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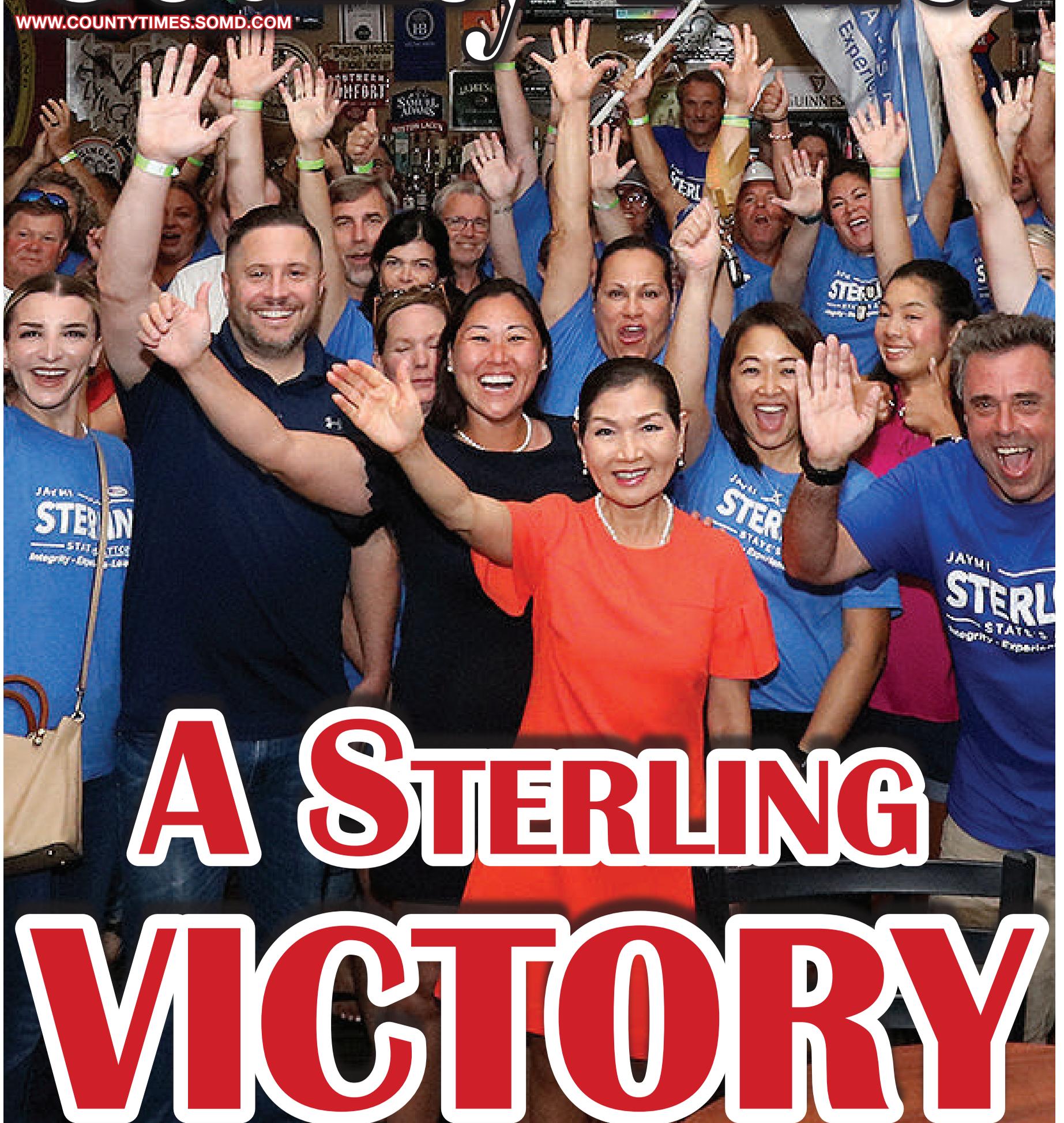
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SAT 7/23		95° / 76°	Mostly sunny and hot	VED 7/27		88° / 77°	Clouds, a thunderstorm; humid
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# Sterling, Hall Win By Resounding Margins

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Jaymi Sterling unseated incumbent State's Attorney Richard Fritz, who had once been her boss, June 19 with a landslide in the GOP primary with 7,290 votes to Fritz's 2,993 while Capt. Steve Hall, a 24-year veteran of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office handily won the GOP nomination to be the next sheriff by a large margin of 7,098 votes to the 1,908 garnered by County Commissioner John O'Connor who vied for the same office.

Todd Fleenor, a recently retired sergeant with the agency and senior K-9 handler, got just 1,148 votes in the race.

The winners of the Republican primaries for both races are the presumptive winners of each race as there are currently no Democrat challengers in the general election.

"St. Mary's County deserves better protection through harsher penalties for sex offenders, violent criminals and repeat drunk drivers," Sterling said after declaring victory. "I vow to work closely with our new sheriff, the Maryland State Police and all other law enforcement agencies to crack down on drug dealers and tackle the big city crime seeping into our communities.

"I look forward to restoring integrity to the office and protecting our county's taxpayers from wasteful spending."

Hall expressed his gratitude for the win. "I am truly grateful for our resounding victory last night," Hall said. "Our campaign was almost a year-long journey.

"Nothing of this magnitude with this level of importance is done by an individual. It was a community effort and I am thankful for everyone who participated."

Wendy Adkins, director of the county board of elections said that as of 8 p.m. the night of the election that 4,150 mail-in ballots had yet to be counted and more were anticipated to come in.

The first canvassing of the mail in ballots is set to take place July 21.

The four-way race for county commissioner president saw incumbent James "Randy" Guy take the lead with 3,754 votes; former commissioner president Thomas F. McKay had 2,625 votes, school board member Rita Weaver had 2,032 and community activist William "BJ" Hall had



Jaymi Sterling

1,472 votes.

Adkins said the number of outstanding mail-in ballots could make a difference in the commissioner president race.

McKay said the possibility was there but not likely.

"Randy Guy demonstrated that he's the right candidate for the job based on the votes cast," McKay said. "I support him 100 percent.

"I also want to congratulate BJ and Rita, they both ran good races."

Guy will face Democrat Natalie Weech in the general election.

Just under 1,000 votes separate District 1 incumbent Eric Colvin from challenger Roy Alvey in the GOP primary; Colvin has 5,126 votes to Alvey's 4,129.

The winner of that race will face Sheila Milburn in the general election.

In District 2 incumbent Mike Hewitt handily won against challenger Marcus Drake by 6,173 votes to 2,893.

Hewitt will face Brandon Russell in the general election.

In District 3 Mike Alderson has a wide lead in the GOP primary over Elizabeth O'Connor, wife of John O'Connor with 4,927 votes to her 2,676.

Dawn Murphy, the first to enter the race, got just 1,467 votes.

Alderson is the presumptive winner as there is no Democratic challenger in that race for the general election.

In District 4 Scott Ostrow is leading Dawn Zimmerman with 4,651 votes to her 3,791; the winner in that race will face Steve Tuttle in the general election.

In the District 29C delegate race term limited County Commissioner Todd Mor-



Steve Hall

gan prevailed over Maj. Gen. Tim Gowen in the GOP primary by a margin of 1,968 to 831 votes.

Morgan also won the portion of District 29C in Calvert County with 745 votes to Gowen's 597.

Morgan will face Bill Bates in the general election.

In the District 29B Democratic primary Del. Brian Crosby easily won against Valarie Swaringer and will face former incumbent Deb Rey in a general election rematch.

District 29 Senator Jack Bailey ran unopposed in the GOP primary and so far faces no opposition in the general election; the same conditions exist for Dist. 29A Del. Matt Morgan.

Statewide, Del. Dan Cox, who has been endorsed as the Make America Great

Again (MAGA) candidate by former president Donald Trump for Maryland governor, won the GOP primary by a comfortable margin.

The defeat of Kelly Schulz, who was Gov. Larry Hogan's political heir and commerce secretary in his administration, could put his legacy in jeopardy and likely dampens his prospects for a potential presidential run in 2024.

Hogan has long been a vocal critic of Trump's presidential tenure but the election day vote shows that Maryland Republicans affiliate more with Trump's vision of the GOP.

In the Democratic governor's primary, Wes Moore is in the lead ahead of former Obama-era labor secretary Tom Perez and Comptroller Peter Franchot.

Election returns show that Moore has 36.7 percent of the Democrat vote with 137,118 ballots as of Tuesday night with Perez holding 102,278 votes.

Franchot, who has worked to establish himself as more fiscally conservative despite having other more liberal stances on issues, has just 73,301 votes.

There are an estimated more than 100,000 mail-in votes yet to be counted in that race.

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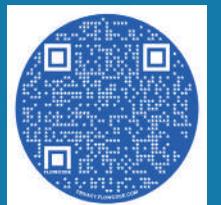
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# Hollywood Carnival Opened Early for Special Guests



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Clients of the Center for Life Enrichment (CFLE) were treated to a special event held just for them at the Hollywood firehouse the morning of July 17 when membership there opened up the carnival rides.

“Not counting the past two years of lockdowns this is probably the seventh year we’ve done this,” said Bill Mattingly, president of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

Mattingly estimated between 50 and 75 CFLE clients came to the event, enjoying the grounds as well as lunch and snow cones provided by the membership.

The event started when the leadership at CFLE reached out to the firehouse members several

years ago, Mattingly said, to see if the members were interested in helping.

“The membership responded very positively to the idea,” Mattingly said. “We enjoy doing it as a membership.”

The Center for Life Enrichment’s mission is to provide programs and support services that will increase the vocational and personal potential of individuals with disabilities. Their goal is to provide these services in an individualized manner to improve overall quality of life for their clients.

“Increased independence, integration into the workforce, and the opportunity for social interaction is the focus of our services,” according to the organization.

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## Board of Appeals To Hear Charlotte Hall Royal Farms Case

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

In March the county planning commission denied a developer's application to build a Royal Farms convenience store and gas station as well as a Starbucks coffee shop at the intersection of Charlotte Hall Road and Route 5 at the old Wentworth Nursery property.

Now, the county board of appeals is taking up the case today, July 21 at their meeting in Leonardtown.

The planning commission by a majority vote denied Three Notch Commercial's proposed concept site plan over concerns that the project would increase vehicle trips and further complicate traffic flow at already dangerous intersections.

Three Notch Commercial is owned by ARLS Properties LLC of Baltimore, a property development company that has made significant purchases of land in the Charlotte Hall community, particularly the old farmers market on the north-bound side of Route 5, for redevelopment.

The appeal was made on behalf of the developer by attorney Christopher Longmore of Dougan, McKissick and Longmore, LLC.

Longmore argues that: "The Planning Commission failed to accept the the clear evidence that the project may meet the requirements of the Adequate Public Facilities provisions of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, despite the fact that there was no credible, relevant or substantial evidence in the record to rebut this finding."

Longmore continued in his request for appeal: "The Planning Commission, in denying the application, took actions that went beyond their authority and role in reviewing a concept site plan, including but not limited to making determinations regarding traffic and other adequate public facilities criteria despite the fact that the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance expressly designates that these decisions are to be made by the Planning Director as part of the final site plan approval."

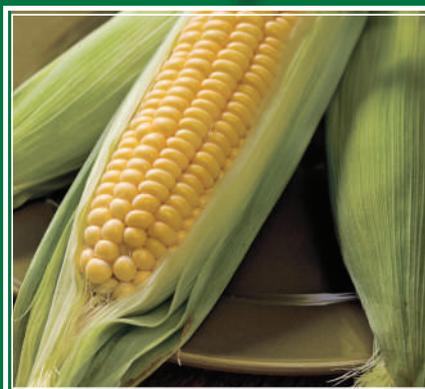
The concept plan calls for a 5,380 square foot Royal Farms and fuel canopy and a 2,365 square foot Starbucks with a drive-through, according to county planning documents.

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# Hollywood Carnival Postponed

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The membership of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department has voted not to hold the second half of their annual carnival this weekend after an apparent gang-related shooting took the life of a 16-year-old during the festivities of the night of July 15.

The carnival was immediately shut down.

William Mattingly, president of the volunteer fire company, said the membership came to its decision at a special meeting July 17.

The membership has not abandoned the idea of holding the remainder of the carnival, however, Mattingly told The County Times.

“We are going to have the carnival but it’s just not going to be this weekend,” Mattingly said. “We need to develop a better plan if something like this happens again.

“We can’t do that overnight.”

