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Mattingly, Colvin, Hollander Vote Down Paddleboat Purchase

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Leonardtown Town Council voted 3-to-2 Monday against purchasing a 111-foot paddle boat that many business owners and town residents believed would have been a significant booster of tourism for the town.

But other residents who spoke out at the regular Sept. 14 meeting said the purchase of the Black Eyed Susan, now docked in Havre de Grace, was too much of a risk for the town to assume, while others said the town should not spend taxpayer money on the paddleboat.

Some contended that the town was essentially boosting a tourism draw that would directly compete with other town businesses.

Much of the letters that came to the town about the issue were in support of the purchase, however.

"I think it's a good opportunity, I'd like to see some more people come into town," said Joe Curly, town resident and owner of The Rex bar and grill. "It ties us to the water for those who don't know about Leonardtown."

Sean Coogan, owner of the Social Coffee House, said he was torn over the issue because he did not believe there was enough concrete financial data on the boat to be certain it was the right choice for the town.

"I believe we need something in town, and it could even be this boat," Coogan said. "The slide show on the financial side reminded me of something I'd give my father when I was trying to convince him to buy me a muscle car when I was 16.

"I feel like we're being fed all the positives without any negatives."

Coogan, and others, said they should be able to see the financial statements from the boat for the past several years, something the town had not seen nor provided at their recent meeting.

"We're not just buying a boat, we're buying a business," said Coogan.

The Leonardtown Business Association voted to support the purchase of the vessel.

The cost of the vessel was \$322,000, of which the town had a \$100,000 grant to assist in the purchase.

40 businesses went on record supporting the project, while two opposed, according to the town.

Doug Isleib, representing a citizen committee which analyzed the prospective purchase, said the vessel was seaworthy, though it would likely be operated at a financial loss the first year, with a profit coming in the second year, according to the committee's projections.

"It looks like its sound structurally and mechanically," Isleib said. "We're envisioning this as a venue that's available to all citizens of Leonardtown and the local area."

The vessel's purchase would spark continued development of the town's



The Black-Eyed Susan

strategic plan, which included more amenities at the wharf, Isleib said, with minimal risk to town taxpayers.

"This would not be a tax burden to the town but a tax revenue for the town," Isleib said.

It was determined during the hearing that the town would have to pull from its reserves to purchase the vessel; the operations had been planned to be left to a private group.

Council Member Jay Mattingly, a county employee in the emergency operations division, said he had safety concerns if the boat were involved in a mishap.

"That's 149 people out there," he said of the vessels' capacity while underway. "That could be a mass casualty situation."

Mayor Dan Burris, who has been in favor of the proposed purchase, did not have a vote.

He said a non-profit formed 20 years ago, Leonardtown Recreation Inc, could be reactivated to take on the responsibilities of running the boat if they town could not find another contractor.

"We could put our own board of directors in charge and have them operate it," Burris said.

Councilmember Mary Maday Slade was also a strong supporter of the proposed purchase.

"I was very negative when it came to the numbers," Slade said initially. "I want an exit strategy, I want to know the numbers, I want the worst case."

Slade, an accountant, said though that the purchase could have been a real benefit to the town, especially with the groups that had expressed interest in booking the vessel for events.

"With the sponsorships we have seen and with the success of other non-profits around here, Sotterley does one, St. Mary's City has one and St. Clements Island... I think you'll see a lot of that kind of support for the boat once it comes in."

She also said the town could sell the vessel if the plan did not work in the town's best interest, reducing the overall risk.

Resident Sean Lawson vigorously supported the purchase.

"I think this is a good idea right out of the gate," Lawson said. "There's a lot of people who don't have access to the

water...this gives them the ability to do that.

"I feel like this is a homerun; if you miss a swing on this, I feel like you're not a ball player."

Lawson said the time was right to move ahead with the purchase.

"We have \$100,000 in the bank on this, that's not coming back," Lawson said.

Council Member Nick Colvin said there was little at the wharf to stop anyone with nefarious intent from getting on board the vessel and causing damage.

"Just with everything going on in the country today... you see so much destruction, so much violence at some of

these protests and these rallies," Colvin said. "All it takes is one person to say 'Hey, there's a boat, let's go have fun down there.'"

Colvin also said the boat would be popular its first year but would see diminishing returns on the interest it generated thereafter.

Council Member Tyler Alt said the town was already paying \$10,500 a month in mortgage payments on the wharf property as an investment; he said purchasing the boat could prove much the same.

"I kind of see the boat as this," Alt said. "It'll be the investment the wharf was 15 years ago.

"This will be something that will be around that companies will use... and just major events and weddings."

Council Member Christy Sterling-Hollander said the issues of providing a trolley, which the committee recommended, to bring tourists down and back up the hill to the wharf as well as finding solutions to parking problems there had not been completed.

"That's going to be another expense we'll have to take on," Sterling-Hollander said.

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COVID Outbreak Stalls Student Return to Classrooms

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A school system employee who works at George Washington Carver Elementary School in Lexington Park has tested positive for the novel coronavirus after a Labor Day gathering, Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said Wednesday, which means recently revised plans to return students to classrooms will have to be delayed.

"We're going to have a designated outbreak at George Washington Carver," Smith told The County Times in a phone interview Sept. 16. "We'll have to close it down for the next two days.

"We're placing a pause on students returning to in-person instruction."

Smith said he learned of the positive test of the employee Sept. 14 and that the event the employee attended was outside St. Mary's County.

"Through the process of contact tracing, and in coordination with the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), several employees at multiple sites who attended the event and others considered close contacts were

placed under quarantine and sent for testing," Smith's letter to staff on Sept. 16 said. "Testing revealed that additional school system employees who participated in the social event were positive for COVID-19."

Smith said the school system had consistently been monitoring health metrics related to COVID-19.

"Throughout this process, we have been steadfast in our commitment to using objective data to help us make the best decision," Smith said in a letter to staff. "We have been monitoring COVID testing positivity rates and working closely with the [health department] to understand levels of community spread as Maryland settles into Phase Three of the reopening process and restrictions are removed.

"With all this considered and keeping the safety of our staff and students at the center of all our decisions, we will remain in virtual learning through the end of the 1st Quarter."

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No Veterans Day Parade This Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Organizers of the annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown, held every Nov. 11, have decided to cancel the outdoor parade this year in favor of a virtual event with speeches and presentations, said Laschelle McKay, town administrator.

The event is widely regarded as the largest of its kind in Maryland, with as many as 6,000 people in attendance as well as organizations who march in the parade.

But the potential spread of COVID-19 to veterans who are advanced in years was too much of a health risk, McKay told The County Times.

"It's an at-risk population we don't want to expose," McKay said.

Brandy Blackstone, town events coordinator, said the planning for the event was still in the early stages.

"We'd like to have performances and the wreath laying ceremony virtually," Blackstone said. "We're still working out the details."

Continuing to focus on veterans, Blackstone said, the town was looking for combat veterans and decorated service women and men who had fought in the nation's conflicts to be interviewed and share their experiences.

The parade draws dozens of county and regional organizations as well as



schools to march each year and has even hosted Gov. Larry Hogan after his first election to office in 2014.

The entire town square has played host to elected officials and other dignitaries who honor the sacrifice of veterans and their service to the county and thousands of town and county residents have gathered to hear speeches from veterans.

The town's Veterans Day parade went 44 years before being cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

The first Veterans Day was initially known as Armistice Day, held one year after the end of World War 1 on Nov. 11, 1919.

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County Fields Reopen to Team Play for Many Sports

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sports deemed to be of low to moderate risk of spreading the novel coronavirus can resume team competitive play at county owned fields, Arthur Shepherd, director of the Department of Recreation and Parks told county commissioners this week.

"It's exciting to see them out on the fields and participating," Shepherd said. "Travel teams are also playing." Teams from neighboring Calvert and Charles counties are included in the latest guidelines.

The changes in policy come as health metrics related to COVID-19 have shown it is safe to resume play for now.

Baseball, BMX, kickball, field hockey, flag football, lacrosse, soccer and softball can all now compete, practice and take part in skills clinics at county owned athletic fields.

Several weeks ago, the county recreation and parks department came under criticism from some county commissioners and parents involved in youth sports leagues over restrictions regarding play, especially a rule that allowed only one parent to attend a child's practice or game.

The new guidelines allow for both parents, encouraging only family members to attend as spectators.

Those not in the same household should practice social distancing, according to the

guidelines.

Also, face coverings should be worn by athletes who are not actively participating and are unable to consistently keep six feet of distance from others.

Face covering should be worn by spectators when they are unable to consistently keep six feet of distance from those not in the same household, the latest guidelines suggest.

Keeping mask protocols and social distancing in place would, perhaps, be the most difficult at county fields that had multiple uses such as Chancellors Run Park, the parks director said, where eight fields are split between baseball and soccer.

"You could have 600 people just with those sports, approximately at eight fields," Shepherd said, adding that there would still be space to allow for social distancing.

To help combat potential spread of the virus, just three out of four fields could be scheduled, Shepherd said.

Commissioners were pleased that the health and recreation departments came up with compromise guidelines to return youth to active play.

"Bottom line is, kids need to play," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt. "Thank God we were able to get rid of the one parent rule."

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Big Conversation: A History of Health Care Inequity

By Dick Myers
Editor

Part I:

“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane.” That statement was quoted by one of the speakers at the virtual Big Conversation held Sept. 13. It underscored what was heard throughout the event: like other forms of social injustice, the health care inequality, seen in the Civil Rights era of the 1960s in Dr. King’s time, still persist today.

The Big Conversation series was incubated by Middleham and St. Peter’s Episcopal Parish in Lusby and over its nine years has added partners that this year numbered almost two dozen, including Calvert Library which facilitated the Zoom meeting. It is in its third year of examining race-related issues.

The timing to explore health disparities could not be more appropriate. Diane Davies, one of Big Conversation’s founders, said in opening remarks, “COVID-19 has underscored the health disparities and wounds.”

Malcolm Funn, with the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP, gave an historical perspective. He said the journey began in 1642 with the arrival of 13 black slaves in St. Mary’s City. “Disease, violence, depression increased among the slave population,” he explained.

Life for blacks in Southern Maryland after the Civil War “meant no housing, no land, no jobs, no food, no access to health care or doctors.”

Funn said, “When it came to healthcare, there was no hospital in Calvert County until 1919, and blacks could not use it. There were a few doctors in the county and little cash to pay them.” Midwives delivered babies and use of home remedies was prevalent.

Funn noted, “In Southern Maryland until the mid-1960s, schools, housing, transportation, healthcare, entertainment, all aspects of life were segregated.”

Funn explained, “Blacks entered the hospital by way of a separate entrance and received care in a separate wing at Calvert hospital, it was known as the C wing.”

