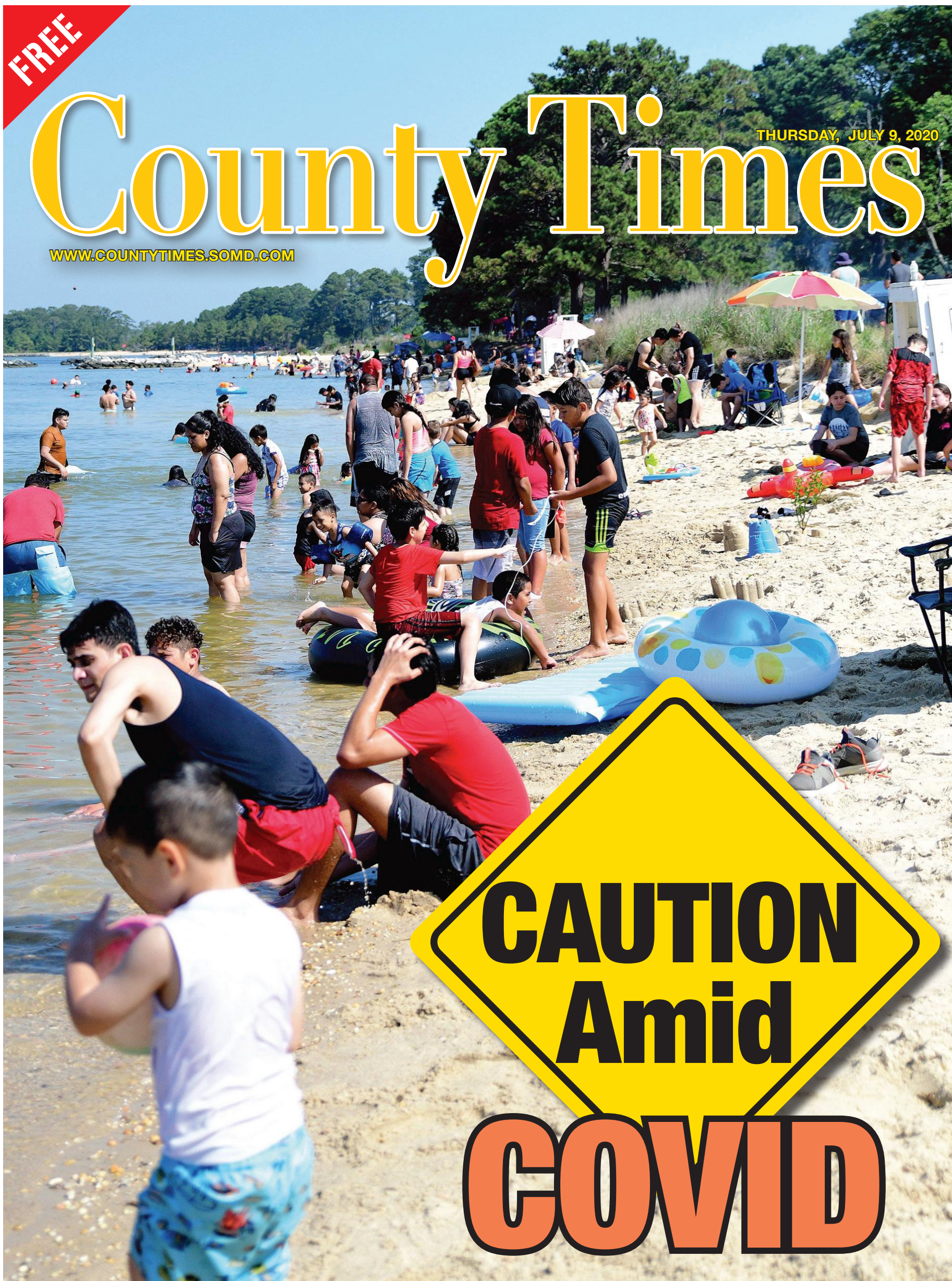


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PM	Scattered	Scattered	Mostly Sunny
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Mon 7/13	Tue 7/14	Wed 7/15	Thu 7/16
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# The Mission Looking For A New Home



Richard Myers, Mission Executive Director



Pastor Robert Myers

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Mission, a refuge for the homeless and needy currently operating on Great Mills Road, is looking to move into a new building soon, according to its executive director Richard Myers.

This new move, which should take place soon once the board of directors closes on the property located on Sheriff Miedzinski Way in Lexington Park, will allow The Mission to provide even more services.

The Mission has been able to stay open through COVID-19, Myers said, though the property owner of the current site wants to sell it, meaning The Mission has to find a new home.

"We've been there for the past eight years and on and off for the past 15 years," Myers said. "For the past three-and-a-half months we've been raising funds to get a new building."

About 600 people from the community have donated to the cause, Myers said, coming to the sum of about \$142,000.

"It's amazing the support we've gotten from the community," Myers said.

The space they are looking for is close to 5,000 square feet, he said, while their current site is just about 1,000 square feet; the new building, if the deal is successful, would also allow The Mission space for administrative work.

"We'll really be able to expand our services just because of the size," Myers said. "Our whole goal is to get people off the streets."

The Mission also offers a food pantry,

clothing assistance, haircuts and showers for the homeless and emergency shelter.

The Mission also operates a community farm and provides job placement assistance to their clients, including computer training.

The services of The Mission, which are faith-based, are for the impoverished in the community as well as the homeless.

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## St. Mary's Positivity Low But COVID Cases Rise

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County's COVID-19 positivity rate is at 3 percent, Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's health officer told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, which is lower than the state's average but the health department is still seeing a rise in novel coronavirus cases.

There are now 686 positive cases of COVID-19 in St. Mary's, she said, with 51 fatalities.

"We're seeing more travel related cases and we're seeing more community spread of this virus," Brewster said.

Summer time travel is a significant contributor to this, Brewster said, and the county is seeing cases of the virus that are both symptomatic and asymptomatic, as well as people who have been exposed to those with the virus and those who do not know where they could have contracted it.

"We are encouraging any resident to get tested," Brewster said. "Especially if they have symptoms or been exposed to anyone who may have had the virus."

"If residents travelling to other states, especially those that are seeing increases, they should get tested."

The county continues to rise in its efforts to get more residents tested for the disease," Brewster said.

Just a few weeks ago the county testing rate was 5 percent, as of July 7 8 percent of the population here had been tested for COVID-19.

"We want to see 10 percent," Brewster said, noting that Gov. Larry Hogan has set the same goal for testing statewide.

Hogan has ordered more testing resources throughout the state and county residents can simply ask their doctor for a referral to get a test even if they do not show symptoms; the local health department's Harm Reduction Office, located on Great Mills Road next to the U-Haul rental facility, offers walk-up testing without a referral.

"We've seen great volumes so far," Brewster said of the testing available there.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt asked about the summer heat's affect on coronavirus, saying he was under the impression that the weather would begin to curb it.

"Viruses often tamp down in the summer; this one hasn't done that," Brewster said. "We still don't have answers to immunity."

Brewster said people who make it through the disease sometimes do not develop antibodies to it and if they do, those antibodies do not last for very long.

Brewster said scientific evidence continues to mount that simply wearing face masks can help fight back the virus.

"Face coverings, whether they are cloth face masks or face shields, are really essential in preventing the spread of COVID-19," Brewster said.

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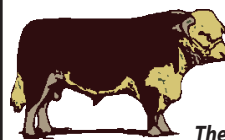
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# Berkshire Hathaway to Operate Cove Point Plant

## Dominion Announces Sale to Warren Buffet Company



Dominion Cove Point LNG plant

By Dick Myers  
 Editor

The 200 some workers at Dominion Energy's Cove Point Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Lusby will soon have a new employer. According to a press release, Dominion Energy announced on July 5 that it has "executed a definitive agreement to sell substantially all of its Gas Transmission & Storage segment assets to an affiliate of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc." Sale price is \$9.7 billion, including the assumption of \$5.7 billion of existing indebtedness.

When the sale, subject to regulatory approvals, is completed, Dominion will retain 50 percent ownership in the Cove Point LNG facility and transmission lines in Charles County and Virginia. The company had already sold 25 percent non-controlling equity interest in the facility late last year to Brookfield Super-Core Infrastructure Partners, an infrastructure fund managed by Brookfield Asset Management Inc., in exchange for cash consideration of approximately \$2.1 billion.

The remaining 25 percent equity interest in Cove Point will be owned by a subsidiary of Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. and the facility will be managed by that subsidiary and those who work there will be on the subsidiary's payroll.

Dominion Energy reports that the new subsidiary will be headed by Paul Ruppert, who is currently president of their gas transmission operations. Current Cove Point LNG vice president of Operations, Danny Wood, will continue to manage the Cove Point plant for the new company.

Dominion currently provides a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to Calvert County that totals \$60 million this year. In several years that PILOT will revert to a regular property tax payment at a depreciated value. Presum-

ably, the new company operating Cove Point will have to assume that agreement with the county.

Thomas F. Farrell, II, Dominion Energy chairman, president, and chief executive officer, said about the sale: "Today's announcement further reflects Dominion Energy's focus on its premier state-regulated, sustainability-focused utilities that operate in some of the most attractive regions in the country."

"Over the past several years the company has taken a series of steps – including mergers with Questar Corporation and SCANA Corporation, and the divestiture of Blue Racer Midstream and merchant generation assets – to increase materially the state-regulated nature of our profile, enhance the customer experience, strengthen our balance sheet, and improve transparency and predictability. Our mission over that period has remained the same: providing round-the-clock affordable and sustainable energy, world-class customer service, and meaningful community engagement."

Warren Buffett, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, said: "I admire Tom Farrell for his exceptional leadership across the energy industry as well as within Dominion Energy. We are very proud to be adding such a great portfolio of natural gas assets to our already strong energy business."

Buffet is legendary for his shrewd investment strategies and his management style has been much-studied and written-about. Cable news channel CNBC, in reporting on the sale, noted that when it's completed Berkshire Hathaway will own 18 percent of the country's interstate gas transmission, up from the company's current eight percent.

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## County Still Recovering From Heavy Storm



Moakley Street after being washed out.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

County roads that had been flooded or made impassable by downed trees or power lines were reopened by noon July 7, the county's public works chief said Wednesday, but there was still much cleaning to be done in the aftermath of the heavy storm that hit St. Mary's at the beginning of the week.

"We're still cleaning up a lot of tree debris," said John Deatrick, director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation. "Trees started to fall almost immediately [Monday night]."

"It was a really bad storm."

By Tuesday several roads were still blocked off due to either flooding or trees down across them; Thompsons Corner Road and Route 5 in Mechanicsville was an example.

Deatrick said the trees coming down so readily was likely a result of the ground having been saturated from previous rains.

Deatrick said his own rain monitor in Leon-

ardtown showed the county had received at least four inches of rain in one night in parts.

The heavy rains washed out or flooded some roads, vehicles became stuck in flood waters in places like All Faith Road; Moakley Street in Leonardtown was washed out and remains closed as of Wednesday.

It has been blocked off between Doctors Crossing Road and Bea Drive.

"Residents should never try to drive through standing or flowing water, especially at night, because it becomes very difficult to tell how deep the water is," Deatrick said.

The county's STS bus system had difficulties as well.

"Our bus system was definitely affected," Deatrick said. "We had to divert buses."

Laschelle McKay, town administrator, said Moakley Street was set to be repaired by late evening July 9 in the afternoon.

"It was a storm pipe that washed out," McKay said.

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## Commissioners Approve Park and Ride Repairs

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Among a series of budget amendments approved at their July 7 meeting, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County allocated funding to repair damage to the Charlotte Hall Park and Ride located on Golden Beach Road.

The capacious parking lot's surface, used primarily for commuter buses going from St. Mary's County into Washington, D.C., was badly damaged back in late May when up to 400 motorists used it as a stunt track before being broken up by both St. Mary's and Charles county sheriffs' deputies.

The vehicles, most originally coming from Oxon Hill in Prince George's County, St. Mary's sheriff's office representatives said, crowded into the park and ride after going to several sites in Charles County and performing many of the same illegal races and vehicle stunts on the night of May 22.

When deputies arrived on scene and observed numerous vehicles along Golden Beach Road and in

both the park and ride lot as well as the Social Security Administration parking lot, numerous people fled the area on foot and in vehicles, according to a sheriff's office.

Deputies conducted several traffic stops for violations and 13 citations were issued. One vehicle was towed from the scene as a result. It took approximately 30-45 minutes for deputies to disperse the vehicles from the area.

"What happened up at the park and ride was just kind of disgraceful," said Commissioner Eric Colvin at the Tuesday meeting. "[It was] unacceptable what happened there."

The work wouldn't be cheap, said Chief Financial Officer Jeanett Cudmore.

"So it's going to cost \$29,000 to restore that park and ride," said Cudmore.

"Thank those friends for coming down from up the road," said Commissioner Todd Morgan, speaking of the drivers who had damaged the park and ride.

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# Bowen's Grocery to Change Hands

## Gott Company to Purchase Store



Gordon and Gracie Bowen in front of their store in a 2018 photo.

By Dick Myers  
Editor

One legacy Calvert County business is being taken over by another. The sale of Bowen's Grocery, which has a more than 90-year history in Huntingtown, to Gott Company, which has been in business for 75 years, will occur in early August. Gott Company President John "Johnny" Gott, Jr. said the final hurdle for the sale to occur was the transfer of the store's liquor license. That transfer was approved by the liquor board on July 2.

Bowen's Grocery had a country store feel to it and Gott said he had no plans to change that, even though the company also runs a local chain of six more modern convenience stores, called Fastop.

For several years Gott had been attempting to establish a Fastop along Routes 2/4 near Bowen's but had difficulty getting access to the highway. Gott's company has supplied gas to Bowen's Grocery for 20 years.

The store owned by Gordon and Gracie Bowen was started by Gordon's grandparents, Frederick and Frances Mogck. They had operated a grocery store and slaughterhouse in Baltimore but lost it during the Great Depression. So, in 1929 they moved back to her home county of Calvert to set up shop on a corner lot in decidedly rural Huntingtown. The store was quite naturally called Mogck's Store.

The store was in a humble wood structure at the same exact location where Bowen's stands today. It was then, as it is now, a community gathering spot and it was then as it is now a place to go for any number of needs. Then it was an ice cream parlor and post office.

In the late 1940s, according to a short history of the enterprise, "The wood structure was moved on logs across the road to a lot on what is now Thanksgiving Lane. A cinder block building was constructed to replace the wood building. It still stands today with several ad-

ditions over the years."

Gordon and Gracie Bowen bought the business from his grandmother in 1964 and changed the name to Bowens Grocery. The store was in Gordon's blood. He had worked there growing up. His parents had no interest in it.

Now Gordon and Gracie are retiring and their son Dale, who has worked there, is pursuing other interests, according to Gott. The County Times was unable to reach the Bowens for comment.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," is the way prospective owner Gott explained how they are approaching the new business.

In 1921 there wasn't much work in Calvert County except farming or being a waterman. Young J. Wilmer Gott left that family farm for Baltimore and a job delivering Wonder Bread for Continental Baking Company. Two years later, according to the official history of the com-



John Gott, Jr. in front of one of his company's delivery trucks at their Prince Frederick headquarters.

pany, he would return for one of those rare non-farm jobs. His new employer Standard Oil of New Jersey (predecessor of Esso and Exxon) had a storage plant in Owings.

J. Wilmer, as he was known, began delivering kerosene with a chain-driven open cab truck. According to the company history, "Trucks of that time had no pumps, meters or hose reels. Fuel was drawn through a spigot into five-gallon cans, and then carried by hand and pumped into customer's tanks, regardless of the weather."

At the height of the Depression, in 1932, Standard Oil opened a second Calvert plant, in Solomons, where fuel shipments were delivered by barge. It was located where the Chesapeake Biological Lab now has its pier. Having proven himself to the company, J. Wilmer was dispatched to run the plant.

In the late 1930s, gun-type oil burners were invented, and fuel oil quickly became the preferred home heating fuel. This prompted a new business – fuel oil delivery companies known as "peddlers." Standard Oil supplied them.

Gott came to know one of those peddlers, Earl Wayson. The two men in 1945, with the War over, joined forces to form the Reliable Oil Company. So, at its very genesis, the founding of what is now the Gott Company was forged out of product and customer change. The business thrived through the hard work of its founders and providing "reliable" customer service.