The Hollywood firehouse carnival is the main fundraiser for the organization each year and brings thousands of residents out for late night games, concessions and rides.

The carnival has been held for decades without being marred by such violence.

According to police reports the shooting started in the parking lot of the fire station just a few minutes before 11p.m. Friday night and left Syncere Kovey Smith suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Smith was evacuated to Med-Star St. Mary’s Hospital where he died from his injuries.

Sheriff’s deputies got descriptions of the alleged shooter, a six-foot-tall black male wearing dark clothing with dreadlock-type hair, and found a person matching that description at the Birdies convenience store located at the intersection of Three Notch Road and Hollywood Road south of the fire station.

Deputies reported giving commands to the subject — later identified as Devron Ny’quez Murray, 19, of Lexington Park — who was sitting on the curb.

According to police charging documents, Murray did not comply; instead he stood up and went behind a shed in a grassy area and revealed himself moments later.

Police arrested him and found a 9mm Smith and Wesson handgun behind the shed where Murray had been with the slide locked back and the magazine depleted of ammunition.

Police have said only that the



shooting was the result of a rivalry between “two known rival groups of youth offenders.”

Witnesses at the carnival said they observed groups of young men come into the parking lot of the carnival between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. wearing hoodies and facemasks; a fight between two groups broke out, they said, before the shooting incident.

Mattingly said there were four St. Mary’s deputies providing security at the carnival the night of the shooting.

“I think everybody is still trying to process everything,” Mattingly said of the firehouse membership. “Emotions are running high.”

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said a Criminal Intelligence Unit he had created as part of the larger Criminal Investigation Division within the agency had no information that gang related elements would come to the Hollywood carnival.

The unit was activated in May, Cameron said, and is targeting the gangs identified by the sheriff’s office involved in the recent shooting.

“They’re supported by the rest of the agency,” Cameron said. “And they’re tasked with... dismantling any criminal organizations in the county.”

The unit has been “very successful,” Cameron said.

“They’ve arrested lots of people who are still being held,” the sheriff continued.

But law enforcement can only affect change in the short term, Cameron said.

He said he had high hopes that a program affiliated with John Jay College known as the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) could work in St. Mary’s County.

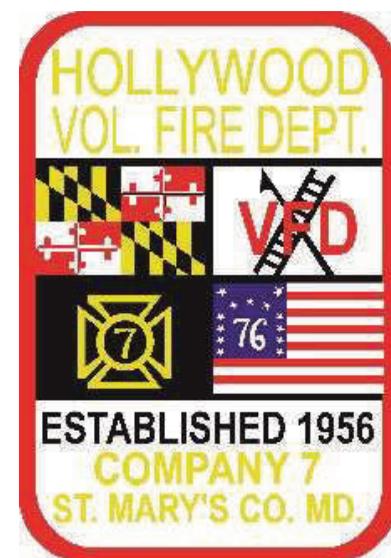
The NNSC’s Group Violence Initiative is a collaborative effort to bring together law enforcement, government-based social services and community leaders’ efforts to target gang violence and divert those who may commit it to legal activities.

“We can affect the short term,” Cameron said of law enforcement. “But they [the three working together] can affect long term change.”

The GVI messages are simple: “Community members with moral authority over group members deliver a credible moral message against violence,” NNSC explains. “Law enforcement puts groups on prior notice about the consequences of further group-involved violence for the group as a whole.

“And support and outreach providers make a genuine offer of help for those who want it. A central method of communication is the call-in, a face-to-face meeting between group members and the strategy’s partners.”

As the investigation into the Hollywood carnival shooting continues, Cameron said the agency’s intelligence unit’s work was just



getting started.

“The next discussion has to be the [county] fair,” Cameron said. “We want to make sure that community events are safe for everybody to attend.”

CIU members will be at the county fair, Cameron said, to surveil the event and identify local gang members who are in attendance.

Uniformed police officers will also be in greater force at the continuation of the Hollywood carnival — whenever that may be — along with plain clothes officers to monitor it.

Cameron said he wanted criminal elements to know the increased police presence would be there.

“The world’s changing and we’re changing with it,” Cameron said.

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# First Human Monkeypox Case Reported for St. Mary's County



The St. Mary's County Health Department has been notified of a human monkeypox virus infection in a St. Mary's County resident. The individual is isolating from others and recovering. SMCHD has begun the process of public health contact tracing and notification. The risk of transmission to the general community at this time is believed to be low.

Human monkeypox is in the same family of viruses as smallpox but generally causes a milder infection. It typically spreads between people through direct contact with skin lesions or contaminated materials such as clothing or linens. It can also be spread via respiratory droplets through close contact, such as face-to-face close contact. Learn more at [smchd.org/monkeypox](http://smchd.org/monkeypox).

SMCHD encourages community members to seek health care evaluation if they are experiencing new skin lesions or have had close contact with a person known or suspected to have monkeypox infection. While any person could get infected with monkeypox once exposed to the virus, some individuals are considered at higher risk for exposure under the current conditions of the global monkeypox outbreak of 2022. Persons who may be currently at higher risk of exposure to the virus include those who recently:

- Had contact with someone who had a rash that looks like monkeypox or with someone who was diagnosed with confirmed or probable monkeypox
- Had skin-to-skin contact with someone in a social network currently experiencing multiple cases of monkeypox infection; this includes men who have sex with men who meet partners through an online website, digital application ("app"), or social event (e.g., a bar or party)
- Traveled outside the US to a country with confirmed cases of monkeypox or where monkeypox activity has been ongoing
- Had contact with a dead or live wild animal or exotic pet that exists only in Africa or used a product derived from such animals

(e.g., game meat, creams, lotions, powders, etc.)

Symptoms of monkeypox typically include fever, chills, new swelling of lymph nodes, and a distinctive rash with skin lesions that go through different stages and may appear in different parts of the body; however, onset of skin lesions only in one area of the body and in the absence of other symptoms has been reported in the current outbreak. Symptoms generally appear seven to 14 days after exposure to the virus and, for most people, clear up within two to four weeks. Individuals identified as having been potentially exposed will be monitored for symptoms for 21 days after exposure.

"Human monkeypox virus is an emerging global public health issue with cases increasing rapidly across the United States. However, thus far the monkeypox virus appears to be much less contagious than the COVID-19 virus. We also have tools available early in this outbreak to get people treated and help control spread of monkeypox infection," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "As anyone could get infected when exposed to the monkeypox virus, all community members should stay aware and get medically evaluated if they are having symptoms of monkeypox illness or have had known exposure to the virus. The health department team has been preparing for new cases and is already working with local health care providers regarding testing and treatment."

Local health care providers who encounter a patient with illness or rash suspicious for monkeypox, or who identify exposure to a confirmed/probable monkeypox case, should immediately contact the St. Mary's County Health Department even if testing will be conducted outside the public health laboratory system. Testing and reporting guidance has been issued to local health care providers via the St. Mary's County Local Health Alert Network and are available online at: [smchd.org/monkeypox/providers](http://smchd.org/monkeypox/providers).

# Search For Slave Habitation Continues in Newtowne Neck



Dr. Laura Masur looks over a piece of pottery found by Haylee Backs

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The site of the oldest Catholic Church in Maryland, St. Francis Xavier in Newtowne Neck is slowly giving up its secrets.

One anthropologist is working to find the underground remnants of buildings that once stood in the mid 1600s on land owned by the Jesuits.

The buildings Dr. Lauren Masur, of Catholic University, and many archaeology volunteers working there now on the project are looking for could have housed another property of the Jesuits; their slaves.

Masur and volunteers working with her until July 23 have dug pits on the property surrounding the church and the manor house that has long stood in the isolated community outside of Leonardtown.

They have found building materials such as old bricks and shards of pottery in their excavations and one particular pit seems to show the remains of a fireplace that was made of inferior materials to what would have been used in the old manor house used by the Jesuits.

This has led her to believe that the building which once stood there, erected close to the original manor house, likely housed African American slaves owned by the Jesuits.

Masur is cautious, though, not to make any conclusions from the field work.

Much work remains to be done on artifacts found at a lab where facts can be separated from supposition.

"Our goal is to identify buildings that are not still standing," Masur told The County Times. "We're examining the landscape through time."

Little history is recorded about the enslaved people compared to the members of the Society of Jesus who came with the first English settlers.

Far less is recorded about the indigenous people who lived there before both as they had no written language.

All that is left to do is find what they left in the earth and try to reconstruct their history, she said.

"It's a really hard thing to do," Masur said. "But that's always my goal."

Reconstructing the history of those whose story has remained largely untold expands knowledge for academics but also for those descendants of the enslaved.

"We can enable people's connections to places like this," Masur said.

The results of their research will also be available for all to see.

"We'll be posting pictures of the artifacts we recover after they've been to the lab," Masur said.

The number of habitations for the enslaved who once lived at Newtowne Neck is still unknown and Masur and the volunteers working with her are the latest in an intermittent effort to find them all.

"It's a little early to tell" what the excavation will reveal, Masur said. "We'll open a few more sites this week and find out."

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# High Schoolers Can Journey To Discover Faith, Community

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County is full of history and community resources that make it a special place, says local youth minister Theresa Friess, and she has been on a mission to help high school-aged to become as passionate about her home — their home — as she is.

On Sept. 24, in cooperation with four local Catholic parishes, the St. Clements Hundred and the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimists Club and several other county government agencies, high school students will get the chance to take a journey to St. Clements Island to understand where St. Mary's County began.

"We want them to fall in love with their home," Friess told The County Times. "It's bringing God and country together."

"It's going to be an exciting day."

The day will take participants to the island to learn about its history and to become familiar with local churches and religious groups as well as see fire/EMS, Department of Natural Resources and law enforcement personnel in action while they demonstrate their capabilities.

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church is the main sponsor of the event, Friess said, but it is a collaborative effort.

"It's a four-parish event," she said.

Friess said she has been working



to get this event moving for the past three years; the COVID-19 pandemic kept it from gaining its full effect, but now it is ready to reach its stride.

"I believe in preserving our history," Friess, a life-long resident of the county said. "I believe in our community."

"I want to talk to the high school-aged kids and reach them on their level."

Though the event has a decidedly Catholic aspect to it, Friess said high school students of all faiths could take part.

"Everyone is welcome," she said. "We want them to connect with their families, their community, their faith and their heritage."

For more information on the event visit <https://www.southernmarylandroots.org/the-journey>.

The deadline to register for the event is Aug. 1.

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# Missing 10-year-old Found Deceased

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Sheriff's office representatives say that a 10-year-old girl who had gone missing with two others, another child of the same age and an adult male, while swimming at Camp Merrylande on St. George Island has been found deceased.

A 911 caller told police they had found the young girl's body at about 2:45p.m. today, July 18, on the St. Mary's River side of St. George Island, sheriff's office representatives told The County

Times.

The sheriff's office is still waiting on official confirmation of the girl's identity, officials said.

Preliminary investigation indicates the group were in the water July 17 at about 1:05 p.m. when the current pulled them further out into the Potomac River. The adult made it to shore safely, and the other of the two juveniles was rescued from the water by citizens nearby.

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# Society Hill Garden Club Holds Annual Picnic

Members of the Society Hill Garden Club of Breton Bay met at the lovely home of Julie Hartshorn located on Breton Bay for their annual picnic and induction of officers on June 7.

Melissa Georgiou, Membership Chair, conducted the induction ceremony, swearing in Hartshorn as president, Jenny Matlock as vice president, Sandy Payne as treasurer and Beena Khetpal as secretary.

Club members recognized and thanked outgoing president, Brenda Songy, after leading the club for the last four years. Hartshorn presented gifts of beautiful Wall Art displaying colorful butterflies in a garden and a book entitled, "Emily Dickson's Gardening Life," signed by members. During this period, Songy and club members, along with the St. Mary's County Garden Club, and Chaney Enterprises donated funds and time renovating the gardens in the St. Mary's County Health Department courtyard to show appreciation for the local COVID-19 pandemic response.

Under the leadership of the incoming president, Hartshorn, the club plans to continue community beautification projects next year as well as



their annual mulch and plant sales. The mission of the club is to promote beautification through landscaping and gardening projects within the Breton Bay community in Leonardtown. One project is the row of Yoshino cherry trees that line the Breton Bay golf course along Society Hill Road. The Breton Bay community enjoys the beautiful cherry blossoms each spring right here in Southern Maryland.

Members look forward to monthly meetings including guest speakers who provide horticultural and gardening information beginning in September and the club welcomes new members from the Breton Bay community.