He said St. Mary’s hospital was segregated until the 1960s as well.

During the segregation era, he said, “if a bed was not available in the colored wing, the patient was put in the home. No black employee could assist a white patient.”

“Ambulances were available for whites at one time,” Funn said. “They still weren’t available for blacks. So, they had to be transported in funeral directors’ hearses.”

There were no black doctors in either county until the 1950s, “when the black community came together to raise funds to bring a black doctor to St. Mary’s County,” Funn reported.

There was also the infamous Tuske-



gee Study of untreated syphilis in the black males at the time.

In that historical context, Funn said, “It’s understandable that black citizens view their healthcare with suspicion and mistrust because of previous treatment and lack of concern during their journey through life. You can look today at the COVID-19 crisis and see the same thing.”

Cheri Wilson with the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, talked about a 2002 study that showed that “ethnic minorities have less access to preventative care, treatment and surgery, which resulted in delayed diagnosis as well as advanced disease. And that there was a persistence of race and ethnic disparities in health and healthcare.”

Wilson noted, “When we first heard about COVID-19 exposure and especially in racial and ethnic minority communities, it seemed as if it was couched in terms of the fact that there were comorbid conditions or chronic health conditions, things like diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, asthma, almost like a biologically inferior idea that goes back to eugenics (which said blacks were inferior). But we need to look at why is there increased stress and blood pressure and obesity and cholesterol, diabetes, blood glucose, and lung disease in these communities?”

St. Mary’s County Health Officer Dr. Meenkashi Brewster defined health equity “as a place where everyone has the opportunity to attain their own individual, highest level of health.

When there is health equity in a community, all people benefit within that community.”

She said, “Sectors like the economy and employment, education, safety, and certainly housing as well rely upon people being healthy and the healthier that population is, the better success we see in those other sectors as well.”

Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky’s earlier mention of challenges that African American women face during their pregnancies and beyond led her to conclude that’s a health inequity and the outcome is “probably preventable, and maybe tied to unfair reasons or an injustice.”

She said in addressing health inequity, “We really start talking about how we change policy, whether it’s public policy or organizational policy, to promote equity.”

The health officer said, “Health equity is really at the core of what public health does. We can’t successfully address the health of our whole population if there are parts of our population that are being neglected, or that are seeing significantly worse outcomes than other parts of it.”

Dr. Brewster received much laudatory comment during the break-out sessions about her comments that “here in St. Mary’s County, the health department partnered with the St. Mary’s County Public School system and the sheriff’s office to establish a joint equity taskforce because we recognized the interplay of education, public safety, and health, that being aware that

health equity and health relies upon being also able to achieve and work towards equity in education and in public safety.”

Brewster said her department recently hired a health equity coordinator “to help us address some of the disparities that we’re seeing with COVID-19.”

Director of Quality Assurance at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Shell-nice Hudson noted some of the history related by the previous speakers. She said, “Patients of color that come in with sickle cell anemia or other elements to the hospital, and they’re just kind of labeled as frequent flyers or pain seeking, and we’re not really dealing with the medical issues that they have that are extremely painful.”

She said, “There’s conscious stereotypes that we foster with biases that include such beliefs that African Americans are loud, emotional, lazy, uneducated, or unmotivated and violent.”

As to what’s promoting that, she said, “I honestly think that we’re in a time of history where there’s a blending of implicit and explicit bias, and it’s the blessing and curse of living in a digital age, blessing and curse of social media and streaming videos and news.”

The hour-long presentation was followed by 16 break-out sessions, followed by reports from the session facilitators. Next week we’ll present some of the highlights of those presentations.

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Suspects Charged with Attempted Murder

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Local law officers arrested and charged two Lexington Park men this week with attempted first degree murder after witnesses said they brutally assaulted a man driving by in a car who attempted to get them to stop accosting a woman in the River Bay neighborhood.

St. Mary's deputies were called to the neighborhood Sept. 13 for the report of a disturbance but did not find any evidence of one and left, but state police stopped a car in California with a passenger who had immediately life threatening injuries.

The female operator advised law enforcement that a 63-year-old male victim from Callaway was assaulted in River Bay.

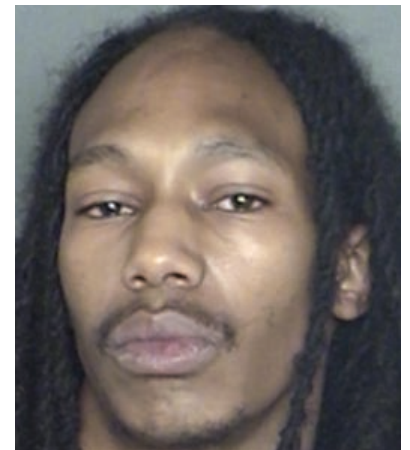
The victim was transported to Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown and then transferred to an area trauma center in critical condition. The victim told the men to leave the woman alone or the police would be called when they allegedly came over to the vehicle and assaulted him.

When police returned to Compass Circle, where the assault was alleged to have taken place, they found fresh pools of blood and a dreadlock that was later found to be a possible match to one of the suspects.

The suspects were identified as Tyrell Marquice Bridine, 20, and Delante Javon Holley, 28; a K-9 unit was used to track the hair left in the street to the residence on Compass Circle where police both suspects to be residing, according to an application for a statement of charges filed in county District Court.

The woman who was allegedly accosted on Compass Circle, Tyesha Jenkins, told police that she saw the car drive up near her and Birdine and Holley and tell them the passengers would inform police if they did not stop accosting her.

The driver of the vehicle, Michele Rangel and her passenger Twain Harrod, were returning home to the River Bay neighborhood when the alterca-



Delante Javon Holley



Tyrell Marquice Birdine

tion occurred, according to charging documents.

A search warrant of the suspects' residents retrieved items that appeared to have fresh blood on them, police reported.

Both men were arrested and charged with attempted murder, first-degree assault, second-degree assault and malicious destruction of property.

While detectives were on the scene completing their investigation, a female, Kanisha Denise Butler, 20 of Lexington Park, attempted to remove Birdine from the back of a patrol vehicle, police alleged. She was arrested and charged with hindering.

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Equity Task Force Announces Community Corrections Center

The St. Mary's County Equity Task Force, comprised of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, the St. Mary's County Health Department, and the St. Mary's County Public Schools is announcing plans for the launch of a new Community Corrections Center.

The Community Corrections Center will advance equity in public safety, health, and education. Non-violent offenders involved in the criminal justice system will have expanded access to behavioral health evaluation and treatment, including for mental health and substance use disorders. A variety of community partners will collaborate in the Center to address gaps in health care, education, and other life needs in order to support meaningful rehabilitation and mitigate factors contributing to crime. The new facility also allows for continued medical and behavioral health services to the detention center and pre-trial release populations while meeting the safety recommendations of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center has been recognized as a state and national leader for its successful pre-trial services program, which allows certain offenders to continue working while incarcerated or to receive medical services," Sheriff Tim Cameron said. "We recognize that incarceration of our community members alone is not the answer. A comprehensive approach is required to provide increased services to members of our challenged population. The Sheriff's Office, the St. Mary's

County Health Department and our public schools are working together to meet these needs."

"Individuals involved in the criminal justice system may experience worse health outcomes related to their limited access to health care services. For some, underlying health conditions, including mental health concerns and substance use disorders, may contribute to their involvement in crime," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "The Community Corrections Center gives us an opportunity to better address these root causes and stop the cycle of crime and poor health."

"St. Mary's County Public Schools, in partnering with the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, is committed to The Community Corrections Center," said Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent of SMCPs. "It is our core belief that education is an essential component of rehabilitation - ultimately unlocking recovery and opportunity."

Special thanks go to the St. Mary's County Government, the St. Mary's County Department of Public Works, and the Town of Leonardtown for the ongoing support they have provided for this project. Projected completion for the Community Corrections Center is January 2021.

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Lucky 777 Scratch-off Win Makes St. Mary's County Man a Millionaire

Claims 2nd of seven top prizes in \$20 game

A red-hot scratch-off overflowing with \$1 million in Lottery luck brought a St. Mary's County man to Maryland Lottery headquarters last week.

The 62-year-old claimed the \$1 million top prize in the Lucky 777 scratch-off, which still has five \$1 million top prizes remaining. He found his lucky \$20 instant ticket at St. Mary's Gas Station located at 23950 Colton Point Road in Clements.

The St. Mary's County business is an Expanded Cashing Authority Program retailer, which allows it to cash Lottery

scratch-offs up to and including \$5,000. The busy location offers customers a choice of 50 scratch-off facings. For selling the top-prize scratch-off in the game, St. Mary's Gas Station earns a \$1,000 bonus from the Lottery. This is its biggest winning scratch-off sale to date.

The Lucky 777 game is a member of the Lucky 7 family of games that went on sale May 18. Players can also play \$1 Lucky 7s, \$2 Lucky 7s Doubler, \$5 Lucky 7s Tripler and \$10 Lucky 7s Multiplier scratch-offs.

Maryland Lottery Press Release

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On the USS Ronald Reagan



Justin Guy

Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Justin Guy of Leonardtown nails a package shut onboard the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, provides a combat-

ready force that protects and defends the United States, as well as the collective maritime interests of its allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Samantha Jetzer)

MetCom Extends Shut-Off Ban

Payment Plans Offered

In the interest of public health and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) decided not to turn off any water to any of its customers due to nonpayment. Governor Larry Hogan subsequently issued an Executive Order stating that residential service companies shall not terminate service to dwellings or residents, or charge fees for late or untimely payments for services to residential dwellings.

The Governor's Executive Order prohibiting service terminations and late fees expired on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. MetCom has evaluated the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on its finances and has decided to provide a transition period allowing residential customers time to apply for assistance programs or make payment arrangements.

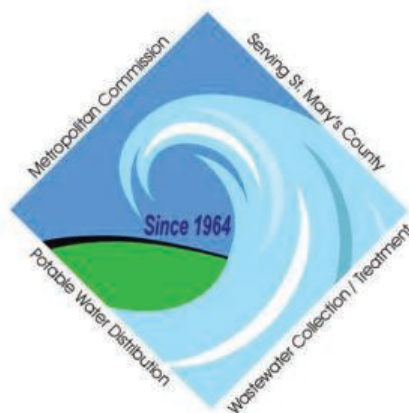
"The Commission's goal is help those customers struggling with household expenses during this difficult time and to ensure that their utility services remain connected," said George Erichsen, Executive Director of MetCom. "As a part of this transitional initiative, MetCom will:

- Be mailing reminders to its customers in their October and November billing cycles.
- Delay sending termination notices until December 1, 2020 - 45 days in advance of a termination (current policy requires only a 14-day notice).

- Allow customers in arrears 45 days from receipt of a notice to work out a payment plan. Customers taking action would not have service disconnected.
- Offer a minimum payment plan of up to 12 months.

