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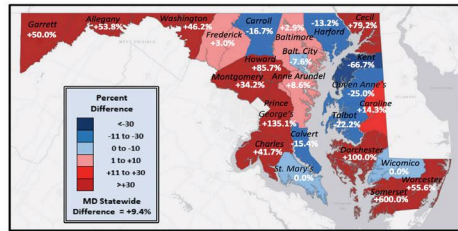
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Crosby Alleges Voter Suppression in Polling Place Choice

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Del. Brian Crosby chided the St. Mary's County Board of Elections in a recent letter, claiming that their selection of just one site for early voting amounted to an act of voter suppression.

Crosby said in a missive written to the local director of the Board of Elections, Wendy Adkins, that four recommendations on where an additional polling place could be stationed in the southern portion of the county had been rejected.

This rejection could have the effect of making early voting for the economically disadvantaged and minority populations difficult, the state delegate for District 29B claimed.

"According to the most recent census data, 35 percent of registered voters in St. Mary's County reside in District 29B," Crosby wrote in his missive dated Sept. 13. "The district is also home to the highest concentration of both low-income voters and voters of color in the county."

The Hollywood fire house, Crosby said, was nine miles away from the most densely populated section of his district.

"For many voters, this distance may not seem insurmountable, but for the poor, the elderly, and those otherwise dependent on public transportation, polling place inaccessibility could be a major reason why many voters are unlikely to cast a ballot this year," Crosby continued. "The lack of easy access to voting for such populations – especially with the new and confusing electoral process – is blatant voter suppression."

Crosby called for an additional southern-based early voting site as well as three additional ballot-drop off boxes in the county's southern area at Great Mills High School, Lexington Park Library and Greenview Knolls Elementary School.

William Hall, president of the local NAACP Chapter No. 7025 said his organization had proffered using the Lexington Park Rescue Squad, the old Carver recreation center in the South Hampton neighborhood, the Chesapeake Charter School and a vacant pharmacy in Millison Plaza



Delegate Brian Crosby

in Lexington Park as a potential early voting site.

"This is not a new thing," Hall told The County Times. "We've been complaining about voter access for the southern portion of the county for years."

Hall said the state administrator for the elections board, Linda Lamone, called him Sept. 21 and said her agency was unable to persuade the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to get involved and press the county Board of Elections to reconsider its decision.

Del. Matt Morgan (Dist. 29A) was critical of the allegations of voter suppression.

"If the St. Mary's Board of Elections is discriminating against the good people of Great Mills for not adding a second early voting location, how do they feel about the residents of Golden Beach, Wicomico Shores, and 7th District," he wrote in a social media post. "Each of those locations is more than twice the distance from the early voting location at the Hollywood firehouse than Great Mills."

His district should get equal considerations if the same are granted in 29B, he continued.

"If special accommodations are going to be granted in D-29B, the same special considerations should be made for the residents of North St. Mary's County. I will be sending a letter later ...to the Board of Election to make that request."

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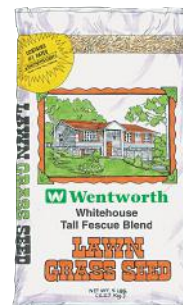
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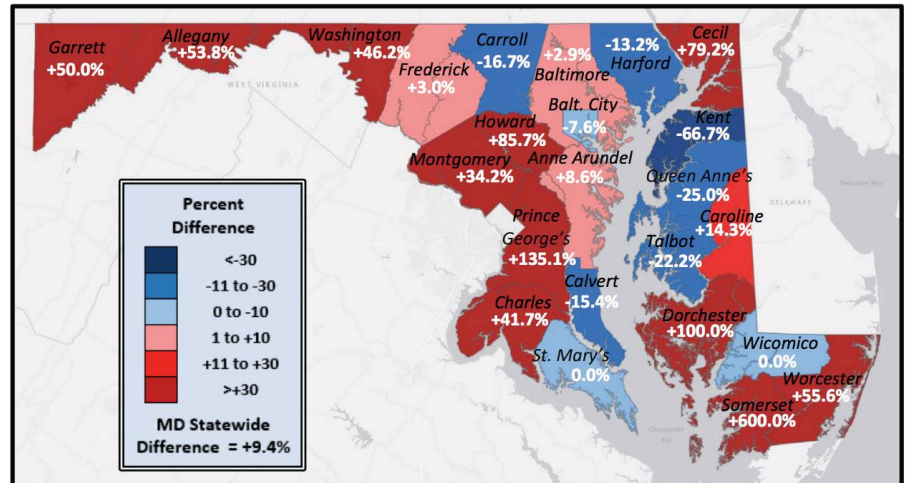


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Opioid Deaths Unchanged in St. Mary's Decrease in Calvert



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The latest report from the state's Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) shows that in the second quarter of 2020 opioid related intoxication deaths in Maryland continued to rise in most jurisdictions except in St. Mary's and Wicomico counties.

Through the first six months of the year, St. Mary's County reported just 12 opioid related deaths, equal to the same time in 2019.

During the first three months of the year the amount of deaths year to year was also unchanged at just four through January, February and March, the command center data shows.

Neighboring Calvert County showed a slight decrease in its second quarter statistics from 13 deaths in 2019 down to 11.