*Press Release from Society Hill Garden Club of Breton Bay.*

# Local Housing Market Strong Amid National Economic Uncertainty



As fears of a recession loom across the country, the Southern Maryland housing market has already begun showing some new trends.

Although the market is still busy, as would be anticipated at this time of year, it appears that the impacts of economic uncertainty have started to impact our region.

Based on the most recently available data provided to the Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS® (SMAR), the Southern Maryland region saw a total sold dollar volume decrease of approximately 2.84 percent year-over-year, for a total of \$272.4 million sold.

The region has also begun to see active inventory grow, but new listings have slightly slipped. Year-over-year, active listings are up approximately 8.45 percent, and new listings are down 9.96 percent.

Approximately 624 units were sold over the last month in Southern Maryland.

Months of supply indicate that we are still in an unhealthy seller's market, with approximately 0.81 months of supply available. The amount of supply will likely continue rising and reach healthier levels as new regulations begin to drive the market.

Homes are still moving relatively quickly from the market, as the average days across the region saw a slight drop from last year, down from 12 to 10 days on average.

Over 87 percent of all homes that sold last month were on the market for 20 days or less.

One sign that the market is slowing is seeing a decrease in the sold price to original list price ratio. This variable helps illustrate how much flexibility is in the market between buyers and sellers, and it decreased year-over-year from 102 percent to 101.4 percent.

The average sold price and median sold price both saw increases, up 8.95 percent and 9.93 percent, respectively.

This could be the result of numerous factors, however, economic uncertainty paired with higher interest rates often leads fewer people to buy or sell homes. Seeing inventory begin to sit for lengths of time we saw pre-pandemic might become more common in the coming months.

As interest rates rise, consumers will

not be able to afford nearly the same home price that they used to. Experts from the National Association of REALTORS® have emphasized the need to increase oil supplies to help tame inflation and prevent mortgage rates from rising more.

"While our economy struggles with recession and while interests are increased to curb that economic factor, buyers should not wait to enter into homeownership," SMAR's 2021-2022 President Gregg Kantak said. "The impact of higher interest rates may result in potentially less purchase power, but the power still exists, and the time to purchase remains now. This is not a wait-and-see moment, but it is ripe with opportunity, and your Realtor® can help you achieve your homeownership goal."

Housing market statistics from each county in the Southern Maryland region can be found below:

- Calvert County  
Units Sold: 155 (-22.11 percent)  
Total Sales Volume: \$ 72,543,716 (-16.21 percent)  
Average Days On The Market: 9 (-5 Days from May 2021)  
Median Sold Price: \$435,000 (+11.54 percent)
- St. Mary's County  
Units Sold: 188 (-3.09 percent)  
Total Sales Volume: \$ 74,832,350 (+5.12 percent)  
Average Days On The Market: 11 (-2 Days from May 2021)  
Median Sold Price: \$382,572 (+12.19 percent)

Visit <https://www.southernmarylandrealtors.org/pages/housing-statistics/> every month for additional details about the housing market in Southern Maryland. A video breakdown of the local statistics can be found on the SMAR YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uc9tGHmnJY4>

Statistics for this article were compiled with cooperation from Bright MLS, a leading housing market data source and a real estate listing service for Realtors® throughout the region.

*Press Release from Southern Maryland Association of Realtors®*

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The auction is currently being conducted as we are selling a large amount of other animals.

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# Legislators Urge Halt of Nice Bridge Demolition

*Seek Study of Recreational Use*



Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05), and Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) have urged the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to pause its plans to demolish the existing Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge until an independent review is conducted to determine the feasibility and cost of repurposing it for recreational use. The lawmakers requested an independent study to ensure that this is not a wasted opportunity to provide taxpayers with bicycling and pedestrian transportation options at a competitive cost or potentially lower cost than demolition.

“With the work on the new Harry W. Nice/Thomas ‘Mac’ Middleton Bridge across the Potomac River proceeding rapidly, we urge the State to reconsider plans to demolish the old bridge, and halt any immediate efforts to do so. These plans should not proceed until a study can be conducted on the feasibility as well as the financial and environmental costs and ben-

efits of converting the old bridge to a non-motorized trail that could be used by pedestrians and bicyclists,” the lawmakers said.

“An independent study, conducted by an entity with experience in similar bridge repurposing projects, is in the taxpayer’s interest to ensure that we are not wasting an opportunity to provide bicycling and pedestrian transportation options at a competitive cost or potentially lower cost than demolition,” they continued. “Premature demolition would squander the opportunity to repurpose the bridge if it is in the taxpayer and community’s best interest. We strongly urge you to undertake this basic due diligence before moving forward on demolition.”

We would appreciate a response by July 22, 2022 regarding the State’s position and plans to secure an independent study and pause in demolition until this study is published.

*Joint Press Release.*

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# Governor Announces \$18.8 Million for Chesapeake Bay Restoration Projects

Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the award of \$18.8 million to 22 ecological restoration projects that will improve water quality and habitat in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, while building local resilience to climate impacts. These awards encompass 77 unique sites that will be restored using best management practices, including riparian buffer and reforestation plantings, stream restoration, stormwater management, and wetland creation.

“Our administration’s commitment to environmental stewardship has included making record investments in Chesapeake Bay restoration, and fully funding the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund,” said Governor Hogan. “Each of these projects plays a critical role in improving the quality of the bay and making our ecosystem more resilient.”

Grants are made possible with funding through the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, which targets the most

cost-efficient and effective non-point source pollution reduction projects. The projects awarded this funding round will benefit local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay by removing more than 41,083 pounds of nitrogen, 4,332 pounds of phosphorus, and 7,967 tons of suspended solids.

“We are grateful for the governor’s continued leadership in fully funding the Trust Fund, which is one of the most important water quality financing programs in the Chesapeake Bay watershed,” said DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio. “This program allows us to identify the most meaningful and cost-effective projects in communities across Maryland to improve water quality and meet our Bay restoration goals.”

This year’s awards were selected from 51 proposals that were received. Proposals were prioritized based on cost-efficiency (state dollar per pound of nutrient and sediment reduced), project readiness, scientific rigor, geographic distribution, and overall quality.

The projects are listed on the



Governor Larry Hogan

DNR website along with other programs that are accessible through the department’s Grants Gateway application process. Through the improved connections across similar grant programs, the department seeks to support more comprehensive and integrated projects that achieve at least one of the following outcomes: fostering healthy ecosystems, building resiliency, or providing outdoor learning experiences.



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## Free Screenings of the Film Paper Tigers Offered at Lexington Park Library

The Violence, Injury, & Trauma action team of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership (HSMP), in partnership with the St. Mary's County Library and the Early Childhood Advisory Council is hosting two free showings of the film *Paper Tigers*, a documentary about a high school that has radically changed its approach to disciplining students, and in the process has become a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence, and poor health.

A screening will be offered Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lexington Park Library, located at 21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd in Lexington Park. Each showing will include a guided discussion for attendees after viewing, refreshments, and local resources on adverse childhood experiences.

To register, please visit <https://paper-tigers-SMC.eventbrite.com>

*Paper Tigers* is a close look into the lives of students at a school that specializes in educating traumatized youth. Set in the

rural community of Walla Walla, WA, the film examines the inspiring promise of Trauma-Informed Communities in healing youth struggling with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Using a combination of verite and revealing diary cam footage, *Paper Tigers* is a testament to how caring adults can help break the cycle of adversity in a young person's life. The film is directed and produced by James Redford with executive producer Karen Pritzker through KPJR Films, LLC.

"This powerful documentary spotlights the impact of adverse childhood experiences and the vital role a community has in fostering resilience in its young people," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer and HSMP Co-Chair.

For more information on *Paper Tigers* or to view the trailer, please visit: [papertigersmovie.com](http://papertigersmovie.com).

For more information on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), please visit: [smchd.org/aces](http://smchd.org/aces).

## Annual Summerstock Show Scheduled

St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks will be producing the 40th show of Summerstock this July at Great Mills High School. Summerstock provides county youth up to age 21 the opportunity to participate in community theater each summer and a phenomenal show for the entire family. Reviews are always overwhelmingly positive, and many suggest each summer's production rivals professional theatrical performances. This year's production will be *Children of Eden*. The musical is based on the first nine chapters of the Book of Genesis; Act One tells the stories of creation, Adam & Eve, and Cain & Abel. Act Two tells the story of Noah and the Flood.

Showtimes are Friday, July 22, and July 29 at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 23, and July 30 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 24, and July 31 at 3 p.m. Tickets will go on sale July 1 at 8 a.m. and can be

purchased online, in person at the Recreation & Parks Main Office, or on show day an hour before showtime. Support for the production of Summerstock is made possible partly by a grant from the St. Mary's County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.

For online ticket sales and show information, please visit [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/summerstock](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/summerstock). Attendees are encouraged to purchase advanced tickets online. Tickets will also be sold in person at the Recreation & Parks main office at 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown. Tickets will also be available on show day when doors open an hour before showtime. For additional information, please call 301-475-4200 ext. 1800. Follow St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks on social media @stmarysrecandparks and at [www.facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation).

## Enslaved Peoples Commemorative Earns National Awards

The Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland has earned two national awards in 2022.

The immersive art experience, constructed on St. Mary's College of Maryland's campus, honors the story of resilience, persistence, and creative problem-solving that defined the lives of the enslaved individuals that lived in St. Mary's City between 1750 and 1815.

This summer, the commemorative was named to the Top 100 public art projects by CODAworx, a global online community that celebrates design projects that integrate commissioned art into an interior, architectural, or public space.

Secondly, the Society for Experiential Graphic Design (SEGD) named the commemorative an honor award winner in its annual competition to recognize and promote excellence in contemporary experiential graphic design. One of the judges remarked, "This project is stunning in the most delicate and refined of ways. It is refreshing to see a memorial of names reflected in the shape of a home. The shape and scale allow visitors of all ages a more intimate connec-

tion to the lives of enslaved peoples. The house is a beacon of light during the day and the night, with its reflective surface catching sunlight and light shining within the night. A beautiful commemorative creation!"

Additionally, for its work on the single-day special event that observed the first anniversary of the dedication of the commemorative, St. Mary's College of Maryland's Office of Institutional Advancement won a 2022 Circle of Excellence gold award from the international Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Constructed on the College's campus, the commemorative provides visitors with the space to acknowledge and learn from the lives of those who once toiled there, while providing a place for reflection and introspection about the nature of slavery and its connections to modern society. Learn more about how St. Mary's College honors the enslaved by visiting <https://www.smcm.edu/honoring-enslaved/>.

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

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# Seventh District Group Provides 'ACTS' of Kindness



Cody Hanks and Jacob Turner are missionaries from the Mormon Church from Utah. They use their mechanical abilities to repair and maintain medical equipment which has been donated to ACTS.

By Florence Ballengee  
Contributing Writer

Far from the traffic and race-track called Route 235 is a peaceful little place which most of us who have been here a long time call "the Seventh." Years ago, most of us in these parts referred to areas by their election district numbers. Thus, "the Seventh" is the area around Bushwood and Colton's Point which is the Seventh Election District.

The Seventh is home, among others, to many old St. Mary's families, many watermen and an organization called the Seventh District Optimist Club.

The Optimists were instrumental in the very beginnings of the 1984 start of Project Graduation. They remain active today. Project Graduation has operated steadily for nearly 40 years. They are well known to long-time residents as a group that gets things done. And one of the things they got done was to form an organization called "A Community That Shares." The program goes by the acronym of ACTS.

Once just the seed of an idea, ACTS was an offshoot of the Seventh District Optimist Club but is now a busy and thriving organization of its own with a board of directors and more than 30 volunteers. The whole idea of ACTS was to provide by loan and ownership, medical equipment needed

by folks in the community who were undergoing medical issues. This organization has loaned thousands of pieces of medical equipment like walkers, rollators, crutches and even larger medical equipment like recliners to senior citizens and others in need of them to remain as physically functional as possible.

ACTS is currently housed in a large structure on land leased from the Seventh District Optimist Club for the price of \$1. per year. By having chicken dinners and through determination and hard work, the group erected a substantial building which was later added on to. Today over 5,000 pieces of medical equipment are housed in the building which is totally operated and maintained by volunteers.

ACTS has attracted volunteers from all over the area. In fact, it has attracted two volunteers who are missionaries through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons). The young people are committed to provide service for a period of time and two of them are volunteers at ACTS. The two young men and other volunteers come through the RSVP Program which is organized and led by the county Department of Aging and Human Services. Still others come from the community at large.



