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Solomons Fireworks a Go For This Weekend

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The grassroots effort to bring back the Solomons Island fireworks display has been so successful at raising funds that several extras will be added this year to make the event even more special, a senior member of the Solomons Business Association (SBA) said this week.

“There’s more than what we need to pull this off,” said Jennifer Stotler, vice president of the SBA. “So that means we’ve been able to add some things.”

For the first time a shuttle bus service will be able to bring spectators from Patuxent High School down to the Holiday Inn on Solomons, Stotler said, where they can then walk down to wait for the show to begin.

Two buses will run from 2p.m. to 4p.m. July 4th, Stotler said, and by 4p.m. a total of four buses will run until 8p.m. to bring visitors to the island.

After the fireworks display is concluded 10 buses will be on hand to take visitors back to Patuxent High School where they initially parked, she said, from about 9p.m. to 11p.m.

Parking will also be available for \$5 at Glasscock Field, underneath the Thomas Johnson Bridge and across from the Calvert Marine Museum.

Fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk.

The boardwalk on the island will

also have a public announcement system installed, so visitors can receive regular updates regarding the event throughout the day; a hospitality tent with free water, shade and first-aid are also a first-time addition, Stotler said.

Aside from the SBA-sponsored event, a boat parade, coordinated separately, will proceed from Mill Creek Condominiums to Back Creek and out to the harbor; this event has operated alongside the 4th of July celebration for the past nine years.

Bringing back the fireworks after they had been cancelled earlier this season came about after a local business owner, Kyle Webber, started a grassroots campaign to raise the funds to go on with the show.

Webber, who recently joined the SBA, has been giving regular updates on the progress of the effort as well as heading up the coordination of the event working with the SBA.

The funding has come from community donations and business sponsorships.

“We couldn’t do this without the support and our sponsors,” Stotler said. “They [the citizens] started it and the sponsors jumped on board.”

The Solomons 4th of July celebration is predicted to bring substantial crowds this weekend as it is the only regional major public fireworks display of the season after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sheriff Mike Evans said his deputies were busy preparing for the weekend’s festivities, including large crowds.

“Everybody’s been cooped up and they’re ready to get out,” Evans said. “We’re prepared for the worst but hoping for the best.”

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LOCAL FIREWORKS

St. Mary’s County Mechanicsville

Long Point Golden Beach
07/03/21- 9:00 PM
(Rain Date- 07/05/21)

Calvert County Solomons

Barge on Patuxent River
07/04/21- 9:15 PM
(Rain Date- 07/05/21)

Other performances and announcements are expected to happen prior to the start of the fireworks.

Charles County Waldorf

Regency Furniture Stadium
07/04/21- 9:20 PM

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Witnesses Key To Gun Task Force Success

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The recent arrests of three men allegedly involved in two shootings in Lexington Park, one a homicide, has depended heavily on the testimony of eyewitnesses to both incidents, charging documents filed in county Circuit Court have shown.

Those same charging papers have revealed that witness identities have been shielded to protect them from retaliation; the authority to protect those names came from Deputy State's Attorney Daniel J. White.

White, a veteran prosecutor in State's Attorney Richard Fritz' office, said the current task force's recent success required the protection of witnesses.

"I've been a gun [case] prosecutor for a long time," White said. "And this gun task force is exactly what we need.

"Protecting witnesses is a big part of it."

In the aftermath of the shootings, which both took place on June 14, with the one at Chancellors Run Park leading to the death of Valdez Rico Baker III, law enforcement officials said witness



Leonard Charles Hall

testimony was critical to finding suspects but many who had information were believed to be intimidated by members of two distinct criminal factions operating in the Lexington Park area.

"Part of this was convincing people that we would do everything we could to prosecute these people as far as the law allowed and that they wouldn't be let out on bail next week," White said.



James Reginald Flanagan

"They're all being held without bail."

White said his prosecution strategy was to seek the maximum sentence in cases involving criminal use of guns.

"There will be no plea deals, not for armed criminals, none," White said. "You're going to plead guilty or we will prosecute."

A plea deal involved admission of guilt to a lesser charge, White

said; the state would not reduce charges in these cases.

Getting the maximum time for a defendant found guilty of a violent crime, in practice in Maryland could prove difficult, White said.

Offenders were eligible for parole in certain circumstances, even for crimes of violence, if they completed between 25 to 50 percent of their sentence.

This necessitated seeking convictions on the highest level of offenses, White said.

The task force's state and federal assets, which included local law enforcement officers who had been deputized into the U.S. Marshals fugitive retrieval unit, meant it had resources heretofore unavailable to catch local suspects.

Leonard Charles Hall, of Lusby, the accused killer of Baker was apprehended late last week in Frederick; his alleged accomplice James Reginald Flanagan was arrested before him in St. Mary's

"That's a lot easier for them to do," White said, adding St. Mary's was experiencing a spike in violent crime. "We haven't had this problem before, violent crime has escalated with the rest of the country."

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Hearing For Mechanicsville Gravel Mine Project Set

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A proposed gravel mine to be constructed in three phases off of Morganza Turner Road in Mechanicsville is scheduled for a public hearing July 8 in Leonardtown before the county Board of Appeals.

The owners of the property, Edward and Kathleen Sloan, are proposing to but the gravel mining operation on just over 150 acres in the county's rural preservation district.

The gravel surface mine would take up 18.8 acres of that larger parcel, according to Department of Land Use and Growth documents; the mine would access Morganza Turner Road using a 20-foot gravel road.

A single-family dwelling and accompanying structures already exist on the parcel as well.

According to the site plan for the project, the three phases would be built out in three distinct locations on the property with the first phase comprising 8.6 acres, the second 5.6 acres and the third

4.6 acres.

Land use staff reports that the proposed mine would have an operational life of about 15 years.

The applicant has stated to county planners that they anticipate 125 additional truck trips per day on the gravel road leading to the property with 20 truck trips during peak hours; the applicant has also predicted that affected intersections and right-of-ways will remain at traffic level of service "A" which in the county's comprehensive zoning ordinance means a free flow of traffic.

"Individual users are virtually unaffected by the presence of others in the traffic stream," the county's documents read. "Freedom to select desired speeds and to maneuver within the traffic stream is extremely high. The general level of comfort and convenience provided to the motorist, passenger, or pedestrian is excellent."

Despite these reassurances, some in the community close by are opposing the mine's planned operations.

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New Bridge Opens Over Persimmon Creek

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

It was nearly a year ago when Tropical Storm Isaias tore through St. Mary's, taking much of the storm's fury for Maryland, leaving communities flooded and bridges and roadways throughout the county washed away.

One of those bridges was the New Market Turner Road Bridge over Persimmon Creek, running through Mechanicsville and vast swaths of important agricultural land.

Del. Matt Morgan announced over social media June 30 that the State Highway Administration project to replace the bridge, one of the oldest in the county before it was destroyed last August, would be finished the same day.

"This is a pretty big deal," Morgan said in his social media video post standing on the soon-to-be-reopened thoroughfare. "From design to finish it took about 11 months to this replaced."

The new bridge was 57-feet wide, Morgan said with SHA construction crews gathered near him, performing finishing tasks on the project, and was supported by steel pylons.

For decades, he said, motorists had been driving over the aging bridge like-



ly oblivious to its condition.

"A lot of times you don't realize what you're driving over," Morgan said. "[This new bridge] should be around for a long, long time."

The opening would be in time to aid for the harvesting season, Morgan said, allowing farmers to get their heavy equipment around to fields much faster; in the preceding months farmers had been forced to take their machinery out on Route 5 to bypass the construction area.

Farmers have also complained about the bridges at Manor Road and Busy Corner Road still being out; county public works personnel are considering renting temporary bridges to alleviate the problems there as they have already dismissed one contractor in favor of another to complete the work.

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Crosswalk, Sidewalk Under Consideration For Base Gates

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A new sidewalk proposed to run from Gate 1 at the intersection of Pegg Road and Route 235 to Gate 2 at Route 235's intersection with Great Mills Road could be in the community's future if the county's application for grant funds from the Defense Community Infrastructure Program is successful.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to approve the application for the funding at their regular business meeting June 22.

A crosswalk would also be a part of the project funding, to be added to reach across Three Notch Road at Gate 2 to Great Mills Road.

John Deatrick, chief of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, said the crosswalk idea was already in the county's construction improvement plan but it quickly expanded.

"We saw the big picture and by building this we would have a sidewalk all the way from Gate 1 to the Knox Center (formerly Frank Knox Elementary School) just past Gate 2," Deatrick told commissioners.

A crosswalk already exists at Gate 1; the new crosswalk would allow people to "walk or bike over to the business district for lunch without moving their car," Deat-



rick continued.

More access to the base via crosswalks could help encourage bicycle commuting there, which already takes place.

"Every car that's not parked at the base is a big benefit to them as well as the county and the rest of the commuters," Deatrick said.

Sabrina Hecht, the installation's community planning liaison, said Capt. John Brabazon, the base commanding officer, supported the project.

"We think this is a great project," Hecht told county commissioners. "It shows resiliency, it follows the comprehensive plan...we'd be honored if St. Mary's County would put this in their CIP and request the grant funding."

Commissioner Mike Hewitt questioned whether anyone on base would walk from Gate 1 to Gate 2 – it is a mile distant.

Deatrick said the route would be more for bicycle traffic.

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Regional Council Budget Boosted by Federal/State Grants

Agency Unable to Muster a Quorum

By Dick Myers
Editor

Like many other government entities, the pandemic has left the Tri-Country Council for Southern Maryland flush with extra state and federal grant monies. The council's budget for the fiscal year that begins today (July 1) is \$1.2 million more than last year.

Part of those additional grant monies are U.S. Treasury American Rescue Plan Act funding of \$764,532, council financial officer Melinda Bowling reported at the council's June 27 virtual meeting.

That federal funding would be part of a four-year, \$3.2 million, overall grant.

The June 27 meeting had been postponed from the week before due to a lack of a quorum. But a quorum was also lacking at that June 27 meeting, leaving Council Chairman Steve Weems, a Calvert County Commissioner, with securing a budget vote via email.

After Bowling's presentation on the \$5.7 million council budget, Weems told his virtual colleagues that's all he had and wished then "a good weekend."

Council Executive Director John Hartline told the remaining members on the meeting that it appeared the chairman had left the meeting. That left the members perplexed because there were still more items on the agenda, including a report on progress on the Nice-Middleton Bridge replacement project.

