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Cannabis Processing Facility Planned in Hollywood

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The parcel of land that has until recently been the home of The Greenery on Mervell Dean Road in Hollywood could soon become the site of a cannabis processing facility, according to county planning documents.

The proposed project has already been approved by the St. Mary's County Board of Appeals after unanimous decision in May of last year; the project was listed on the property placard last year as an Agricultural Industry Major use in the town center's mixed-use zone.

What the specific use was, a processing facility for medical cannabis, was not listed.

At the May 13 public hearing last year, the fact that the buildings still standing on the old Greenery property would be repurposed to process medical cannabis was openly discussed.

There were no residents from the surrounding community who spoke on the matter and county planning records show there was only one resident who sent in a letter opposing the project.

The plan to put a cannabis processing facility in Hollywood comes at a time when the county is pursuing efforts to address how such facilities are treated by the zoning ordinance.

Revelations about a major cannabis growing operation in Avenue last month, which apparently went through the zoning process starting four years ago but never went to a public hearing or the county planning commission sparked some outrage in the community as the project is also in the usually highly restrictive Critical Area.

Investigation by The County Times revealed that a decision by planning staff, particularly Director Bill Hunt, to categorize the project as a horticultural operation rather than as Agricultural Industrial Minor — similar to the designation for

the Hollywood cannabis operation — meant the project did not have to face a public hearing.

The county planning commission has since been tasked with looking at the zoning ordinance with an eye towards cannabis operations.

Planning Commission Chair Howard Thompson, who is also a Hollywood resident, questioned why the Hollywood cannabis operation never went before the planning commission but went before the board of appeals.

"I don't understand that," Thompson said. "If I was to look at that sign [denoting the hearing date before the board of appeals] I would think they would put another Greenery-type operation there."

"That's probably why they [residents] didn't write any letters; I wouldn't even give it a second thought."

Documents from the Technical Evaluation Committee, a gathering of public works, Metropolitan Commission, Health Department, State Highway Commission and Soil Conservation District that review potential projects before moving forward in the approval process, also made no mention of the operation being related to cannabis, only that it was an agricultural processing operation.

The proposed operation in Hollywood has the major agricultural designation because it would involve the intensive processing of a crop that had been grown at another location, then-Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning Harry Knight said at last year's hearing.

"They are not growing the horticultural product on this site," Knight told appeals board members. "They are processing it on this site."

Christopher Longmore, attorney for the applicant, Deborah Price, said last year that his client still had to obtain a license to process the cannabis on site.

"This is solely a processing facility for medical cannabis," said Long-

The county property notice of the hearing for The Greenery

more. "Not for any other uses."

Longmore explained in the May 13 hearing that two buildings on the property — approximately 2.28 acres would be used as an administrative building and a cannabis processing facility respectively.

Calls to Price, who is listed as the owner of the project, were not returned as of press time.

The appeals board placed conditions on the project last year that stated there would be no growing or dispensing of cannabis related products from the Hollywood site.

At that time, Price told appeals board members there also would be no signage at the property denoting the kind of work being done there.

One county commissioner has called upon the interim county administrator David Weiskopf to seek outside assistance to look into how the industrial cannabis growing operation in Avenue was handled.

"I have been told that there is information circulating that suggests certain members of the Commis-

sioners of St. Mary's pressured Bill Hunt...and Deputy Director Harry Knight to make special concessions for a cannabis farm in my district and that gratuities were accepted to expedite this project," Commissioner John O'Connor wrote to Weiskopf in a message that was not sent using the county's e-mail system.

O'Connor went on to say he did not believe either public servant acted inappropriately but public trust in the process had to be ensured.

"Therefore, I request that an independent agency from outside the county investigate all facets of the land use project."

At the April 5 county commissioner meeting, Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy defended county planning staff in the matter of the Avenue cannabis project.

"I stand behind my county staff, they made the right decisions," Guy said. "I can't stand any more of this finger pointing at our staff"

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Entrepreneur and Musician Billy Hill Lived Life His Way

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

William "Billy" Hill, former owner of the St. Mary's Landing and Hill's Halfway House restaurants, who also loved to play in live musical performances, passed away April 2. He was 85.

Hill was born in Maddox in 1937 and grew up on a farm but he did not take to it, according to his family history.

His son, Kevin Hill, said his father grew up very poor but was always looking to improve his situation without fear of failure.

"He was a man of his location and his time; he was a St. Mary's County man," he said of his father.

After graduating high school here, he went on to join the Maryland National Guard and did many other different jobs including bartending and managing a liquor store in Waldorf where he learned a great deal about operating a business.

But in 1980 Hill set out on his own and purchased the Halfway House restaurant that sat prominently for years at the separation between Route 235 and Route 5 in Mechanicsville.

Aside from being a popular restaurant, the Halfway House was often used as a local guidepost for giving directions to either Leonardtown or Lexington Park to out-of-town visitors.

Hill successfully operated the Halfway House for about 20 years before selling the property to later be developed into a WaWa gas station and convenience store.

Hill continued his entrepreneurial efforts by purchasing the restaurant in Charlotte Hall that would become known as St.



William "Billy" Hill

Mary's Landing in 2001, operating it with his wife Mona for 20 years until leasing it to other business operators.

Kevin Hill said his father and Mona would take a recreational vehicle all over the country, touring all the sites they wanted to see.

His father had a rare life, Kevin Hill said, that being the envy of many others.

"He lived his life to the fullest, he had no regrets," Kevin Hill said of his father. "He did everything he wanted to do."

"He traveled everywhere he wanted to go."

Hill was also known for his love of guitar playing, which taught himself as a young man by listening to country music on the radio.

His band was called True Blue County.

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Commissioners Seek Federal Project Funds

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved two requests for federal funds this week for critical construction projects to the office of Sen. Ben Cardin (D) and U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-5th) in the amount of \$29 million.

Public works chief James Gotsch told commissioners that both members of Congress had funds available to disperse for public construction projects and deadlines were fast approaching for St. Mary's to compete for them.

The funding amounts available to both lawmakers would likely vary, Gotsch said, so they were making two lists with the same priority projects on them but in different order.

"It's so we don't double dip... and get too much money for the projects," said Gotsch.

The projects the county was seeking funding for are \$6.2 million for the YMCA facility in Great Mills, \$3.8 million for a shoreline protection project on St. George Island, \$10 million for a jetty project to prevent over-silting

of St. Jerome's Creek and promote drainage, \$300,000 for a sidewalk retrofit project, \$1.5 million for the Regional Agricultural Center (RAC) to be constructed on New Market Turner Road in Mechanicsville, \$165,000 for improvements to the Emergency Communications Center and finally \$5.6 million for a significant renovation project to the county health department on Peabody Street in Leonardtown.

That is the priority order for the request commissioners approved to be sent to Cardin's office; the request sent to Hoyer's office places the emergency communications center as the top priority and the St. Jerome's Creek project as the second priority.

The effort to clear the creek has been ongoing for years — the county has waited for approval from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to begin work — as it is one of only a few safe harbors for small craft in St. Mary's to avoid severe weather on the Chesapeake Bay.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt questioned the cost of the St. George Island project, which



would take place along Route 249, which had been priced at around \$740,000.

"It's increased to more than \$3 million," Hewitt said. "What happened."

Gotsch said the new number was provided by the state last week as the latest cost estimate for the project.

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Schools Facing \$2.8 Million Shortfall



Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said last week that his administration would take a dual approach to solving a \$2.8 million budget shortfall in the school budget.

“There’s always cost cutting that need to be considered,” Smith told The County Times this week. “Our biggest cost increase is our fuel costs both in diesel fuel and in our electrical bills.

“There are also an extra \$1.3 million in pension costs than what we had anticipated.”

Smith said the system had sent a letter to Gov. Larry Hogan, asking for a supplemental budget appropriation to bridge the gap but “I’m not sure it will get much traction.”

Smith said the system might have to adjust the timing for purchasing of some software and technology programs while cutting out travel and conference expenses.

The total proposed budget for fiscal 2023 is \$254.8 million, or about \$17.3 million greater than the current adopted budget.

“This leaves us exceptionally tight,” Smith told the Board of Education at a March 23 business meeting. “We will not be moving into next year with any kind of undesignated fund balance whatsoever.

“We are deeply appreciative that the [county] commissioners started off the budget process by saying ‘You will have a fully funded negotiated agreement [with teachers and administrators unions].’”

Commissioners also funded half of the requests for the school system’s transportation department, Smith said.

“We’re still going back into our budget and trying to scrape out \$2.8 million,” Smith told the board. “That’s a lot.”

There was a certain excitement, Smith said, when the commissioners decided to push more funding to the system, but it was short-lived.

“The budget is never, ever done,” the superintendent said. “And we’ll be pinching pennies throughout.

“We scrubbed out all the extra positions; there are no extra things in this budget.”

Smith said the school system would exhaust all other options in the search for additional revenue before asking for assistance from the county government.

As of March 22 the commissioners had about \$3 million in excess budget revenues as well as \$8.8 million in available fund balance, Smith noted during the March 23 meeting.

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Faith Leaders Discuss Ways to Curb Violence

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

When it comes to pervasive gun violence that plagues the Lexington Park community, local faith leaders and church members say they want to help find a solution to the problem.

In February Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron called upon community organizations to aid his agency in finding a way to curb the rapidly increasing violence that had gripped the community, almost entirely in the county's oldest urban area.

Church leaders have answered the call to try and fill what Cameron has called the "missing moral voice in our community" — almost all of the violence perpetrated with guns in the past several years has been by young men.

But these same leaders admitted that while they want to help solve the problem, they often are at a loss in knowing just what is going on in the wider community outside of their own membership.

At a recent on-line meeting

of faith leaders, Pastor Charlie Wharton of the St. Mary's County Church of Christ, said churches, his included, could do a better job of reaching out to ascertain what churches could do to fill needs in the community.

Ministers had a responsibility to know what was going on in their communities, he said.

"If there's a disconnect it's our responsibility to overcome it," Wharton said in speaking with other church leaders in the community.

"We have to invest in strategies to reengage with the community," said Rev. Dr. Kenneth Moore of Zion United Methodist Church.

That disconnection was exacerbated by the pandemic, Moore said.

Rev. Roderick McClanahan of First Missionary Baptist Church said church members had to return to evangelizing even in the face of COVID-19

"We can't help anybody if we're walking around with a spirit of

fear ourselves," McClanahan said. "We're striving to overcome that spirit of fear."

Pastor Troy Jacobson of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church said that his own church congregation needed better community connections.

"With the community right around us, those connections are not there," Jacobson said.

Katy Boyd, representing members of the Unitarian Universalist church, who recently took up residence at a new church home in Lexington Park, said members recently found themselves in a similar situation.

"We found ourselves in a community we really weren't connected to," Boyd said. "We don't really feel like we know what's going on."

"Some of us are kind of freaked out because we moved into a high-crime neighborhood."

Cameron, who also took part in the meeting, said violent crime in the Lexington Park area shows little signs of abating.

"In 2019 we had one homicide," Cameron said. "Traditionally that's what we're used to seeing here in St. Mary's County."

"In 2020 we had six."

He went on to say that there were three homicides in 2021 and there have already been that many so far this year.

There were a total of 184 violent crimes reported in 2019, including homicides, Cameron said, and that number jumped to 227 in 2020.

There have been 38 such crimes so far this year.

Cameron said he was also concerned about the rising number of suicides in the county, exacerbated by the recent rash of jumpers from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge.

For 2018 and 2019 there were no suicides in St. Mary's, according to Cameron's figures but that increased to five in 2020 and six in 2021.

"In 2022 we're on pace to surpass that," he said.

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New Congressional District Map Becomes Law

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan signed a new congressional district map into law this week following Attorney General Brian Frosh's declaration that he had withdrawn his appeal of a judge's ruling that the map passed by Democrats last year was unconstitutional.

