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Lethal Isaias Buffets St. Mary's With Tornadoes, Heavy Rains, and Wind

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Thousands of St. Mary's residents were without power in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias as emergency crews worked to respond to downed power lines, flooding and washed out roads.

The storm claimed at least one life, a motorist driving south on Route 5 in Charlotte Hall, when a tree fell across the road and crushed the vehicle with the driver inside.

The sheriff's office said the victim's name was Tiaesa Sade Lake, 31, of Suitland.

Two tornadoes were confirmed to have touched down in St. Mary's as well, one in Ridge and the other in Piney Point.

The Ridge tornado had peak winds of about 80 miles per hour, according to the National Weather Service, and touched down for one minute between 6:27 a.m. and 6:28 a.m. Tuesday. It had a path just under a mile and was 75 yards in width.

The Piney Point tornado hit from 6:30 a.m. to 6:43 a.m. along a 7.3-mile path and was 100 yards wide with 100 mile per hour peak winds.

That tornado travelled to the outskirts of Leonardtown where it eventually subsided, county officials said.

In Leonardtown, Route 5 headed

north outside of town was completely flooded in one section and the Port of Leonardtown reported being inundated with at least one foot of water; the winery is situated next to McIntosh Run, which rapidly flooded.

Rainfall levels as high as seven inches were reported in St. Mary's, while some in neighboring Calvert County were as high as eight-and-a-half inches.

State officials said there were no fewer than 18 road closures in St. Mary's County due to Tropical Storm Isaias.

By Wednesday morning portions of New Market Turner, Doctor Johnson, Colton Point, Three Notch, Manor, Friendship School, Asher and Morganza Turner roads were still closed due to either flooding or being washed out by flood waters.

Public works chief John Deatrick said there were seven county roads that might need contractor-supplied repair work; his crews were out surveying them and other spots in the county for severity of damage.

Some roadways could see closures for an extended period of time, Deatrick said.

One such road was Asher Road in the Country Lakes Community. There, he said, the community pavilion in the



Route 5 Leonardtown

athletic field was almost completely submerged in water.

"An extended period could be a month," Deatrick said.

Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, said the tornado that ended in Redgate was the stronger of the two.

"That was more severe," Walker said. "There was one house where a tree fell on it and people were trapped inside."

They were extricated without injury, Walker said.

"The major damage was to the roadways," Walker said. "It was a lot more water than we anticipated."

The storm would have been much worse, he said, had the winds been higher for a longer period.

"We didn't have long sustained gusts," Walker said. "We thought we'd get quite a lot more wind damage."

Throughout Tuesday, numbers of power outages across the region continued to grow.

Information from the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) showed that the number of residents without electricity had grown since the early morning hours of Aug. 4.

In St. Mary's County, SMECO reported that 8,765 customers were without power; hours before the number was closer to 6,900.

Calvert County reported that 8,874 customers had no electricity; earlier that same morning the number was around 5,500 without electricity.

Charles County reported far fewer without power there, with just 906 bereft of electricity.

SMECO has 33,065 customers in Calvert, 54,642 in St. Mary's, and 68,111 in Charles.

SMECO estimated that as many as

40,000 customers were affected but fewer than 10,000 were without power by late Tuesday.

"SMECO has more than 230 line workers making repairs where trees have fallen and brought down power lines. Additional crews are expected to arrive tomorrow morning. We had 24 substation feeders locked out because of the storm, and as of 5 p.m., we still have nine feeders locked out." SMECO spokesperson Dennison said, "Our restoration efforts have been hampered by extensive flooding throughout the area that has closed roads, and in some cases, washed out roads completely."

SMECO officials said they expected full-service restoration by mid-Thursday with most to have been completed by Wednesday.

The St. Mary's County Health Department was quick to issue a warning to residents and businesses who got their water from wells as certain kinds of wells might have been contaminated by flood waters, a release from that department stated.

The Metropolitan Commission, which provides water and sewer services to about 17,000 customers, also warned of numerous sanitary sewer overflows as a result of the storm.

"Public contact of any standing waters in those areas should be avoided for 10 days," a MetCom statement read. There is no threat or contamination of the local drinking water supply."

MetCom reported sanitary sewer overflows at the Marlay-Taylor Water reclamation facility in Lexington Park, as well as in the following areas: Piney Point, Forrest Run, Cedar Cove, Villages of Leonardtown, Essex South, California Run, Pembroke and St. George Island.

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A tree fell and crushed the Prince George's County driver operating it during Tropical Storm Isaias as they were driving south on Route 5 in Charlotte Hall

Local Private Schools Finding Their Own Way to Reopen

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's Ryken High School, located in Leonardtown, announced that starting Aug. 25 it will begin the fall semester with a hybrid model of instruction, blending both on-line learning and in-person class time.

First-time students will have special arrangements made for them, according to the school's leadership.

"Our new students - freshmen and transfer students - will attend classes and events on campus on August 25, 26, and 27," the reopening plan on the St. Mary's Ryken's website reads.

"Our returning students will participate virtually during this week."

School officials warn, however, that plans could change quickly in the days leading up to the fall semester.

"Currently, we are expecting to open in hybrid learning," according to a statement from SMR President Rick Wood and Principal Catherine Bowes. "However, our community should be prepared to open in virtual learning, and we will alert parents and students as soon as it is determined that any change to our plans is necessary."

Gov. Larry Hogan enacted an emergency order Aug. 3 that prohibited the blanket closure of private and parochial schools in Maryland after Montgomery County ordered all such schools with-

in its borders to remain closed for the coming school year.

"The recovery plan for Maryland public schools stresses local flexibility within the parameters set by state officials," Hogan said in a statement. "Over the last several weeks, school boards and superintendents made their own decisions about how and when to reopen public schools, after consultation with state and local health officials."

"Private and parochial schools deserve the same opportunity and flexibility to make reopening decisions based on public health guidelines. The blanket closure mandate imposed by Montgomery County was overly broad and inconsistent with the powers intended to be delegated to the county health officer."

King's Christian Academy in Callaway has formed a reopening taskforce to create recommendations on reopening but so far leadership there has made no decision on how the fall semester there will take shape.

Mother Catherine Academy, in Mechanicsville, is planning to reopen to students in-person, according to a school calendar released this week.

The first day for students will end in an early dismissal at 1p.m. and the remainder of the days that week will also be early dismissals.

"We are planning to offer face-to-

face instruction and a virtual option for our families," said academy Principal Anthony Wojt. "We have a school for 280 children with 160 students

enrolled.

"We have plenty of room to distance."
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Red Cross: Critical Shortage Of Plasma From COVID-19 Survivors

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Representatives with the Southern Maryland Red Cross, headquartered in Glen Burnie, say they have stabilized the regional supply of blood available to hospitals but are in desperate need of the blood plasma of patients who have fully recovered from COVID-19.

Blood plasma, one of the components of whole blood, carries the antibodies that a recovered patient carries that can be used in another patient to fight the novel coronavirus.

“It is definitely a shortage, because... were collecting less and less [blood] in St. Mary’s and Calvert counties,” said Regina Boothe-Bratton, spokesperson for the American Red Cross. “We’re collecting the basic needs for blood in hospitals, though elective surgeries might have to be delayed.

“What is of urgent need right now is convalescent plasma.”

So far Maryland has shipped out 1,400 bags of convalescent plasma across the country, Boothe-Bratton said, but the need is still growing.

“That plasma can help others who are fighting for their lives,” Boothe-Bratton said. “There’s a huge need.”

Local health officials have reported evidence showing that antibodies which form to fight off COVID-19 may not last in those who have recovered from the disease; this leaves those who have survived the virus susceptible to infection.

Boothe-Bratton said the collection of the convalescent plasma

was still critical as it was still a viable treatment option.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), those who have been fully recovered from COVID-19 for at least two weeks should consider donating plasma.

Recovered patients must have a documented prior diagnosis of COVID-19 by a laboratory test and meet other donor requirements.

Corrine Sewell, executive director of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Red Cross said in the first week when COVID-19 first struck, blood drives quickly closed.

“We lost about 700 drives across the country,” Sewell said. “That’s a lot.”

When schools and other facilities began to close down, which is where many of the blood drives occur, churches and hotels opened their doors in some cases.

“Some jumped at the opportunity, others questioned whether it was safe to be giving blood in the middle of a pandemic,” Sewell said.

Donation levels of blood are still below pre-pandemic levels, said Sewell. Part of the reason for that is that the Red Cross is not able to see as many people at once as they were once able per social distancing rules.

Temperature testing and question forms for screening potential donors also must take precedence, she said.

“We ask donors to make appointments now,” Sewell said. “We used to take walk-ins.”

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Appeals Board Continues 7-11 Hearing

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After more than three hours of deliberation the county Board of Appeals continued a public hearing on a proposed 7-11 convenience store and fueling station across from the fairgrounds in Leonardtown July 30.

The applicant seeking to build the store is Cecil's Mill LLC; it would be situated at the corner of Point Lookout and Medley's Neck roads and set adjacent to Leonardtown Middle School.

Representatives for the applicant brought the case before the Board of Appeals after it was voted down by the county Planning Commission in February.

The appeals board is set to take up the case in November.

The property for the proposed project currently has a vacant, aged home there and is zoned for mixed-use, medium intensity development.

The entire property is 5.4 acres in size but only a portion of that would be used for the project, said Bill Hunt, director of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management, at the July 30 meeting in Leonardtown.

At the February hearing, and two meetings before that, neighborhood residents came out in force to oppose the project as a potential increaser of traffic loads on Route 5 and Medley's Neck Road.

Some were also concerned the new store would attract more crime to the area.

The applicant's attorney, Christopher Longmore, argued before the appeals board and at earlier hearings that the project's traffic impacts met all the level of service requirements from the State Highway Administration.

Longmore argued that the applicant's development team had followed all the county's rules and regulations in promulgating the project.

"That's what we have tonight," Longmore said. "Where our county will prevent people from investing in our county is when you have really hard rules and people follow them but they still come to the planning commission or this board and it's a crap shoot whether they win for subjective criteria that are not part of the rules."

"I know the neighbors have other views."

Public works chief John Deatrick said that at certain peak hours the traffic from Medley's Neck Road backs up all the way down to St. Andrew's Church Road.

But Deatrick admitted that the project fulfilled traffic requirements, though improvements to the intersection were still desirable.

"We signed off on the project," Deatrick said after being cross examined by Longmore.

Board Chair George Allen Hayden requested that the applicant agree to a continuance since there was more evidence from them to be examined.

Longmore agreed, adding that the applicant could come back with information on safety and security for the surrounding community as well as the possibility of installing sidewalks.

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Hearings on the controversial proposed 7-11 at the fairgrounds intersection will continue into November.

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Non-Public School Bus Drivers Get A Raise

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

At their July 28 meeting, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved a budget amendment that brought non-public school bus drivers into closer pay parity with their counterparts in the public schools system.

John Deatruck, director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, made the budget amendment request on their behalf.

Deatruck told commissioners that the Board of Education had increased the amount of pay allotted to their bus drivers, both contract and those directly employed by the school system, in their latest operating budget.

"That left us out of parity with non-public school drivers," Deatruck said. "This makes comparable to the [pay authorized by] the Board of [Education.]"

The budget amendment, which increases the non-public school bus operation budget administered by the public works department by a little more than \$86,000, increases bus driver pay to \$20 an hour with a 25 percent fringe benefit addition.

"It's very important we keep our bus drivers," Deatruck said. "We don't want them migrating someplace else for more money."

The commissioners approved the budget amendment unanimously.

The commissioners also approved a measure that suspended the bus privileges of out-of-county students who attended St. Mary's non-public schools; the vote was designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.

That measure also passed unanimously and is in effect until further notice.

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The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Office located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing is to present for public review and comment text amendments to the Leonardtown Zoning Ordinance – Ordinance No. 195 for Property Maintenance; Ordinance No. 196 for Vehicle, Removal and Storage; Ordinance No. 197 for Forest Conservation; Ordinance No. 198 for Streets and Sidewalks; Ordinance No. 199 - Chapters 155-4 and 155-48 to set regulations for small wireless facilities; Ordinance No. 200 to amend the Comprehensive Plan for an Annexation; Ordinance No. 202 – Chapter 155-44 to allow assisted living facilities as an allowed use; and Ordinance No. 203 for Chapter 155-23 to allow for a greater percentage of multi-family housing in PUD's.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on August 10, 2020 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

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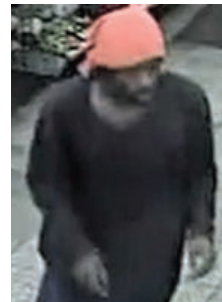


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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Robbery Suspect Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a strong-arm robbery investigation. On Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019 at 3:55 am, the suspect asked for a carton of cigarettes at the Sheetz convenience store in Great Mills. The suspect attempted to take the carton of cigarettes from the cashier, but the cashier retained control of it. The suspect then tried to grab a pack of cigarette lighters, which the cashier retained. The suspect then grabbed a cellphone accessory display and threw it on the floor and fled the store with what appeared to be charging cables. The cashier reported an injury to a hand during the encounter.