J. Wilmer's son John Gott, Sr. and then his son Johnny succeeded in running the business. It expanded to a gas station, car wash, propane, and convenience stores.

Gott explained in a 2018 interview that the "C-Store" business got off to a rocky start in 1986 when they purchased an underperforming store in Leonardtown. Gott admitted, "We knew nothing about that part of the business." But they got lucky. "We were just at the point where we were ready to shut it up." Then they received a resume from a man (Bob Erickson) who had a load of convenience store experience with the Southland Corp. He took over, turned it around in three months, and helped roll out the Fastop chain.

With Bowen's they are essentially taking over a similar yet different business. "They do things well," Gott said of how the Bowens family has operated their store. But he admitted, "The things the Bowens do are not in our wheelhouse."

Knowing the community likes their store, Gott said they are looking forward to learning things from the Bowens family before he takes over. He said there is an existing Gott Company employee that they are eyeing to manage their new venture, although he said he is not yet in a position to identify who that is.

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## Correction

In the July 2 issue of The Calvert County Times, in the article titled "Almost 2,000 Calls Last Year," we misidentified the first name of the Huntingtown VFD&RS volunteer profiled in the article. He is Mathew Spielman. The County Times apologizes for the error.

# Great Mills Sheetz Closed Again for COVID-19



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Sheetz convenience store at the intersection of Great Mills Road and Route 5 in Great Mills was closed July 6 in response to an employee having been found infected with the novel coronavirus, according to a corporate representative.

This is the second time that Sheetz has been closed in the past two weeks for the same reason.

It remained closed as of July 8<sup>th</sup> open only for fuel purchases

“Sheetz was informed [July 6] that an employee at our store location along Old Great Mills Road in Great Mills has tested positive for COVID-19,” a corporate statement read. “This employee last worked at this store location [the morning of] July 6.

“Our top priority is the health and wellness of our customers and employees. Because of

this positive test, this store location was immediately closed and is being professionally deep cleaned, sanitized and disinfected before it will reopen.”

Exterior facilities at the store will also be cleaned, corporate spokesperson Harry Hammel said in a statement.

“Our gas pumps are also being sanitized and cleaned,” Hammel stated. “We are taking an abundantly cautious approach, working with all employees who may have had close contact with this employee and exceeding all sanitization guidelines.

“All employees will be fully paid while this store remains closed. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by this closure and will continue to prioritize the well-being of our customers and employees as we join the nation in navigating this unprecedented health crisis.”

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# Cameron Honored for 40 Years of Service



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron started his career with the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office on July 3, 1980 as a patrol officer. Now, 40 years later, he was honored by the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County for his long chain of service to his home.

“If you look at pictures of him back then he was a lot slimmer and he had a lot darker hair,” said Commissioner Todd Morgan, who introduced the long-serving sheriff, who has led the agency for the last 14 years.

Cameron has said this will be his last term. “This is an honorary ceremony for Sheriff Cameron,” Morgan said after noting the blue bag set in front of the sheriff at the commissioners’ dais at their Tuesday, July 7 meeting.

The bag held a commissioners’ proclamation for Cameron commending him for “exceptional service and leadership and a 40-year pin.

“I honestly thought I’d never see one of these,” said Cameron. “Thank you so much commissioners; you guys got me on this obviously.”

The sheriff said his time in the sheriff’s office, then as the county’s public safety director and finally as the county’s top cop went by very quickly.

“Forty years have gone by. It’s been a flash,”

Cameron said. “To me, it was like yesterday when I hit the street... I’ve served with some incredible men and women in the sheriff’s office.”

Cameron said retired sheriff Joseph Somerville first hired him as a deputy.

Cameron said he was honored to serve in county government as well, which he described as “small, agile where a very few people do a ton of work.”

Cameron was born in St. Mary’s County and said he counted himself fortunate to be policing his hometown.

“Being in this county and policing my home has been special and continues to be,” Cameron said.

Cameron said his relationship with the commissioners [were contentious at times], but it was for a greater good.

“Sometimes we spar, but it’s always good natured and recognizing we’re working towards the same goal,” Cameron said.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt praised Cameron for being willing to spar with commissioners over budgets on behalf of his agency.

“I’ve always said, ‘if you’re not asking for what you need, you’re not doing your job,’” said Hewitt.

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# Lawmakers Seek Benefits for Calvert Family

## Son Slain Days Before Entering Army

U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, along with Congressmen Anthony G. Brown and Steny H. Hoyer (all D-Md.) announced on July 7 that they have secured provisions within the Senate and House Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to provide the family of slain ROTC Graduate Richard W. Collins III with the benefits they're owed following his death. The amendments were introduced by Senator Van Hollen and Congressman Brown and cosponsored by Senator Cardin and Congressman Hoyer, and are expected to pass alongside the full NDAA when the Senate and House come back into session later this month.

On May 20, 2017, Richard W. Collins III, a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) graduate of Bowie State University who had been commissioned into the U.S. Army, was murdered just days before he was scheduled to go on active duty. Following Lt. Collins' tragic death, the Collins family has faced difficulty in receiving the recognition and benefits Lt. Collins and his family would have received had he been on active duty.

Last year, both the House and Senate passed legislation introduced by the Members to ensure that an ROTC graduate who dies between commissioning and their first assignment is treated as having served in the military for the purpose of death benefits. Unfortunately, the bill as-adopted applied only to future cases. The amendments secured by the Members in this year's NDAA

will ensure that the Collins family receives the benefits of this legislation.

"Lt. Richard Collins' tragic death was made even more painful for his family through the challenges they faced in receiving the proper benefits and recognition for Lt. Collins," said Senator Van Hollen. "Nothing will ever fill the void of their loss, but I'm hopeful this provision brings the Collins family some peace of mind."

"Lt. Richard Collins' family will finally receive the much-deserved recognition of their son's commitment and dedication to the Army and serving our nation," said Senator Cardin. "While we pray no family has to endure the loss experienced by the Collins family, we hope this will set a precedent for the future."

"We must ensure that what happened to Lt. Collins's family does not occur again to another servicemember's loved ones," said Congressman Brown. "Let us not take for granted the preparation, training, commitment, and service that ROTC graduates pledged to the American people but honor their memory and support their loved ones."

"Nothing can bring back Lt. Richard Collins or make sense of his horrific murder, but I hope this small action will bring some relief to the Collins family," said Congressman Hoyer. "I appreciate the hard work of my colleagues to secure the benefits due to the Collins family."

Press Release

# North Beach Lowers Property Tax Rate

## Error Causes Adoption of Constant Yield

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Residents of the Town of North Beach will be seeing a lower property tax rate than originally announced. At a special meeting on July 2, the second day of the new fiscal year, the town council lowered the property tax rate from .6439 per assessed \$100 valuation to .6170, the constant yield rate.

The constant yield is the rate any jurisdiction must charge to generate the same amount of revenue the following year as the current year. The legislature adopted the procedure a number of years ago to give more transparency to the taxation process.

A political jurisdiction can impose more than the constant yield in any given year, but first they must hold a public hearing on it and then affirmatively vote to impose the higher rate.

Town Treasurer Joanne Hunt admitted at the July 2 special meeting that she had erroneously thought the town didn't have to adhere to the constant yield and only discovered the error when she informed the state of the town's rate.

Hunt said something needed to be done

quickly since the county was ready to send out the tax bills, including to town residents. The easiest fix was to adopt the constant yield, which would have automatically applied anyway since the town didn't follow the proper procedure.

Hunt said, though, that the impact on the budget was minimal since she had budgeted conservatively and was able to adjust revenue upwards to cover the lost revenue. That could mean that assessments are going up to cover any savings residents may be experiencing with the lower rate.

"Our values are going up in town," said Mayor Mike Benton.

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# CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

July 7, 2020

During the week of June 29 – July 5 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,412 calls for service throughout the community.

## Damaged Property: 20-33922

On June 29, 2020, Deputy Buckler responded to Deer Chase Lane in Chesapeake Beach for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 10:00 pm on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and 9:00am on June 29<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) spray painted profanity on the rear of the residence. The value of damaged property is \$100.

## Damaged Property: 20-34152

On June 30, 2020, Deputy Buckler responded to Harbor Road in Chesapeake Beach for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime over the evening hours of June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) carved a tic-tac-toe sign into the hood of their vehicle. The value of damaged property is \$200.

## Damaged Property: 20-34245

On July 1, 2020, Deputy Parks responded to Dunkirk Park in Dunkirk for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime during the overnight hours, an unknown suspect(s) spray painted profanity on two speed bump signs, an information sign, a bathroom door, a vending machine, and the side of a concession stand. The value of damaged property is \$700.

## Theft: 20-34736

On July 3, 2020, Deputy Aurich responded to Long Gun Drive in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>, an unknown suspect(s)

stole the rear registration plate off their vehicle while parked at Eagle Tire for repairs. The value of stolen property is \$100.

## Theft: 20-34996

On July 4, 2020, Deputy Freeland responded to Calvert Ranch Estates Gardens in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole a garden toolbox containing various gardening tools, and a Black and Decker hedge trimmer. The value of stolen property is \$225.

## Arrests:

On June 29, 2020, Deputy Hardy responded to the Calvert County Detention Center for the report of damaged property. Correction Deputy Lanier advised an inmate, **James Andrew Storr (31)**, threw a shoe which damaged the sprinkler head in his cell, valued at \$520. Storr was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property Valued < \$1,000.

On June 30, 2020, Deputy Anderson assisted in a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road at White Sands Drive in Lusby. Upon arrival the driver, **Deodis Lee Clyburn (25)** was standing outside the vehicle. Deputies advised Clyburn was observed to have slurred speech and appeared under the influence. A search of Clyburn's person was conducted which resulted in a white paper fold containing a white powdery substance suspected to be a



Deodis Lee Clyburn

crushed pill, located in Clyburn's sock. A search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in a black plastic bag containing suspected K2. Clyburn was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

On July 2, 2020, Deputy Savick conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Boulevard at Camaleer Pass in Owings. Upon making contact with the driver, Deputy Savick detected the strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. All occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a black liquor store style bag containing a large sandwich bag containing 101 capsules of suspected crack cocaine, four purple capsules containing suspected heroin/crack cocaine, and four individual bags containing marijuana belonging to the passenger, **James Delonte Butler (37)**. Butler was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+, CDS: Possession w/ Intent to Distribute: Narcotics, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, and CDS Possession w/ Intent to Distribute.



James Butler

On July 4, 2020, Deputy Grierson conducted a traffic stop on Solomons Island Road at Patuxent Parkway in Solomons. The Calvert County Emergency Communications advised the driver of the vehicle, **Brandon Louis Sembly Johnson (34)**, did not possess a valid license and had four open suspensions. Johnson offered Deputy Grierson a search of the vehicle which resulted in an empty prescription bottle for Oxycodone, a WeighMax scale with a white powdery residue suspected to be Oxycodone, a clear plastic bag containing a folded TracFone card with white powdery residue suspected to be Oxycodone, and additional clear sandwich bags that were twisted and torn. Johnson was placed under arrest and transported to the Cal-



Brandon Johnson

vert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and CDS Packaging Material Distribution.

On July 4, 2020, Deputy Freeland responded to White Sands Drive in Lusby for the report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Freeland observed the male subject, **Jailon Lewis Swann (24)**, to be standing in front of the residence sweating and screaming profanities. Deputy Freeland made contact with Swann and detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath. After multiple commands by Deputy Freeland to stop screaming, Swann complied and advised he would go in the residence for the night. A short time later, Deputy Freeland responded back to the residence where he observed Swann outside the residence screaming more profanities. Swann was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Jailon Swann

On July 5, 2020 Deputies responded to the Fastop in Saint Leonard for the report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival, Deputies observed two male subjects, both appearing heavily intoxicated, arguing and yelling profanities at one another. Witnesses advised they observed one of the male subjects and a female, **Cecilia Terese Kunkel (35)**, to run into the parking lot with the second male subject and began punching the male repeatedly. Kunkel then fled the scene and was later located by deputies. Deputies observed Kunkel to be heavily intoxicated and advised they would assist her in getting home. Kunkel began yelling at the male subject again, and was given multiple warnings by Deputies to stop yelling. Kunkel did not comply, was placed under arrest, and was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Assault – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Disorderly Conduct.



Cecilia Kunkel

## Legal Notices

### Commissioners of Leonardtown Notice of Public Hearing

The Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Office located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing is to present for public review and comment text amendments to the Leonardtown Zoning Ordinance – Ordinance No. 198 for Streets and Sidewalks; Ordinance No. 199 for Chapters 155-4 and 155-48 to set regulations for small wireless facilities; Ordinance No. 202 for Chapter 155-44 to allow assisted living facilities as an allowed use and; and Ordinance No. 203 for Chapter 155-23 to allow for a greater percentage of multi-family housing in PUD's.

The Commission will also hear comments on the following two ordinances: Ordinance #200 - Revised Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and Ordinance #201 - Revised Comprehensive Zoning Map. The purpose of the hearing will be to present for public review and receive public comment on the proposed revised Leonardtown Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Comprehensive Zoning Map to include properties south of the existing eastern boundary to MD Rt. 4 into the future growth area.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on July 20, 2020 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority:

Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

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# Liquor Store Theft Suspect Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Monday, June 8, 2020 at 4:15 pm, the suspect placed a bottle of Crown Royal Apple in his pants and walked out of Lex Liquors in Lexington Park without paying for it.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Andrew Burgess at 301-475-4200, ext. 78041 or email [andrew.burgess@stmarysmd.com](mailto:andrew.burgess@stmarysmd.com). Case # 36127-20

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## Collision Victim Succumbs to Injuries

On July 3, 2020, Dwayne Scott Reece succumbed to the injuries sustained in the motor vehicle collision on June 29, 2020. The investigation is ongoing.

On the day of the collision at approximately 9:02 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21000 block of Great Mills Road in Great Mills, for a reported motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined Dwayne Scott Reece, age 47 of Callaway, was intoxicated and entered the roadway of Great Mills Road near Carefree Way. Reece was struck by an unknown vehicle and sustained incapacitating injuries. Reece was flown to an area trauma center for treatment and remains in critical but stable condition.

On June 30, 2020 the operator of the

striking vehicle, Cheryl Lynn Hudson, 28, of Lexington Park, contacted investigators and at this time the investigation remains open pending a review with the Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County. At the time of the collision, Hudson was operating a 2012 Ford Focus.

At this time, alcohol appears to be a contributing factor in the collision. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has information on the collision, that has not provided a statement is asked to contact Corporal Brandon Foor at (301) 475-4200 extension 72265 or by email at [Brandon.Foor@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Brandon.Foor@stmarysmd.com).

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# Fatal Car Crash Reported on TJ Bridge

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team were dispatched on July 3 at approximately 12:10 a.m., to the Thomas Johnson Bridge in Solomons for a head on collision.

Preliminary investigation revealed, a 2006 Ford Taurus operated by James Owen Burnett, 62, of Lusby, was traveling southbound on Solomons Island Rd., approaching the Thomas Johnson Bridge. The Ford Taurus crossed the center line and struck a 1995 Chevrolet Suburban operated by Michael Louis Mackall, 37, of Port Republic.

As a result of the injuries sustained in the crash, Burnett, was pronounced deceased by Emergency Personnel on scene. Mackall was transported by Maryland State Police Trooper 7 to Prince Georges Shock Trauma, where he is listed as stable condition.

The cause of the collision remains un-

der investigation.

DFC. J. Hardesty of the Crash Reconstruction Team is conducting the investigation into the events leading up to the crash. Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact DFC. Hardesty at (410) 535-2800 or via email [Jeffrey.hardesty@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.hardesty@calvertcountymd.gov)

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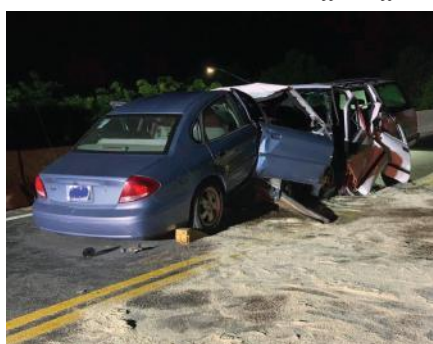


Photo courtesy of Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department.