Jim Stanley and Bruce Maynard are long-time volunteers at ACTS. They work in a small shop within the building repairing equipment which has been donated or used then returned.

Sam Brown, a retired electrical engineer, is the president of Acts. He works with a five-member board of directors who oversee the program and the functioning of the volunteers who provide a myriad of services that culminates in helping people with medical equipment they need to live day to day.

During March of 2022, volunteers logged 489 hours and traveled 3234.8 miles in service to ACTS. Volunteers come from all over St. Mary's County and a few from adjoining counties. One of the busiest volunteers is Jimmy Stanley. He volunteers twice a week and has been working at ACTS since 2008.

Bruce Maynard started volunteering in 2013 and travels from Lexington Park.

JoAnn Wurmlinger, a retired IT person from the St. Mary's Board of Education volunteers doing computer work in the office and trains new people.

Two of the volunteers, Cody

Hanks and Jacob Turner are Latter Day Saints volunteers from Utah. Cody has been at ACTS for four months and has seven months left on his mission commitment. Cody says that he loves ACTS, loves the people, and loves working with his hands.

ACTS is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to find out more about ACTS, contact the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services at 301-475-4200, Extension 1650. ACTS relies completely on volunteers and on donations from the community. It has been granted tax exemption by the IRS and is a 501-C3 organization so donations are tax deductible. They may be mailed to ACTS at 21808 Colton's Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609.

People who would like to give some time to this worthy organization may contact the Department of Aging and Human Services or may call ACTS directly at 301-769-4199.

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# MARYLAND STATE POLICE CRIME REPORT

On 7/1/2022, Tpr T. Eckrich responded to the Motel 6, located at 21847 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD for the report of someone trespassing. Investigation revealed that Jesse Erin Kuntz, 27 of Lusby, MD had been previously issued a no trespass order. Kuntz was arrested and a search incident to arrest revealed suspected Cocaine and suspected MDMA. He was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana x2, Possession of CDS: Paraphernalia, and Trespass: Private Property.

On 7/9/2022, TFC J. Powis responded to a traffic stop conducted by a Maryland Transportation Authority Police Officer on Budds Creek Road at Colton Point Road, Clements, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted which revealed suspected Marijuana and a handgun. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Michael Anthony Shields, 62 of Piney Point, MD. Shields was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where he was charged with Handgun in Vehicle and Handgun on Person. Shields was also issued a civil citation for Possession of CDS: Marijuana Less Than 10 Grams.

On 7/14/2022, Tpr C. Baden conducted a traffic stop on Three Notch Road at St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted which revealed suspected Psilocybin (Mushrooms), suspected Amphetamine pills, numerous packages of suspected Marijuana, and numerous packages of suspected Marijuana edibles, all packaged in a manner indicating intent to distribute. The search also revealed a loaded handgun. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Tavon Dakarai Francis, 27 of Waldorf, MD. Francis was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of CDS: Intent to Distribute Narcotics with a Firearm, Handgun in Vehicle, Handgun on Person, Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, Loaded Handgun on Person, Firearm/Drug Trafficking Crime, Firearm Use/Felony-Violent Crime, Possession of CDS: Marijuana Greater Than 10 Grams, Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana x2, Possession of CDS: Paraphernalia and Possession of CDS: Intent to Distribute Narcotics x3.

On 7/14/2022, Tpr J. Pope responded to the 26000 block of Jones Wharf Road, Hollywood, MD for the report of an assault. Investigation revealed that Tiffany Lynn Hancock, 39 of Mechanicsville, MD assaulted the victims with a shovel and fled the scene. Hancock was located a short time later by Tpr J. Barlow. She was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where she was charged with First Degree Assault x2.

On 7/17/2022, Tpr C. Baden conducted a traffic stop on Great Mills Road at Chancellors Run Road, Lexington Park, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted which revealed suspected Marijuana and a loaded handgun. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Rayne Lamont Peterson, 21 of Lexington Park, MD. Peterson was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office where he was charged with Loaded Handgun and Loaded Handgun in Vehicle.

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

- On 7/3/2022, Exsai Hernandez Herrera, 26 of California, MD was arrested by TFC J. Greathouse
- On 7/4/2022, Jeffery Wayne Roberts, 36 of Great Mills, MD was arrested by TFC J. Greathouse
- On 7/8/2022, Andres Jose Ayala, 25 of California, MD was arrested by Cpl F. Ruiz
- On 7/17/2022, Zachary Andrew Robey, 30 of Hollywood, MD by Tpr J. Barlow

The following people were arrested for Open Warrants:

- On 6/29/2022, Jarmaine Steven Renteria, 32 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by TFC M. Posch for FTA: Driving without a required license x2
- On 6/29/2022, Kevin Maurice Walls, 59 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr C. Baden for FTA: Driving without a required license
- On 6/30/2022, Khari Keenan Hines, 24 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Eckrich for FTA: Driving an uninsured vehicle
- On 6/30/2022, Demonta Cortez Butler, 28 of Mechanicsville, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Eckrich for FTA: Driving while license was suspended
- On 7/5/2022, Latanya Danielle Moten, 36 of Newport News, VA was arrested by Tpr J. Pope for FTA: Driving while out-of-state license was suspended
- On 7/7/2022, Ashley Renee Harvey, 28 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pope for Trespass: Private Property and Theft: Less Than \$100
- On 7/7/2022, Rodriquez Jerrod Brown, 40 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Barlow for Second Degree Assault
- On 7/7/2022, Ryan Duke Aud, 35 of Leonardtown, MD was arrested by TFC M. Posch for FTA: Driving while license was revoked
- On 7/8/2022, Zachary Alan Kiger, 33 of Ridge, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Barlow for FTA: Driving while license was suspended
- On 7/9/2022, Billy Randall Ramey, 40 of Huntingtown, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pettitt for FTA: Driving while license was suspended
- On 7/9/2022, Nathaniel Antonio Taylor, 37 of California, MD was ar-

rested by Tpr J. Barlow for FTA: Driving while license was revoked

- On 7/10/2022, Samuel Michael Williams, 19 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by TFC K. Poland for FTA: Driving while license was suspended
- On 7/10/2022, Margaret Shirlyne Barber, 29 of Hollywood, MD was arrested by Tpr K. Poland for FTA: Driving without a required license and FTA: Driving while license was suspended
- On 7/12/2022, Lisa Marie Thompson, 32 of Hollywood, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Buglio for FTA: Driving while license was suspended
- On 7/14/2022, Tamara Joell Butler, 31 of Waldorf, MD was arrested by Tpr D. Nain for FTA: Driving an uninsured vehicle
- On 7/15/2022, Brandon Rafael Adams, 38 of Great Mills, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Hersh for Driving without a required license
- On 7/15/2022, Tatiana Nicole Robinson, 28 of Great Mills, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pettitt for FTA: Driving while license was suspended x2, FTA: Driving without a required license
- On 7/15/2022, Derrick Lee Scott, 36 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested

by Tpr J. Pettitt for FTA: Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana

- On 7/16/2022, Vashon Lamar Hayden, 39 of Great Mills, MD was arrested by TFC K. Poland for Violation of Probation: Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana
- On 7/16/2022, George Henry Wilson, 18 of Leonardtown, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Hersh for Second Degree Assault
- On 7/16/2022, Michael Allen Thomas, 31 of Bushwood, MD was arrested by Tpr J. Pettitt for FTA: Driving while license was suspended x5, and Driving an uninsured vehicle
- On 7/18/2022, John Edward Clopper, 39 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Hersh for Second Degree Assault

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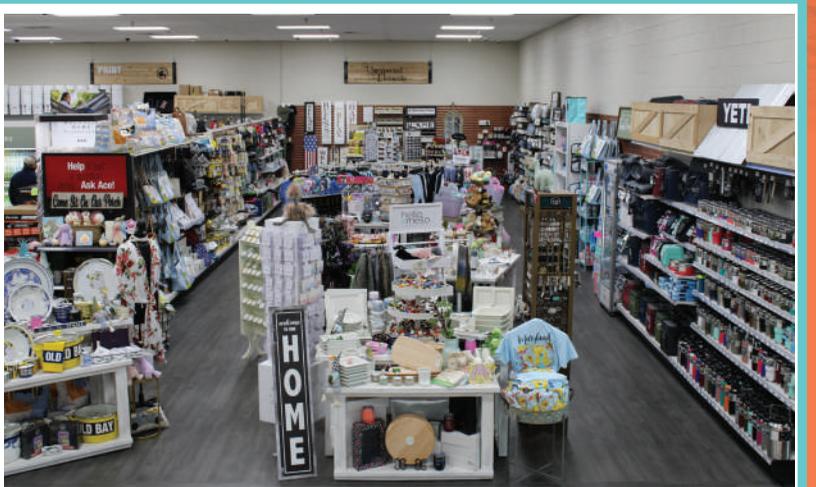
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# Community Remembers Jamari Tyrese Duckett

Duckett, 18, a recent graduate of Great Mills High School, was severely injured in a crash when his car was struck from behind July 9 by a man sheriff's investigators say was intoxicated while driving. The crash occurred on Willows Road in the area of the Abberly Crest community. Mark Mazza, 27, has been criminally charged in the crash. Photos courtesy of Ceandra Scott





# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Navy's F-5 Modernization Program Moves Into Production and Deployment

The Navy's Specialized and Proven Aircraft program office (PMA-226) F-5N+/F+ Avionics Reconfiguration and Tactical Enhancement/Modernization for Inventory Standardization (ARTEMIS) program successfully reached Milestone C decision June 28, effectively moving into production and deployment.

To meet the Navy and Marine Corps requirement to increase fleet adversary training capacity with high-altitude tactical fighters, the PMA-226 Adversary Team is inducting 22 repatriated, former Swiss Air Force F-5E/F aircraft into the ARTEMIS modification program. This program will reconfigure the airframe and incorporate a block upgrade consisting of emerging and existing commercial technology while capitalizing on industry's private investment and lessons learned to upgrade necessary safety and ca-

pability features on the aircraft.

The program office will reconfigure the airframes and convert the F-5E/F engines to the Navy and Marine Corps standard F-5N/F. Once that is complete, the program will integrate the block upgrade, which consists of a new glass cockpit and avionics suite that uses technology found in more modern aircraft to improve safety and capability. Subsequent to this upgrade, the 22 aircraft will be in the F-5N+/F+ baseline configuration.

The Adversary Team and industry partner Tactical Air Support, Inc. (Tactical Air Support) will execute the F-5N+/F+ ARTEMIS program. Tactical Air Support owns and operates F-5AT aircraft currently supporting PMA-226 tactical fighter training and has performed similar modernization and safety upgrades on its own fleet of aircraft. Tactical Air Sup-

port assisted in the validation of the block upgrade F-5N+/F+ configuration on two of the prototype Navy F-5Ns completed earlier this year.

Capt. Gregory Sutton, PMA-226 program manager said, "This program will provide a fleet of upgraded, safe and modernized adversary aircraft, providing the realistic and relevant tactical training that our aviators need to win in the fight."

To improve and enhance aircraft safety and mission effectiveness and to meet existing and emerging requirements and obsolescence issues, the ARTEMIS program integrates fully digitized avionics instrumentation and provides increased safety and capability upgrades. These upgrades will also add tactical capabilities designed to improve air-to-air training.

"PMA-226's Adversary Team drove to a successful milestone

decision by challenging norms to tailor the program requirements using a blend of commercial solutions and the lessons learned by our industry partners with a focus on desired outcomes and risk mitigation," said Boyd Forsythe, PMA-226 F-5 Adversary Team lead.

Given the significant use of commercial-off-the-shelf components with well-defined maintenance and support equipment requirements that are used for the F-5N+/F+ configured aircraft, the product support strategy will be to execute Navy and Marine Corps maintenance procedures at the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) maintenance facility, with fleet support teams within close proximity to the OEM facility to assist. The program's preventive maintenance will consist of inspections, cleaning and scheduled maintenance tasks.



The Navy's Specialized and Proven Aircraft program office (PMA-226) Avionics Reconfiguration and Tactical Enhancement/Modernization for Inventory Standardization (ARTEMIS) program successfully reached Milestone C decision June 28. The ARTEMIS program will blend commercial-off-the-shelf solutions and industry partner investments to reduce potential safety risks by adding necessary upgrades to instrumentation increasing safety and capability. (U.S. Navy Photo).