Council member, Charles County Delegate Edith Patterson said she would have liked to hear the reports since the summer is better for her schedule, which takes her to Annapolis at other times.

But it was concluded that the meeting could not proceed without their chairman, and it was quickly disbanded.

During the meeting Hartline reported that the extra federal monies would be used in part to pay \$344,000 for a new "mobile career center." It would replace an aging mobile unit now being used.

Bowling also reported that monies had been restored to the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, a part of the council. Their revenue this year is budgeted at \$1.4 million. They are in the process of developing a Regional Agriculture Center in St. Mary's County.

Hartline also reported that all



three counties are providing their full funding of \$125,000 each to the council. Also, each county is participating in a summer jobs program this year, he said.

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NAS Patuxent River Updates Health Protection

Condition Alpha, Expands Base Access and Program

Naval Air Station announced June 25 that the installation is now in Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Alpha.

Commanders and public health personnel use HPCON levels to guide specific actions personnel can take in response to a health threat. While it's always important to prevent the spread of germs, there are additional steps you can take if COVID-19 transmission becomes more widespread in your community. Under HPCON Alpha, routine measures to prevent the spread of infection are advised in addition to the following:

Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

If you are sick, call your medical provider for instructions on receiving care before going to the clinic

Stay informed by routinely checking reliable sources of information such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and your local public health agencies.

NAS Patuxent River has also reinstated the Trusted Traveler Program for access to the installation. The Trusted Traveler Program allows properly-credentialed personnel to escort non-credentialed guests on base so long as they are in the same vehicle. Non-credentialed visitors must still be escorted by credentialed personnel at all times on the installation.

"We're happy to announce this shift to HPCON Alpha and the expansion of programs as a result," said NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer Capt. John Brabazon. "Falling COVID transmission rates on base and in the immediate community have allowed us to make this change, and I appreciate the hard work and patience of our personnel and residents in the face of the pandemic. This shift is a direct result of your actions to keep our community healthy through safe practices and vaccinations."

The following services have reopened/expanded as of June 25:

Child and Youth Programs

The Child and Youth Program has moved to Stage 3 operations, which begins a move back to full enrollment. Over the next several months families that were enrolled prior to the COVID pandemic will be contacted to return. Those families deemed mission critical during the pandemic and were not fully enrolled prior to COVID will receive notification and support to find alternate child care in order to make space available for families coming back to the Child Development Centers. Depending on the number of returning enrollees, offers will be made to families from the waitlist until all spaces have been filled. More information can be found at <https://www.navy.mwrpaxriver.com/child-youth>.

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC)

The Family Support Center staff is back in full-force and are offering in-person appointments for every program, and virtual appointments will remain available as well if a customer is not comfortable coming in. Small group in-person classes are also resuming with a maximum of 12 participants per class. In-person TAP classes will resume the third week in July but will be limited to 12 participants and the virtual option



will also remain available. New Parent Support Home Visitation services has resumed in-home visits with mitigations in place per Public Health guidance. More information on the FFSC can be found at <https://www.navy.mwrpaxriver.com/programs/7c0f6de0-5098-4076-a9f6-75ca7be9ea0c> or by calling 301-342-4911.

Drill Hall

The Pax River Drill Hall is now open to all with base access from Monday through Friday 5 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. From 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday the Drill Hall is only open to active duty military and dependents; and closed Sundays.

Reservations are no longer required. ID checks from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. for active duty military and dependents.

Showers are open. No towel service provided; patrons must bring own towels.

Indoor Command PT and Group Exercise classes will resume but capped at 15 people. Ten classes will be offered per week to gauge interest. More information available at <https://www.navy.mwrpaxriver.com/fitness> or by calling 301-757-3943.

Center Stage Theater/Coffee Shop

Reopens for movie screenings July 2. One showing Thursdays, 2 showings Fridays and Saturdays, 1 showing Sundays. Parties can resume. Capacity limits moved to 75 percent.

Theater Coffee Shop hours: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call the Center Stage Theater at 301-342-5033.

Outdoor Pool

Recreational swim hours are 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; limited hours are because of a national shortage of lifeguards, but patrons may stay as long as needed. There is a 75 percent capacity limit use of the pool (260 patrons at any one time).

Outdoor pool fees:

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- Water fountains are closed

- Hand sanitizing station available for customer usage

Strike Zone Bowling Center

Open Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Reservations no longer required, and parties/league play allowed. For more information please call 301-342-3994.

Community Rec (formerly Tickets and Travel)

Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tables and chairs available for rent. Pavilions will now allow maximum occupancy. Outdoor special events and bus trips will resume. Lending Locker items can now be picked up for use.

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Seasonal group activities and programs will resume

Rental bikes, coolers, cots, general camping equipment, picnic packs, and inflatables are now available

Unmanned Fitness Center open

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Point Patience Marina

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Violation of Protective Order: On June 26, 2021, Deputy Andrew Burgess responded to the 17700 block of Tall Timbers Drive in Tall Timbers for the report of a violation of protective order. The victim stated that **Michael Peter Iminski**, 33 of Piney Point, was standing on the second-story balcony looking through a window. Iminski was arrested and charged with Violation of Protective Order.



Michael Peter Iminski

Assault: On June 27, 2021, Deputy Palmer responded to the 22500 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park for the report of an assault in progress. A witness advised that **Matthias Glendon Mossbarger**, 36 of no fixed address, struck a victim in the parking lot of the business. The victim was met by another deputy and visible injury was apparent to the victim's face. Mossbarger was arrested and charged with Second-Degree Assault.



Matthias Glendon Mossbarger

Burglary: On June 28, 2021, Deputy Allison Mattera responded to the Lexington Park Enterprise Rent A Car for a suspicious incident. Deputy Mattera located a subject on the scene. **Clifton Robert Pilgrim**,



Clifton Robert Pilgrim

22 of Hyattsville, was observed on video surveillance pulling on numerous door handles to vehicles and entering three vehicles. Pilgrim was arrested and charged with Fourth-Degree Burglary and Rogue and Vagabond.

Assault: On June 28, 2021, Cpl. Daniel Holdsworth responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center for the report of an assault. Video surveillance showed **Eric Landon Smith**, 29 of Lusby, assaulted another inmate in a dispute over the dayroom television. Smith was charged with Second-Degree Assault.

Theft: On June 24, 2021, DFC Andrew Budd responded to the California Walmart for the reported theft. **David Alexander Young Jr.**, 26 of Lexington Park, was observed on video surveillance attempting the leave the automotive section of the store with multiple items in his hands, but the door was locked. Young was charged with Theft: Less than \$100.



David Alexander Young Jr.

CDS Possession: On June 24, 2021, **Michaya Antonio Briscoe**, 21 of Lexington Park, was arrested on an open warrant. When transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center, a baggie of suspected cocaine was located on Briscoe's person. Briscoe was charged with CDS Possession: Cocaine.



Michaya Antonio Briscoe

Editor's Note:

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

Public Health Team Members Recognized



Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer, and Dr. Kyle Bishop, Deputy Health Officer, hosted a ceremony on June 22, 2021 to honor team members from the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) for exceptional courage and service in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and for ongoing efforts to advance agency performance.

"On behalf of the St. Mary's County Health Department, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to our team members for their dedication, resilience, and service to our community during the COVID-19 Pandemic," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "I'm proud of our whole SMCHD team - including those individuals who joined us more recently to help us surge for pandemic response. Many in particular went above and beyond in providing leadership, technical expertise, and numerous hours of service in planning and implementing various aspects of our emergency response. I am also grateful for the efforts of the team members who for the past eight years - including during a historic pandemic - worked together to improve agency processes and programs so that we can now offer our community the services of a nationally accredited health department." The following SMCHD team members received awards for excellence:

Excellence in Public Health Award - the top most honor offered through SMCHD:

Jenna Guzman
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Outstanding Service Award - recognizing significant work to advance agency performance in the national accreditation process:

Angela Cochran
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Jacqueline Heaney
Shannon Heaney
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Public Health Leadership Award - recognizing major leadership provided during the COVID-19 pandemic response, including key roles in the COVID-19 or Mass Vaccine Incident Commands:

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COVID-19 Courage Award - recognizing outstanding bravery and grit while leading an element of the COVID-19 pandemic response:

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Additionally, a **Certificate of Meritorious Public Health Service** recognized many team members directly involved in the COVID-19 pandemic response. Event photos are available on the SMCHD Facebook and website.

Leonardtwn Healthy Living Resource Page Available



The Commissioners of Leonardtown have partnered with the Leonardtown Business Association and Visit St. Mary's to highlight the great options that are available in Leonardtown for those who are looking to live a "Fit and Healthy Lifestyle".

A resource page has been created to gather information together about all the wonderful options there are for living healthfully in Southern Maryland (www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/HealthyLiving).

Learn where you can rent a canoe or kayak and spend the day paddling along beautiful Breton Bay, engage with others in a fun, group fitness class (options include standup paddleboard, sunrise or aerial yoga, tai chi and

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MedStar St. Mary's Hospital is the first healthcare facility in the Southern Maryland area to be recognized by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a quality program administered by the American College of Surgeons.

"We are extremely proud of our team for achieving this accreditation," said Stephen Michaels, MD, chief operating officer, and chief medical officer of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. "Those in our community seeking diagnosis or treatment of breast disease can have confidence in our commitment to providing the best resources and care available to help them during all stages of their journey."

To earn the designation, a breast center must meet rigorous NAPBC standards demonstrated through a site visit every three years. NAPBC centers must provide patients with:

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In addition to the NAPBC accreditation, MedStar St. Mary's has also been named a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence (BiCoE) by the American College of Radiology and carries accreditations for two digital mammography units, the stereotactic biopsy unit, ultrasonography, and MRI. Additionally, the Cancer Care & Infusion Services department recently joined the MedStar Georgetown Cancer Institute enhancing collaboration with renowned oncology specialists while increasing access to the latest therapies, research, and clinical trials for patients.

"We want every patient who comes through our doors to feel confident that our breast health program offers the latest technology and treatments administered by a caring and knowledgeable team of experts," said Dr. Michaels. "Our goal is to give every patient the individualized care and attention that leads to the best outcomes for every patient."

Press Release from MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

St. Mary's Man Wins \$20k At Burchmart



Charles Rogers of St. Mary's County had himself a good laugh after a recent Maryland Lottery instant ticket purchase. The 72-year-old scratch-off enthusiast learned of the newly released \$1,000 Loaded ticket just moments before purchasing it.

