butler



James Albert Butler was born on May 19th, 1931, in Woodbine, New Jersey to Frank J. Butler and Jennie Tamminen. Jim (as he was known to friends and family) passed away in his home in Hollywood, Maryland on the morning of March 17th, 2022. He was 90 years old.

Jim received his high school education in New Jersey and was known to be quite the troublemaker by his teachers and the staff. Once he graduated, he held a few odd jobs before joining the United States Navy. Jim was in the Navy from 1951 to 1954 where he served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged after 3 1/2 years of service. After leaving the Navy, Jim became an owner/operator and salesman at Tastykake Inc. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he worked for over 40 years.

Jim met the love of his life, Harriet Clare Lukens (Clare) in 1961 and they were married in Philadelphia, PA on September 14th, 1963. They went on to have three children: Judith, Tracy, and Steven. They lived together in Yardville, New Jersey until the kids were old enough to move out. Jim and Clare then moved to Little River, South Carolina, where they lived in retirement for 22 years before moving in with their daughter, Judith, and her family in Hollywood, Maryland. Jim lived in Maryland from 2018 until his passing.

Jim was an active member of many organizations throughout his life. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Freemasons, Gothic-Fraternal Lodge #270 in Hamilton, New Jersey for over 50 years. In New Jersey he was also a member of the Edgewater Park Elks Lodge #2550 (Beverly) and Tall Cedars of Lebanon #4 (Trenton). Jim spent much of his free time hunting and fishing and was a member of multiple hunting and fishing clubs. When he moved to Little River, South Carolina he became a member of the American Legion Post 186 for 7 years and was involved with the Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church. He also spent many nice days out on the golf course.

He is survived by a loving family: his wife Clare, his three children and their spouses (Judy and Rob Kowalik, Tracy and Larry Toth, and Steven and Liz Butler), 9 grandchildren (Amanda, Matthew, Samantha, Kristina, Nicholas, Alyssa, Jackson, Gavin, and Shane), his sister Ethel Dean, and many other extended family members. He is preceded in death by his brothers Robert, Edward, Roger, Lewis, and David. He was known to the family for being

fiercely protective of the ones he loved, being kind and caring, and having a wonderful sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. A celebration of Jim's life will be held in early summer.

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

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### Teddy Colin Green



Teddy Colin Green, age 62, passed away on March 2, 2022 at his residence.

He was born on August 7, 1959 in Waynesville, NC to Sydney Greene and Sarah Katherine Ammons Greene of Waynesville, NC.

Teddy served in the U.S. Navy from 1979 to 1981. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Haywood county and began a lengthy career as a phone technician and cable splicer for several telephone companies. He worked for Verizon as a Switch Technician for a further 17 years before retiring in November 2015.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his siblings, Timothy Clifford Greene of Deale, MD, Michael Kevin Greene of Waynesville, NC, and Elsa Ellen Greene of Waynesville, NC and his nieces and nephew, Paige Greene, Jennifer Greene, and Joshua Greene.

Teddy will be long remembered as a lov-

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Immediate services are private. A military funeral will occur at a later date to be determined.

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**Richard Carl Herbert**



Richard Carl Herbert, 36, of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully on March 10, 2022 at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

He was born on September 26, 1985 to Dale Stephen Herbert, Sr. and Donna M. McAllister Herbert.

Richard is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He married his beloved wife, Jeannie on February 22, 2022. He owned his own Lawn Maintenance business doing lawn care. He enjoyed hunting, crabbing and fishing. Richard loved spending time with his family, whom he was very close with.

In addition to his beloved wife, Jeannie, Richard is also survived by his children: Jenna Isabelle Herbert of Lexington Park, MD and Jacob Allen Wathen of Huntingtown, MD; his siblings: Dale S. Herbert, Jr of Mechanicsville, MD; April M. Hall (Joseph) of Callaway, MD; Randy T. Herbert (Brittney) of Jacksonville, NC; Donna M. Nerem (Jeffrey) of Mechanicsville, MD; and Jason M. Herbert (Emma) of Mechanicsville, MD. He is preceded in death by

his sister Isabelle M. Herbert.