# Pet

## OF THE WEEK

# MEET PIPPA



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Hi there everybody, my name is Pippa. My TCAS pals say I'm a 1 1/2 YEAR OLD PERKY PUP who is definitely all about FUN! I'm a JOY FILLED SWEETHEART who absolutely LOVES PEOPLE and would make a PERFECT FAMILY DOG! Even though I'm active I will also love to just lay at your feet and watch some TV. So grab that device and email [animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov) to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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## CSM Modifies Vaccination Requirements



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Board of Trustees voted on July 11 to modify the college's current vaccine requirement for students, allowing unvaccinated students to attend Hy-Flex classes effective with the Fall 2022 Semester. Students enrolled in Hy-Flex classes have the option of attending class sessions in person or via Zoom. This change will occur Aug. 1, 2022 to allow time to transition.

CSM offers classes in five instructional modalities. Unvaccinated students are able to attend classes in three of those modalities: web-based, Real-Time Technology (Zoom), or Hy-Flex classes, which make up 45% of the college's total offerings. Hy-Flex

classes are face-to-face classes that offer students the option of attending simultaneously through Zoom. Unvaccinated students who choose the Hy-Flex option will be required to provide a signed statement that they understand their risk, and that they may be required to take the course online only (via Zoom) if there is a spike in COVID-19 cases.

College administration will convert several currently scheduled face-to-face and Hybrid courses to the Hy-Flex learning option. By Aug. 1, a schedule listing the courses converted to Hy-Flex will be made available, as well as more information on how to submit the signed statement.

## ★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

### Leonardtown Library Makerspace Now Open!

The Makerspace at Leonardtown Library is a flexible learning environment where Makers can utilize a variety of hands-on learning opportunities, gain access to technology to encourage entrepreneurship, and become more creative and empowered with new skills. St. Mary's County Library wants Makers of all sorts to be able to share the space and equipment with one another!

The Makerspace hours are:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday: 2-5 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday: 1-4 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m.

Friday: 1-4 p.m.

Saturday: 1-4 p.m.

Find more information on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Cosplay Workshops: Beginning Cosplay

Are you interested in Cosplay,

but aren't sure if it's for you? In this class, you'll learn ideas and tips on how to create a costume in preparation for LexiCon this fall! Thursday, July 28 from 6 - 7:45 p.m. at the Lexington Park Library. Cosplay is defined as the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game. Get tips on how to get started with designing a costume so you can dress up as your favorite character. Beginning Cosplay will cover the basics, creating an ensemble from household items and thrift store finds, and more. Run by our amazing cosplay veteran, Beth, you'll learn ideas and tips on how to participate in cosplay during LexiCon this fall. This event is designed for those 16 years and older. Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Cosplay Hands-on Craft and Demo of Advanced Technique

Have fun making a simple craft using techniques common in creating costumes. As your project is drying,



watch a demo of advanced cosplay techniques. Thursday, August 4 from 6 - 7:45 p.m. at Lexington Park Library. Once again, our extraordinary amateur costume designer, Beth, will be teaching this class. This time you get to practice some of the basic DIY techniques and take home your creation. Beth will demonstrate advanced techniques that require more skill and expensive tools. These techniques may be used help you create an epic costume for LexiCon this fall! Class size is limited for this event and is designed for those 16 years and older. Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Adorable Animals & Amazing Art

Drift away to nautical live streams while you color! Join us for some deep sea de-stressing with ocean-themed coloring pages, and sea footage. We'll watch live footage of sea creatures from places like the Smithsonian, color, and eat delicious snacks. So, stop on by to have a snack, de-stress, and watch cute animals on the big screen! Two sessions at Lexington Park Library on Thursday, July 28: Tweens from 3 - 4 p.m. and Teens from 4 - 5 p.m. Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

# Music Festival Presents Blazin' Keys

To be in Leonardtown Square



The summer of music continues when the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival presents another concert featuring Blazin' Keys in Leonardtown Square on Saturday, July 23 from 6-9 p.m.

Blazin' Keys is comprised of select performers with over 20-years-experience in the dueling pianos industry. These talented performers thrill their audiences with their immensely popular, highly interactive dueling piano shows featuring a wide range of musical genres from pop and country to rock and blues.

In addition to live music, attendees will be able to enjoy a summer cookout courtesy of The Rex Restaurant & Bar and ice cream from Frog Town Ice Cream Shop. Frog Town is also offering FREE ice cream to kids who attend the event.

FREE shuttle rides provided by Patuxent Transportation and courtesy of valued sponsors will also be available throughout Leonardtown from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. For info about the trolley including the Trolley Map and Schedule, visit: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownTrolley.

Guests are encouraged to please bring a lawn chair or blanket or to choose the outdoor seating and dine at one of our fine restaurants in the Square to enjoy this

FREE, Family-friendly concert experience.

Come early and enjoy a pre-show featuring Justin Allen at The Rex from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and save time to dine or browse our local shops before the main event in the Square.

Join us for an afternoon of music in Leonardtown Square this Saturday. Then look for other exciting concerts around Town from the Leonardtown Square to the Port of Leonardtown Winery from June 'til October 2022 and be sure to join us for a fabulous summer of music in Leonardtown!

For a complete list of music in Leonardtown visit: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest.

The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival is sponsored by the Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District, the Leonardtown Business Association, Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, Burriss Olde Towne Insurance, Jimmy Hayden of RE/MAX 1000 and other valued sponsors and is funded in part by the St. Mary's County Arts Council. To view a full list of sponsors for the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival go to: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest.

*Press Release from Town of Leonardtown*

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# A View From The BLEACHERS MOSTLY GOOD



By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

A Washington D.C. media luminary fired off a tweet. That alone isn't news; it is a routine act occurring hundreds of times daily in this time of supercharged communications. This one was short, even by tweet standards, but it efficiently cut through the random nonsense, political insanity, self-aggrandizing and mindless star-worship that typically dominates a Twitter scroll by posing this simple question to D.C. sports fans: "When did you know for sure that Snyder was the problem and your favorite team was in deep trouble?"

Kevin Sheehan, veteran voice of D.C. sports radio, was the tweet's source. The "Snyder" it referenced is, of course, Washington Commanders owner Dan Snyder. The power of Sheehan's query was its casual lack of qualification. There was no "if you believe Snyder is a fatal franchise flaw"; Sheehan asked matter-of-factly "when" fans realized Snyder was an overwhelming force under-cutting any hope of success. The unspoken (or untweeted) – that there simply is no reasonable doubt about Snyder's organizational malignancy - speaks loudly about Snyder's dysfunction and ruinous 23 years of ownership.

The comments to Sheehan's tweet were validating. It was a scroll of dubious (and depressing) football decisions and embarrassing headlines across two decades. Most telling: No one challenged Sheehan's question or defended Snyder.

Like all long-time burgundy and gold fans, I have my own answer to Sheehan's question. Admittedly, I was late to the party. Fellow fans as far back as the early 2000s had concluded the impossible coexistence of Snyder and a winning football team. But I kept nibbling at the cheese, hoping "Dan the fan" and his willingness to spend (frivolously) would yield results. Things started to break down for me after Mike Shanahan was fired and a talented staff, one that included three future NFL coaches (Kyle Shanahan, Sean McVay and Matt LaFleur), was disassembled. Full stop came more recently with the embarrassing off-field controversies and the arrogant defiance and vindictiveness of the owner himself.

Now it is all too much. The rose-colored glasses have been removed, tossed to the ground and stomped

under foot. My stubborn mind has been convinced: Snyder is Washington football's fait accompli, hope's great kryptonite. There is nothing profound in that conclusion. In some ways, Snyder is just another name on a long and ever-growing list crossing all aspects of life. It's a dubious and unfortunate scroll, and we all have our own.

Live long enough, cobble together numerous diverse experiences, and fellow humans will inevitably deliver a recurring emotion: disappointment. The church won't practice the basic morality it preaches. Politicians will be exposed as more ego-centric, special interest operatives than public servants. Most social media friends will prove to be otherwise. Spouses will fall short of vows. Many fellow Americans will value political identity over shared national origin. Companies who claim to care about their people will confirm a greater concern for their financial health. Left to reconcile such irreconcilable hypocrisy and character deficiencies – like a self-proclaimed fan-owner hoodwinking everyone (for various lengths of time) and turning his asset into the embarrassment of professional sports – well, that's why we grind our teeth at night.

It's enough to drive the most ardent optimist to exclaim, as Buddy Guy crooned, "Damn right I got the blues!" Enter This American Life podcast episode 775: The Possum Experiment, to save the day. The episode starts with a story about a woman who posted a few "Lost Cat" flyers around her home. The catch: The flyers included downloaded pictures of a possum. She did it as a joke, something of a social experiment. She bucketed the return calls into three categories: the mean ones that took pleasure in her idiocy, those who knew it was a joke and offered a humorous reply, and kind-hearted people who expressed genuine concern for her and the "cat's" well-being.

What surprised her was the distribution of calls. Just 10 percent were mean. Another 20 percent were the fellow pranksters. And 70 percent were folks simply trying to help. Is the world soured by swindlers, dark hearts and Dan Snyders? Sure - but a "lost" marsupial offered a timely reminder that people are still mostly good.

Send comments to [RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com](mailto:RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com)

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Held



The crew of the sailing yacht Whirlaway poses with the Calvert County Trophy after last weekend's Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta. The trophy is awarded to the boat that wins the most competitive class of the three-day racing event which is hosted by Southern Maryland Sailing Association, and is based out of Safe Harbor Zanhiser's Marina in Solomons. Whirlaway is a Hobie 33 owned by Jackson Montague of Alexandria, Va., and sailed out of Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, Va. This year marked the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge and was sailed July 15 - 17 in Chesapeake Bay off Solomons Island.



L.G. Raley of Hollywood was honored at Sunday's Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta awards ceremony for his 27-years of service as a co-founder and volunteer for the Solomons-based sailing event. Raley spent 25 of those years as Chairman of Screwpile and is credited with turning it into a major regional sporting event. Above, Raley (center) acknowledges the applause of the crowd at the awards event, held at Safe Harbor Zanhiser's Marina, where he received a trophy and several gifts. Pictured with Raley are his wife, Merry Ruth, and current Screwpile Chairman Jim Keen of Solomons. L.G. Raley and Keen are both past commodores of Southern Maryland Sailing Association, the sponsor of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge. This year's Screwpile was raced July 15 - 17 in the Chesapeake Bay off Solomons Island.

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# Maryland Sport Fishing Achievement Awards Presented

*Captain Bruno Vasta Honored*



Captain Bruno Vasta

The Maryland Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are proud to announce Captain Bruno M. Vasta and the late James W. “Jim” Gracie each as recipients of Maryland Sport Fisheries Achievement Awards for 2022.

The Maryland Sport Fisheries Achievement Award was established by the commission to honor individuals who have provided sustained efforts in habitat management, conservation, education, research, or other meaningful contributions that benefit recreational fishing in Maryland.

Vasta, an accomplished federal civil servant, has served in various capacities with the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association, including as its statewide president and Southern Maryland Chapter president. He also represented Maryland as a governor-appointed member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Throughout Vasta’s diverse professional and volunteer positions, he has advocated for tougher laws to protect native fish species and bolster Chesapeake Bay restoration. Vasta led the charge for creating an artificial reef off Solomons Island and developed lasting partnerships with local governments to establish fishing and aquatic education curriculum.

“After decades of working for the fish and recreational fishermen, Captain Bruno is known and respected for all that he has done for fishing in the Chesapeake Bay,”

said Dr. Jerry Gaff, past president of Southern Maryland of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association. “Like star entertainers who need only to use their first name – Cher, Madonna, and Prince – ‘Captain Bruno’ is a superstar name known all around the Chesapeake Bay.”

The commission also recognized Baltimore native Jim Gracie for his lifelong support of trout fishing and championing water quality and restoration. Gracie, a chemist by trade, used his expertise with both federal and state agencies to advocate for stream restoration and he was considered an expert on the Clean Water Act.

Jim was a founding member of Maryland’s chapter of Trout Unlimited and also served two terms as president of the national organization’s board. Aside from Gracie’s environmental policy work, he also pioneered Baltimore’s City Catch program teaching Baltimore youth about fishing and aquatic education. Lastly, Jim was one of the longest serving members of the governor-appointed commission and had served as its chair. Gracie passed away in 2020.

“Jim never rested on his accomplishments,” Commission member Jason “JP” Andrick said. “‘Grit’ is a good word to describe him.”

Gracie and Vasta will be honored in a presentation later in the year.

The commission will begin accepting nominations Dec. 1, 2022 for the 2023 award, with a deadline of Jan. 31, 2023.