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

**Arrests**  
**Violate Protective Order-** On June 26, 2020, Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 43200 block of Medley's Neck Road in Leonardtown, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined Craig Dudley Waite, age 61 of Great Mills, contacted the victim by sending numerous messages to the victim, which is a violation of a current court order prohibiting contact. Waite was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



Tommy Colon

**Dangerous Weapon-** On June 27, 2020, Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 18500 block of Herring Road in Tall Timbers, for the reported weapons violation. Investigation determined Tommy Cristobal Colon, age 64 of North Carolina, was wearing a handgun in his waistband and was involved in a verbal altercation. Investigation determined Colon did not have a handgun permit issued in the state of Maryland. Colon was arrested and charged with Dangerous Weapon-Conceal.



Craig Waite

# COVID-19

As of July 7	Positive Cases	Deaths
<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Calvert</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>11</b>

Information provided by St. Mary's and Calvert Health Departments  
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# TJ Bridge Vs. Light Rail: Part Two

## Regional Council Still at Impasse



Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD), for the second straight week, has failed to come up with a solution to the controversy over what to tell the state is the region's top transportation priority.

A first letter drafted by the council's Regional Infrastructure Committee, chaired by Calvert County Commissioner Steve Weems, listed the top priority as the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT) Project to provide fixed-route, high-capacity transit service in the MD Route 5/US 301 corridor from the Branch Avenue Metro Station to Waldorf/White Plains in Charles County.

While the same letter recognized the continued importance of the bridge replacement, it conceded that the project had been removed from the state Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP). The letter said, "Although the importance of the Thomas Johnson Bridge remains a primary regional concern, these efforts have not resulted in success either presently or in the near future. Should the full bridge replacement not be included in the CTP budget, the TCCSMD is requesting funding for extending the MD-4 merge lane north of Patuxent Boulevard to allow more efficient intersection functionality."

At the TCCSMD June 25 meeting, a 6-6 vote stymied an attempt by Charles County members to send the letter along. Calvert and St. Mary's members voted against, with Delegates Mark Fisher of Calvert and Matt Morgan of St. Mary's especially caustic in their comments. Fisher said, "This is so in-

credibly silly."

Morgan said the letter takes the region's number one priority, the bridge, "and shoves it in a corner for some pipe dream of mass transit."

During the debate, TCCSMD Chairman Commissioner Gilbert Bowling of Charles observed that the commissioners of both St. Mary's and Calvert had downgraded the bridge from their top local priority status for the same reason – its removal from the CTP.

Things didn't go any better at a July 2 meeting intended to offer a compromise letter. It gave the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge the status of the "Top Regional Highway Bridge Project" and light rail as "Top Regional Transit Priority Project."

That compromise letter failed on a 13-10 vote, almost strictly on the same county divisions, except that Calvert Commissioner Tim Hutchins voted for it. He argued that both projects had been elevated to a priority.

Weems then urged, as he had before the vote, that the counties log in again and that the council executive board meet face-to-face to hammer out a solution. Weems noted that the virtual meeting wasn't working. The July 2 meeting included numerous technical difficulties and failed attempts by some members to be heard.

Charles County Delegate Debra Davis argued "in-person isn't respectful," with the COVID-19 social distancing. In the end it was agreed that executive board members could meet in-person or virtually as they preferred. That meeting has not yet been announced.

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# Locals Cautiously Return to Beaches

## *Point Lookout & Breezy Point Packed Over Weekend*

By Guy Leonard, Staff Writer  
And Dick Myers, Editor

Local parks and recreation, and government officials say they will continue to monitor county- and town-owned beaches and water parks to ensure they do not become infection hotspots for the novel coronavirus throughout the summer amidst nationwide fears that crowds could rapidly speed its spread.

While numbers for county parks were down due to certain restrictions, state parks, especially Point Lookout in Scotland, saw thousands of visitors.

This raised concerns among St. Mary's County health officials over the potential spread of COVID-19.

Assistant Park Manager Jonas Williams at Point Lookout said thousands came out over the weekend to the state park.

"This year we saw over 10,000 visitors come in to utilize the different areas of the park from Friday through Sunday," Williams said. "These visitors are asked to practice social distancing and exercise personal responsibility for their own safety."

"Through many busy weekends this year, the vast majority of park visitors are adhering to those guidelines and doing the right thing, and we ask them

to continue doing so."

Typically, visitors congregate at the park's swimming beach and picnic area, Williams said however, this year park staff reported families were practicing social distancing by utilizing more areas of the park.

"Standard capacity restrictions will be in place at all state parks, to avoid overcrowding and to protect the resource," Williams said.

Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer, had not expected so many to come to state parks locally during the pandemic.

"That's a lot of people," Brewster said. "That's obviously a concern if they are closely packed together."

So many people together, if they did not practice social distancing, was a potential health hazard in these times, Brewster said.

"Beaches are not immune to that," Brewster said. "It could mean we'll have a rise in infections."

But because of the nature of state parks, which admit many visitors from multiple counties, St. Mary's may not see a spike in infections here.

Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky is also concerned about activities at beaches and parks. He said, "The most important thing is

to keep distance between you and others. Although masks are not required in outdoor settings, it's certainly the safest option to do as a routine."

Polsky added, "Part of the concern with beaches are the businesses and restaurants that are nearby that may become more crowded. And so, in addition to what happens on the beach itself, I think it's very important for people to remind themselves that the larger risk of infection is going to happen in indoor settings where people are sitting relatively close to each other, even if it's outside."

"So especially for anyone who has an underlying health condition, or is 60 or older, or has someone in their household in either of those descriptions, they should continue to wear masks consistently whenever they're outside of the house and avoid any public setting where there are crowds."

Dr. Polsky also urged caution in going to and from the car at beaches and other parks. He said, "[If] people are briefly passing someone else, we're not extremely concerned about those circumstances. If there was a congested walkway where people may be going very slowly and people may be directly in front of or behind others for several minutes, that would be a greater consideration. So, the recommendation in any setting, whether it's at a parking lot or a beach or a grocery store, the best way is to have a few more seconds, wait a minute for people to clear. And if people are wearing masks, it's going to decrease the potential that they will end up with any direct exposure to the virus."

"The goal is to decrease the potential. There's not 100 percent prevention, but to decrease the potential in all settings, each day that we venture outside of our house. There's always some degree of risk of coming in contact with the virus regardless of where we're going," Polsky said.

"We should do what we reasonably can to minimize the chances that we'll come in contact with the virus. Certainly a prime factor in decreasing risk is to have a face covering at all times possible. I would also remind people, I see this very frequently that people have a mask on, but the mask is below their nose or only partially covering their mouth. If the mask is going to be effective, it has to cover both their mouth and their nose," he insisted.

Arthur Shepherd, director of the St. Mary's Department of Recreation and Parks, said attendance at the county's main waterfront parks was down from last year, but that was mostly due to existing capacity limits due to COVID-19 and the barring of out-of-county residents from entering them.

Many such visitors still came to

St. Mary's popular waterfront public venues – Snow Hill, Elms Beach and Myrtle Point – but were turned away as they have been all summer long, Shepherd said.

"We now have a capacity of just 100-125 people at our waterfront parks," Shepherd said. "So we want to ensure our citizens could enjoy the waterfronts."

The county, for the time being, is allowing just 100 at either Myrtle Point or Elms Beach and 125 at Snow Hill in Mechanicsville.

All of these precautions are aimed at stifling potential for COVID-19 infections.

This July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, there were just 393 visitors to Elms Beach, Shepherd said, compared with 1,771 from last year at the same time.

About half of those visitors from last year were from outside the county, he said.

Myrtle Point had 368 visitors this year compared to last year's 485. Shepherd said Myrtle Point often received one-third of its visitors from out of the county.

Snow Hill saw an increase in visitors from 321 to 382.

"More people locally are interested in Snow Hill," Shepherd said. "They liked what they saw and returned."

Employees are now working at waterfront parks for 12-hour shifts, seven days a week, Shepherd said, to monitor them for social distancing.

"Social distancing [over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend] was not an issue," the parks director said.

Still, there are challenges to maintaining capacity at the county beaches.

"You have some people questioning our policies," Shepherd said of out of county residents trying to get into local parks. "And one of our biggest challenges was boating traffic coming in from the waterway side."

"This increases capacity and side-steps the fees," he said.

Also, there are numerous other county owned properties that must be monitored for capacity and social distancing, such as public boat landings, like Abell's Wharf in Avenue.

"People tend to use those for outdoor experiences," Shepherd said. "We want to maintain safety at all of our sites."

No county staff working at waterfront parks in St. Mary's have tested positive for COVID-19, Shepherd said.

It could be considered a glass as half full or half empty situation this past weekend in Calvert County. "It was actually a pretty good weekend. We got to about 50 percent capacity at both Breezy Point and at Flag Ponds. A good number of residents came out to enjoy the beaches. So, we were pretty happy with that," said Parks and



Chesapeake Beach Water Park lifeguards are required to wear masks. Photo courtesy of the water park.



More than 10,000 people visited Point Lookout Independence Day weekend.



Locals flocked to Breezy Point over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend

Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal. Calvert, like St. Mary's, is limiting its two beaches to county residents only.

She explained, "We are limiting our capacity based on what we have available for parking, not particularly a person capacity, but it's more based on vehicles. And, we're able to social distance those patrons when they come out to the beach."

The limit at Breezy Point is about 500 people and on the best day this past weekend, Friday, July 3, there were 290 attendees.

There were no problems with out-of-county residents being turned away. "We do have signs out on the road to indicate that it's Calvert County residents only, and it's been on Facebook and we put out a press release for individuals that may be coming from out of town. And we're also fielding a lot of calls at the office for people asking questions about that."

Nazzal said they aren't requiring masks for outdoors and the concession stand isn't open this year. As to social distancing, she said, "We have our picnic tables and grills set up far

enough apart based on the guidelines that we received from the Calvert County Health Department to promote social distancing. And then we also have staff on site that are assisting our patrons in maintaining social distancing."

At Flag Ponds in St. Leonard, Nazzal said of the beach, "It's about a half a mile trail from the parking lot down to the beach area where we have a good-sized beach area and a couple of wetlands areas." On July 4<sup>th</sup> there were actually more beachgoers at Flag Ponds than at the larger Breezy Point.

Nazzal assumes that more county residents may come this year because it is limited to county residents who may like the smaller crowds. But she added, "We look at the amenities that we're providing and any time. Going to the beach, enjoying one of our parks is a great experience for anybody, any time of year."

The county pools at Cove Point and King's Landing parks are also open this summer to county residents and by reservation only. Registration is online on their website.

Nazzal also encourages everyone to check out their Facebook page at [facebook.com/calvertparks](https://facebook.com/calvertparks).

The Chesapeake Beach Water Park opened on July 1 to county and town residents only and at 30 percent capacity. It still fell well short of that reduced capacity over the July 4 weekend.

Mayor Pat Mahony looked on the bright side and called the situation "a once-in-a-lifetime experience" to enjoy smaller crowds in the normally bustling summertime venue.

"It's the most comfortable experience anybody in the town or county could get," the mayor said.

Water park General Manager Marilyn VanWagner described preparing her young staff with dealing with the reduced crowds, social distancing and mask wearing "a very hard staff experience."

Masks are required for anyone who enters and if they don't have one, they are provided. VanWagner said the masks don't have to be worn in the pool or in small family clusters but

should be worn when going to the restroom or the canteen and coming to and going from the park.

VanWagner said with the 30 percent capacity, attendance is limited to 350 persons and over the weekend the average was 150-160. The town hopes getting the word out about the experience will entice more county residents who haven't tried it before because of those usual large crowds with the normal 850-person capacity.

The town's Bay Front Park also opened July 1 for town residents only and with free admission. Mahoney said there were only a few non-town residents who had to be turned away and there were no problems.

In neighboring North Beach, the beach remains closed although the boardwalk and Sunrise Garden are open and are perfect places to enjoy the view of the Chesapeake Bay while maintaining social distance.

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## Leonardtwn Welcomes Back First Friday

Gone were the band and fans in The Square. Gone were crowds of people on the grass, in the streets, and in the shops. It was not a “usual” First Friday, but these are quite unusual times.

So what did we have as people were welcomed back to town? We had a number of shops and galleries open, including the North End Gallery, Shepherd’s Old Field Market, the Gallery & Gift Shop at St. Mary’s County Arts Council, the Good Earth, Fenwick St. Used Books & Music, Heritage Chocolates, Wine & Design, Board & Brush, Bourbon & Bows, New View Fiberworks, Quality St. Kitchen and Catering, and more!

We had take out and/or dine-in options at The Rex, the Front Porch, the Olde Town Pub, Jessie’s Kitchen, Sweetbay, Social Coffeehouse, Brudergarten, the Slice House, the Port of Leonardtown Winery, Kevin’s Café, Antoinette’s Garden, and others – too many shops and restaurants to list here, so be sure to join us next month to check out the stores and dining options in person!

Billy Breslin was a featured musician, playing at The Rex to kick off the holiday weekend. The SoMar Drummers brought the beat back and hosted the First Friday audience participation Drum Circle along with St. Mary’s County Arts Council. The Old Jail Museum was open for free tours, and Southern Maryland Seaplanes offered fun scenic flights from the Leonardtown Wharf, complete with amazing views from the clear and sunny skies.



We appreciate everyone who attended and adhered to the social distancing guidelines and wore their masks while indoors as required. Our merchants have gone above and beyond to create a COVID-compliant, safe experience for all which, at times, may have meant waiting a few extra minutes for food service in a limited capacity restaurant or to enter a store with limited occupancy levels. Some shops had only recently reopened and were adjusting to the guidelines set in place by the state and county to keep everyone safe. We thank everyone who attended for their patience and support of our small, family-owned businesses.

Plan on joining us next month on August 7th, 2020 from 5-8 PM. Activities and details will be announced soon on the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page. The audience participation Drum Circle with the SoMar Drummers will also be continuing from 7-8 PM at the parking lot behind the St. Mary’s County Arts Council.

A note of appreciation to the Town of Leonardtown, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, LBA business members, the SoMar Drummers, the First Friday volunteers, and Platinum Sponsors (The County Times, Leonardtown Chevy Buick GMC, Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, and Visit St. Mary’s) for their support.

Submitted by the Leonardtown Business Association (LBA).

## Birth Certificate Applications Now Accepted by Mail

The St. Mary’s County Health Department (SMCHD) is now accepting birth certificate applications through the mail. While the health department is maintaining public health services for the community, the Leonardtown building is closed to walk-in clients from the public at this time. Birth certificates, however, may be requested via mail.

Certified copies of birth certificates for residents born in the State of Maryland may be obtained by:

Downloading the birth certificate application at: [www.smchd.org/birth-certificates](http://www.smchd.org/birth-certificates)

Completing the application and including a copy of a photo identification (parent/guardian ID required for

children)

Submitting payment in the amount of \$25 (check or money order made out to the St. Mary’s County Health Department)

Mailing all of the above required documents and payment to: St. Mary’s County Health Department, P.O. Box 316k, 21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Once the application has been processed, the birth certificate will be mailed to the customer. For more information about obtaining birth certificates and other vital records, please contact SMCHD at 301-475-4330.

Press Release from St. Mary’s County Health Department.

## July 15 Maryland Tax Filing and Payment Deadlines Approach

Comptroller Peter Franchot reminds individual and corporate income taxpayers who took advantage of a 90-day tax filing extension that the new due date for filing and payment is July 15. Earlier this year, the Comptroller took the unprecedented step of extending tax deadlines to mid-July to ease the burden on families and small businesses affected by COVID-19.

“The coronavirus pandemic has been both a public health crisis and an economic catastrophe for many families and small businesses,” Comptroller Franchot said. “The 90-day extension hopefully provided some financial relief to help Marylanders get through this enormously challenging period. As always, my office will continue to work with taxpayers who are facing difficult financial circumstances.”

Individual, corporate, pass-through entity, estate and fiduciary taxpayers who file and pay by the July 15 due date will receive a waiver of interest and penalties. Taxpayers may request an extension to file until October 15,

but they must pay what is owed or estimated to owe on July 15. Payments received after July 15 — either partial or in full — will be subject to penalties and interest on the amount due.

