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The Enterprise Ends 122 Year Run

By Dick Myers
Editor

After 122 years, July 10th marked the last edition of The Enterprise Newspaper. The APG Media Group, owners of the three Southern Maryland newspapers The Enterprise, The Recorder and the Maryland Independent announced last week that all three would be combined into a new format called the Southern Maryland News published once a week.

Observers of the mediascape in St. Mary's County noted it appeared to be the end of an era as the county's longest lasting newspaper, about 122 years, was ceasing to exist as it had long been known.

County Commissioner Eric Colvin said communities were healthier for having multiple media venues to keep the public informed and lamented to conglomeration of the St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles county formats.

"I'm a strong believer in a free press; I don't always agree with the direction of some of the articles and editorials in The Enterprise but... multiple news sources out there is a good thing,

"It's a shame we see a consolidation of the media companies; it's going to be difficult for our community moving forward."

A former employee of the APG group working in Southern Maryland, speaking on condition of anonymity, remembered the company's takeover of the newspapers in 2015.

At first there was relief, they said as it was the second sale of the business in just a few years.

They were briefly owned by Amazon magnate Jeff Bezos through The Washington Post.

"We were relieved that we weren't going to be shuttered at that time," they told The County Times. "Shortly after that the cuts came."

Longtime photographers were dismissed, and reporters were given their own cameras for photographs to accompany their stories.

"You could call them unhappy changes," the former APG employee said. "There were fewer and fewer of us expected to do more and more."

The new owners also moved to mailing newspapers to subscribers instead of having them delivered; this changed the time for subscribers to get their news from mornings to the late afternoons.

"People want their news in the mornings," the former employee said. "It was a series of unfortunate decisions by APG."

"I got the impression that APG was going to run [the newspapers] into the ground."

By combining the news of all three counties into a single edition, they said, specific news coverage subscribers want could be diluted.

"I think APG is doing a disservice to Southern Maryland," they said.

The APG in Normandin's title stands for Adams Publishing Group, which purchased the three papers from the Washington Post in 2015. Adams Publishing Group is a relatively young company, having been formed in 2013, but they have quickly gobbled up 127 weekly and daily newspapers in 15 states.

The family patriarch and chairman of the board of APG is Stephen Adams. His son Mark Adams runs the company. Their headquarters is reportedly in Greeneville, TN. The closely-held company is relatively secretive, according to reports published about them.

One of those reports, in 2017, came from Poynter Institute, a non-profit journalism school and research organization which also owns the Tampa Bay Times newspaper. The article written by Rick Evans said that Stephen Adams amassed his fortune with outdoor advertising, a group of community banks and more recently "the huge Camping World/Good Sam network of RV dealers and camping equipment retailers."

The article goes on to say: "One thing is for sure: The Adams are loaded."

"Estimates put the family's net worth north of a billion dollars. In 2005, Steve Adams and his wife donated \$100 million to the Yale School of Music, a gift he revealed three years later in a Wine Spectator article about his vineyards in California and France."

Robert Schaller, a county native and professor at the local Florida Institute of Technology and former economic development chief for county government, remembers when the Enterprise was the most important local news source.

"There were always two rival papers (such as the long defunct St. Mary's Beacon) but The Enterprise ended up being the go-to paper," Schaller said. "It was the main source of information."

Schaller said the nation-wide trend towards the loss of community newspapers took away an important community asset.

"What you lose is the local accountability," Schaller said. "There has to be someone in there [at government meetings] keeping them honest."

"It's a good thing we have another paper [The County Times.]"

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Town Considering Riverboat Purchase



The Black-Eyed Susan

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Town of Leonardtown has won a grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority for \$100,000 towards the purchase of a river boat, which the town hopes will boost their tourism and hospitality profile by providing more dining and event space at the Leonardtown Wharf.

"I'm so excited about this," said Laschelle McKay, town administrator at the prospect of purchasing the vessel currently moored in Havre de Grace. "We think this could be really good for the town."

The vessel up for sale is the Black-Eyed Susan, a paddlewheel boat, with a length of 111 feet and 28 feet in width, can hold up to about 140 passengers and has space for dining, weddings and receptions, cruises and corporate charters as well as other events according to the vessel's website.

It was constructed in Greenville, Mississippi in 1986 and was brought to Baltimore in 2000 to replace the

Harbor Belle; it was then that she was renamed the Black-Eyed Susan after the Maryland state flower.

The vessel costs about \$322,000, McKay said, and the town would have to take on the assumable loan attached to it; the town would have to come up with about \$30,000 in cash as well.

McKay said the town may consider placing the paddlewheel boat at the wharf to enhance what the town has to offer visitors and tourists.

The wharf has continued to increase in popularity, McKay said, for recreational use as well as a venue for weddings and other events and the addition of the paddlewheel boat would give the town even more visibility as a destination community.

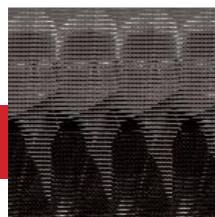
At the regular meeting of the town council on July 13 the members voted unanimously to allow McKay and Mayor Dan Burris to negotiate the terms of sale and return with those terms to the council for a final vote.

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Sheriff's Office: Shoplifting Complaints Rise

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The number of shoplifting complaints reported by local businesses both small and large have grown over the last three years, according to information from the county sheriff's office and are already on pace to overtake last year's number.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said he could not account for the reason for the continued increase, but his own reading of reports showed that shoplifters were branching out into stealing from smaller, locally owned stores.

The large, corporate retail stores such as Wal-Mart are the ones who offer the most complaints to the sheriff's office, according to agency statistics, but Cameron said locally owned retailers now seem more willing to report shoplifting.

Records show the sheriff's office responded to 241 shoplifting calls in 2017, 287 in 2018 and 307 last year.

By June 30 of last year, the sheriff's office had responded to 138 such calls; they have already responded to 162 by the same time this year.

"That's only what's reported to us," Cameron told The County Times, speculating the problem could be larger than what statistics show. "What we don't know about are the businesses who choose not to report it."

Cameron said the same names of offenders continue to show up in increasing shoplifting reports.

"Maybe they think they won't get

caught [by a smaller retailer] or that they can talk their way out of it easier."

The sheriff said retailers who catch shoplifters may deal with them on their own, sometimes by telling them to never come back or some other arrangement.

But more of those retailers now are starting to report the thefts.

"Maybe they're tired of it," Cameron said of the recent change. "The fact that they're adamant about it is a good thing and good on them for it."

One retailer in Leonardtown said shoplifting had never been so prevalent in their experience.

"I've been in retail for 48 years and this is the worst I've ever seen it," the business owner said. "It's just more and more people trying to get something for nothing."

"It shouldn't be the norm but that's what it's becoming."

Not just single offenders, but whole families are involved in thefts from stores, the proprietor said.

"Fathers, mothers and children do it," they said. "They help each other."

According to sheriff's office statistics the most frequently stolen property this year so far has been clothing, food, electronics, alcoholic beverages, toys, household items and cosmetics.

There were 62 reported cases of clothing theft and 52 cases of stolen food, records show; there were just 20 reported thefts of electronics.

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County Signs Agreement with Visit St. Mary's Provides Tourism Assistance

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the nonprofit Visit St. Mary's MD (VSMMD) board to allow county staff to provide interim administrative services to the tourism organization.

Visit St. Mary's MD was approved to take on all tourism responsibilities in 2018 by an agreement with the Commissioners but, June 10, 2020, VSMMD and their Executive Director ended their relationship. The VSSMD Board began a search for a new Executive Director, and in the interim, the new MOU will allow the Department of Economic Development (DED) to provide staffing to assist with tour-

ism functions in St. Mary's County.

"In this time of financial uncertainty, it is important that we do everything we can to support our local business, and this interim partnership is one thing we can do right now for St. Mary's County tourism," said President Randy Guy.

For more information on the Department of Economic Development, including COVID-19 relief programs, please visit their website at <https://www.yesstmarysmd.com/>.

Commissioner Meetings may be viewed on-demand on the St. Mary's County Government YouTube Channel.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.

Jannette Norris, Former County Treasurer, Dies

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Jannette "Jan" Norris, who served as the county treasurer for five terms in office, died July 13. She was 72.

Jan was married to former Leonardtown Mayor J. Harry "Chip" Norris, who also served multiple terms as the chief executive of the town; both were considered a political power couple and were widely admired for their dedication to public service.

Kristin Caton, Jan Norris' daughter, said her mother had been diagnosed with liver cancer but had appeared to have gone into remission.

"All of a sudden it came back," Caton said, adding that complications of the disease plus some of the treatments her mother had undertaken had led to damage that resulted in her passing.

But her mother continued as she had all of her life, fighting to spend as much time as she could with her family.

"She was a fighter," Caton said. "She left everything on her terms."

Jan Norris was best known for her service to the county and her love for it; she was also a strong-willed woman who ran the county treasurer's office efficiently.

"A lot of people remember her for the politics," Caton said. "But she wouldn't have run for the office if she hadn't been passionate about making sure the people's money was being spent properly."

Jan Norris loved her family and especially relished being with her grandchildren.

"She was a fun grandmother; people remember this vibrance and energy about her," her daughter said. "That's why they were so shocked to hear about what happened, they always remember her as always being on the move."



Jan Norris

"She was a great mom, too."

The family is planning private services for Jan Norris because of concerns over COVID-19, Caton said, but will hold a celebration of her life when social gatherings become more safe and manageable.

County Commissioner Todd Morgan used what was normally the invocation prayer during the regular business meeting Tuesday to honor Norris' memory publicly.

"It's with a heavy heart I have to say we're sorry to hear of her passing," Morgan said, noting that Norris was first elected to the treasurer's position in 1994 and went on to serve there until 2014.

"It's an unprecedented run for someone who could last in that office that long," Morgan continued. "Jan had a great spirit; she was devoted to this county."

"Rest in peace, Jan; thank you for all you did."

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New Library Sign Runs Afoul of Town Rules

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The newly constructed Leonardtown Library/Garvey Senior Center is not yet open to the public, but its new sign has already caused some problems with town government.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay told the town council that the new building's sign on Leonard's Grant Parkway is about five times too large for the town's regulations.

It was also constructed without a permit, McKay said at the July 13 meeting.

"Unfortunately, it's 155 square feet," she told the council. "It's well over our sign ordinance."

The maximum allowable area for signage in town is 32 square-feet, McKay said.

That restriction applies to ground

signs, which also cannot be more than eight feet above ground level.

McKay said the town offices have been in touch with both County Administrator Dr. Rebecca Bridgett and County Attorney David Weiskopf over the matter.

The group, which also includes the town's attorney, is working to find a solution to the problem, McKay said.

The town administrator said the town was originally pressing for the county to return to the board of appeals to get a variance to the sign ordinance, but that option was set aside to find another solution.

"We're just going to try to work through the process a little bit," McKay said.

Weiskopf did not return phone calls for comment as of press time.

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School System To Present Recovery Plan

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

School Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said this week that his administration will present a plan for reopening and recovery of schools in the fall July 22 at the regularly scheduled St. Mary's County Board of Education meeting.

The plan is currently being modeled after the one recently released by Montgomery County Public Schools, Smith told The County Times.

"MCPS has posted a planning document for the fall that our SMCPS Recovery Planning work group will use as a resource when we finalize our recommendations to the board of education later this month," Smith said. "Much of what is in their plan mirrors or work as we are all facing the same challenges and working from the same federal and state guidance."

Smith also said that a return to school this coming fall could likely mean that, to maintain social distancing of students to guard against COVID-19 infection, schools would use alternating "A" and "B" day schedules.

Under such a plan, a certain number of students would come to school while the remainder would engage in on-line, remote learning.

The next day the student groups would alternate classroom and distance learning.

"That is the prevalent thought now," Smith said.

The Montgomery County plan would bring students back on a rotational basis for in-person learning to include reduced class sizes; school buses would be limited to elementary and middle school children.

The Montgomery plan would start the school year in a virtual only format with the phases lasting between two to four weeks depending on the school levels and grades or age.

Students starting in pre-K, Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades, those going to a new school level, will be the first to return to school first.

Grades 1,2 and 7 and high school sophomores will return in the second phase and the remaining students will return in phase three.

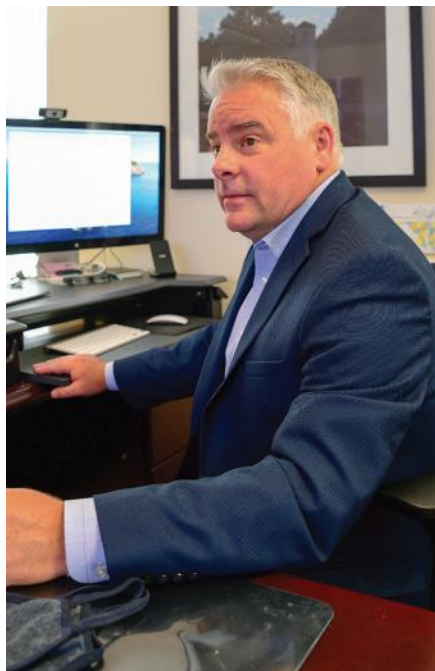
School officials say this sort of return to school is what students and parents can expect to see, at least to some degree, in the fall.