There may have been more intrigue than expectation from Rogers as he scratched the new ticket. But when he realized it was a \$20,000 winner, he said he "went nuts."

Rogers visited Hollywood Burchmart, located at 24686 Three Notch Road in Hollywood, which is where he frequently goes to buy his scratch-off tickets. After realizing his new-found for-

tune, he immediately called his wife to share the great news.

"You got to be kidding," she happily replied.

When asked if he had any plans for his winnings, Rogers said he and his wife are glad to be able to pay off debt. He has also worked as a custodian for 19 years and said he hopes the prize will bring retirement a bit faster.

The \$1,000 Loaded instant ticket launched on May 24, 2021. There are still seven \$100,000 top prizes that remain unclaimed on the \$10 ticket along with seven more \$20,000 prizes, 21 \$10,000 prizes, and thousands of additional of prizes ranging from \$10 to \$1,000.

Quilts of Valor Awarded



On Saturday, June 19th, PAX Sound of Freedom awarded seven Quilts of Valor to local veterans at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park. Pictured, (l to r): Doug Ferme (Navy - 20 years); Bill Boufford (Navy - 30 year); Barry Glenn Madden (Air Force - 30 years); Thomas Crowley (Army - 6 years); Louis Dunn III (Army - 2 years); John Harwood (Navy - 20 years); and Ron Baker (Navy - 25 years). If you have any questions regarding Quilts of Valor, or would like to participate in the group's activities, please contact Sylvia Lague at (941) 705-0094.




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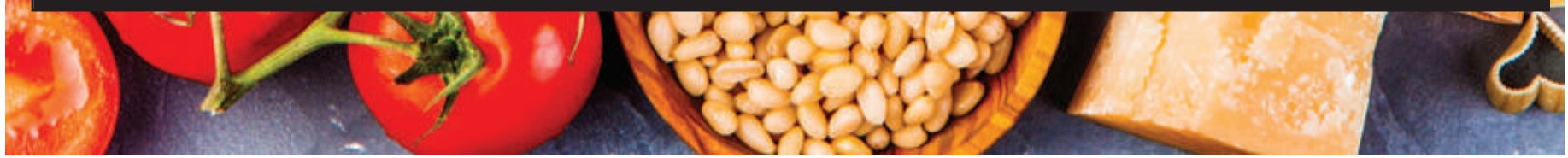
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County Hiring Its Own Full, Part-Time EMS Help



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The contractor who has been providing paid supplemental emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics since October of last year will no longer be employed by the county, director of the Department of Emergency Services Steve Walker, said this week.

The contractor had been providing roughly half of what the county rescue squad leadership had estimated it needed – 16 additional EMTs – to provide adequate ambulance coverage.

The contract concluded June 30.

Walker said the county now intended to use certain reserve funds to hire the EMTs and paramedics it needed.

“He’s not going to provide service for the county,” Walker said of the owner of Chesapeake Medical Transportation Services, Donnie DeGraves, based in Waldorf. “We’re going to move into our own services.”

“We’re going to hire EMT’s and paramedics and we’re going to provide services.”

The county’s recently approved budget had enough funding set aside for hiring only 16 EMTs and 4 paramedics but \$3 million still existed outside of the county’s operating budget vested in the emergency services department to be used to pay for the extra medical staff needed, Walker said.

As of June 28, the county has hired 16 EMTs who will run calls on a full-time basis, Walker said, with pre-approved budget funding. The supplemental dollars will go to hire 17 hourly EMTs working on a part-time basis.

“It’s likely we’ll hire more hourly employees to cover all the [stations,]” Walker said.

The county now has one more EMT than rescue squad leadership had asked for but, Walker said, additional hourly employees would be needed to ensure that schedules, which could often vary from squad to squad, were properly staffed.

“There are varying schedules based on the needs of each rescue

squad,” Walker said.

Walker said DeGraves had informed the county that he no longer wanted to pursue providing EMTs to the county past the June 30 conclusion date, but wanted to continue providing paramedics.

His bid to provide services did not move forward, county sources said.

The county has already used reserve funding to hire six additional paramedics to supplement the four already hired with funds from the county’s operating budget, Walker said, and the county will interview more candidates for more paramedic positions.

Shawn Davidson, the county’s rescue services chief, was confident in the county’s efforts.

“Our volunteer departments have been in regular communication with [the Department of Emergency Services] and we do not expect to see any significant problems,” Davidson said. “July may feel a little rocky, because it’s a new program, but I am confident in our ability to maintain and improve coverage.”

By July 1 the county will have sufficient emergency medical staffing, Walker said, with the EMS billing program beginning officially.

Patients who call for an ambulance and are transported to a medical facility will receive a bill but the actual payment will come from their health insurance provider, Walker said.

Whatever portion of the bill the insurance provider pays, is what the county will accept, he said. The patient will not be billed.

“This is soft billing,” Walker said, who has said previously that indigent patients would likewise not be billed.

Patients’ insurance providers would only be billed if patients were transported, Walker said. If they were treated on scene, there would be no cost to them.

“We don’t want people afraid to call 911,” Walker said.

County officials will use the new emergency billing system to defray the costs of hiring paid medical professionals but it is un-



known if the revenue collected will be enough to entirely fund the effort.

Walker said the \$3 million in reserve funding used to hire the additional EMTs and paramedics should be sufficient for some months, but his department will have a better projection of just how long in the next 30 days.

The county’s initial estimates earlier this year showed it would take about \$2 million to provide enough EMS coverage to the county for a year.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said he was confident that the county’s foray into hiring more paid emergency medical staff would provide dividends.

“This has been an issue for five or six years,” Morgan told The County Times. “Once COVID-19 hit it reached critical mass.”

Rescue squads around the county had struggled to attract enough volunteers, especially to staff ambulance crews during daytime hours, for years prior to the pandemic.

Once the virus hit St. Mary’s, many of the most dedicated volunteers, often times older residents, had to stop running calls for fear they would contract the deadly

disease.

Those who are elderly or with co-morbidities are at greatest risk of harm if they contract COVID-19.

Morgan said commissioners have spent the last year watching the transition to using paid supplemental staff unfold; sometimes it was a contentious process.

Some in the volunteer services feared that they would be completely supplanted eventually by paid staff and the county would take over what had always been an effort run by concerned residents in private organizations.

“It’s gone back and forth like a ping pong ball,” Morgan said. “We don’t want to lose our volunteers but the stress on our volunteer force is critical now.”

Commissioners and emergency management officials had speculated during the pandemic that volunteers might return to rescue squads in greater numbers once the virus had been suppressed through vaccination efforts, but that may be a long time in coming.

“I think we’re going to have paid medical assistance for the long run,” Morgan said. “But how much we’ll need I don’t know.”

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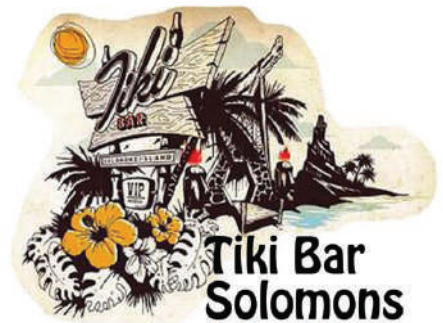
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Equity Needs Assessment Under Way

St. Mary's County Public Schools will be conducting an Educational Equity Needs Assessment during the next several weeks. Insight Education Group from Encino, California will be conducting the Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment will include surveys, virtual focus groups, and a document review of policies, regulations, and practices.

Soon, parents and secondary students will be receiving an electronic survey that will ask them a brief series of questions. The intent of the survey is to gather input directly from families of our students about their experiences and perspectives.

Virtual focus groups will be conducted with parents and students. These focus groups will span all geographic areas and school zones in the county and will provide input opportunities

for elementary, middle, and high school families. In addition, focus groups will be conducted with stakeholder groups. Every effort is being made to secure a cross section of stakeholder representation to ensure that all voices are heard.

Stakeholder groups will receive an invitation to participate in the coming weeks.

St. Mary's County Public Schools is committed to addressing equity in our schools and specifically listening to the valuable insights of our families and stakeholders.

For more information, please contact Adrienne Dillahunt, Education Equity Assurance Coordinator, at 301-475-5511, ext. 32131 or by email at amdillahunt@smcps.org.

Press Release from SMCPS.

St. Mary's College Partners with CSM for Marine Science

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

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

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

to promote timely graduation.

Interested students should apply to the St. Mary's College Office of Admission at least six months prior to the start of the semester they wish to transfer. These agreements are also available to part-time students.

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

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

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

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

Chesterton Academy of St Mary's to Open in Charlotte Hall

The Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's announces that it will open this Fall at 29530 Charlotte Hall Road just across from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and the Dent Memorial Chapel. The building, constructed in 2019, is owned by St. Anne's Anglican Catholic Church with classrooms and assembly areas well-suited for education.

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's is a classical high school in the Catholic tradition. Founded by parents in St. Mary's County; it will open for students in grades nine and 10 with grades 11 and 12 to be added next year.

"This is a wonderful place to open our high school," said Andrew Pudysz, headmaster of the academy. "We are especially grateful for the warm and enthusiastic reception shown us by the clergy and parishioners of St. Anne's Anglican Catholic Church. Because of their generosity, we have an ideal location to serve

students and their families living in St. Mary's County as well as in Charles and Calvert Counties."

The school, which operates through the auspices of the Chesterton Schools Network, joins 27 Chesterton Academies already operating across the US and Canada and is one of 14 scheduled to open in 2021.

"We are really delighted to welcome the faculty, staff, and especially the students to our facility," said Bishop William McClean, Rector of St. Anne's. "Our parish understands the value of a classical education, particular one that is deeply infused with faithful Christian teaching and morals."

An information session about the Chesterton Academy for St. Anne's parishioners and for interested parents and the public will be held Sunday, July 11th at 11:30 a.m. at the school.

Press Release from Chesterton Academy.

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Solomons Dragon Boat Races Returning

By Dick Myers
Editor

After a pandemic hiatus last year, the Solomons Dragon Boat Festival will be returning for a fifth year on Saturday, August 21.

The Solomons Dragon Boat Festival is a fun, family-oriented event featuring 30 teams of paddlers competing for glory on the Patuxent River!