The new map was a quickly redrawn plan offered by Democrats when Judge Lynn Battaglia ordered the legislature to do so by March 30.

While the new map Hogan signed into law April 4 is viewed by many as far better than the heavily gerrymandered one Democrats tried to enact, not everyone was pleased with the process the majority party in Annapolis used to come up with the new map.

"The Democrats rapidly redrew the congressional maps over the weekend, behind closed-door sessions yet again, with zero input from the citizens and taxpayers of Maryland," said Del. Matt Morgan (R-District 29A).

Morgan, in a floor speech in the Maryland General Assembly last week, asked Montgomery County Del. Eric Luedtke why maps drawn last year by a citizens' commission appointed by the governor as an alternative to the Democrats' map was not considered.

"We had a focus group that went from May to November, the citizens redistricting commission," Morgan said. "Why were those maps never considered?"

Luedtke said they were drawn up prior to the judge's decision.

"But those maps had citizen inputs," Morgan returned. "How many citizens had input on this map?"

The Montgomery County delegate said just three Republican activists spoke at the public hearing for the proposed map.

"The court gave us five days to redraw the map," Luedtke said. "Given more time the process might have looked different."

Morgan said the new map looked better than the old but was still gerrymandered.

Hogan was jubilant that the new congressional map would not have to wait through an appeal.

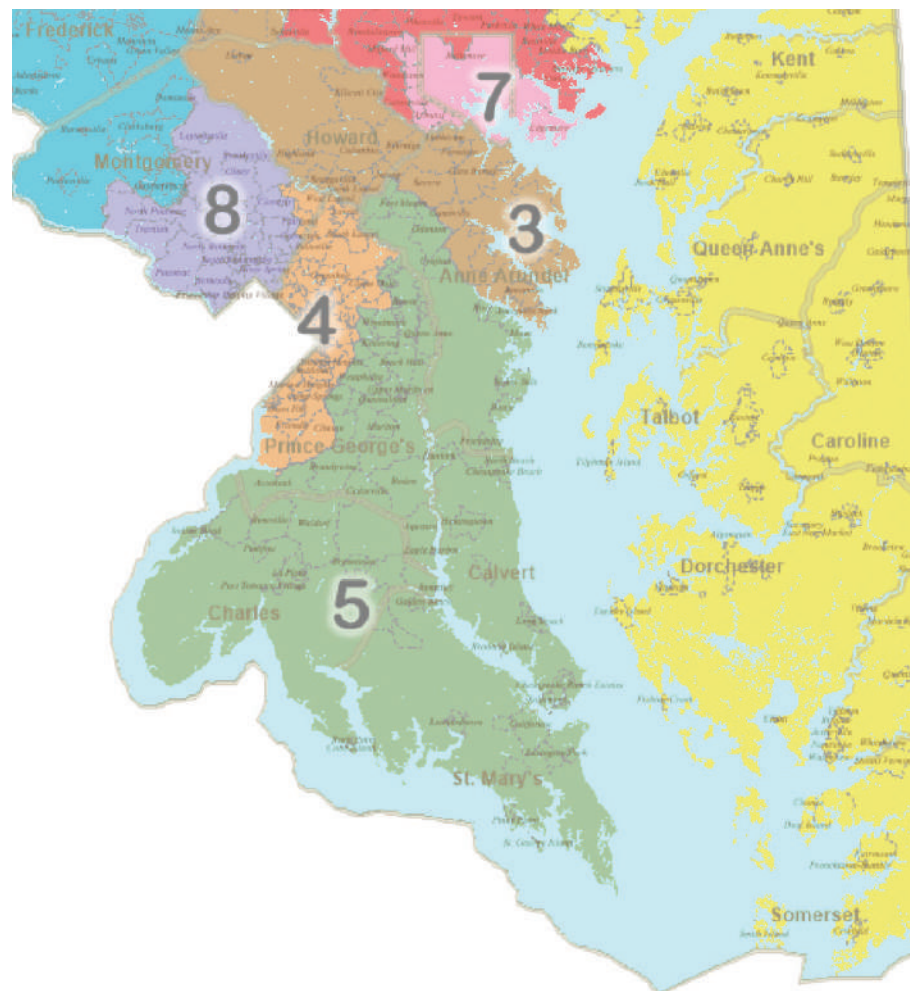
"It's a tremendous victory for democracy and for free and fair elections in Maryland," Hogan said.

District 5, which encompasses St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties as well as a significant portion of Prince George's County, was redrawn as well.

U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer, who has long represented District 5 in Congress, announced he would continue to seek the seat.

"I look forward to running in the new Fifth Congressional District and reflecting the priorities of its residents in my work in Congress," Hoyer said in a prepared statement.

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Fire Destroys Callaway Home



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Investigators have ruled a fire that destroyed a single-family dwelling on Point Lookout Road in Callaway an accident, the result of an as yet undetermined electrical problem.

The fire occurred shortly before 6:30 p.m. on April 2, according to state fire marshals.

The homeowner observed the fire in the early stages and was

able to safely evacuate everyone from the home. The home is a complete loss and the occupants are being assisted by family and friends, fire marshals reported.

Investigators said the fire started in a ceiling space in an attached, converted garage.

It took 60 firefighters from the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department 30 minutes to control.

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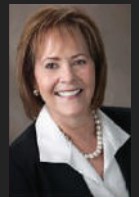
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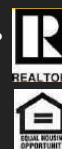
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

On View Arrests:

Property Destruction- On March 28, 2022, Dep. Palmer responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported property destruction. Investigation determined **Franklin Lee Russell**, age 26 of Hollywood, struck a window in the dayroom several times, cracking the glass. Russell was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property.



Frank Lee Russell

Violation of Protective Order- On March 29, 2022, Dep. Hunsinger responded to the 22500 block of Old Rolling Road on California, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined **Steffen Zachary Monger**, age 31 of California, violated a valid court order by



Steffen Zachary Monger

being at the victim's address. Monger was arrested and charged with Violation of Protective Order. On March 30, 2022, Dep. Cucinotta responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined Monger contacted the victim by telephone while incarcerated at the detention center. Monger was charged with Violation of Protective Order.

Assault- On March 29, 2022, Dep. Luffey responded to the 30000 block of Dudley Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault involving a knife. Investigation determined **Marcus Alexzander Lewis**, age 19 of Mechanicsville, lunged toward the victim causing the victim to flee and barricade herself in a room. Lewis obtained a knife and pursued the victim. No injuries were reported and Lewis was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.



Marcus Alexzander Lewis

Defendant in Assault Case Found Guilty

St. Mary's County State's Attorney Richard Fritz announces that on March 30 **Nikko Mason-Coates** was found guilty by a St. Mary's County jury of first-degree assault, second-degree assault, and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony or crime of violence.

Mr. Fritz would like to thank Assistant State's Attorney Sean Moran for the successful prosecution of this case and also the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department for their exemplary police work generally; more specifically, Mr. Fritz would like to thank CPL Austin Schultz, lead investigator; SGT Brian Fennessy; CPL James Bare; and DFC Daniel Sidorowicz for their participation in this trial to secure Mr. Mason-Coates' conviction.

Mr. Mason-Coates has been remanded to the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending the preparation of a pre-sentence in-



Nikko Mason-Coates

vestigation. Mr. Mason-Coates faces the possibility of 45 years of incarceration for his shooting of a young man in the Wildewood neighborhood on June 12, 2020, and it is expected that his sentencing will be in May of 2022.

Editor's Note:

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

Deputies Need Assault Suspect's Identity


The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in an assault investigation. On Friday, March 25, 2022 at 7:16 am, the suspect physically assaulted the victim while standing in the checkout line at the Charlotte Hall Wawa. The suspect left in a white Toyota Camry with a Texas temporary tag.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to contact Cpl. Gray Maloy at 301-475-4200, ext. 8035 or email gray.maloy@stmarysmc.com. Case # 14990-22

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



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Lions Support Shoe Fund



Leonardtown Lions Hilda Mae Gatton (L) and Karl Pence (R) present St. Mary's County Public School(SMCPSS) Supervisor of Student Services Kate Weaver with a donation to the St. Mary's County Shoe Fund from the Leonardtown Lions Charity Foundation. The Shoe Fund " a long-standing program that exemplifies the partnership between SMCPSS, parents and community" is totally supported by generous donations from businesses, Clubs, and individuals. and administered free by the SMCPSS. For more information on how to support the Shoe Fund, contact Student Services, at 301-475-5511 ext. 32150.

St Mary's County Commission on the Environment Recognizes 2021 Sustainability Award Winners at the Cherry Blossom Festival, 26 March 2022



Pictured above L-R: Molly Boron, Rubing Yen (Enso Kitchen), Samantha Rutherford (MESO), Eric Jackson (Bay Fibers Studio), Karin Paz (Duke Elementary), Mariah Dean (Master Gardeners, UMD Extension) and Val Perez.

Congratulations to the winners of the 3rd annual St Mary's County Sustainability Award! Each winner exhibited environmental stewardship, resource conservation, innovative best practices and pollution prevention practices. They demonstrated impressive commitment to improving local environmental impact and they are commended for their initiatives and projects exceeding business norms and requirements.

Congratulations to the 2021 St Mary's County Sustainability Award winners:

- Restaurant:** Enso Kitchen
- School:** Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary School
- Non-Profit:** Master Gardeners (UMD Extension)
- Business:** Bay Fibers Studio
- Honorable Mention:** Ryken High School, Maryland Earth Preservation Organization (MEPO)

Health Department Closing Temporarily

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022 for agency operational needs. This includes the main office in Leonardtown, all satellite offices, and COVID-19 testing and vaccine operations.

The main office in Leonardtown and the Harm Reduction Program office in Lexington Park will reopen at 2:00 p.m. for the remainder of the business day on Friday, April 8, 2022. COVID-19 testing and vaccine operations will remain closed and resume normal operations on Monday, April 11, 2022.



For more information about SMCHD, including hours and services, please visit smchd.org.

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One Maryland One Book Selection Announced

Maryland Humanities is pleased to announce the selection of *What's Mine and Yours* by Naima Coster for the 2022 One Maryland One Book program. *What's Mine and Yours* is a multigenerational saga featuring two North Carolina families. They collide in ways that neither is prepared for when Black students from the east side of the county are integrated into the predominantly white schools on the west side. Readers will follow these families over decades as they break apart and come back together. Parade called the novel "an intimate portrait of love, motherhood, class and race."

What's Mine and Yours was chosen by a committee of librarians, educators, authors, and bibliophiles in February from nearly 300 titles suggested last fall by readers across the state for the theme, "New Beginnings." The Author Tour and other One Maryland One Book programming will occur in the fall. Maryland Humanities will announce details on the tour this summer.

"With *What's Mine and Yours*, Naima Coster explores familial relationships with a clear sense of the world around her and the moment we live in," says Lindsey Baker, Executive Director at Maryland Humanities. "The novel is riveting and thought-provoking, inviting readers into the lives of her complex, layered characters. I'm excited to hear and take part in conversations about this great book."

Coster says: "I am thrilled that *What's Mine and Yours* has been selected for One Maryland One Book 2022. My book is about characters who must remake their lives—and whose lives are remade—after tragedy, opportunity, love lost and gained. It's a story that takes seriously both the difficulty and promise of 'new beginnings' as it follows two families whose paths intersect and diverge over twenty years," she says. "I am honored that the book



Naima Coster

will find readers across the state of Maryland this year and that I will be able to join in the conversation. Thank you!"