So far this year, 2.5 million electronic and paper returns have been filed with \$1.93 billion in refunds issued. An average refund is \$1,000. Typically, 3.2 million returns are filed each year.

The July 15 extension also applies to certain business returns that had due dates during the months of March, April, May and June 2020. This impacts businesses filing sales and use tax, withholding tax and admissions & amusement tax, as well as alcohol, tobacco and motor fuel excise taxes, tire recycling fees and bay restoration fees. Those filings and payments are also due on July 15.

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# Churches of Southern Maryland: *Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown*



Rev. Robert Hahn

By Grace McCready  
Contributing Writer

Chesapeake Church of Huntingtown consists of about 1,500 people and is a great place for the unchurched, according to Senior Pastor Robert Hahn.

What started in the 1980s in the living room of David Fricke and his wife, Beryl, transformed into a megachurch as it moved to Northern Middle School and later its own building.

In 1988, Hahn and his wife moved from Virginia to Maryland because they fell in love with Chesapeake Church. He stated, "We were not church-y people at all, but we were just moved by this idea of a community that wanted to reach unchurched people, that wanted to live the way the Bible says we should live and to serve its community."

Although he was raised in the Roman Catholic religion, he became a non-denominational Christian as a twenty-something and worked for the Environmental Protection Agency before becoming a pastor.

Regular services include contemporary music, church-created videos, and relevant sermons. During the worship service for adults, children have a separate service with worship and teaching and breakout groups.

"And we just teach them the Bible and that it's relevant and let them have the opportunity to begin to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ because the Holy Spirit can reach anybody at any age," he shared.

Peake Youth has meetings on Tuesdays for middle schoolers and meetings on Wednesdays for high schoolers. With worship, combined teaching, and small group discussions, this ministry serves many unchurched youths.

Besides the regular women's fitness class, Hahn personally believes an organized women's group isn't necessary. He said, "Women seem to congregate naturally, and so we just let them do it organically. We try not to interfere because we try to be a community, not a structured organization."

The men, on the other hand, have an organized group called the "SUMMIT Men's Group," which does service projects and has about 10 different Bible studies. This group partners with Avery's Automotive to provide free car services, such as changing the oil and checking the tires, on Oil Change Day. SUMMIT also leads the Firewood for Families initiative to supply free wood for families in Calvert County to heat their houses.

"You know, guys like to do stuff, and it's

a great way to invite people to get to know your church without necessarily inviting them to church," said Hahn.

Life Study classes, about topics ranging from parenting to financial management, happen throughout the week. However, to join a Bible study, Hahn said that "we would encourage you to meet someone who's in a Bible study. We don't formally manage them because they're unmanageable."

Through The Edge Drama ministry, Chesapeake Church reaches individuals in a new way. "There's a lot of things and a lot of questions that can be raised through drama," he noted. "And so, our dramas are usually, like, three- to four-minute segments that will speak to the point. And every weekend has a specific point."

Similarly, the church's Congregational Care Center aims to help members who are facing various struggles through group sessions and one-on-one sessions with trained counselors. Hahn described it as "spiritual counseling for people."

One way the church serves the community is through the Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry, which simply wants to reach out to people, even if they never attend Chesapeake Church. "And we serve weekly about 700 families, distribute about 20,000 pounds of food, and have on any given week 200 volunteers that serve," Hahn declared. Hahn was founder of End Hunger in Calvert County.

For missions, Chesapeake Church keeps it

simple. The city they serve is La Paz, Honduras through Honduras Compassion Partners. Since 2012, the church has sought to develop relationships with the people who live there. An ESL (English as a Second Language) program, computer program, and GED program are a few aspects of the partnership.

Hahn said, "People from all over the country come down on our mission trips, and you don't have to be a Christian. You just have to be wanting to serve people."

The coronavirus has changed how this large congregation gathers. "We record it [the service], but then we stream the recording live," he stated. "So, it has the look and feel of a live service."

Rather than recording the services in the empty auditorium, worship has been recorded in homes, and teaching has been recorded in various locations, such as a farm for a message about the Parable of the Sower. Likewise, the children's services have been streamed and Life Study classes have gotten together online. The small groups of tweens and teens have met online, but they can now gather for outdoor Summer Chill meetings.

According to Hahn, Chesapeake Church "has a history of rallying whenever there's a crisis or a challenge." Thus, the church's resilience has been helpful in recent months. But, starting on July 19, services will resume in the church building.

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## Calvert Countian Named Census Champion

Michael Kent, president of the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP was one of four state residents named a "Census Champion."

A Maryland Census Champion is a person or group that has gone above and beyond in spreading the Census message in their community. Census Champions have devised innovative ways to get their community engaged in completing the 2020 Census. The individual or group being nominated could be a member of a local complete committee, a faith leader, a business leader/owner, or even someone in the community making a difference. Recipients of the Census Champion will be highlighted on social media, and on the Maryland 2020 Census Champions web page.

According to a press release from the Maryland Department of Planning, "Michael Kent continually reaffirms his commitment to persuade all his colleagues in his network to respond to Census 2020. It is woven into every action he undertakes. He has aligned his narrative to show the need of every county resident to be counted, and to bring in more federal

funds for public health and economic development. Michael has consistently shared his knowledge of how to reach certain hard-to-reach communities, including the black and illiterate populations. He has spoken to numerous community groups about the importance of the Census, emphasizing family history as a way to convince people how important it is to participate. Michael participated in the Calvert County 2020 Census public service announcement video. He has been a true asset to the county's complete count committee."

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Museum staff will be on-site during the above hours and days should kayakers need assistance or information.

While Piney Point Lighthouse Museum is still closed to the public, visitors may utilize the walking paths, pier and picnic pavilion while observing proper social distancing procedures.

For more information, please call 301-994-1471 or email [April.Havens@stmarysmd.com](mailto:April.Havens@stmarysmd.com).

*Press Release from St. Mary's County government.*

# Historic St. Mary's City Tour Wins Award

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) has announced that Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) is the recipient of an Award of Excellence for Sin and Scandal at St. Mary's: An Adults Only Tour. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 75th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

Sin and Scandal at St. Mary's: An Adults Only Tour, is an after-hours tour that tackles perspectives normally not addressed in a family-friendly environment. It delves into and presents controversial perspectives and subjects that are traditionally avoided, such as: foul language, body functions, drug use, and most importantly slavery and racism. By interpreting, and not apologizing for, the stories that lay bare the faults and strengths of ancestors, a more complete picture of the past is presented. Illustrating these stories, the bad as well as the good, of the people that lived here centuries ago, creates many more opportunities for the museum audience to connect and empathize with these past people and their challenges.

This year, AASLH is proud to confer fifty-seven national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, and publications. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history.

The AASLH awards program was ini-

tiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honors significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203, or go to [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org).

The American Association for State and Local History is a not-for-profit professional organization of individuals and institutions working to preserve and promote history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH provides leadership, service, and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all people. AASLH publishes books, technical publications, a quarterly magazine, and maintains numerous affinity communities and committees serving a broad range of constituents across the historical community. The association also sponsors an annual meeting, regional, and national training in-person workshops, and online training.

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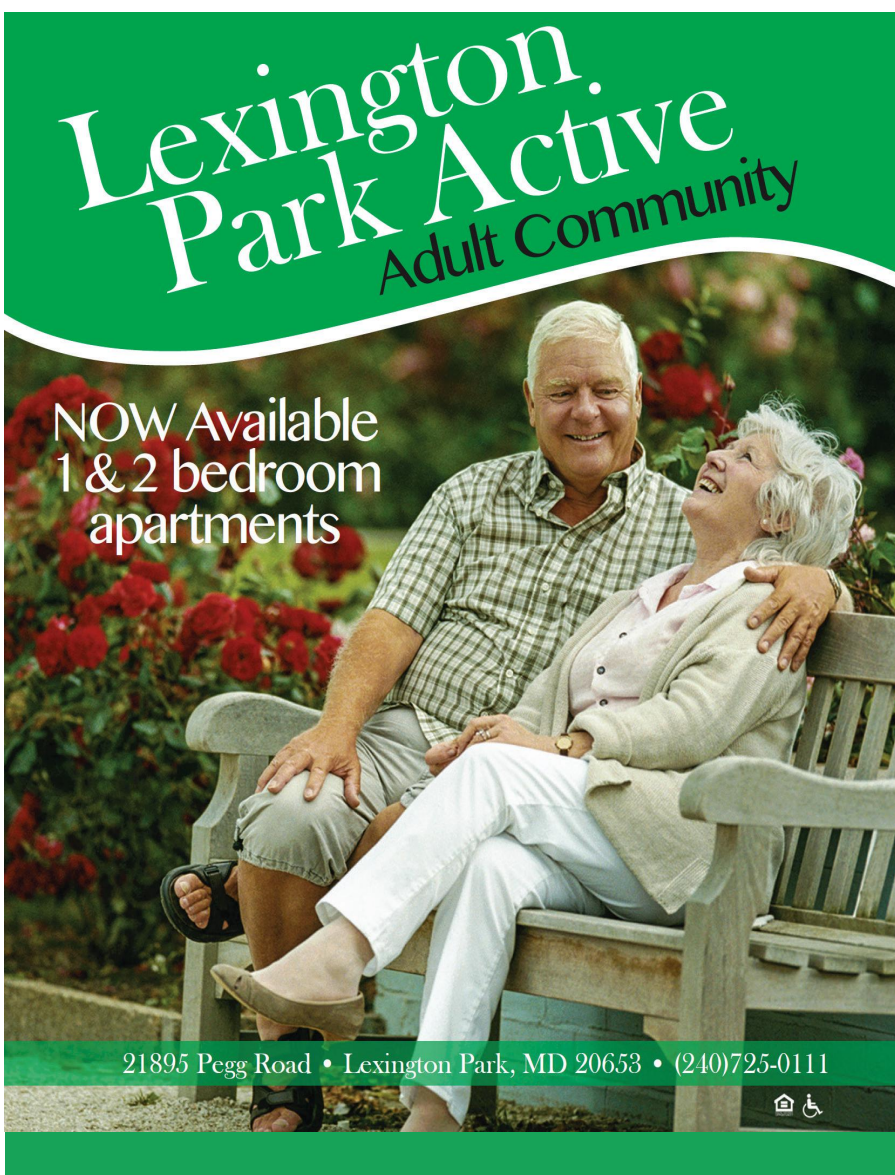
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

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## My COVID-19 Internship with The County Times



Grace McCready, hard at work, from home.

By Grace McCready  
Contributing Writer

*Editor's Note: Calvert County resident Grace McCready, a Bryan College student, is concluding a prolific internship with The County Times this week. She has been responsible for our continuing series on The Churches of Southern Maryland and has contributed multiple stories on the impact of the coronavirus. Here's her reaction to the experience in her own words:*

Back in January, when Al Dailey and Dick Myers offered for me to do an internship at The County Times this summer, I definitely didn't anticipate that a virus called COVID-19 would make it a virtual experience.

My goal was to fulfill my college's requirement of doing a communications-related internship. Initially, I didn't realize that I would have to set an additional goal of adapting to teleworking.

Of course, it would've been wonderful to work in the newspaper office. However, for safety reasons, it was decided that I should complete my work from home. That actually proved to be advantageous because I didn't have to commute to the office, and I could work from the couch in my pajamas.

I had never teleworked before, so the combined new experiences of working for a newspaper and working from home was interesting.

My work included scheduling interviews, prepping questions for interviews, conducting and recording phone interviews, transcribing those interviews, and writing articles for the newspaper based on my interviews. My typical day also involved a phone call to Dick Myers to touch base and recording notes about my internship for my college class this fall. On a couple occasions, I was even able to visit the places I was writing about to take photos and meet my interviewees.

After eight weeks with The County Times, I have met so many people and have gotten to know acquaintances and friends even better. I want to thank everyone who made my internship not only possible but also educational. In no particular order...

Al Dailey: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with "The County Times." It was an experience I'll never forget.

Dick Myers: I so appreciate your balance of supervision and trust. Every story you let me write added to my portfolio of experi-

ence and learning, so thank you very much.

Michele Spaulding: Thank you for being my first real interviewee! As a newbie, I was especially thankful your patience and clarification for our interview.

Bernie Fowler, Jr. at Farming 4 Hunger: Getting to visit the farm was a treat for me. Your passion for serving the community—from the hungry to schoolchildren to prison inmates—is an inspiration.

John Gatton Sr., John Gatton Jr., and Kimberly Sullivan at Gatton's Barber Shop: I appreciate getting to meet each of you. Your tight familial roots are a wonderful example for families across Southern Maryland.

Beth Fost at Solomons Daycare Center and Adventure Point Youth Center: Thanks so much for taking time out of your hectic workday to talk with me. The information you shared was very informative, and I can't wait for your businesses to reach normal capacity again.

Emily Rogers: I truly enjoyed getting to learn more about your pregnancy and delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic. I love you, sweet friend!

Rachel Giese: It was great to speak with you in such depth. I appreciate you sharing your thoughts as an Old Navy employee and helping readers see things from a new perspective.

Karley Trinidad: It was fun getting to talk with you again after not seeing you for a while. I appreciate your willingness to help and your positive attitude!

Katelynn Domanos: Thank you for sharing your senior-year experiences with me and, ultimately, with readers. Best wishes for your freshman year at Milligan University!

Kamryn Muschette: Thanks for letting me get to know you and catch a glimpse of what your senior year looked like. Congratulations on finishing your last year of high school!

Sofia Jenkins: As literally a friend of a friend of a friend, your willingness to speak with me about your senior year was so appreciated. I hope you have a blast at college this fall!

Nick Shriver: Thank you for sharing the details about The Lighthouse Restaurant and Dock Bar. I hope business gets busier and busier as we put COVID-19 in the rear-view mirror.

Jewel Kuntz: What a pleasure it was to talk with you for our interview! I know your dedication to your job has been an asset to the base during these difficult times.

Matt Mueller: It was interesting to learn about your teleworking experience. Thanks for taking time out of your busy day to let me pepper you with questions!

To the pastors who I've interviewed for the church profile series: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to interview each of you. It was great to learn about the unique churches of Southern Maryland.

Finally, to every family member, friend, and reader who has encouraged me since I began this internship: I couldn't have adjusted or persisted without you. Thank you for the fuel of encouragement that you have given me.

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# Anderson Explodes for Firecracker 35 Win Friday at Potomac

## Chuck Bowie Takes Season First in RUSH Crates

By Doug Watson

Budds Creek, MD- Bunker Hill West Virginia's Andy Anderson drove a flawless race to score his first Late Model win of the season in last Friday night's "Firecracker 35" at Potomac Speedway. The win for Anderson, worth a hefty \$3500 winner's share, was the 9th of his Potomac career and it came steering his Bruce Kane-owned Rocket no.25.

Anderson and Dale Hollidge made up the front row for the start of the event with Anderson taking control as the field blasted off turn two. Eventual runner up Justin Weaver dogged Anderson the entire way, but Anderson clearly had the car to beat as he would pace all 35-circuits. "I have to thank Bruce Kane for the opportunity to drive his car this year." Anderson stated in victory lane. "I knew when we drew the number one pill for the feature it would be my race to lose, and I'm happy we were able to get the win here tonight." Dale Hollidge took third with Kenny Moreland and Jamie Lathroum completing the top-five.

Former track champion Chuck Bowie collected his first win of the season in the companion 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. Like Anderson in the Late Models, Bowie took the lead on lap one and eventually lead the distance. "I think we had a shock going bad there at the end and I'm glad it held together." Bowie stated post race. "My wife Rosie does most of the work on this car and I wouldn't be here without her." Mike Raleigh was strong in second with Jeremy Pilkerton, Megan Mann and Timmy Booth rounding out the top-five.

In support class action, Deuce Wright scored his second win of

the season in the 16-lap street stock feature, Mason Hanson rolled to his first career Potomac feature win in the 20-lap Hobby Stock championship, with Allen Griffith scoring his first of the season in the 15-lap U-Car nightcap.