The Montgomery County plan also has A/B day class schedule proposals for students with the first group in school on Monday and Tuesday, with the second group continuing distance learning at home those days.

On Wednesday all students will be home learning, with professional development for staff included in the school day.

On Thursday and Friday the second group would attend classes at school facilities and the first group would continue learning from home.

In June, Smith said the school system was planning on a traditional reopening of schools but the schools administration was also working to ensure that distance learning options would be strengthened in case a staggered reopening were necessary.



In the coming year, the system will make the full transition to the more advanced Schoology platform, which can provide real-time learning, and many other features, between teachers and students.

Edgenuity, to which 90 percent of the roughly 18,000 students could log on to with either a computer, tablet or other device such as an iPhone, will only be used as a fallback should the new system develop insurmountable problems.

The reason, Smith said, for the rapid and drastic transition, was that Edgenuity did not provide the highest level of instruction for students; it essentially provided lessons that teachers would later check, but no one-on-one, real time contact.

Smith said direct contact with an instructor was best, followed by a blend of on-line and direct teacher/student contact.

On-line learning that could be accomplished in real-time was the third best option, which Schoology could provide.

The plan the school system formally adopts will have to follow the requirements set forth by the Maryland State Department of Education; the plan the St. Mary's school board adopts must be released to the public by Aug. 14.

Ultimately, the decision to reopen schools is up to State Superintendent Dr. Karen

Salmon to coincide with the Stage 3 reopening phase of the entire state to be announced by Gov. Larry Hogan.

A significant part of the plan must focus on equity issues, or identifying gaps in learning and bridging them, that were exacerbated by the abrupt closure of classes and in-person learning.

The school system must also enact enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures to guard against COVID-19 infections.

Smith has warned that if or when students return to school in the fall, they will still have to practice social distancing where possible.

Students will also be asked to adhere to enhanced personal hygiene during the school day including hand sanitizer and time set aside for hand washing.

Students and teachers will also be required to wear masks when social distancing is not possible, Smith said in June.

"There will be instances where facemasks will be required when we can't officially social distance," Smith said a month ago.

The school system will also adhere to U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines in working to prevent students from congregating in large groups while in school buildings.

Those guidelines would also likely limit the amount of students who could be transported to schools on buses.

The school system locally has established a return and recovery committee to gauge community concerns about sending students back to school.

The latest reports from the school system, which includes just under 4,000 responses, residents surveyed seemed divided into four groups on the issue.

The survey showed that 25.6 percent were "very comfortable" having their children return to school, while 24.4 percent were "mostly comfortable" with the prospect of schools reopening.

A full 24 percent were only "a little comfortable" with sending their students back to class, while 23.7 percent were "not at all comfortable" with the idea.

Dr. Alex Jaffurs, the system's top accountability and assessments officer and also the president of the administrators' union, said school employees were concerned that schools be as safe as possible before anyone returns to them.

During this time, he said, school administrators had been "stretched thin" by the pandemic.

The Maryland State Education Association has called for a virtual start to school in the fall.

"We must rise above politics and focus on the reality and complexities of safely reopening schools," the statement reads. "If we open our schools too quickly and without adequate safety precautions, the result will be that some educators, students and their family members will contract the coronavirus."

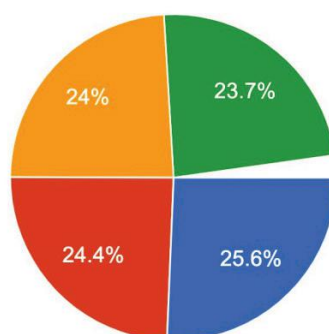
The letter called for the entire fall semester to be virtual rather than in-person.

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- Dependent upon current conditions
- I will not send my child to school if the...

4,000 responses SMCPS

Commissioners Approve Land Purchase for FDR BLVD

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county agreed to purchase a piece of property belonging to the Elk's Lodge No. 2092 at their June 14 meeting as one more connection in the continuing project to build out FDR Boulevard.

The purchase consists of about .61 acres of land from the Elk's Lodge for \$360,000 and would go toward constructing another piece of Phase 3 of the project.

"This is a great story of cooperation," said public works chief John Deatrck. "We had been in discussion with the Elks because it is a critical piece of property to acquire."

The first appraisal of the property's value was rejected by the leadership at the Elk's Lodge.

"The first discussion didn't go too well," Deatrck said. "The Elk's felt that we didn't fully appreciate the value of their property and the value of the business impact that they had."

The county reevaluated the appraisal and came up with a new price to offer the Elks.

"And they accepted it," Deatrck said. "when we began to talk direct-

ly, we came to an understanding. "It moves us right along for the properties we need to acquire for Phase 3A."

The 3A phase of the project would connect Route 237 (Chancellors Run Road) with Buck Hewitt Road; the entirety of Phase 3 has the goal of making a connection all the way to Pegg Road across from the main gate at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Commissioner Todd Morgan agreed that the latest purchase was the "next critical piece" of the project; he quipped that he hoped it would be constructed in the next decade.

Morgan has often expressed dismay over the delays in constructing and buying land for the FDR Boulevard project which has been on the planning books for decades.

Just this summer the connection between St. Andrews Church Road through to the Amber Drive connection with Chancellors Run Road was completed.

"I'm sure we can complete it much sooner than that, but I appreciate your frustration with the speed of the project," Deatrck said.

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Living with COVID-19 at Veteran's Home

By Bri Corley
Contributing Writer

After 16 years at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, mental health coordinator Renee Nordstrom reflected on how the coronavirus has impacted the last few months there before she relocates to the Eastern Shore. From staff mental health to patient care, she recounts all the drastic changes that an unforeseen pandemic can bring to an elderly care facility.

Starting in June 2004 as a mental health counselor in assisted living, she worked hands-on with patients until three years ago when she was promoted to mental health coordinator, responsible for both assisted living and the nursing facility. In her time there she says that Covid-19 has created more change than they have ever experienced.

"In the last several months, they have significantly changed the way we look at and treat mental health and shows how we are trying to evolve within the facility," said Nordstrom. "We started focusing on the residents first and foremost, but shortly thereafter we started to integrate help for the staff to deal with the transition and stress and what it is doing to them as well. We have involved a couple different areas, like an employee assistance program. Our psych provider has also provided free counseling that the veterans home pays for and then the state of Maryland just recently provided free mental healthcare for nursing home staff."

Nordstrom says her job responsibilities have changed drastically due to Covid-19, making her a lot more involved when facilitating "telehealth" services via video for patients and nursing staff in order to keep the quality of care upheld. But as many would expect, getting elderly residents adjusted to video conferencing when they are used to in-person interaction has been difficult. Vision and hearing issues that come with age add an additional obstacle for facilitators to tackle when bridging the gap between their prior in-person treatment and their new virtual format.

Another issue comes with explaining the changes in procedure to patients who may have issues like Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and are unaware of the severity of the changes occurring in the world. Nordstrom said that for those cases, they have relied heavily on the nursing staff to give a full picture of what's going on with them in their day to day life. Watching for any issues with eating, sleeping, mood and behavior can help the staff track any changes, as Nordstrom says that dementia patients typically don't do well with virtual healthcare.

Due to the high-risk patients living in the veteran's home, volunteers, close contact activities and visitation has been halted for the time being. To help the residents keep a connection with their families outside the home, video chats have become the main form of communication between patients and loved ones. The staff have used their in-home television channel to keep guests entertained while being distant by playing trivia, movies, religious services, and other activities. Nordstrom said the channel also helps them



Renee Nordstrom

prevent watching the news all day and getting even more nervous of the virus.

The lack of visitation has also led to the veteran's home putting an emphasis on transparency so the families of residents can know what decisions they are making and why they are making them. There is a Covid-19 hotline available where people can call and get updates on what the staff of the home are doing to combat the virus and keep patients safe. All decisions regarding the tracking, treatment and precautions taken at the veteran's home are done at the guidance of the health department, which is in turn at the guidance of the federal government.

When it comes to how the community can help both staff and residents of the veteran's home, there are many options. Donations have been a helpful thing provided by the community, with items ranging from face shields and masks to snacks for the staff and patients. However, Nordstrom emphasized that it would be helpful for people in the community engaging with residents who may just want someone to talk to during a time that can feel very isolating. Cards, care packages, and requests to call and video chat with patients can help maintain the connection between the residents and the community. For more information on ways to volunteer at this time, visit www.charhall.org/content/volunteering/.

As her time at the veteran's home comes to a close, Nordstrom said that the pandemic hitting in her final few months has taught her to never take anything for granted.

"I work with an amazing group of people that I don't think get enough credit," Nordstrom said. "If one single person could come in and spend a day in the nursing staff's shoes and understand what they're dealing with. Even when it was at its worst, we still came back every day. If we can make it through this and we are all still here, then we can make it through anything. and we can give the veterans what they need. It's even harder leaving now rather than if it had been a year ago, but as things are starting to level out for us, we look at each other and know we did this, and we have each other's back. I want the community to know that you see these brick walls and you have to understand that amazing things happen inside there every day. These veterans are our family and they mean as much to us as we mean to each other."

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Drug Arrest- On June 17, 2020, Dep. Haas conducted a vehicle stop in the 28100 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown, and identified the operator to be C Aloysius Bowman, age 57 of Lexington Park. Probable cause search of the vehicle yielded a container with a rock like substance (suspected cocaine) and a suspected CDS smoking device. Located on Bowman's person was a bottle containing suspected phencyclidine (PCP). Bowman was charged with two counts of CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



C. Aloysius Bowman

Drug Arrest- On June 19, 2020, Cpl. Tirpak responded to the 45100 block of First Colony Boulevard in California, for the reported check the welfare of individuals unconscious in a vehicle. Contact was made with Jeffrey Austin Frye,

age 23 of Lexington Park, who was seated in the driver's seat. Deputies on scene observed a suspected CDS smoking device inside the vehicle. Located on Frye's person were two additional suspected CDS smoking devices containing residue (suspected Heroin). Frye was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia.



Jeffrey Frye

Drug Arrest- On June 24, 2020, Dep. Raley observed a vehicle parked with a driver unconscious in the 27600 block of Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville. Contact was made with the individual in the driver's seat, Shane Alan Rodriguez, age 38 of Me-



Shane Rodriguez

chanicsville. In Rodriguez's lap was a suspected CDS smoking device and a clear capsule containing a white powdery substance. Rodriguez also had a needle in his hand, and attempted to quickly inject the substance in his arm in the presence of deputies. Deputies attempted to stop Rodriguez from injecting the substance at which time, Rodriguez sprayed the contents into his mouth. Rodriguez was placed under arrest, at which time he resisted and would not comply. Rodriguez was ultimately taken into custody and a second needle was located in his pocket. Search of the vehicle yielded an additional capsule containing suspected heroin and a burnt spoon with residue. Rodriguez was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Paraphernalia, Obstructing and Hindering, and Altering Physical Evidence.


Assault/Violate Protective Order- On July 5, 2020, Dep. Ryczyn responded to the 46800 block of

Rogers Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Joseph Anthony Arivella, age 69 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by pushing the victim causing the victim to fall and injure the victim's wrist. Arivella was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. Later, on July 5, 2020, Cpl. Worrey responded to the 46800 block of Rogers Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined Arivella, age 69 violated a valid court order by harassing and threatening the victim, as well as being in the common area of the victim's residence. Arivella was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



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Getting Back to Work Launched

Town Hall Meetings Underway

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) announce a new regional workforce development collaboration set to immediately respond to the economic catastrophe caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. TCCSMD's Workforce Development Division and CSM's Continuing Education & Workforce Development Division have partnered to launch the Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work initiative – a joint effort that creates a transparent, accessible and coordinated pathway to skills upgrade training and re-employment for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the crisis.

The initiative will also create new opportunities and training at a time when career change is a likely avenue for many affected workers.

“Regional unemployment has risen to 8.4% according to recently released data from the Maryland Department of Labor with the greatest impact seen in the retail, healthcare and construction industries,” shared Tri-County Council Director of Regional Workforce and Business Development Ruthy Davis. “Underemployment is an ongoing challenge in our region and this alignment of workforce development resources will provide targeted responses to critical needs for employers, employees and the unemployed, and prepare us for a future in which the workforce will be redefined.”

“The Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work initiative has one objective: To provide skill development and assist in the re-employment of our citizens,” said CSM Associate Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Ellen Flowers-Fields. “Our communities have suffered and are facing further economic risk. We are compelled to act now before people relocate to seek work thus making it harder for local industries to rebound. We plan to deliver real solutions that keep our neighbors working, keep our businesses open and create an employment ecosystem for new businesses to begin. This is the challenge we face; this is our why.”