About the Book

What's Mine and Yours is a multigenerational saga featuring two North Carolina families who connect in ways that neither is prepared for. Jade is determined to protect her son, Gee, as he finds his way as an anxious, sensitive, young Black man. Lacey May refuses to see her half-Colombian daughters—Noelle, Margarita, and Diane—as anything other than white. Events reach a boiling point when an initiative is set in motion to bring Black students from the east side of the county to the predominantly white schools on the west side.

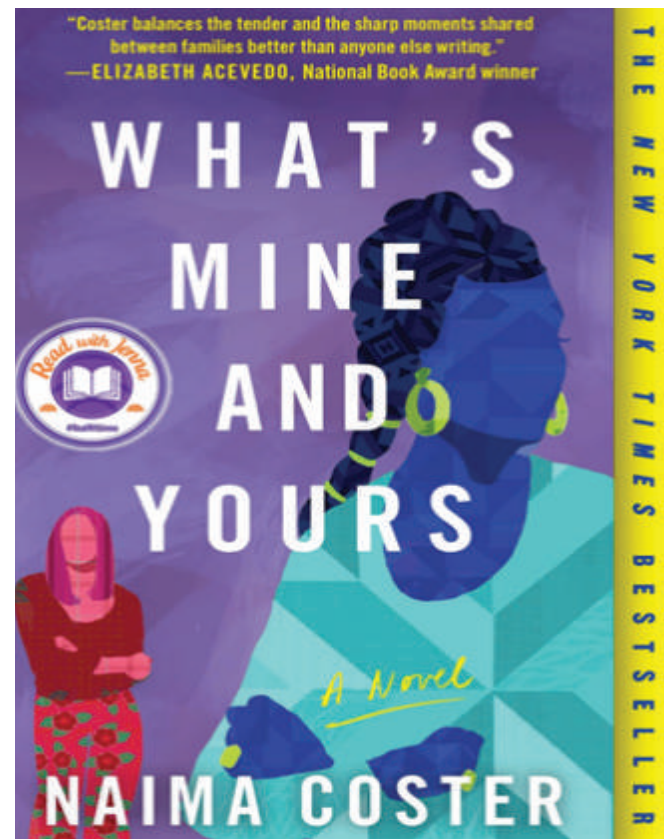
About the Author

Naima Coster is the author of two novels, *What's Mine and Yours*, an instant New York Times bestseller, and her debut, *Halsey*

Street, which was a finalist for the 2018 Kirkus Prize for Fiction. Naima's stories and essays have appeared in *Elle*, *Time*, *Kweli*, *The New York Times*, *The Cut*, *The Sunday Times*, *Catapult*, and elsewhere. In 2020, she received the National Book Foundation's 5 Under 35 honor.

Naima has taught writing for over a decade in community settings, youth programs, and universities. She currently teaches in the low-residency MFA program at Antioch University in Los Angeles. She occasionally writes the newsletter, *Bloom How You Must*. She lives in Brooklyn with her family.

"WandCopies of the 2022 One Maryland One Book selection will be dropped off in public spaces in three counties beginning in mid-August as part of "Wandering Books," a fun campaign that introduces readers to *What's Mine and Yours* and the One Maryland



One Book program. Anyone can receive clues about where to find books via Maryland Humanities' Maryland Center for the Book Facebook page or by following @MDHumanities on Twitter. This year, libraries in will distribute books throughout their communities. After finding a copy of *What's Mine and Yours*, readers log on to www.bookcrossing.com and register their book's ID number, post a comment or review when they've finished reading, then leave the book somewhere public for another reader to find and enjoy. Instructions are located on a label inside the book cover. Participation is free. Those who register books will be automatically entered to win a \$25 gift certificate to Bookshop.org after the campaign ends on November 15 and must include their name and email to be eligible.

Press Release from MD Humanities.

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SMECO Nominating Committee to Meet

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative's (SMECO) Board of Directors has appointed 10 members to the 2022 Nominating Committee scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 11 at SMECO's headquarters in Hughesville or via teleconference. The committee will review candidate applications for the five Board positions to be elected this year. Elections will be held to fill one position in Calvert/Anne Arundel counties, two positions in Charles County, one position in Prince George's County, and one position in St. Mary's County.

The 2022 Nominating Committee members follow:

- Calvert County: Kimberly Freeland, Prince Frederick; and Terence N. Gibson, Prince Frederick.
- Charles County: Joseph L. Gardiner Jr., La Plata; Edward Holland III, Waldorf; and William B. Young Jr., Waldorf.
- Prince George's County: Charles E. Clagett, Accokeek; and Ernest H. Riess, Brandywine.
- St. Mary's County: Edith M. Bell, Chaptico; George A. Brown, Loveville; and Catherine Brenda Coates, Lexington Park.

SMECO members interested in being nominated should complete a Board of Directors Candidate Application, which may be accessed and submitted online at smeco.coop/annualmeeting.

To be reviewed by the nominating committee, completed candidate applications should be submitted online by 4 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2022.

In addition to nominations made by the committee, any 15 or more SMECO members acting together may make other nominations by petition. Members running by petition should complete and submit a Board of Directors Candidate Application by 4 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2022. The application and candidate materials are located on SMECO's website at smeco.coop/annualmeeting.

SMECO's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, August 25, 2022; however, the election will be conducted by mail and online. Co-op members will receive ballots in the mail. Members may vote online or return their completed ballots by mail prior to the Annual Meeting. Election results will be announced at the meeting, but no voting will occur on-site.

Selection of the Nominating Committee members is in compliance with SMECO's bylaws. For more information regarding the committee, nominations, and qualifications of directors, refer to Article IV, Sections 4.02 and 4.03, of SMECO's bylaws. Bylaws may be obtained from a SMECO office or online at www.smeco.coop.

Press Release from SMECO

Additional COVID Booster Authorized for Adults 50 and Older

Also for Immunocompromised Individuals

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for persons age 50 and older, as well as certain immunocompromised individuals.

The following populations are now eligible to receive a second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine through the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD):

- Individuals 50 years of age and older (at least 4 months after first booster dose)
- Individuals 12 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise* (at least 4 months after first booster dose)
- Individuals ages 12 through 17 may only be registered for an SMCHD vaccine clinic offering the Pfizer vaccine. Adults (over age 18) do not have to receive the same type/brand of COVID-19 vaccine as their initial vaccination; each of the

available COVID-19 vaccines may be "mixed and matched" for booster doses after completion of the primary vaccination series.

"As this pandemic continues on with surges throughout the year and new virus variants, it is important for people to stay up to date with their vaccine and maintain protection from severe COVID-19 illness," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "An additional booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine extends protection for those who are at the highest risk for severe illness, hospitalization, and COVID-related fatality. Please get your additional booster if you're eligible."

For more information or to make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or call the SMCHD COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4330.

Press Release from SMCHD.

Northern County Farmers Market Ribbon Cutting



American Legion Seeks Boys State Participants

The America Legion Boys State Program is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students in the country. Boys State is fully funded by local American Legion posts who seek current high school juniors to expose them to the United States form of government.

The experienced instructors at Boys State offer the students an opportunity of a lifetime to immerse themselves in the creation of a government among equal citizens selected from the finest young men in MD high schools. The challenge to create a functioning City and State government allows the young men to focus their talents in areas seldom explored in a normal classroom environment.

Presenters include politicians and elected leaders from the local and State levels of government and also many special interest topics to young adults. Highlights of the week include a trip to the State Capitol for a Boys State session in the MD House of Delegates chamber, sports, and political simulations, along with City, State, and National elections, where two young men earn the right to represent MD at Boys Nation in Washington, DC.

The need to obtain a college education to compete in the modern world with changing technologies is emphasized by our guest speakers. Boys State is an excellent addition to any college application and is a highly coveted entry on applications to Service Academies.

We are eagerly reaching out to our lo-



cal schools, communities in an effort help promote our youth and educate tomorrows leaders. Completed Boys State Application must be received at The American Legion, Department of Maryland Headquarters no later than May 1, 2022 and of note Boys State is handicap accessible. Southern Maryland District Six is making a push to find 11th graders in our local communities, St Mary's, Calvert, Charles and southern Prince George's counties, to sign up and attend. Please contact Southern Maryland District Six Boys State Chair Wes Simpkins at post298@gmail.com or Southern Maryland District Six Commander Billy Hill at commanderdistrictsix@gmail.com. Got more information go to <https://www.mddistrictsix.org>

Press Release from American Legion Southern Maryland District 6.

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Easter Cheer Returns to St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The hunt is on this weekend at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown as thousands of children and their parents are set to come out and make a dash for easter eggs laid out by county Recreation and Parks Department staff in the return of the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

This is the first time in two years since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic that the Easter egg hunt has been held in its original format.

In 2020 it was completely shut-down, while in 2021 parks and recreation staff got creative and found a way to hold the event with a bit of a virtual twist.

Arthur Shepherd, recreation and parks department chief, said it is one of the biggest events his department puts on all year and benefits children as it raises money to provide scholarships to defray costs for taking part in programs and sports.

"This is year 39," Shepherd told The County Times of the event's long history in St. Mary's. "We used to hold it in different locations throughout the county, north, central and south.

"That's how we were set up back then."

But the event changed and grew rapidly as the county population expanded.

By 1980 the recreation and parks department was holding the event on the expansive lawn of the county governmental center fronting Hollywood Leonardtown Road and brought in all kinds of games — and even pony rides — for children.

"We wanted it to be a strong day for families," Shepherd said.

Soon the event became so large and so well attended that they had to find a new home for it.

"We began to outgrow it," Shepherd said. "The amenities of the fairgrounds made it a much better operation."

By 2014 the fairgrounds was the Easter Egg Hunt's new home, said Shepherd, and it became a "showcase" for what the department offered and the many non-profits who partnered with it to aid in bringing programs to families.

Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager, said the 2021 Easter Egg Hunt posed a real challenge, since many were still keeping their distance to guard against the pandemic, but staff still wanted to make something happen.

The staff went around to county parks and hid bags of Easter eggs in each one, encouraging families

to go out, find them and document their successes on-line.

It gave them the thrill of the hunt while allowing them to safely distance outside.

"It was unbelievably popular," Hale said.

Bags that had golden eggs hidden in them meant families could go to a local business and get a prize.

What's more the event was not announced until the last minute; people were so keen on finding something to do that was outdoors and family oriented they quickly responded.

"It was a pop-up event," Hale said. "We didn't advertise it in advance.

"The eggs were gone in hours."

The 2021 event was closer to an actual hunt than the normal event; the one to be held April 9 is more of a mad dash.

Staff lay out thousands of eggs at a time in an open space at the fairgrounds as children line up on one side waiting for the signal to run in and pluck up as many as they possibly can until they are all gone.

Only parents of children 4 years old and under are allowed to accompany their children into the hunting space, Hale said.

"They are absolutely not allowed [beyond a certain age]," Hale said. "They can get a little crazy; they hoard the eggs."

Hale said between 3,000 and 3,500 men, women and children come out to the fairgrounds for the hunt to participate in groups from ages 1 through 6, 7 to 10 and 11 to 12.

Staff lay out 1,000 eggs for each 1 through 6 group, 750 eggs for the 7 to 10 group and 500 eggs for each 11 to 12 group.

There are also two golden eggs laid out per hunt that offer prize baskets of products filled with donations from local businesses.

This year's event will feature 33 arts and craft vendors, 18 food vendors and four live entertainment groups, Hale said.

Those events include a K-9 demonstration by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and a performance by the Spring Ridge Middle School Rhythm Group.

First responders and their vehicles will also be on hand, she said, to include the sheriff's office and the Calvert County Search and Rescue Unit and the local U.S. Coast Guard detachment.

Above all, Hale said, it's a day for families.

"It's one of our best events because the whole family can come out and enjoy it," said Hale.