*Press Release from MD DNR*

# Waterfowl Blind Site Licensing Process Available

*Online Lottery, Virtual Appointments*

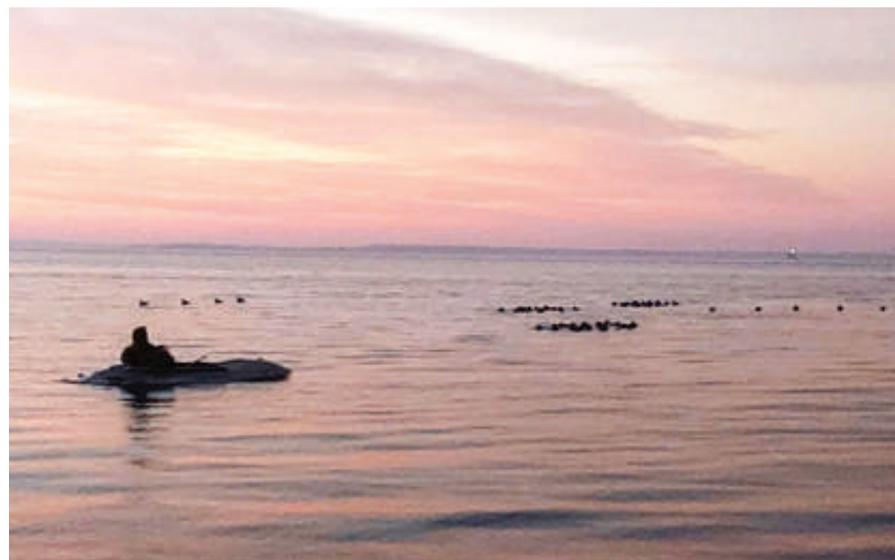


Photo by Jake McPherson, Ducks Unlimited

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is again offering an online-only process for Maryland hunters to apply for a 2022-2023 waterfowl blind site license. From now through July 26 at 11:59 p.m., hunters may enter the annual lottery for the opening days of blind site licensing through the department’s Compass licensing portal.

Hunters can register to be entered into a random lottery for a county of their choice. Landowners who would like to license their own property may also enter the same lottery.

Lottery entrants will be asked to provide a current email address and phone number where they can be reached in the event of any connection problems.

There is no charge to enter the lottery. Hunters must be Maryland residents and must have purchased either a 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 Maryland

hunting license prior to their appointment to license sites.

Additional information and important instructions are available on the department’s website. Winners of the lottery will be posted on the department’s website and will be notified by email with the time and date for a virtual online meeting. These virtual meetings will begin August 2, and continue during normal business hours. In some counties, appointments will take place on multiple business days.

After the opening days, licensing for all counties will occur by appointment only. Customers may begin making appointments online on August 10 for virtual meetings that will begin August 17. Customers who schedule an appointment will receive an email that includes a link to communicate with DNR staff at the appropriate date and time.

*Press Release from MD DNR*

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# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, July 21

### Outdoor Adventure at Piney Point

*Piney Point Lighthouse Museum  
44720 Lighthouse Road  
Piney Point  
9a.m. to Noon*

Does your child ever ask you what type of bird is outside your window? Bring a bug into the house? Create exciting water experiments in your bathroom?

Congratulations—you have a budding scientist on your hands!

Foster their interest by giving them 4 days of scientific learning and discovery at beautiful Piney Point Lighthouse Museum. Join museum staff and education coordinator/local biologist Sara Saunders in exploring Piney Point's museum park grounds as part of the dynamic Potomac River ecosystem and crafting activities that will help answer some of your child's pressing questions. Must call 301-994-1471 to sign up.

MORE INFO: [www.facebook.com/events/1821866134683775/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1821866134683775/)

### Farmers Feeding St. Mary's Bay District Volunteer Fire Department

*46900 S Shangri-La Dr  
Lexington Park  
2p.m. to 7p.m.*

From local farmers to your plate! The first annual Farmers Feeding St. Mary's Program will offer farm fresh produce free to the community. At each event, attending families will be given

a box filled with fresh produce, such as corn, tomatoes, squash, and more! Produce available on the day of each event may vary.

Family units will be limited to one box of produce per event.

Food distribution will continue until indicated event end time or until produce runs out.

## Friday, July 22

### River Concert: Stravinsky and Froom

*St. Mary's College Townhouse Green*

*St. Mary's City  
7p.m. to 10p.m.*

River Concert: Stravinsky and Froom

The River Concert Series concludes its 24th season with two of Stravinsky's masterpieces "Pulcinella" and "The Firebird Suite," and David Froom's "Down to a Sunless Sea." This is orchestral writing at its best and most colorful.

St. Mary's College of Maryland, along with the Chesapeake Orchestra and its Music Director Jeffrey Silberschlag, are proud to announce the program for the 2022 River Concert Series. A Southern Maryland tradition now in its 24th season, this family-friendly music festival, and winner of two Governor's Awards for Arts, Tourism, and Community Economic Development, will be held on the St. Mary's College Townhouse Green. Mainstage programs will be on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. starting on June 24, and continu-

ing on July 1, 8, 15, and 22.

The River Concert Series program is subject to change. Food and beverages, provided by local vendors, will be available for purchase on location. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own refreshments. Concerts are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the River Concert Series at [www.smcm.edu/events/riverconcert/](http://www.smcm.edu/events/riverconcert/).

### Summerstock's "Children of Eden"

*Great Mills High School  
21130 Great Mills Rd  
Great Mills*

*7p.m. to 9:30p.m.*

This year, Recreation and Parks is presenting their 40th Summerstock musical, "Children of Eden" by Stephen Schwartz and John Caird. The whole family will enjoy this uplifting musical that retells these stories from the first chapters of Genesis: Creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Flood. Performances are July 22-24 and 29-31, Fridays at 7, Saturdays at 1 and 7, and Sundays at 3. Tickets on sale July 1st at [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/summerstock](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/summerstock). Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Saturday, July 23

### So. Md. Decorative Painters Meeting & Paint-In

*Charlotte Hall Library  
37600 New Market Rd  
Charlotte Hall  
9:30 a.m. to 4p.m.*

Doors open at 9:00 AM for setup.

A business meeting will start at 10:00, followed by a painting project, "TBD" led by tbd.

Guests are always welcome and should contact us for supply and project info if you'd like to paint on the date of your visit.

We also offer this class the same day on zoom if you're not able to get out but would still like to participate in this event.

You can visit our website at [www.smdpaint.org/Calendar.html](http://www.smdpaint.org/Calendar.html). It does need updated at the current time. Any questions contact Garnett Joy @ 301-452-7099 or email [garnettjoy@gmail.com](mailto:garnettjoy@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Sunday, July 24

### Leonardtown Wildcats Football and Cheer skills camp

*Dorsey Park  
24275 Hollywood Rd.  
Hollywood  
6p.m. to 8p.m.*

The Leonardtown Wildcats Football and Cheer program will be holding Summer skills camps every Sunday from 6pm to 8pm June 5th through July 31st. This is open to all age 4- 14 and all skill levels. There is no cost, no sign ups, and no membership required. Dorsey park in Hollywood Maryland by the football fields. Each child just needs sneakers and water. no equipment needed. for more info please see our webpage [www.leonardtownwildcats.org/](http://www.leonardtownwildcats.org/) or find us on Facebook.



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# In Remembrance

## Mary Loretta Willett



Mary Loretta Willett departed this life peacefully and was called to eternal rest on Monday, July 4, 2022 at St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD. Loretta was born to the late George B. Thompson, Sr. and Agnes R. Thompson on January 1, 1936. To her family and friends, she was affectionately known as "Retta". She was educated at St. Peter Claver Catholic School, Ridge, MD. Loretta was married to the late Horace Marshall Willett.

Loretta worked, alongside her husband at the Oyster House in Broomes Island, MD until her and her husband became business owners of their own seafood shack in Oakville, MD. Loretta also loved selling candy and ice cream to the neighborhood children.

Loretta was a loving wife, aunt, and friend to many. Loretta really enjoyed spending time with her family. She enjoyed watching the Catholic channel and Rev. Jimmy Swaggart on television. She loved the Lord and loved to sing and could sing Gospel music. She loved cooking seafood and talking about old times. She also enjoyed spending weekends in Calvert County with her niece-in-law, Frances. She enjoyed watching and cheering for the Baltimore Orioles. Loretta was a caring, kind-hearted, and loving person. She would give you her heart. Everyone at the St. Mary's Nursing Center would call her "little mama" and her favorite saying was "over and out".

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, George B. Thompson, Sr. and Agnes R. Thompson; husband, Horace Marshall Willett; stepson, Marshall Willett; siblings, George B. Thompson, Jr., Randolph Barnes, Dorothy Williams, and Alice C. Miller; brothers-in-law, Colbert Barnes, Raymond Williams, and Francis D. Nelson, Paul Willett, Sam Willett, John Willett, Herbert Willett, Ernest Cunningham, and Vernon Hurley; sisters-in-law, Virginia Young, Bertina Willett, Elizabeth

Willett, Catherine Gough, and Margaret Hurley.

Loretta leaves to cherish her wonderful memories, her step-daughter, Ann Willett-Stewart of Baltimore, MD; one aunt, Estelle Thompson of Lexington Park, MD; siblings, Frances Blackiston (James) of Leonardtown, MD, Marion Nelson and Theresa Thompson of Mechanicsville, MD, and Marguerite Barnes and Charles Thompson (Helen) of Lexington Park, MD; one sister-in-law, Catherine Thompson of Lexington Park, MD; brother-in-law, Clarence T. Miller, Sr. of Philadelphia, PA; sisters-in-law, Gertrude Willett and Estelle Willett; special niece-in-law, Frances Blackwell; special friend, Kathy Smith, and a host of nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends

## Richard "Ernie" Ernest Quade



Richard "Ernie" Ernest Quade, 71, of Tulsa, OK, passed away on June 24, 2022, at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa, OK.

He was born at St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD July 6, 1950, to George Bernard Quade Sr. and Helen Louise Quade of Valley Lee, MD.

He attended grade school at Little Flower and Great Mills High School.

He was married to Jodie Quade, and they spent 40 wonderful years together.

He enjoyed fishing, boating, music, car racing, dancing, and cooking. Especially his "pot of chili." He was a carpenter and "jack of all trades." He enjoyed the company of family and friends and had many stories talking about the younger days.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Barbara Ann Sparks, brother William Leonard Quade, and brother Joseph Carroll Quade.

He is survived by his wife, children, siblings James Knott,

George Quade, Gene Quade, Louise Havercamp, Shirley Stone, and Mary Lou Wimberly of St. Mary's County, John Quade and Rosalie Roderick of Granbury, TX, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

## Barbara Lucille "Bobbie Lou" Guy Goode



Barbara Lucille "Bobbie Lou" Guy Goode, 69, of Chaptico, MD formerly of Loveville, MD, passed away at her residence on July 12, 2022. Born on January 21, 1953 in Leonardtown, MD. She was the

daughter of the late Robert William "Bobby" Guy and the late Mary Elizabeth Payne Guy. Bobbie Lou was the loving wife of Malcom E. Goode, Jr., whom she married on November 15, 1975, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Morganza, MD. She is survived by her children Patrick Goode of Chaptico, MD, Dana Nichols (Robby Oliver) of Chaptico, MD, Kathie Bartz (Kevin) of Mechanicsville, MD, Matthew Goode of Chaptico, MD, her five grandchildren Hannah Nichols, Michael Nichols, Jacob Bartz, Landon Bartz, and Kaylee Bartz, as well as her siblings Leonard Donald Guy (sister in law Betsy) of Loveville, MD and Mary Sonia Walker (brother in law Clay) of Loveville, MD and sister in law Karen Reynolds of Loveville, MD. Bobbie Lou was preceded in death by her siblings William Jerry Guy and Robert Larry Guy.

Bobbie Lou was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD, and graduated from Chopticon High School in 1971. She then graduated from Patricia Stevens School of Fashion, Baltimore, MD, in 1972, with a Certificate in Fashion Merchandising.