For more information on available payment programs, please contact MetCom at 301.737.7400 or visit our website at <https://www.metcom.org/>, click on Financial Resources For Utility Assistance or Payment Options under the Fiscal tab.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.



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Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF MELVIN JEEVAN WILLIAMS JR
 FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO KAYLEN JOSIAH PHELPS

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-20-494
 Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above petitioner, has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which she seeks to change her name from MELVIN JEEVAN WILLIAMS JR, to KAYLEN JOSIAH PHELPS.

The Petitioner is seeking a name change because "child's father made the decision to abandon his son. States that he is not the father."

Any person may file an objection to the Petition for Change of Name on or before the 10/25/2020.

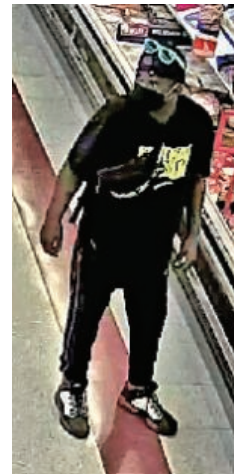
The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the Petitioner (Md. Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the Court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Theft Suspect Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 at 6:25 pm, the suspect placed several steaks under his shirt and fled the Lexington Park Weis Market store without paying for them.



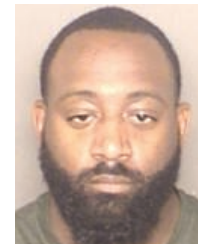
Weis Suspect

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Cpl. Gray Maloy at 301-475-4200, ext. 78035 or email gray.maloy@stmarysmd.com. Case # 53621-20

Citizens may also contact the St. Mary's County Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Barricade and Arrest in Lexington Park

On September 8, 2020, at approximately 9:04 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 46300 block of Columbus Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. The investigation determined **Marcus Isaiah Peterson**, age 31 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by striking the victim in the face several times. Deputies attempted to contact Peterson during the investigation, but Peterson refused to exit the residence, and was observed outside on a balcony yelling profanities and causing a disturbance. Peterson continued to refuse to cooperate with law enforcement and exit the residence; there were several juveniles confirmed to be inside the residence with Peterson. A barricade was declared and members of the Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT) and members the Emergency Services Team



Marcus Peterson

(EST) responded to the scene.

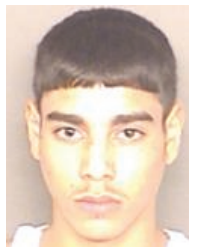
Peterson ultimately exited the residence on September 9, 2020, at approximately 1:14 a.m. after several hours of negotiations. Peterson was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with Assault Second Degree.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Deputy Bianca Salas at (301) 475-4200 extension 78160 or by email at Bianca.Salas@stmarysmd.com.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Lexington Park Man Arrested for Loaded Handgun in Vehicle

On September 8, 2020, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Deputy Fenwick responded to the 45100 block of First Colony Way in California, for the report of an individual in a vehicle with a handgun. The operator of the vehicle, later identified to be **Nathan Javon Allen**, age 19 of Lexington Park, attempted to flee the scene and struck a vehicle on First Colony Way. Allen was apprehended and a loaded handgun was found in the vehicle. Allen was charged with the following:



Nathan Allen

Loaded Handgun in Vehicle
 Handgun in Vehicle

Allen was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and has since been released on bond. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Deputy John Fenwick at (301) 475-4200 extension 78140 or by email at John.Fenwick@stmarysmd.com.

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CORN MAZES TO OPEN

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

COVID-19 has shut down all manner of fall events this year, even mainstays such as the St. Mary's County Fair, Oyster Festival and Blessing of the Fleet but there are still fun activities available for those who want to get outside in the fresh air.

Both Forrest Hall Farm in Mechanicsville and Bowles Farm in

Clements are reopening their popular corn mazes to the public later this month.

Masking and social distancing protocols designed to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus will still be in effect, but families will get the opportunity to get lost and found again at two of the county's best-known farms.

This year is Bowles Farm's 20th anniversary for its corn maze and

the latest design reflects that.

It's a depiction of the farm with a banner proclaiming two decades of fall fun at the top.

Aside from the corn maze at the farm, visitors can take part in wagon rides and can pick their own pumpkins for an added fee.

Animals are on the farm as well for visitors to watch and children can have fun in a playground complete with slides.

Warm drinks and confectionaries are available at the farm's cupcake house as well.

The fall season at Bowles Farm runs from Sept. 26 – the day they open the corn maze – until Oct. 31 with hours of operation from 9a.m. to 3p.m. on Fridays, 10a.m. to 6p.m. on Saturdays and 10a.m. to 5p.m.

There will also be a special Columbus Day opening on Oct. 12 from 9a.m. to 3p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person but children 3 years old and under can visit for free.

Tina Bowles said the family-run farm was not sure whether they would be able to open their corn maze this year because of COVID-19 concerns.

They decided to forge ahead.

"We're busy getting ready for it," Bowles told The County Times. "It's [the theme of the maze] a mix of what we have on the farm."

Fan favorites such as the straw pile and corn box couldn't open with the corn maze this year, Bowles said, since they could not be easily disinfected.

"The kids loved it," Bowles said of the corn box, which is just like a sandbox except filled with shelled corn. "But we're not allowed to have them."

Bowles said the family had been in close contact with the county health department, which offered guidance on what attractions they could open this year.

"Everyone who comes to the farm must have a mask," Bowles said. "We're really enforcing that this year."

"If they come to the ticket booth and they don't have a mask, they won't be allowed in."

Virtually all of the people who work on and operated Bowles farm are family members, she said, and the masks were for their protection as much as for visitors.

However, masks may not have to be worn all the time, she said.

"You can social distance here," said Bowles. "It's a 70-acre farm."

Mary Wood at Forrest Hall Farm said their corn maze will have a similar farm-theme this year; as well as all the precautions that come with COVID-19.

"We want to give people a glimpse of what it's like to live on a farm," Wood said. "We hope it's going to be alright."

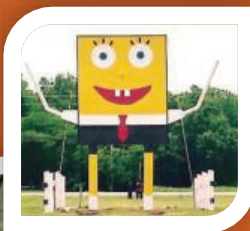
"We're going to do the best we can with it; the community has always been very supportive."

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2020 Bowles Farms Corn Maze

"Celebrating 20 Years
Of Getting Lost In The Corn"

2020 Maze Theme: "Around The Farm"

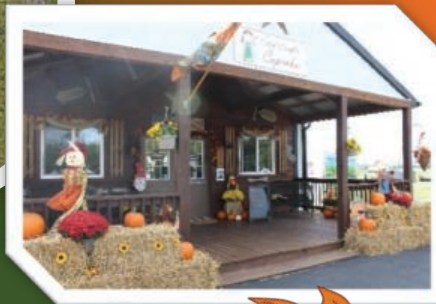


Location

Rt.234 and Pincushion Rd
22880 Budds Creek Road
Clements, MD 20624
301-475-2139

- Enjoy....2 Phase Maze
- Giant Slides
- Barn Yard Animals
- Food & Refreshments
- Large Covered Pavilion
- Inside Restrooms

Farmer's Daughter
Cupcake Shop



www.BowlesFarms.com



Clean – Safe – Out Door Fall Event

Fall Season

September 26th to October 31st

Hours: Fri: 9AM to 3PM, Sat: 10AM to 6PM, Sun: 10AM to 5PM

**Special Columbus Day Opening – Oct 12th 9AM to 3PM

Admission: \$10.00 Per Person (3 and Under Free)

"For The Safety Of Our Guests And Staff"

Mask Requirements: We are an outdoor facility with plenty of space to social distance but when you can't maintain social distance (6ft apart) you are required by law to wear a mask.

Everyone entering the farm must have a mask.



ST. MARY'S FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

September 20th

Leonardtwn Summer Music Festival
The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival, scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2020, will include a full day of exciting performances from talented local performers Robbie Boothe, HydraFX and Wes and Karlee Ryce (just added). To ensure the safety of everyone present, a limited amount of tickets will be awarded by drawing to attend this special, one-day only event. Visit www.LeonardtwnMusicFest.com for details. Highlights from the Music Festival will be shown during an upcoming "Leonardtwn LIVE! Watch Party" (air date TBA).

Sept. 25.

Socializing with Distance while Supporting Local!
Free to the public, come support your local community.
Friendly Friday Market
Historic Sotterley Plantation
44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood

September 25, Helping Hands, Helping Others!

4 pm - 8 pm
Helping Hands, Helping Others!
In addition to supporting local vendors whose wares will be featured, this event will celebrate the selfless volunteers who make our community a better place while providing opportunities for you to also extend a helping hand! Donations of non-perishable food, produce and/or warm-weather clothing will be collected that day to help those in need in our own community. Learn about the work being done by non-profits in our local community who directly support those who are most vulnerable and find out about volunteer opportunities. Join us as we build a better community.

Please check the Sotterley website as we get closer to the event for a full listing of vendors and activities for the day. Social distancing of at least 6 ft. should always be practiced, and face coverings are required.

Oct. 2 - Oct. 3

Sotterley's Riverside Community Marketplace
44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood

Saturday, October 3, Sunday, October 4, 10 am - 4 pm

Showcasing local businesses, non-profits and vendors. Stroll Historic Sotterley grounds, discover local vendors from food to crafts to drinks, and view demos including historic tools, blacksmithing, boatbuilding as well as a tractor pull! Vendors include food, wineries, breweries, a distillery, local arts & crafts, and farm to table goods. With Historic Sotterley's 94 acres, there is plenty of room to social distance; however, face coverings are required. We love dogs, but please no pets for this

event.

Suggested Donation: \$10, for ages 18 and up.

Help us help others: We are collecting non-perishable food items and produce from your farm or garden to donate to those in need.

September 16th

The Life and Legacy of Harriet Tubman
Angela Crenshaw, Maryland Park Ranger | Historic Sotterley Plantation Virtual Event

Harriet Tubman is the most famous conductor of the Underground Railroad, and while many of us know she spent her early years in Dorchester County on Maryland's Eastern Shore, there is much more to her life. Discover the importance and influence that faith, family, community, and the landscape had on one of the most formidable women in American history.

September 23th

The Busted Ecology Blues
Fred Tutman, Native Son, Activist, Riverkeeper
Historic Sotterley Plantation Virtual Event

The history of the Patuxent conservation and cleanup movement through the 1980's was one of the few watershed successes to be found in the Chesapeake Bay region. Now, thirty years later, "Maryland's River," is failing again. What worked when the Patuxent Preservation movement started out, and what does the river's legacy, sustainability, and future look like today?