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Beach Boys Coming to Southern Maryland



As The Beach Boys mark more than a half century of making music, the group continues to ride the crest of a wave unequalled in America's musical history. The Beach Boys – who have become synonymous with the California lifestyle and an American icon to fans around the world -- will bring their "Sixty Years of the Sounds of Summer" tour to the PNC Waterside Pavilion in Solomons on Saturday, Aug. 20. Tickets are \$39 - \$89 (additional fees apply) and will be available at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com beginning April 26th for CMM members and April 29nd for the general public.

Since the band's co-founder, lead-singer and chief lyricist Mike Love penned the lyrics to The Beach Boys' first hit, "Surfin'" (1961), dozens of the bands chart toppers have become eternal anthems of American youth: "Surfin' USA," "Surfer Girl," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "I Get Around," "California Girls," "Help Me Rhonda," "Barbara Ann," "Good Vibrations," "Wouldn't It Be Nice," "Rock and Roll Music" and "Kokomo."

The Beach Boys have sold over 100 million records worldwide and have received more than 33 RIAA Platinum and Gold record awards. The Rock And Roll Hall of Famers were also honored at the 2001 Grammy Awards with the Lifetime Achievement Award. With more than five decades of touring under their belts, The Beach Boys have performed more concerts than any major rock band in history.

Sounds Of Summer: The Very Best Of The Beach Boys, Capitol/EMI's 30-track collection of the band's biggest hits, has achieved triple-platinum success with sales of more than three million copies in the U.S. since its release.

Most recently, the band released *Feel Flows – The Sunflower and Surf's Up Sessions 1969-1971* via Capital/Ume, a combination album and box set honoring the 50th anniversary of their timeless albums. The expansive 5CD and digital box set chronicles and explores in depth this metamorphic and highly influential 1969-1971 period of the band's legendary career. With newly remastered versions of Sun-

flower and Surf's Up, the expansive collection features 135 tracks, including 108 previously unreleased tracks, live recordings, radio promos, alternate versions, alternate mixes, isolated backing tracks and a cappella versions, culled from the album sessions. The box set is available HERE.

The Beach Boys are led by Mike Love, who, along with longtime member Bruce Johnston, musical director Scott Totten, Brian Eichenberger, Christian Love, Tim Bonhomme, John Cowsill, Keith Hubacher and Randy Leago continue the legacy of the iconic band. This concert will not feature Brian Wilson, Al Jardine or David Marks.

Opener for The Beach Boys will include The Temptations and The Four Tops. The Temptations, often referred to as "American Music Royalty," are world-renowned superstars of entertainment, revered for their phenomenal catalog of music and prolific career. Named the "#1 R&B/Hip Hop Artists of All Time" and one of the "125 Greatest of All Time Artists" by Billboard magazine, as well as one of the "100 Greatest Artists of All Time" by Rolling Stone Magazine, the group is truly a beloved national treasure. The Four Tops, known for their first Motown hit, "Baby I Need Your Loving" in 1964, made them stars and their sixties track record on the label is indispensable to any retrospective of the decade. Their songs, soulful and bittersweet, were across-the-board successes. "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)," a No. 1 R&B and Pop smash in 1965, is one of Motown's longest-running chart toppers; it was quickly followed by a longtime favorite, "It's The Same Old Song" (No. 2 R&B/No. 5 \Pop).

As always, CMM members will be able to purchase tickets before the general public. To become a member and enjoy all that the museum has to offer year-round, visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042, ext. 8063.

Proceeds from the Waterside Music Series support the education and preservation efforts of the Calvert Marine Museum.

Press Release from Calvert Marine Museum

Museums Open for Summer Hours



St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum in Piney Point, and the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown are now operating under summer hours. The three museums will be open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The St. Clement's Island Water Taxi, which operates from St. Clement's Island Museum to St. Clements Island State Park, will be available daily starting March 25, 2022. Interested guests should always call the museum at 301-769-2222 before visiting to check on water taxi operations, as adverse weather or other extenuating circumstances may prevent the boat from operating.

"We are extremely pleased to reopen the water taxi for a full season of cruising to the island," says Karen Stone, manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "Being one of our most popular attractions for locals and out-of-town visitors alike, the water taxi allows guests a rare opportunity to and enjoy one of St. Mary's County's best assets – our beautiful waters!"

At Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, the lighthouse, various mu-

seum buildings and sweeping vistas of the Potomac await visitors at the museum and historic park. For more information, guests can call 301-994-1471.

In addition to regular hours of operation, the Old Jail Museum in downtown Leonardtown is also open during Leonardtown First Fridays on the first Friday of each month from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. or during other special hours during all Leonardtown events. The Old Jail Museum constantly installs new exhibits and is also home to the Leonardtown Visitor Center, where guests can find information about things to do in town and St. Mary's County.

All three museum locations feature well-stocked stores with various items, including local hand-crafts, books, toys, Maryland-themed items, apparel, souvenirs and much more.

For more information regarding hours of operation, programs, admission prices and more, please visit Museums.StMarysMD.com or each museum's pages on Facebook.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Museum Division

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Hoyer Announces Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) is now accepting submissions for the 40th Annual Congressional Art Competition. The competition is open to high school students who reside in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District, which includes Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, as well as parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties. The students are offered an opportunity to highlight their talent and the winner will have their artwork displayed in the United States Capitol for an entire year. This year's submission deadline is Friday, April 22, 2022.

"Each and every year I look forward to seeing the tremendous talent presented by students across the district," said Congressman Hoyer. "The winner will proudly represent Maryland's Fifth Congressional District, captivating the visitors, staff, and Members of Congress who walk in the halls of our Capitol. Our students always put their best effort into this competition, and I know this year will be no different."

This year, submissions will be accepted both digitally and in-person. For artwork submitted

digitally, please submit three images of the art and a Student Release Form to submissions05@gmail.com. When submitting, please include the students' name, school, and title of their artwork in the subject line of the email. For in-person submissions, please bring the art and a Student Release Form to the White Plains office 4475 Regency Pl #203, Waldorf, MD 20602. Please coordinate in-person drop off prior to visiting the office.

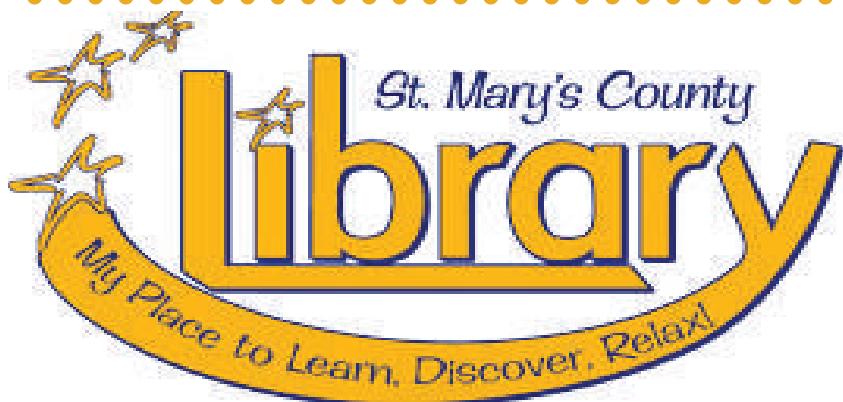
In the event that a student may not be able to obtain the signed signature from an art teacher on the release form, students may include an email from an art teacher granting permission to enter the competition.

For general information about the competition, please contact Ms. Jada Ward at 301-843-1577 or by email to: jada.ward@mail.house.gov or visit: <https://hoyer.house.gov/help/students#art-competition>. Click here for a full list of competition guidelines. The Student Release Form can be downloaded here.

Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer



Congressman Steny Hoyer



Earth Day Trek

Take an Earth Day Pledge and learn about recycle/reduce/reuse on Tuesday, April 12 from 2 – 3 p.m. at Leonardtown Library. Participate in an oil spill clean-up experiment and trek with us around the library campus to clean up litter. Participants will discuss Earth Day and conservation ideas and perform an STEM experiment. After, we will trek the library campus and pick up litter while collecting a surprise (so please dress prepared for the day's weather)! Each member of the trek will keep the surprise, Earth Day Pledge and BINGO card containing suggestions on how each of us can take care of our earth. Register on www.stmalib.org.

STEM Fun: Pizza Playtime

A STEM-based program for pre-school-aged children all about hot, gooey, cheesy pizza! (Note: no actual pizza will be served). Come learn through

play at this library program where participants will read, experiment, and create with hands-on science activities inspired by pizza on Tuesday, April 12 from 3 – 4 p.m. at 5th District Park Pavilion. Activities will include a short pizza themed storytime, stamping with vegetable shapes, and mixing up some homemade playdough (contains gluten). This event will be outdoors under the pavilion at 5th District Park, and will continue rain-or-shine, so dress for the weather (and for making playdough!). Siblings welcome; please register each child attending. Register for each session on www.stmalib.org.

Poetry Palooza

Come share a poem and have fun being in the spotlight on Thursday, April 14 from 2- 3 p.m. at Charlotte Hall Library. Poetry Palooza is for elementary-aged kids to share either their original poems or personal favorites in front of



others and have fun appreciating poetry! The poem being read should be no more than 3 minutes long so that everyone will have a chance to shine. Register on www.stmalib.org

Introduction to Boating Safety, Presented by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Learn the most critical components of boating safety for new boaters on Saturday, April 16 from 10 – 11 a.m. at Leonardtown Library. The seminar includes the importance of life jackets, how to get a free boat safety check, navigating on the water, navigation rules, safe fueling, anchoring, and knots. This is a classroom course, not an on-the-water course, and does not provide actual underway experience. Presented by The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Solomons Flotilla. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Outdoor Mini Monet

Join us for an exciting outdoor art adventure on Friday, April 15 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Lexington Park Library! Prepare to make a "mess-terpiece" through engaging and messy art play for babies and toddlers! Throw on some clothes you don't mind getting messy in and get ready for fun! Register with your email address to secure your spot in an active, artful hour of play with your baby or toddler on Lexington Park Library's front lawn! Register on www.stmalib.org.

Lexington Park Library Closed April 17 for Easter

The Lexington Park Library will be closed on Sunday, April 17 for Easter. All Library locations will be open for regular business hours on Monday, April 18.



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

NAVAIR Women's History Month Event Honors Trailblazing Women

Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) celebrated Women's History Month with an "Honoring Trailblazing Women Who Have Paved the Way for Future Generations" event on Thursday, March 24.

Trailblazer, Fleet Master Chief Jacqueline DiRosa, who entered the Navy in 1981 and rose to chief hospital corpsman in eight years, highlighted the event.

After rising to the rank of Force Master Chief she realized, "It was important to use my voice, be a champion for women and be involved in policies that could make a difference."

DiRosa said she was honored and humbled to be one of the Navy's recognized trailblazers. "I didn't see myself as becoming a first," she said. "I learned quickly how to succeed. My goals were simple: I strived to be the best that I could, to make a difference wherever I was and help others be their best. These would be critical to my overall success over time."