Spectators can look forward to a full day of dragon boat races complete with a team village, entertainment, caricature artists, children's activities, vendor village, food trucks and awards ceremony.

Throughout the week leading up to the event, you can participate in a traditional "Dotting of the Eye" Ceremony, practice sessions, and a Flash Mob.

The event is Southern Maryland Community Resources' (SMCR) biggest fundraiser each year. They are actively looking for sponsors, team registrations, vendors, and volunteers.

The 2021 teams so far are:

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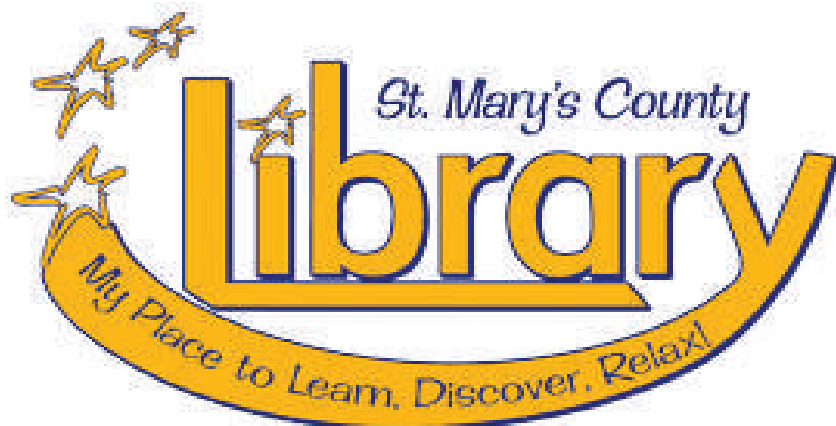
Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc. (SMCR) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that helps to bridge the gap for individuals with developmental differences in our community.

According to their mission statement: "SMCR promotes the inclusion of persons with developmental differences into the life of our community. We advocate for individuals with special needs, to recognize the inherent dignity that is theirs because they are members of our one human family. We promote social recreational and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential."

"We provide monthly programs to provide our members with social and recreational opportunities in order to enrich their lives. Members enjoy our programs at no-to-little cost through our partnerships with businesses and organizations throughout the community."

For more information about the Dragon Boat Festival, go to www.solomonsdragonboatfestival.com and the event facebook page at www.facebook.com/smcdragonboatfestival

dickmyers@countytimes.net



Meet the Author and LIVE Concerts! – Summer Reading Kickoff!

We're ready for Summer Reading! Pre-register for the St. Mary's County Library Summer Reading challenge (June 19 – August 14) on www.stmalib.org. Earn a free glow-in-the-dark t-shirt and be entered to win gift cards by reading, attending Library programs, and other fun activities. Join us for one of our kick off events: Christina Baker Kline, #1 New York Times bestselling author of eight novels, virtual author event on Monday, June 21 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Mr. Jon Live in-person outdoor concerts. Mr. Jon will hold four concerts, two (10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.) on Friday, June 25 and two (10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.) on Saturday, June 26. Register for all events on www.stmalib.org to reserve your space.

International Children's Literature Book Club

Join us LIVE for the first meeting of the International Children's Book Club for preschool and lower elementary children on Monday, June 28 from 3 - 4p.m. Join

in the enjoyment of learning about and reading children's literature from other countries. This month we will be visiting Canada and China! Each month we will highlight literature originally published and/or originating from other countries and, if applicable, translated to English. This month's amazing read (with a surprise twist) is Norman, Speak! by Canadian author, Caroline Adderson and illustrated by Chinese Canadian author/illustrator, Qin Leng. Gather a copy of one of your favorites from another country or culture and share it with others. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

Southern Maryland, 2000 BC: A Maryland Archaeology Program with Dr. James Gibb

This illustrated talk examines what we have learned about Southern Maryland from the vantage of Mattawoman Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River between Charles and Prince George's County. Join us on Monday, June 28 from 7 – 8



p.m. For more than a century, archaeologists have explored a poorly understood period in the Chesapeake region's past, an era for which neither oral history nor written chronicles survive. Only those discarded items of everyday life that have survived decomposition over the millennia (mostly stone tools and the waste created in their manufacture) survive. With these items, archaeologists can test ideas about how we think Native Americans lived and how they interacted with their environs. Register on www.stmalib.org with an email address to receive a link to join the online event.

Bold and Fierce Modern Cross Stitch

Express yourself! Join us as we cross-stitch and discuss Stephanie Rohr's book, "Feminist Cross-Stitch: 40 Bold and Fierce Patterns" on Tuesday, June 29 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Pattern and kit supplied. All skill levels. From samplers to elaborate landscapes, cross-stitch has been passed down for ages, primarily by women. Cross-stitch can be used to commemorate events or decorate the

home, but many are picking up cross-stitch for relaxation and expression. Let's cross-stitch together and talk about how women are reclaiming this art as a means of fierce, and sometimes snarky, self-expression. Register on www.stmalib.org. Registrants will receive a zoom link for the program. Check out Feminist Cross Stitch: 40 Bold and Fierce Patterns

Tie Dye Block Party

It's hip. It's happening. It's a tie-dye block party. Join us and make your very own groovy garment Friday, July 2 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ages 8 to 18. Each appointment is for one participant. The Library will supply 1 cotton bandana per person to tie-dye, but you are welcome to bring 1 additional item (tee, bag, hat, etc.) if you'd like. You will have 20 minutes to complete your tie-dye project. Each appointment is for one participant. This program will be taking place outdoors. Wear something you won't mind getting messy. Register on www.stmalib.org.

SHARKFEST Returns to Calvert Marine Museum



SHARKFEST returns to the Calvert Marine Museum on Saturday, July 10 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Celebrate the ultimate apex predator of the marine world during one of the museum’s most popular events. Regular museum admission applies; CMM members are FREE. Space is limited, advance ticket purchase is recommended. Complimentary museum passes will not be honored and strollers are not allowed in the museum for SHARKFEST.

Sharks are one of the world’s most riveting creatures and SHARKFEST is a chance to learn more about them. Live sharks will be featured in the Corbin Pavilion for viewing. The museum and grounds will be full of opportunities to explore the diversity of sharks and their remarkable history on planet Earth. Learn fascinating ‘sharktooids’, examine evidence of prehistoric sharks, and take a picture with the life-size jaws of a Megalodon shark or in a real shark cage. Viewings of shark documentaries will take place in the Harms Gallery throughout the day. Take home a shark themed

craft kit to continue the fun.

Shop early in the museum store for shark shirts for adults and children, while supplies last. The store will be stocked with shark-themed mementos including toys and books. Museum members save 10 percent off in the store every day. Dan D’s Concessions and Rita’s Ice will be on site with food and drinks for sale. For more information, visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a timed entry system. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$7 for seniors, military with valid I.D., AAA and AARP members; \$4 for children ages 5 - 12; children under 5 and museum members are admitted free. For more information about the museum, or to make a reservation for your next visit, please go to our website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Press Release from CMM.

The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

It doesn’t get much better than this! We have Cobia in the bay, Spot and Rockfish in the rivers, plenty of Speckled Trout, and White Perch galore.

The cobia were centered around Smith Point Light last Friday. In the calm and cool of that day, it was not uncommon for chummers and chunkers to raise a half dozen big fish. Then Saturday kicked up with stormy weather and the fishing became much more difficult. There were cobia catches made all week using live eels, chunked alewife, and chum. Trollers are getting some too. Weather and tide are the limiting factors. Good days are off the hook.

Spot have taken over the mouth of the Patuxent. The spot are everywhere mixed with perch. The only problem is size which range from small to medium. These tasty critters grow fast and will be acceptable table fare soon.

Bait is a problem. There are not enough bloodworms coming out of Maine, but shipments have improved the past few days. The tides must be approaching normal finally, as size and quantity are getting better. The new imported Lugworms are a good substitute and are sold by weight so that a package produces a good amount of bait consistently instead of the hit or miss dozen of bloods.

Rockfish are hitting top water lures at the Power Plant above Cove Point. The rocks along the shoreline are loaded on the right tide and sun angle. Rockfish are on the bars and beaches in the Potomac



just below the 301 Bridge. You have to fish on the edge of dark or at daybreak if you want success. The same goes for the Patuxent. Trollers are finding them in 25 to 40 feet of water on the bottom with small white bucktails.

Speckled trout are on the western and eastern shore for lure casters using bucktails, jigs or even swimming plugs. One has to get the tides right and know where and when to throw that lure.

We are awaiting spanish mackerel and bluefish.

Snakeheads are in the upper regions of rivers in creeks at the edge of the grass. Artificial frogs and big Mepp’s spinners with curly tail grubs are what they will eat.

Big bass await lures in the lakes and ponds. There are plenty of crappie (who will bite all day). Pickerel and bluegill eat at dawn and dusk.

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Remembering Redskin Ron Saul

Charter 'Hog' Had Deep Area Roots

By Dave "Spiggy" Spigler
Contributing Writer

Sadly, "Redskin Nation" lost another beloved member of our football team with the passing of fan favorite Ron Saul, jersey #64 and an original member of the famed offensive line "The Hogs." Ron was an offensive guard on the biggest offensive line in the National Football League during the 1970s and early 1980s.

These players averaged 280 pounds each and were directly responsible for the three Super Bowl championships won by the team during the "Glory Days" of the organization. Led by the likes of Joe Jacoby, Russ Grimm, Mark May, George Starks, Jeff Bostic and others, this group of behemoths named "The Hogs" by offensive Coach Joe Bugel protected Quarterbacks Joe Theismann and Billy Kilmer, while opening holes that sprung the "Diesel" John Riggins to many winning touchdowns under Coach Joe Gibbs.

Ron said his proudest football achievements were being selected to the Pro Bowl in 1979 and winning the Superbowl in 1982!

Although Ron was only slightly older than most of these teammates, they named him "Grandpa Hog." He was super tough and gritty and loved to get down in the mud to prevent opposing teams from crossing the line and getting into the back field. He was a grizzled veteran of twelve years in the NFL, first with the Houston Oilers in 1970 where he was drafted in the fifth round and after six great years there, he was traded to the Redskins to play for George Allen who had admired his abilities for years. Coach Allen had coached Ron's twin brother Rich Saul during his stint with the Los Angeles Rams. The Saul twins had made a name for themselves at Michigan State and were a major reason for their team's National #2 ranking in 1969! Both were later named college "Academic All Americans," the first twin brother duo to make it together! Their older brother Bill also played in the NFL for nine years mostly for the Pittsburgh Steelers and then as a teammate of Johnny Unitas and the Baltimore Colts. The three Saul brothers are thought to be the only family trio to ever have played professional football at the same time.