Oct. 3

Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House
Drayden African American Schoolhouse

18287 Cherryfield Road, Drayden
TENTATIVE***May be cancelled due to COVID19 Restrictions***

Visit one of the nation's best-preserved one-room African American schoolhouses on select days each month. Check out the renovated schoolhouse and learn about its rich history and importance in St. Mary's County. Staff will be available at the school during this time to answer any questions and provide information.

The schoolhouse has been closed for several years, but with the completion of the renovations of the building in the spring of 2018, the public is now able to access this significant historic site on the 1st Saturday of each month and during periodic special event weekends. The St. Mary's County Museum Division also offers special programs for school, bus and other tour groups who would like to visit the site. Visitors who would like to see the schoolhouse times outside open house hours can contact Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park to arrange a visit.

Co-hosted by UCAC - Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions and the St. Mary's County Museum Division Less

Oct. 11

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Our Lady of the Wayside - 13th Annual Apple Festival. This year our Annual Apple Festival will be held at the Belmont Farm.

Cost: \$20

Event Category: Parish

Website: <https://olwrcc.org/>

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Our Lady of the Wayside

301 884 2502

www.olwrcc.org

Venue: Belmont Farm

24079 Budds Creek Rd

Clements

(301) 884-3855

Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Belmont-Farm-389631267891427/>

October 14th

The Power of US: What Happens When Historical Narratives Are Corrected?

Christy Coleman, Executive Director, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Historic Sotterley Plantation Virtual Event

The history we teach has evolved over time and the reason is simple, we have changed. With those changes come a responsibility to explore what history can teach us about the current state of affairs. When that history is incomplete, or deliberately leaves out elements of conflict, we fail to get an accurate view that causes far more harm than good. As a public historian, Coleman feels her job is to lay out stories you may not have considered or heard before and provide an environment where people can learn and explore.

November 4th

Lincoln's Generals' Wives: Four Women Who Influenced the Civil War
Candice Shy Hooper, Author, Emeritus Board Member, Lincoln's Cottage
Historic Sotterley Plantation Virtual Event

The story of the American Civil War is not complete without examining the extraordinary and influential lives of the wives of Abraham Lincoln's top generals. They were their husbands' closest confidantes and had a profound impact on the generals' ambitions and actions. Most important, the women's own attitudes toward, and relationships with, Lincoln had major historical significance.

St. Mary's Fair Food Festival Menu

FAIRGROUNDS FRONT PARKING LOT

LENNY'S ETHNIC SAUSAGES

Sausages (Italian, German, Polish), corn dogs, hot dogs (plain and bacon wrapped), gyros, fries (plain and cheese), lemonade

GOERTZE'S DAIRY KONE

Soft service ice cream, milkshakes, sundaes, frozen bananas, frozen chocolate-dipped cheesecake

LENNY'S FUNNEL CAKE

Funnel cake (plain or topped: strawberry or hot fudge), fried Oreos

MRS. MOO'S CORNER

Hand scooped ice cream, classic milkshakes, brownie sundaes

MINUTE MAN KETTLE CORN

Kettle corn and cotton candy

ASIAN GRILLE

Chicken teriyaki, vegetable fried rice, vegetable lo mein, vegetable egg rolls

PIZZA HOTLINE

Pizza (whole or by the slice), Greek salad, chicken Caesar salad

CALVERT CRABS AND SEAFOOD

Crab cake sandwich, soft shell sandwich, pulled pork BBQ, seafood chowder, bay fries, crabby fries

WJ DENT & SONS/CHIEF'S BAR

Stuffed ham (sandwich or by the pound), chicken salad (sandwich or by the pound), stuffed ham egg rolls, fries, brownies, chips

OLDE TOWN PUB WING WAGON

Traditional & boneless wings (Old Bay, Black & Gold, Hot, Flavor of the Week), fries (plain, Old Bay & bacon cheese), garden salad

DAN D'S CATERING & CONCESSIONS

Burgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and tenders, pulled pork BBQ, bang bang shrimp, fries, funnel fries, ribs, brisket, dirty tots

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: 4PM - 7PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: 12PM - 7PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: 12PM - 6PM

CARRYOUT FOOD FESTIVAL COMES TO FAIR GROUNDS



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Without the county fair and other events, long-time mobile vendors who get much of their business from such gatherings have had a tough time financially, but the local St. Mary's County fair board has set up events to help.

It also means that residents who love fair-style food will have a chance to indulge in their favorites three times this September starting Sept. 25.

"Some of these vendors, they hadn't had any fairs this year," said John Richards, president of the St. Mary's County Fair Board. "They've done this in Charles and Calvert counties in slightly different formats." In Charles County, Richards said, the vendors operated in the fair grounds

parking lot much like a drive-thru service.

"It was a good system but there were 70 cars in a line," Richards said. "What we're doing is allowing people to park in our lot with the vendors lined up at the gate and you can do carry out.

"You just take your food and go home."

There are no provisions to allow for eating in the parking lot at the upcoming St. Mary's Fair Food Festival, Richards said.

"This is all county fair food vendors," Richards said. "We didn't bring anybody in from outside.

"Hopefully, it'll be the last time we have to do it."

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GROUPS FORM FALL AUCTION FOR YOUNG FARMERS



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

With the cancellation of the St. Mary's County Fair and the local 4-H livestock auction due to worries over COVID-19 spreading, many young people who raise their own livestock to compete each year at the fair and who are sponsored by 4-H had no place to bring their prized animals.

That is, until community partners got together to put on an auction for them at Flat Iron Farm in Great Mills later this month.

"It's been a year of disappointment and challenges for the St. Mary's County youth with livestock..." wrote Cynthia Wise, of Chaptico, who helped organize the event. "Morale was low and hope was almost lost."

"The kids had all but given up until the community stepped forward and provided the hope and morale booster these kids needed."

Wise explained that agriculture support-

ers began looking for a new site to hold an auction when they were told doing so at the fair grounds was impossible; the Knotts who own Flat Iron Farm agreed.

The Bustin' Out of the Barnyard Auction was born.

"Our youth have worked hard on these projects," Wise said. "The auction will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 5:00pm. You may attend in person or may participate online. Please consider supporting our youth! This year, more than ever, they need your support."

Wise said there would be approximately 90 animals up for auction to include steers, hogs, goats and lambs.

Young people who raise the livestock for auction do so knowing that their project will an entire year.

The auction, as the final part of their project, gives young people experience it what it takes to be successful in agribusiness.

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SAT 7AM-4PM

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SAT 7AM-4PM

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FALL FUN IS CLOSE AT HAND



By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Fair has been cancelled for the first time in more than a century. There is no Patuxent River Appreciation Days. It may seem as though Calvert County has come to a standstill because of the pandemic. But there is still plenty to do if you look a little deeper.

The Tourism Division of Calvert County Department of Economic Development has published what they call “The inside scoop on Calvert County.”

Although the following verbiage is intended for visitors, Southern Maryland residents could take it to heart this fall, particularly since everyone seems to be staying close to home:

“During your visit to our relaxing waterside community, we hope you take time to fully experience the Chesapeake Bay lifestyle. We promise an unforgettable experience and wish you happy discoveries as you ‘catch our drift’ and experience all the great things Calvert County has to offer.

- Hunt for fossils, shark teeth, shells, and sea glass at the beach.
- Shop a farmer’s market or roadside stand for local produce.
- Visit an art gallery showcasing local talent.
- Spend an afternoon fishing or crabbing.
- Paddle the Chesapeake Bay or Patuxent River.
- Wander through antique shops and unique boutiques.
- Sample local wines and ales at various wineries and breweries.
- Take a step back in time at a museum or tour a historic lighthouse.
- Attend one of our many free events and festivals.
- Experience the area’s eclectic cuisine at a waterfront café or restaurant.

Elsewhere in this special edition there’s a fall calendar and information on Anne Marie Garden and Calvert Marine Museum. Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM) in St. Leonard is another great option.

With the JPPM Challenge Board you can identify plants that are used

for natural dyes or special teas. Can you name the creatures whose shells you find on the shore of the Patuxent? New this fall is the JPPM Challenge Board – visit the Jef Pat At Home website or look for the QR codes on the Challenge Board signs as you explore the park and discover something new!

Also opening this fall is JPPM’s Layers of Time Trail. This three-quarter mile accessible and family-friendly trail takes you through a replicated Woodland Indian Village, a village garden, a waterfront boardwalk, a recreated 17th century farm at the King’s Reach archaeological site, and a Nature Play Space.

Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick has a full entertainment schedule this fall. It includes:

- Sept 19 – Hudson River Line: The music of Billy Joel; 7:30-11 p.m.
- Sept. 26 – Drive-In Movies; 6 p.m.
- Sept. 27 – 2nd Annual Color Run Blast 5K; 9 a.m.to noon.
- Oct. 2 – Octoberfest
- Oct. 9 -- Who’s Bad, A Michael Jackson tribute band: 6-11 p.m.
- Oct. 10, 17 & 23 – Drive-in Movies, 5:30p.m.

Rod ‘N Reel Resort in Chesapeake Beach is offering free live music in September. The schedule is as follows:

- Boardwalk Cafe**
 Friday, September 18, 5-8 p.m., Kurt Gibbons
 Saturday, September 19, 5-8 p.m., Deanna Dove
 Sunday, September 20, 3-6 p.m., Gary Harmon
 Friday, September 25, 5-8 p.m., Fran Scuderi
 Saturday, September 26, 5-8 p.m., Ryan Webster
 Sunday, September 27, 3-6 p.m., Jimmy Simon

- Chesapeake Game Room**
 Saturday, September 19, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Craig Satchell
 Saturday, September 26, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Captain Fly Legends Review
 So, get out and find you own fun this fall in Calvert County.

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Bustin’ Out of the Barn



St. Mary’s County Youth Livestock Auction
 September 26, 2020 @ 5:00pm
 Flat Iron Farm, Great Mills, Maryland

Need Meat? St. Mary’s County Livestock Youth Got Meat!
 Come out and support St. Mary’s County livestock youth and purchase locally raised livestock to fill your freezer. Over 90 animals will be sold. Processing options will be available.

Raising livestock teaches our youth to learn responsibility by caring for their animals, how to make wise management decisions, and how to plan for the future. 2020 has been a year of learning! there were many difficult decisions to be made by our youth. Our youth took on the challenge and continued with their projects. They have fresh, homegrown, locally raised beef, pork, lamb and goat to fill your freezers! Proceeds from the sale of their projects will enable our youth to invest in their education and new livestock projects.

Can’t attend in person? No problem, the auction is also available online. Visit Farrell Auction service at <http://Farrellauctions-service.com> for the catalog and additional information.

Please show the livestock youth of St. Mary’s County your support. For additional information, contact Cindy Wise at 240-298-0168.



The US Oyster Festival in St. Mary’s County is GOING VIRTUAL!