Town Hall Meetings: “Enlightening Experience”

“We are also aware that when our economy starts to awaken, employers may be cautious in their re-hiring and this is where we can play a critical role in protecting the equity of our workforce development response,” said Flowers-Fields.

To begin the conversations, the

first of four virtual town halls with Southern Maryland's healthcare leaders was held July 8. Fifty-two participants including healthcare employers and community leaders joined CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague and Elaine Hardee, director of Human Resources at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for a moderated, one-hour discussion that tackled topics such as employee burnout; staff re-deployment and mission-forward planning.

“Participation in the Healthcare Industry Town Hall Meeting was an enlightening experience for neighboring healthcare providers,” shared Hardee. “One of the universal issues our healthcare businesses face is the challenge of keeping employees engaged during the pandemic. Some of the themes we heard tackled re-deployment of administrative personnel whose primary job responsibilities may have decreased or stopped entirely.

“Overall, our mitigation strategies utilized to reduce the spread of this virus is a testament to the diligence of our leadership and front-line staff practicing superior infection control protocols,” Hardee continued. “We understand the fear and anxiety that this virus has produced and we cannot thank our employees, community stakeholders and state leaders enough for continuing to deliver great support and care to the patients and residents we serve.”

The next three town hall meetings will occur each Wednesday in July from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on the following topics:

Wednesday, July 22, Construction Industry

Wednesday, July 29, IT and Professional Services Industry

“We got vital intel on the industry's needs,” said Flowers-Fields, of the first town hall. “There is great interest in our providing more career

readiness certifications; structured work-based learning programs and sharing best practices.”

Davis added that if the next few town halls are anything like the first, the initiative will be validated. “We are not just living through an economic crisis,” Davis shared. “We are experiencing a community crisis, in real time.”

“Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work: Threefold Approach

The key objectives of this project are separated into three goals: Investing in emerging skills needs; responding to business needs; and reshaping workforce development needs for the region's future.

The immediate and long-term impact of the Covid-19 pandemic will affect the knowledge and skills of workers across industries. According to Flowers-Fields, existing industry training at CSM has already been enhanced to include learning modules on Covid-19 awareness, safe worker and safe workplace protocols. In addition, new certificate programs are being developed for Infectious Control and Barrier Protection, Community Health Liaison, Contract Tracing Proficiency, Medical Assisting, Communication and Customer Service skills and others in direct response to the pandemic.

The TCCSMD is investing in SkillUP, an online platform designed to help the Southern Maryland region build a workforce ecosystem that supports positive economic development. The platform will be available to all Southern Maryland citizens explore career pathways, assess career interests and aptitudes and develop basic skills. SkillUP is a bridge program that helps prepare individuals for employment or secondary education, and is the on-ramp to workforce development response.

For eligible job seekers, the Federal Workforce Innovation & Op-

portunity Act will be leveraged. The act funds employment and training activities that ensure the region produces a skilled workforce to meet the needs of businesses and strengthen the local economy.

The business services team of TCCSMD & CSM consist of six individuals with more than 100 years of combined experience in supporting business needs through consultative inquiry. This boots on the ground intelligence will guide the workforce training response efforts of this initiative. The region's 25-member Workforce Development Board has 13 private sector members representing the retail, hospitality, construction, healthcare and information technology industries. Additionally, guidance from regional chambers of commerce, county economic development departments and industry associations will aid in determining priorities and program development.

“The Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work initiative will engage key partners and stakeholders to inform coordinated next steps toward providing critical incumbent and new worker training, and the reshaping of curriculum both in its core content and in its delivery modes,” said Flowers-Fields. “Throughout the coming months, we are going to identify new innovations to ensure there is an available pipeline of workers needed during and post COVID-19.”

“Strategically, we are poised to deliver this response,” added Davis.

For more information about the Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work Initiative, or to participate in one of the July Town Halls, visit online at <https://smdworkforceboard.org/job-seekers/> and <https://tccsmd.org/backtowork/>.

Press Release from College of Southern Maryland



Churches of Southern Maryland: Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

Off St. Andrew's Church Road in California sits Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, perhaps best known for its music ministry.

Pastor Edd Cathey, who has led the church since 2006, described the location as a "very nice, quiet place."

And he has personally experienced numerous places, from Oklahoma to Minnesota to Florida. Though most of his childhood was spent in Florida, he attended Moody Bible Institute and later Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, both in Illinois.

Seventeen years of his preaching vocation were spent in Wilmington, Delaware. However, he has spent the last 14 years at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church.

Before becoming Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, the building was used by another church that had to close. "And our congregation actually started forming in 2005 and met in a hotel—the Hampton Inn—for a little while and then met at the King's Christian Academy for about a year until the opportunity to buy this property came along," explained Cathey.

At an extremely reasonable price, the building was bought and then occupied on Easter in 2007. Since then, it has been remodeled and the parking lot has expanded.

Seating about 150 people, the building is rather small. Due to limited space, there aren't many regular youth programs there. Sunday school and services actually include all ages together.

But the arrangement seems to work well for its congregation of about 80 people. And they are truly all ages, with many home-school families but also elderly individuals in attendance.

"A lot of the women are homeschooling moms, so they have a summertime Bible study," Cathey shared. The men meet weekly for a Bible study breakfast on Saturdays.

Choir is the main organized ministry for kids and teens. Patricia Blanchard directs the church's four choirs—the children's choir, the youth choir, the Voices of Grace community choir, and the Gloria Deo Sunday morning choir.

"We have a lot of people who are very talented [musically]," stated Cathey. "We have excellent music. And it's very typically traditional music, too." Though some of the hymns sung are recent, many are old, with Psalms and first- and second-century hymns incorporated into worship.

"Traditional" describes the whole service at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church. Formatted in a very structured way, regular Sunday morning services include hymns, prayer, historic creed recitation, Bible reading, preaching, communion, and offering.

Another traditional aspect of the church is the teaching of catechism by a church elder. According to Cathey, this elder "takes young people and then quizzes them, and they learn it at home on their own. And, when they come to church, he quizzes them, and he asks them the questions...[to] see if they can remember



Pastor Edd Cathey

the answers." The youth are recognized when they remember the 124 questions and matching answers.

Wednesday evening services are a shorter, less formal version of Sunday morning services. Cathey explained that "the congregation chooses several songs they would like to sing...people raise their hands and call out a number and they sing." Alternating between himself and a retired minister who's part of the congregation, a sermon is also delivered.

Not only is music the church's main ministry, but it's also a form of outreach there. Choir Camp is a biennial program intended to teach the Bible and music. "And it's a week-long kind of vacation Bible school, but it's all choir," Cathey said.

Mission trips happen sporadically, but U.S. and foreign missions are supported regularly. To assist the needy locally, Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church partners with Panera Bread. After letting church attenders take bread from the restaurant's donations, the leftovers are given to First Saints Community Church, which has a food pantry.

As of May 31, services resumed in the sanctuary.

But Cathey did say that "we had a Worship at Home program that we developed each week that included all of our regular worship things except communion...we provided a sermon for them to listen to each week, but we asked them to lead the music, their singing, their praying, and all those things at home."

Since reopening, both recorded and livestreamed services are offered, and Worship at Home folders are still available. People can even watch the livestream from the church parking lot and have communion brought to them.

However, the church body is quickly returning to in-person services. In fact, almost 50 percent of the church's capacity has returned. "We're hoping the governor will change the rules and allow for more people to gather," stated Cathey.

For now, the Bible study that previously met in a home now meets at the church and on Zoom. The evening service and Sunday school are temporarily on hold, but choir director Patricia Blanchard plans to have the children's choir and youth choir and adult choir this fall.

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Improve Storage At Home

Homes are getting bigger, but it seems like people are still lamenting a lack of storage space.

National Public Radio says the average American home has nearly tripled in size during the last 50 years. Despite that, 10 percent of Americans still need to rent off-site storage, according to a report in the New York Times Magazine. Self-storage facilities are one of the fastest-growing commercial real estate segments, and the Self Storage Association says there are more than 50,000 storage facilities in the U.S. alone. The commercial real estate company CBRE, Ltd., says there are roughly 3,000 self-storage facilities across Canada, and 65 to 85 percent of self-storage tenants are residential users.

Improving storage at home can be a cost-effective alternative to renting storage space. With these easy tips, homeowners can maximize space immediately.

Utilize track storage systems

Closets may be plentiful, but if not efficiently utilized, space may still seem lacking. Track closet storage systems often make greater use of closet space than traditional shelf and hanging rod systems. Customizing closets using track systems or other modifications can improve utility of all closets in the house.

Invest in storage beds

Storage beds typically feature cubbies or drawers within a platform-style bed

frame. It's a practical home storage solution, and does not require any building.

Think vertically

Maximize spaces by looking up and down for storage possibilities. Items that are not used frequently, such as seasonal decorations or travel suitcases, can be stored in high spaces. Shelving on walls can go as high as necessary and be put to use in awkward wall areas, such as in corners or under eaves.

Invest in storage benches/ottomans

A stopping area inside the front door replete with a storage bench can house shoes, umbrellas, hats, backpacks, and other items, keeping them tidy and out of sight. In living rooms, look for chests or ottomans that are decorative and functional. Store throw blankets or board games inside.

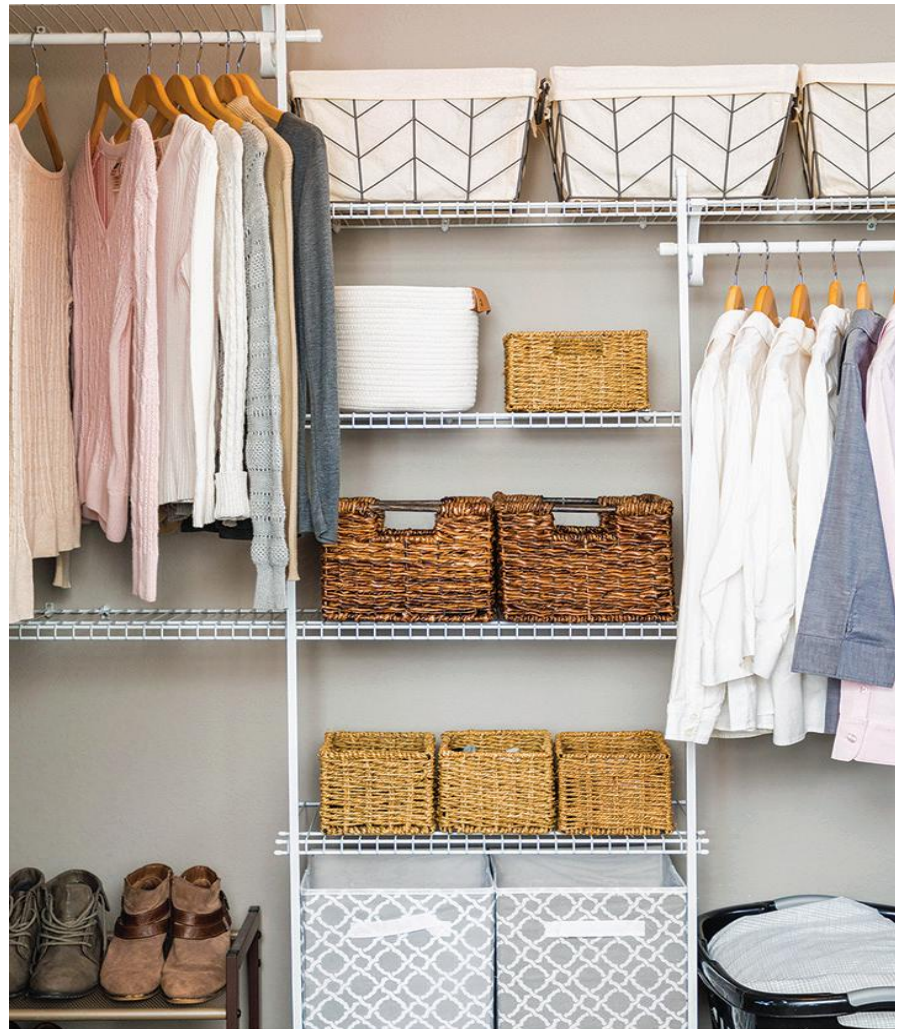
Recess drawers or shelves

Gain more storage by recessing a chest of drawers into what is called the "knee wall" of homes that have sloped ceilings in attics and upstairs bedrooms. Utilize these short walls in an efficient manner by sinking drawers or shelves into them, without taking up floor space.

Rafter shelving

While in the attic (or a garage), add hanging shelves to rafters or exposed beams to create off-the-floor storage as well.

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Home Office Must-Haves

Remote work has been around for many years, though it certainly picked up steam in 2020. In an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, in March 2020 government officials implemented stay-at-home measures that mandated many working professionals to begin working from home. That transition occurred seemingly overnight, forcing men and women to find somewhere in their homes to work.