### Late Model feature finish

1. Andy Anderson 2. Justin Weaver 3. Dale Hollidge 4. Kenny Moreland 5. Jamie Lathroum 6. Jason Miller 7. Tyler Emory 8. Brandon Long 9. Keith Koontz 10. Brent Bordeaux 11. Billy Tucker 12. Jason Covert 13. Jonny Oliver (DNS)

### RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Chuck Bowie 2. Mike Raleigh 3. Jeremy Pilkerton 4. Megan Mann 5. Timmy Booth 6. Will Pritchard 7. Brian Hankins 8. Harry Shipe Jr. 9. Jamie Sutphin 10. Brian Coe Jr. 11. Nick Love

### Street Stock feature finish

1. Deuce Wright 2. Dylan Rutherford 3. Brandon Lowery 4. Ben Pirner 5. PJ Hatcher 6. Hank Stonestreet 7. Dalton Tankersly 8. Craig Parrill (DQ)

### Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Mason Hanson 2. Dave Adams 3. Buddy Dunagan 4. Hilton Pickeral 5. Matt Randall 6. Greg Morgan 7. Austin Lathroum 8. Erik Hanson 9. Wyatt Hanson 10. Colin Long 11. Mikey Latham 12. Jeff Dillon 13. Blake Jacobs 14. JT Bowie 15. Troy Kassiris (DNS)

### U-Car feature finish

1. Allen Griffith 2. Justin Knight 3. Dominic King 4. Ryan Clatterbuck 5. Ryan Quade 6. Seth Hood 7. Joey Suite 8. Faith Lacey 9. Owen Lacey 10. Kristy Whitehouse 11. Kaitlyn Inscocoe 12. Mackenzie Smith 13. Brian Johnson 14. Savannah Windsor (DNS)

# Confederate Flag Focus of Dress Code Discussion

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Changes could be coming to the St. Mary's County public school system regarding clothes worn by students that include the Confederate flag, Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith told the Board of Education this week.

Smith's comments followed a report by the school's Equity Coordinator Adrienne Dillahunt on what programs and projects the school system would be pursuing to ensure equity among students since that policy took affect near the end of last year.

"We are convening... the dress code committee to talk about what needs to be in the dress code, specifically to take a look at the Confederate flag," Smith said at the June 24 meeting in Leonardtown.

Smith continued by saying the committee would address "the conversations that have been going on around that and how St. Mary's public schools will appropriately have a dress code that reflects our system's values."

The committee would also promulgate "concrete, explicit guidance to our kids" about what was expected of them in their manner of dress.

The student handbook and code

of conduct dress code standards state clothing or accessories that suggest profanity, sexual activity through words, images or innuendos, weapons, drugs and alcohol or drug paraphernalia, violence or tobacco products are forbidden.

Suggestive or provocative – such as see-through – clothing is also not allowed as well as any clothing or accessories that have identifiable connections with gangs or other such groups.

In late September of 2017, a disturbance broke out at a high school football game between Leonardtown and Great Mills students when students from the former allegedly taunted students from the latter with Confederate flag t-shirts and even some racial epithets.

A school system investigation soon after found that one student in particular wearing a shirt with a Confederate flag deliberately confronted students from Great Mills with it; some other students also hurled expletives at Great Mills students, the system found.

At that time school officials said wearing a shirt with a Confederate flag was not a dress code violation but using it to harass or intimidate was.

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# Collision Victim Succumbs to Injuries

On July 3, 2020, Dwayne Scott Reece succumbed to the injuries sustained in the motor vehicle collision on June 29, 2020. The investigation is ongoing.

On the day of the collision, at approximately 9:02 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21000 block of Great Mills Road in Great Mills, for the reported motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined Reece, 47, of Callaway, was intoxicated and entered the roadway of Great Mills Road near Carefree Way. Reece was struck by an unknown vehicle and sustained incapacitating injuries. Reece was

flown to an area trauma center for treatment and remains in critical but stable condition.

On June 30, 2020 the operator of the striking vehicle, Cheryl Lynn Hudson, age 28 of Lexington Park, contacted investigators and at this time the investigation remains open pending a review with the Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County. At the time of the collision, Hudson was operating a 2012 Ford Focus.

At this time, alcohol appears to be a contributing factor in the collision. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has information on the collision, that has not provided a statement is asked to contact Corporal Brandon Foor at (301) 475-4200 extension 72265 or by email at [Brandon.Foor@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Brandon.Foor@stmarysmd.com).

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# Something Special for Nats Nation

## Local Artist Captures World Series

By Bri Corley  
Contributing Writer

A Charlotte Hall resident is hoping to raise the spirits of baseball fans with an illustrated booklet documenting the 2019 Washington Nationals winning season.

Ronnie Joyner, a graphic designer and writer of baseball biographies, said that the moment the Washington Nationals were about to win the 2019 World Series against the Houston Astros, he knew it was a part of sports history he wanted to write about.

"It happened the day after they won," Joyner said. "The thought process hit me in Game Seven. I had done this type of booklet for a vintage team to commemorate the 1955 anniversary of the Brooklyn Dodgers, so I had done this before for a niche use. It's a lot of work, so I thought 'I'm never doing that again.' But then with the Nats season, it really was an underdog story when it was all said and done. By the end of it, I was thinking that if these guys win, it'll be a miracle. I was sitting there in Game 7 and thought 'If they win this thing, I'm going to do a booklet for them.' It was a quick decision and my hope was that it would be ready for the 2020 season opening, which would have been April 1st."

The 48-page booklet recaps the season and has full color bio illustrations

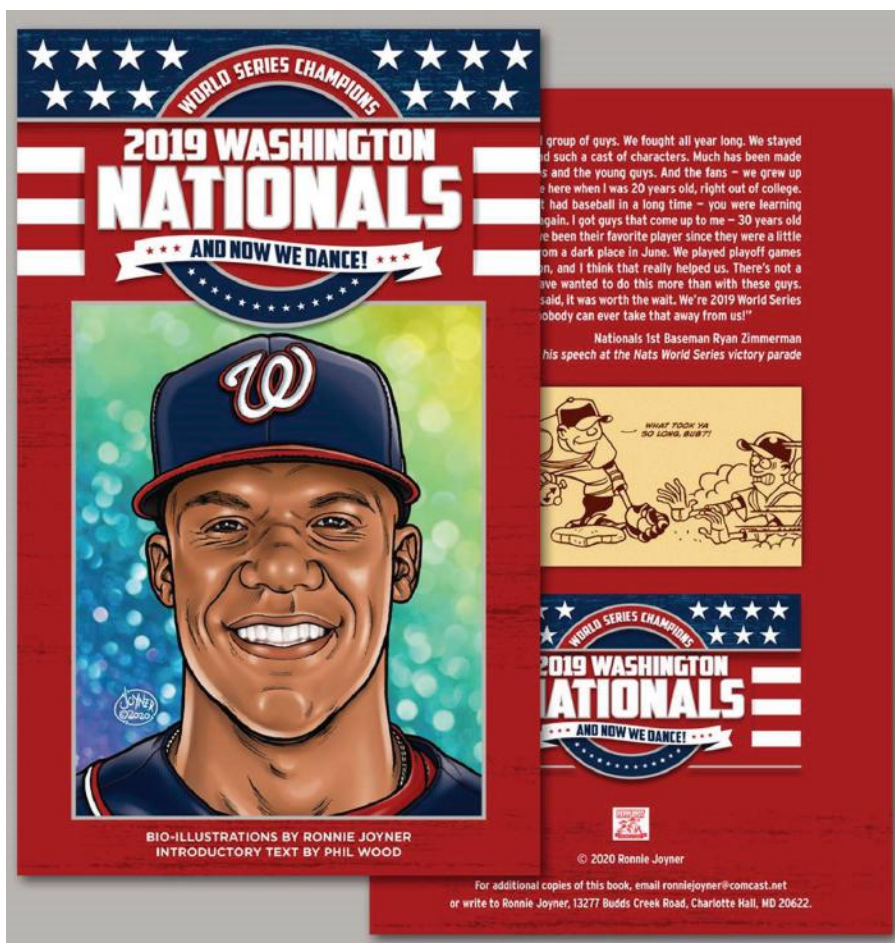
of 19 players and the manager, statistics and commentary about each player's season performance, and an introductory text by Nats analyst and commentator Phil Wood.

Joyner hopes the booklets can bring fond memories of a great season to Nationals fans while they are waiting for the shortened season to start.

"Once the season got [delayed] and people got hungry for baseball, I knew this wouldn't satiate the desire to see baseball, but it's a little something," said Joyner. "You're starved for baseball, here's a little reminder of last year. It's inexpensive and it's something you'll want to keep. It'll give any Nats fan a little fix and remind them of a good year."

Joyner said that the pandemic has also created issues when it came to distributing his work. He had planned to get the booklet carried at local bookstores and shops, but with restrictions and people buying less, it made it difficult to get it to consumers. However, he firmly believes that if it was exposed to a wider audience, then Nats fans of all backgrounds can sit back, relax, and reminisce on a historic hometown win.

The booklets sell for \$10 and can be ordered by emailing Joyner at [ronniejoyner@comcast.net](mailto:ronniejoyner@comcast.net) or writing to Ronnie Joyner, 13277 Budds Creek Rd, Charlotte Hall MD 20622.



Cover of Ronnie Joyner's booklet about the Nat's pennant race.

# A View From The BLEACHERS

## LAST CHANCE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.

Bi-weekly status check: it has been 120 days since the NBA suspended its season and the corona monster shut down sports and, largely, our lives. Happy four-month anniversary! Our fling with the coronavirus has lasted longer than most high school relationships...and some marriages!

As the calendar trickles past July 4, baseball should be preparing for the All-Star Game. Instead, MLB hasn't even started and the Midsummer classic was canceled for the first time since World War II. Meanwhile, the NBA's attempt at bubble cities is floundering after several positive COVID-19 tests and numerous cases with LSU and Clemson football players makes any football this fall feel unlikely.

As for the rest of life and the sports world, much is changing. In the wake of George Floyd's murder, America is having a passionate debate with itself. How will law enforcement and citizens, particularly those of color, interact in the future? How will society's cancerous racism be overcome? What are acceptable displays of American history? Obvious example: should we continue honoring vestiges of the Confederacy - a nation that existed only because of its secession from our union and largely to perpetuate the subjugation of African Americans - with elaborate statues around the country?

The trend indicates America is undergoing a rebranding and will re-emerge as a nation closer to the one documented long ago. This transition has spread to sports, where the NFL did a curious but commendable about-face on Colin Kaepernick and player protests, and debates have reignited over the use of Native American names and imagery.

"We'll never change the name. It's that simple. NEVER — you can use caps."

Washington owner Dan Snyder spoke those words to USA Today Sports in 2013. It's rarely wise, in all things life, to use absolutes - just ask Rafael "I never used steroids" Palmeiro, George H.W. "Read my lips: No new taxes" Bush and Nick "I'm not going to be the Alabama coach" Saban, among many others.

Now seven years later, Snyder is navigating a different world and is reportedly embracing what has always seemed inevitable - a name

and, presumably, a logo change. There should be no struggle this time. No foolish defiance. No misleading pride. No prioritization of profit over morality. This must happen.

As an ardent, lifelong supporter of the franchise, I understand fans' consternation. To many, the current branding represents pride, Super Bowls and special times with loved ones. But it is wrong to use a name for a football team that would otherwise only be used to denigrate. It is wrong to profit off people whose land was systematically taken and whose culture was willfully disregarded. The shameful treatment of native people by European settlers on this continent and individual associations with a football team cannot be conveniently separated. Similarly, a Confederate flag cannot represent "southern pride" and not the Civil War and slavery. The positive doesn't cancel out the negative - each coexist.

Moreover, the name's source is long-time owner George Preston Marshall - a segregationist who fought against NFL integration and whose worldview resulted in Washington being the last NFL team to employ a minority player (Bobby Mitchell). Is that a legacy to perpetuate?

Snyder's answer is now, apparently, an overdue "no." Is a change of heart behind his shift in opinion? Doubtful. It is more likely an acknowledgment of the inevitable and a play to long-term profitability. After all, Snyder deflected the heat seven years ago with a cross-country tour of native reservations and the establishment of the Original Americans Foundation. If you doubt that was a charade, search for the OAF. There are dated fragments on the team's website but the foundation has no website, Facebook page or Twitter account (at least that I could find).

Still, this is a unique moment in history and offers Snyder another chance to set a new course for the franchise (even if its impetus is more financial than moral). This is Snyder's last chance to at least create the illusion of a voluntary act and a desire to do the right thing. His next "all caps" declaration better be to announce the team's new name.

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# Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## POPCORN AND BLESSING TRAILS



“Are you afraid of being kidnapped?” I get that frowny, shaking head look back that says, what are you talking about. I go on, “Okay, well, I was just wondering since there is a trail of popcorn debris from the kitchen to the couch in the living room to back here in the bedroom...and in the bed. Good thing Mindy is a hound, she could track you anywhere. For that matter, anyone could track you anywhere.” Then I get the mischievous, “who me” shrug back. This is when he uses those “too pretty for a man” eyelashes to convey the I’m sorry look. Yes, a little eyelash envy here. Apparently, when he was a little boy and out with his mother, a lady once said, “Oh, what a pretty little girl”. His response, was, “Me not a little girl”. We all think it was the eyelashes, and probably the curly hair.

Maybe I shouldn’t have picked up the two pails with three popcorn bags each from Jenna Matterna and her newest Calvert Kettle Corn shop in Charlotte Hall for my husband’s birthday, but who can resist delicious kettle corn. I am glad the bags are finished now. I knew it wouldn’t take him long. When I was working at Keepin’ It Local, people would rush in the door all the time just to grab Jenna’s Kettle Corn. I told her that people would be visibly upset when we were out. I didn’t know there was a popcorn addiction, but I guess there is. I know that I am having a hard time getting rid of my Fig Newton and butter Shortbread addiction. But mine is for medicinal purposes, so I justify to myself. I need something fairly bland, solid, and quick with which to take the morning and nighttime meds. See, it is a medical necessity...and that’s the truth (I wish I knew how to write Edith Anne’s ending sputter here).

As for the popcorn issue, I found the greatest little Chargeable sweeper made by Bissel at Ace Hardware – my second one. It’s the Perfect Sweep Turbo and is great for those of us with arthritis. It reminds me of my many stints as waitress,

cocktail waitress, and retail sales worker (you all remember Western Steer, Cadillac Jacks – still going I imagine, Peebles, and the old Camp Springs Memco to name a few). I don’t know why I get so excited about a sweeper, but I do. I can get both levels, and the steps done of our split foyer in record time without breaking a sweat. Can’t say the same for even the lightest weight vacuum cleaner. I can follow and sweep up a peanut, popcorn, or Tostito trail, and still be rested and ready for the next trail of crackers or granola bar bits. As a bonus it is great for picking up hound hair. Whoa, I have definitely been home tooooooo much. But, as I say quite often, it’s life’s simple pleasures that mean so much to me.

And that is one of the best things in life isn’t it? Simple daily pleasures; finding blessings and happiness in the routine of your day. I am finding my joy while sitting at my beautiful stone desk out under the dappled light of the oak and hickory trees (thank you Greg, my kind, attentive, ‘oldest son’). I have my treasured pile of sweet-smelling hickory nuts that I wrote a missive about on Facebook yesterday, a discarded wine cork from a recent, lovely evening at the firepit, and I am surrounded by all my various notebooks filled with unfinished thoughts, reminders, and yes, all the simple pleasures I record just for myself. I hope you find many simple pleasures and blessings throughout this summer.

I am laughing now, while my husband is singing a verse of Bob Seger to me, “Deadlines and commitments, what to put in, what to leave out”, thinking what a lucky woman I am. Well, maybe I can forgive the popcorn trails after all, small price to pay for living the dream with my partner in life and love. But, just in case, I’ll keep that sweeper charged and ready.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby

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# INVESTMENT VEHICLES FOR YOUR RETIREMENT

Contributing Writer  
Lynda Striegel

We’ve discussed the importance of asset allocation to your success as an investor. Harry Markowitz won a Nobel prize for inventing modern portfolio theory in 1952 based on the concept that if you allocate your assets across a broad enough spectrum of equity, fixed-income and other types of investments, and one of your investments declines in value, the others are likely to take up the slack and keep your investment returns on an even keel.

Pundits refer to asset allocation as the “Rule of 92” meaning 92% of your success as an investor is directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not.