Join us online on **Saturday October 17th**

for the 2020 version of the National Oyster Cook-Off and US National Oyster Shucking Competition

Watch for details and registration instructions at

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- Morning Session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Mid-day Session: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Afternoon Session: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For the safety of the community, they are limiting guest capacity to 75 per session, so they strongly encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance. They will continue to sell admission tickets at the door, however, they cannot guarantee space will be available when you arrive.

Once you select a date from their online calendar, and the timeslot you wish to visit, click confirm your time slot. You can complete your purchase online by selecting the number of tickets you need at each level and entering a Visa/MC/Discover. Individual barcodes for each ticket purchased will be emailed immediately to the address you entered at check-out and will be scanned at the door when entering the museum.

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ArtsWalk will be a unique socially-distanced arts experience with more than 75 artist booths spread out over the 30-acre park, along with 25 additional artists participating virtually. Five Musical Moment locations, featuring more than 35 different performers, will bring music to every corner of the park and allow guests and performers to keep their distance.

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Advance timed-entry tickets are required to control crowd size and allow for social distancing. Masks are required for all guests over the

age of five. There will be plenty of room to spread out and enjoy an art-filled socially distanced day! As seating will be limited, bring chairs and blankets.

Admission is \$10 per person, free for members, and free for kids 11 and under. For complete event information, artist list, performance schedule, and ticket info, including detailed safety guidelines, visit www.annmariegarden.org.

ArtsWalk celebrates the visual and performing arts by bringing together the country's most accomplished artists for a fabulous weekend of the arts! Explore the artist booths where you can shop, watch demos, and talk with artists working in a variety of media, including jewelry, ceramics, painting, photography, fiber, printmaking, sculpture, and more! Artist booths can be found spaciouly placed around the Tent Circle and down the shady Wooded Path. Guests will find everything from spectacular works of art for the home to thoughtful gifts for friends. It's a shopper's paradise.

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more than 35 performers in five socially-distanced performance areas. The eclectic line-up of musicians will be presenting the best in gypsy jazz, indie, folk, rock, soul, fusion, Americana, accordion, old-time, and bluegrass to name but a few. Thanks to the generous support of the Maryland State Arts Council, sponsors Jane & Walter Grove, and Bultrite Home Developers Inc., ArtsWalk will include performances by Swing Gadjó, gypsy jazz, the rhythms of The Lovejoy Group, the soulful stylings of Latrice Carr, and Americana folk rock by Red Sammy. With five Musical Moment areas, ArtsWalk offers a rich and exciting musical experience for all!

A complete entertainment schedule can be found at www.annmariegarden.org.

ArtsWalk will include a variety of no-touch low-touch activities for kids of all ages, including a nature scavenger hunt, nature craft, free pre-packaged craft kits, fun photo opportunities and bubble magic!

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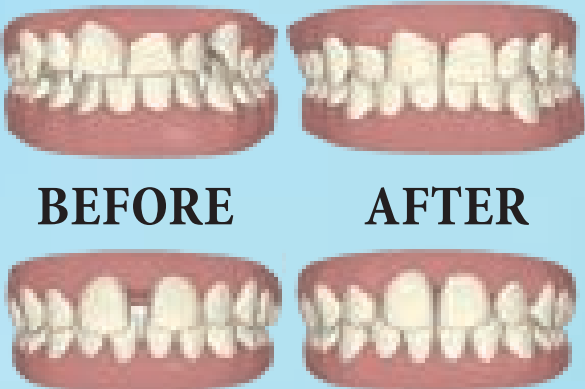
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OCT 11	CINCINNATI BENGALS	1:00 PM	_____
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DEC 20	JACKSONVILLE JAGUAR	1:00 PM	_____
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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Pax Conservation and Planning Wraps Up Large Mammal Survey

By Donna Cipolloni
NAS Patuxent River Public Affairs

There's been something "hunting" the deer and coyote onboard NAS Patuxent River, but it's not as ominous as it might sound.

Sarah Giordano, an intern working with Pax River's Conservation and Planning Branch, has been traipsing through the installation's woods and brush since May 26 conducting a Large Mammal Survey in an effort to find and count the deer and coyote population that also call the air station home.

The data collected by Giordano — who has a degree in Environmental Studies — will help to update Conservation and Planning on the presence and abundance of these species on base, making it easier for personnel to create effective and informed management plans to mitigate any potential risk to pilots and aircraft.

Twice a week, after sunset, Giordano and a few dedicated volunteers drive a route along the airfield using spotlights to locate deer, record the number they see, and then disperse them using a type of pyrotechnic.

"It's like a large firecracker they'll shoot in the direction of the animal and when it explodes it causes a reaction and the deer runs away," explained Jim Swift, natural resources specialist. "We're trying to condition the deer to know the airfield is not a friendly place; trying to change their behavior to stay away from the runways and taxiways."

Attempting to locate coyotes is a little more down and dirty and involves finding and collecting scat — the animals' droppings — in an effort to get an idea of the number of coyotes that live on base and their home territories.

"Coyotes are relatively new to the southern Maryland area in the last 15 years or so," Swift said. "We don't have a really good handle yet on the base population. Do we have a family group, two family groups, and are there transient coyotes moving through the area?"

In addition to seeking scat, Giordano has also set up baited camera traps to entice coyotes and listened for their howls after Colors plays on base in the evening.

"Coyotes seem to respond reliably well to Colors played over the loudspeakers," she noted.

The bait used to attract coyotes to the camera traps includes an inserted sub-

stance, or biomarker, which causes a discoloration of the animal's droppings that is visible under UV light.

"It shows up in the scat but fades from the body with no ill effects after a few days," Giordano said. "The trail cameras will hopefully tell us the number of coyotes that visited the bait, and by equating that number to the proportion of marked/unmarked scat, we can estimate the coyote population in a particular area. I have been all over base looking for coyote scat, though the areas where the scat seems most prevalent is in areas adjacent to the airfield."

The higher the density of animals onboard Pax, the increased chance of unwanted encounters between wildlife and aircraft.

"There has only ever been one encounter with a coyote and an aircraft, and it caused no damage, but that's why we're trying to figure out our current coyote population density," Swift said. "Is it a risk to our airfield, and what kind of management strategies will we want to implement to reduce any potential hazard?"

Another aspect to developing an effective management strategy is knowing what a coyote eats, and analyzing the scat provides valuable information.

"Figuring out what their diet consists of lets us know what's attracting them; what they're looking for when they're hunting or eating in and around the airfield or in areas away from the airfield," Swift explained. "The collected scat can contain insect parts like wings and legs that aren't digested; bones, sometimes even a whole skull, which helps us identify what type animal was eaten; the seeds or hard pits of fruits that pass through; and even feathers, so we know if they're eating birds. It's all biology and it's pretty cool."

While some coyote sightings have been reported at Pax, they are generally sparse and spread out.

"About two years ago, there was a family group living over by Public Works and we got reports of a few sightings then," Swift added. "But sightings are rare. Most people will never know they're there."

Before taking the internship, which ends the week of Sept. 15, Giordano had no idea military bases had natural resources programs, and her work here has broadened her personal experience.

"I think it's fabulous Pax River has

such a department, and from what I've been told, [this base] is one of the more environmentally focused installations," Giordano said. "I've learned a great deal about natural resource management and wildlife surveying techniques and I've thankfully also been able to assist [other interns] in their Pax projects by helping

to look for birds and protecting terrapin nests. This has been one of the better experiences of my life and I attribute that in part to the dedicated and passionate team of people who make up Conservation and Planning. They are incredible to work with."



Sarah Giordano, an intern working with the Conservation and Planning Branch at NAS Patuxent River, analyzes coyote scat she collected as part of a summer-long Large Mammal Survey aboard the installation.

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In Remembrance

Margaret E. Nelson



Margaret E. Nelson, "Sissy", 78 of Chaptico, MD formerly from Loveville, MD passed away on September 8, 2020 in Mechanicsville, MD. She was born on February 19, 1942 in Loveville, MD and was the daughter of the late Alice Tippet and Albert Tippet. Margaret was the loving wife of Harry Nelson whom she married in Leonardtown, MD on September 3, 1982. Margaret is survived by her children Robin Lawrence (George) of Chaptico, MD, Debbie Burroughs (Jimbo) of Hollywood, MD, Manny Guy of Mechanicsville, MD, Lisa Guy of FL, and Ginny Quade of Bushwood, MD step children Julie Yingling (Dave), Kristie Nelson, daughter in law, Joy Guy of Mechanicsville, MD. As well as 20 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren. Siblings; Joe Tippet of Hollywood, MD, Linda Richards of Loveville, MD, Marie Dawling of Mechanicsville, MD, Dorothy Miller of Loveville, MD, and Alvin Tippet of Mechanicsville, MD. She was preceded in death by her son Buttons Guy and son in law Frank Quade; siblings Jean Quade, Paul Tippet and Teresa Hicks.

She was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD and graduate of Margaret Brent. Margaret was a caregiver. From an early age she cared for her family that later lead her to be a caregiver, touching the lives of so many in the county. With a big heart, Margaret would always be found cooking up a meal for someone in need, whipping up her homemade yeast rolls for family dinners or making a batch of icebox pickles for her church, that became a second family to her. She spent her Sundays at Faith Bible Church, where we could always count on her prayers. Margaret was absolutely loved being a grandma. Vacation and jumping on hotel beds was her thing. Birthday parties, showers, graduation, Christenings, you name it she was always in the crowd. She loved and supported her family in every way. Margaret was also a lifetime member of the Southern Maryland Coon Hunters Association that her family runs. She had many good times at the club house with her

siblings; no matter who she was to you, all that came to know her know how much she will truly be missed.

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

Philip David "Phil" Hill



Philip David "Phil" Hill, 80, of Chaptico, Maryland passed away at his residence on Friday, September 11, 2020.

Born on May 21, 1940 in Park Hall, Maryland, Phil was the son of Lewis Lorenza Hill and Alice Elizabeth Gagan Hill.

He was the loving companion of Charlotte Lacey of Chaptico, Maryland; His siblings are Abie Hill of Mechanicsville, MD, Betty Hill of Chaptico, Maryland, Miriam Cryer of Florida, Janet Hunt of Texas, Debbie Nelson of Clements, Maryland and Kenny Hill of Mechanicsville, MD.

In addition to his parents, Phil was preceded in death by his wife, Reba Mae Hill, who passed away on March 9, 2003; and his siblings, Roger Hill, Donald Hill and Faye McLaughlin.

Phil was an experienced carpenter and made his living in construction work. He also enjoyed doing cabinetry work and took great pride in making sure every detail was perfect. Phil enjoyed listening to Bluegrass music and attending Bluegrass festivals, playing cards, watching old westerns and he especially enjoyed his oysters and steamed crabs. Phil also enjoyed spoiling the little ones who fondly called him Pop Phil. The youngest two kept him smiling whether it was cuddling or watching tv with Aley or attending Kate's pretend tea parties, he always loved their company.