As the dust settled and working professionals grew accustomed to working from home, many recognized the need to have an office in their homes. Various factors can make home offices more conducive to getting work done, and the following are some home office must-haves that can help people be more productive while working from home.

Lighting

Lighting is important in a home office. It's easy to overlook natural light, especially for workers who previously worked in offices that did not have windows. But natural light can help save on energy costs and boost mood. In fact, natural light is a valued commodity for people used to working in office settings. A 2018 survey of more than 1,600 workers conducted by the human resources advisory firm Future Workplace found that access to natural light and views of the outdoors were the most sought after attribute of a workplace environment. In addition, 47 percent of workers surveyed admitted they felt tired or very tired from

the absence of natural light or a window at their office. When designing their home offices, homeowners should keep this in mind and choose areas of their homes that get ample natural light during a typical workday. Additional lighting also will be necessary. Recessed lighting can give an office a sleek look, and lights that can dim can allow workers to adjust their lighting based on how much they need at any given point in the workday.

Quiet

Professionals forced to work at home when social distancing measures were implemented may not have had much quiet, especially for those with young children whose schools were closed. But when designing a home office, homeowners have the chance to make their offices more conducive to concentration. Soundproofing walls may not be necessary, but look for areas of the home that don't get much foot traffic. Kitchens are very popular rooms in many homes, so try to locate your home office away from the kitchen. A spare bedroom upstairs may make for the most ideal home office setting if the home does not have a traditional den. Spare bedrooms come with doors, which can instantly create a sense of quiet when closed. A converted garage also can make for a useful home office, but make sure the room already has cooling and heating and, ideally, windows.

Electrical outlets

Recently built homes tend to be equipped with enough outlets to accommodate our

increasingly connected lifestyles. But older homes may need some electrical updates before they can capably accommodate home offices. When updating your electrical, replace existing outlets and fixtures with energy-efficient LED fixtures, which save money and benefit the environment. Before updating the electrical, decide on how you want the office to be laid out so

you can have outlets installed where your computer, devices and other items, like a printer and television, will be. This makes it easy to hide cords and give the office a clean, professional look.

Home office capabilities became a big priority in 2020. Designing such spaces can be fun and easy.



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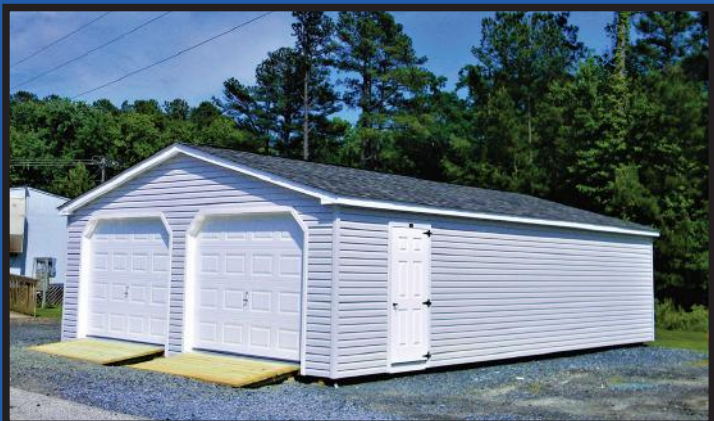
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Types Of Home Insulation And Where To Install Them

When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamorous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people comfortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves,

is needed when handling them. Installing this type of insulation is relatively easy since the materials are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to The Home Depot. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIYers who need only small applications can use canned products. Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

Foam board/rigid foam panels

Ideal for unfinished walls, such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.



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What To Expect During A Bathroom Remodel

There are many reasons to renovate a home. Some homeowners purchase fixer-uppers and commit to making major renovations before they even move in, while others may renovate their homes with an eye on resale value. But many homeowners also take on renovation projects to make the homes more livable for themselves.

Bathroom renovations are popular projects. In fact, a 2018 survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that bathroom remodels are the most popular remodeling projects. But just because bathroom remodeling projects are popular doesn't mean they're easy to endure. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom remodel can help homeowners get through the renovation process.

Cost

Bathroom remodeling projects can be expensive. According to Remodeling magazine's "Cost vs. Value 2019" report, a mid-range bathroom remodeling project cost an average of \$20,420 in 2019, while an upscale remodel cost just under \$64,000. Homeowners should develop budgets for their bathroom renovation projects to determine which type of project they can afford. In addition, setting aside a little extra money for overruns is a wise move that can help homeowners handle any unforeseen expenses that arise during the project.

Noise

Few home renovation projects can be undertaken quietly, and bathroom renovations tend to generate a lot of noise. The noise can be difficult to overcome for professionals who work from home full-time, and it also

can be hard on parents of young children who still nap and don't yet go to school. Parents of young children may find it best to delay bathroom renovation projects until their children are school-aged and out of the house for most of the day on weekdays.

Mess

The debris generated by bathroom renovation projects is another thing homeowners must prepare for. In addition to preparing for the waste generated by the project, first-time renovators must realize that dust might be a big issue once the project begins. Dust can pose a threat to residents' overall health, particularly the health of youngsters whose bodies haven't yet fully developed. As a result, parents of young children may want to schedule renovations during family vacations so their children are exposed to as little dust as possible.

Changes

Few renovations go off without a hitch. Once a project begins, contractors often uncover issues that weren't noticeable to the naked eye. These issues may increase the cost of completing a project or force homeowners to change their plans to make the project stay as close to their budgets as possible. Recognizing that these decisions may have to be made on the fly can help homeowners feel more prepared when unexpected issues arise.

Bathroom renovation projects are worthwhile investments. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom renovation project can help homeowners handle all the twists and turns that may arise.



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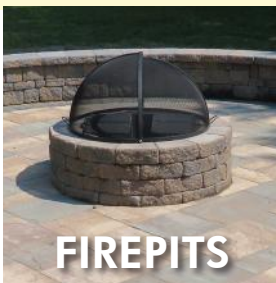
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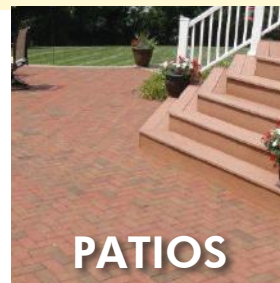
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Nonprofit Institute Refocuses to COVID-19 Relief

During emergencies, Southern Maryland's most vulnerable populations turn to the same familiar faces they interact with routinely from their area community-based nonprofit organizations. That's why when the news of the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, the Nonprofit Institute (NPI) at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) immediately heightened its operations to help local nonprofit leaders maintain their critical services as well as navigate the many applications for desperately needed COVID-19 relief loans and grant money.

"We understood right away, that the demand for federal, state and regional loans and grants would be depleted in mere days," said NPI Coordinator for Charles County Cara Fogarty. "We mobilized and focused our outreach to offer a clearinghouse of guidance and advice to help our nonprofits so they could continue to help others."

These unprecedented days are highlighting the importance of the Nonprofit Institute at CSM – and community colleges, in general – who serve as comprehensive resource partners for businesses and nonprofits organizations year around. NPI has been offering the region's 2,600 nonprofit organizations targeted training, consulting and networking opportunities for 10 years.

"Organizations of all sizes need clarity on funding, forgivable loans and a dedicated funding stream so they aren't competing with for-profit entities for the funding that enables them to run homeless shelters, residential centers for foster youth, emergency child care centers, homes for seniors and individuals with disabilities, food banks, and more in this time of crisis," confirmed Susan N. Dreyfus, president and CEO of the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities in article "Nonprofits Getting PPP Loans, Others Laying Off Staff" published in the April 29 edition of TheNonProfitTimes.

In mid-March, NPI pivoted to turn its monthly newsletter into a weekly COVID-19 briefing sheet and began updating its website on a daily basis to ensure current information on COVID-19 resources and virtual networking opportunities were relevant and visible for its clients. The weekly brief included nonprofit-specific information, resources and website links to corporate, government and philanthropic COVID-19 funding sources.

"The Nonprofit Institute is a tremendous asset for Southern Maryland," shared The Arc Southern Maryland Director of Development Renee Seigley. "Their training and networking opportunities are some of the best. In the midst of tackling this pandemic, we have counted on the Institute to identify relevant resources to help us support our clients." The Arc is the



Robin Finnacom

largest national community-based organization advocating for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and serving them and their families.

Working with Southern Maryland's United Way in Charles and St. Mary's counties, the Nonprofit Institute went a step further to establish weekly virtual meetings to keep them abreast of the most current opportunities, including access to Personal Protection Equipment. These meetings continue to provide time for nonprofit leaders to share how each are adapting to dramatically increased demand while social distancing. Representatives of county governments, public schools, social services, aging and human services and the local management board also participate.

According to NPI Coordinator for St. Mary's County Robin Finnacom, connecting weekly for an hour "strengthens a collective sense of purpose in the face of this crisis and furthers the camaraderie that prevails among the region's organizations."

"The United Way of Charles County is proud to expand our work with the Nonprofit Institute at CSM in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," echoed Mike Bellis. Bellis is the United Way executive director for Charles County. "The Nonprofit Institute has a long-standing track record of supporting the success of nonprofits throughout the region. And they are by our side again helping to answer the call when we need them most."

St. Mary's County Government Department of Aging and Human Services Division Manager Cynthia Brown agreed.

"The beauty of the virtual meeting is the ease of dialogue," Brown shared. "We learned several of us are working on the same issues but may not have had the chance to have those valuable conversations about coordination and maximizing resources."

"Our Nonprofit Institute is just one example of how community colleges provide so much more than just an affordable higher education," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "We are all committed to enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and it's humbling to watch – and join – our students, faculty, and staff as we continue to stretch our time and go above and beyond to help our communities respond to the crisis."

To participate in the weekly Nonprofit Institute's COVID-19 Community Response meetings, email a request to nonprofit@csmd.edu.

Meet the Nonprofit Institute at CSM Team

The Nonprofit Institute is staffed by three part-time employees: Fogarty, Finnacom and Michelle Sullivan. Staff also work hand-in-hand with the Maryland Small Business Development Center, Southern Region as every nonprofit is a small business.

Fogarty has been a member of the staff since 2016. She is also an adjunct instructor at CSM and a freelance social media manager. Prior to working in the nonprofit arena, Fogarty was a journalist in both commercial and public radio and also served as the supervising online editor for NPR.org in the early days of the web. She issues the Nonprofit Institute's weekly COVID-19 brief and updates the Institute's website on a daily basis to ensure that nonprofits have the most current information on COVID 19 resources and virtual networking opportunities.

Sullivan ensures that nonprofits can weed through the complexities of COVID-19 federal and state loans and grants and other sources of crisis mitigation funding. In addition to her work at CSM, Sullivan directs All Ages Read

Together, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating children in need with free preschool programs. As director, she has personal experience navigating the federal Payroll Protection Program and was recently approved for funding to sustain her nonprofit organization. In response to the crisis, she hosts biweekly Nonprofit Institute virtual meetings focused on COVID-19 fundraising strategies, donor engagement, resources and grants. To participate in the Nonprofit Fundraising Network meetings, email a request to nonprofit@csmd.edu.

As the newest member of the team, Finnacom, who joined the staff in January, provides support to nonprofits serving residents in St. Mary's County.

"We are thrilled that Robin joined our CSM family," said CSM Associate Vice President of Continuing Education & Workforce Development Ellen Flowers-Fields. Fields oversees the Nonprofit Institute. "She has a trusted and respected reputation in St. Mary's County, with more than 40 years of business and economic development experience, she was a natural fit to lead the efforts of the Nonprofit Institute in St. Mary's."

The Nonprofit Institute maintains a curated list of new and updated grants, free webinars, tools, articles, links to helpful websites and more that relate to nonprofits' current challenges at <https://bit.ly/NonprofitInstituteCOVID19Resources>. While the staff works remotely, consultation to individual nonprofit organizations is still available.

For more about the Nonprofit Institute and its services, call 301-934-7544 or visit www.csmd.edu/community/institutes/nonprofit-institute/.

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CAUTIOUSLY VENTURING OUT



We, like many other people, or at least evidenced by the number of cars on the road, have slowly been venturing out of our formerly hermit states of being burrowed in our safe little, happy haven.

Over 40 Men's Softball season started just a few weeks ago, without the normal benefit of weeks of practice beforehand. This year it is just games with spectators spaced out on the bleachers. It does feel good to smell the fresh cut grass in the outfields and smell the graded reddish dirt in the diamond – not so sure I am just as happy about getting that red dirt out of socks and clothes again, but that is all a part of beloved softball. I missed all the camaraderie of the players and of all of us wives/girlfriends who support them. And I must admit that I missed my game night Bourbon sweet and sours in my teal Yeti. Not sure if that old adage "Alcohol kills all" applies though in current times. I always took to mean that it killed all germs, etc. That's right isn't it?