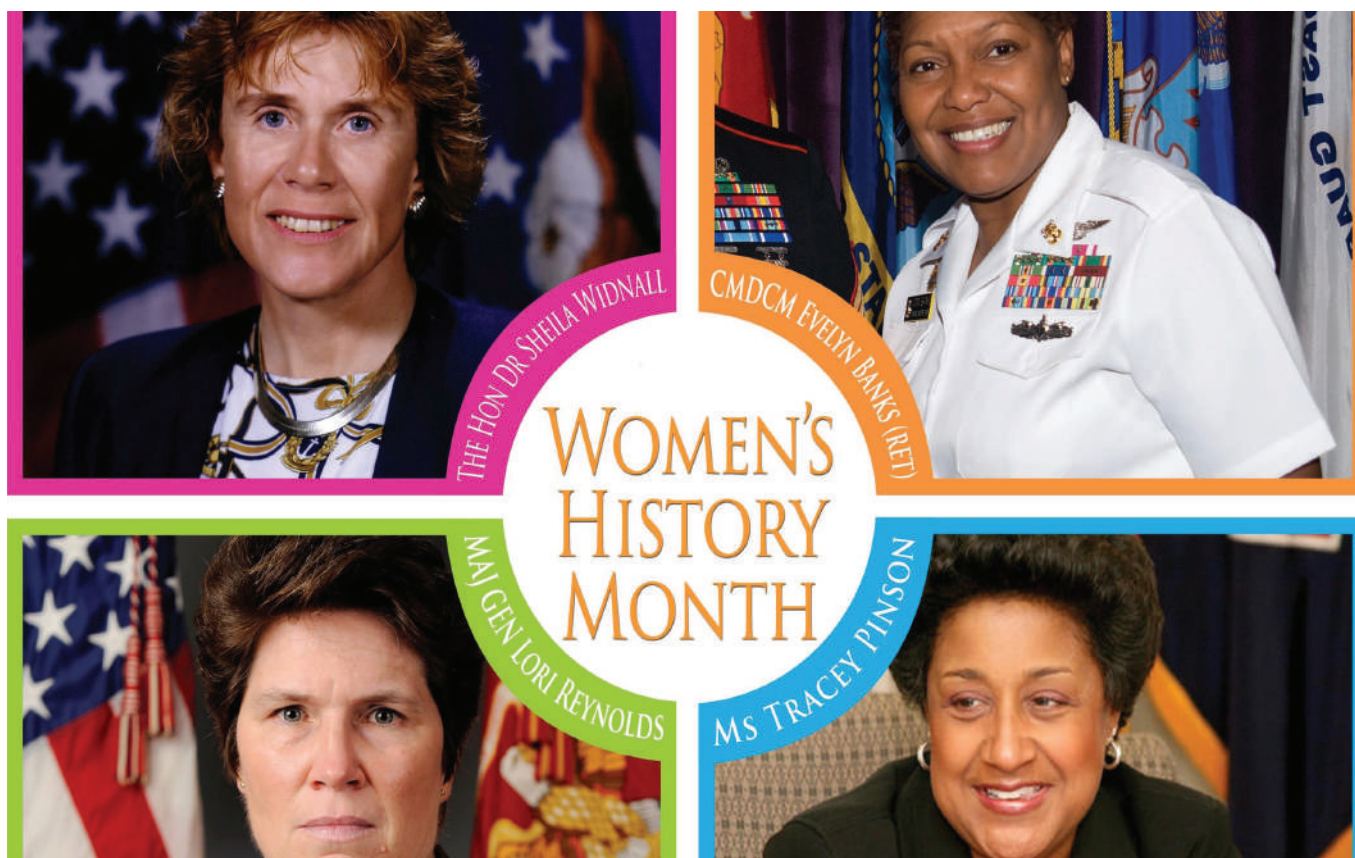
Early in her career, DiRosa said that even though she didn't see any women in the ranks above her, "I didn't let that deter me."

DiRosa outlined the changes in policies that were instrumental in her career, beginning in 1978 when non-combatative ships were opened to women shortly before she joined the Navy.

"I excelled very quickly through my career, but I owe a lot of that to taking advantage of some key opportunities," she said. "By exploring leadership and trying to make a difference. Doors were wide open for women in the early 80s and 90s."

Throughout her career, she continued to push herself. "I sought out those challenging opportunities to lead, train and develop and considered that my core strength," she said. "And to make a difference wherever I served. I knew every opportunity would be a valuable learning experience."

After numerous assignments, DiRosa decided that if she wanted to continue to grow as a leader and continue to make a difference, she had to pursue becoming a command master chief petty officer. "After a



The Department of Defense (DoD) Women's History Month poster pictured, is the second in a series of posters commemorating the 75th Anniversary of World War II. The theme of this year's Women's History Month is "Honoring Trailblazing Women Who Have Paved the Way for Future Generations."

few years maturing as a young master chief, I applied and was accepted into the Command Master Chief (CMC) Program," she said.

Her first CMC tour was in 2000 on the USNS Supply (T-AOE-6) where she was the only female chief onboard. Her fourth ship assignment was aboard the USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19).

She later became force master chief for the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). "It was such a pinnacle moment," she said. "I would have the ability to lead the community I grew up in – the hospital core community – and to truly make a difference in a way I had never been able to. When I thought all eyes were on me before, they were really on me now."

In 2006, DiRosa was the first woman promoted to fleet master chief – the first woman in Navy history selected for both force and fleet master chief. She retired from the Navy in 2011 after 30 years of service.

"We hold these events to highlight the contributions of all Americans, to hear from leaders with diverse backgrounds, experiences, perspectives and ideas," Vice Adm. Carl P. Chebi, commander, NAVAIR, stated in his opening remarks. "To succeed in today's world we must think differently, learn and improve. Diversity, equity and inclusion are not only strategic imperatives for the Navy, it is foundational to the success here at NAVAIR."

Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Executive Director Steve Cricchi spoke about the importance of NAVAIR's events and Diversity Action Teams (DATs) that offer networking, educational and mentorship opportunities, along with feedback on the challenges employees face in the workplace.

"The themes we cover during our events, the people we hear from like today's guest speaker, as well as those that we lift up as role models, are great a space for inspiration and

encouragement," Cricchi said.

"It is so inspiring to hear the stories and hear the accomplishments that NAVAIR has within the community there" said DiRosa. "I am grateful for the work that your diversity committee has done in recognizing them and hosting these events – they are so very important."

"I want to recognize all the women that are with us here today because each and every one of you are trailblazers in your own right," she continued. "You make an impact every single day no matter where you are in the organization, so thank you for all that you do."

DiRosa concluded her remarks by saying, "No matter what you do, be strong, be confident, be courageous and stay focused on achieving your own greatness. Everyone has their own journey to travel. Identify what your core strength is, develop it and share it. Don't let barriers or distractors hijack your journey. There are no limits to what you can achieve when you set your mind to it."

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



THINGS ARE HAPPENING



I'm getting a little excited about next Wednesday. Finally, after two years, my youngest son, Ryan, and I will get to see Gordon Lightfoot at The Birchmere in Alexandria. I can understand why Gordon has been so careful since he recently turned 83 last November and looks a bit frail now. He lived a full, if not exciting and rough life, and in reading his various interviews over the years, seems he enjoyed life, though occasionally remarks that he wish he had been better to the women in his life. He surely was a handsome man with a beautiful balladeer voice, well I always thought he was handsome. And he has had some illnesses that might have taken someone else down like the abdominal aortic aneurism that left him in a coma for 6 weeks in 2002. In 2006, he suffered a stroke while performing on stage, and in August he fractured a wrist while at home, and on top of all that has Emphysema from continuous smoking since he was 15 until stopping in 2018, but he still keeps going, and doing his tour. Gordon Lightfoot is a Canadian (and world) treasure. November 25th, 2021 was proclaimed Gordon Lightfoot day in his home country of Canada.

My father really enjoyed listening to all of Gordon Lightfoot's songs, and that enjoyment came down to me, and my son, as well. I knew when my father was really loving a song when his eyes would close and one hand would be up a bit following the rhythm of a song. It brings such joy to me that my sons and Ryan's two little boys, Liam and Carson, love music so much. My oldest son, Robert, just bought Liam and Carson each their own boom boxes, and we have all been giving them CD's to listen to. When they were picking from my collection a month or so again, I would let them listen to a few selections here on the computer before they chose one. The range they both chose from Hard Rock to Celtic, Instrumental, and even my Christmas CDs showed me that they will be keeping the music in their hearts forever. Their Dad has all my old albums and listens to them often which makes me happy that the collection will be cherished and used.

Naturally, Ryan and I, have been holding our breaths that this concert will happen for these last two years. Every week, I think, "Oh good, Gordon has made it another week." That is probably terrible to say, but every time I look at a photo of

him on his official Facebook page I think, "Wow, this must be a lot for him, but he is obviously dedicated to his music and his fans."

I love going to the Birchmere. It is so comfortable there sitting at tables with beautiful chandeliers, and good overall lighting. They have a great bar area to sit at before they send you in by numbered groups, and the food is amazing. The long hallway which separates the outside bar and second venue space from the actual concert room, is covered in photos from every singer or band who has played there since music was added in 1975. The Birchmere originally opened in April of 1966 as just a restaurant in Arlington. Its estimated that over 13,000 concerts have been performed there. For me, a night with one of my sons, the music of Gordon Lightfoot, and a Birchmere flatbread pizza will keep me happy for quite a bit. I also know that my father will be with us there in spirit.

If you are looking for something fun to do locally next Wednesday evening the 13th, then please gather the family to get some ice cream at Brusters for the Brusters Scoop Night for The Clements Cuties from 6 to 8 pm. It was a blast last year; just seeing the faces of people as they were turning in to get their ice cream and their reaction to a bunch of large smiling men in dresses was priceless. I believe we raised about \$600 from Brusters and the wonderful customers. I'm sure most of you have been to Brusters before, but please come out as The Clements Cuties start this year's fundraising events for local children with childhood cancers, with the next big event at the town of Leonardtown's Leonardtown Luau on the 22nd. From the Brusters Facebook page it states: "Bruster's features 150 flavors of handcrafted ice cream, yogurt, Italian ice & sorbet. At least 24 are handcrafted daily to be enjoyed in fresh waffle cones and premium desserts." You can see from the photo taken last year by Carol Davis that it was an enjoyable evening. So, fun things are happening again, I hope you can visit Brusters next week, have some fun, all while helping our local children fighting rare cancers.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

Please send your comments and 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

THE CALVERTS, ST CLEMENT ISLAND, THE UKRAINE, AND US

Anyone who has even the vaguest sense of the County's history is familiar with the March 25, 1634, landing of the Ark and the Dove on St Clement Island. And, of course, our knowledge of the event includes the importance that the landing had on the history of Maryland and the Nation. However, many of us may be less familiar with why the island is named "St Clement". And therein lies our tale.

November 22nd is St Cecilia's Day followed by St Clement's Day on the 23rd. Leonard Calvert's parents were married on St Cecilia's Day in 1604 and his elder brother, Cecil Calvert (the 2nd Lord Baltimore) was named after the saint, albeit in the masculine formation of the name. (Choosing the more political track however, Cecil claimed to be named after his father's Protestant patron, Sir Robert Cecil.)

It was on St Cecilia's Day in 1633 that the Ark and the Dove first set off from England on route to the New World. Owing to ill winds, the ships were forced to take refuge at anchor in Yarmouth. They overwintered, returning to the voyage the next day. In his recounting of the voyage, Fr. Andrew White wrote, "This was the 23 of November on St Clements Day who wonne his Crowne by being cast into the Sea fastened to an ankor."

Thus, in honor of the saint on who's feast day they had departed and who is known as the patron saint of mariners, they named the island "St Clement Island" as by departing on his feast day, he had given them safe passage to the form the colony.



St. Clement Island showing the lighthouse and the cross commemorating the landing in 1634

But who was St Clement and why was he "cast into the Sea fastened to an ankor"?

St Clement of Rome was Pope



Pope Clement I being thrown into the sea tied to anchor

Clement I, who served as the Pontiff from 88 AD to his death in 99 AD. Sometime during his Papacy, the Roman Emperor Trajan banished Clement from Rome to the Chersonesus. Finding on his arrival that the prisoners were suffering from lack of water, Clement knelt down in prayer. Looking up, he saw a lamb on a hill, went to where the lamb had stood and struck the ground with his pickaxe, releasing a gushing stream of clear water. This miracle resulted in the conversion of large numbers of the local pagans and his fellow prisoners to Christianity. As punishment, Clement was martyred by being tied to an anchor and thrown from a boat into the Black Sea.

Now, of course, the next question to ask is, Where is the Chersonesus?