Contributions may be made towards funeral expenses.

Thomas "Tom" Francis Murphy

Thomas "Tom" Francis Murphy, 58 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 8, 2020 at his home.

Tom was born on February 8, 1962 in Germany to the late John Francis Murphy and Cleyta Belle (Windsor) Murphy.



Tom served in the U.S. Navy from 1981 to 1984 alongside his twin brother and Robert Garcia aboard the USS Anchorage (LSD-36). He was employed as a Plant Engineer for the FDA and then for a Government Contractor until retiring in 2018. Tom loved spending time with his family, especially his children and his only granddaughter, Farris. Tom was PopPop to Rissa and he took great pride in that well deserved title most of his time was spent with her or doing things for her. PopPop will hold a very special spot in her heart for years to come. He had a very close relationship with his five

siblings, they enjoyed having family cookouts together. He was a talented cook who was well known for his chicken and dumplings and sugar cookies. He enjoyed entertaining friends and family with food and his self-proclaimed sense of humor. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed fishing, crabbing, watching his favorite TV shows-Naked & Afraid and Life Below Zero, and cheering on his favorite team the New England Patriots.

Tom is survived by his children, Kellie Lynn Murphy of Waldorf, MD and John Raymond Murphy of Bryans Road, MD; his siblings, Lynn Frances Murphy (Keith) of Cambridge, MD, Kathleen Ann Garcia of Mechanicsville, MD, John Rex Murphy of Glendale, MD, Joseph Edward Murphy of Fort Washington, MD, and Janet Carol Brink (William) of Tampa, FL; and one granddaughter, Farris Raylynn Murphy of Bryans Road, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Services will be private.

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In Remembrance

James Claude "Jimmy" Johnson, II



James Claude "Jimmy" Johnson, II, of Callaway, formerly of Morganza, MD, passed away on August 24, 2020 at Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC.

He was born on July 9, 1950 in St. Mary's Hospital and was the son of the late Susan Claire Johnson (Thompson) and Joseph Spencer Johnson, Sr. of Morganza, MD. The love of his life and wife of 38 years; Brenda Lee Johnson (Buckler), whom he married in Morganza, September 20, 1980, preceded him in death on September 13, 2019, just shy of their 39th wedding anniversary.

Jimmy grew up on his family tobacco farm in Morganza, raising and harvesting (cuttin' bacca) with his family. He was very fast in the field in both cutting and spearing tobacco and his brothers said "he could climb through the barns like a squirrel". He had passions for hunting and fishing with his grandfather, father and his two brothers. He also found music as another passion (playing piano, trumpet and guitar), that he carried throughout his life, learning to play piano from his mother who played the piano and sang songs with him and his siblings when they were young.

Jimmy graduated from Chopticon High School in Morganza in the Class of 1968. Following graduation, he attended one year at St. Mary's College of Maryland and then went on to attend the Control Data Institute in Arlington, VA for 13 months, after which, he graduated with his certificate as a Computer Technician in 1970 and entered the working world. Jimmy started his career working for America Totalisator Company (AmTote), moving to Chicago, IL where he worked at Hawthorne Race Course operating, programming, and repairing computers used to compute, update, and post odds to the in-field boards that spectators used to determine bets to be placed on the ponies. After a few years, he returned to their home office in Hunt Valley, MD, just outside of Baltimore, to be closer to his family, but was still sent to vari-

ous race facilities around the United States, Mexico and Canada. He was considered one of the top technicians in his field. Jimmy decided to quit AmTote and return to the family farm, circling back to his roots to farm tobacco once again with his father. After a few years of farming, Jimmy obtained a job as a civilian contractor with Burroughs Corporation at Pax River for a few years and then progressed to a job as a Civil Servant, working at NESEA (later known as NAWC East) in St. Inigoes, MD, where he took care of all the data/communications systems on board the station, again rising to become one of the top technicians in his field. He gained many friends and acquaintances throughout his career in which he formed strong bonds that lasted throughout his entire life.

Jimmy was a music man through and through. He was one of the best dance/rock band pianists that ever played in the county. He played in many bands over the years including: Don and the Four Knights (his first ever band), The Wanderers, Winchester, Mixed Blend and Second Chance. When he wasn't playing music, Jimmy was fishing, hunting, camping, playing softball, coaching little league baseball, playing cards, or most importantly, spending time with his family, whom he loved most of all.

Jimmy is survived by his son, Joshua Spencer Johnson, his siblings: Susan Marie Gagliardi (Nick), William Harry "Billy" Johnson (Susan), and Margaret Ann "Maggie" Johnson (Louis) and his sister-in-law, Janice Elaine Johnson. In addition to his parents and loving wife, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Spencer "Joe Boy" Johnson, Jr.

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

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Francis Robert "Bob" Bowles

Francis Robert "Bob" Bowles, 83 of Laurel, MD went home peacefully on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Francis was born on January 18, 1937 in St. Mary's County, Hollywood, MD, to the late Francis Oswald Bowles and Ann Noema Abell Bowles.

He is survived by his wife Carol Ann Klein of eight years and step-daughter Cathy Ann Klein-Glover (Bill); his daughters Paula Ann Deister (Don), Joanne Marie Sharp (Mel); his grandchildren Brianne Lynn Montgomery (Paul), Andrew Robert Sharp, Matthew Thomas Sharp, Laurel Glover and James Glover and many nieces and nephews.

Francis is predeceased by his first wife of 53 years, Peggy Ann Bowles and sisters Ann Theresa Jones and Catherine Genevieve Bowles.

After attending St. John's Catholic School in Hollywood, MD, he graduated from Great Mills High School in Lexington Park, MD. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the National Guard and started his career at Inter-national Paper (Nevamar Corporation), in Odenton, MD in 1957. He worked at Nevamar for 47 years and formed many great friendships there. Francis received a degree in business administration while working full time. After retiring, he returned as a business consultant.

Francis was an active member of St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church and was a faithful usher. He had a strong faith and love for the Lord.

Francis was always active and enjoyed spending time with family. He loved playing sports such as racquetball at the Severna Park Racquetball Club and golfing at many local courses in the area. He owned two boats, naming them after each of his daughters. No matter if he was fishing, crabbing, or oystering, he loved spending time on the water. His favorite holiday was Christmas. He enjoyed making homemade wreaths of crow's foot, eating cookies and filling the house with Christmas music. He loved watching movies, traveling and listening to music. He was a lifelong loyal fan of the Washington Redskins.

Francis is remembered for his creativity, strong work ethic, sense of humor, quiet demeanor and playful attitude. He was a highly intelligent "do-it-your-selfer," who could repair, build, or create almost anything.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus restrictions, services for Mr. Bowles are private; however, please free to express your condolences to the family and share your memories of him on Donaldson Funeral Home's tribute page.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Mr. Bowles asks that you make a contribution in his name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation www.michaeljfox.org (<https://www.michaeljfox.org/donate>) All Services are private.

Edith "Edie" McGhee Posey



Edith "Edie" McGhee Posey, 78 of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on September 2, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

She was born on May 1, 1942 in Eccles, WV to the late Henry B. McGhee and Delia (Davis) McGhee.

Edie was born and raised in Eccles, WV and graduated from Trapp Hill High School. On May 18, 1962, Edie married her beloved husband, Thurman Wilson Posey. Together, they celebrated over 30 wonderful years of marriage. She and her husband owned and operated Montana Snack Bar, which was known for its pizzas, for many years until they retired and sold it. She was an avid traveler and travelled throughout the U.S. She particularly loved Williamsburg, VA and other historic areas. She was an excellent cook and was known for many dishes, especially her biscuits. She loved decorating and celebrating the holidays and always prepared magnificent feasts for the family dinners. She especially loved Christmas and made sure every room was properly decorated including the exterior of the home. Instead of retiring, she remained very active working with the Center for Life Enrichment. She enjoyed watching birds, especially the hummingbirds and feeding the wild animals that lived in the surrounding woods.

Edie is survived by her sons, Thurman W. Posey (Jill) of Lusby, MD and Kenneth R. Posey (Kathy) of Hollywood, MD; her sisters, Ida Armstrong of Fredericksburg, VA and Goldie Brouse of Beckley, WV; her grandchildren, Kenneth R. Posey, Jr. (Teresa), Korey Raymond Posey (Mikaela), Rachel Lynn Posey (DeShawn Kittrell), Rebekah "Bekah" Palmer (Robert); and her great grandchildren, Kaiden Posey, Aislynn Posey, Declan Posey, Cataleya Posey, Rayniah Kittrell, Rahnelle Kittrell, Desiray Kittrell, Gavin Palmer, Sophia Palmer, and Kaitlyn Palmer. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her siblings, Paul McGhee, Jeletta Smith, Henry B. McGhee, Jr., Harold McGhee, and Samuel McGhee.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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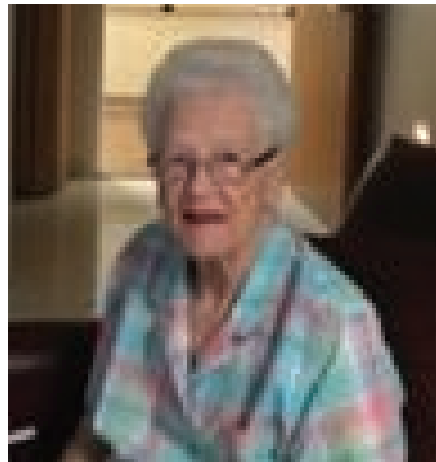
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Peggy Ann Bradburn

Peggy Ann Bradburn, 86, of Ridge, MD passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2020 at Capital Caring Hospice in Greenbelt, MD.

She was born in Scotland, MD on November 18, 1933 to the late Frank Ridgell and Viola Green Ridgell.

Peggy married the love of her life Robert Melvin Bradburn Sr. on August



15, 1952. They were married for 67 years before his passing in 2019. After getting married, they started their family. Peggy was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 255 in Ridge, MD. She was also the past president for the Women's Auxiliary. She loved collecting hummingbird figurines, angel figurines and many many coffee cups. She liked to go shopping, making crafts, working in her garden and taking care of her flowers. She loved being together with her family for holiday gatherings. Peggy enjoyed preparing big dinners for her family and friends and baking with her grandchildren for the holidays. She especially enjoyed showing her daughter's how to cook and bake certain family recipes for them to pass down to the next generation. She said family was the most important thing in her life.