Ron had deep roots here in Southern Maryland and often played with several teammates in the annual "Spiggy & Friends Children's Hospital Charity Golf Tournaments" at the Chesapeake Hills Golf Course in Lusby. It was during one of these tournaments Ron mistakenly got into the wrong golf cart assigned to another Redskin Ron "The Dancin' Bear" McDole. Already sitting in the cart was a young Lexington Park golfer named Robin Robison,



an employee for a local defense contractor at Pax River who was invited by fellow employees to play in this charity fund raiser. And just like the movies, this accidental pairing led to a fond relationship that resulted in their wedding several years later in October 2016 in Hedgesville, West Virginia.

While they were dating, they continued to play in this annual tournament and Robin would sing the National Anthem prior to the start of play. She was often invited to sing at large NFL player dinners that she and her husband were often invited to as well.

A very outgoing and humorous speaker, Ron was asked to speak at many testimonials, award presentations, and any number of fund raisers or sporting events. A few years ago, Ron was invited to the St. Mary's Judicial Review Board Annual Dinner held at Piney Point. This group of county judges and lawyers come together each year to break bread and invite a celebrity to be the evening entertainment. Ron was a hit with this crowd that included many fans of other football teams besides the Redskins. Ron interlaced his remarks with little anecdotal stories about his teammates "Riggo," Dexter Manley, Joe Thiesmann, Coach Allen, and Coach Gibbs to name a few. He told of the days when Riggo would hide a case of cold beer just off the practice field in an equipment shack out of sight of Coach Gibbs for the Hogs to have a "cold one" following a long practice! This group became known as the secretive "Five O'Clock Club" but once word leaked out about its existence, the Coach tried to "reel" it in! He liked to tell stories about

Coach Gibbs and often talked of the time at old RFK Stadium where the fans would stand and scream while making the seating section shake yelling "We want Saul! We want Saul!" Finally, Coach Gibbs would call Ron over to his side as he anxiously put on his helmet and say, "Yeah Coach!?" Gibbs would then respond, "Saul go over there and see what they want!"

At the end of his talk, Ron would ask the crowd if they had any questions and Judge Stamm, the senior Judge in St. Mary's County at the time raised his hand while showing off his New York Giants tie and asked, "Why did people refer to Ron as the Judge?" Ron's immediate answer was, "Your Honor, it's because I sit on the bench!" The crowd had a big laugh!

He also loved to tell stories involving the legendary stunts "Riggo" has been known to pull off. One of the more popular tales concerns the time "the Diesel" was driving home in his special "John Riggins" Chevy personalized pickup truck and was stopped by two Virginia State Police for being too quick to want to get home to dinner! Approaching the truck, the Sergeant said, "Mr. Riggins we need to ask you for your license" and just then there was a terrible accident on the other side of the median of the highway. The officers said they need to run over there to see what happened and said to Riggo "your truck better be here when we come back!"

And sure enough once they were done, they crossed the road and Riggo's truck was still there, but their police car had vanished! They had John's license and they knew his address, so

they drove his truck to his home and knocked on the door. While waiting for an answer, the younger officer said to the Sergeant, "Sir, what will it look like when we tell the Chief Riggins stole our car?" When Mrs. Riggins answered the door, they just decided to just give her John's keys and left without pressing charges!!! The crowd roared with laughter!

Ron and Robin would dine in local restaurants and were often recognized by diners who would come up and ask for an autograph or a photo. He loved to let children wear his Superbowl Ring for the photo. He was fond of young fans and never denied a child an opportunity to shake his hand. Again, he was a crowd pleaser and enjoyed being in the public spotlight unlike many of his other famous teammates! He was loved by all that knew him, and he will be truly missed.

His mother-in-law still lives in Calvert County. Robin lost her father a few years ago. His funeral was held at St. George's Parish in Valley Lee. Her dad was a celebrity in his own right having written songs for Lloyd Price in the 1950's and as a member of the Charlie Daniels Band. Charlie sent a large 5 foot pray of white roses, the largest arrangement most folks have ever seen.

In retirement, Ron and Robin became heavily involved with many charity activities. They were truly devoted to each other in everything. Ron was seventy-three. His services will be held in West Virginia in July with many of his former teammates present. I am truly grateful to Robin for her help in preparing Ron's story.

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, July 1

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

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

Ongoing

Blackstone Grill Raffle

To benefit 7th District VFD Auxiliary Range Top Combo with Griddle, Two-Burner Stovetop & Fryer A basket full of Cooking Essentials included. Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Raffle: July 2, 2021 Contact: Barbara Sue at 301-769-2654

AmazonSmile Charity

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

Yoga Classes

\$100 per class. All classes will meet at Leonard Hall Rec Center. Register at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate.

Classes are:

- Yoga Basics - ages 10 and up
6/23 - 8/11; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Vinyasa Flow Yoga - ages 16 and up
6/24 - 8/12; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Gentle Yoga - ages 10 and up
6/21 - 8/23; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 6/26 - 8/21; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Restorative Yin Yoga - ages 10 and up
6/22 - 8/10; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Tween Yoga and Mindfulness - ages 9 to 13

6/25 - 8/20; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

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

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

46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)

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

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

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown

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

Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free

No doctor's order needed

Free of Charge (no out-of-pocket

cost, co-payment, co-insurance, etc.)

Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible - Uninsured community members are welcome and will not be charged

Upcoming

Co-Ed Match Play Tournament

Wicomico Shores Golf Course;

July 12

Participants play when they choose and turn in score cards

Ages 15 and up

Bracket format

Lowest handicap plays highest handicap

Single elimination

\$25 entry fee

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

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000004

v.

MD INVESTMENTS
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

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

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000007

v.

HOPPING HARVEY C HOPPING KATHLEEN R
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

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

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000005

v.

BRINTZENHOFE RICHARD A SUZANNE J
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

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

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

KNM INVESTMENTS
Plaintiff

Case No:C18CV21000006

v.

James and Mary Parrish
Defendant(s)

Order of Publication

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF DESTINY BRIELLE MILES
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO DESTINY BRIELLE WEIR
BY AND THROUGH THEIR MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN
DELONTE B. WEIR

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-000429

Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from DESTINY BRIELLE MILES to DESTINY BRIELLE WEIR. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Petitioner is the biological father of the minor and wishes that child to have his surname.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 07/30/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building, Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Room, 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland, to consider modifying the LOSAP point accrual process for 2021.

Public Hearings are now open to the public. The public may also view the hearing remotely on SMCG Channel 95 and on the St. Mary's County Government YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcDK2_siSdnSnxDKWWtU-7JQ

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via:

- Written Comments via Email: csmc@stmarysmd.com
- Mail: PO Box 653, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650
- Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1234 to speak via telephone during the public hearing
- Submit a 3-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com no later than 5 pm July 20, 2021.

Citizens may listen to the Public Hearing by calling 301-579-7236; Access code: 963443#

All submission will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or seven (7) days following the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing guidelines are subject to change.

Appropriate accommodations for individual with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact the County Commissioners Office at 301-475-4200. Ext. 1340. Proceedings are televised live and/or recorded for later broadcast on television. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act. Photographic and electronic audio and visual broadcasting and recording devices are use during the Commissioners' meetings. These are public meetings and attendance at these meetings automatically grants St. Mary's County Government permission to broadcast your audio and visual image.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day



The St. Andrew's Landfill will host the Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. The event will take place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

This program allows residents to clean out their barns, basements, sheds, garages, storage areas under kitchen sinks, and take advantage of the opportunity to discard potentially toxic/dangerous materials properly.

Hazardous waste items which will be accepted for collection include Acids, Ammonia, Bleach, Cleaners, Fuels, Gas/Oil Mixtures, Gasoline, Household and Lawn Pesticides, Mercury Thermometers, Photography Chemicals, Pool Chemicals, Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Paint Thinners and Alkyd

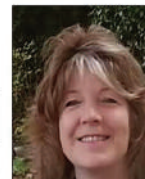
(oil-based) Paint. Since Latex Paint is not considered hazardous, it can be disposed of with your regular trash collection as long as the mixture is hardened by adding absorbents (cat litter, sand, sawdust or paint drying crystals) before disposal. If, however, you are unable to do so, Latex Paint will also be accepted.

Items that will not be accepted include Ammunition, Asbestos, Explosive Materials, Medical Waste, Pharmaceuticals, Radioactive Materials and Picric Acid.

For more information, please contact the St. Mary's Department of Public Works and Transportation at 301-475-4200 ext. 3517. You can also log on to our website at www.co.saint-marys.md.us/dpw/recycling-solid-waste/.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



LOVE MY SHABBY CHIC



I am so excited; we now have an updated bedroom. All three pieces of the Scarlett soft white Shabby Chic dressers and chest were delivered in the last few days. Our days of 1980's waterbed chic are finally done. We haven't had the actual waterbed mattress for 18 years, but the frame and furniture remained from the days before I came into my husband's life. So many things got in the way over the last 20 years of finally working on the bedroom. Our new headboard, bed frame, and mattress are the only things we are still waiting to have delivered, and hopefully that will be within the next week and a half. The mattress isn't expected until mid-July (maybe they haven't completely unloaded that cargo ship that got stuck in the Suez Canal this past March). The bedroom looks so much bigger with the white furniture, the lighter wall paint and flooring. I feel so modern and trendy. And I don't care if farmhouse/shabby chic goes out of style, I love it, and this will be our furniture until the end of our days.

Now my husband will have a place for all his many t-shirts, shorts, and other clothes. I think I told you about all the Khaki shorts he found out he had when we emptied out the bedroom; he truly had no idea. I am still trying to figure out if there will be a space in any of the drawers for my things. Yes, hard to believe, but the three new pieces are pretty much all for his clothes. So far, I am still stacking anything other than hang ups in our extra room next to the bedroom. Though, I will probably use the 100 year old dresser that was in our bedroom for awhile for my stuff. Hopefully, I can use all or part of one of the new pieces.