Robbery Suspect

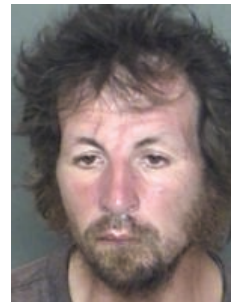
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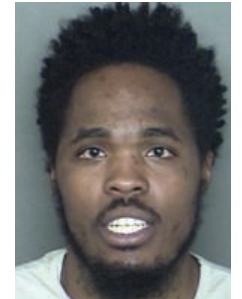
Trespassing- On July 29, 2020, Dep. Palmer responded to the 30000 block of Three Notch Road in Charlotte Hall, for the reported trespassing. Donald Earl Walker, age 32 of no fixed address, was located on the property seated in a lawn chair. Walker had previously been served with a notice

not to trespass for the business. Walker was arrested and charged with Trespass: Private Property.

Assault- On July 29, 2020, Cpl. Pesante responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Antonio George Queen, age 26 of no fixed address, assaulted the victim by pushing a food tray at the victim, striking the victim in the victim's midsection. Queen was charged with Assault 2nd Degree/DOC Employee.

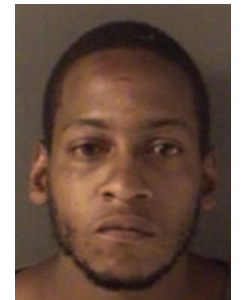


Donald Walker



Antonio Queen

Trespassing- On July 30, 2020, Dep. Baker responded to the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Contact was made with Shawn Michael Miles, age 28 of no fixed address. Miles had previously been served a notice not to trespass for the business. Miles was arrested and charged with Trespass: Private Property



Miles Shawn

Lexington Park Man Arrested for Attempted Murder

On July 22, 2020, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 27300 block of Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported assault involving a firearm. Deputies arrived on scene and located a female victim, age 31, suffering from a gunshot wound to her right foot. The victim advised deputies she was traveling in a vehicle on Point Lookout Road, when a vehicle drove up beside her on the shoulder of the road, and an individual in that vehicle pointed a handgun at her and began shooting. One round penetrated the vehicle door, striking the victim in the foot. At the time of the shooting, there were four additional victims inside the victim's vehicle, two adults and two juveniles, who were not injured.

The investigation was continued by detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. The investigation determined Delontey Montario Butler, age 27 of Lexington Park, was the individual who committed the assault. On July 31, 2020, Butler was located and arrested. Butler was charged with the following:

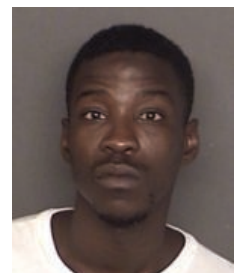
- Attempted First Degree Murder
- Attempted Second Degree Murder
- Assault First Degree (five counts)
- Assault Second Degree (five counts)
- Handgun in Vehicle

- Loaded Handgun in Vehicle
- Handgun on Person
- Loaded Handgun on Person
- Firearm Use/Violent Crime
- Reckless Endangerment from Car (five counts)

Butler was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and remains incarcerated on a no bond status.

Anyone with information on this incident that has not provided a statement to law enforcement is asked to contact Detective Austin Schultz at (301) 475-4200 extension 71953 or by email at Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com.

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Delontey Butler

State's Census Rate Above National Average

Hogan Encourages Full Participation

Governor Larry Hogan on July 31 provided an update on Maryland's progress in the 2020 Census and encouraged all citizens to complete their forms at 2020Census.gov. Maryland currently ranks 13th in the U.S. with a 66.7 percent self-response rate, above the national response rate of 62.8 percent. Maryland ranks fifth in the U.S. in Internet response. Carroll County leads the state with a self-response rate of 78.4 percent, ranking 25th in the U.S. out of more than 3,200 counties.

The Calvert County response rate as of July 31 was 71 percent compared to an 80 percent response rate in 2010. St. Mary's current rate is 66.4 percent compared to 75 percent in 2010.

Response rates for towns are: Chesapeake Beach, 72 percent; North Beach, 62.1 percent; and Leonardtown, 59 percent.

"Our administration is committed to doing everything possible to ensure that every single Marylander is counted this year," said Governor Hogan. "Every single response directly impacts the services our communities receive—funding for schools, hospitals, roads, and other emergency and essential services all rely on our responses. I urge every single Maryland resident to fulfill their

civic duty and help shape our future."

Every Marylander uncounted represents more than \$18,250 in unaccessed federal funding for programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), school construction, emergency preparedness, and transportation projects. Census data also informs reapportionment and redistricting, and ensures that Maryland receives appropriate representation in Congress.

Several statewide and local initiatives are well underway to encourage Marylanders to respond to the Census, and to remind everyone to fill out the Census before October 31, 2020, including:

- Coordination among state agencies to leverage all resources to reach Marylanders

- Census messaging on buses, billboards, and radio stations

- A weekly Census newsletter that reaches more than 41,000 recipients

- Social media messaging, including weekly Census Champions

- Assistance to local Complete Count Committees to find ways of developing language-specific messaging in order to reach hard-to-count populations

- Engagement with business and faith

leaders

Participation in local events, including one this past weekend in Wicomico County, where the Maryland Department of Planning worked with local residents to fill out their 2020 Census.

"While the Census is about \$1.5 trillion dollars in federal spending, including \$16 billion to Maryland, the Census is really about us as Marylanders," said Planning Secretary Rob McCord. "The Census is about who we are as a state and how many people reside in each community. We count people, not just citizens, and this is our one chance for the next 10 years to paint an accurate portrait of Maryland and each of our communities."

Maryland has adopted a 21st-century approach to the Census. In addition to the significant outreach on social media and as part of virtual and limited in-person events, Planning created several online tools to identify areas that require additional outreach. Governor Hogan, Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, and First Lady Yumi Hogan all recorded Public Service Announcements about the 2020 Census, which can be found on the Maryland Census website at census.maryland.gov.

Planning created a Low Response

Score and Hard to Count dashboard, which displays socioeconomic and demographic profiles of selected Census tracts, which allows staff to target strategies to improve the Census response rates. Additionally, Planning recently added a map of Food Distribution Centers and Census Tracts by Response Rate. This online mapping application displays Maryland food banks and distribution locations in relation to Census tracts, which staff can leverage to reach Marylanders at sites in low response areas. Planning is also working with the Maryland Food Bank to include informative flyers in meal distribution boxes across the state.

Additionally, Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't yet responded to the 2020 Census beginning in early August. All Census takers will wear masks, follow Maryland's public health guidelines, including physical distancing, and wear an ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

For more information about the 2020 Census in Maryland, please go to census.maryland.gov.

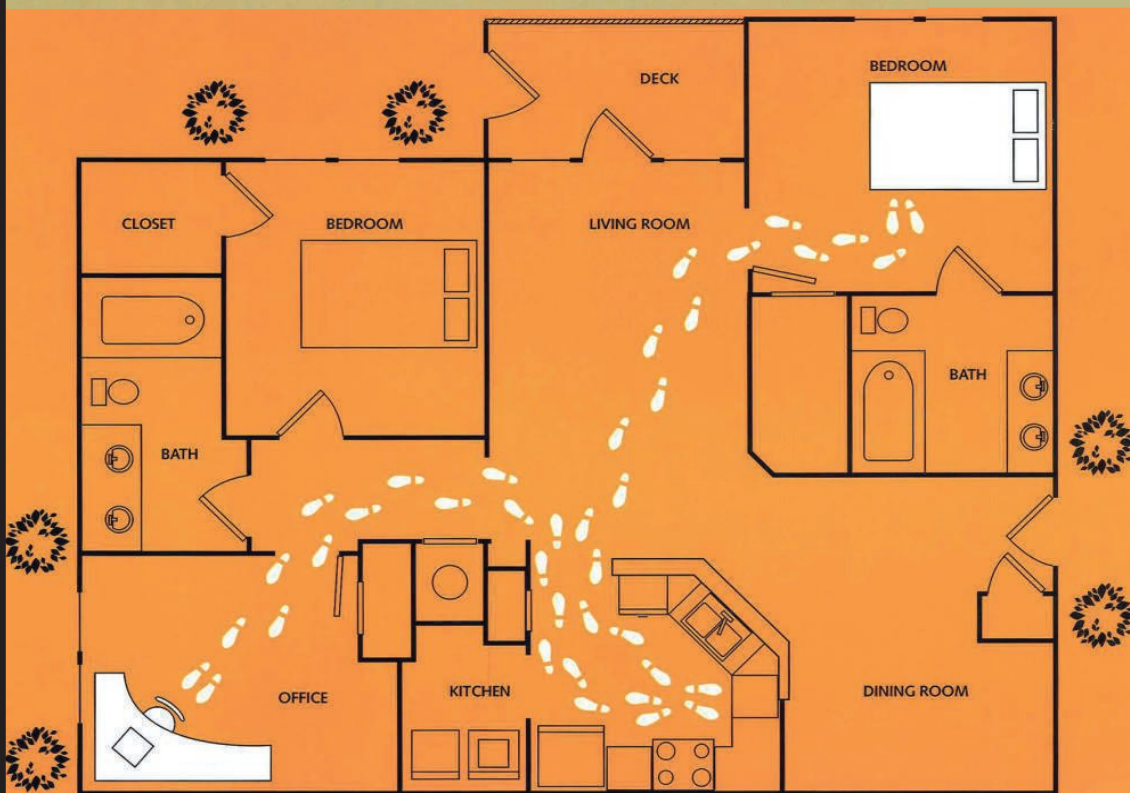
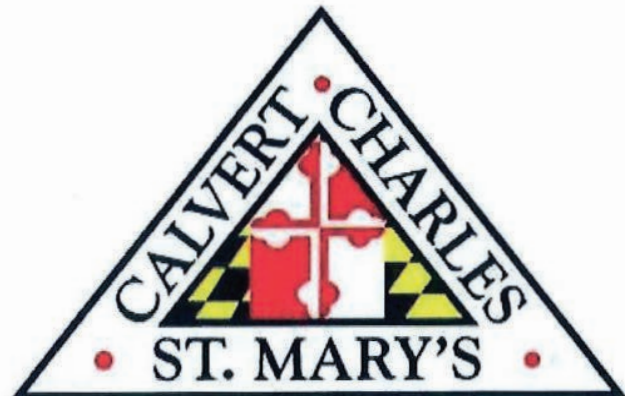
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For more information, please call Gail Murdock at 301-848-9458.

Fraternity Helps Soup Kitchen



Members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity donate food supplies to the St. Mary's Caring soup kitchen in Great Mills Aug. 2.

Omar Douglas, organizer of the donation and fraternity member and Laurel resident, said the day of service was in honor Civil Rights Movement icon and U.S. Rep. John Lewis who recently passed away. Douglas was joined by fellow fraternity member Geoffrey Thomas, of Accokeek. Guy Leonard

Oyster Festival Cancelled for 2020

The Rotary Club of Lexington Park, the sponsor of one of St. Mary's County's signature events - the US Oyster Festival - has made the decision to cancel this year's event. This was done by the Club out of an abundance of concern for the well-being of Festival goers, volunteers, and other participants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to keep the 54-year old tradition alive, the club is planning to host small, virtual events, highlighting the key elements of the festival - the National Oyster Cook-Off and the U.S. Oyster Shucking Competition. As these plans develop, details will be posted on the Festi-

val's website: <https://usoysterfest.com> and also on its Facebook page.

As is the case for many organizations this year, the Rotary Club of Lexington Park is saddened by the loss of this event and the recognition it brings to the needs of the many participating charitable organizations. King Oyster assures us all, however, that he is doing all he can to ensure that the U.S. Oyster Festival will be back in its traditional format in October 2021!

For additional information contact the Festival Administrator at usoysterfestival@gmail.com

Press Release from US Oyster Festival.



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Where She Was Once Blind, Now She Sees

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In 2010 Cleone Wible, of Hollywood, was diagnosed with macular degeneration, a condition which affects the eyes and, usually, gradually degrades the ability to see.