Well, it turns out the Chersonesus is the ancient Greek name for what is now known as Kherones, a city located on the shores of the Black Sea on the outskirts of present-day Sevastopol on the Crimean Peninsula.

The Crimean Peninsula, Crimea, has been part of both Russia and the Ukraine. After the Revolution of Dignity and the flight of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich from Kyiv on February 21, 2014, Russian President Vladimir Putin stated to colleagues that "we must start working on returning Crimea to Russia." International sanctions were imposed on Russia but the peninsula was and remains administered as part of the Russian Federation.

And that, dear reader, is the admittedly somewhat tenuous but nevertheless real connection between Pope Clement I, the Calverts, Fr. Andrew White, St Clement Island, and the Ukraine.



Letters to the Editor

Democrats & Sex Education

To the Editor:

In response to your March 31, article on page 19, telling of \$1.2 million in new Federal funding for expanding early childhood education in St Mary's County schools, our Democratic representatives: Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and Steny Hoyer, are now sending sex education with gender identification into the schools nationwide including that the Democrats are against parents who do not want their children to be taught or given their own choice about what gender they feel like being, or about their racial identity along with other parts of the so-called education that young children do not need to be exposed.

This kind of early education is a big issue all across the USA and this new funding is coming from our own national Democrat representatives and it is not from the State of Maryland or even St Mary's County funds so the feds do get to set the agenda for their funding and \$1.2 million does have strings attached, and that kind of brainwashing of American children is what the Democrats are doing all across the USA and now it is coming here to St Mary's County schools.

Reference link: US Dept Health and Human Services Office of Child Care and Office of Head Start: Click open the PDF, on "Gender Identification" = <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/healthy-gender-development-young-children>

James Cusick
Hollywood, MD

If you would like to submit a Letter to the Editor include your name & town of residence.
Email: DickMyers@countytimes.net

County Bus Driver Picks Up \$100,000 Lottery

Lucky winner claims two Pick 5 top prizes



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The road to his good fortune required persistence, according to the bus driver from Clements who won \$100,000 in the March 24 Pick 5 drawing. He usually bases his bets on the numbers in his ZIP code or address but kept missing out on a big win. Then, the few times he would play other numbers, he said, his usual number picks would hit.

After that happened earlier this month, the 51-year-old decided to play his ZIP code again. He bought two \$1 straight Pick 5 tickets for the March 24 evening drawing at St. Mary's gas station in Clements, playing the same set of numbers on both tickets.

The St. Mary's County resident learned of his win later that night when he received a call from a family member. His cousin, who knows that he plays his ZIP code and ad-

dress, alerted him that the ZIP code numbers came out.

When asked about his plans for the \$100,000 prize, the happy winner says he will do some needed home renovations and buy a new work truck for his side contracting business. After that, he added, he may go on a cruise.

His lucky retailer, St. Mary's gas station, is located at 23950 Colton Point Road. The business will receive two \$500 bonuses from the Lottery for its role in selling the two \$50,000-winning Pick 5 tickets. The lucky location also sold two 50-cent straight \$25,000-winning tickets in the March 24 drawing. A St. Mary's County receptionist claimed one of the two \$25,000-winning tickets; the other is unclaimed.

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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 with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Thursday, April 7

7th District VFD Auxiliary Online Auction
 Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary
 Facebook Page
 6p.m.

The 7th District VFD Auxiliary will be having a Gift Basket and More Online Auction on their Facebook page with bidding starting Thursday April 7th at 6:00PM and ending Saturday April 9th 1:00 PM. Highest bidder as of 1:00 PM will be the winner. Bids are to be posted in comments under picture of each item. When you are checking bids remember to always check most relevant and all comments. All bids start at \$25.00 and increase in \$5.00 increments. Winners can pick up items Saturday April 9th from 2:30 PM until 4:00 PM. Many great items to bid on—Easter Baskets, Gift Baskets, Toys, Wine Basket, Baking Items, Lottery Tickets, Spring Flowers and much more.

Friday April 8

Lenten Fish Fry
 Our Lady of the Wayside's Loretto Hall
 37575 Chaptico Rd
 Chaptico
 5p.m. to 7p.m.

Dine in Menu and Price-\$20 Adults Children 6 to 12-\$10 Children 5 and under free. Dine- In Menu- Fried fish, fish nuggets, popcorn shrimp, French fries, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, iced tea, bottled water and juice. Desserts available for donation.

Drive thru price \$20 Same menu except no fish nuggets, drinks or desserts. Preorders call or text Brenda Russell at 301-247-1871. Information needed: Name How many dining in or how many carry outs and pick up time if using drive thru.

Cash or Check accepted for payment.

Saturday, April 9

Walk in the Park
 St Francis Xavier Parish
 21370 Newtowne Neck Rd
 Leonardtown
 8a.m. to 10a.m.

Join us at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 9, 2022 for the Walk in the Park to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Fund. Registration starts at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and run/walk participants may begin. The registration fee of \$20 includes a tee shirt. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on early registration and even online giving is available on our website: www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Donations are always welcomed. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

Pork/Beef Sandwich Sale
 American Legion Post
 21690 Colton's Point Road
 Avenue
 11a.m. to 4p.m.

American Legion Post 221 is sponsoring a pork loin and beef sandwich sale. Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches will be sold on both Saturday and Sunday, April 9th & 10th, at American Legion Post 221 @ 21690 Colton's Point Rd (Rt. 242), in Avenue, MD. Sandwiches will cost \$8.00 each. Check <http://alpost221.webs.com/> for other Post events. Call (301) 848-9458 for further information.

Tuesday, April 12

Paper Ink and Quills
 State House
 Historic St. Mary's City
 11- 11:30 a.m. & 1-1:30 p.m.

Which feathers make the best pens? Join us at the Reconstructed State House and learn the short history of paper, ink and the quill pen— then try your hand at writing colonial style.

Wednesday, April 13

Incredible Edibles Nature Hike
 Woodland Indian Hamlet
 Historic St. Mary's City
 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Join us for a short walk through the museum to hunt for spring's earliest wild edible plants. Learn where to find them, how to harvest them safely, and how to incorporate them into your daily meals. Rain or shine.

Thursday, April 14.

Cochineal Red: The Perfect Color
 VanSweringen's Inn
 Historic St. Mary's City
 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 2p.m.
 Spring is the time for exploring

color. Join us for an informative hands-on program and learn about the history and traditions of the sacred red dye made from insects.

Friday April 15

Self-Guided Scavenger Hunt
 Farthing's Ordinary
 Historic St. Mary's City
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join this museum-wide, self-guided, scavenger hunt designed to help you discover the many artifacts at the museum. Pick up your scavenger hunt at the Visitor Center & The Gift Shop at Farthings Ordinary.

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET CINNAMON



One thing that never slows down with a senior pet is their capacity to LOVE!

What's GREAT about SENIORS? Well, just about EVERYTHING! Take me for example. My name is Cinnamon, at 11 YEARS YOUNG, I may not be as spry as I used to be but I still like to take a leisurely stroll around the neighborhood with my favorite human. I also enjoy the comforts of home like a fluffy dog bed to lay on and my own toys to play with. I've had POSITIVE EXPERIENCES with dogs, cats, kids, humans and everything in between! Wow! I'm a FRIENDLY GIRL who appreciates a GOOD CUDDLE at the end of the day. Now, I'm anxious to start the rest of my life in a NEW LOVING HOME so please email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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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 or 301-475-4200, ext. 1073.

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 or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

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.

Watercolor with T.L. Ford

Come learn the basics of watercolor painting in a relaxing, informal setting on Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. No experience or drawing skills are necessary and everything you need is provided. The cost for each class will be \$25. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075 to make reservations. Payments are due within 5 business days from the time of sign up.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention Level 3

For those who have enjoyed 2 levels of the Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention Programs, we welcome you to the next level! We will review all the movements from Beginner and Level 2. If it's been a while since you've practiced with us, the review will be very helpful, and the new movements will be exciting! The sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. from April 12-May 5 (8 sessions) at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com for more information.

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 Hu-

man 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 Class-

es 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.

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Men's Health Day

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to announce the first annual Men's Health Day on Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center!

Joining the Department at this inaugural event are guest speakers Dr. Adam Splaver, speaking about heart health, and Dr. Tushar Samdani, speaking about the importance of a healthy colon and rectal health.

Along with the guest speakers, Men's Health Day will feature informational displays, health screenings, and lunch provided by Mission BBQ.

For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/menshealth/>.

Legal Notices

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has been abandoned for more than 180 days on the property of Howard Burch, 8011 Keech Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 phone 3013833989. The vessel is described as a 14' 1975 sea nymph. vessel number MD 4269 AX. Hull ID# SEA15769M73H Aluminum boat. Application for title will be made in accordance with Section 8-722 of the Annotated code of Maryland. Natural Resources Article if this vessel is not claimed and removed from the above property within 30 days of this notice.

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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

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Match Your Financial Goals with the Right Strategies

To achieve most goals in life, you need some type of strategy. And that's certainly true for your financial goals. Since you likely have multiple financial goals, you may need to pursue several different strategies – but they all should follow a similar process.

What does this process entail? Here are the basic steps:

- **Fully define each goal.**

Like most people, you probably have a goal of someday enjoying a comfortable retirement. But have you defined what "comfortable retirement" means to you? Do you plan to spend your retirement years traveling the world, or would you rather stay close to home to be with family members? Would you like to pursue your hobbies? Open a small business? Think carefully about what this goal looks like.

- **Identify the costs.**

Once you've identified a retirement vision, you need to put a price tag on it. How much income will you require? You don't have to identify a figure down to the penny, but you should be able to come up with a pretty good estimate. A surprising number of people never reach this point – more than three-fourths of pre-retirees haven't calculated how much they'll need once they retire, according to Four Pillars of the New Retirement, a study by Age Wave and Edward Jones.

- **Invest appropriately for each goal.**

Your investment strategy should reflect your risk tolerance and your goals. So, for example, when you're working toward a long-term goal, such as retirement, you're essentially investing for growth, which means you'll accept the level of risk that always accompanies a growth strategy. But when you're investing for a shorter-term goal, such as taking an international vacation in a few years, you may

be somewhat less concerned with maximum growth and more focused on making sure that a certain amount of money is available when you need it. Consequently, you might follow an investment strategy with a lower degree of risk.

- **Understand the potential trade-offs of your financial strategy.**

Each of your goals may have its own investment strategy, but you still need to look at your goals holistically. So, for instance, if you decide you need to ramp up your investing for your child's education, will that affect your ability to put away the amounts you've designated for retirement? If so, do you have the flexibility to change your retirement plans somewhat, perhaps by working an extra year or so? Of course, this might not be necessary, but it does illustrate the potential impact one choice can have on another.

- **Track your progress.**

It's important to track the progress of your investments and investment strategies, but you'll want to be careful about using market indexes as benchmarks. Your portfolio was designed for your risk tolerance and goals, so comparing it to an equity index (like the S&P 500) isn't all that relevant, or helpful. Instead, measure your progress at least annually to determine if you're on track to achieve the goals your strategy was designed to meet. When you review your progress, you may also want to determine if any changes in your family situation or your employment might affect your investment strategies. A financial professional can help you in this area.

Achieving your financial goals takes time, effort and commitment. But by following the most appropriate strategies for your situation, you've got a path that can help lead you to success.

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In Remembrance

William Douglas "Billy" Hill, Jr.



William Douglas Hill, Jr., known as "Billy" to nearly everyone, died peacefully at his home in Helen, Maryland in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 2, 2022. Billy was born in an old farmhouse in Maddox, Maryland on August 21, 1937. He and his twin brother Joseph Albert Hill, "Joe", were the first of eight children born to William D. Hill, Sr. "Willie", a sharecropper and waterman and his wife Anna Louise Hill, nee Morgan. His grandparents were Joseph Dixie Hill and Ida Hill, nee Thompson, and William Lee Morgan and Anna Morgan, nee Russell.