We did run into one technical problem, the tall chest that was supposed to go into the bedroom closet with my husband reconfiguring the clothing rods on either side around it, was found to be just too big. Right now, it is sitting in front of the door to our

deck off the bedroom. We measured the chest and closet all beforehand, and it will fit, but it will really make it hard to have room for his hang-ups. This may turn out to be a great thing for me. Somehow, I am going to convince my husband that the tall chest is going to look really bad in that closet, and it would be much better suited to the extra room. Tee, he, he, then I can commandeer it for my clothes. We had been looking at the lingerie chest for a while, which I think will fit better next to the large, mirrored dresser in our bedroom anyway. Time to start convincing.

And it did take a good while to convince my husband of getting our shabby chic coffee and end tables, but once he saw them in our living room making the space feel more open and larger he was on board. Furniture which is already distressed holds up much better to bumps, scrapes, and lots of grandkids than highly polished furniture finished pieces.

I think our next logical project will be shabby chic'ing the kitchen cabinets. I have been hoping that we might one day install new cabinets that reach the ceiling to store a few of the items that now stay on shelves down in the laundry room. It would be so nice to have all our pieces for entertaining right in the kitchen. Maybe next year we will tackle this since we try to do one big house project every year or so.

Another good thing coming out of this bedroom re-do is that my husband is taking the time to weed out his clothes before filling up all the new dresser drawers, so there is still hope for me to have a drawer or two. Hey, I am just happy and feeling fortunate to have this beautiful new bedroom set. I keep staring at it every chance I get. Okay, on to the next project!!!

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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In Remembrance

William "Bill" Earl Jones



William "Bill" Earl Jones, Sr., 92, of Hollywood, MD passed away on June 24, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. He was born on March

13, 1929 in Baltimore, MD and was the son of the late Alberta Russell Jones and William Lester Jones. After his parents' death at six years old, he came to live with and was raised by Bernadine and Lawrence Raley in 1935. Bill was the loving husband of the late Maude E. Jones, whom he married on April 18, 1952 in St. John's Catholic Church, and who preceded him in death on August 3, 2003. Bill is survived by his children William E. Jones, Jr. of Hollywood, MD, Elizabeth A. Schmidt (Jerry) of Brighton, TN, and Nikki A. Trossbach (Sonny) of Dameron, MD, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his children Leonard R. Jones and

Patricia D. Jones, as well as his siblings Alice B. Cutlip, Joseph L. Jones, and Mary L. Franco.

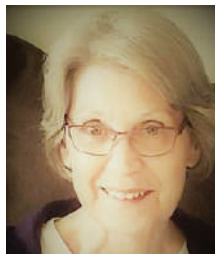
He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in 1948. Bill was a Federal Police Officer at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, retiring on March 31, 1991. Furthermore, throughout his life he farmed, was a Park Ranger at Point Lookout State Park, worked security at PEPCO Power Plant, and drove a school bus.

In 1956, Bill was a founding charter member of the Hollywood Vol. Fire Department in Hollywood, MD for 64 years. He enjoyed fishing, playing pitch, traveling, farming, and spending time with his family.

Condolences to the family can be made at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Contributions may be made to the Hollywood Vol. Fire Department at P.O. Box 7, Hollywood, MD 20636.

Katherine Louise Burton



Katherine Louise Burton, 76, of Great Mills, MD, passed away on June 20, 2021 at home.

Born on April 19, 1945 in La Plata, MD, she was the daughter of the late James R. Pilkerton and Helen Pilkerton, Port Tobacco, MD.

Louise worked at Robert Hall Clothes in White Plains, MD for many years before becoming a stay-at-home grandmother caring for her grandson and other children of friends before retiring and spending the rest of her years with her best friend and soul mate, her husband Gary until his recent passing. Gary was her everything!

Louise loved her family and the time she spent surrounded by them. She loved to be outside feeding and watching her birds and deer in the backyard, listening to country music, and dancing.

Louise is survived by her daughter, Theresa L. Bonner (Bill), California, MD, her grandson, Christopher M. Sherman (Shayna), and great granddaughter, Hailey Jean Sherman, Mechanicsville, MD.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Gary Gene Burton, her father James R. Pilkerton, mother Helen Pilkerton, Port Tobacco, MD, brothers Thomas R. Pilkerton, Port Tobacco, MD, Kenneth M. Pilkerton, La Plata, MD, her father-in-law, Robert B. Burton and mother-in-law Hazel M. Burton, Bel Alton, MD.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Katherine Burton to Lexington Park Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 339 Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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Frances Arleen "Frankie" Gass



Frances Arleen "Frankie" Gass, 78, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on June 2, 2021 with her family by her side. Born

January 2, 1943 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Paul Benjamin Wise and Mable Virginia Holt Wise.

Frankie was the loving wife of Robert Merrill Gass, Sr., whom she married on January 2, 1959 in St. Joseph's Church, Morganza, MD.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children Robert "Robby" Gass, Jr. of Hollywood, MD, Donald "Tony" (Bridget) Gass of Bryantown, MD, Donna (Mike) Childers of Clements, MD, Brenda (Paul) Clements of California, MD, and Brian Patrick Gass of Hollywood, MD, as well as her siblings Mary Ann Turner of Mechanicsville, MD, Shirley K. Miedzinski of Hollywood, MD, Joan Gayle Nelson of Mechanicsville, MD, John D. Wise of Avenue, MD, 16 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings Paul Benjamin Wise, Jr., Thomas C. Wise, and Debra A. Johnson.

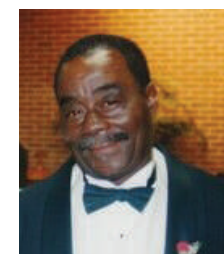
She was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD, and attended Margaret Brent High School. Frankie was a Custodial Supervisor for the U.S. Capital for 23 years, retiring in 1998.

Frankie enjoyed bingo, crocheting, vacations with her sisters, and being a grandma. She also enjoyed her family and friends.

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Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's at P.O. Box 25, Leonardtown, MD 20650, and A.C.T.S at P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618.

James Francis Clinton Jr.



James Francis Clinton Jr., 80 of California, MD affectionately known as "Bubbe," slipped away peacefully into the arms

of Jesus on Saturday, June 26, 2021. He was born December 17, 1940 to the late James Alfred and Dorothy Marie Clinton and was the second of 7 siblings. He attended St. Peters Claver Elementary School and Jarboesville Elementary (now known as Carver Elementary).

He entered the workforce at an early age where he worked on lo-



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cal farms and as a self-employed janitor until he obtained a position as a Stock Clerk at the Commissary aboard the Naval Air Station (NAS), Patuxent River, MD. He went on to farther his career as a truck driver for more than 30 years with numerous asphalt companies.

He was a fun-loving son, brother, father, godfather, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. James lived life to the fullest and he loved his family. He loved lights, i.e. Christmas lights and decorative lights on his vehicles. In his earlier years, you would always see the lights on his cars a mile away and know that it was him. He loved to watch western movies and cartoons, but most of all he cherished spending time with his family and taking long car rides in his Mustang with no destination.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory 5 children, Terry Francis Clinton of Lexington Park, MD, Debbie Ann Short (George) of Oxon Hill, MD, Carolyn Marie Jackson (Joseph Lee) of California, MD, Francis Tyrone Clinton of Fredericksburg, VA and Vernon Carnell Gough of Lexington Park, MD; 16 grandchildren, Wayne, Jr., Jermaine Alexander (Megan), Crystal, Jermaine Joseph, Dewitt, Darrell, Shantese, Tyrone Jr., Nykema, Tyrese, Shakya, Ronnie, Alessia, Malika and Ti'onna and 20 great grandchildren; 5 siblings, Bernice Carter of Raleigh, NC, Lillian Powers of Sanford, NC, Dana Miles (Howard) of Odenton, MD, Delores Clinton of Williamsburg, VA and Robin Miles of Raleigh, NC; 2 godchildren Philip Fenwick (Allison) and Phyllis M. Stevens (William -deceased) of Great Mills, MD and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother William "Billy" Clinton and 2 sons Wayne Anthony Clinton, Sr. and Joseph Marvin Clinton.

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Richard Warren Wilkinson, Sr.



Richard Warren Wilkinson, Sr., 62, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 20, 2021 at his home with his

loving family at his side.

He was born on January 23, 1959 in Washington, D.C. to the late George Carl Wilkinson, Sr. and Doris Bryan Wilkinson.

Richard was raised on the water until he moved to West Virginia with his family and they lived on a farm and he enjoyed taking care of all the animals. He was employed for many years as a Press Operator for Specialties Book Bindery Company. He was mechanically inclined and could fix most engines and loved working on go-carts. He grew bountiful gardens and enjoyed hosting family cookouts and summer parties. He was a delicious cook, grill master, and baker. He made delicious brownies. He enjoyed being outside, especially on the water, boating and crabbing. He and his companion enjoyed taking cruises, especially to the Bahamas. Family was his pride and joy and he especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Crystal Wilkinson of Leonardtown, MD; his siblings: Bonnie Wilkinson, Charlie Wilkinson (Bonnie), Douglas Wilkinson, Michael Wilkinson, and James Wilkinson; his grandchildren: Jasmine Dixon, Joshua Dixon, Janelle Dixon, Reagan Wilkinson, and Archer Wilkinson. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his companion, Sandra Jean Griggs, his son, Richard Wilkinson, Jr. and his brothers, George Wilkinson, Jr. and Timothy Wilkinson.

Family will receive friends on Friday, July 2, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a Service celebrated at 7:00 p.m. by Reverend Joe Orlando, at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD. Interment will be private.

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

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Herbert Algernon Liverman, Jr.



Herbert Algernon Liverman, Jr. 88, of Mechanicsville Maryland, passed away June 20, 2021 in the comfort of his home.

He was born August 8, 1932 in Plymouth North Carolina to Herbert Liverman, Sr. and Leta Liverman (Tripp). Herbert was one (1) of two (2) children and he started school in 1938 and finished High School in 1951.

Not long after he graduated high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his country proud for 4 years before he was honorable discharged in 1955. He met the love of his life Cecily Liverman (Strickland) at a pub and together they spent many years of blissful marriage. The love Herbert had for Cecily had no bounds. It was rare to see one without the other and he treasured every moment with her right up until her passing on July 17, 2001.

Herbert's second marriage was to Mary Liverman (Winkelman), they met playing cards with friends and married on November 2, 2002. They were very happy with each other during this time. Mary passed away September 17, 2015.