Just six months later her condition had rapidly progressed and completely changed her life at just 61 years old.

"I was totally blind in my left eye and I was legally blind in my right," Cleone told The County Times.

For the next five years she had to deal with her debilitating condition but even then, there was a glimpse of hope on the horizon.

She learned of and applied for a radical procedure that, in 2015, would partially restore her sight in her left eye.

The procedure, performed at Georgetown University Hospital using technology provided by the company Centrasight, that inserted a tiny glass telescope in her left eye.

It took years to prepare her for the procedure with testing and interviews designed to determine if she was the right candidate.

Despite her obvious need, she was almost eliminated as a prospective patient before the application process.

"I qualified in every way except one," Cleone, now 71, said. "I was too young."

At that time, the procedure was being reserved for much older patients who were in dire need of some level of sight restoration.

But the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was already reviewing the requirements for successful candidacy for the procedure, she said.

"It was probably a year later... that the FDA changed the requirements to being over 65," Cleone said. "It was a year's worth of testing and interviews."

"Some of the testing was horrible, some of it wasn't."

She finally got her surgery in 2015, on May 27.

She is still learning to cope with an entirely new way of looking at life.

Her right eye is still affected by macular degeneration and her left eye now behaves as if she is perpetually looking through a telescope.

"It's a tiny glass telescope," Cleone said, noting that she had to engage in significant post-operative therapy to learn to use her new mode of sight with her natural sight in her right eye.

Her relatively young age meant that she had never had cataract surgery on either of her eyes, Cleone said, which was a requirement that often disqualified applicants who



were much older but who could have benefited most from the surgery.

Even five years after her surgery, it is still challenging to get used to her new method of sight.

"I have no depth perception," she said. "Getting up and down stairs is very difficult."

Stepping down from curbs is alright as long as they are painted (she can see the difference more clearly between the curb and the main road.)

"And I have no peripheral vision."

She has to administer eye drops every day, she said, while simultaneously holding back the urge to rub her left eye.

"I'm someone who likes to rub their eyes," Cleone said of the need to constantly avoid temptation.

Rubbing her eye could damage the tiny implant and her eye.

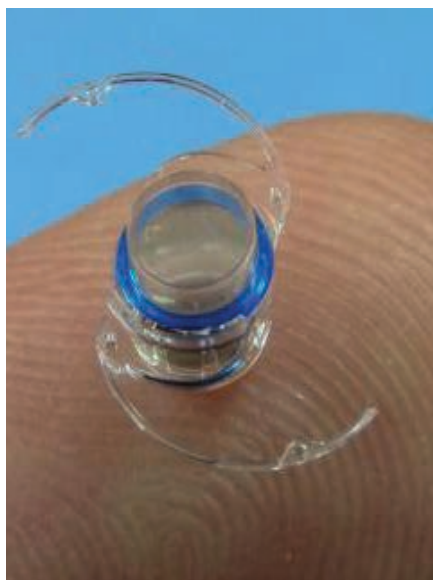
"It's glass," she said.

Immediately after her surgery she began eight months-worth of weekly therapy to begin to cope.

She said initially her husband Paul could tell what she was cooking for dinner by what spices she had inadvertently spilled on the stove.

She has since found a way to solve that problem.

"I touch my wrist to the rim of



Macular Degeneration Telescope Implant

the pot to make sure the spices go in," Cleone said, admitting she still has trouble with her lack of depth perception.

"When I reach for something, I often don't get it the first time," she said.

Her lack of peripheral vision also means that she has to be even more mindful of whoever, or whatever, might be near her.

"I don't like crowds," she said.

Her right eye, though it still suffers from macular degeneration, wants to take over dominance over her left eye, she said, and initially she had to wear a patch from her right eye to ensure she could learn to function with her left eye.

She uses her right eye, she said, to view things up close and her left, with its telescopic vision, she uses for viewing at a distance.

The implant, which makes her left eye act exactly like looking through a telescope, also magnifies what she sees, which can make things more challenging for her.

But even with the difficulties that come with learning to deal with a new way of seeing things, she much prefers her current situation.

The severe macular degeneration she dealt with was far worse, she said.

"It was like looking through a lot of dark smoke," Cleone said. "At least now I have vision."

The macular degeneration took away from her, for a time, three of her greatest passions: quilting,

reading, and looking at the faces of her grandchildren.

She said when her doctor asked her what her expectations were for results from the surgery, she told him: "I want to be able to see my grandchildren's faces again."

"He said those were wonderful expectations," she said, noting that some people expect to have their sight fully restored by the procedure.

Those expectations often meant they weren't good candidates for the procedure, she said.

So far, Cleone said, her expectations have been fulfilled.

She now reads using a Kindle device because she can increase the print size easily and she has resumed her quilting.

She is busy refurbishing a room in her home to accommodate her new needs now, she said.

She'll never be able to drive again and she said her quilting stitches might not be as good as they once were, but getting her sight back, at least partially, has vastly improved her life.

Now, she's engaged in trying to tell people about the procedure, to show them that there is hope for treating their debilitating condition.

She doesn't know if the improvements to her sight are permanent, she said, so now she's focusing on making baby quilts for the children her grandchildren will have.

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Cleone Wible with her custom cup that says "Bionic Grandmother"

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Churches of Southern Maryland

Leonardtwn Church of the Nazarene

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

Leonardtwn Church of the Nazarene is a community-focused church that meets in a 105-year-old building.

The pastor, Paul MacPherson, said that it is “in the heart of Leonardtown.” The building has only been home to Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene since the early 1990s, when the church began out of Hollywood Church of the Nazarene. Several individuals collaborated to buy the building at an auction to ensure it wouldn’t end up as a business.

Though his father and grandfather were Nazarene pastors, MacPherson didn’t feel called to ministry until he attended a youth conference held in Mexico as a high school senior. He started as a business major in college but changed majors and earned his bachelor’s degree.

After pastoring a Missouri church for about 20 years, his father moved to a church in Upper Marlboro. MacPherson also came to the area, where he met his wife.

After getting married, he earned his master’s degree from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas, moved back to Maryland to become pastor of Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene, and left again to serve at a Nazarene church in Pennsylvania and then in New York. However, he returned to Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene.

With tremendous growth since MacPherson came back in 2011, the church’s average weekend in 2019, including three services, had 165 attendees. Before the COVID-19 crisis, the church was holding services on Saturdays at 5 p.m., along with services at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Sundays.

The reasoning behind the Saturday service was that the building can only hold around 100 people. The idea of constructing a larger building elsewhere has been considered, but MacPherson said they don’t want to decrease funding for overseas church construction or lose touch with their community. “We just felt like it was a wiser move to stay where we are and use our resources in actual ministry within the community, rather than building a big building,” he explained.

When the church has services in the building again, MacPherson isn’t sure that the Saturday service will meet. The evaluation process is still occurring, though. Additionally, the church’s associate pastor is focusing on planting a sister church that reaches Lexington Park.

Pre-COVID-19, the youth ministry met during the week but also had a monthly activity. The Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Nazarene also held camps and activities for kids and teens, which Leonardtown Church of the Naz-

arene sometimes attended.

Due to limited space in the church, small groups and children’s church are substitutes for Sunday school. Also known as “Life Groups,” the small groups meet for “semesters,” like September through November, and normally have a break for summer. Another fellowship opportunity is the Wednesday evening Bible study.

MacPherson added that “we are very engaged and involved in some of the town activities, with like Beach Party on the Square and Christmas on the Square.”

One missions’ emphasis that the church has is its partnership with a Jamaican region. Besides taking an annual trip there to spend time with the community, they’ve also been working on a church building for a Jamaican congregation, which previously had to meet in two separate locations. Though the building is still being constructed, the first service was held in it last year.

Since May 31, Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene has also been meeting for one service. Services are held on the Square at 10 a.m. but are also streamed on Facebook Live. Attendees have enjoyed the togetherness of meeting again. Some Sundays have had about 100 attendees, and even community passersby have been interested.

Unfortunately, many of the church’s partnerships haven’t been operating as normal. For example, only recently did MacPherson get permission for the church to return to The Mission to serve breakfast. For a while, they could only supply resources for the organization.

Zoom has become invaluable for Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene, such as for the Wednesday Bible study and the Life Groups. In fact, MacPherson stated, “We probably meet three to four nights a week on Zoom in some way with different groups.”

Something new that’s been happening since the coronavirus pandemic is Monday evening Zoom meetings for people to discuss the sermon. MacPherson noted that “with COVID hitting, it felt like I needed to try to find as many ways as I could to have some sort of contact with our people and still try to offer those opportunities.” And, he’s confident the church will keep using Zoom in the future.

The church’s three-phase reopening plan includes reopening the fellowship hall, sanctuary, and basement classrooms. Only the first phase is complete.

“We are in no rush to get back in the building, to be honest,” MacPherson stated. “The outdoor services seem to be working well.”

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Pastor Paul MacPherson



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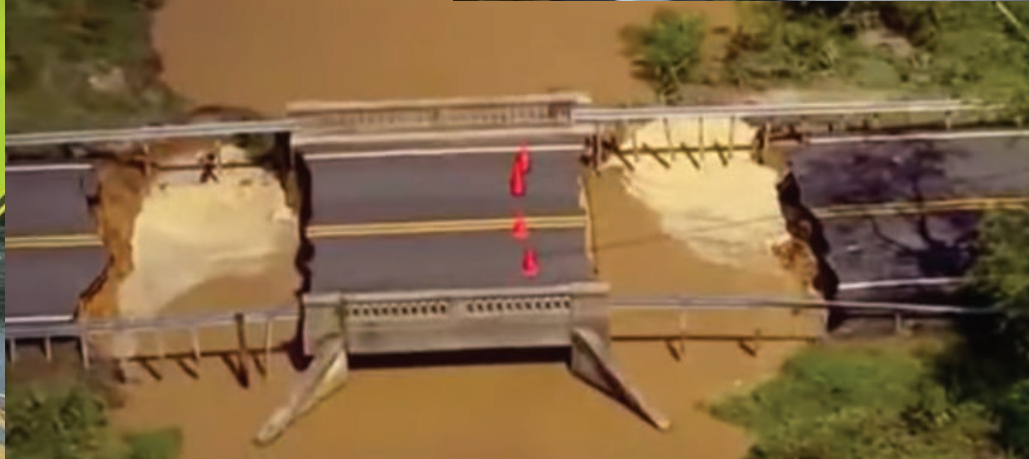
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Initiative Supports Local COVID-19 Heroes

The St. Mary's County Health Department, in partnership with Serenity Place, LLC, is offering free virtual support groups for health-care workers, first responders, law enforcement, and public health professionals through the Fortify the Frontlines initiative.

Fortify the Frontlines helps essential workers manage the cumulative stress they may be experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants connect virtually in small groups with comrades who can understand the unique challenges of their role in these pandemic times. Groups will be guided by a trauma-trained behavioral health specialist. Virtual group sessions will be held weekly on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m., beginning Aug. 9.

To sign up for these free sessions or for more information, please contact Serenity Place at (301) 690-8004 or via email at: appointments@serenityplace.biz.

"Our frontline workforce has stepped up to the challenge of COVID-19 and now it is our turn to support them," said St. Mary's County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster. "The daily stress of this pandemic for months on end is extraordinary. When you're on the frontlines, saving lives and protecting our community, it is so important to keep your mind sharp and your heart strong. This initiative fortifies our frontline heroes for the important work they need to continue in the months ahead."

If you or someone you know is struggling to cope with stress, anxiety, isolation, or other behavioral health concerns related to the pandemic, visit: www.smchd.org/coronavirus and click on the Mental Health, Substance Use & Crisis Support+ tab for more information on local telehealth support services.

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

Leonardtwn Live! Launches

First live stream event set to air Saturday, August 8, 2020

Leonardtwn, MD—the Town of Leonardtwn created a virtual platform (Leonardtwn A&E Online) last April which featured a series of online classes, workshops, demos and original shows. On Saturday, August 8th, the current platform will expand to offer live stream special events!

There was a soft launch for the live stream platform in July with the inclusion of virtual classes offered through the Town's tourism website, www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com. This Saturday will mark the official launch of the extended offerings with the exciting premiere of the "Leonardtwn Live! Watch Party". This debut event is hosted by local business owners and will broadcast live beginning at 7:30 PM. Online access is FREE and everyone is invited to tune in at the VisitLeonardtwnMD.com website and the "Town of Leonardtwn" Facebook page.