Another thing I couldn't wait for was our crab-meditation nights. I believe I wrote about how eating crabs is a form of meditation, where you can become so engrossed in getting every bit of succulent meat out of hot, Old Bay seasoned crabs that nothing else can enter your brain. My husband and I rarely even talk once the crabs are set on our table.

So far, we have been lucky to have several crab-meditation times at my step-daughter's home and over at Capt. Johns in Cobb Island. And we have had a couple great seafood nights at Seabreeze. We will get back to our every or every other Friday night crab nights there soon. I was excited to find a fantastic band one night at Seabreeze that I hadn't heard before called 3 Rocks who state on their Facebook page, "3 Rocks is a power rock & blues trio and a collaboration of three amazing musicians. Serious about great guitar riffs, banging drums, vocals, and bass licks, 3 Rocks brings that huge rockin' sound that is reminiscent of arena rock." I can't wait to see them again!

On our Capt. John's night, we were happy to see all the expanded outdoor seating. The crabs were great, though I really could have had another dozen that night. When we finished we decided to head on to Cobb Island itself to cruise around. It is such a beautiful, well-kept area. And we noticed before we drove

across the new Cobb Island bridge that the old Shymanskys is now Captain Charles Seafood House, Sports Bar and Marina. Looks like they have nights with Caribbean music which sounds like a fun night on the water. We did enjoy the Motown night a couple year's back.

On the way back out on Rock Point Road, we met the deer who won the fastest land-speed-cross highway record on the way home. No warning, this deer was a flaming flash of orange in front of our headlights. My husband said his rear must have gotten headlight burns. This was not a matter of missing a deer by feet, this was inches. Shook us both up for a few minutes, even old, tough firemen can be rattled once in a while. Sorry honey, I meant to drop that "old" part.

And of course, you know we are trying to fit in a couple winery days. Wineries just lend themselves to sitting off to yourself, and we see how serious they are about sanitizing and safety. If anyone has met Susan White, the owner of Robin Hill Winery in Brandywine, then you have met the dynamo of cleaning, sanitizing, and amazing hosting. Susan's husband Bob, sister Connie, brother Rusty, Shelby her niece, and all their family are such wonderful, nice people... and they are all like Susan.

Last Friday night, we ventured over to Generations Vineyard which "is a small family owned and operated vineyard in Leonardtown founded in 2012. The vineyard is part of Wheatleys Content Farm that the Norris family has called home for four generations. In 2012, and the latest generation of the Norris family sisters, Cindy (another dynamo it seems) and Amy, caught the farming bug and decided to shape the direction of Wheatleys for the years to come. This is when Generations Vineyard was born." The wines are delicious, we had a bottle, oh maybe it was two of the Chambourcin, and had great fun playing 90s trivia, with our team name of "These are our Wonder Years". We didn't win but had great fun. So, if you are going to venture out safely too, Generations Vineyard and the outdoor seating might be just one of the ways to do it. Enjoy!

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News

PMA-265 Ramps Up Production Of GCUs, Reversing Shortfall

Story by Katie Walsh
PMA-265 Communications

The F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Office (PMA-265) Power and Propulsion Integrated Product Team (IPT) has led the reversal of a more than a decade-long shortfall of Generator Control Units (GCUs) for its F/A-18 Super Hornet and EA-18G Growler aircraft, ultimately allowing PMA-265 to exceed the 80 percent mission-capable readiness goal set in October 2018 by then-Secretary of Defense James Mattis.

The team accomplished this goal in part by working with supplier General Electric (GE) Aviation Systems to ramp up production and restructure the GCU delivery schedule among four contracts as well as tackling some reliability issues, said Lt. Cmdr. Jason P. Shaw, the PMA-265 Power and Propulsion co-IPT lead.

Shaw said an issue with GCU production was first identified during a Reliability Control Board (RCB) in January 2019. At the time, there were 86 Issue-Priority Group 1 (IPG1) aircraft — jets prohibited from flying due to maintenance issues surrounding the GCU. There were also nearly 200 GCU back

orders.

“This coupled with a very low on wing reliability caused the GCU to become the top platform degrader for all naval aviation,” Shaw said.

At the time when the 80 percent mission-capability edict was announced, the Super Hornets had only been able to maintain readiness levels of 260 mission-capable aircraft — far short of the 341 goal.

The RCB revealed that GE was producing approximately six GCUs per month that were distributed among PMA-265, Boeing and Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP). PMA-265 and Boeing had cadenced delivery schedules, but NAVSUP would only receive GCUs that were produced beyond what the other two contracts needed. If GE did not produce extras GCUs, NAVSUP would not receive a delivery.

“It created a hole on the supply shelf,” Shaw said. “When a jet would lose a GCU, there was no other one to replace it from supply.”

Shaw said the team brainstormed and worked together to create the solution: GE would ramp up GCU production to a goal of 21 per month; a NAVAIR contract for 320 GCU conversion kits used to re-

configure older GCU models to the current G4 variant and 547 new G4s would delay to 2021. That contract shift would leave room in the schedule to enable NAVSUP to get a GCU contract with a cadenced delivery schedule. The move eliminated IPG1 aircraft by August 2019 and brought GCU back orders to zero as of mid-June 2020.

In addition to the production reset, the team also tackled GCU reliability issues by increasing the number of conversions of the G3 GCU, an older GCU model, Shaw said. Currently, the G2 and G3 GCU models can handle approximately 150 flight hours, and the G4 model can handle 1,220 flight hours. With a G3-to-G4 conversion kit, the GCU can reach up to 532 flight hours — a significant bump in reliability.

The result of all of this has been that PMA-265 met Mattis’ readiness goal and is regularly flying upward of 350 jets.

“The U.S. Navy is the only DOD military branch to have met and sustained the 80 percent readiness call that Mattis put out, and that is largely associated with resolving the issues with GCUs,” Shaw said.

Shaw said his team is now focused

on sustainment and is looking into some wiring issues that may have contributed to low GCU reliability. A \$17 million contract is in place to purchase additional software and cables for the Automated Wiring Test Sets (AWTS), which will allow aircraft mechanics to identify system faults they otherwise wouldn’t be able to see.

The team is also working with GE to resolve some further production issues related to their GCU testing capacity. Work is being done to purchase a new, larger test stand and upgrade software on existing test stands, allowing GE to conduct more tests and increase production as a result.

PMA-265 Deputy Program Manager Ann J. Wood called the progress “amazing.”

“In less than a year, Super Hornet mission-capable aircraft increased from 260 to 350 while reducing GCU IPG1s and back orders to zero — that’s about the most direct tie to readiness that I’ve seen,” she said. “I couldn’t be prouder of this team and the hard work of everyone on it.”



Aviation Electronics Mate 1st Class Jacob Gambino, left, and Aviation Electronics Mate 3rd Class Andrew Poe repair a GCU on an FA-18E Super Hornet in the hangar bay of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

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The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

There is a lot of excitement about cobia in the bay. Fishermen are chumming using frozen chum logs or grinding fresh alewives, chunking fresh alewives, using cut alewife or live eels or spot for bait. Big cobia are caught in chum lines everyday, but there are plenty of folks striking out on the cobia, but landing bluefish that are now moving in in good numbers. Other visitors to chum lines are bull redfish in the 40 pound category, and skate (cow nosed rays).

Trollers using big surgical eel lures are catching cobia in the mud leads and on the middle grounds below the target ship.

Spot have been in the mouth of the Patuxent for about a month, and now they are in the Potomac around Piney

Point, St. George Island, and Ragged Point. Spot and perch are being caught at the public fishing area off the rocks at Piney Point at the foot of the bridge to St. George Island. The spot and perch catches at Point look-out have been very good.

Speckled trout are being caught in the creeks and rivers all over southern Maryland. Lure casters are finding hungry trout in the shallows in the 15 to 22 inch range in the Potomac, St. Mary's River, and in the Patuxent.

Rockfish catches are good in the Potomac and Patuxent on any given day for trollers, lure casters, and bottom fishermen. The oyster bars above Brooms Island in the Patuxent have been consistent for trollers.

Fresh water fishermen are finding plenty of largemouth bass in the ponds and at St. Mary's Lake.



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In Remembrance

Deloy J. Lawson



Mr. Deloy J. Lawson, 93, of Paragould, AR, passed away Friday June 26th, at his home. Mr. Lawson was born in Neelyville, MO on November 12th, 1926, the son of Ernest O. and Clara B. Lawson. A member of the "Greatest Generation", he joined the Navy on his 17th birthday and after a brief training course at the Naval Amphibious Training Base, Solomons, MD, drove an LCT on Omaha Beach during the Normandy Invasion, June 6th, 1944. He later served in the Pacific campaign as a gunner aboard LSM-351 until the end of the war. After the war, he worked for 49 years as Construction Superintendent for Clay County Electric Co-Operative in Corning AR, retiring at age 70. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, serving twice as Master of the Corning Lodge, and was a Shriner in the Sahara Temple in Pine Bluff, AR. He enjoyed coaching baseball, leading Corning to a second place finish in the Little League State Tournament in 1963, and winning the Connie Mack State Championship for Corning in 1968. He discovered his

true passion in his early 50s, when he started running competitively. Over the course of his running career, he became a member of the Memphis Track Club, ran six marathons, won over 300 trophies and medals, and logged over 25,000 miles running in his lifetime.

Mr. Lawson is survived by sons Randy Lawson and wife Carol, Hollywood, MD; Richie Lawson and wife Nila, Germantown, TN; grandchildren Justin Lawson and wife Jane, Collierville, TN; Meghan Caslin and husband David, Baldwin, MD; and Aaron Lawson, Chattanooga, TN; great grandchildren Sean and Lily Caslin and West Emory Lawson; and his brother Tom Lawson, Poplar Bluff, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives Alfreda Mizell Lawson and Rosemary Barnett Lawson; and great granddaughter Virginia K. Lawson.

Funeral services were conducted in the Ermert Funeral Home in Corning on July 1st, followed by burial with military honors in the Corning Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Wings of Honor Museum, 70 Beacon Road, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476.

Susan Donnelly Traynham

Joseph



Susan Donnelly Traynham Joseph passed away peacefully June 22nd 2020 in her home in Greenville, SC. She was born in Newport News, VA on December 5, 1944 to late William H. and Lorraine Traynham. She grew up the College Place Neighborhood in Hampton, VA. She spent her youth sailing and boating from the Hampton Yacht Club, going to Buckroe Beach and Virginia Beach. Susan was always fun loving, and a free spirit with an infectious laugh. Susan attended Willis dances and all the events at Hampton High School, where she was honored to be elected as the Basketball Queen and also did activities like cheerleading and K Club.

She lived many places in Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Alaska and for the last 10 years lived in South Carolina. She graduated from New College in Florida, and had a love for writing sonnets, painting, and sculpting. She made a career out welding, being one of the few women to work on the Alaskan Pipeline and other projects. She combined her creativity and her craft to create a welded piece that was displayed and recognized for an award in Washington DC. She enjoyed continuing her education at St. Mary's College (St. Mary's City, MD) expanding her English Major and playwriting and most recently explored ancient history at Furman University (Greenville, SC) to stay physically and intellectually active with the OLLI Senior lifelong learning program.

Susan always said she did not have the life she thought she would have, but that it had been interesting. She had major life changing impact on some and gave loving hope, strength and material assistance to others who encountered the same life struggles she had. She will most be remembered for her eclectic, artistic surroundings she created everywhere she stayed, her whimsical charm and independence were apparent and important. Her beliefs and feelings were always shared as she was a fascinating story teller and her series of magnificent writings in form of sonnets portrayed her real life autobiography. Her commitment to a holistic lifestyle and love for nature surely lengthened her life. Embracing Native American spiritualism allowed her to calmly welcome her transition to joining loved ones in what she knew to be her "next universe". Moving to her beautiful hilltop home in Greenville, brought her to her personal Eden where she could gaze at the mountains, lovingly tend to her flower gardens, grow her own herbs, collect and play indigenous flutes and

care for animals. She loved to feed the cats from the neighborhood and was known for always walking with her best companion at the time, she had a lifetime of dogs. She was an obvious dog lover as she was continually spotted with one hanging out the window when out for a drive in her other lifetime pal, her truck.

Susan was married and widowed to William (Budd) Joseph. She is survived by her daughter Bonnie Johnson and granddaughter Tayla, step daughter Autumn Joseph, sister Polly Traynham, Niece Tamara White and husband Antoine and two kids Jaeden and Journey, and nephew Tyron Thomas and two kids Taryn and Drake. The family is appreciative to all who loved her and especially to those neighbors and friends that took time to care for her. A casual ceremony to celebrate her life will come in the following months at Susan's home when Covid-19 is no longer a prominent danger. Please send fond memories to 5140 Macs Hollow Rd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or hairistamara@comcast.net

Patricia "Pat" Shaffer



Patricia "Pat" Shaffer, 75 of Great Mills, MD formerly from Cumberland, MD passed away on July 8, 2020 at her home. She was born on September 5, 1945 in Cumberland,

MD, and was the daughter of the late Eleanor Moyer and Paul Jacob Moyer. Pat was the loving wife of James Shaffer whom she married on March 15, 1963 in Winchester, VA. Pat is survived by her children James Shaffer, Jr. of Hollywood, MD, Roderick Shaffer of Lusby, MD, Erick Shaffer of Leonardtown, MD 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. As well as brother Paul Moyer of Cumberland, MD. She was preceded in death by her brothers Robert Moyer and William Moyer. Pat graduated from Fort Hill High School in Cumberland, MD.