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## In Remembrance

Bobbie Lou worked in several places throughout her life that included Blair's Jewelry, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO), and as a Postmaster Relief Worker for the U.S. Postal Service, in Bushwood, MD and Loveville, MD. For more than 44 years though, Bobbie Lou was a homemaker; a job where family came first, faith was instilled, and volunteerism was part of life. She volunteered regularly at her children's school, Holy Angels-Sacred Heart. She was a dedicated parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, where she maintained the altar linens, helped clean the church, decorate, and assisted biannually with church dinner functions. At home, she was an excellent cook, the family's and extended family's seamstress, the chauffeur, a gardener, and one who loved to decorate her house on Pond Point.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, MD with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Jeffrey Guy, Jordan Guy, Michael Guy, Allen Lacey, Jon Spence, and Nicholas Walker.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

### Carmel McCadden



On Monday July 11, 2022, Carmel McCadden, beloved wife, mother, and dear friend to many, passed away at age 71. Carmel was born on January 31, 1951 to Ralph and Lucy (Rogers) Masters in Baltimore, MD. She was raised in Sparrows Point, MD, a place that she was very proud to hail from and would discuss at length with anybody who was even remotely familiar with it.

Carmel was a devoted friend

to many. She never met a stranger she didn't grow to love. She was quick to love, loved with her whole heart, and wore her heart on her sleeve. Carmel had many "adopted" children, as she treated all her children's friends as her own. Carmel had a passion for the Baltimore Orioles (Specifically Cal Ripken, Jr.) and the Baltimore Ravens. She was quite possibly the loudest person in attendance at games!

Carmel was a very meticulous person who took an enormous amount of pride in making her home beautiful, both inside and outside. She enjoyed "crinking" with her special friends, specifically making beautiful hand-made cards for every special occasion. Carmel was preceded in death by her first husband Donald McCadden, Sr., her father Ralph, her mother Lucy, her sister Mary, and her brother Bob. She is survived by her loving husband, Gene, her son Donald (Pam), her daughter Melanie (Mike), her granddaughter Emily, her grandsons; Trey, Trenton, and Austin, her brother Duane (Linda), as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A private service will be held with the immediate family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Belmont Farm in Clements, MD on Friday, July 22, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Please dress casually and comfortably, and we encourage any of you who share her passion for the beloved Baltimore Orioles and Ravens to wear your favorite Team Gear.

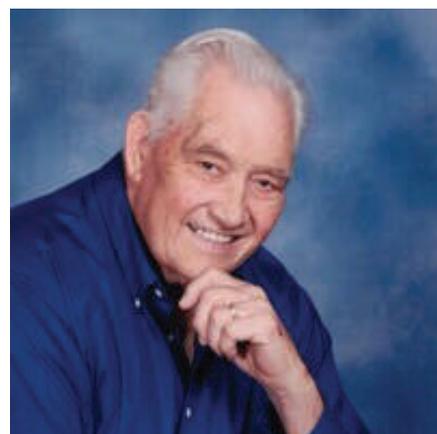
The address for the Belmont Farm is: 24079 Budds Creek Rd Clements, MD 20624

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to (Breast Cancer Research Foundation) BCRF.org.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

### Robert (Bobby) Benedict Abell



Robert (Bobby) Benedict Abell, 85 of Ridge, MD passed away on July 12, 2022 at home.

He was born on January 25, 1937 in Bowie, MD to the late Thomas Benedict Abell, Jr. and Mary Eva (Higgs) Abell.

Bobby grew up in Bowie, MD until the age of 7, when his family moved to Medley's Neck and lived on the family farm. He graduated from middle school at Our Lady's School in Medley's Neck and attended Great Mills High School. At the age of 18, he joined the U.S. Army as a Heavy Equipment Operator serving 3 years, of which 16 months was in Korea. In 1958, Bobby was honorably discharged in Ft. Hood, TX and returned to St. Mary's County working in construction as a steel worker. On 11 Jun 1960, he married the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Delozier in Ridge MD. They spent 62 wonderful years together. Their marriage resulted in three lovely children, Robert Tracy (Laurel) of BelAir, MD, Kenneth (Kee) Warren (Juanita) of Mechanicsville, MD and Mary Lynn Lowe (David) of Ridge, MD, along with 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. In 1960, Bobby started as an Apprentice in the Masonry trade and was promoted in 1963, to a Masonry Foreman. In 1972, he worked at the St. Mary's Technical Center as the Masonry Instructor. He received an award from the Metropolitan Masonry for the Southern Maryland area for his work on C&P LaPlata Dial Center. In 1974, he returned to construction as a General Superintendent. In 1977, he was offered a position as Maintenance Chief at St. Mary's College of Maryland. In 1981, Bobby was promoted to Assistant Director of Physical Plant, and in 1983 he was promoted to the Director of Physical Plant where he remained until his retirement in 1997. During his tenure, he received various awards, in which one he was most proud of, the Student Affairs Award. This prestigious award is given by the student body as they commemorate a faculty/staff member who embodies the value and reputation of St. Mary's College of Maryland. Through his continually responsive efforts, Bobby created a beautiful environment that has been and will be treasured by students and visitors for years to come. Also, he received an award from the college community for "Person that they would most likely work for".

In his younger days, Bobby was active in sports, especially baseball and softball. He was inducted into the Slow Pitch Hall of Fame.

He was active in the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad for 38 years, serving in various positions, including Chief, Assistant Chief, Board of Directors, and Chairman of the Building Committee for the new Rescue Squad building. After a devastating fire destroyed the initial building, Bobby assisted then Chief Paul Sullivan, in the reconstruction of the new building where it stands today. He was an active member of the Southern Maryland Fireman's Association. He volunteered at various organizations in the community. Bobby was a longtime member of St. Michael's Church in Ridge, MD where he served as an Usher for many years.

Most important was his Wife, Family, and his two Shih Tzu's (Smoke and Angel).

He was predeceased by his Parents (Thomas Benedict and Mary Eva), his siblings Tommy, James, and Betty. He is survived by his siblings Joe, Eddie, Peggy, Mary Vanna, Joanne, and Patty, along with a host of nephews and nieces.

Family will receive friends for Bobby's Life Celebration on Friday, July 22, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with prayers recited at 7:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 16566 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Peter Giovanoni on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at St. Michael's Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be David Lowe, Tracy Abell, Kee Abell, Jimmy Hamilton, Timmy Tennyson, Scott Abell, Josh Abell, and Matthew Abell

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680 or St. Michael's Church, P.O. Box 429, Ridge, MD 20680.

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

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### Bernard Joseph Goldsborough

Bernard Joseph Goldsborough, 96, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on July 12, 2022, at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with his loving family at his side.

He was born on February 27, 1926, in Leonardtown, MD to the late Bernard Lancelot Goldsborough and Alice Richley Heard Goldsborough.



Bernard was born and raised in St. Mary's County where he attended Great Mills High School. In 1944, at 18 years old he joined the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in November 1954 as a Staff Sergeant. During his service he was stationed at Bowling Field, Washington D.C., Kessler Field, AZ; Larson AFB in Washington; Fort Benning in Georgia; Brady AFB in Japan. He was in the National Guard from 1947 to 1951 and then re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1954. In January 1954, after his discharge, he was employed by the Federal Ordinance (a private contractor for the government) as the night supervisor in charge of making detonating fuses for the bombs. He supervised 41 people including his mother. In September 1955, he went to work for the Federal Government at Patuxent River Naval Air Station as an Assistant Transportation Officer for Supply. He worked his way up through the chain of command and retired from Strategic Systems Project Office as the Command Deputy for Equal Employment Opportunity in Crystal City, VA in 1981. He was called back to work by Admiral Clark on two occasions, the first time he assisted for 6 months and the second time was for three months.

His hobbies included gardening, both vegetable and flower gardens. He grew bountiful gardens that he harvested and canned. He particularly enjoyed canning string beans and beets. He also had beautiful rose gardens and flowers gardens. He was an avid coin collector and made many beautiful picture frames. He was a walking historian and had extensive knowledge in many areas. He organized many bus trips to local casinos and shows.

Bernard was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, serving as President in 1987 for 12 years. He was the first VP of the Maryland State Federation, which he served for two years. During his time as the Grand Knight

he received the Golden Knight Award. He was the past president of Crime Solvers for St. Mary's County and a member of the St. Mary's Commission for Building the Chapel at St. Mary's City. He served on the Guard of Honor for Pope John Paul II at the Mall. He was a devote Catholic and volunteered with many organizations. He was a long-time volunteer with NARFE and helped many retired civil service employees understand their retirement benefits.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 36 wonderful years, Mary Jean Goldsborough; his sons, Richard Goldsborough of Harpers Ferry, WV and Robert Goldsborough (Sarah) of Summit Point, WV; his sister, Mary Teresa Mayor of Leonardtown, MD; two grandchildren: Marie Isom of Leonardtown, MD and Lucy Gomes of Myrtle Beach, SC; his great grandchildren: Margaret Rose Isom, Natalie Isom, Richard Gomes, Alexandria "Desi" Gomes; step-children: Beverly Hegstrom (John) of Reno, NV and Philip Bean (Michele) of Navarre, FL; sister-in-law: Elizabeth Ann Miller of Leonardtown, MD; step-grandchildren: Dr. Lars Hegstrom (Bryony); , Jasmine Bean, Holly Huggett (Alex); his step-great-grandson, Cooper Huggett; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his first wife of 36 years, Agnes Lucille Graves Goldsborough (DOD: 8/16/1985).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516, St. Jude's Research Center, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, Shriners Hospital for Children, Processing center, P.O. Box 1510, Ranson, WV 25438 and Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306.

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

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### *Lt. Cdr. Edward Carnot Flynn*

Lt. Cdr. Edward Carnot Flynn, USN (Ret.), 74 of Hollywood, MD passed away on February 8, 2021 at home.

Edward was born on July 3, 1946 in Jacksonville, FL to the late Cornelius Flynn and Lillian (Carneaux) Flynn.

Edward proudly served in the United States Navy from 25 years



until retirement as Lt Cdr. While in the Navy he was part of VF-114 and VF-124 squadrons as (RIO) Radar Intercept Officer flying in the back of F-4's and F-14's. Upon retirement he worked as a Project Manager for a government contractor out of Pax River NAS. Edward was married to, Elizabeth (Morgan) Flynn until her passing in June of 2006. Edward was a caring man who lived life to the fullest. He was involved in various organizations dedicated his time to help others in need. He served on boards for local organizations such as, Shriners International and the Masons, (DAV) Disabled American Veterans, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America and the Elks Lodge of Hollywood, MD.

Edward is survived by his sons, Edward Neal Flynn (Doris) of Exeter, CA and Sean Gregory Flynn (Beth Barkan) of Annandale, VA; and his grandchildren, Calvin, Daniel, Elisabeth, Emily, Annalise, and Abigail Flynn. He was preceded in death by his parents.

At this time services will be private. A Graveside Service with full Military Honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 9am.

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### *Andrew "Andy" Henry Abugelis*

Andrew "Andy" Henry Abugelis, 99 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Friday, June 10, 2022, at the St. Mary's Hospice House in Maryland.

Andy was the youngest of six children born to Andrew Abugelis and Eleanora (Alonis) Abugelis in Chicago IL in June 1923. After graduating from high school, Andy enlisted in the Navy and went through boot camp training in Great Lakes, Illinois. Some of Andy's fondest memories con-



sisted of serving in the Navy on the greatest ship, the USS Yorktown. He would say he served with the finest officers and sailors in World War II. Andy received many medals and ribbons including the Victory Metal, American Campaign Metal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Metal and ribbons with five stars, as well as a Presidential Unit Citation, one star.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Andy married his high school sweetheart, Virginia. They were married for 70 years until Virginia passed away in 2016. They had three children, Gail Rudman (Martin) of Leonardtown, MD, James Andrews of Colorado the late Robert James. He is also survived by his 4 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Andy enjoyed traveling and being with family. In his later years, he was so proud to represent the Navy during multiple WWII celebrations held at the WWII memorial in Washington, DC. During these events, he had the privilege of meeting high ranking members of the military as well as American Politicians and Senators, Bob Dole and John McCain, Vice President Mike Pence and actor and supporter of veteran's organizations, Gary Sinise. He was usually the last to leave those events, telling his stories and shaking hands with those who wanted to meet him. There was nothing he loved more than sharing his stories. When people would say to him "thank you for your service," his response would be "For you, I would do it over again."

Memorial contributions may be made to Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown MD 20650.

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# SMALL BUSINESS TIPS

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They provide jobs, pay taxes and contribute to our society. For any of you contemplating setting up your own small business, I applaud your courage and offer some basic tips for you:

## 1. Start with the professionals.

When you set up a business or enter into a lease or create a contract or agreement between your business and landlords, vendors, suppliers, bankers, etc. you need to obtain professional advice from attorneys and accountants. Yes, this will cost your business money up front, but it will be worth it to avoid mistakes.