The "Live! Watch Party" plus a special "After Party" (starting at 9:30 PM) will premiere three exciting shows:

Discovering Leonardtwn - the next episode of this popular virtual series takes you on a tour of hidden treasures around Town. Lauren Zimmerman, the wine grower at Port of Leonardtwn Winery (located off Newtowne Neck Road), hosts a three-part miniseries and will take you on a tour of exciting attractions and businesses found off the Square (the center of this small, eclectic Southern Maryland Town) that are well worth seeking.

LTown Style - a new lifestyle show hosted by Dawn Campbell,

owner of Style by Dawn at Shepherd's Old Field Market on Duke Street (one of Leonardtwn's Hidden Treasures), kicks off with a breathtaking fashion show that was shot at the beautiful Leonardtwn Wharf. The show will highlight the "LTown" lifestyle and culture including health, beauty and wellness, fashion and interior design, the arts & entertainment scene, and much more.

Welcome to the Garden – Jonathan Boss, co-owner of Antoinette's Garden, a Gourmet Coffee and Wine Café located right in Leonardtwn Square, hosts the wine tasting After Party. This will be the first of a series of special, Leonardtwn Live! events hosted by Antoinette's Garden.

The "Leonardtwn Live! Watch Party" is produced by Winson Media and the Commissioners of Leonardtwn and sponsored by: the Commissioners of Leonardtwn, Leonardtwn Business Association, St. Mary's County Arts Council, Quality Built Homes, Marrick Homes, Leonardtwn Chevy, Buick & GMC, Cheseldine Tire & Auto, Visit St. Mary's, the County Times and Berkshire Hathaway Home Services McNelis Group Properties

Tune in this Saturday, August 8th from 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM for the Leonardtwn Live! Watch Party on www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com or the Town of Leonardtwn Facebook page.

For more information, contact: Brandy Blackstone at brandy.blackstone@leonardtwnmd.gov or visit: www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com.

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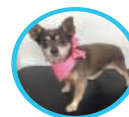
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Dragon Quest 2020 Cancelled!

It is with great disappointment that Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR) announces the cancellation of SMCR Dragon Quest 2020, slated to take place on August 15th. This social-distance-friendly event was intended to replace the annual Solomons Dragon Boat Festival that had to be cancelled earlier due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings. This substitute event was carefully structured around Governor Hogan's state mandates, including the wearing of masks. However, in light of his announcement of recent contact-tracing statistics on July 29, we have made this decision in an effort to be even more diligent in focusing on the health safety of our fellow Southern Marylanders.

SMCR is extremely grateful to our sponsors (Cedar Point Federal Credit Union, Amewas, Glen & Barbara Ives, Patuxent Presbyterian Church, Spalding Consulting, and Quality Transfer & Storage); the many businesses and organizations that volunteered to serve as sites for this scavenger hunt event; our participants who had registered; all our volunteers who were ready and willing to step up and lend a hand; and to all our partners and the media outlets who helped promote this event and the SMCR organization.

Thank you for believing in SMCR and the mission of this organization. We hope to work together in future endeavors.

Founded in 2013, SMCR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, that promotes the inclusion of persons with developmental differences into the life of our community. We advocate for individuals with special needs, to recognize the inherent dignity that is theirs because they are members of our one human family. We promote social, recreational, and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential. Visit us at www.somdcr.org.

Press Release from SMCR



Small Business Grant Program Has New Criteria

Allows Entities in Operation Since March 1, 2019

The criteria for St. Mary's County COVID-19 Small Business and Non-Profit Relief Fund has been expanded to allow St. Mary's County's youngest businesses and non-profits to meet the eligibility requirements. As of June 22, 2020, the relief program will allow businesses and non-profits that have been in continuous operation since March 1, 2019, to apply; previously limited to entities in continuous operation since Feb. 1, 2018.

The grant program has a budget of \$2 million. Small businesses and non-profits with 15 or fewer employees are eligible for grants of \$5,000 and entities with 16 to 30 employees are eligible for grants of \$7,500 (grant amount not to exceed yearly average of two months revenue). We anticipate that over 300

grants will be issued.

Grants may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business.

Eligible businesses and non-profits can submit an online application at <https://www.yesstmarysmd.com/grants/>

You are encouraged to call or email if you have any questions concerning eligibility or required application documents. Please contact Kellie Hinkle, Deputy Director Kellie.Hinkle@StMarysMD.com 240-925-7178.

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Mentoring Program Points Black Males To Success

Every fall for nearly a decade, the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has welcomed its African American students to join its Men of Excellence Program – a college-wide initiative aimed at improving the recruitment, success, retention, graduation and transfer rates of black men who enter as first-time, full- or part-time students at the college. The program was recently highlighted at a ‘Lunch and Learn’ as part of CSM’s 30-Day Justice Challenge that has had CSM communities spending the month of July learning about racial injustices against black people in America.

“This is a necessary program and serves an immeasurable role on our campuses,” CSM’s Director of Organizational Development and Learning Institute Trenace Richardson told the Lunch and Learn audience. “We took a look at this population and recognized, based on data and graduation rates, that we needed to help support the African American male population better.”

While all mentoring programs help improve student performance and graduation rates, some community colleges are finding that minority mentorship programs are even more beneficial, reported the Community College Review in 2018. “Colleges across the country are celebrating the outstanding results achieved through the collaborative efforts of on-campus minority mentoring programs.”

“We provide empowerment, leadership and academic resources,” explained Tim Fenner, who coordinates Men of Excellence. “We connect our students with assistance in the areas of mental health, student planning, advising and financial aid,” he explained. “We are a mentoring community and together we grow.”

“To be able to positively influence youths’ lives – it is by far the best position I’ve ever had,” he told the Lunch and Learn audience. “Every year we watch the retention rates and Grade Point Averages (GPA) for our African American male students improve.”

There is still a long way to go to close the equity gap, Fenner acknowledged, “but we are making strides here at CSM and I love this job.”

CSM’s promise to close equity gaps was emphasized in the heart-felt message penned by CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy May 29, four days after the death of George Floyd.

“A college education is commonly understood as a ticket to a better life, and at the College of Southern Maryland, we embrace our mission to close the equity gap, so all learners can improve their lives and the lives of their families,” Murphy wrote in an open letter. “Racism is not welcome here. Intolerance is not welcome here. Bigotry is not welcome here. But people are welcome here. Our



CSM Men of Excellence member Micah Kay will welcome new students during CSM’s virtual student orientation this fall.

black learners. Our white learners. Our Asian learners. Our Latinx learners. Our LGBTQIA learners. Everyone, but right now we especially want our black learners to know our commitment to them is unwavering.”

Black Lives Matter: Students are Awakening

In response to Black Lives Matter, and because of COVID 19, Fenner said that the Men of Excellence Program shifted last semester – and has continued through the summer – to give Men of Excellence students a place to connect, to discuss current affairs and to support each other in a virtual setting instead of face-to-face.

“Like everything else, we adjusted to meet weekly in Zoom,” he said. “And during those meetings we cover the gamut. We talk about what’s going on and how we feel about it. The students are awakening and are looking at things differently. We spend a lot of time talking about our African American history.”

Fenner said that every African American male student is welcome to participate actively or passively in the program and past participants have ranged in age from 18 to 68. The current weekly Wednesday Zoom meetings have seen between five and 25 students in attendance.

To further explain the unique and pertinent mentoring offered by Men of Excellence, Ellen Flowers-Fields, CSM associate vice president of Continuing Education and Workforce Development talked about an event last fall that had CSM alum and Charles County’s first African American Sheriff Troy Berry speak with students about how to interact with police officers.

“In light of what has been going on, the students really resonated with, and understood,” what Berry was teaching them, Flowers-Fields shared. “The students left very empowered about what their rights are when they encounter police officers as African American men.”

“It is critical that our black male students have a person like Tim, who looks like them, and who is representative of the achievements to which black men can aspire in higher education” said CSM Counselor Kellie Jamison. “Statistics indicate that, black men don’t matriculate at the same rate as their counterparts where academics is concerned. There are fewer black men in higher education than other undergraduate students comparatively. It’s tremendously important our students have someone with whom they can relate; who looks like them and who might have greater awareness and insight as to the unique challenges black male students face.”

“Those of us who are student-facing in any way – particularly faculty or in financial aid – we are becoming aware, more aware – getting a deeper depth of knowledge about what the Men of Excellence program is and will be directing our African American men to the program,” shared Richardson, pointing to CSM’s over-arching approach to equity and student success.

Men of Excellence Participant Micah Kay Welcomes New Students this Fall

One of the students who will welcome new CSM students during the college’s first virtual student orientation this fall is CSM second-year psychology major and active Men of Excellence member Micah Kay.

“I am a member of distinguished

group of brothers at the College of Southern Maryland – the Men of Excellence,” he shared with viewers in a pre-recorded video.

“One of the skills I have picked up while being in the Men of Excellence is that it has helped me grow my communications skills,” he said. “It has put me in environments with a variety of communicators; with variety of communications; with variety of different people talking in different formats and in different ways. It has allowed me to grow in that area and I am grateful.”

Kay encouraged students to join the program, adding “it exposes you to people who will make you a better person for your future and a better person in college right now.”

Thanks to his involvement with the Men of Excellence, Kay entered and became the 2020 collegiate-level winner of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, Nu Zeta Omega Chapter’s MLK Day of Service Essay Contest. Results of the contest were announced earlier this year during the MLK Day of Service Program at St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

Kay successfully wrote on the topic of “The Harlem Renaissance: Its Contributions and Its Challenges for Us Today.” The contestants were challenged to describe the lessons learned from the Renaissance and to apply the quote, “The past is prologue” to the relationship between the Harlem Renaissance and the present time with support from personal experiences. (Read Kay’s essay here.)

To learn more about CSM’s Men of Excellence, visit www.csmd.edu/student-life/men-of-excellence/.

Press Release from CSM

St. Mary's Professor Contributes to Milestone Study

First Gene Knockout in Cephalopod Achieved

St. Mary's College of Maryland Professor of Biology Karen Crawford, who was the Whitman Scientist this summer on a team at Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, is first author of a milestone study reported in the July 30 issue of *Current Biology*.

The team at MBL, led by MBL Senior Scientist Joshua Rosenthal and Crawford, has achieved the first gene knockout in a cephalopod using the squid *Doryteuthis pealeii*, an exceptionally important research organism in biology for nearly a century.

The team used CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing to knock out a pigmentation gene in squid embryos, which eliminated pigmentation in the eye and in skin cells (chromatophores) with high efficiency.

"This is a critical first step toward the ability to knock out -- and knock in -- genes in cephalopods to address a host of biological questions," Rosenthal says.

Cephalopods (squid, octopus and cuttlefish) have the largest brain of all invertebrates, a distributed nervous system capable of instantaneous camouflage and sophisticated behaviors, a unique body plan, and the ability to extensively recode their own genetic information within messenger RNA, along with other distinctive features. These open many avenues for study and have applications in a wide range of fields, from evolution and



Curled tentacle of the longfin inshore squid, *D. pealeii*. Credit: Karen Crawford



Squid embryo at hatching with pigmentation gene knocked out. Credit: Karen Crawford

development, to medicine, robotics, materials science, and artificial intelligence.

The ability to knock out a gene to test its function is an important step in developing cephalopods as genetically tractable organisms for biological research, augmenting the handful of species that currently dominate genetic studies, such as fruit flies, zebrafish, and mice.

It is also a necessary step toward having the capacity to knock in genes that facilitate research, such as genes that encode fluorescent proteins that can be imaged to track neural activity or other dynamic processes.

"CRISPR-Cas9 worked really well

in *Doryteuthis*; it was surprisingly efficient," Rosenthal says. Much more challenging was delivering the CRISPR-Cas system into the one-celled squid embryo, which is surrounded by an exceedingly tough outer layer, and then raising the embryo through hatching. The team developed micro-scissors to clip the egg's surface and a beveled quartz needle to deliver the CRISPR-Cas9 reagents through the clip.

Studies with *Doryteuthis pealeii* have led to foundational advances in neurobiology, beginning with description of the action potential (nerve impulse) in the 1950s, a discovery for which Alan Hodg-

kin and Andrew Huxley became Nobel Prize laureates in 1963. For decades *D. pealeii* has drawn neurobiologists from all over the world to the MBL, which collects the squid from local waters.

Recently, Rosenthal and colleagues discovered extensive recoding of mRNA in the nervous system of *Doryteuthis* and other cephalopods. This research is under development for potential biomedical applications, such as pain management therapy.

D. pealeii is not, however, an ideal species to develop as a genetic research organism. It's big and takes up a lot of tank space plus, more importantly, no one has been able to culture it through multiple generations in the lab.