Peggy is survived by her children Terry Thompson (Michael) of White Plains, MD, Shirley Beckler (Hal) of Lexington Park, MD, Roberta Douglass (Stanley) of Prince Frederick, MD and Robert "Bobby" Bradburn Jr. (Lucy) of Ridge, MD. Her 10 grandchildren, Jason Tippett, Cash Beckler, Emily Beckler, Heather Fish, Amanda Fish, Josh Bowen, Tori Farrell, Robert "Trey" Bradburn III and Darby Bradburn and 19 great grandchildren also survive her. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Bradburn Sr., her parents, her grandson, Johnny Tippett Jr., her sister, Elizabeth Woodburn, her brothers, Andrew Ridgell, Junior Ridgell and Francis Ridgell, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

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

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Shannon Thomas Landowski,

Shannon Thomas Landowski, 52, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on September 4, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.



He was born February 25, 1968 in Watertown, WI to James Joseph Landowski and Linda Lou Bostwick Landowski of Clarksville, AR.

Shannon is a 1986 graduate of South Division High School in Milwaukee, WI, where he actively participated and won many medals in swimming and track. In 1988 he enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served his country for 12 dedicated years of service to his Honorable Discharge in 2000. During his service he earned the Navy Achievement Medal. He worked for government contractors at Patuxent River for approximately 16 years as an Engineer Technician. He transitioned to the Federal Government at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, where he has worked for the past three years.

He loved spending time on the water, especially fishing. He enjoyed taking Shawn on drives in the pick-up and cheering on the Green Bay Packers. They were there unofficial armchair coaches. He was extremely gifted with electronics and often took things apart, fixed them and got them back in working order. He was very dedicated to decorating for the holidays. He enjoyed gardening with his family and using fresh vegetables from his garden when making meals. He was a foodie and enjoyed cooking different cultural cuisines, but prided himself on being a grill master. He was known for his delicious brisket.

In addition to his parents and beloved wife, Anna. Shannon is also survived by his children, Shawn Clymer and Staci Ziesemer, both of Lexington Park, MD; his siblings, Jessie James Landowski of Clarksville, AR and Theresa Marie Bice (Jason) of Russellville, AR; his niece and nephew, Tracee Gilbert and Davindry Gilbert, both of Russellville, AR; his great-niece and great nephew, Ayla and Zexter Gilbert; and his extended family and friends.

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Paul Stauffer Zimmerman

Paul Stauffer Zimmerman, 81, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away at his

residence on September 1, 2020. Paul was born on July 11, 1939 in Ephrata, PA and was the son of the late Sally Stauffer Zimmerman and Paul S. Zimmerman. Paul was the loving husband of Lucy Zimmerman. He is survived by his children; Ronald (Judith) Zimmerman of Mechanicsville, MD, Kenneth (Cynthia) Zimmerman of Bainbridge, OH, Harry (Victoria) Zimmerman of Mechanicsville, MD, Paul (Vanessa) Zimmerman of Elkhorn, KY, Esther (Neal) Martin of Leonardtown, MD, Barbara (James) Stauffer of Brecken-

ridge, MO, Sally (Jeffrey) Martin of Mechanicsville, MD, Mabel (Robert) Sensenig of Shobonier, IL, Marie (John) Wenger of Tunas, MO, Irene (Joseph) Auker of Homer City, PA, 85 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren. Siblings; Ammon (Anna) Zimmerman of Tunas, MO, Elam (Anna) Zimmerman of Shobonier, IL, Emma (Milton) Zimmerman of Mechanicsville, MD, Elsie Stauffer of Scottsville, KY, Pearl (Mrs. Frank) Zimmerman, and Katie (Mrs. Irvin) Zimmerman.

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RETIREMENT PLANNING TIPS

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

We have written about the need to create a retirement plan. The starting point for you is to create an income statement and a balance sheet. That way, you can see where you are in order to plan for the future.

Now, we want to take that income statement and balance sheet and project what it will look like in retirement. To begin, let's look at some of your retirement resources.

Everyone gets a social security statement. When was the last time you checked the accuracy of that statement? Is the income reported on your statement correct? Once you have verified the accuracy of the statement, you can see what the retirement benefit will be at various retirement ages. Take that income into account in your projected retirement income statement.

Pull out your 401(k) statements or, if you have more than one, everything you have. The majority of working people have their retirement savings in 401(k) plans through their employers. Your employers give you investment choices. Make sure your current investment choices are those that meet your present circumstances and your retirement goals. What do I mean by that? Well, we have previously discussed the critical importance to all investors of the concept of "asset allocation." Basically, that means spreading out your investment risk across various types of investments—cash equivalent investments like money market mutual funds, equities that move with the market like mutual funds, corporate bonds that will pay you interest, etc. Your investment portfolio should look like a pie with many slices representing different types of investments. The theory behind this allocation of assets is simple—if one investment goes down, another may go up.

What do your investments look like in your 401(k)? If you are a young person, you can afford to take more risk with your investments because you have time to work and replace losses. But, if you are older and are getting ready for retirement, you do not want to take more risk. You want your investments to be more secure since you will not have the time to replace any losses. That's why evaluating your investments in your 401(k) is so important when you

are getting ready to retire.

Once you have retired and left your employment, what do you do with your 401(k)? At that point, your 401(k) can be "rolled over" into another tax exempt vehicle like an IRA. And, you can obtain different investment options when you roll over. If employers have provided restricted investment options to you, your best course is to choose a roll over.

Of course, personal savings need to be taken into account in creating your retirement income statement. But, have you included inheritances in your numbers? The boomer generation will benefit from the largest inter-generational transfer of wealth in history—if you are anticipating an inheritance, list it.

Real estate is another retirement resource. Although the market value of real property has declined in recent years, you can anticipate some increase in property values over the coming few years. If you have more than one property, you may consider selling or renting that property. You also should look at the value of your current home. Refinancing to a 15 year as opposed to a 30 year mortgage may give you a paid off property at retirement. It is time to start looking at those options.

What about your small business assets? Did you know 90% of small business owners have absolutely no transition plans in place? Basically, that means when the business owners dies, the business dies. If that business has made income for you, how about figuring out how you and your family can continue to make income from the business after you retire and when you die?

Finally, don't discount the value of working after retirement. Even if you plan on working for lesser income, the income you do receive from continuing to work may be able to provide you with a much better retirement. The internet is filled with more information on retirement. Do your research and take steps to secure your retirement future.

Join me for a free seminar discussing this and other topics on the third Wednesday of every month at 11 am at our offices, 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space. Looking forward to seeing you.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



SQUIRRELING AROUND



Besides the mysteries I wrote about last week, I have also started reading a book on Mindfulness called, *The Mindful Day: Practical ways to find focus, calm, and joy from morning to evening* by Laurie J. Cameron. I am hoping to center my thoughts again and get back to focusing on one thing at a time (Greg, stop laughing!!). Even as I am reading this book, my mind drifts on to other deadlines, worries, and concerns. The author acknowledges that this is a common problem. Most people, I would imagine, have found themselves re-readings sentences or paragraphs several times because their minds keep wandering off. I usually blame mine on Prednisone – good an excuse as any.

What is worse is that, in my current lack of focus, I grabbed what I thought was a Julia Cameron book off the library shelf and instead found when I got home that the book was by a Laurie Cameron. Of course, I was on a time constraint and juggling 6 or 7 mysteries in my arms as well. The Julia Cameron books help artists and creatives find their way to conquer fear and procrastination. Maybe I was meant to grab the mindfulness book instead, Lord knows I need it. So, here I sit out in the firepit area on a beautiful morning trying to follow Ms. Cameron's lessons between writing, making calls for me and my husband's business, and jotting down reminder and grocery lists. I need way more than one book to help me.

Right now, all is quiet, sort of, as I list what I am grateful for, then do the mental body scan from the toes to top of my head for tension and aches (there goes an hour right there). Just as I get to the top of my head and think, yes, I am pretty relaxed, the Kamikaze squirrels high in the trees above start dive-bombing me with their chewed up nut remains. I try to go back to focusing on the present, but now all I notice is this sound like heavy rain falling down. It has been there for days, but now it feels like a jackhammer is working on my brain. It's the sound of squirrels getting ready for the winter – squirrels that I think need tiny little iron muzzles face-masks and little squirrel booties on their scratching feet?, paws? Not even going

to look that up.

This mindfulness and focusing book may not be for me, because all I am thinking of now is where is that Nerf gun with all the tennis sized balls. No, let me get back to that other chapter in Cameron's book about waking with joy and maintaining that "happy happy joy joy" feeling all day. More nuts keep raining down on me and I take a quick photo of what I gathered that has fallen all over me. I try to remember that squirrels are cute, fuzzy little creatures that normally bring joy to me with their antics. But my mind wanders (nope book is definitely not working) to all the flowers the creatures have destroyed and how they scare the birds away from the bird feeders. But squirrels are cute, right, their tiny teeth marks on all the nut pieces are cute, and then I remember that those same teeth have chewed large holes in our plastic trash cans.

Okay, let me just focus on squirrels then. Does all their hunting and hoarding mean there will be a bad winter? The squirrels seem to think so, my husband seems to think it will be a bad winter, and of course this is 2020 the year of disasters, the unbelievable, and the absurd (who would have ever thought toilet paper would become the most important item in the world?). Maybe we are just like the squirrels hoarding paper and cleaning products like they do their nuts. I feel bad for the next generations of humans; the children and grandchildren who will be finding hidden, hoarded supplies from the great pandemic of 2020. These future generations will probably turn out to be minimalists tasked with getting rid of all these hoards, and then some disaster will hit and the hoarding then de-cluttering cycles will begin again.

Oh my, let me just take this book back to the library, not working for me and probably never will – I don't even remember how I got from mindfulness to squirrels. For some reason I feel the need to check how much TP and Lysol I have.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook.

A View From The BLEACHERS

TOXIC TAKE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The seeds for these columns are usually a headline, story, experience or passing thought. Words are scribbled down – names, artists, athletes, song titles, etc. – and wait to be featured content. Brief phrases follow to add construct. Then it's writer, blinking cursor and these good bones.

With this week's exploration completed, the term "toxic masculinity" stared back menacingly from my notes. My brow raised to offer a quizzical and slightly annoyed reply - not that I deny its existence, but that the buzzworthy-ness of the term threatens to oversimplify a complex issue. Would this world, with its addiction to click bait and allergy to deep, open-minded research, really take the time to understand masculinity? More directly, would behaviors associated with toxic masculinity be correctly identified as the effect to multi-layered, culturally sowed causes?

Be strong – physically. Don't cry. Stiffen that upper lip. Don't back down. Process feelings internally. See hill, take hill. Encounter wall run through it. Absorb the world – its pain and imperfections; absorb your own self-doubt and anxiety. Emotionally project none of it - that would be...soft. You must be a rock.

That's what boys were taught, directly or implicitly. That's what was expected of men. In some situations, unconsciously or conveniently, it probably still is. No, it definitely still is, right Skip? Hold that introduction.