Billy and his brother Joe received most of their education from the St. Mary's County public schools, except for the second grade when their parents had saved enough money to send the twins to Catholic School. Not long after the beginning of the school year, the boys decided that they did not like the new school, so they simply stayed on the school bus and went to their old public school. It took a week or so before the Catholic school called home and asked Mrs. Hill why her children had not been to school. The boys had a lot to answer for when then got off the bus that day. Billy attended Margaret Brent High School in Helen, Maryland through the twelfth grade with the Class of 1955.

Shortly after graduating high school Billy joined the Maryland National Guard and continued working various jobs. He was not sure what he wanted to do, but he was certain that he did not want to work on anyone's farm. He eventually landed a job at Guy Distributing in Leonardtown as a delivery driver before moving on to Simpson Distributing Company in Waldorf. The company was owned by Jim Simpson and distributed Black Label beer – then one of the most popular beers in the country.

In the late 1950's, Billy met and fell in love with a beautiful young

woman named Shirley Ann Higgs. Billy and Shirley soon eloped and then returned to St. Mary's County to be married in a Catholic church. Within a year, Billy and Shirley had their first child, William Earnest Hill, "Ernie", born December 14, 1959. The infant developed a minor infection and was treated with penicillin. Ernie was allergic to the medication and died on Christmas Eve, 1959. He was only 10 days old. The pain of this loss is something Billy carried with him for the rest of his life, and always made Christmas an important, yet emotional time for him.

Billy and Shirley welcomed their second child, Dorinda Lynn Hill, on May 17, 1962. Dorinda was the apple of both of her parents' eyes and they doted on her. Unfortunately, the stress of the loss of their first child and their young age, led to the couple's separation in 1965 and divorcing a few years later. Billy and Shirley remained close even after their divorce, with each of them often laughing and enjoying each other's company.

In the late 1960's Billy often worked multiple jobs at the same time. One of those jobs was at the Horseshoe Club in LaPlata, Maryland. It was here that he met and fell in love with young waitress named Mary Linda Maddox, "Linda." Initially, Linda was not very impressed with the newly divorced bartender, but she later said that he was persistent and made a delicious Pink Squirrel cocktail. After many months, the two began dating and eventually married in a small private ceremony. Billy and Linda welcomed their only child, Kevin Ray Hill on July 23, 1968.

For most of the 1970's Billy managed Holiday Liquors in Waldorf, Maryland. Billy credited much of his later business knowledge from what he learned from this experience and particularly from the store's owner, Durward Owens. Billy took a leap of faith and on May 15, 1980, when he left a good secure job and purchased the Halfway House in Mechanicsville, Maryland.

The Halfway House, in 1980, was a small building with a dining room on one side, a bar on the other, and a small kitchen in back. But Billy and Linda saw potential. Together, they worked tirelessly to build and grow their business, with Billy running the operations and Linda keeping the books. The couple would often sleep in the small apartment above the restaurant. Linda passed away on September 7, 1999, and Billy later sold the property to the Wawa Corporation.

Billy's plans to retire did not last

long, as he purchased a Charlotte Hall restaurant in 2001 and named it St. Mary's Landing. Billy ran the restaurant with his wife Mona Hill, nee Zambrano, whom he married in 2004. The couple operated the restaurant for 20 years before recently leasing the business to new operators.

Billy is survived by his wife, Mona, his two children Dorinda and Kevin, and son-in-laws, Tony Hyde and Lance Boyden. He is also survived by his stepsons, Fred Figueroa and Daniel Zambrano, and his grandchildren, John Adam Hughes, Brendan Hughes, Marlena Navarro, Sarah Hughes, Christian Zambrano, William Boyden Hill, and Olivia Boyden Hill, and three great grandchildren, Braden, Camilla, and Leiliana.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his son Ernie, and his brothers Joe and Johnny Hill. He is survived by his siblings Catherine Minor "Kitty" and her husband Don, David Hill and his wife Betty, Virginia Quade "Ginger" and her husband Rhodie, Connie Letourneau and her husband Fulton, Richard Hill "Ricky" and his wife Sandy, and his sister-in-law Jo

Ann Hill.

When asked what his secret to success was, Billy said "I didn't have any fear. My parents never told me to be afraid of anything, so I wasn't." He said that freedom and lack of fear allowed him to make decisions that other's may not have made. He knew what he wanted and went after it. He also had a lot of fun along the way.

Billy will be remembered for his generosity and his commitment to the community. He was a sponsor for a Women's Softball team for many years and enjoyed traveling with the team as they played in various tournaments. He also sponsored many t-ball teams, volleyball teams, and multiple fundraisers. He even donated the iconic Christmas Tree located at the circle in Chaptico.

Many people, particularly, in his later years, will remember Billy for his guitar playing, singing, and his band, True Blue County. He loved nothing more than entertaining a room full of people and watching them dance. As a teenager, he bought an old used guitar and taught himself to play by listening to the country songs on the radio.

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In Remembrance

Over the years, he has entertained countless numbers of people at dances, private parties, senior centers, and the County Fair.

Billy lived a full and wonderful life, on his own terms and in his own way. He was a St. Mary's County man – through and through. His memory will be carried on by those who knew him, loved him, and were changed by him being in the world.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mattingly-Garner Funeral Home, 41590 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. A Catholic Mass will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Wayside, 37575 Chaptico Road, Chaptico, Maryland 20621, with interment immediately following at the Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650.

Patricia "Patsy" Anne Irby Cheseldine



Patricia "Patsy" Anne Irby Cheseldine, 79 of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Avenue, MD peacefully passed away on March 31, 2022, at home. She was born March 26, 1943, in Farmville, VA she was the daughter of the late Fannie Mae and Sam Moses Irby.

Patsy was the loving wife of John William "Billy" Cheseldine, Sr, who she married on September 16, 1961, at Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD. She is survived by her children Johnny (Beth) Cheseldine of Clements, MD, Gary (Michelle) Cheseldine of Hollywood, MD, and Scott (Christina) Cheseldine of Aberdeen, MD. She is also survived by her 8 grandchildren, Desiree Nuckols, Ivy Cheseldine, Colin Lora, Mason Cheseldine, Tricia Cheseldine, Kaylee Cheseldine, Olivia Lora and Ashley Cheseldine. In addition to her parents Patsy was preceded in death by her amazing husband Billy and her 9 siblings.

Patsy moved from La Plata to St. Mary's County in 1961. Patsy was a devoted wife and a boys'

mom. She always put her husband and children before herself. She retired as the Director of Medical records after 30 years at St' Mary's hospital. After leaving the hospital, she worked at the Cheseldine Auto Group until she fully retired in 2017.

Through the years Patsy volunteered with the 7th District Optimist Club, 7th District Rescue Squad and ACTS of Avenue. She was a lady of faith and attended services at Holy Angels Church and the Grace Chapel Ministries in Mechanicsville under Pastor Carl Snyder.

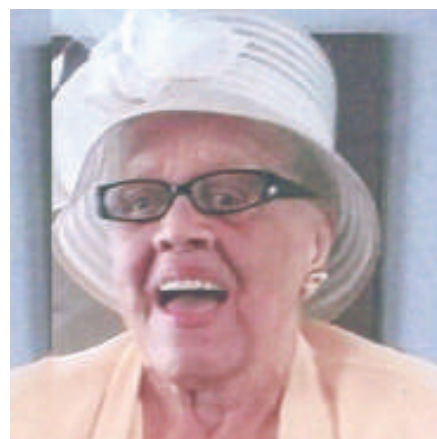
Patsy had a great sense of humor and loved to dance. Patsy and Billy would often be seen out with friends enjoying the sounds of laughter and good music. Those who knew them know that everyone in heaven can hear her calling "Billllllll" right now. Patsy wasn't the best cook in the world, however she always made sure her family was provided for.

A special thank you goes out to the amazing caregivers that provided unrelenting, heart filled care and family support for Patsy over the last couple of years. Thank you, Bernie, Carolyn, Theresa, Sharika, Peaches and Lisa. Thank you also goes to the team at Hospice and her special nurse Theresa.

Donations can be given to ACTS of St Mary's County P.O. Box 54 Bushwood, MD 20618 or the Leonardtown Rescue Squad P.O. Box 50 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Sarah Ann (Hill) (Butler) White



Sarah Ann (Hill) (Butler) White passed away on March 26, 2022, after an extended illness at her home in Oakville, MD. She had been under the care of the St. Mary's County At-Home Hospice Program Team. Sarah was born on June 6,

1933, in Oakville, MD, and was the daughter of parents George Edward Hill and Mary Beatrice Hill, both deceased. She was predeceased by her sisters, Elizabeth Jones, Eleanor Stewart, Elsie Berry, and Agnes Young and her brothers, Alex Courtney and Parren Courtney.

In her first marriage to Phillip Butler (deceased), she was blessed with eight children; Philip (Louise) Butler, Sr. (Deceased), George (Lala) Butler, James (Darleen) Butler, Joseph Butler (deceased), John Pamela Butler, Thomas Butler (deceased), Larry (Wanda) Butler, and Shirley Butler. She instilled in her children a strong work ethic and to make sure they stayed together as a team. Also left behind to cherish her memory are 16 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Sarah attended St. Joseph's Colored Catholic School to 8th grade and completed four years of night school at various times throughout her life. She attained certifications as a Home Health Aide and Food Supervision as well as volunteered services at hospitals in Roanoke, VA and Washington, DC. A few of her employers included St. Mary's Academy, Leonardtown Nursing Home, Senior Citizens Food Service in Washington, DC, and private home health care for several families in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Her hobbies included canning fruits and vegetables, sewing, embroidery, latch hook, cruel, scrapbooking, Wordfind, Family Feud, old movies and music, and reading.

In 2006, Sarah was interviewed, photographed, and video recorded for the nonprofit Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions Oral History Project. Her information was subsequently published in the book, "Justice Rolls Down" the St. Joseph's Parish Housing Project, published in 2014 by Michael McCauley.

Sarah was surrounded by her loving children, grandchildren, and other relatives in the weeks preceding her death.

The family would like to acknowledge the outstanding support received by the St. Mary's County Hospice Program. Their caring attitude and dedication to making our mom and family comfortable is greatly appreciated.

Visitation services will be held aCondolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com.

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

Cyril Paul Gerek



Cyril Paul Gerek, 62 of Fairfax, VA passed away suddenly at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital on March 25, 2022.

Paul was born on January 8, 1960 in Fairbanks, Alaska to Gloria Jeane Bowles Gerek and the late Cyril Patrick Gerek.

After graduating Ryken High School in Leonardtown, MD, Paul worked at various automotive shops; Pat's Speed Shop, Aldridge Ford, and Ted Britt Ford. He moved to Fairfax, VA where his love of the water and boating, along with his mechanical background, prompted him to open his own marine repair business, "Paul Gerek Enterprises". Along the way, he achieved his Charter Boat Captain's License.

Paul is survived by his mother Gloria Jeane Gerek of Park Hall, MD, his sisters Deborah Gerek-Larsen (Ty Larsen) of Arizona, Cheryl Helene Gerek (Chris Woodburn) of Ridge, MD, his nephew Wyatt Christopher Woodburn of Kodiak, AK and his two nieces, Stephanie Gagliano, of Rockville, MD and Sarah Helene Woodburn of Ridge, MD. He is also survived by extended family Greg Madjeski, James Fenwick, Chuck Helton and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his dad, Cyril Patrick "Pat" Gerek.