For these reasons, the MBL Cephalopod Program's next goal is to transfer the new knockout technology to a smaller cephalopod species, *Euprymna berryi* (the hummingbird bobtail squid), which is relatively easy to culture to make genetic strains.

The MBL Cephalopod Program is part of the MBL's New Research Organisms Initiative, which is widening the palette of genetically tractable organisms available for research -- and thus expanding the universe of biological questions that can be asked.

Press Release from SMCM.



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St. Mary's City Hosts 19th Amendment Pop-up

Historic St. Mary's City is currently hosting a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, Rightfully Hers, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Rightfully Hers contains simple messages exploring the history of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, women's voting rights before and after the 19th, and its impact today. Despite decades of marches, petitions, and public debate to enshrine a woman's right to vote in the Constitution, the 19th Amendment – while an enormous milestone – did not grant voting rights for all. The challenges of its passage reverberate to the ongoing fight for gender equity today. This exhibit runs through August 31.

Rightfully Hers co-curator Jennifer N. Johnson states: "The ratification of the 19th Amendment was a landmark moment in American history that dramatically changed the electorate, and although it enshrined in the U.S. Constitution fuller citizenship for women many remained unable to vote."

In honor of Maryland's first woman to request the vote in 1648,

Margaret Brent, Historic St. Mary's City is excited to be able to share the further struggle of women voters. The pop-up exhibit is located inside the Visitor Center at Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, Maryland. For information on the museum or the exhibit, contact 240-895-4990 or email Info@DigsHistory.org. Visitor Center hours of operation are currently Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Rightfully Hers is organized by the National Archives and Records Administration. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the National Archives has launched a nationwide initiative and major exhibition that explores the generations-long fight for universal woman suffrage. The exhibition is presented in part by the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and the National Archives Foundation through the generous support of Unilever, Pivotal Ventures, Carl M. Freeman Foundation in honor of Virginia Allen Freeman, AARP, and Denise Gwyn Ferguson.

Press Release from HSMC.



Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) is currently hosting a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, Rightfully Hers, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The pop-up exhibit is set to run until Aug. 31 and can be found inside the HSMC Visitor Center. Courtesy of U.S. National Archives

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How to Be an Antiracist: a Follow-up Conversation

Please join us for a community discussion on Monday, August 10 from 7 – 8 p.m. about the July 20 interview with Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to Be an Antiracist*. We can discuss this talk and consider next steps in our own community's conversations/responses. Offered in partnership with Community Mediation Center of St. Mary's County. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the Zoom link to participate an hour before the event.

One Shot Role Playing Game: The Lost Library

Join us online on Friday, August 14 from 6 – 8 p.m. for our first ever Dungeons and Dragons program! Register on www.stmalib.org. You'll use your wits, magic, and might to find the Tome of Epic Magic from

within the Lost Library of Luddenburg. Can you face the ghostly librarians, skeletal patrons, and find epic treasure? No experience required, our Dungeon Master will teach you how to play with pre-made characters, with a brief overview of the rules. In order to play, players will be required to make a free Roll20 account ahead of time in order to pick out their character in advance. Microphone required.

Visions of the Future: Voting, Activism, and Art

Lisa Snowden-McCray will moderate a conversation with Celeste Doaks and Camonghne Felix in this virtual event hosted by Enoch Pratt Free Library on Thursday, August 20 from 7 - 8 p.m. From Shirley Chisholm to Michelle Obama and beyond, black women and politics have been inextricably intertwined. And now, as more minority women



enter and win local races, the black female voting block is proving its importance. As we move toward this year's presidential election, how will black women keep their seat at the table and engage with politics? Please join us for a lively panel with women of color who will discuss their specific involvement with politics through participation, activism, and art. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Virtual Romance Book Club

Join the Library each month as we discuss a different romance novel. August will be held on Wednesday, August 19 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Register on www.stmalib.org. All books will be available in both eBook and audio book on Hoopla. August's title is *Forbidden* by Beverly Jenkins.

Virtual Fairy Tale Retelling Book Club

Accomplish your Summer Reading goals while reading books based in some of your favorite classic tales! Read any Young Adult fairy tale or mythology retelling, and come join us for a fun discussion on Tuesday, August 18 from 3 – 4 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org, for Tweens & Teens.



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Local Marine Plants More Than Food In Community Garden

By Joy Shrum PMA-276
Communication Specialist

Community gardens continue to grow in popularity around the country, and for many gardeners, it is more than just a hobby; it is the enjoyment they receive from being outside in the fresh air, getting dirty and seeing their hard work produce quality, nutritious food. These are just a few of the benefits Maj. Eli Bressler, Avionics Integrated Products team lead for the USMC H-1 Light/Attack Helicopters Program (PMA-276), discovered after digging into the Naval Air Station Patuxent River community garden.

“This is a really fun place to hang out. It’s nice and quiet,” Bressler said.

Bressler started his garden three years ago after seeing a Morale, Welfare and Recreation flyer on base. This year, he decided to go bigger and rent three plots, hoping to create a larger garden with the help of colleagues at PMA-276.

“A lot of people seem interested. I picked this spot because it’s in the shade, and if you stop by after work, you’re avoiding the direct sunlight,” Bressler explained. “Everything people need is here for their use.”

The horticultural hobbyist has already done the brunt of the work. Bressler installed all the fencing and buried it to keep out the local wildlife. He set-up a sprinkler system and chopped down nearby bamboo to make a lattice for climbing plants including cucumbers.

“I wanted to make something cool. If you dream it, we can build it,” he said.

This somewhat “secret” garden is poised to yield hundreds of pounds of fruit and vegetables. Bressler is planning to donate all the fresh produce to a local food bank.

Bressler has planted more than 40 tomato plants including both grape and Roma varieties, more than 30 pepper plants and a couple hundred onions. There are also zucchini, squash, cabbages, corn, watermelons, cantaloupes, peas, green beans and beets. But there is plenty of room for more.

“There are no rules for gardening. Something here won’t work and that’s OK. We’ll just plant something else,” he said. “We’ll have two seasons. In the middle of summer, we will plant a second round of vegetables that do better in the fall. People can plant anything they want.”

Keith Olson, PMA-276 Sensors Deputy Assistant Program Manager for Logistics, stopped by to see Bressler’s green thumb. Olson gardens at home but on a much smaller scale.

“I would love to come out and give him a hand because this is too much for one person,” Olson said.

If gardening does not interest his colleagues, Bressler said, there are other things they can do.

“I need help decorating. I want this place to be beautiful. Kids can come out and put up a scarecrow. Your imagination is your limit,” he said.

Olson said this is a great opportunity for anyone in the PMA. “It’s free, it’s exercise and you’re performing a good service.”



Maj. Eli Bressler, Avionics Integrated Products team lead for PMA_276, establishes the plot he rents through the NAS Patuxent River MWR community garden program.

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



ISEEUS A WAY THROUGH THIS



Hope everyone made it through Iseeus, Isaieus, oh heck, that bad storm we just had with no major problems. It was rather funny watching the newscasters and weather people trying to pronounce Isaiaus and sometimes stumble over the name. Bill Kelly, the meteorologist for WJLA 7 derived great pleasure after the storm Tuesday, by ripping his Isaiaus pronunciation cheat sheet off his monitor.

I bet there were a lot of people who didn't sleep well through the night before the worst part of the storm hit. I know my husband and I didn't, though it didn't seem to bother hound dog Mindy much. I was walking out to check on my workshop early Tuesday morning when I heard a crack and watched a tree fall in slow motion across the roof of our big shed and my car. Luckily, the shed blocked the brunt of the impact. Good friends came by later and the husband helped my husband saw the tree up and move the debris. And like all of you, we have lots of limbs and debris all over the yard – should make for a great firepit season in the fall. In fact, after clean-up that's what we all did; we ordered some great wings from PizzaBoli's in Laurel Grove, while my husband used tree debris to get a fire started in the firepit. Relaxation was definitely needed.

After my old frame shop and gallery flooded 8" at the antique center complex in Leonardtown in 2011, I have had a paranoia about floods. Even though my home workshop has never flooded in the 17 or 18 years I have had it, I still go out before a bad storm and lift all my loose frames, matboard, glass, and fume-cor backing off of the floor and on to my worktable. If I don't I can't sleep. Though it always seems to take longer and longer to put it all back after each storm. There are benefits to doing this, since each time I get things back to their places, I end up finding something I hadn't looked at in a long time. Yesterday, I pulled out my father's old Clinton VFD briefcase and spent a little time looking back at all the various notes and records from the last of his 32 year career with the Prince Georges County Fire Department, most of which spent at Clinton 25 before his death in 1980.

The other thing I found was my old wooden folding sewing bag from the

early 80s. Inside were some unfinished cross stitch projects like the one I started for my younger son Ryan in 1987. Okay, okay, I know he is 33 now, but someday I am going to finish it, though I probably have to add the names of his two sons to it now. Let me just add it back to my list of unfinished projects – like my crooked hands are going to allow me to cross stitch again anyway. The other thing I found was a whole pile of 1980s shoulder pads that I ripped out of my dresses when the fad disappeared (thankfully), yet I still loved the dresses. Not sure what I saved all those shoulder pads for back then, but they went in the recycle bin this morning. I debated whether they could be put to use for masks but realized that I just really don't like to sew.

The entire year seems unbelievable to me from the first week of January spending 10 days in the hospital with my infected finger to the Coronavirus to "flood, famine, and pestilence". Sorry, got carried away there. I started thinking about when I was young in the 60s and 70s and how I really didn't remember this many storms or disasters. Maybe I just lived in my own blissful little bubble, maybe I still try to live that way. Everyone has seen posts or heard people say how 2020 is just one disastrous event after another, with sayings like, Okay it's time to send in the flying monkeys, or the Tribbles (from Star Trek's The Trouble with Tribbles), or the Gremlin creatures from the movie of the same name, that multiply when you pour water on them, etc., etc.

I really feel like 2020 isn't a total loss, some good things have come from being at home, being grateful for what you have. And I think some good things must be on the horizon. I see what's left of 2020 to be a learning experience in the qualities of hopefulness, adaptation, gratitude, tolerance, and acceptance. If we can't learn something from all this then we might just be forced to repeat, over and over...until we finally do get those qualities right, and I don't know about you, but I sure don't want to repeat this first half of 2020 ever again.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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A View From The BLEACHERS

UNITED FRONT

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

We are now 148 days past the NBA's sudden COVID shutdown, but a week into its unprecedented bubble city reboot. Baseball's back too, but after playing briefly outside of a tightly controlled environment, COVID cases with the Miami Marlins, Philadelphia Phillies and St. Louis Cardinals have caused postponements and tattooed a big question mark on the rest of the season. If this is any indication of how sports will fare while operating where pathogens roam, the chances of football this fall are slim (at least football with any acceptable level of competitive integrity). And let's hope MLB's bubble-less experience isn't a prelude for school re-openings.

Rumors are swirling that poor choices by some Marlins players caused the outbreak. Bad choices by unsupervised humans? Get out of here. You mean like how the nation shut down in March and April, made progress against the viral enemy, then rushed to re-open around Memorial Day with no uniform strategy other than the hope that 300 million people would put the country's interests ahead of their own hankering for a mask-less life featuring massive pool parties, nights at the club and political rallies? Just this past weekend I watched a mask-less couple enter a local restaurant without seemingly a care in the world. Maybe they just missed the massive sign on the door requiring masks upon entry. I figured once they got inside and saw all the employees and patrons dutifully wearing masks, they would do the right thing and extend the same courtesy. Or not...

You know who has been doing the right thing? Washington Football Team (love how that sounds) QB Alex Smith.

It was the afternoon of Sunday, November 18, 2018. I was leaving Miami International Airport in a rental car and looking for the fastest trip out of the city and toward a unique world where roosters and the ghosts of pirates, writers and former presidents roam – Key West. I flipped on the radio to get an update on NFL action and, specifically Washington's pivotal game against the Houston Texans. It was late in

the second half, Washington was trailing and backup QB Colt McCoy was in the game.

That's where I was when I learned that Alex Smith had suffered a gruesome compound fracture of his lower right leg, an injury that immediately threatened his career, then the viability of his limb and, ultimately, his life.

Where were you?

Smith's recovery since was chronicled in the documentary "Project 11." It is equally inspirational and disturbing. The 17 surgeries aside, there are clips of Smith's leg in the film that leave the cringing viewer marveling at modern medicine and the quarterback's resolve. For those that haven't seen it, I won't attempt a detailed description. Just know this: A dangerous infection necessitated significant tissue removal.

With that context, it is a miracle that Smith just has his leg, much less that he's moving around without restriction and living a normal life – but he is. Admission: This is where I thought the story would end. After seeing that injury and learning of the complications that threatened his life, I figured happily ever after was Smith being able to run around in the backyard with his kids.