Herbert was well known in the community. He worked in construction from 1957 to 2002 helping build and repair roadways and bridges and though his job he made many life-long friends though the years. Herbert moved to Maryland in 1972, purchased 30 acres in Mechanicsville and built his own house in 2002.

To know Herbert was to know a very kind and selfless, hard-working man with a heart of gold. When he wasn't spending time with his family, he could easily be found enjoying a nice cool breeze on a warm summers evening. Sitting with a fishing rod, line in the water, listening to the sound of waves and birds singing their songs. He started fishing with his Dad at the age of seven and stopped fishing at the rip age of

86. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed by everyone that had the pleasure of meeting him.

Farrah Mariani (Nurse/Caretaker/Friend) cared for Mary first and then Herbert, for the last eight years. Farrah provided comfort and support to them in their final days and was by Herbert's bedside when he passed.

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Michael Joseph Smith



Michael Joseph Smith, 70, of Mechanicsville Maryland, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones, Sunday, June 27, 2021. He

was born September 3, 1950 to Carper Smith and Adeline Dawson in Washington D.C. He was one (1) of six (6) children.

Michael enlisted with the United States Army in 1967 before he was honorably discharged in 1973 and did 2 tours in Vietnam. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1974 and served his country proud before being honorably discharged in 1976.

To know Michael is to know a hard-working man with a heart of gold. After the military he worked as a lineman for Pepco before retiring in 1998. He loved to spend most of his time with his children and grandchildren and loved them more than anything in this world, he would do anything for them. On a beautiful summer day,



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you could find him golfing with friends or crabbing with his family. Michael was very passionate about supporting his home town by cheering loud and proud for the Washington Football Team, the Washington Capitals and the Washington Nationals Baseball Team. He was loved by many friends and family and will be greatly missed.

Michael is survived by his sister Patricia Phillips of Chesapeake Beach, MD; his son Donald Brown, of Mechanicsville, MD; his daughter Melissa Barnes (Brown), of Waldorf, MD; his longtime partner Maryanne Martino of Spring Hill, FL; his nephews Joshua Phillips and Steven Phillips and his four (4) grandchildren Nevin Kenyon, Haleigh Brown, Sara Barnes, and Alexis Barnes.

The family will be having a Mass Gathering at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Saturday July 3, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Michael's honor to the American Legion, Post 259 at 9122 Piscataway Rd, Clinton, MD 20735.

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Joseph "Joe/Joe-Boy"

Lee Smith III



Joseph "Joe/Joe-Boy" Lee Smith III, 69 of Ridge, Maryland (formerly of North Carolina) passed away at home on Friday, June 25, 2021 af-

ter losing a long and courageous battle with COPD. He was born on October 6, 1951 in Washington, DC to the late Joseph Lee Smith, Jr. and Mamie Clara Winstead. From a very young age to his teens, a loving aunt and uncle, Lawrence and Christine Winstead of Dover, North Carolina, raised him.

In 1994, he moved to St. Mary's County, MD where he met the love of his life, Debbie, and they were married in 1998. They shared a beautiful life together for 27 years (through the good times and bad). He loved to be on the Chesapeake Bay cruising

in their classic Mako where he could be found on most weekends with family and friends. Whether it was fishing or meeting the grandkids on the beach, he loved life and he lived it to the fullest. He was excellent at barbecuing when it came to a "Pig Pickin'", slow-cooking a whole pig over hot coals all day or night long and all the "fixins" that came with it! In the last 10 years, Joe and Debbie learned to love cruising with family to the Caribbean with their last cruise in 2019. So many wonderful memories were made on those deep blue waters and unforgettable islands. Joe loved life and he loved all his family dearly whether they be in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia or numerous parts of the USA. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 255 in Ridge, MD of which he was so proud to be a part of. Joe was a House Painter by trade until he retired, in spite of having only one hand. He had a strong work ethic and there was almost nothing he couldn't paint with pride or do. He was a true inspiration for the phrase "Never say Never" or "Never Give Up".

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Steve Smith (Angel), Eric Smith (Katie), Christy Moreno, all of North Carolina and Chuck Dunbar (Bridget) of Dameron, MD. Joe leaves behind a sister, Nina Gallion (Roger) of North Carolina. In addition, he is survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who meant so much to him and he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his sister, Annie Linton. He will especially be missed by his faithful companion and 3-legged-cat, Little Grey.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Ridge Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680.

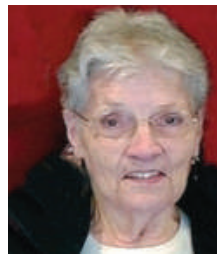
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Katherine Maria Knott

Brown

Katherine Maria Knott Brown, affectionately known by many as "Mama Brown," 89, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on June 19, 2021 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD with



her loving family at her side.

She was born on March 2, 1932 in Oakley, Maryland to the late Joseph Ambrose Knott and Ada Katherine Goldsborough. Katherine is a lifelong resident of Southern Maryland. She is a 1947 graduate of Sacred Heart School. On January 1, 1950, she married beloved husband, Joseph Daniel Brown Sr. They celebrated over 38 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in July 1988. Together they enjoyed going to the movies, the racetrack and dancing. She was a devoted wife and mother of 12 children. She was an excellent homemaker providing many delicious meals every night. She was famous for her stuffed pork chops and stuffed ham. Holidays were all festive and filled with delicious foods. She enjoyed flower gardening and always spent her summer's canning her husband's bountiful garden. Later in life, she enjoyed playing BINGO, going to Cracker Barrel with her sister Agnes and shopping. She enjoyed finding bargains and treasures at yard sales. She was a wiz at word search puzzles. She lived with her youngest son, Anthony, who was her caretaker for many years before moving to St. Mary's Nursing Center. She was a devoted and loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend to many. She was a treasure to her family and will always be in their hearts.

Katherine is survived by her children, Joseph D. "Tink" Brown, Jr. (Sue-Ellen) of Golden Beach, MD, Joan M. Guy (Sonny) of Leonardtown, MD, Frances "Arlene" Boswell (Eddie) of St. Inigoes, MD, David W. "Bubba" Brown, Sr. of Avenue, MD, Michael Allen "Chico" Brown (Karen) of Daytona, FL, Karen Jeanette Ruffner (Patrick) of Brandywine, MD, Agnes Cecilia Brown, Mary R. Barreras (Porf) of Mechanicsville, MD, Thomas Eugene "Tom" Brown (Tammy) of Colonial Beach, VA, Cheryl Melinda Wedding of Newport News, VA and Anthony J. Brown of Mechanicsville, MD. She is also survived by her sisters: Agnes Macrae of Lexington Park, MD, Margaret Bridgette (Lester) of Mechanicsville, MD and Barbara Copsy of KS; 31 grandchildren and many great and great-great grandchildren, extended family and friends. In addition to her

parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her son, Robert Glenn Brown and her siblings: Joe Knott, Aloysius Knott, Leonard Knott, Dorothy Bowles, and Virginia Strain.

All services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center, 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Linda Susan Jones



Linda Susan Jones, 68 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on June 18, 2021 at home with her family by her side.

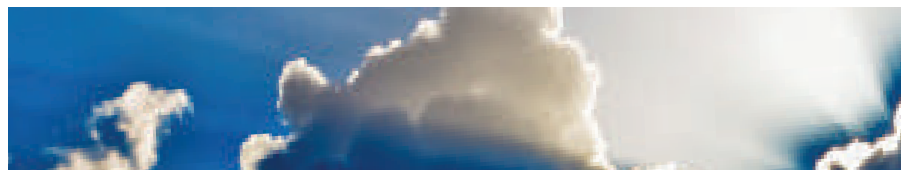
She was born on November

2, 1952 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Theodore Marshall Russell and Mary Elizabeth Porter Russell.

On July 14, 1971, Linda married her beloved husband, Fritz Jones in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 49 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed for many dedicated years in the retail industry. She and her husband enjoyed taking day trips, especially to the beaches on the California coastline and to visit family in Alaska. Her favorite vacation was in Hawaii. She was a delicious cook with her specialty being lasagna. Holidays were always treasured filled with family and delicious meals. She taught her granddaughter, Faith, how to cook. A favorite outing was to play BINGO at Island BINGO. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she especially loved all her time spent with them.

In addition to her beloved husband, Fritz, Linda is also survived by her children, Christopher M. Jones (Virginia) of Upper Marlboro, MD and Dana M. Whorl of California, MD; her grandchildren, Faith E. Whorl and Matthew S. Connelly; her brothers Dale E. Russell of Great Mills, MD and Mark S. Russell of Flowery Branch, GA; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her brother, Ted A. Russell and sister, Janet F. Purcell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Linda Jones name to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box



625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Bernard Dwight Wilder

Bernard Dwight Wilder, affectionately known as Bernie, born July 19, 1931, passed away on June 8, 2021, hand in hand with his wife of 69 years, Shirley. Born intensely curious, his descriptors are many, but to name a few: diplomat, professor, author, aviator, sailor, multilingual, quipster, conversationalist, jokester, lover of babies, wood turner, drum and bugle corps trumpeter, audiophile, teacher of photography and photographer who captured the essence of life knowing the essence of living with every fiber of his being, builder of airplanes and boats, fly fisherman, wine maker, gourmet cook of Lao food, gardener, scuba diver, and world traveler who rested his constantly energized mind in 67 countries. He lived in a two-car garage for many years during the Great Depression with his parents and four siblings and never read a book before the age of 18, but wrote the

book for the rest of his life and gently touched many lives around the world, and, through it all, a devoted husband, adoring father, grandfather, great grandfather, and faithful friend to humans, creatures, and dogs in particular.

Survivors are wife Shirley (Skinner) Wilder of Hollywood, MD, 93-year-old brother Robert Wilder of Ellijay, GA, daughter Pam (Wilder) Pierson and son-in-law Dale Pierson of Fennville, MI, daughter Julie Wilder of York, PA, son Paul Wilder of Chattanooga, TN, granddaughter Jessica (Pierson) Teslaa and grandson-in-law Josh Teslaa of Madison, WI, granddaughter Sarah (Wilder) Hussain and son-in-law Ahmed Hussain of Portsmouth, VA, and, last but not least, great grandson Max and great granddaughter Daphne Teslaa of Madison, WI.

A celebration of Bernie's life will be held at the Calvert Marine Museum in the near future. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the American Lung Association.