She moved from Cumberland, MD to St. Mary's County, MD in 1978. Pat worked in staff support for the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education Center in Piney Point, MD.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and American Cancer Society 555 11th St NW #300, Washington, DC 20004.

Marilyn Lerette

Marilyn Lerette, 74, of North Beach, MD formerly from Fairfax, VA passed away on June 29, 2020 in Prince

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Fredrick, MD. She was born on June 29, 1944 in Columbia, SC and was the daughter of the late Phyllis and Gerald Cross. Marilyn was the loving wife to the late Earle L. Lerette, Jr., who preceded her in death on January 5, 2015. Marilyn is survived by her daughter Kelli Chase and 3 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, Michael Lerette.

She was a secretary for a magazine company until she stopped working to stay home with her family.

Contributions can be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, PO Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Michael Tardy Johnson, Sr.



Michael Tardy Johnson, Sr. 85, of Piney Point, MD and formerly of Darnestown, MD passed away peacefully on July 10, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving

family. He was born on June 6, 1935 in Washington, DC to the late Raymond Taylor Johnson, Sr. and Mary Louise Tardy Johnson.

On November 27, 1954 Michael (Mike) married his beloved wife, Janet Ann Johnson at St. Joseph's Church in Washington, DC. Together they celebrated over 65 wonderful years of marriage this past November and were blessed with seven children. Mike proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from November 1953 to November 1957 when he was honorably discharged. From then until 2002, he and two of his brothers owned and operated Johnsons Flower and Garden Centers, with four stores that served Maryland and Washington, DC. Mike managed the store in Gaithersburg, MD when he gained popularity among loyal customers. He had an outstanding reputation in the community and was well respected, kind, personable, and always made everyone feel welcome. His customers also grew to know him as a devoted Washington Redskins fan. He would write slogans on a chalkboard in front of the store so customers could guess who they were going to play the next week. His love and passion of the Redskins carried over into all of his children and grandchildren, as many today are devoted Redskins fans. His ringtone proudly played "Hail to the Redskins" theme song. In 1992, Mike began woodworking which ultimately turned into a passion. He started building clocks and spent many years constructing hundreds of clocks from antiques to modern, loving every one of them. In addition, he began building birdhouses, cabinets, beds, tables, and anything an order was put in for, as the word quickly got out about Mike and his gift of woodworking. During this time, he retired to Piney Point,

MD on the Potomac River where he had spent his summers growing up as a child and teenager. Mike had such a love for gardening which can be seen by his beautiful displays in his front yard. Every year he grew tomatoes in his greenhouse for all his friend's spring gardens. His next memorable calling in 2002 was joining the Southern District Valley Lee Fire Department and Rescue Squad (SDVLFDRS) as an auxiliary member. His artistry of cooking led him to help with meal preps for monthly breakfasts and dinners; and over the last two years, he excelled to becoming an emergency medical responder. He thrived on helping others. This past February, Mike received the Harry M Koehler Award, the highest achievement given by the SDVLFDRS. He was extremely honored of this accomplishment. When COVID hit in March, Mike could no longer volunteer at the Fire Department until further notice. It was now time to enjoy his greatest passions of crabbing and fishing as well as spending time with family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mike was a highly respected member of the Lighthouse Road community. He was always seen going up and down the road either helping someone with a project or just socializing.

In addition to his beloved wife, Janet; Mike is also survived by his children, Diane L. Johnson (Shaun) of Piney Point, MD, Michael T. Johnson, Jr. (Marina) of Gaithersburg, MD, Patrick R. Johnson of Piney Point, MD, Mary K. Thompson (Andrew) of Pembroke Pines, FL, James C. Johnson (Roberta) of Poolesville, MD, David M. Johnson of Quince Orchard, MD, and Thomas E. Johnson (Carrie) of Reston, VA; his siblings: Raymond T. Johnson, Jr. (Megan) of Potomac, MD, Marshall H. Johnson of Clermont, FL, Mary S. Thomas (Charles) of Marco Island, FL, and James H. Johnson (Carol) of Chevy Chase, MD; 17 grandchildren: Kathryn (Kate) Domingues, Brett Johnson, Matthew Domingues, Leslee Johnson, Mallory Bowles, Kelly Bowles, Christopher (Chris) Thompson, Ryan Thompson, Heather Johnson, Jake Johnson, Michael (Joey) Thompson, Shelbie Thompson, Harrison Johnson, Grace Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Ella Johnson, Blake Johnson; and 4 great grandchildren: Lucas Domingues, Jayden Johnson, Bishop Lemons, Gabe Lemons and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mary Johnson, Sr.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 16, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a prayer service led by Reverend Paul Nguyen at 7:00 p.m., at Second District Volunteer Rescue Squad, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be

made to Second District Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

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Andrew Alexander

Burroughs

Andrew Alexander Burroughs, 50, of Lexington Park, MD passed away July 2, 2020.

He was born on January 27, 1970 to the late Andrew Alexander Burroughs, Sr. and Frances Anna Smith.

He is a 1988 graduate of Chopticon High School. He was married to his beloved wife, June Burroughs for over 20 wonderful years. He loved the water and was self-employed as a waterman. His hobbies included watching NASCAR races with his wife, working on cars, and fishing. His family was very important to him and he enjoyed spending time with them, especially his wife.

In addition to his beloved wife, Andy is also survived by his son, Andrew Alexander Harrington, his step-sons, Michael Harris and James Harris; his brother, William Lawrence Willett (Carrie); his nieces and nephews: Joseph Kidwell (Alana), Brittany Kidwell, Zachary Willett, Madison Willett, Christopher Willett, Ryan Willett, and Joshua Willett, and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Eugene Willett.

All services will be private.

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

Lourdes "Ludy" Delos

Reyes Wickwire

Lourdes "Ludy" Delos Reyes Wickwire, 68, of California, MD passed away at on July 3, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on August 6, 1951,



in Lucena City, Philippines to the late Salvador Delos Reyes and Adelaida Cendaña Delos Reyes.

On March 3, 1978, she married her beloved husband, Jack Ira

Wickwire in the Philippines. Together they celebrated over 42 wonderful years. She was employed many years as a sales associate for Target, retiring in January 2020. Prior to that she was employed by Walmart. Her hobbies included league bowling at Esperanza Lanes and jazzercise. She loved spending time with her family, especially spoiling her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she is also survived by her children, Ira Wickwire (Beth) of Lusby, MD and June Mercer (Eric) of Moore, OK; her siblings: Cora Delos Reyes Oca, Danilo Delos Reyes, Rodolfo Delos Reyes, Alejandro Delos Reyes and Renato Delos Reyes; her grandchildren, Lucas and Eden Wickwire; and many extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Phillis Gail Reiser



Phillis Gail Reiser, 56 of Hollywood, MD passed away on July 7, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

Phillis was born on March 25, 1964 in Chicago, IL to Phillip Grant Roberts



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In Remembrance

and Brenda Joyce (Ashby) Roberts of Bristol, TN.

On May 23, 1990 she married her husband, Frank A. Reiser, is Bristol, TN. Together they celebrated over 30 years of marriage. She enjoyed music and going to concerts. She was an excellent cook and made some delicious Cajun creole dishes that she learned from her mother-in-law. She was crafty and enjoyed crocheting scarves, blankets, and sweaters. She loved her pet cats and spending time with her family, especially her new baby grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, Phillis is also survived by her daughter, Lee L. Reiser of Hollywood, MD; siblings, Thomas Roberts (Linda) of Dallastown, PA, Mark Roberts (Patty) of Bristol, VA, and Kelly Booher of Bristol, TN; and grandson, Caydewyn Reiser-Cayetano.

Services will be private.

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Dr. Steven Craig Platt, OD



Dr. Steven Craig Platt, OD, 67 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on July 7, 2020 at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

with his loving family at his side.

He was born on March 7, 1953 in Baltimore, MD to the late Walter M. Platt and Paula Pearl (Pelton) Platt.

Steven is a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry, one of the youngest to ever graduate from this prestigious school. He was a proud recipient of the Rudolph H. Ehrenberg Memorial Award. He has been a dedicated and caring optometrist since 1978 in St. Mary's County. His life goal was to own and operate his own

business, Sterling Optical in California, MD which he opened in August 2007. His family, particularly his son Dustin, plans to continue his legacy, to carry on his dream and keep the business open. In November 1990, he married his beloved wife, Pennie in Baltimore, MD. Together they celebrated over 29 years of marriage. He was an avid golfer and especially enjoyed golfing in Florida, where he and his family vacationed. He was a fan of the Baltimore Ravens and Orioles Baseball all his life. He also enjoyed playing baseball/softball in various leagues in Southern Maryland. His family was his greatest pride and joy; he loved talking about them to others and spending time with them.

In addition to his beloved wife, Pennie; Steven is also survived by his children, Danielle Platt Kelly (Shawn) of Great Mills, MD, Dustin, Rachael, and Joshua Platt, all of Leonardtown, MD; siblings, Michelle Greenbaum (Dennis) of Baltimore, MD and Cindy Platt of Baltimore, MD; three grandchildren, Bianca, Braelyn, and Daniel Kelly; and extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, a trust Memorial fund has been set up for Steve's youngest son Joshua for his academic future (college). It was one of Steve's greatest hopes to see Josh thrive and pursue a career he was passionate about. A trust account has been set up by the Community Bank of the Chesapeake located at P.O. Box 241 in Leonardtown, MD 20650. All that are interested may make a donation directly or contact Pennie for more details.

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

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Dawn Allison Rock

Dawn Allison Rock, 56 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on March 14, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

Dawn was born on December 19,



1963 in Camp Springs, MD to the late Harley L. Lawrence and Jean L. Tefft Lawrence.

Dawn is a 1981 graduate of Suitland High School. She is a 2019 graduate of

Penn Foster College where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management; graduating with a 3.96 GPA.

She was employed for over 17 years with KBR supporting PMA-265 F/A-18 Program Office at NAS Patuxent River for her first 16 years. As Project Manager, Dawn directly supported PMA-265's Executive Leadership as the Graphics and PowerPoint expert and later expanded her career into a more technical and Programmatic roll. Over her 16 years in PMA-265, she supported multiple Program Managers; which meant developing a new working relationship on multiple occasions. On each occasion, Dawn was an overwhelming success in quickly building that repour with the new PM. Dawn would take raw ideas from the PM and turn them into a refined product that were often presented and briefed at the Pentagon and to Congressional Staffers. Dawn took the lead in coordinating major Program Office events such as the Program Managers Review, annual Industry Dinners and Dining Outs. Her attention to detail coupled with her fun and welcoming smile made these events first class occasions.

Dawn transferred to the Advanced Development group of KBR in September 2019 as a Program Management Analyst supporting PMA-231. She was eager to help the Advanced Development team in her new position; while at the same time was always there for her PMA-265 teammates to pass on her vast knowledge and expertise as KBR trained her replacement. In Dawn's short time supporting PMA-231, she was recognized as a go getter and willing to take charge. Dawn quickly gained the respect from her customer and will be remembered for her energy, initiative, and attention to detail. Dawn was always motivated and prepared and brought a positive energy to her team.

On May 30, 2014, she married her beloved husband, Robert Spencer Rock in St. Inigoes, MD. Together they celebrated over 5 of the happiest years of marriage. She and Rob planned trips and vacations and simply enjoyed the bliss of being together. Dawn beamed when she spoke of her life with Rob, they shared a very special love. Dawn enjoyed hosting parties, family gatherings, dinner parties, Women's Wii night and Ladies Pool Day. She was warm hearted and always made everyone feel welcomed. Her cooking abilities were second to none. Dawn loved to cook and enjoyed

sharing cooking tips with friends and family.

Dawn was a devoted mother to her two children guiding them into adulthood with her knowledge and compassion. She took great pride in watching them grow and turn into two wonderful adults. They maintained a beautiful relationship throughout and could always call on one another in good times and bad. Dawn loved being a mother and having children that grew up into two of her best friends.