Smith, however, is flirting with a different conclusion. Last week he was cleared by his medical team to resume football activities. The Washington Football Team officially placed Smith on the Physically Unable to Perform list and his availability during the upcoming training camp is uncertain, but even the hint of Smith on a football field for anything more than polite applause to acknowledge his journey is a comeback of biblical proportions. That he has made it this far is a testament to the alignment of his mind, body and spirit. It also stands witness to the shared commitment that he, his wife and family and his tending medical professionals had in defeating the bacteria that threatened his life and avoiding an amputation.

Now, to scale that gritty team effort nationally in order to disintegrate political divides, divisive rhetoric and false claims and create a united front against a novel virus...

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In Remembrance

Cynthia Lynn Spalding



Cynthia Lynn Spalding, 56, of Hollywood, Maryland passed away on Thursday, July 30, 2020 in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Cindy was born on June 17, 1964, at St. Mary's Hospital to Robert Louis and Elizabeth Jean Cusic.

Cindy married her husband of 35 years Joseph Dennis (Stump) Spalding on May 25, 1985 at St. John's Church in Hollywood. Together they had two children, Matthew Alan and Cody Xavier Spalding. Cindy leaves behind her daughter-in-law, Katlyn Spalding, and two grandchildren who were the joy of her life, Austin McKoy and Owen Michael Spalding.

Cindy also leaves behind her sisters Susan Marie Hall (John) and Janet Fay Wood (Kenny) as well as her brother Robert Louis Cusic, Jr. She was loved by many additional family members including mother-in-law Shirley Spalding, sisters-in-law Shelby Wathen (Buddy), Jackie Gatton, and Donna Lacey (Ricky) as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby Cusic, father-in-law, Sonny Spalding and brother-in-law, Jimbo Spalding (Joyce).

Cindy worked for the St. Mary's County Health Department for 38 years; starting her career there in 1981, one year before her graduation from Chopticon High School in 1982 as the class salutatorian. She was a loving person and her family was very important to her. She could often be found at her parent's house for Friday night dinners, attending a ball game for her nieces and nephews, or spending time with her grandchildren. When she wasn't with her family Cindy enjoyed spending time with her friends at the Hollywood Moose Lodge, where she was a member. She and Stump could be found there most Sundays playing cards. Cindy also enjoyed playing shuffleboard and would tell stories of her games at family events. Cindy followed in the footsteps of her grandfather, Elwood Cusic, to become a member of the St. Marys County Fairboard. She was a fairboard director for 11 years serving on the livestock committee and coordinating the outdoor vendors. During the week of the fair she could be found in the barns helping with the various livestock shows talking and joking with the many people who knew her.

Cindy will be remembered for her kindness and selflessness. She never wanted people to fuss over her but was always there to show support when needed. She was the family writer and

was often sought out for help in proof-reading anything from school assignments to official documents. She will be missed by many.

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

Joseph Leonard Norris, Jr



Joseph Leonard Norris, Jr, "Fuzzy", 68, of Drayden, MD and Port Orange, FL formerly from Colton's Point, MD passed away on July 29, 2020 in Drayden, MD.

Born on August 10, 1951 in Leonardtown, MD he was the devoted son of the late Ruth Montgomery Sweeney and Joseph Leonard Norris, Sr. Fuzzy was the loving husband of Kathy Jayne Norris whom he married on December 23, 1977 in Leonardtown, MD. He is survived by his son Bernie Norris (Shannon) of Colton's Point, MD, and 3 grandchildren. As well as siblings Jane Morgan (Donald) of Coltons Point, MD, Lana Cameron of Hollywood, MD, Heidi Norris (Partner Tony Farrell) of Colton's Point, MD, Hattie Norris (George Bussler) of Colton's Point, MD. He was preceded in death by his son Bobby Norris. He was a lifelong St. Mary's County MD resident and attended Chopticon High School. Fuzzy was a Marine Mechanic and waterman at Dennis Point Marina and Campground for over 40 plus years.

Fuzzy's main love was being on or around the water; whether it was with the family at Lake Anna, VA, oystering on the Potomac, hauling and repairing boats and jet skis at Dennis Point Marina, and Campground, or driving his race boats. For over 25 years Fuzzy tonged for oysters in the Potomac River and its tributaries. He participated in workboat races with his restored "Kathy J" at Swann's Pier in Piney Point. As a member of the St. Mary's County Watermen's Association he shared his knowledge of oyster tonging at the Blessing of the Fleet at Colton's Point. In 2011, Fuzzy was named St. Mary's County Waterman of the year during the Blessing of the Fleet.

Fuzzy was an active member of the Southern Maryland Boat Club. He spent many hours restoring vintage race boats namely his 1956 Whirlwind and his 1976 Allison "One More Time". He participated in many vintage boat regattas in Leonardtown, both Wheeling and New Martinsville, West Virginia, Springfield, Ohio, and Tavares, Florida.

Fuzzy was also a race car fan. As a teenager Fuzzy competed at Maryland International Raceway with his 69 red

Ford Fairlane, winning a trophy for 1st. place. He attended local races at Budd's Creek Raceway and when in Florida he could be found at the Volusia Speedway. And for 21 years he attended the Daytona 500.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609 and Southern Maryland Boat Club P.O. Box 203 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Curtis Arnold Hamilton



Curtis Arnold Hamilton, 80, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on July 29, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on October 2, 1939 in Americus, GA to the late Curtis Hamilton and Charlotte Lucille Jones.

On March 18, 1958, Curtis enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on November 11, 1963 as a Sergeant. On January 17, 1981, he married his beloved wife, Dorothy Louise Hamilton in Ridgecrest, CA. Together they celebrated over 40 wonderful years of marriage. He began

his career with the Marines as a Hot Air Balloonist and upon his honorable discharge he began working as an electronics engineer on the Sidewinder Missile Project. In 1981 he transferred to Patuxent River Naval Air Station in the Strike Ordinance Division to adapt the Sidewinder Missile to the F-18. He was a dedicated engineer for the Department of Defense for many years until his retirement.

In California he was the President of the High Country 4 x 4 Club where he and Dorothy spent many days enjoying the mountains and desert scenes. Once they moved to Maryland they traded their Jeep for a sail boat which they named "Serenity." Serenity took them North to Rhode Island and South to Florida several times. Curtis loved taking his grandchildren out on the Bay, sailing into one adventure after another. They were active members of the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA), the high school sailing teams at Sailing Center Chesapeake (SCC), and their Lexington Park United Methodist Church. He was a talented cook who loved to spend time with his family and friends at the dinner table. Everyone wanted him on their team for board games and he was almost unbeatable at many of the individual games, but especially Mexican



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In Remembrance

Dominoes and chess.

In addition to his beloved wife, Dorothy, Curtis is also survived by his children, Derrek Hamilton of Belvidere, IL, Samira Hamilton of Las Vegas, NV, Simonetta Hamilton of Santa Barbara, CA, Russell Miller of Lexington Park, MD, and Christopher Miller (Jenil) of Lexington Park, MD; his sister, Fay Hargrove of Mt. Airy, GA; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Due to COVID-19, services will be private. The family has asked that donations be made to the Lexington Park United Methodist Church for the missionary purposes of drilling a drinking well in the Southern Philippine Islands where the family has ties. Memorial donations may be mailed to Lexington Park United Methodist Church, 21760 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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

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Spurgeon Dewey Terry, Jr.



Spurgeon Dewey Terry, Jr., 92, of Hollywood, MD, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at home, on July 31, 2020.

Spurgeon was born on March 24, 1928 in Monroe County, AL to the late Spurgeon Dewey Terry, Sr. and Faytie Lee Dailey.

Spurgeon enlisted in The United States Navy on June 29, 1946 and proudly served until his honorable discharge in 1948. He was a Law Librarian for The Library of Congress and then moved to the United States Department of Agriculture where he retired as head Law Librarian after 35 years. After retirement, he worked as a Law Librarian for Metro-where he implemented a new and innovative law library system. He married his greatest love, Jean Elizabeth Tippett, on June 19, 1948 at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. They recently celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary.

While living in Washington DC, Spurgeon (an Eagle Scout) served as Cubmaster of the Boy Scouts. He and Jean moved the family to Hyattsville in 1960 and Spurgeon became a member of The Knights of Columbus. He was an active member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church where his ten children attended elementary school. Spurgeon also served the community as city councilman of Ward 2 of Hyattsville for eight years and President of the City Council for two years. In 1989,

Spurgeon and Jean retired to their summer home in Hollywood, MD (on Tippet Point) next to Jean's six brothers and younger sister. Spurgeon and Jean were daily Mass (and Rosary) attendees at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church for nearly 30 years. Spurgeon was actively involved in various organizations, especially the Knights of Columbus, where he served as Grand Knight and also recruited many new members. Spurgeon was very happy to be able to start a weekly Bible study at St. John's. He was also active in St. Mary's Pro Life Club; he served Meals on Wheels; he volunteered for hospice and he served as president of the local NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) chapter. Spurgeon enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his beautiful grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be remembered for his strong faith and his love of the scriptures-both which guided his life, his love of history and books, his talent for winning at games of dominoes and canasta, his kind and caring nature, and his exceptional storytelling.

Spurgeon is survived by his wife, Jean, his children, Robert Francis Terry (Rosie) of Desert Hot Springs, CA, James Joseph Terry of San Diego, CA, Michael Anthony Terry (Fran) of Leola, PA, Mary Rosalie Middendorf, of Laurel, MD, Faye Marie Winemiller (Richard) of Lemon Grove, CA, Margaret Jean Naber (David) of Daytona Beach, FL, Kathleen Marie Faber (Robert) of Clarksville, MD, Joan Esther Stevens of Hollywood, MD, and Theresa Virginia Bond (Richard) of Ellicott City, MD, his sister, Mary Ann Jay (Havard) of Mexia, AL, 20 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, John Edward Terry, his brother, Neal Owen Terry, his granddaughter, Jennifer Burns, his daughter-in-law, Aurea Acosta Terry, and his son-in-law, Bob Middendorf.

If unable to attend in person, we welcome your presence via "Live Streaming of the Funeral Mass" through St. John's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 43950 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636 or Hospice of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 44724 Hospice Ln, Callaway, MD 20620

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Robert "Bob" D. Simpson

Robert "Bob" D. Simpson of Franklin Lakes passed peacefully on July 28, 2020 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Maryland at the age of 92. He was a retired cabinetmaker.

Bob was a 1951 graduate of Fairleigh



Dickinson College and served as a Naval Officer during the Korean War era. He was active in Scouting, having been the fifth Eagle Scout in Troop 59,

Allendale, where he later served as a Scoutmaster. He also served as Scoutmaster of Troop 34 in Franklin Lakes.

He was predeceased by his wife of 51 year, Jeane, a son, Robert Jr. and his stepbrother, Bud Grossman. He is survived by his daughter, Diane Milenic, and her husband Alexander, of Worton, MD; granddaughter, Lauren Marie Bianchi, and grandson Robert D. Simpson, III. To his joy there are also two great-granddaughters, Katie Marie and Natalie Rose Bianchi, all residing in CA. He is also survived by two nephews, Ralph and Richard Grossmann.

He will be joining his wife, also a Navy Veteran, in Arlington National Cemetery. There will be no viewing or local services.

The family requests expressions of condolence be made in the form of contributions in his memory to the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps., P.O. Box 302, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

Theresa "Teri" Lynn Keiser



Theresa "Teri" Lynn Keiser, 61 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on July 27, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Teri was born on October 19, 1958 in Washington, DC to Lewis Walter Mandley Sr. and Phyllis June (Butler) Mandley of Lakeland, FL.

In 1976, Teri graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Leonardtown, MD. She then went on to study Agriculture and became a Master Gardener at Mount Vernon for many years. On October 24, 1981 she married her beloved husband, James David Keiser. Together they spent over 36 wonderful years of marriage before his passing on July 18, 2018. They enjoyed taking care of their 20 acre family farm in Waldorf, where they raised produce, livestock, had an orchard, and raised flowers. She loved her goats and dogs. She enjoyed watching western movies and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

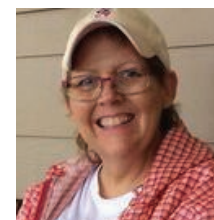
In addition to her parents, Teri is also survived by her daughter, Karen Mur-

ray (John) of Leonardtown, MD; her sister, Leslie Nimmerrichter (Gary) of Lakeland, FL, and her grandchildren: Marley Murray, Jack Murray, Max Murray and Emma Kelley. In addition to her husband, she is also preceded in death by her siblings, Dawn Hoyle and Lewis "Bubby" Mandley, Jr., and her niece, Casey Hoyle.