Ok, now we know that allocation is the way to go. But, one big problem with asset allocation is, how does an ordinary investor select the proper allocation of stocks versus bonds? The big mutual fund companies like T. Rowe Price, Vanguard, BlackRock and others think they have it all figured out. They do the allocation for you.

#### TARGET DATE FUNDS:

Target date funds contain a mixture of stocks, bonds and cash. They have a future date in the title you can select to correspond to your retirement date. As you get older, the asset allocation within the fund changes and gets more conservative over time. The fund manager will put fewer assets into stocks which are inherently risky as you get closer to retirement. You do not have to take any action. The fund manager does that for you. You simply pick the date when you think you will retire. For example, suppose you will turn sixty-five in 2020. You pick the 2020 Retirement Fund. You can buy the fund at any age and with a minimum investment, but the target date is what matters.

The big boost for target date funds came in 2006 when pension laws changed so that employers could choose investments for employees who had not designated investments for their 401(k) plans. Target date mutual funds became the most popular investments for employers to offer and to use as a default if employees failed to designate anything else. Fidelity launched its target date funds in 1996; Vanguard in 2003 and T.

Rowe Price in 2002—together, those three fund companies control about 75% of the market. Fees for the allocation are included the cost of the funds themselves.

#### LIFECYCLE MUTUAL FUNDS

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Whether you choose target date, lifecycle or active management, the principal is the same. Your success as an investor and an investor preparing for retirement will be directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not. As usual, I advise you to investigate before you invest. Take a look at all of the options available to you first, then decide. No one will protect you like yourself.

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# In Remembrance

## Leonard Woodrow "Woody" Hill



Leonard Woodrow "Woody" Hill, 90, of Leonardtown, MD peacefully passed away on July 2, 2020 at Solomons Nursing Center in Solomons, MD. He was born May 24,

1930 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Hill-ary Hill and Lillian Pilkerton Hill.

In 1943, Woody pursued his passion for farming and was known throughout Southern Maryland for his "custom work". He managed Rosecroft and Cove Farm throughout the 1950's and 1960's. He was known for raising corn, soybean, tobacco, cattle and hogs.

In 1970, he moved to Calvert County and began a career as a heavy equipment operator with Morgan E. Russell. He retired as a foreman after 25 years of service. Many of the roads and subdivisions we travel through in Calvert today were built by Woody.

He enjoyed many hobbies such as fishing, crabbing, and oystering. He was especially known for his ability to catch soft crabs in the St. Mary's River. Woody was also a skilled carpenter who built many tobacco barns throughout the county. He was also a long time member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach, Maryland, where he became a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was Grand Knight in the late 1980's.

His true passion in life was his wife and family. Woodrow married his beloved wife, Carla Naomi Hill. Together they celebrated over 69 years of marriage. Upon retirement Woody and Carla spent 27 of their golden years in Melbourne, Florida.

In addition to his wife, Woodrow is also survived by his children: Beverly Ann Wootton (Greg) of Kenya, Africa, Ronald Hill (Jan) of Sunderland, MD, and Richard Hill (Crystal) of St. Leonard, MD; his siblings: Michael "Mickey" Hill, Tom Hill, Ellen Hewitt, Sandy Mae Guy, Kathleen Hindt, Rie-Rie Long, Audi Sydnor, Millie Ann Hall, Edna Thompson and Patsy Wood; his grandchildren: Isaac Wootton, Israel "Biz" Wootton, Ahava Wootton, Kezia Wootton, Tehelia Wootton, Kellee Lucas, Alana Hill, and Arika Hill; 17 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings: Mary Catherine Stone, Rudy Pilkerton, and Joseph Hill; and his grandson, Isiah Wooten.

All Services will be Private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Woody's name may be made to Farming 4 Hunger. PO Box 2348 Prince Frederick MD 20678

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## Clarence Marion Vallandingham

Clarence Marion Vallandingham, 72 of

Leonardtown, Maryland passed away July 2, 2020, at home. Born in Maddox, Maryland, he was the eighth child of the late William (Willie) and Mary Helen Vallandingham. He was the loving husband of April E. Vallandingham and they were together 23 years, and married on June 20, 2016 in Leonardtown, Maryland.

As a young boy he worked alongside his family of 13 on a farm. He then cultivated skills as a waterman, and later applied his talents to auto body repair/maintenance. He was employed by the Federal Government for 36 years at the Fuel Farm on the Patuxent Naval Air Base in Lexington Park, Maryland. There he was affectionately known as Capt'n Marion by his co-workers. He was also an active member of the St. Mary's Blue Crabs camping club. Marion loved his family and friends, saw the best in others, always had a kind word, never met a stranger, was liked and admired by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his wife April Vallandingham and his three children: Eunice Angle (Kevin), Leonardtown, MD; Kimberly Simpkins (Jimmy), Leonardtown, MD; and Richard Scott (Caitlin) Vallandingham, Hollywood, MD; two grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by four brothers: Joseph W. (Susan) Vallandingham, Bushwood, MD; James B. (Burt) (Charlote) Vallandingham, Hughesville, MD; Thomas A. Vallandingham, Bushwood, MD; and Daniel W. (Dorothy) Vallandingham, Mechanicsville, MD. Also survived by four sisters: Virginia Gragan, Chaptico, MD; Peggy Bowles Leonardtown, MD; Margie J. (Rick) Hicks Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and Fay (Grant) Wallace Hollywood, MD and his sister-in-law Audrey Vallandingham of Cape Coral, Florida. He is preceded in death by his brothers John William Vallandingham, Sr. and Robert L. Vallandingham, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Hospice of St. Mary's County, P O Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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## Patricia "Patty" Lynn Morgan McKinney



Patricia "Patty" Lynn Morgan McKinney was born in Leonardtown, Maryland on November 15th, 1958 to Dorothy Morgan and the late William Morgan, Jr. Patty graduated from Chopticon High School in 1976. She married David Lee McKinney on June 15th, 1978 in Leonardtown, Maryland. She retired as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service after 20 years of service. Patty enjoyed traveling, being on the water, singing, making candles, shopping and spending time

with her family. She is preceded in death by her father, William Morgan, Jr. and her brother, George Morgan. Patty is survived by her husband, David Lee McKinney, her eldest daughter Julie K. Wood (Adrian Wood), her granddaughter, Luna Adriana Wood of Tappahannock, Virginia, and her youngest daughter Kara L. McKinney-Iagnemmo (Bryan Iagnemmo) of California, Maryland. Patty is also survived by her mother, Dorothy Morgan of Mechanicsville, Maryland, her sister Lenore Raley (Jeffrey Raley) of Mechanicsville, Maryland and her brother W. Ernest Morgan along with many nieces and nephews. Patty was the life of the party and knew no stranger. Her greatest joys in life were being a wife, mother and grandmother.

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All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

## Anne Marie Forrest



Anne Marie Forrest, 64, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on June 29, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with her family at her side.

She was born on October 7, 1955 to the late John Rodgers and Amelia Brunetti. Anne graduated from Penn State University, Case Western University and Florida Institute of Technology, earning a Master's degree and becoming a Registered Dietician and later earning a Master of Business Administration. She was a successful business owner of Wag n Wash in California, MD. On November 28, 1981 Anne married her beloved husband, Kirk Forrest in Columbus, OH. Together they celebrated over 38 wonderful years of marriage. Together they enjoyed travelling throughout Europe and South America. They also enjoyed hiking, particularly in Sedona, AZ and throughout Hawaii. She was an avid reader. Family was her greatest love, especially spending time with her grandchildren and pet dog, Todd.

In addition to her husband, Anne is also survived by her sons: Nathan Forrest (Megan) of Brookville, MD, Daniel Forrest (Jessica Thompson) of Clarksburg, MD, Michael Forrest of Washington, D.C.; her siblings, John Rodgers (Jeannie) of Durham, NC and Maureen Petko of Fairchance, PA; her grandchildren: Maddie Hawkins, Caitlin Forrest, Liam Forrest and Pari Thompson; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

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### Jeffrey "Jeff" Howard McDonald

Jeffrey "Jeff" Howard McDonald, 52, of California, MD passed away on June 28, 2020 at his home. He was born on July 24, 1967 in Norfolk, VA and was the loving son of Elizabeth A. McDonald of California, MD and the late Robert L. McDonald. Jeff is survived by his sons Ian McDonald of Hollywood, MD, Garrett McDonald of Bushwood, MD and his sister Sue M. Kezios of Wilmington, NC. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael McDonald.

Jeff graduated from Great Mills High School in Great Mills, MD. He was self employed as a master carpenter. Jeff enjoyed working alongside his cousin Patrick Norris. He loved to play music with his friends, especially Danny Carroll. Jeff loved babies and his two sons, Ian and Garrett were the joy of his life. He loved fossil hunting with Ian along Drum Cliffs. Jeff loved his mother and planned to make a home for her on the water. He loved hunting and four wheeling. Jeff grew up around the water and loved nature. He loved going out on the boat and even built his own skiff. Jeff tried his hardest to be the best father and son he could be.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

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

### Anthony "Tony" F. McKenzie



Anthony "Tony" F. McKenzie of Hollywood, MD died at home on July 5, 2020 at the age of 78 after a long battle with dementia. The son of Fred and Grace McKenzie, he was

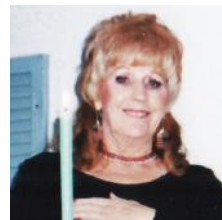
born October 6, 1942 on a kitchen table in Oakland, Md. He graduated from LaSalle High School in Cumberland in 1961. He moved to St. Mary's County in 1969 after accepting a position as a carpenter at Patuxent River NAS.

During the majority of his 31-year career on base he finished an eight-hour workday only to return home for dinner and then set out for a second shift building homes, at first for others, then later for himself. He retired in 2000. His work ethic was second to none.

In southern Maryland he raised three daughters, Shelly (Jim), Monica (Steve), and Jennifer (Jesse). In addition, he leaves four grandsons and numerous family members in the Frostburg area. His family would like to extend its gratitude to Phyllis Hawkins, his caregiver, whose careful attention undoubtedly prolonged his life and eased his pain.

A viewing will be held at Brinsfield Funeral Home in Charlotte Hall on July 9, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A second viewing will be held in Frostburg, MD at Durst Funeral Home. He will be buried in the family plot at St Michael's Cemetery in Frostburg, MD.

### Margaret "Maggie" Hathaway



Margaret "Maggie" Hathaway, 85, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Ireland passed away on June 25, 2020 at her home. She was born on August 1, 1934

in Ireland and was the loving daughter of the late Kathleen Woods Garland and Matthew Gartland. Maggie is survived by her daughter Beverly Ann Bean of St. Mary's County, MD and step daughter Denise Hathaway of Savannah, GA. Along with grandchildren Jolie Margaret Allen, Nathan Allen, Shyanne Allen, and great grandson Robert Mcdowney, Jr. Maggie had 8 brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by her son Steven Garth Allen, stepdaughter Faye Hathaway, and grandson Gregory John Allen. She served in the Great Britain Army Corp for five years. Maggie worked for DynCorp as a Technical Librarian for 15 years. She enjoyed dancing, karaoke, and cooking. Maggie loved to go out to dinner and traveling.

Contributions may be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church 22375 Three Notch Road Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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

### William Douglas Wathen, Jr.



William Douglas Wathen, Jr., "Junior", 68, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 23, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. He was born

on October 17, 1951 and was the son of the late Loretta Cecelia Morgan and William Douglas Wathen, Sr. Junior children; his late daughter Michelle Wathen Long and survived by his son Shawn Wathen (Angela) and son-in-law Scott Long with his three granddaughters. Siblings; Shirley (Wathen) Van Ryswick of Leonardtown, MD, Pamela (Wathen) Copsey, John Wathen, Mike Wathen.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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

### Mary McMullen Gloninger Fleury



Mary McMullen Gloninger Fleury "Mimi" died peacefully at "Camp", her summer home in Leonardtown, MD, on June 26, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

She is survived by her seven living children, Mimi Fleury Mayfield (Marty) of Millwood, VA; George Jenkins Fleury III (Maria) of Oakton, VA; Kate Fleury Ryan (John); Anne Ringgold Fleury; Jack Gloninger Fleury (Andrea); Peter Walsh Fleury (Mary), all of Falls Church, VA; and Alice Fleury Kerns (Dan) of Washington, DC; her daughter-in-law, Cindi Gasparre of Tinnicum, PA; 27 grandchildren (and numerous spouses); and 24 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Anne Gloninger McAuley, and sisters-in-law, Dottie Gloninger and Alice Fleury. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband, Dr. George J. Fleury, Jr., and her son William "Bill" Fenwick Fleury.

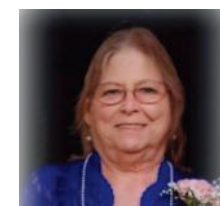
Mimi was born February 13, 1928, in Pittsburgh, PA, and adored her siblings Anne, Jack, Jim, David and Hugh, and all their families. Matriarchs are strong in these genes, and her Mom, Gingi, is the namesake for the DOG (Descendants of Gingi) reunion that continues today. She was a devout Catholic, graduating from Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Pittsburgh, and Georgetown Visitation Junior College, in Washington, DC. As a young medical secretary, she met the dashing Dr. George Fleury and they were soon married in May 1951. The couple lived briefly in the DC area and then in Newport Beach, CA, before putting down life-long roots in McLean, VA. George was a general surgeon and although Mimi assisted at times in his medical office, her true life's work was raising their 8 children, and ensuring that they and all their neighbors and friends felt loved and special. She excelled at this calling.

Secretly, each of Mimi's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, feel sure they were her favorite, because when you were with her, you absolutely WERE the most important person in the world. Her laugh is legendary, and her sense of fun made her the Pied Piper to family and friends alike. Mimi endeared herself to the friends of her children and grandchildren, and even had four million views on YouTube as the coolest movie-watching Grandma around. She loved her Catholic parishes - Saint Luke's, St. James, St. Aloysius, and St. Francis Xavier. She loved Visitation and Gonzaga. She loved Monopoly, popcorn, Breton Bay, dancing, Pittsburgh, playing and hosting bridge, her nieces and nephews, and grandchildren's school plays, concerts, sports and sacraments. Countless experienced the joy of passing her "swim test" to shouts of encouragement, earning the freedom to walk the dock without a life jacket. She loved croquet, her plants, making soup, singing, writing hilarious personal rhyming birthday poems, sending notes to kids with a little "mad money", and signing every email with a silly nickname. She was always so proud of others' accomplishments, and supportive of those needing a boost. She loved every holiday - sending Valentines, hiding Prize Eggs, dressing in Halloween costumes, making countless batches of Christmas eggnog, and leading a table of 30 in Thanksgiving prayer. Above all, she loved her dear Lord and spent countless hours in prayer - constantly moving people "to the front burner" when she thought they needed a little divine intervention. We know that heaven is a more joyful place now that she is there, but we miss her so.

Memorial contributions may be made to Georgetown Visitation (Nathalie.sullivan@visi.org) or Hospice of St. Mary's County ([www.hospiceofstmarys.org](http://www.hospiceofstmarys.org)).

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

### Mary "Dell" Adele Grube



Mary "Dell" Adele Grube, age 68, passed away peacefully July 2, 2020 surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Dell was born February 6, 1952 in

Leonardtown, Maryland to Enoch Booth Abell and Ernestine Irene Spafford Abell. When she was two years old, she moved to Catonsville, Maryland where she spent her childhood.

On February 5, 1972 she married Denwood Alvin Grube, and returned to St. Mary's County and raised their 5 children.

Dell's greatest honor was being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. They gave her joy, pride and fulfilled her daily with immense love and laughter. Dell was family orientated and would give anything to help her family and friends and never think twice about it. Dell spent many years in Piney Point, Maryland. Dell loved being near the water, listening to the water and enjoyed lighthouses.

For many years Dell worked as a bartender in Piney Point, Maryland before beginning her career as a St. Mary's County

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Public school bus driver and also worked as a cafeteria worker for the St. Mary's County Public school system. She was passionate about being there for all the children that she interacted with and watching them grow.