In her spare time, Dawn enjoyed coordinating events and worked as a part-time wedding consultant. She also enjoyed going on tropical vacations, most recently to the Riviera Maya, Mexico. Dawn always lit up a room with her smile and energy. Her outfits matched her personality with a shoe collection that would knock you off your feet. Even though she loved all of her 300 plus shoes, she was happiest barefoot with her feet in the sand on a tropical beach.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son and daughter, Ryan Cole of Mechanicsville, MD and Kacy Kirk (Mallory) of Daphne, AL; sister, Kim Lawrence of Sterling, VA; brothers, John Lawrence (Laura) of Franklin, TN and Richard Lawrence of Owings, MD; nephews, Jason and Brandon Lawrence; nieces, Kelly and Hayley Lawrence; great niece, Jaycee Lawrence; mother in-law, Sandra Rock of California, MD; and many extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, July 30, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the Church of Christ, 44850 St. Andrew's Church Road, California, MD 20619. Interment is private.

Memorial contributions may be made to SMAWL, P.O. Box 1232, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

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

Joan Carolyn Bowles



Joan Carolyn Bowles "Joanie", 77, of Colton's Point, MD formerly from Forestville, MD passed away on July 6, 2020 in Callaway, 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

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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.

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

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Joseph Kenneth Morgan



Joseph Kenneth Morgan, "JoeCool", 57, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Valley Lee, MD passed away on July 6, 2020 in Leonardtown,

MD. He was born on March 5, 1963 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the son of the late Rose Mary I. Morgan and Thomas C. Morgan. Joe is survived by his children Tosha Morgan of Hollywood, MD, Kelvin Morgan of Hollywood, MD, Chanelle Morgan of Lexington Park, MD, and Alexis Morgan of Capitol Heights, MD, and 8 grandchildren. Siblings; Rose Mary Morgan of Lexington Park, MD, Sadie Morgan of Lexington Park, MD, Mary Agnes Morgan of Lexington Park, MD, Julia Wood of Elorse, Robert Morgan, Sr. of Lexington Park, Calvin Morgan of Lexington Park, MD, Charles Gladden, Jr of Lexington Park, MD, Eric Morgan, and Bobby Morgan. He was preceded in death by his siblings; James Lewis Morgan, Sr. Thomas A. Morgan, Stevensen Morgan, Charles Morgan, Lucy Mae Morgan, and Arlene Beck Morgan.

Joe was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. He graduated from Leonardtown High School Leonardtown, MD. Joe worked in hospitality, construction, and worked on the farm stripping tobacco.

The family wishes to express our sincere "Thank You" to everyone for your Acts of Kindness, prayers, love, phone calls, cards and visits during the time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and comfort you.

Its been a long day without you my family and friends, I'll tell you all about when I see you again. Love ya'll Joseph.

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John Burton Flippin, Jr.



John Burton Flippin, Jr., 53, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on July 8, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

He was born on January 30, 1967 in Richmond, VA to the late Frances Elizabeth Vance and John Burton "J.B." Flippin, Sr. of Amelia, VA.

In January 1986, John enlisted in the US Navy and proudly served his country for over 20 years of dedicated service until his retirement in March 2006. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana Wesleyan and a Master's Degree at Loyola University. He was employed for many years with BAE and then as a Program Manager with General Dynamics Information Technology. On August 18, 2001, he married his beloved wife, Lauren Michelle Flippin in Virginia Beach at the Chapel by the Sea, Naval Air Station Oceana Dam Neck Annex.

He enjoyed vacationing in Florida and the Outer Banks with his family. He was a water lover, and enjoyed the beach, scuba diving, fishing, crabbing, paddle boarding and kayaking. He was a thrill seeker and enjoyed amusement parks and roller coasters. He grew magnificent and bountiful gardens. He specialized in making eggs and tasty burgers on the grill. He had a great sense of humor. He was a super fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Redskins. He played softball for the Navy when he was younger, played for many teams including Atomic Plumbing while stationed in Virginia Beach and was a member of the over 40 league here in St. Mary's County. He was also an avid reader, particularly of Steven King novels and legal novels. He loved his basset hound, Diesel. His family was his greatest love and he loved spending time with them, outside on the water, support during sport seasons, and just hanging out at home.

In addition to his father, J.B. and wife, Lauren, John is also survived by his children: Vance Flippin of Newport News, VA, Jacob Flippin of Amelia, VA, Calvin Flippin, Travis Flippin and Grace Flippin, all of Leonardtown, MD; his sister, Beth Ann Flippin Gross (Richard) of Amelia, VA; his step-mother, Jeanne Morris Flippin of Amelia, VA; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Frances.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Attn: Development, 875 N. Randolph St. Ste. 225, Arlington, VA 22203 and the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

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

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Roberto Chavez



Roberto Chavez, 85, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away on July 10, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on January 30, 1935 in El Salvador to the late Nicolas Chavez and Sara Benavides.

Mr. Chavez was a driven man who brought his family to the United States of America to keep them safe from the unrest of the civil war. He was a genuine family man, he put himself through college and received a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Public Health from the National University of El Salvador. His profession was dedicated to the public health of his country and was employed by The Agency for International Development a branch of the American Government through the American Embassy in El Salvador. Once in the USA, he continued his work with AID and settled his family in New York. Once in Maryland he was employed as a caring and dedicated Supervisor for the ARC of Southern Maryland for many years until his retirement in 2005.

Roberto is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maria del Carmen Chavez of Lexington Park, MD; his children: Roberto Chavez of Fort. Mitchell, AL, Victor Chavez of Laurel, MD, Patricia Rykert of Smithtown, NY and Victor Hugo Chavez of O'Fallon, MO. In addition, Capital Miguel Gil and Dr. Sara Elena Cruz Chavez Torres both of El Salvador. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents.

All services will be private.

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

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Dwayne Scott Reece

Dwayne Scott (Scottie) Reece, age 47, passed away peacefully at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington D.C., on July 3, 2020 with family at his side. He was born on January 19, 1973 in Leonardtown, MD



and was the son of the late Robert L. Reece, Sr. and Shirley M. Reece (Corbin-Pulliam). He leaves behind two beautiful daughters; Erica and Hanna, who he loved deeply

and cherished.

Scottie was born and raised in St. Mary's County, MD. Once you met Scottie, you would never forget him. When he worked, he worked hard. When you gave him a job to do, no matter of the size, you knew it would get done. He was a concrete finisher by trade and was one of the best. If there was a pump job, he usually was the first one to volunteer to take that task, which required skill, strength, and endurance. For most that would be a challenging job, but for Scottie it was a simple task. He was a known by his friends and co-workers as the "man of steel".

He often assisted his friend who was a waterman every opportunity he could get, plus helped him with a variety of landscaping and farming jobs, running the equipment and jumping in to help wherever needed.

Scottie loved being around the water; fishing, crabbing and just being close to the beach. He especially enjoyed and looked forward to the charter fishing trips with his family and friends; often taking home the biggest catch of the day. Scottie simply enjoyed just being around family and friends.

Scottie is survived by his daughters, Erica and Hannah. In addition, he is survived by four siblings; Robert Reece, Jr. (Sandy) of Mechanicsville, MD; Tommy Reece (Betty Lou) of Lexington Park, MD; Lisa Raley (Tom) of Park Hall, MD; Brian "Scooter" Corbin (Marie) of Leonardtown, MD. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews; Laurie Frye, Justin Bowen, Brandon Reece, Robin Reece, Lacy Raley, Jordan Raley, Thomas Raley, Jr., Katie Corbin, Kayla Corbin, Kara Corbin, Kacie Corbin and great nephews, Alex Reece, Landon Stone, and Robert Stone.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Tammy Sue (Reece) Bowen whom recently passed away, and a nephew; Preston Bowen.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to assist with funeral expenses. Please contact the funeral home.

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

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Ramon Francis Granados

Ramon Francis Granados, age 83, died Saturday, July 11, 2020. Born in Riverdale, MD, he was the son of the



late Luis Leon Granados, Sr. and Anne Waters Granados.

He is survived by his wife Angelina 'Star' Granados, his brother Joe Granados and wife

Mickey along with his own children: Christina Granados, Antonio Granados and wife Julie, Lisa Demont and husband Billy, Daniel Granados and wife Janine, Thomas Granados and wife Jayne, and Lee Granados and husband Kevin. He also leaves behind 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Granados served in the Naval Reserve and was a lifelong civic servant and community leader in the fire and rescue services in Washington, DC and Montgomery County, MD. Beginning in Washington, DC he made his way up from firefighter to Battalion Chief as the Director of Ambulance Services. He served as President of Local 36, International Association of Firefighters from 1973 to 1975 before finally retiring. Under his guidance in DC "Fran" led in the establishment of the helipad at Washington Hospital Center. He went on to serve 12 years as the Director of Fire and Rescue Services for Montgomery County, MD where he helped reshape a mostly volunteer system into a formal county led organization. One of his proudest achievements was establishing a Color Guard to honor fallen heroes.

Fran had been a longtime supporter and member of the Knights of Columbus.

Along with high school friend Ben Abell and his brother Joe, they were devoted season ticket holders of the Washington Redskins during the winning years. His other favorite pastimes were gardening, traveling, volunteering with his church, passing time watching the river and spending as much time with his family as possible.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church Bushwood, MD on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 11am. Friends may call from 10-11am. The mass will be private and be reserved for family only. Mr. Granados will be buried near his parents at St. John's Catholic Cemetery Hollywood, MD. A donation in his memory may be made to:

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- DC Firefighters Burn Foundation

Letters of condolence may be sent via www.mgfh.com

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Marie Virginia Beck Oliver



Marie Virginia Beck Oliver, 97, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on July 12, 2020 at Solomon's Nursing Center Solomon's, MD.

She was born on June 4, 1923 in Washington, DC, and was the daughter of the late John and

Marie Beck of Washington, DC. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Berry Oliver on July 3, 1991, her brothers Joseph Beck of Forestville, MD, Russell Beck of Little River, SC, John Beck of District Heights, MD and her sister Mary Theresa Howard of Little River, SC. She is survived by her son, Joseph B. Oliver, Jr., wife Susan and her two granddaughters Kaylee and Kelcee Oliver, all of Hollywood, MD.

She attended Holy Name School in Washington, DC. Later she attended Sacred Heart School and Sacred Heart High School in La Plata, MD. She attended Maryland University and worked at the National Press Building for several years. She married Joseph Berry Oliver on April 26, 1943 in La Plata, MD and lived in Waldorf, MD for ten years. There she attended St. Peter's Catholic Church and was First Grand Regent of Court St. Peters Catholic Daughters. They moved to Lexington Park, MD in 1953. There she attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and worked with the Building Fund Committee for the Church in the round. She moved to Mechanicsville, MD in 1960 and taught second grade at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown, MD until the birth of her son Joseph B. Oliver, Jr. 1967. She then took a four year leave of absence during which time she did tutoring, taught CCD and taught second grade at Mother Catherine Spalding School. She returned to Father Andrew White School and taught third grade until retirement in 1985. She became active in local prayers groups having led a group for ten years at St.

Joseph's Catholic Church. After her husband's death in 1991, she became active as Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist to the Nursing Homes, to the Hospital and to shut-ins for eleven years. She was secretary of the Parish Council for seventeen years, led Renew Programs in Parish, trained for Cardinal's Appeal, attended dinners annually for teachers of parish, hostess for the church dinners, worked on surveys on Catholic Education, and always attended daily mass. She was recommended by her Pastor to do pastoral work in other parishes and was the contact person for the pastoral center for training programs. She also taught the sacramental program in parochial school and taught CCD Confirmation class. She was an Associate of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth since 1970, a member of the Serra Club since 2000 and was a Carmelite in the secular order since 1997.

The family will receive friends on Monday, July 20, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph Catholic Church Morganza, MD with Father Drew Royals officiating. Interment will follow in Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery Helen, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be John Gatton, Keith Raley, Andrew Thompson, Grant Cooley, John Reeder, and Darren Reeder.

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Thursday, July 16

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.

Kona Ice Fundraiser
Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad; 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
The RVRSA will receive a percentage from each purchase. Thank you for your continued support!

Friday, July 17

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Shabbat evening services are being held online due to COVID19. Beginning July 17, 2020 Beth Israel Synagogue will hold online services EVERY FRIDAY at 7PM. Check our website calendar (bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html) for event details.

Saturday, July 18

Yard Sale
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department; 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Tables and spaces for rent, \$20.00 per table or space. For rental information contact Darlene Russell at 301-373-5322 or Robyn Smith at 301-373-9762.

Sunday, July 19

Family Skate
Leonard Hall Recreation Center; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Come inside to cool off, bring your own skates or pay to rent. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2.50 for skate rental. All entering the facility, must participate and pay the fee. If you are accompanying your child, but not skating, you must still pay and only one adult per child is allowed - no spectators at this time. Social distancing and max capacity limits are being enforced. Reservations are required to attend. You can reserve multiple Sundays through August using our online registration system. Simply choose the date you would like to register and do so for each person in your family who will be attending. If you choose not to show up for your reservation, you forfeit your payment. Refunds will not be issued. All guests will be required to wear a mask while entering and moving through the facility. Masks will not be required while you are roller skating. Additional cleaning and sanitation practices are being implemented to ensure a clean space for your family to enjoy roller skating this summer. Please be sure to bring your own water bottle as water fountains will not be available. Food and vending machines will not be available for use. Consuming food is prohibited in the facility.