All services will be private.

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

Joanne McGilloway



Joanne (nee Huckel) McGilloway, 55, of Callaway, Maryland died peacefully at home on July 29, 2020. Joanne is predeceased by her parents, the late Joseph Ed-

ward Huckel and the late Jane Helen (nee Mallon) Huckel, and her brother the late Joseph Lawrence Huckel. Joanne is survived by her husband James, daughter Kasey and son Ryan. She is also survived by her sister Jane (Rich) Hoffman, brothers Jeffrey Huckel and John Huckel, sister-in-law Maureen (nee Horn) Huckel and nine nieces and nephews: Timothy, Kelly and Shane Hoffman; Olivia and Ethan Huckel; Jacqueline, Joseph, Lisa and Danielle Huckel as well as nine great nieces and nephews.

Joanne was an active member and parent with Holy Face Parish and Little Flower School. She served as a volunteer with liturgical ministry, parish bingo, memorial garden, and fundraising. Joanne was also employed as a sales associate with Trophies by Design in Leonardtown, MD. An avid lifelong fan of the Oakland Raiders, Joanne annually named her fantasy football team the Old Black Holes.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Joanne's memory to:

METAvisor

1783 Forest Drive, #184

Annapolis, MD 21401

*Metastatic Breast Cancer Research or

Little Flower School

20410 Point Lookout Road

Great Mills, MD 20634

*Student scholarship; place "Joanne McGilloway" in memo line.

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Zandra (Sandy) Jean Mahoney

Our kind, funny, and self-deprecating mother, Zandra (Sandy) Jean Mahoney has joined her late husband, Jerry Mahoney and her eldest daughter,



Teri where she is drinking wine, eating chocolate and singing a happy song.

Sandy lived for her children, whether two legged or four.

She loved her kitties to lie next to her while she watched tv or for Bear to keep her feet warm. Her surviving children and grand-children include Mindy Schaffer (Jack), their daughters, Brooke and Kendall; Danny (Stephanie), their son, Braden and step daughters, Ashley and Morgan Howard, Tabitha Turner and Beth Tattrie; Brian, son Alex and step son Nick Stallsmith. Sandy was also a great grandmother to Sophia and Addison and an older sister to Bill Goodale (Jane) and Gracie Myer (Wayne).

Sandy died at the age of 84 on July 28th, 2020. Born September 8, 1935 in Newton, MA she lived a full life, some may say many lives.

Sandy had a love for music and singing. She was both beautiful and talented so she became a model in the 1950s, working under the name Teri Gordon. She sang in big bands and radio ads in the Boston area and became Miss Canada Dry and toured Europe singing for the troops. Once state side she met the love of her life, Jerry Mahoney where they shared their love for jazz and swing and married in October of 1956. They opened the Mahoney Music Store in Lexington Park while performing as a combo called the Jerry and Sandy Combo. Sandy taught herself to play the drums to add to their performances. The combo played music throughout St. Marys, Calvert and Charles Counties; at restaurants -the Roost in Lexington Park, the Chiefs Club on Patuxent River Naval Air Base, The Spinning Wheel and Rusty's Restaurant. Jerry died in 1983 and Teri died in 1985 leaving a huge hole in her heart. But the music didn't stop but it brought both joy and sadness to continue performing and teaching piano lessons.

With music as her passion, she worked at Ralons Music Store and Bullocks Music Store and gave private piano lessons. She took great pride in her ability to patiently teach children of all ages and loved to hear from them. She held recitals at the Senior Center and wrote college letters of recommendation for some of the students she taught. She continued to play piano at the Senior Center for their annual holiday parties.

Sandy was a wonderful mother. She learned to drive at the age 45, she baked themed birthday cakes, made the best Mexican food, and loved going on field trips with her kids. After her husband's death, Sandy took a few accounting classes at the local community college that changed her life. She

took the civil service test and earned a position with the federal government as a travel clerk at Patuxent River Air Base and NESEA. She loved travel and loved helping people. Her love of helping people took her in a direction that surprised her family, she began volunteering with the Ridge Rescue Squad and did so for 25 years. She held the treasurer position, became an IV tech and ran into her 70's. She also became a Christmas in April Captain. She raised funds, formed a team of willing volunteers each year and swung a hammer with the team. She loved the end result of helping those in need. Her efforts were recognized when she earned St. Mary's County Woman of the Year.

Sandy was a voracious reader and loved to sit on her deck and look at the Osprey. She was happiest when the sun was shining and friends and family would come enjoy her beach. She also built many friendships on her bus trips to Dover. She saved her money all year to enjoy a day of gambling and buffets. She will be missed by all for her fabulous life stories and her incredible sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456 Ridge, MD 20680

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

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

Jean Ennis Fenwick



Jean Ennis Fenwick, 90, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on July 25, 2020 at her home.

Born on June 2, 1930 in Newark, NJ, she was

the daughter of the late Claude Melnott Ennis and Mercedes Ennis (Dey).

After graduating high school, Jean went on to attend 4 years of college at University of Kentucky, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree. She married the love of her life, Cuthbert I Fenwick, Jr. on June 12, 1954 and they spent 51 wonderful years of marriage together before his passing on May 5, 2005. Jean and Cuthbert welcomed two (2) beautiful children into their family and from then on, Jean was a fulltime Homemaker. She took excellent care of her family and enjoyed spending her time with her kids, raising them up while creating fun and long-lasting memories. Jean loved her family more than anything in the world and they always came first.

Jean enjoyed so many beautiful things that life had to offer. She was a member of Our Lady's Church on Medley's Neck and attended services

there on Sundays where she used her lovely voice to sing in the church choir. She also was a member of the Red Cross. Jean loved to travel, see and experience new places and things. She was very interested in U.S. History and constantly looking to learn. She had incredible creative skills and enjoyed making art of all types, such as painting, pen and ink, watercolors, pottery, playing the piano and other crafts.

Jean is survived by her children: Cuthbert "Chip" I Fenwick, III (Arlene) of Mechanicsville, MD and Claudia M. Fenwick, her sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Wise (Bill) of Lake Oswego, OR, as well as 3 granddaughters: Summer E. Seastrand (Erik), Alyssa K. Popa (Sergui), and Kathleen N Fleetwood (J.T.), as well as 6 grandsons.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her step mother, Mary J Ennis.

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

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

Dillard Vernon Heiston IV

Dillard Vernon Heiston IV, 67, of Hollywood, MD passed away on July 22, 2020 at his home.

Born on May 16, 1953 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Dillard Vernon Heiston III and Patricia Neal Heiston (Lawson).

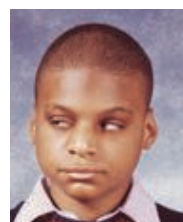
After graduating high school, Dillard went on to serve his country in the United States Army. He served from 1971 to 1973. In 1986 he joined again and served as an Electrical Supervisor for the National Guard until his retirement in 2005. Dillard loved his family most overall. He was a patriot, son, brother, and father.

Dillard is survived by his children: Daniel Paul Heiston (Brandy) of Lusby, Md, Toni Rene Heiston of Hollywood, MD and Jamie Lynn Heiston of Hollywood, MD; his siblings: Steven M. Heiston of Hollywood, MD, Terry Lynn Heiston of Accokeek, MD, Karen Chappell (John) in Bowie, MD, and Debbie Heiston of Pensacola, FL; as well as eleven (11) grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Tammy Garwol.

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

Anthony Wayne Fenwick



Anthony Wayne Fenwick, 52 of Silver Spring, MD got his wings on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. He was born on February 28, 1968, in Leonardtown, MD.

He was the son of the late Marshall Sheridan Fenwick.

Anthony is survived by his mother, Angela Althera Fenwick of Lexington Park, MD, his sister Karen Evette Blaylock (Didier) of Wilmington, NC, and his youngest brother, Michael Christopher Fenwick of Cecil County, MD. Anthony was blessed with two nieces, Kaitlynn Marie Kennedy (Gene) and Kristen Amanda Nicole Blaylock of North Carolina. He was also survived by his uncles Bryan Terrell (Josie), Alan (Gertrude), Gene, and Patrick Fenwick. His aunts, Vinnie Terrell, Ellen Rothwell, Gail Ozuzu, Kathy Halcomb, and Deloris Carter. Anthony was preceded in death by his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Sadie Terrell, Mr. Louis Marshall and Queenie Jeanette Fenwick, his aunt April Fenwick and uncle Marvin (Lynette) Terrell.

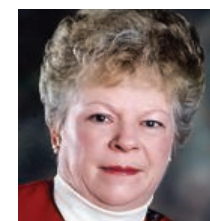
Anthony graduated from the Maryland School for the Blind in Nottingham, MD

Psalms 91:4. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings, you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

We love you, Anthony.

Due to COVID-19, all Funeral Services will be private at this time. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date and will be conducted by Pastor Michael Chall. Anthony loved playing in the sand at the beaches. He especially loved wearing his different baseball caps and sunshades

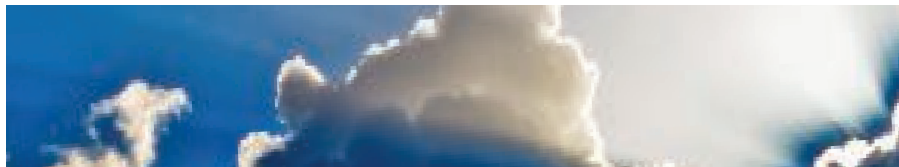
Martha Louise Grissom Robinson



Martha Louise Grissom Robinson, 84, of Great Mills, MD passed away on July 15, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

She was born on June 2, 1936 in Bluefield, WV to the late Harry Lee Grissom and Velma Louise Carter.

Certified by the American College of Radiology and The American Society of X-Ray Technicians in 1962, she began her career as an X-Ray Technician for the Williamsburg Community Hospital in Williamsburg, Virginia. After more than a decade as a radiologist, her interest in Virginia history redirected her career and she became an Interpreter then Hostess for The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation which she enjoyed for many years. In 1986 she returned to her love of medicine, completing the coursework from Mount Senario College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to become a Medical Assistant. She finished her working career spending 14 years with Federated Realty in Brookfield, Wisconsin as a dedicated



Real Estate Agent. Martha came to love football later in life and as one of many Green Bay Packer fans, never missed a single game leaving behind a mountain of Packer memorabilia spanning 20 years.

Martha is survived by her children, Mary Martha Martin and James Gregory Martin, her grandchildren: Adam Michael Brown, Patrick James Bryan Gilboy, Miranda Marie Davis (Allan), Jocelyn Rae Ludeman (Sean) and Noalyn Lawrence Martin (Jasmine); eight great grandchildren; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her first husband, Lawrence H. Martin Jr. and her second husband, Brian A. Robinson.

Final arrangements and burial will take place in her home state of West Virginia.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Kathleen Marie Wagner



Kathleen Marie Wagner, 35, of Lusby MD, passed away on July 30, 2020 in Great Mills, MD.

She was born on January 13, 1985 to Robert Eugene Wagner of St. Leonard,

MD and Maria Ann Cross Wagner of Great Mills, MD.

Kathleen was affectionately known by many as "Kat" and "Leen." She is a 2003 graduate of Patuxent High School. She was previously employed as a teacher at Solomon's Daycare. She was a girlie-girl and loved everything that had to do with make-up, hair, and nails. She enjoyed going to Driftwood beach and having fun in the sun. Her family was important to her and she enjoyed spending time with them and hanging out talking.

In addition to her parents, she is also survived by her children: Nicholas Edward Jenkins, Brendan Michael Wagner and Zoey Alexandra Garber; her sister, Laura Ann Wagner; her brother, Robert Steven Wagner (Juliette Apon-te); and her nieces/nephews: Taylor James Nelson, Layla Lynn Nelson and Anthony Rene Apon-te.

Family will receive friends Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., with a Celebration of Life Service at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pathways, Inc., 44101 Airport View Drive, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

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Clara Ann Gatton



Clara Ann Gatton, 78, of Helen, MD and formerly Ridge, MD passed away on August 3, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on May 14, 1942 in Bush-

wood, MD and was the loving daughter of the late Mary Lillian Graves Angle and Joseph A. Angle. Clara was the loving wife of the late Thomas Neal Gatton whom she married on August 20, 1960 in St. Michael's Catholic Church Ridge, MD and who preceded her in death.