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**Mary Estella Dodd Evans**



Mary Estella Dodd Evans, 93, passed away on March 10, 2022. Mary was born in Maryland Point, Charles County, MD. on November 27, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Lazarus Dodd and Mary Frances Dodd and sister to Emma Scott and Britannia Bastin.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Albert Merl Evans, Sr., her son Ronald Gary Evans, and her best friend Wanda Denton. She is survived by her son Albert Merl Evans, Jr. (Susan). Her nieces Frances Hathaway (Ray) and Patricia Blackburn (Billy) and her two granddaughters, Jessica Dean (Dave) and Amy Lundgren (Wayne). She also had four great-grandchildren.

Mary worked in Washington, DC for several years before moving to St. Mary County and working at Patuxent River Naval Air Center for 33 years. She was active in NARFE for many years following her retirement.

All burial services will be private. Memorial contributions should be sent to the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. 1440, California, MD 20619 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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**David "Dave" Allen Buckler, Sr.**



David "Dave" Allen Buckler, Sr., 66, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully after a fierce battle with Lung Cancer on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 in the comfort of his home with his beloved wife, Terri Buckler. Dave was born on July 24, 1955 in La Plata, MD to Henry Lawrence Buckler, Sr. and Margaret Roseanne Buckler "Grimes". He was one (1) of nine (9) children.

After graduating from Thomas Stone High School in 1973, he worked many different jobs before finding his career as a business owner of D&B Pool Services and working at Giant Food for 30 years before retiring and doing what he truly loved, spending time with his family.

Dave was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. He was unendingly proud of David Buckler, Jr., Michael Patton, Elizabeth Buckler, Jennifer Patton, and Terri Buckler, and always tried his best to support them.

When he wasn't working, he enjoyed having crab feasts with his family, taking cruises, going for a ride on his boat and taking trips to Ocean City Maryland. When he wasn't hanging at his own home, the Tiki

Bar, he might be found with his friends at the American Legion. Dave was always willing to lend a hand to anyone that needed help. Many of his pool customers became his personal friends, adding to the long list of people who loved him. He always had a smile on his face, and even on the worst of days, would tell you he was "absolutely positively marvelous."

Dave is survived by his wife, Terri Buckler of Mechanicsville, MD; his sons David Buckler, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD, and Michael Patton of Waldorf, MD; his daughters Elizabeth Buckler and her husband Jeff of Charlotte Hall, MD and Jennifer Patton of Stafford, VA; his brothers, Joe Buckler of Waldorf, MD and Danny Buckler of Bryantown, MD; his sister Barbara Callis of North Beach, MD; his grandchildren, Alyssa Craft, Donovan Buckler, Rachel Kerlavage, Emily Kerlavage, Layla Buckler, Lauren Kerlavage, Joshua Buckler; his great granddaughter Lilith Myers and his many loving nieces and nephews.

The family will be accepting friends for Dave's Life Celebration on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. at 30195 Three Notch Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 at 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. His Funeral Service will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. with Interment immediately after at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, in 13715 Notre Dame Pl, Bryantown, MD 20617.

Pallbearers will be Michael Patton, Jeff Buckler, Donovan Buckler, Robert Hartman, Kevin Haynes, William Callis, Bryce Callis, Derek Kerlavage.

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In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice of St. Mary's would be appreciated.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the American Legion for their contribution to providing everything for the wake.