Paul was a hard-working man who would give you the shirt off his back and ask nothing in return. One of his customers called him at 1:00 AM in August, because the AC on his boat stopped working. All Paul said was "I will be right there." He had a gruff exterior, but when he grinned at you, you knew he had a heart of gold. Paul was a gregarious man with a great sense of humor and the ability to fix anything. Paul had a way of looking at a mechanical problem and coming up with an eclectic/inventor type of solution. He was one of those rare people who not only worked with people, but also became their close friends. He did not care if you owned a john boat with a 5 HP

motor or a Cigar Boat with two 500 HP outboards, if he liked you, you were his friend.

The family would like to thank the staff at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday April 9, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on April 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church, 47950 Mattapany Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686 with interment to follow at the Slovak Cemetery off Mattapany Road.

Serving as pallbearers will be James Fenwick, Chuck Helton, LP Mecure, Rod Alexander, Allan Glascock, Carlos Munoz, Tony Johnston and Tom Kyle.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or to the National Kidney Foundation, 1301 York Road, Suite 209, Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093-6007.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

David Allen Larson



David Allen Larson, 72, of Leonardtown, MD passed away peacefully on March 30, 2022 with his loving family and friends at his side.

He was born April 20, 1949, in Winona, Minnesota, the eighth of fourteen children to the late Donald and Margaret Larson. As with most large families, he began working at age 11 as a paperboy, delivering the Winona Daily News on his bicycle. He often joked that

the only time his patrons did not answer their doors was when it was time to collect money for the paper.

Upon graduating from Winona Senior High School, David attended Winona State College, and worked at Mr. T's Restaurant. There he met his wife of 51 years, also a student at the college, and they married on May 9th, 1970. In 1969, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and after completing boot camp and electronics schools, David was stationed at the Brunswick Naval Air Station as an ASW technician. After 5 years in Brunswick, his next tour was at Webster Outlying Field, St. Inigoes, Maryland, as an electronics technician until his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy in November, 1976. While active duty, David received the VP26 Sailor of the Quarter award in 1973.

After being discharged, David worked for Tracor, Inc., as a lead technician and completed his studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Math and Computer Science in May 1980. That same year, he was hired as a civil servant with the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division as a project engineer, increasing his leadership roles in that organization until his retirement in 2004 as the Director, Surface Communications and Information Systems Division. In 1993, David received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. He then worked for BAE Systems as the Director, Systems Development and Integration Operations until 2006, when he took on his current role with the MIL Corporation as Senior Vice President of Rapid Engineering and Prototyping Solutions.

David was active in the Valley Lee community since settling here while in the Navy. He was an active member at St. George's Episcopal Church, and assisted with many of their activities, church dinners, the WARM Program, and he managed the church cemetery. He also served as Team Captain for Christmas in April, and worked with the organization for several years. He enjoyed playing slow pitch softball for many years, for Chief's Place in Tall Timbers, Hardees, and Bud-Light teams at the Brass Rail. When his boys were old enough to play soccer and little league base-

ball, he hung up the softball glove to coach and assist with their teams.

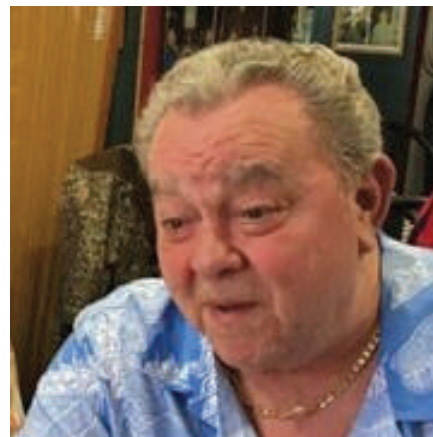
David is survived by his wife, Mary Hildebrand Larson, sons Eric (Jennifer) Larson and David (Erica) Larson, grandsons Chase, Dane, Wyatt and Bodhi Larson and step granddaughters Annie and Sarah Nelson, and Adriana, Elaina and Bianca Bourgeois. His son Ryan, died in 1992 at age 17.

He is also survived by his brothers, Robert (Diane), Bruce (Shirleen), Gary (Gigi), and Randy Larson, and sisters Judy Lockwood, Susie (Robert) Block, Sandy (Robert) Stroinski, Kathy (Robert) Hazelton, Cindy (Roland) Boland, Sherri Tentis (Allan Heaser), and Debbie (John) Guenter. In addition to his son, Ryan, he is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Margaret Larson, brother, Donald Larson, and sister Donna Huwald.

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

Arrangements made by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

John Robert Lanham, Jr.



John Robert Lanham, Jr. 79 of Mechanicsville, MD, passed March 10, 2022 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. Born June 7, 1942 in Washington, D.C., the son of John Robert Lanham, SR

and Esther Louise Parker Lanham.

John was also referred to as Bobby, Joe boy, or Herman by friends and family members over the years. He liked to make up songs, tell jokes and have a good time. He loved to entertain, making people smile everywhere he went.

John met his wife, Marsha, 57 years ago while she was working at Hecht's Cafeteria in Marlow Heights, MD. From then on, they were inseparable. He was a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

John worked as a member of the Carpenters Union Local 132 for over 40 years working for companies like CJ Coakley and Pizzano Contractor's, helping with the building of many museums, Banks and rebuilding of historical sites within the Washington D.C area.

He will be missed dearly, but know that he is with his wife dancing and making jokes in heaven.

Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his wife, Marsha Ann Lanham and his brother Timothy Wayne Lanham. He is survived by his daughters Cathy D. Gayda of Columbia, MD, Christine C. Lanham of Mechanicsville, MD, Donna L. Forsyth of Avenue, MD, Venus A. Lanham of Mechanicsville, MD; his sons John R. Lanham III of Laurel, MD and Christopher D. Lanham of Alexandria, VA; his brother, Donald Richard Lanham; sisters, Donna Marie Chaney and Linda May Lanham; 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to an animal rescue of your choice.

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

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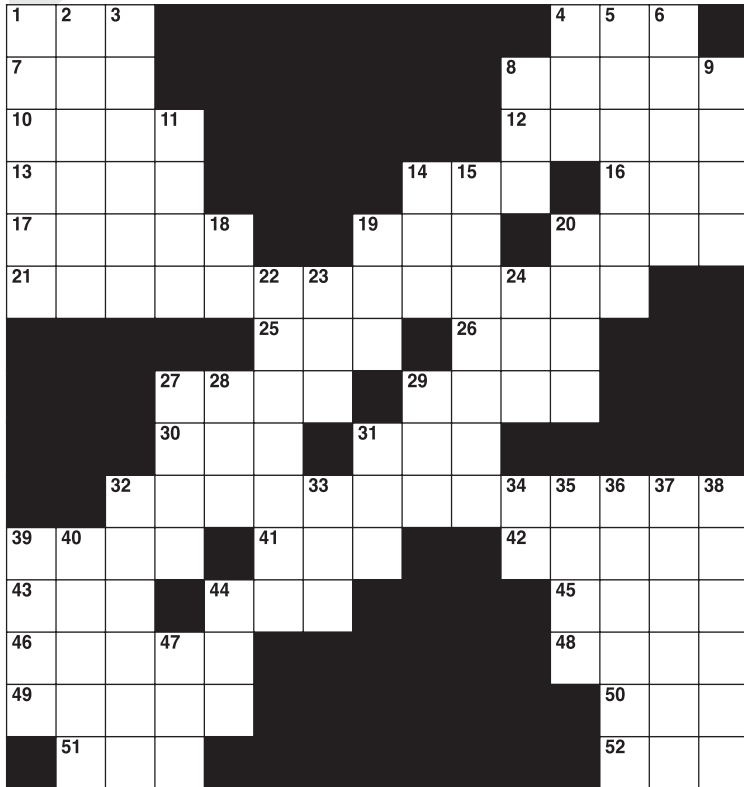
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Runs PCs
- 4. An entertaining, eccentric person
- 7. Small, faint constellation
- 8. Indigo bush
- 10. Not excessive
- 12. African antelope
- 13. A way to fly a glider
- 14. Tough softly
- 16. In the course of
- 17. Early Mesoamerican people
- 19. A way to drop down
- 20. Mistake!
- 21. Housing developments
- 25. Baseball stat
- 26. No (Scottish)
- 27. Type of cuisine
- 29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- 30. Marry
- 31. Buffer solution
- 32. Legendary rock band
- 39. Recording

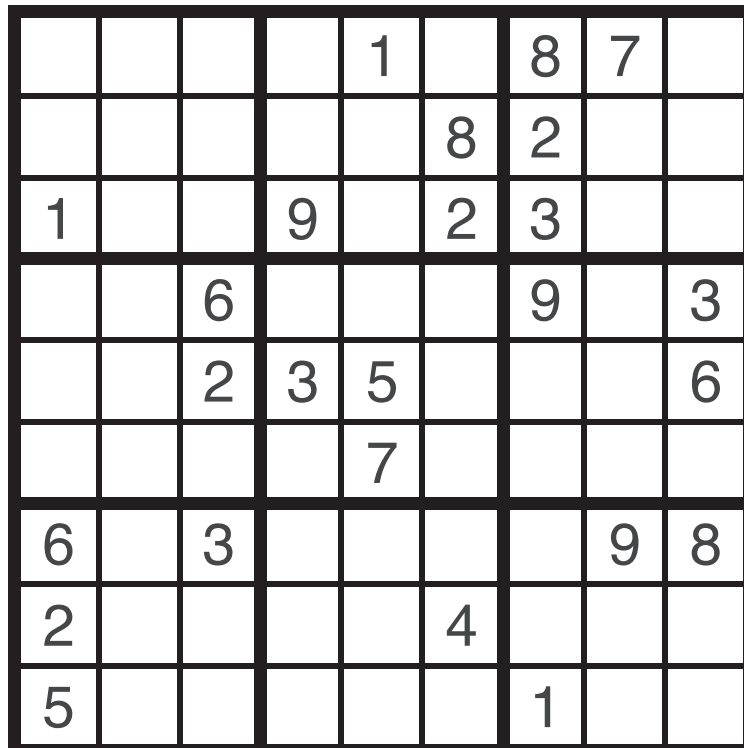
industry show

- 41. A way to consume
- 42. Lake in Botswana
- 43. Political action committee
- 44. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 45. Very eager
- 46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 48. Nocturnal insect
- 49. Challenged to perform
- 50. Thus far
- 51. Famed NYC arena
- 52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small, purple-black fruit
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Highly seasoned sausage
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Northwestern Mexico town
- 6. Edible fruit
- 8. Upper-class southern young woman
- 9. Sums up

- 11. The most worthless part
- 14. Dash
- 15. Sufferings
- 18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- 19. Indian title of respect
- 20. Poems meant to be sung
- 22. Actor Cooper
- 23. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 24. Clumsy person
- 27. Figures
- 28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- 29. Old cloth
- 31. Explosive
- 32. Automobiles
- 33. 007's creator
- 34. The Volunteer State
- 35. Old Irish alphabet
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Portrayed emotion
- 38. Observers
- 39. Mimicked
- 40. Polite reference to a woman
- 44. Male parent
- 47. Peter Griffin's daughter



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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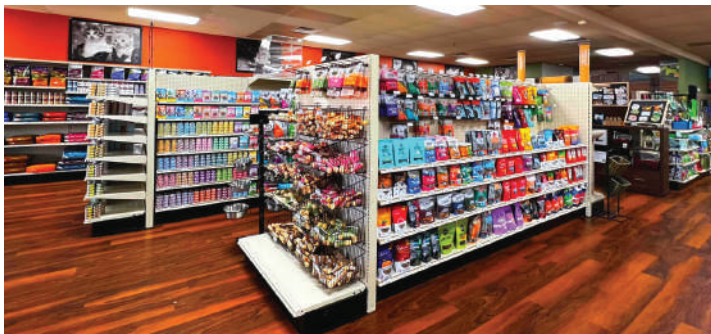
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