The names filled my notes. Some were perfect synonyms for toxic masculinity – Bob Knight, Harvey Weinstein, Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson, Kareem Hunt and, at the risk of losing a few readers, Donald Trump (politics aside, if you can't acknowledge his toxic masculinity, to steal and massage a phrase from Jeff Foxworthy, you might be a Trump Zombie).

More names.

Former NFL players Junior Seau, Dave Duerson and Andre Waters, among others, lost their lives, in part, to toxic masculinity. Each had decorated careers and, true to the football culture pushed their bodies and played through extreme injuries, including concussions – which the NFL knew compromised long-term mental health for years but did not

disclose. Each suffered from depression. Each committed suicide.

Still more names.

Hunter S. Thompson. Ernest Hemingway. Anthony Bourdain. All creative giants. To a man they were bold and brave - men among men as the tired saying goes. Their forays into the darker corners of life were, and still are, celebrated aspects of their larger-than-life personalities. But they weren't in character; each carried a very real mental health burden that grew with age. Sadly, and like Seau, Duerson and Waters, all committed suicide.

Another name.

Back to our pal, Skip - Bayless that is. Bayless, now a member of Fox Sports, has long been a T.V. antagonist who will gladly spout off a "hot take" to create a reaction or fan the flames of controversy - whether he believes it or not. He exists in a crowded market, one where the loudest and most outrageous often generates ratings, and Bayless, pandering to his wallet, is happy to oblige.

In a recent segment on the show Undisputed, Bayless was critical of – one last name - Dallas Cowboys QB Dak Prescott's public disclosure of a recent bout with depression. Why? Because, according to Bayless, Prescott is the "CEO" and leader of the Cowboys and admitting to seeking help was a sign of weakness and something that has no place in the ultra-macho world of the NFL.

Facing a visceral reaction, a backpeddling Bayless since claimed his comment was misconstrued. Whatever the shock jock's intent, his original expressed suggestion – that it is ever wrong or shameful, in any way shape or form, to address mental health issues, especially by a male in a profession that has long been fertile ground for toxic masculinity – is, in and of itself, a toxic take. Prescott, meanwhile, has been lauded for his courage to proactively address his struggles and willingness to do so publicly. Both of these responses are indicative of micro (Prescott) and macro (the majority reaction) progress. Solving toxic masculinity will be a complex marathon but cheering those who rattle their foundation – Prescott - and rejecting those whose opinions perpetuate it – Bayless - at least advances the detoxification process.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Friday, September 18

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Saturday, September 19

5th Annual Boating Scavenger Hunt

Quade's Store, Bushwood Wharf; 2 p.m.

Prize money donated by Cather Marine, Inc. 1 st Place - \$250; 2 nd Place - \$150; and 3 rd Place \$100. Registration Fee: September 1-18 \$60, September 19 \$75. To register or for information contact Trisha at 301-769-3214.

RVRSA Treasure Sale

Knights of Columbus Hall Ridge; 8 a.m. - noon

No set prices, by donation only!

Drive-Thru, Carry-Out Pulled Pork BBQ

2nd District Firehouse; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

MENU: Pork BBQ, Cole-Slaw, Baked Beans, & Roll; COST: \$12.00 per Dinner; Pre-Orders Highly Recommended; Contact Robin to pre-order / for more information: 301-737-4366 (H) or 240-577-0270

Food Truck Fair

Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Trucks include Bootleg Chef, Sweet Tooth Funnel Cakes, Ohana Snow Shaved Ice, OTP Wing Wagon, Smokers Delight BBQ, Mrs. Moo's Ice Cream, Caney Creek Catering, and Nicoletti's Pizza.

Civil Rights Town Hall

Callaway Baptist Church; 10 a.m. - noon

Reopen St. Mary's, a local group formed in response to COVID-19 governmental overreach, will be sponsoring this town hall. The subject matter under discussion at this event will be civil liberties issues which have arisen as a result of the response to COVID-19. The guest speaker will be Michael A. Peroutka, Founder of the Institute on the Constitution. Invited panel members include Tim Cameron, St. Mary's County Sheriff, Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer, and David Weiskopf, St. Mary's County Attorney. Also invited are the St. Mary's County Commissioners Randy Guy, Mike Hewitt, Eric Colvin, Todd Morgan, and John O'Connor, in addition to the St. Mary's County State Delegation: Delegate Matt Morgan, Delegate Jerry

Clark, Delegate Brian Crosby, and Senator Jack Bailey. Also invited are members of the St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board members, LT. Krystle M. Rosignol, CO of the MD State Police Leonardtown Barracks, and members of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections.

Tuesday September 22

Taco Tuesday VFW 2632 California

Sept 22

1 taco \$2

3 tacos \$6

5 tacos 9

Beef Chicken black beans soft and hard

Taco salad \$6

Assorted toppings

Wednesday, September 23

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, September 24

St. Mary's County Food Fair

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The St. Mary's County Fair Association will be holding a County Fair Food (carry out) Festival the weekend that would have been the County Fair. This will be in the parking lot by the front gate. The vendors will all be the ones that are usually at the Fair, so it's real Fair Food. See our website or Facebook page for details: [Smcfair](https://www.facebook.com/smcfair). [somd.com](https://www.somd.com), [facebook.com/smcfair](https://www.facebook.com/smcfair)

Ongoing

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

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

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



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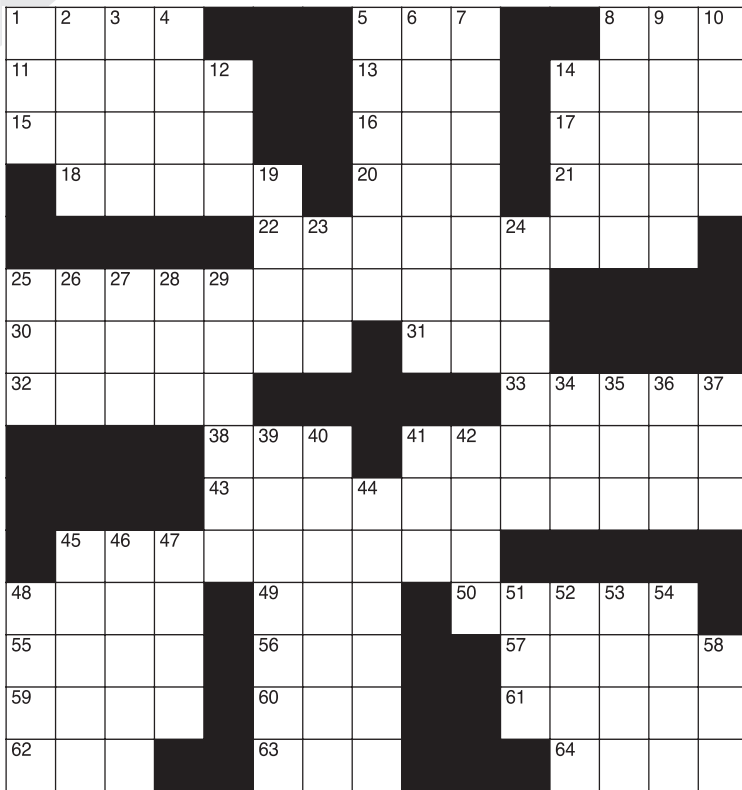
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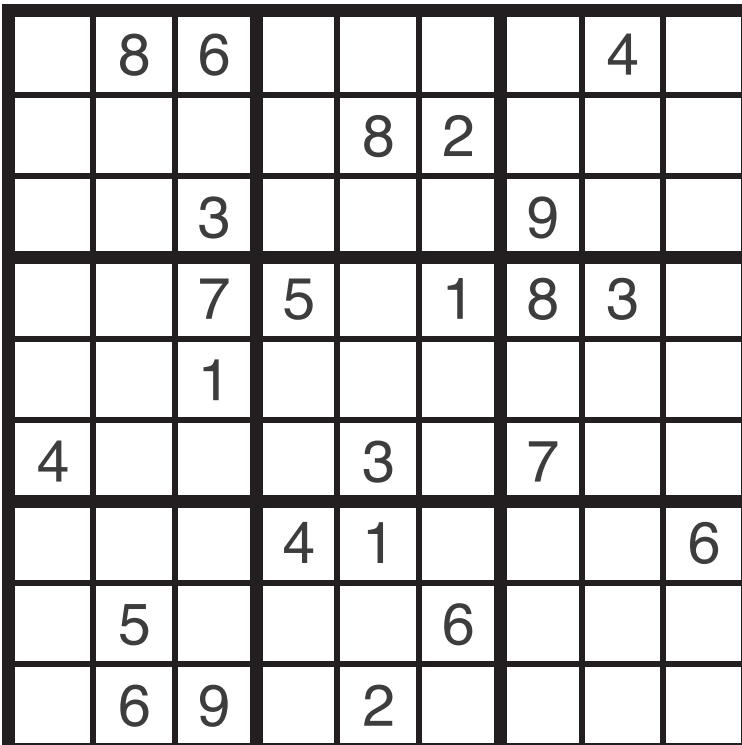
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- 1. Greasy powder (abbr.)
- 5. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 8. Amount of time
- 11. Greeting
- 13. Form of "to be"
- 14. Israeli diplomat
- 15. Outfit
- 16. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 17. Deceptive movement
- 18. Anxious
- 20. Popular Letterman guest
- 21. Saints' signal caller
- 22. Intoxicate
- 25. Relationship
- 30. Ask for one's hand in marriage
- 31. Popular Will Ferrell film
- 32. Gargle
- 33. Warning sensation before migraine
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Erases
- 43. At ease
- 45. Small branch of an artery

- 48. Mother of Hermes
- 49. Body part
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Wellness chants
- 56. Helps little firms
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Peep
- 60. Nellie ___, journalist
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Affirmative
- 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Popular kids' game
- 2. Away from wind
- 3. Round water pot
- 4. Drink quickly
- 5. A simple type of jet engine
- 6. Something for nothing
- 7. Painkiller
- 8. Siskel's pal
- 9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
- 10. Again
- 12. Imitate
- 14. Icelandic poems
- 19. Jacob ___, American journalist
- 23. No (Scottish)
- 24. Newborn
- 25. Credit term
- 26. Nonprofit research group in CA
- 27. Male offspring
- 28. Important baseball stat
- 29. A way to compel
- 34. Fiddler crab
- 35. Jewish equivalent of "Sir"
- 36. Every
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 39. Anti-slavery treaty
- 40. A friendly manner
- 41. Military figure (abbr.)
- 42. Area units
- 44. Sudden incursions
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Covered with hoarfrost
- 47. Job
- 48. Donkey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Light dry-gap bridge (abbr.)
- 58. Criticize



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Advance timed-entry admission tickets required*

*(*tickets may be purchased day of the event subject to availability)*

Controlling crowd size to promote safety.
Activities will be spread across entire 30 acre campus.

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