*De Wayne Butler*  
*March 31*  
 Happy Birthday DeWayne!  
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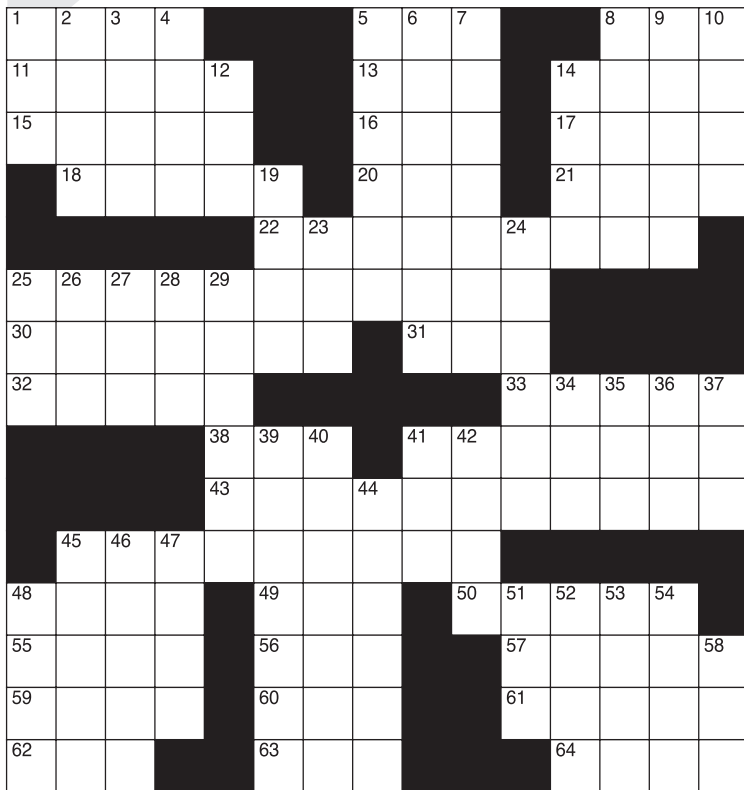
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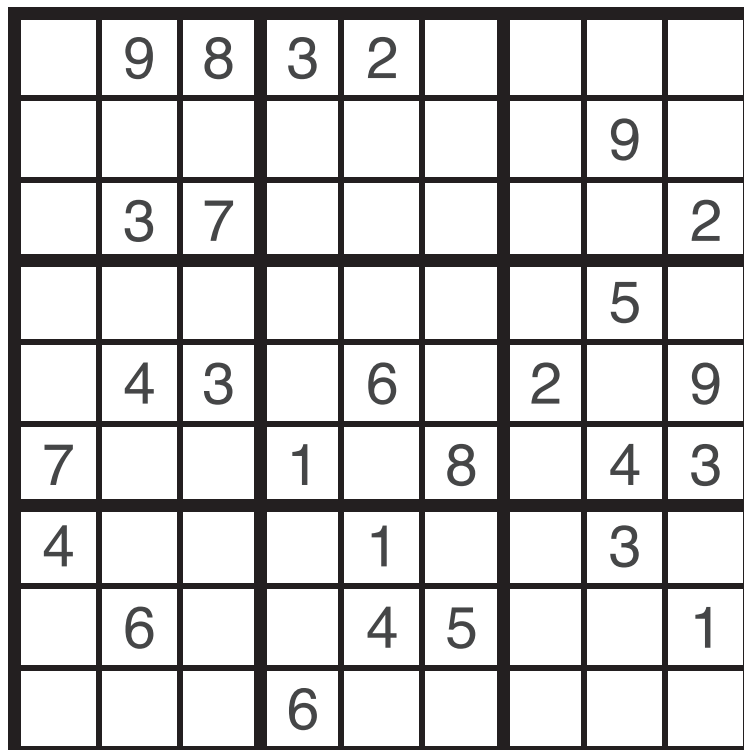
- 1. One who regrets
- 5. Time zone
- 8. Subway dweller
- 11. Bend in a river
- 13. Alias
- 14. Isodor \_\_\_, American Nobel physicist
- 15. Very (music)
- 16. Zero
- 17. Phil \_\_\_, former CIA
- 18. Competitions
- 20. Unwell
- 21. Puts in place
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Allows light to pass through
- 30. Climbed quickly
- 31. We all have it
- 32. There's a North & South
- 33. Emaciation
- 38. Supervises flying
- 41. Very dark colors
- 43. Unwanted
- 45. Grants
- 48. Three visited Jesus
- 49. Wife of Amun
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy

- 55. A Spanish river
- 56. I (German)
- 57. French opera composer
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 60. Last letter
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Noah had one
- 63. Make a mistake
- 64. Tall plant

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Computer memory
- 2. "Et \_\_\_": "And wife" (Latin)
- 3. Ancient Syrian city
- 4. College army
- 5. Cassava
- 6. Talented
- 7. Capital of Estonia
- 8. Finger millet
- 9. In a way, assists
- 10. Men's fashion accessories
- 12. Misery
- 14. Skin disorder
- 19. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 23. Good friend
- 24. Stationary portion of a generator
- 25. Expression of

- disappointment
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. Where birds fly
- 28. Midway between north and northeast
- 29. Chaotic states
- 34. Comedic actress Gasteyer
- 35. Kids' dining accessory
- 36. Snakelike fish
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. Assign lifelike qualities to
- 40. One who cites
- 41. Midway between east and southeast
- 42. North wind
- 44. One or the other
- 45. Cavalry sword
- 46. Of the Hungarian language
- 47. Life stories
- 48. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. French cleric
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Free from



**LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**

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