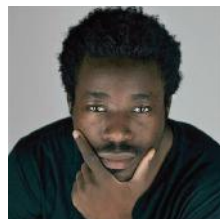
Dell is survived by her brother Daniel Kennedy Abell; her five children Crystal Marie Grube-Thompson (Robbie), Denwood Alvin Abell Grube (Mary Kay), Enoch Booth Abell Grube (Kristyn), Sahra Irene Grube, Timothy Brian Abell Grube (Shannon); her 12 grandchildren Rebecca, Katelyn, Kae, Jessica, Juliana, Austin, Kayla, Emily, Gabe, Zylier, Connor, Carter and her 11 great grandchildren. Dell was predeceased by her father Enoch Booth Abell and her mother Ernestine Irene Spafford Abell.

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

### Claud Maurice Wood

1936-2020 Claud Wood, known by friends and family as Maurice, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 29, 2020. He was born and raised in Mechanicsville, MD. He pursued the Air Force after graduating from Margaret Brent High School with the class of '55. He was stationed in Newfoundland, Canada, where he spent the rest of his life happily with Betty Wood. His predeceased parents, Leon and Mable; brother Ralph (Bobbie), sister Lorraine (Chuck), sister Lois (Ray), sister Gloria (Gene), sister Cathy, sister Joannie (Joe); many nieces and nephews, both in Newfoundland and Mechanicsville, Maryland and a large circle of friends including his cabin buddies, Jiffy Cabs, Christines and Americans Legion buddies. Special mention nephew David Blundon. Special thank you to the staff at Palliative Care for their exceptional care over the past number of weeks. He is resting Barrett Funeral Home in Canada. He will be laid to rest on Friday, July 3rd, at 11am. Donations in his memory can be made to the charity of ones choice.

### Omomayowa Chinedum Ojo



Omomayowa Chinedum Ojo, of Leonardtown, Maryland passed away April 9th, 2020 while doing one of his favorite activities: traveling and exploring. An

accident caused by electrocution took his life in Novi Sad, Serbia. Born on October 11, 1989 in Ile Ife Nigeria, Mayowa was the eldest child of the late Dr. Valentine Ojo (Val) and Mrs. Agathachristy Ojo.

He obtained his early childhood education at Onward Primary School and St. Joseph's College in Ondo Town, and Little Flower Catholic School in St Mary's County where his family moved to in December of 1999. He attended St. Mary's Ryken High School and then Leonardtown High School, both in St. Mary's County. During his time as a student in the county, Mayowa won numerous awards, particularly art awards, including Catholic Daughters of America in April 2001, the Knights of Columbus (Council #3849) Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition in 2004, County Fair Art competitions and his draw-

ing was selected as the holiday greeting card for St Mary's County Public Schools for the 2007 holiday season. He also served as Class President for two years and was on the Ryken Soccer and Track and Field Teams. In his senior year, Mayowa entered a national Panasonic competition and won his family a home entertainment system and cameras that helped propel his skills in multimedia creation.

An avid learner and multi-dimensional media expert, Mayowa was a creative who was very experienced in photography, videography, and web development - all of which were self-taught. He started his undergraduate studies at the University of Glasgow in Scotland and spent a year at the University of Nottingham Ningbo in China. While at Glasgow, Mayowa served as an ambassador and promoted study abroad opportunities in Asia. In 2013, he graduated with dual honors in International Business and Computer Informatics. He also traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia, documenting his experience via blogging and videography. Simultaneously, Mayowa created web, mobile, and video solutions for diverse clients as an employee as well as CEO of his company, the Wanderas Inc, and later Mojo Media Group.

Always reimagining new and efficient ways to not only live, but thrive in every facet of life, Mayowa worked with numerous companies and teams around the world to create new ways of effective engagement and accessibility on and offline.

He was a passionate member of the Washington, D.C. creative community and supported many Black-led art initiatives and events. Mayowa also continued to travel widely, living and working in about 20 cities and 10 countries from 2017 to 2020, making friends around the globe and sharing his journeys and lessons online.

Mayowa enjoyed art, cooking, teaching, connecting people, and leading diverse teams. He was a connoisseur of good music, good food and good wine. However, his greatest love was for his family and close friends whose company he relished; he was particularly committed to their well-being and equipping people to reach their fullest potential.

Mayowa leaves behind to cherish his memories: his beloved mother; three siblings, Omolayo, Mayokun, and Omotayo; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Dr. Valentine Ojo who passed away in 2014 from a protracted illness.

The Memorial/Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at St. George's Catholic Church, but due to COVID-19, friends and well-wishers are encouraged to join virtually by RSVPing for Mass and a virtual reception at the following link: <https://bit.ly/MayowaMemorial> (If typing, please be advised that the link is case sensitive).

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

Funeral arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

### Dr. Frederick Raymond Czarra

Dr. Frederick Raymond Czarra of St. Mary's, Maryland died Monday, June 29, 2020. He was 83. The only son of Raymond



Sigmund and Katharine "Kitty" Josephine Czarra, he was born in Washington, D.C. on December 19, 1937. Educated at Mount Saint Joseph High

School, a preparatory school in Baltimore, MD. Dr Czarra attended Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland and received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Scranton. Later, he attained his Ph. D. at George Washington University.

His first teaching job was at Chopticon High School where he also coached track. Later he taught at Bowie State College. He served as Supervisor of Social Studies for the Howard County Public School System for many years before opening a Global Education Consultancy Business and advising as a Director for the Council of Chief State School Offices in Washington, DC from 1984-2004. After retiring, he continued to teach geography at St. Mary's College.

He was widely published in the field of education, authoring many educational papers, guides, and texts. He also penned Spices: A Global History (Reaktion Books, 2012) and contributed to The Oxford Companion to American Food and Drink (Oxford University Press, 2009).

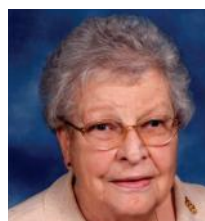
Maps, travel, and history were his passions, marrying his vocation with his avocation. His work took him across the county and around the globe, from the halls of Oxford, England to Tokyo, Japan. Later in life, he was happiest being at and near St. Mary's River, where he spent most of his life, at his parents' beloved home, "Terra Maria".

Dr. Czarra is survived by his wife Betty Czarra, his children Kerstin, Mark, Christopher, and Karen, son-in-law Douglas Wright, grandchildren Nicholas, Julia and Rosemary Wright, and Stepson Jason Mills.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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

### Barbara Jean Bayne



Barbara Jean Bayne, 89, of Ridge, MD, passed away July 3, 2020 at St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD.

On July 10, 1930 in West Virginia to the late Walter Scarbo and Vivian Peale.

On January 8, 1945 she married her beloved husband, Thomas Clyde Bayne. Together they celebrated over 58 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in May 2004. She was employed for many dedicated years as a bookkeeper with T Rowe Price until her retirement in 1986. Her hobbies included shopping and watching crime and war movies and television. She was active with Maryland Special Olympics. She also enjoyed her trip to Ireland in 2004 for Special Olympics.

Bobbie is survived by her children: Thomas F. Bayne of Ridge, MD, Theresa A. Fenhagen of Lexington Park, MD,

and Barbara J. Bayne of Ridge, MD; her grandchildren: Phillip Bayne, Bradley Bayne, Tara Cole, Mary Peele, Crystal Joseph Ridgell, Amanda Joseph, and Tricia Joseph; her great-grandchildren: Heidi Ridgell, Hazel Ridgell, Reagan Cruz, Milo Cole, Nina Bayne, Lydia Cole, and Lucus Cruz; and extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 10:00 to 12:00 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. Joseph Bayne at 12:00 p.m. Interment will be Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Church Cemetery, Ridge, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's County Special Olympics, P.O. Box 921, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

### Harry Bernard Wallach, Sr.



Harry Bernard Wallach, Sr., 85, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Clinton, MD, passed away on June 27, 2020 at his residence.

Born November 13, 1934 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Harry Elmer Wallach and Loretta Elizabeth (Costello) Wallach. Harry served in the U.S. Army from April 22, 1957 until April 30, 1963.

Harry is survived by his wife, Mary Helen (Gibson) Wallach whom he married in October 1959; his children, Loretta Foley, Bernie Wallach and Joe Wallach; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

### Elizabeth Ann Wood, "Sue"



Elizabeth Ann Wood, "Sue", 65, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away on July 3, 2020 at her home.

She was born on May 21, 1955, in Washington D.C.

to the late Paul and Eva Riddle Lanham. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Warren Alvin Wood.

Sue is survived by her daughters: Charity Nestor, Ashley Wilkerson, and Tori Honig. Grandmother of Louis Russell, Jr., Amanda Workman, Victoria Russell, Tiffany Honig, Alexis Honig, Elizabeth Wilkerson and Cheyenne Wilkerson. She is also survived by a Great Granddaughter, Khloe Russell and her brothers and sisters.

A Celebration of Sue's life will be held on Saturday July 11, 2020 from 4-7 p.m. at the home of her daughter Charity, 3727 Solomons Island Road, St. Leonard, Maryland 20685. Any form of condolences and

sympathy may be made to Charity Nestor at her home address.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Francis Xavier Behe



Francis Xavier Behe, 85, of Dunkirk passed away July 1, 2020. He was born on July 6, 1934 in Washington, D.C. to Esther Irene Winn and Walter

Thomas Behe, Sr. Francis was raised in Anacostia and graduated from Anacostia High School. He married Mary Louise Bayne on June 3, 1961, and they have called Calvert County home since 1971. Francis worked as a communication technician for NSA prior to his retirement in 1993. He loved bowling, Western films and novels, and coin and stamp collecting. He will be remembered to those who knew him as a very calm, quiet, and easy-going man.

Francis is survived by his daughter, Patricia Behe Hickey and her husband John of Bowie, and his sons, Paul F. Behe of Dunkirk, and Donald E. Behe and his wife Jessica McAllum of Huntingtown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Francis' name may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

### Clifton Marvin "Papa Bear"

#### Stinnett



Clifton Marvin "Papa Bear" Stinnett, 63, of Owings passed away July 1, 2020. He was born October 21, 1956 in Calvert County to Barbara Ann Biesel and

Marvin Robert Stinnett. Clifton was raised in Owings and was a lifelong resident of Calvert County. He was employed as a construction superintendent for S.W. Rogers. Clifton enjoyed fishing, hunting, and Harley Davidsons. He participated in and won numerous Bluetick Hound competitions as well as heavy machinery competitions. Clifton was a hardworking, proud, loving father and will be remembered as an honest, generous man who would give someone the shirt off his back.

Clifton is survived by his daughters Elizabeth "Lizzy" Fleming (Chris) of Antioch, TN and Christina "Christy" Wood (Travis) of Rutherglen, VA, grandchildren Cassidy, Ryder, Damien, Shelby, Alexis, and Dakota, and Lizzy and Christy's mother Debbie O'Connell. He is also survived by siblings Patti Stinnett, Wesley Stinnett (Vicki), and Joyce Baki (Jon) and nieces and nephews Sabrina, Kenny, Kody, and Erin. He was preceded in death by his parents Marvin and Barbara Stinnett and nephew Robbie Buckmaster.

All services will be held at River Breeze Farm.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Aileen Kelly Taylor



Aileen (pronounced Eileen) Kelly Taylor, 92, of Chesapeake Beach passed away June 29, 2020 at her home surrounded by family. She was born May 17, 1928

in Richland, SC to Alma Bertha Neely and John Levine Kelly. Aileen graduated from Brookland-Cayce High School in South Carolina and attended Columbia Bible College and Columbia Business School. Her priorities were always taking care of her family. She also performed secretarial and accounting work at various places, and was an instructional aide in the schools of P. G. County, MD.

Aileen loved the Lord and served him in many ways. Besides being a homemaker, she was always involved in a church wherever she lived. Supporting the church with her tithes, taught Sunday school, and was always ready to lend a hand wherever she could. She wrote poetry that is amazing, could sew anything you needed, knitted/crochet, and loved to draw. In lieu of buying cards for her loved ones, Aileen would make cards for them usually with a comical theme along with pictures. Her most favorite time was when she got to care for her "special girl" while her mom worked full time. Her last days were filled with joy whenever we talked or shared pictures of her "special girl".

After retiring from being a Teacher's Aid, Aileen volunteered at hospitals, nursing homes and hospice centers whenever possible until she could not drive. She was always a comfort to those that she visited. She is now with her heavenly Father. Thank God for giving us this wonderful servant who brought so much love to her family and friends. She will be missed.

Aileen was preceded in death by her husband Charles E. "Rex" Taylor, Sr. in 1991. She is survived by her children Timothy R. Taylor and wife Grace of Chesapeake Beach, Neil H. Taylor and wife Anita of Atwater, OH, and Charles E. Taylor and wife Sherrie of Waldorf, grandchildren Jennie Taylor Breslin (Gram's special girl), Neil Taylor II, William Taylor, Christine Taylor, Charles E. Taylor III, Jonathan Taylor, and Anna Taylor, and great-grandchildren Parker, Abel, Eliana, Nathaniel, Ruthie, Teressa, Jeremiah, Noel, Alana, Augie, Manny, Zachary, Autumn, and Byron.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Richard Allen Hayes Sr



On June 23rd, 2020 Richard Allen Hayes Sr., affectionally known as Dickie, was called home while surrounded by the loving comfort of his family.

Dickie was born on February 2nd, 1941 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. His time in the Navy, as an electrician, brought him to Southern Maryland, where he found a place to thrive in his passions for fishing, volunteering, and storytelling. Dickie was

able to bring comfort, compassion, cheer and love to all walks of life through his very presence, with his engaging smile and enthusiasm for all his endeavors. Whether he was fishing, helping with his beloved St. John Vianney Men's group, enjoying a retreat to Nag's Head with his wife, sharing ice cream with his grandchildren, or reminding his children of the importance of a daily cup of coffee, he did everything with the thoughtfulness and care that no words could ever truly express. He was never one to pass on an opportunity to offer his hand to hold, his ear to listen, or a story to brighten the day. His very spirit, energy and charisma will live on through all the lives he has touched.

Dickie was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Helen Hayes, and his brother, Dennis Hayes. He is survived by his wife, Diane, their children, Vicki, Bonni and Richard Jr, his brother, John and his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and all of the lives that were fortunate enough to be graced by his care and compassion through his journey.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 16, 2020, 5-8 p.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Funeral service will be Friday, July 17, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the following organizations: Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>; The Washington Retreat House, and The SJV Inter-faith Food Pantry, 185 Holy Family Lane, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678; Link:

<https://www.sjvchurch.net/foodpantry>

### Herry Saxon Green IV



Herry Saxon Green IV, 65, of Rose Haven passed away June 22, 2020. He was born May 18, 1955 in Pensacola, FL to Terry Saxon III and Pauline (Bresna-

han) Green. Terry was raised in Edgewater and graduated from Severn High School. He then attended and graduated from Towson University and later obtained his Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. He married Janlyn Lint on September 6, 1980 and they lived in Annapolis before settling in Owings. They moved to Rose Haven in January of 2019. Terry was employed as a culinary arts teacher at Western Technical High School in Baltimore County, where he also coached lacrosse. He later became one of the founders of the HCAT Program at Anne Arundel Community College and continued to teach culinary arts courses until his retirement in 2011. Terry enjoyed traveling with his family to their cabin in West Virginia, trailing riding, teaching, entertaining, cooking, and being around people. He was also an avid fan of the Baltimore Ravens.

Terry is survived by his wife Janlyn Green of Rose Haven, children Brandon Green of Honolulu, HI and Kendall Green of Owings, a sister Karen Lambert and her husband Willie of Doswell, VA, nieces Samantha Oney and Rebecca Lambert and numerous cousins.

A memorial service and celebration of Terry's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Skills USA, 14001 SkillsUSA Way, Leesburg, VA 20176; 703-777-8810; Link: <https://www.skillsusa.org/get-involved/donate>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Joan Carolyn Bowles

#### "Joanie"



Joan Carolyn Bowles "Joanie", 77, of Colton's Point, MD formerly from Forestville, MD passed away on July 6, 2020 in Cal-laway, MD. She was born on July

3, 1943 in Washington, DC and was the loving daughter of the late Gladys Beatrice Farrell and Thomas H. Farrell, Sr. Joanie was the loving wife of the late John T. Bowles whom she married on October 20, 1972 in Upper Marlboro, MD and who preceded her in death on November 14, 1996. Joanie is survived by her son Al Edwards, III (Debbie) of Lusby, MD, 4 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. As well as her sister Melody Keeler (Louis) of Waldorf, MD. She was preceded in death by her brother Thomas Farrell, Jr. She graduated from Suitland Senior High School in June of 1961, and moved from Forestville, MD to St. Mary's County, MD in August, 2013. Joanie was an accountant for Eastman Kodak for 6 years, Capitol Film Laboratory for 13 years, Bono Film and Video for 10 years and Top Wrench Automotive for 10 years, retiring in 2013. Joanie enjoyed cake decorating, family gatherings, planting flowers, decorating for all the holidays and music.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 10, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. Where a Funeral Service will be held for immediate family only at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Father John Ball officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Albert Edwards, Bryan Edwards, Dale Edwards, Jonathan Keeler, Zachary Keeler and Justin Cheseldine Gass.