Clara is survived by her children David Gatton of Mechanicsville, MD, Michael Gatton of Mechanicsville, MD, and Patrick Gatton of Mechanicsville, MD, siblings; Mary Pilkerton of Leonardtown, MD, George Angle of Lexington Park, MD, Thomas Angle of Tennessee, Beatrice Rollins of Leonardtown, MD, Dorothy Callanan of North Carolina, and Catherine Hughes of Lexington Park, MD. She was preceded in death by her siblings Betty Hagar, Francis Angle, Theresa Knott, Agnes Clements, and Jimmy Angle.

Clara was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD and graduated from Great Mills High School, she was a Daycare Provider in her own home for 50 years, retiring in 2010.

Clara belonged to Knights of Columbus in Leonardtown, MD. She also taught CCD at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She liked going to yard sales, playing bingo at Father Andrew White and was a lover of all her children that she watched at Daycare. Clara was also a great cook.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 7, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home with Father David Beaubien officiating a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Joseph Wood, Jeffery Jones, John E. Gatton, Jr, Tyler Gatton, Thomas A. Farrell, and Michael Gatton. Honorary Pallbearers will be Katie Wood, Vince Bergling, and Alex Walter.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Mechanicsville Rescue Squad, PO Box 15, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

5 CHANGES IN THE NEW RETIREMENT LAW

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Lynda J. Striegel*

The SECURE Act, the "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act" was passed into law effective January 1, 2020. This new retirement law has five significant changes, as follows:

1. The new law increases the age for Required Minimum Distribution (the "RMD") from 70 ½ to 72. The RMD is the amount you are required to withdraw from your retirement account. Starting in 2020, you are required to withdraw retirement funds at age 72 (as opposed to 70 ½ prior to 2020).

2. The new law eliminates the IRA "stretch" option. This is potentially the most significant law change. When you withdraw money from a traditional IRA in RMDs, you must pay income tax on the money. Inherited IRAs with death dates prior to 2020 were able to "stretch" the RMDs over the beneficiary's lifetime. For younger beneficiaries, this meant the amounts of RMD could be much smaller and therefore result in a smaller income tax. Beginning in 2020, the new law requires, for non-spouse beneficiaries, that an inherited IRA has to be distributed over 10 years after the individual's death. The new provisions make it clear that IRAs must be liquidated, and income taxes paid, over a ten year period, potentially resulting in income tax on much larger amounts required to be withdrawn. For deaths in 2020 and later, all IRAs must be distributed in full by the tenth calendar year following death.

3. The new law repeals the maximum age for traditional IRA contributions. Prior to 2020, no one over age 70 ½ was permitted to make IRA contributions. The new law allows anyone over 70 ½ who has U.S. earned income to make contributions to a traditional IRA. With our population aging, this is a good benefit for saving.

4. The new law expands Section 529 plans. Parents can now use their 529 accounts to cover costs associated with registered apprenticeships and for up to \$10,000 of qualified student loan repayments. This should be a help to those paying student loans.

5. The new law increases the maximum credit for start-up business retirement plans from \$500 to \$5,000. A new tax credit of \$500 is also available for some smaller employers who set up automatic enrollment in their plans.

Everyone with a traditional IRA or similar retirement plan should consult their financial advisors or accountants about how to cope with the changes in the new law.

Join me on the third Wednesday of every month to discuss this and other topics at 11am, 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

We support PROJECT ECHO, the homeless shelter in Calvert County and urge you to do the same. Donate to Project Echo through a contribution to www.projectecho.com. Your support is appreciated.

Community Calendar

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

Friday, August 7

"Sip N' Shop" First Friday

Leonardtown; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Leonardtown Business Association and the Commissioners of Leonardtown welcome you to join us for shopping, dinner, drinks and dessert! Restaurants will be open for dining in and take out. Select shops, stores, and galleries will also be open, social distancing and other guidelines will be in effect. We thank you in advance for visiting and supporting our many small shops and restaurants, the last few months have been a very challenging time for all. We truly miss our friends from the community and look forward to seeing everyone soon! Check the "Leonardtown First Fridays" Facebook page for details about specific events in Downtown and beyond!

Old Jail Museum Open

Old Jail Museum; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

This popular landmark will be open to the public during Leonardtown First Fridays. Come take a tour of this unique and fascinating historical site. Admission is FREE and open to all ages. COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place.

SMC Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop

Arts Council Building; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Meet our staff members and shop from a wide variety of locally sourced work including jewelry, paintings, prints, pottery, greeting cards, & more! Check our Facebook page for a preview of new pieces available too!

Audience Participation Drum Circle

St. Mary's County Arts Council office parking lot; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Drum Circle is back! A few changes will be in place for this month: bring your own drum as we will not have instruments to share and bring a chair. We will have free egg shakers to give away (one per person) for those without instruments. Social distancing will be in effect. Event is outdoors, in the case of poor weather it will be canceled. Visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com or email: info@smcart.org for further info. This is a free event open to all ages and skill levels! Sponsored by the St. Mary's County Arts

Council and the SoMar Drummers.

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.

Sunday, August 9

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

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

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

Carry Out Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus Ridge Hall; 11:30 a.m.

\$12 per dinner while chicken lasts. Please call 301-872-4641 for more information.

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.

Monday, August 10

Toastmasters Zoom Meeting

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Talk of the Town Toastmasters is a Toastmasters International club open for anyone to join. Due to the COVID-19 situation we are meeting virtually only at this time on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. If you would like to improve your communication and leadership skills, be sure to visit and learn more! Check the "Talk of the Town Toastmasters - Maryland" Facebook page (@talkofthetowntoastmasters) for event details. Guests are always welcome, please email: talkofthetowntmi@gmail.com in advance for zoom access info and for additional information. Please plan on logging on at least 10-15 minutes prior to the meeting to ensure a good connection and to chat with our members before the meeting starts.

Tuesday, August 11

Taco Tuesday VFW 2632 California

Aug 11 5_7pm

Beef tacos hard and soft

1 for \$2

3 for \$5

5 for \$8

Taco salad \$5

Nachos

Various toppings

Wednesday, August 12

Wayback Wednesdays

We hope you're loving our weekly video series showing some of the stories that make St. Mary's County's history so unique and interesting. We thought this would be a fun way to bring our closed museums to you while we all keep our social distance. Join us every week for short videos featuring everything from the quirky to the fascinating - tune in! We have several episodes in the playlist! [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)

Thursday, August 13

Dine to Donate

Texas Roadhouse; 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be having a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse for a 10% donation night. Present a copy of the flyer and the Auxiliary will receive 10% of the total food purchases. Use the Mobile App for Texas Roadhouse or call 301-737-6052 to place an order. A time for pick-up must be given when order is placed, and a copy of the flyer must be furnished or a copy can be displayed on phone at pick-up. The Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone for their support.

Ongoing

Enchanted Summer

Annmarie Garden and Arts Center; August 1 - September 7

"Frolicking Fairy Fun" - a new event w/ all the best parts of the Fairy & Gnome Home Festival transformed into an amped-up, low-touch/no-touch, multimedia, daily, outdoor experience! Details located on the website at annmariegarden.org!

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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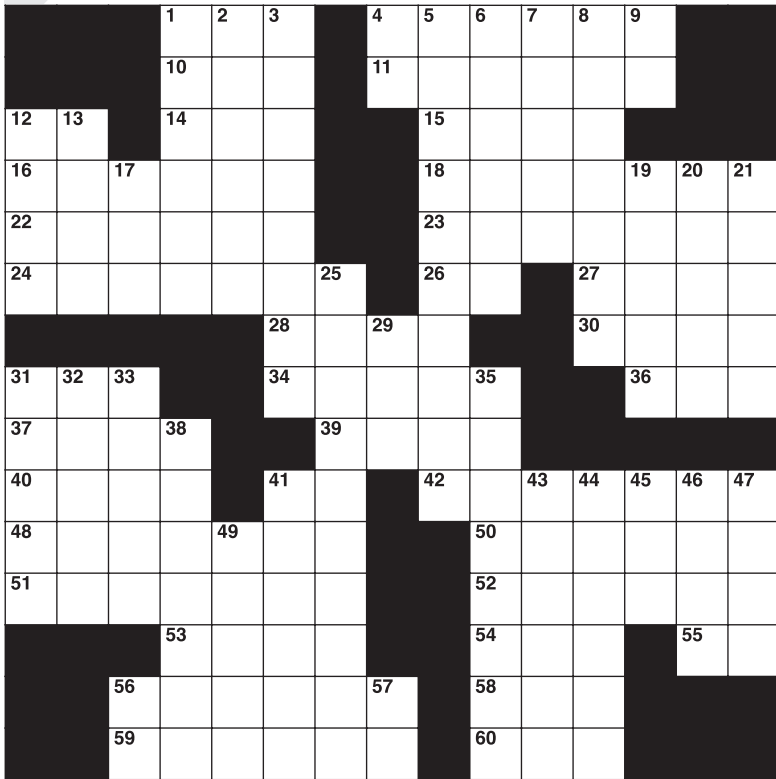
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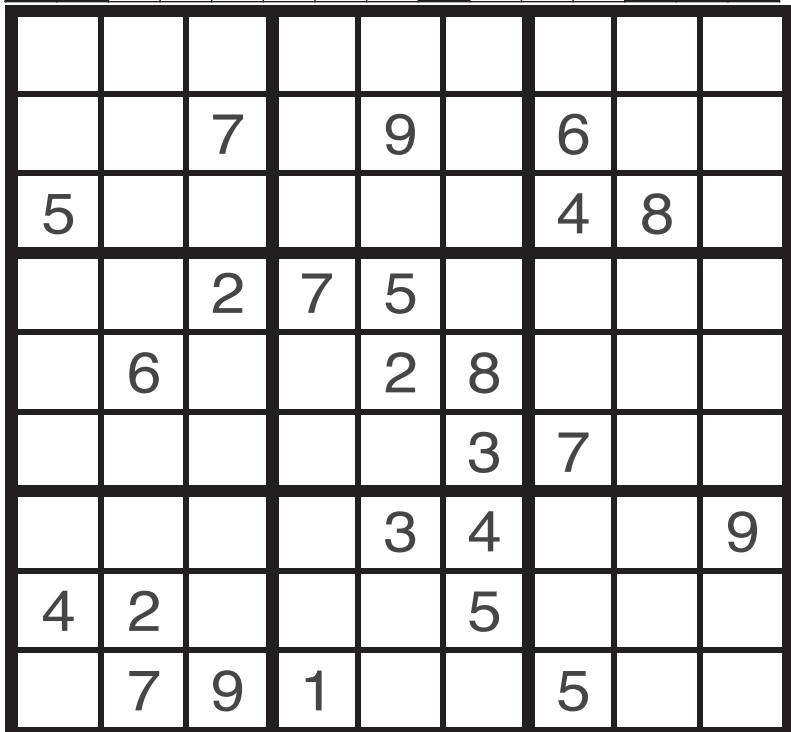
- 1. Opposite of on
- 4. Creator
- 10. No seats available
- 11. About springtime
- 12. Flagship ESPN show (abbr.)
- 14. Automobile
- 15. A matchup
- 16. Porous volcanic rock
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Not written in any key
- 23. Revolved
- 24. Archrival
- 26. Within
- 27. Smoker's accessory
- 28. Disfigure
- 30. Primordial matter
- 31. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 34. Kisses
- 36. Some is iced
- 37. A way to derive
- 39. Unaccompanied by others
- 40. Discontinued Google app

- 41. Tony B. left his heart there
- 42. Condiment
- 48. Ancient Italian city
- 50. One who distributes payoff money
- 51. Guarantees
- 52. Highly decorative
- 53. Strike with a stick
- 54. Pie ___ mode
- 55. Spanish be
- 56. Glued
- 58. A way to drench
- 59. Part of the body
- 60. Changes the color

- 12. From end to end
- 13. Adorable
- 17. Ma
- 19. Nearly falling
- 20. Portable conical tent
- 21. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 25. Fish with high dorsal fins
- 29. Equal (prefix)
- 31. Aquatic plant genus
- 32. Choppers
- 33. Hand parts
- 35. Region bordering the sea
- 38. Well-liked
- 41. Nap
- 43. It's used to make beer
- 44. Related on the father's side
- 45. Senior officer
- 46. Delicacy (archaic)
- 47. Figures
- 49. A way to take away
- 56. Beloved sandwich ___&J
- 57. Symptom typical of withdrawal (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Passerine birds
- 2. Noisy quarrel
- 3. The front arm or leg of an animal
- 4. Early multimedia
- 5. Golden years
- 6. Large mollusk
- 7. Small arm of the sea
- 8. Persian jurisdiction
- 9. Atomic #81



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