Tuesday, July 21

Pesticide Container Recycling Program
Frederick County Landfill; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) is sponsoring its summer collection program for empty plastic (HDPE) pesticide containers according to specific guidelines. The nearest location to St. Mary's County that accepts out-of-county pesticide containers will be hosted by the Frederick County Landfill. MDA inspectors will supervise the collection to ensure only triple rinsed or pressure rinsed, clean, plastic HDPE pesticide containers are collected. / For further information, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section at 410-841-5710 or visit their website at www.mda.maryland.gov. For information on recycling programs in St. Mary's County, please visit our webpage at <https://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/recycling-solid-waste/>.

Thursday, July 23

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.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser
Texas Roadhouse; noon - 9 p.m.
The RVSRA will receive 10% of each total food purchase for dine-in or carry-out. Please let staff know you are there to support RVRSA. Thank you for your continued support!

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: 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/>.

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Meet Local Author Karen Janowsky: Author of The Persistence of Memory Trilogy

If you enjoy the time travel element in *Outlander*, and find yourself wishing there was a bit more romance in your favorite superhero movies, join us for a virtual book discussion with Karen Janowsky on Wednesday, July 22 from 7 - 8 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org with an email address. Karen's award nominated novel series, *The Persistence of Memory*, blends superheroes, romance and time travel in a remarkable way. Using her lifelong love of superheroes and mythology, Karen, who teaches writing at the College of Southern Maryland, has created an unconventional series. The original *Persistence of Memory* characters Daniel and Nina, work with their team of superheroes to solve an ancient mystery and save the world. The *Manhattan Book Review* states that "Karen Janowsky has a gift for

balancing heat, humor, and heart, which in my opinion means she deserves to be a known name in the romance world". Don't miss this opportunity to meet Karen and her own cast of superheroes.

Family Sing-Along with Miss Tess

Join Miss Tess and her ukulele on Zoom for a sing-along (and dance-along!) of our favorite story-time and classic children's songs on Tuesday, July 21 from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Feel free to bring an instrument if you've got one! Please register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to receive the Zoom link and password to join this event.

CyberGenerations: The Senior Citizens' Cyber Safety Initiative

Scams are everywhere. Do you know how to protect yourself? Join local high school student Holland



Henderson-Boyer for a workshop to help equip you with the skills needed to protect your personal information and stay safe and secure online. This workshop is presented over three one-hour Zoom sessions. We encourage you to register for each session by selecting all sessions when registering on www.stmalib.org. Registrants will receive a link to the Zoom webinar the day before each session.

Session 1: Introduction to Cybersecurity on Thursday, July 23 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Session 2: Managing Passwords and Safety on Social Media on Tuesday, July 28 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Session 3: Common Internet Threats and Internet Fraud on Thursday, July 30 from 2 - 3 p.m.

The Top 20 Backyard Birds of Southern Maryland

Join us as Barb Whipkey, owner of the Lexington

Park Wild Birds Unlimited shop, shares with us the top 20 backyard birds of Southern Maryland virtually on Thursday, July 23 from 7 - 8 p.m. Barb will identify the birds for us and tell us a little bit about each one. She will then introduce us to the preferred foods and types of feeders that will assist in attracting these birds to our yards. Please register on www.stmalib.org in order to receive the Zoom link prior to the program.

Summer Performer: Storyteller Diane Macklin

Join storyteller Diane Macklin for an interactive performance of new and traditional tales, music, rhythm, and fun! Monday, July 27 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to receive the Zoom link and password for this event

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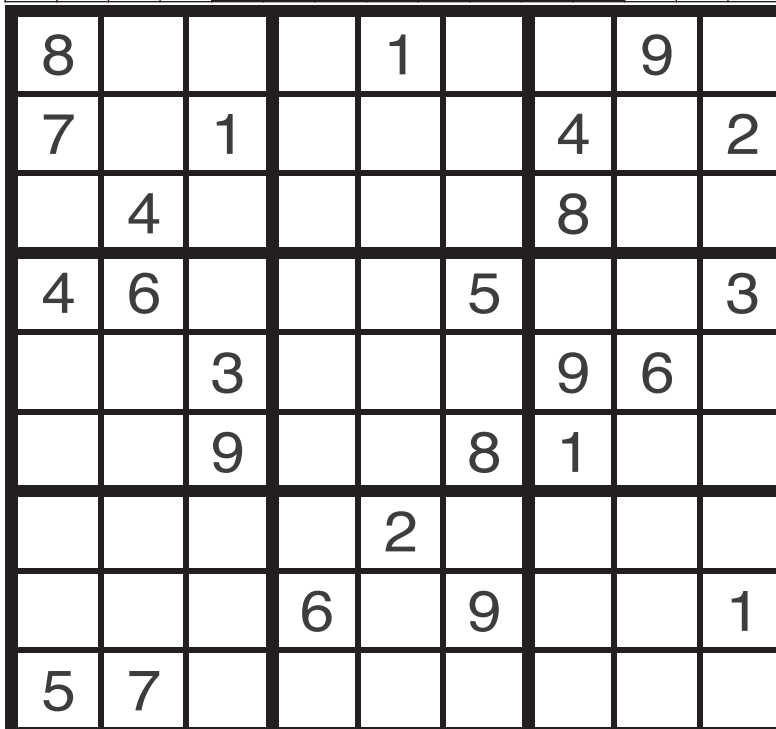
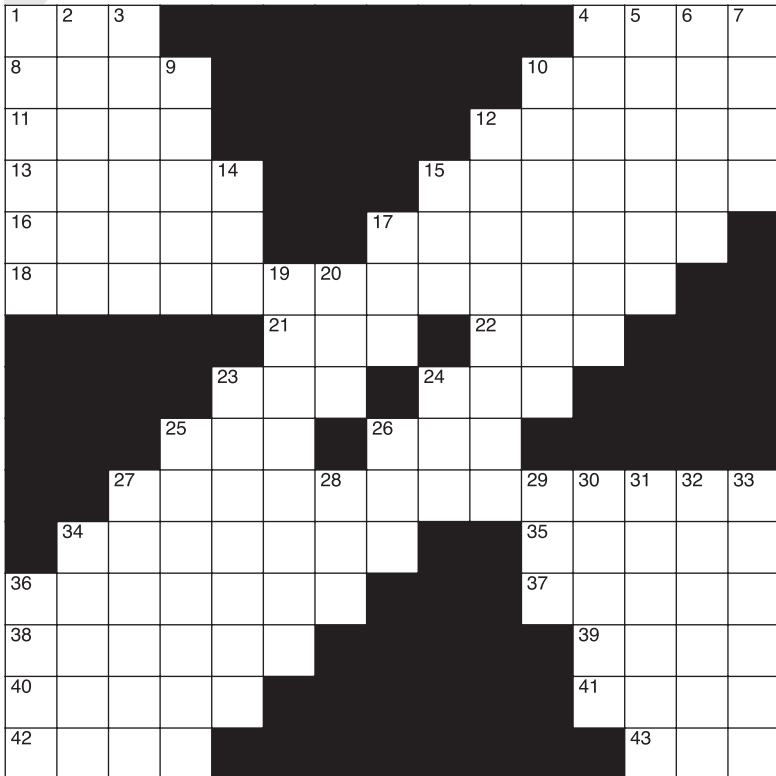
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CLUES ACROSS

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- 4. Trim by cutting
- 8. Small buffalo
- 10. Ancient manuscript
- 11. Look angry or sullen
- 12. Glum
- 13. Northern Zambia peoples
- 15. Central
- 16. Collector of birds' eggs
- 17. Misbehavior
- 18. Top of the line
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Have already done
- 23. Al Bundy's wife
- 24. Entertainment channel
- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. Legendary actress
- 34. Seasoned sausages
- 35. Bluish greens

- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Three-dimensional arrangement
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Type of protein
- 40. Denmark natives
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Artistic dancing
- 2. Plenty
- 3. Act leisurely
- 4. Serve as a warning
- 5. Admired lovingly
- 6. Leftover oil from distillation process
- 7. Company officer
- 9. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 10. One transmits information
- 12. Middle layer of an

- embryo
- 14. Form of "to be"
- 15. Cairo Regional Airport
- 17. Partner to cheese
- 19. Sample
- 20. A shirt may have none
- 23. Public gatherings
- 24. Disallow
- 25. Overnight suitcases
- 26. French river
- 27. Where boats dock
- 28. Top of a pot
- 29. Type of drug
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They go in martinis
- 33. A way to break away
- 34. Intermediate ecological stage
- 36. Baby term for father

LAST WEEKS ANSWERS

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NEW PROPERTY PURCHASE FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

In February of this year The Mission began a campaign to raise \$105,525 which represented the down payment and closing cost required to purchase the property located at 21606 Sheriff Miedzinski Way, in Lexington Park, which is a 2 minute walk to the new Sheriff's station on Great Mills Road. On June 1st we reached our goal. THANK YOU!!!

The Mission's new home is a two-story, 4,600 sq. building, 3,600 sq. feet bigger than our current location and is located on 1.7 acres with floor space for a day room, chapel, counseling offices, as well as ample indoor and outdoor storage to expand. After the down payment, the mortgage will be around \$1,400, which is less expensive than renting a comparable property.

REHAB FUNDRAISER BEGINS:

On 02 June we started raising funding for the rehab of the current property. As of this update The Mission has raised \$36,556 towards the rehab cost which we estimate and have set a goal of \$80,000.

PLEASE join The Mission in securing the remaining funding necessary to complete this good work of bringing a fully 100% Community-funded, Christ-centered ministry dedicated to meeting the needs of the homeless and working poor of our community.

WE ARE ONLY \$43,444 AWAY FROM REACHING OUR GOAL.

As many might not know, The Mission is blessed with many organizations and businesses that give us special pricing or donate their time, so every dollar we raise for rehab goes a long way.

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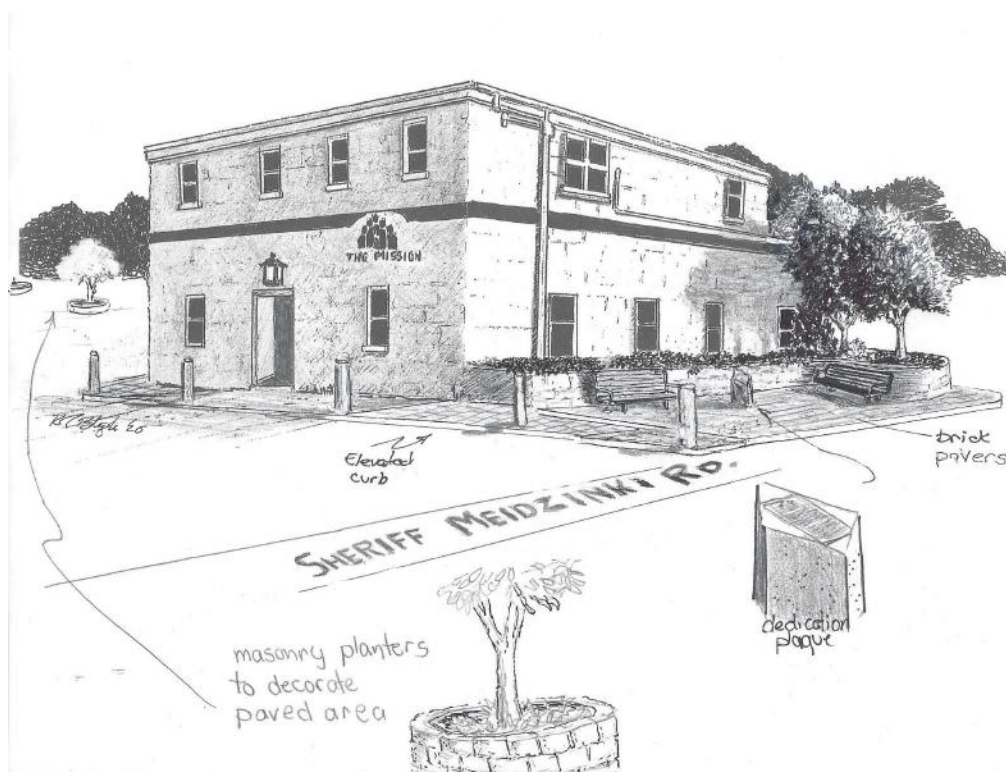
If you are a business, organization or individual who wishes to help donate your time, materials, or expertise in rehabbing our new facility please reach out to The Mission by calling Richard Myers @ 562-822-8752, or Email: Richard@seekingshelter.com

SETTLEMENT DATE:

The Mission hopes to be in settlement in the next 7 days. **THANK YOU**

Lastly, we would like to thank the hundreds of individuals and organization who have reached out to make this happen. We would like to give a special thanks to Cedar Point Federal Credit Union for making this such an enjoyable process and supporting us 100%.

Robert Myers- Pastor



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