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

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

### Dwayne Scott (Scotty) Reece



Age 47 passed away peacefully July 3, 2020 with family by his side. Visitation Monday 7-13-2020 9 am at the Mattingly Gardiner Funeral Home, Prayers begin at 10

# Community

# Calendar

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## Thursday, July 9

### Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

Action Lounge Billiards; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser. Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win until she's found. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

## Saturday, July 11

### 8th Annual Car Show

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church invites you to attend our 8th Annual Car Show with a rain date of July 18. Adult fee is \$3 at the gate and children 10 and under free. Proceeds raised will benefit the United Methodist Men's outreach ministries. Trophies are for the top 30 and 5 specialty awards. Vehicles must be registered by 4 p.m. to be judged. Shirts to the first 20 cars, trucks, or motorcycles through the gate, dash plaques to all, DJ, Music, blessing of the cars, vendors, food, pie eating contest and more. Registration fee \$20 at the gate. Further information about the car show Jimmy Herriman 301-481-0360, Vendor information Trish Herriman 301-247-4212. Forms [www.mtzionmech.org](http://www.mtzionmech.org) or contact Jimmy.

## Sunday, July 12

### 2nd District VFD and RS Drive-Thru, Carry-Out Breakfast

2nd District Firehouse and Rescue Squad; 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

MENU: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Sausage Links, Hot Biscuits,

Sausage Gravy, & Spiced Applesauce; COST: \$10.00 PER Breakfast; For more info call: 301-994-9999. Due to COVID-19, customers will not be allowed inside the firehouse. All breakfasts must be picked up at the kitchen entrance behind the firehouse. One way access from the parking lot to the right side of the building.

### Carry-out Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus Ridge Hall  
11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please call 301-872-4641 for more information.

### Farmers Market

St. Mary's County Regional Airport; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmers and Food Trucks!! Our continuing Farmers Market at the airport will feature the wildly successful combination of Oysters, Soft Shell Crabs, Pork, Honey, Baked, Goods, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Local Wine, Shrimp, Cantaloupe, Local Bourbon, Breads, Pickles, Goat Milk, Soap, Aged Oils and Vinegars. Food trucks from Blue Wind, Antojitos Tacos, and Kona Shaved Ice! Please bring and wear a mask.

## Tuesday July 14

### Taco Tuesday

California VFW 5p.m.-7p.m.

Beef tacos soft or hard

1 for \$2

3 for \$5

5 for \$8

Taco salad \$5

Nachos

Various toppings

## Thursday, July 16

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## Ongoing

### COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The St. Mary's County Health Department is now offering COVID-19 testing at the SMCHD Harm Reduction Program Office, located at 46035 Signature Lane in Lexington Park, MD 20653 (co-located with the U-Haul Moving & Storage of Lexington Park). Community members may walk up for testing, parking is available. If you need assistance or any accommodations, please contact the Harm Reduction Program Office at (301) 862-1680. No prior test order is required.

### CSM Chautauqua Series: Margaret Brent

July 6 - 12

Chautauqua stage goes virtual as Maryland Humanities raises the voices of four notable women who took action to secure their right to vote. The series will highlight the unique story of each of these historical figures as they fought for their rights. British noblewoman, first woman in Colonial America to request to vote and the first woman in Maryland to receive a land grant, Margaret Brent, will be portrayed in the first presentation of the series. Maryland Humanities website, Facebook page and YouTube channel will host a video of each performance that will be posted for one week. This series

will also feature a performance and a live Q&A which will give attendees the chance to engage with the performers and ask questions about each of these remarkable women. Free. <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/chautauqua/>.

### CSM Chautauqua Series: Alice Paul

July 13 - 19

Chautauqua stage goes virtual as Maryland Humanities raises the voices of four notable women who took action to secure their right to vote. The series will highlight the unique story of each of these historic figures as they fought for their rights. Author of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), Alice Paul, will be portrayed in the second presentation of the series. Maryland Humanities website, Facebook page and YouTube channel will host a video of each performance that will be posted for one week. This series will also feature a performance and a live Q&A which will give attendees the chance to engage with the performers and ask questions about each of these remarkable women. Free. <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/chautauqua/>.

## Upcoming

### Co-Ed Soccer Camp

July 20 - 23

(Ages 6-10) Staff will lead an exciting and well-organized camp full of practice drills and stations. Learn the basic skills as well as improve your existing skills. Camp staff are experienced local players. 9:00am-12:00pm

Cost \$70

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# ★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

## Summer Reading at St. Mary's County Library

Are you ready to "Imagine Your Story" this summer? Join the St. Mary's County Library for a fun Summer Reading program, designed for all ages from babies to adults! Find the challenges and more information about the Summer Reading program on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org). Summer Reading will be on the Beanstack platform used the past several years. The Beanstack app is available on both Android and IOS, or can be used via <https://stmalib.beanstack.com/>. If you do not have access to Beanstack, you can call any St. Mary's County Library during open hours to report your completed challenges. By completing your first challenge, you will receive a glow-in-the-dark t-shirt with the 2020 theme "Imagine Your Story." T-shirts will be picked up curbside and the process for scheduling a

pickup time will be similar to picking up materials. Earn tickets to enter into prize drawings of your choice by completing challenges.

## Summer Programs at St. Mary's County Library

All programming and events at the St. Mary's County Library will be virtual this summer. Go to [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) or follow us on Facebook (@StMarysLibrary) to find many fun programs and events for all ages.

### Library Closed

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. All locations will resume our temporary open hours for curbside service, phone and chat service on Monday, July 6.

## Watercolor Techniques with Jamie Naluai

Jamie Naluai, local artist, will teach a series of 4 classes on Watercolor Technique vir-

tually. Join us for Class 1: Color Theory and Value—Landscape on Wednesday, July 8 at 3:30 p.m. Find a list of suggested materials and where to find them, and register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org). You must register to receive the class weblink. Each Wednesday in July you can join another class! Other topics are Class 2: Blending--Flowers; Class 3: Details and Texture--Birds; Class 4: Loose and Flowy --Jelly Fish. Supplies are not required; you are welcome to just watch the sessions, but if you'd like to participate, you'll want at least the basic supplies.

## Meet the Author! "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" with Kim Michele Richardson

Kim Michele Richardson will join us in a Zoom Meeting on Thursday, July 9 from 7 - 8 p.m. to discuss her book titled "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek". This novel is inspired by the Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project of the 1930's. It is the story of the brave packhorse librarians who courageously delivered books and magazines, along with

kindness and concern to the hill people of the Appalachias of Kentucky. The book is also a testament to the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky. As Karen Abbott, New York Times bestselling author of Liar Temptress Soldier Spy states, this book is "a timeless and significant tale about poverty, intolerance and how books can bring hope and light to even the darkest pocket of history." Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

## Virtual Expungement Day with Williams, McClernan & Stack LLC

Williams, McClernan & Stack LLC will be offering free legal help to those seeking Maryland expungements of criminal records on Friday, July 10 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Register by calling 301-863-8188. Appointments will be 15 minutes phone sessions - the attorney will call you at your appointment time. Participants are asked to give their name, birth date, and phone number when registering. This information will be shared with the attorney so they can better assist during your appointment. Maryland expungements only.

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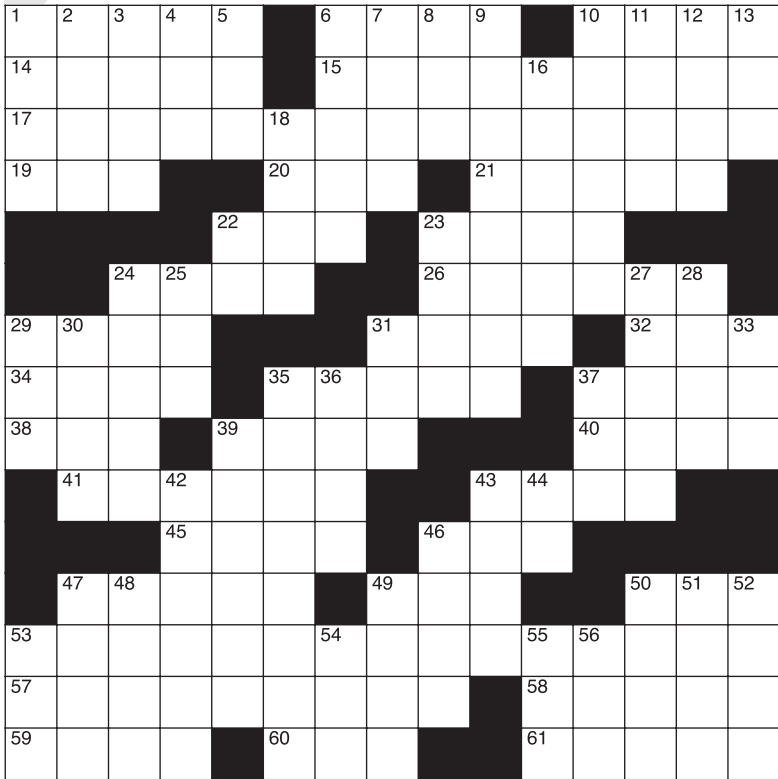
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# GAMES & PUZZLES



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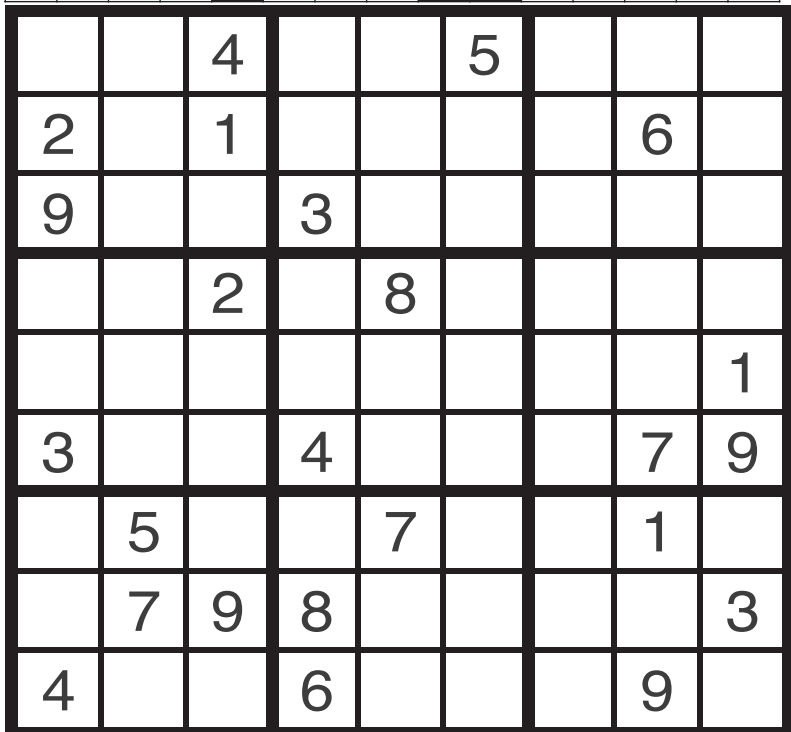
- 1. Cyprinids
- 6. Icelandic literary works
- 10. Break in half
- 14. Japanese mushroom
- 15. Have offspring
- 17. Not feeling well
- 19. A very large body of water
- 20. Witch
- 21. Behemoth
- 22. Speak negatively of
- 23. Absence of difficulty
- 24. Pampering places
- 26. Drives
- 29. Truck that delivers beer
- 31. Makes
- 32. A team's best pitcher
- 34. \_\_\_ Carvey, comedian
- 35. Seas
- 37. S. American plants
- 38. Time zone
- 39. Deviate
- 40. No longer are
- 41. Moving in slowly
- 43. Patrick and Glover are two
- 45. Living quarters
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Not happy

- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Give way to anxiety
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2K lbs.
- 61. Word of farewell

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. \_\_\_ ex Machina
- 2. WWII diarist Frank
- 3. Concluding passage
- 4. Supplement with difficulty
- 5. Title of respect
- 6. Cubic measures
- 7. Remnant
- 8. \_\_\_ Jones
- 9. Salts of acetic acid
- 10. Long, upholstered seat
- 11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture
- 12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra
- 13. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 16. Propels upward
- 18. What we are talking about
- 22. Prosecutor
- 23. Employee stock ownership plan
- 24. He brings kids presents
- 25. Burmese monetary unit
- 27. Hurries

- 28. Injury remnant
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Elvis backup singer Betty Jane
- 31. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- 33. Midway between east and southeast
- 35. Most excellent
- 36. Heat units
- 37. Possess legally
- 39. Food items
- 42. Skeletal structures
- 43. Challenge to do something bold
- 44. Blood type
- 46. Sammy \_\_\_, songwriter
- 47. Farmer (Dutch)
- 48. Clare Booth \_\_\_, American writer
- 49. Piers Anthony's protagonist
- 50. Malaysian coastal city
- 51. Hairstyle
- 52. NY-based department store
- 53. Geosciences organization (abbr.)
- 54. Brazilian city
- 55. Niger-Congo languages
- 56. Gesture



### LAST WEEKS ANSWERS

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# 16 HOURS

Hello Southern Marylanders, I want to express my heart to you. I know that we see a lot of hate and anguish in today's world; however, I want to encourage you today.

I have always loved to write poetry to the Lord. I remember, one day, it just seemed that I just did not have anything to write. Therefore, I told the Lord, "I am going to sit here in my bedroom, in this chair, until you give me something." This was not out of disrespect; this was a cry in my heart toward the Lord. Therefore, I sat there, hour after hour passed, and morning turned to night, and finally, after 16 hours waiting on God to answer my desire to write something to Him! My heart filled with joy and the following poured out of me like a lit match.

## "The Spirit of Thanksgiving"

My eyes opened, and blessings have come, for he has given me another sunrise. My hands moved, for they will raise for his praise, for they know their divine purpose. My legs moved, for I will proclaim every step for him, for he is the reason for my existence, for all is complete in Him. My ears will hear of his praise, and I will thank him for his mercy, for he has shown me much. My tongue will shout his gift, the one that is free unto the world for he has given it with Thanksgiving to all men that would just call upon his name. My tears flow, for I have realized that his grace is my blanket, and his love covers me with that name, the everlasting King, the one that has chosen me. His breath brings me comfort and closeness like nothing on this earth, and his direction is perfect. The earth turns on his finger, with the clouds moving like countless angles proclaiming, "He is the one, the most High, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Who will not shout, who will keep silent, for the mountains will roar his name, for nothing can keep silent his Majesty and Glory. Who will stand at his thrown and not fall? Who will take anything with them? His thoughts are not our thoughts; let out minds and hearts be pure and holy in his sight. Allow us his people to jump for him, to catch revelation of Him, for he is so willing to talk and be with us. Thanksgiving unto our King, for he is everything, and he has chosen to lift his people to himself, for his love is unimaginable.

Friend, after 16 hours, the Lord answered my prayer. He is so faithful! What a wonderful sleep I had that night! It just reminds me of Micah 7:7... "But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me."

**He will hear you too:**

1. **Everyone Needs Salvation (Rom 3:23)**
2. **Jesus Died for Our Salvation (Rom 5:8)**
3. **Salvation is a Gift (Rom 6:23)**
4. **We are Saved by Grace (Rom 11:6)**
5. **Salvation Comes through Faith (Rom 4:5)**
6. **God Saves all Who Call Upon Him (Rom 10:13)**

Thanks to everyone who has supported The Mission the last few months and helped keep our doors open. The many blessings for the new building have been amazing. Next week, we will give a full update.

If you have a prayer request, please send it to The Mission so that we may pray for you.

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