## 2. Structure.

Incorporating your business is important to avoid personal liability. If you incorporate, either as an LLC (limited liability company) or a corporation, and you are sued, the corporation is liable, not you personally. The contrary is also true—without incorporating, any business you run can be sued and you can be held personally liable. Exposing your personal assets, or your family's assets, to liability for a business you run is simply taking too much risk.

## 3. Documentation is Critical.

Before you run to Legal Zoom or some similar forms service to create your articles of organization or incorporation, think about your business structure. This is not the time to choose a "one size fits all" form. If you have partners or shareholders, you cannot use the types of basic documents provided by a forms service. You need professional guidance.

## 4. Small Business Pitfalls.

There are three areas of potential difficulty every small business person must figure out: employees, leases and other agreements and ownership.

a. Employees. Be very careful about classifying your employees either as employees or independent contractors. The Internal Revenue Service now uses an 11 factor test to determine whether an independent contractor is truly independent. As a business owner, you are responsible for withholding taxes on employee salaries. Independent contractors pay their own taxes. Don't get into difficulty by misclassifying. If the IRS determines you should have classified someone as an employee rather than an independent contractor, your business could be liable for paying back all the withholding taxes you should have taken out since the employee was first hired. Multiply that by several misclassified employees and you see the problem. Understand the rules.

b. Leases and Other Agreements. The type of lease you sign for commercial space can be very confusing, espe-

cially when it is 30 pages long and full of legalisms. There are gross leases, net leases and percentage leases. You may receive a low rent in a triple net lease but you will be responsible for paying taxes, insurance and repairs on the space. If the space needs a new roof, that could be a major expense. Every business has different needs and will use different types of contracts and agreements, but all businesses use contracts and agreements with customers, vendors, bankers, etc. Make sure you get professional advice on handling your contracts and agreements.

c. Ownership. One important tip—never enter into a 50-50 partnership. This simply doesn't work in the event of a dispute. Make your structure 51-49 or something else, but put one person in charge. Don't make your spouses or children the owners of the business if they are not involved in the business. Divorce can wreak havoc on a business with married couple owners.

## 5. Free Advice.

One of the best tips I have for small business is to structure an Advisory Board. Unlike Boards of Directors, members of an Advisory Board have no liability for the advice they give your business. There is no need to pay Advisory Board members if you cannot afford it. Call on friends and advisors who understand your type of business and can give you practical advice. Those Advisory Board members may very well become your future investors.

## 6. Buying a Business.

One word—investigate. You must have as complete an understanding of what you are buying as possible.

## 7. Selling a Business.

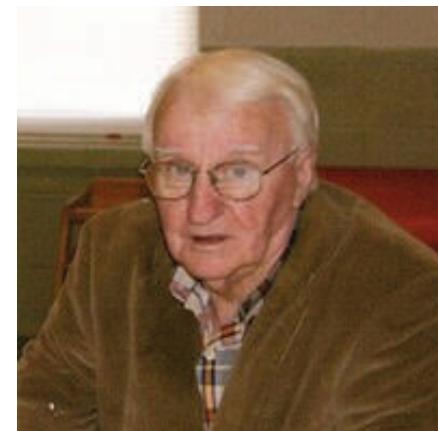
Sellers of a business want to sell stock. That allows them to charge the buyer for goodwill that has been built-up in a business. Buyers of a business want to buy assets—they want to stay away from the liabilities that come with stock ownership. Whether it is a sale of stock or assets, valuation is an issue and there are many ways to approach a sales price for your business.

Running a small business is not for the faint of heart. But, there are resources to help you. Take advantage of them—attorneys, accountants, cyber security specialists, financial advisors, the internet, business books, classes at the College of Southern Maryland, the Calvert County Dept. of Economic Development and many other resources. And, best of luck to you!

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Thomas Theodore (Teddy)  
Clarke, Jr.



married the love of his life, Genieva Hannah Hill in Indian Head, MD. They celebrated over 54 wonderful years of marriage before her passing in February 2021. He was a skilled carpenter, and jack of all trades. He kept a well landscaped yard and detailed cars. He loved dogs, camping and was an avid Pittsburgh Steeler's football fan.

Teddy Clark Junior was born to the late Thomas and Gaynell Clark on February 4, 1959. He passed on June 18, 2022 at George Washington University Hospital in Washington DC. Teddy grew up in the Town Creek area, living and working in the southern Maryland area as a tradesman and salesman. He loved his family, friends and community. He was always quick with a joke and good for a laugh. He is survived by his devoted companion Ruth, two sons Jeremy and Justin Clarke and three grandchildren Teddy, Bryson and Winnie.; sisters Linda O'Brien, Mary Schroeder and Freda Fank. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Francis Laverne. He will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

## George Earl Hill

George Earl Hill, 87 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on June 19, 2022 at his home.

He was born on February 23, 1935 in Pittsburgh, PA to the late William R. Hill and Jenny Hoffmeister Hill.

George is survived by his children, Barbara Jean Miller (Arthur) of Brandywine, MD, Alice Victoria Sams of Lexington Park, MD, Brenda Lee Sydnor of Reading, PA, and Janet Lynn Clark of Leonardtown, MD; his sister, Dorene DeLuca of Pittsburgh, PA, and 13 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Genieva Hannah Hill; his daughter, Joyce Irene Wathen; and eleven siblings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311.

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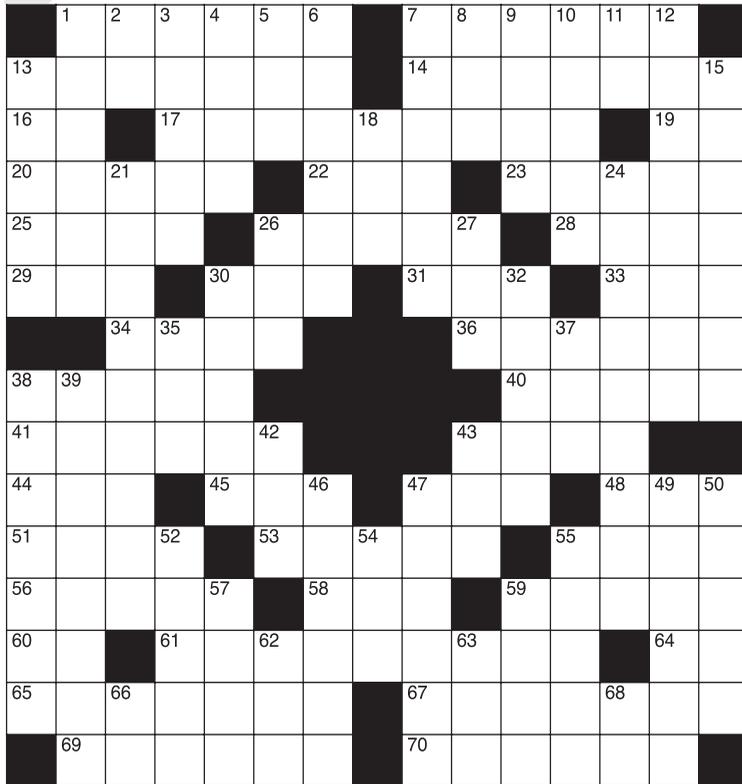
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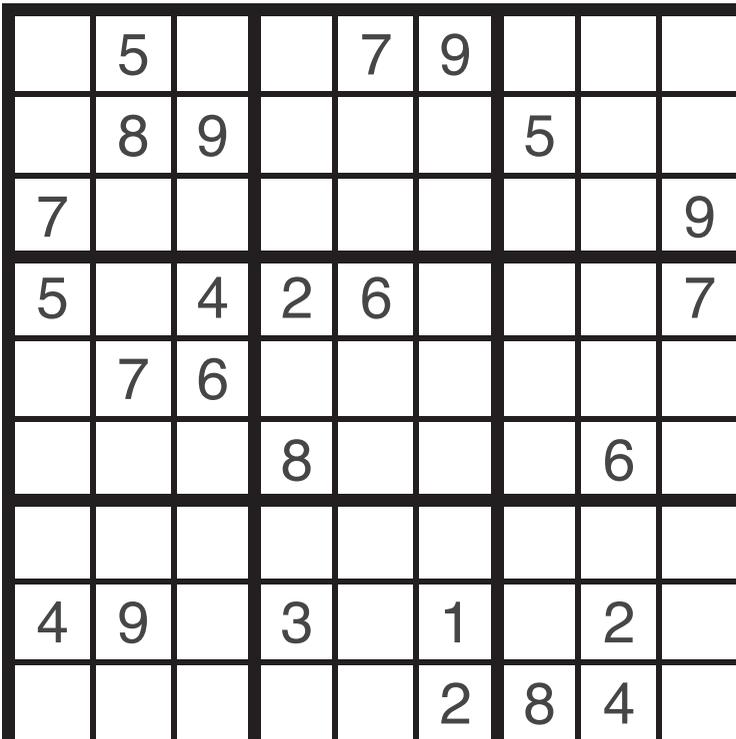
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- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous "Squad"
- 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. A digital tape recording of sound

- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
- 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight unit
- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
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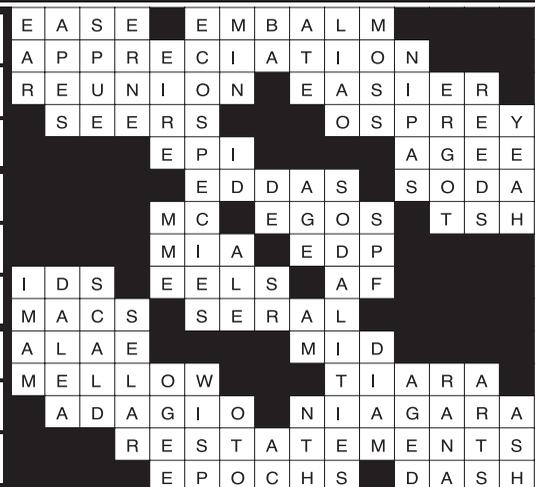
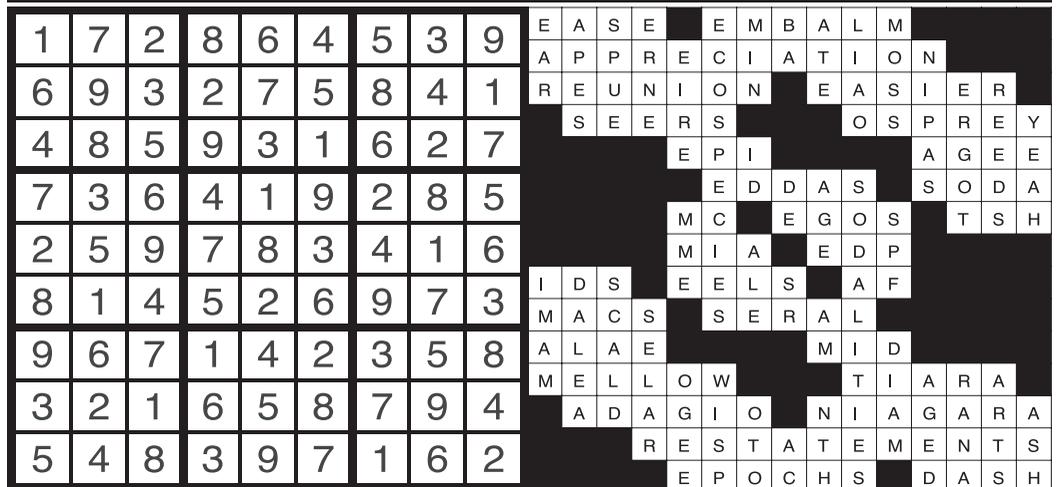
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- 6. Merchant
- 7. Hosts film festival
- 8. State of agitation of fuss
- 9. A way to praise
- 10. Opaque gems
- 11. McKinley is one
- 12. Smallest interval in

- classical Western music
- 13. Famed designer Lauren
- 15. Occupies
- 18. Small island (British)
- 21. Misuse of the sacred
- 24. Covers with a thin sheet
- 26. Most valuable player
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Investigated discreetly
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Music genre
- 38. Indicates one is in mourning
- 39. Secured forever
- 42. Bodily cavity
- 43. A dog is one
- 46. Chose to do something
- 47. Annoy persistently
- 49. Large hotel rooms
- 50. Beg
- 52. Docket
- 54. Subway dwelling rodent
- 55. Sources
- 57. Mild Dutch cheese
- 59. Spanish city
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Ballplayer's tool
- 66. Midway between north and east
- 68. Atomic #3



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