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*We love you and miss you.
Yvonne, Shayna and Jeremiah*

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Don't Let Investments Go On Vacation

Now that we've gained at least some space from the COVID-19 pandemic, summer travel is heating up. But while you might be eager to hit the road, you won't want your investments to take a vacation – you need them to work hard for you consistently. But how can you make this happen?

Here are some ideas:

• Know your destination.

"If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." This bit of wisdom, paraphrased from the classic children's book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, may be appropriate for, say, hikers exploring a new landscape. But as an investor, it matters a great deal which path you take. If you only dabble in investing, occasionally putting some money into one investment or another, it will be difficult to build a portfolio that's consistently working in your best interest. It's important to create a long-term investment strategy based on where you want to go in life – that is, how long you plan to work, what sort of retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.

• Match goals with investments.

Some investments are designed to achieve certain goals. To illustrate: When you contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you're investing for one specific, long-term goal: a comfortable retirement. While you can tap into these accounts for other purposes – though doing so might incur immediate taxes and penalties – they are designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. Similarly, you may have other investments for other purposes, such as a 529 education savings plan. Here's the key point: Goals-based investing,

by its nature, can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

• Invest for growth.

Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is growth – that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are over-concentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and Treasury bills are in some sense "lazy." They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.

• Check your progress.

How else can you ensure your investments aren't just taking it easy? By checking up on them. If you follow a buy-and-hold strategy, your portfolio shouldn't require many changes if it already reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Too much buying and selling could jeopardize your ability to follow a consistent, long-term strategy. However, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." By reviewing your portfolio at least once a year, you can determine if your investments are performing as they should. If they're not working for you as you'd like, you may need to make some changes.

If you're traveling this summer, relax and enjoy yourself – but keep those investments working hard.

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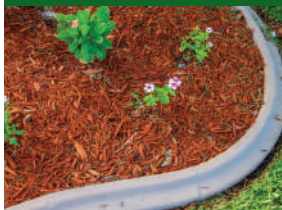
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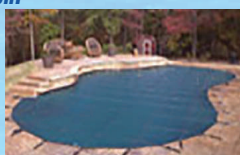
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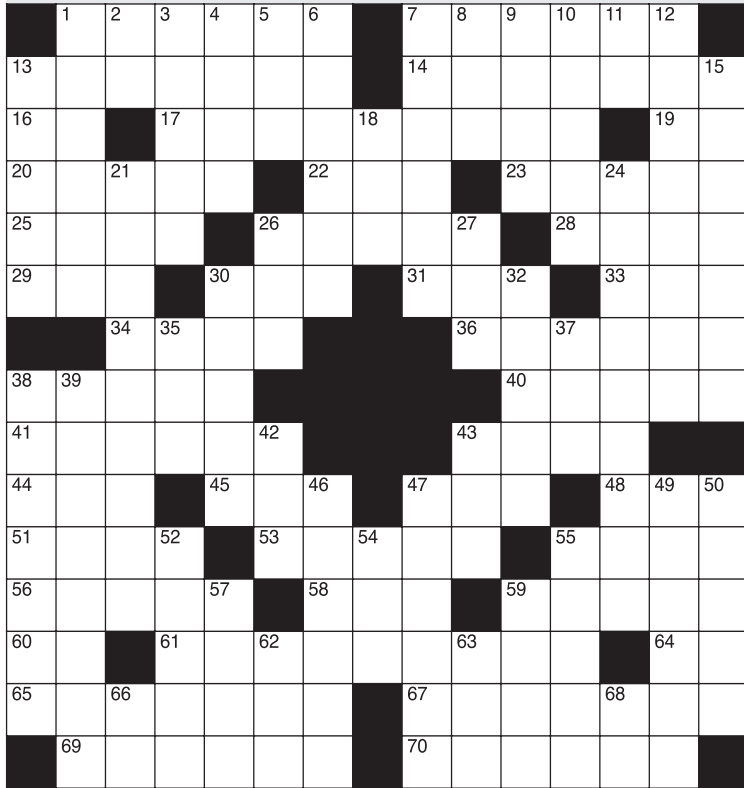
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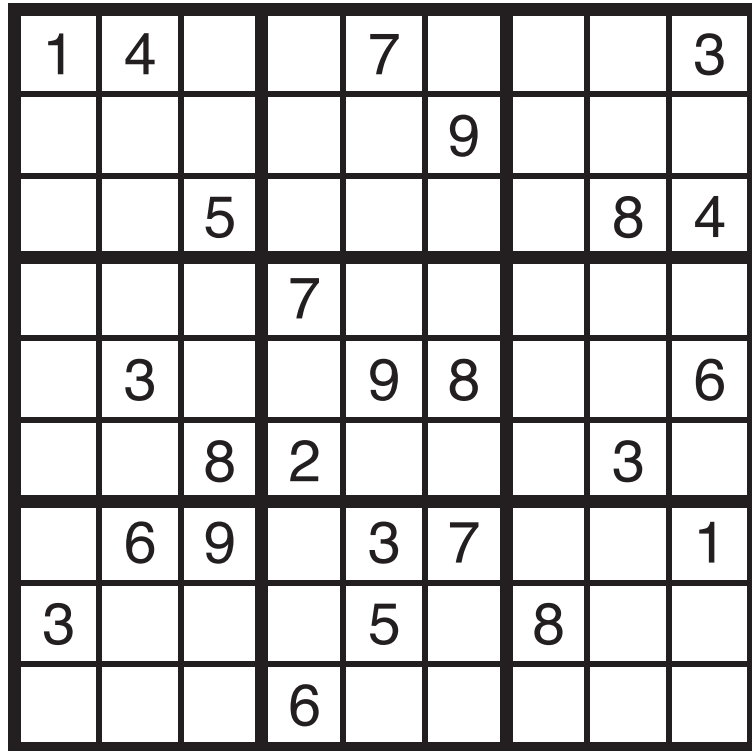
- 1. Plant of the mint family
- 7. Hand tool
- 13. Made of the color of gold
- 14. A volume of several novels
- 16. Type of degree
- 17. Good job!
- 19. Seventh tone in major scale
- 20. Fevers
- 22. One's mother
- 23. Fertile desert spots
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Plate for Eucharist
- 28. Tennis matches have them
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
- 31. Head movement
- 33. Twelve
- 34. Renaissance musical instrument
- 36. Behavior showing high moral standards
- 38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. Notes to be sung
- 41. Women's garment
- 43. Coarsely ground corn
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. A way to deplete

- 47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
- 48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
- 51. Hindquarters
- 53. Franz van ____, German diplomat
- 55. Liquid body substances
- 56. Rhythmic patterns
- 58. A beaver might build one
- 59. Police officer's tool
- 60. Indicates who you are
- 61. Pinwheel
- 64. Exist
- 65. Ornamental molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Verses
- 70. Come into view

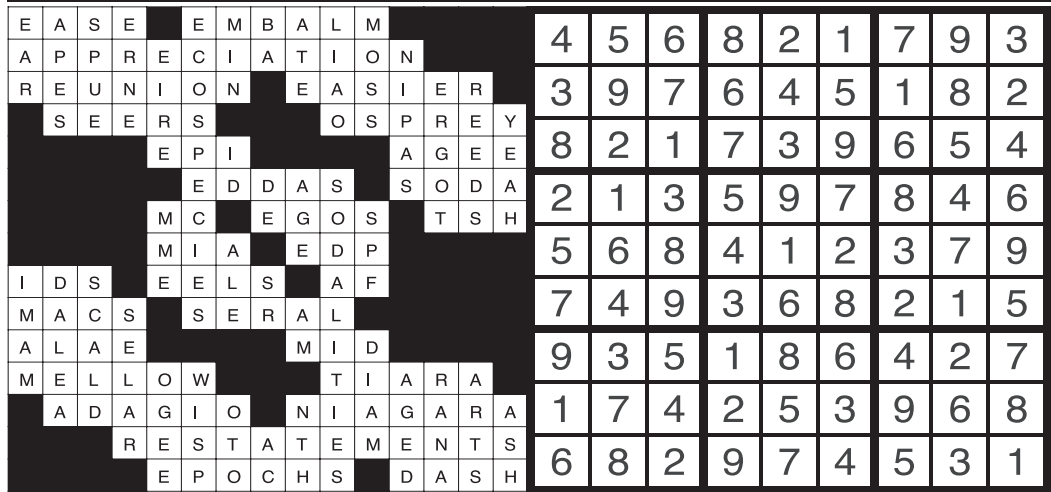
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Short stick used as a weapon
- 2. An alternative
- 3. Laws
- 4. Sense organs
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. Mariner
- 7. People in charge of cattle
- 8. Health insurance organization
- 9. Ornamental box
- 10. Forest-dwelling deer
- 11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 12. Atomic #71

- 13. Become less intense
- 15. Cowards
- 18. Body ornament (slang)
- 21. Applicable to all cases
- 24. Multiplied by 6
- 26. Afghanistan monetary unit
- 27. Calendar month
- 30. Cena and Lennon are two
- 32. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 35. First time on the market
- 37. Georgia rockers
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Coastal region of Canada
- 42. Clothing retailer
- 43. It rises and sets
- 46. Fathers
- 47. Stain with mud
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Feels concern for
- 52. Orange-brown
- 54. Buddy
- 55. Late sportscaster Craig
- 57. Used to align parts
- 59. Wake up
- 62. Solid water
- 63. Semiprecious stone
- 66. Atomic #45
- 68. Top lawyer



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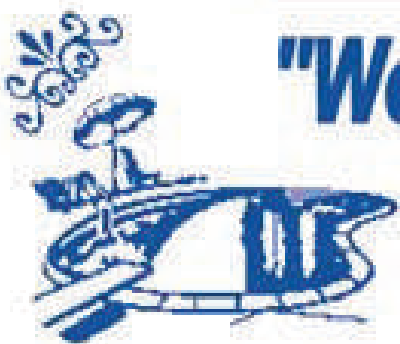
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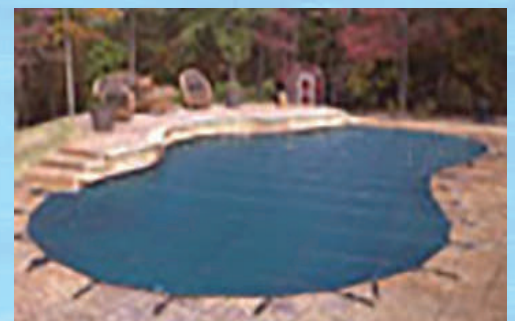


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