Calvert's first quarter statistics also showed a decline from eight deaths last year to just four in 2020.

Other jurisdictions experienced severe increases in opioid-related deaths.

Prince George's opioid deaths increased to 87 or 135 percent greater than last year's count, while Somerset County, on the Eastern Shore, had a 600 percent increase from just one last year to six for the first half of the

year.

The numbers expressed in the report, released Sept. 22, were preliminary and could change as the data continues to be analyzed.

Steve Schuh, director of the OCCC, said the impact of the coronavirus could be seen in the rising fatalities due to opioid abuse and the abuse of other drugs and alcohol.

"This report marks an inflection point in Maryland's response to the opioid crisis," Schuh wrote. "With the knowledge afforded by the fatalities data in this report and the additional information provided through our daily work, we are now clear in our understanding that the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant and detrimental effects on substance use trends in Maryland."

In all there were 1,187 deaths due to opioids in the first half of 2020, according to the report, an increase of 102 over last year.

Fentanyl, a very powerful synthetic opioid, continues to account for the vast majority of opioid deaths, 1,100 according to the report.

Heroin deaths actually decreased the first half of 2020 from 414 to 288, while prescription opioids accounted for 214 deaths, the report stated.

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County	2019	2020	Difference	Percent Difference	County	2019	2020	Difference	Percent Difference
Allegany	13	20	7	53.8%	Harford	38	33	(5)	(13.2%)
Anne Arundel	93	101	8	8.6%	Howard	14	26	12	85.7%
Baltimore City	462	427	(35)	(7.6%)	Kent	6	2	(4)	(66.7%)
Baltimore Co.	171	176	5	2.9%	Montgomery	38	51	13	34.2%
Calvert	13	11	(2)	(15.4%)	Prince George's	37	87	50	135.1%
Caroline	7	8	1	14.3%	Queen Anne's	8	6	(2)	(25.0%)
Carroll	24	20	(4)	(16.7%)	Somerset	1	7	6	600.0%
Cecil	24	43	19	79.2%	St. Mary's	12	12	0	0.0%
Charles	12	17	5	41.7%	Talbot	9	7	(2)	(22.2%)
Dorchester	5	10	5	100.0%	Washington	39	57	18	46.2%
Frederick	33	34	1	3.0%	Wicomico	15	15	0	0.0%
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Callaway Man Dies After Severe Beating

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A 63-year-old Callaway man who was beaten so badly last week in Lexington Park that he had to be placed in intensive care on a ventilator has died, according to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

According to police reports, Twain Harrod was in a vehicle as a passenger driving into Compass Circle Sept. 13 and found two men accosting a female; Harrod was dragged from the vehicle and allegedly beaten by these two men after he told them he would call police to stop them from harassing the female.

Soon after the beating, the driver of the vehicle, Michele Rangel, was stopped in California by Maryland State Police; she told them she was driving as fast as she was able to get Harrod to a hospital.

The investigation lead to two suspects being arrested and charged with attempted murder: Delante Javon Holley and Tyrell Marquice Birdine remain incarcerated at the county adult detention center.

Jason Babcock, spokesperson for the sheriff's office, said murder charges are a possibility.

"We are conferring with the State's Attorney's Office this week on the mat-

ter," Babcock said. "It was a severe beating with extensive injuries."

Harrod's body will be transported to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death, Babcock said.

When police returned to Compass Circle Sept. 13 to continue their investigation 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.

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

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.

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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SHA in Pax River NAS Sign Screw Up



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A state highway sign on southbound Route 235 immediately before Gate 1 leading to the Patuxent River Naval Air Station has a particularly embarrassing mistake at its very beginning.

Instead of stating "naval air station" it spells out "navel air station."

County Commissioner John O'Connor posted about the mistake on his Facebook page this past weekend; a call to State Highway Administration (SHA) officials, both at the district office dealing with Southern Maryland operations and at the office dealing with sign placement around the state, responded claiming they were not aware of the problem until Sept. 21.

They were informed by The County Times seeking answers as to how long the misspelled sign had been in place, near the intersection of Route 235 and Exploration Drive in Lexington Park, and what necessitated its replacement.

David Johnson, sign operations manager for SHA, said he did not know how long the new sign had been up, nor did he know for

what reason the old sign was removed.

"There are any number of ways a sign comes to be on a roadway," Johnson. "We'll take care of it."

O'Connor's post signaled annoyance with the error.

"SHA, you had one job," O'Connor wrote. "Well I'm going to recommend next time they send me the proof before making it so I can post it on my page."

"I am 100 percent sure it would have been proof-read immediately."

Shantee Felix, a spokesperson for SHA said the sign has been up since this summer.

"The Naval Air Station Patuxent River police requested that an additional sign be installed due to concerns regarding commercial trucks going to Gate 2 with no way of turning around," Felix said. "[Maryland Department of Transportation] SHA completed a review and agreed to install an additional sign to increase commercial truck awareness and help with base operations."

"The contractor manufactured the sign and installed it late June or early July."

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ReOpen St. Mary's Speaker: Governor's COVID Orders Are Unconstitutional

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Michael Anthony Peroutka, former Anne Arundel County Council member and presidential candidate for the Constitution Party in 2004, now founder of the Institute on the Constitution, told town hall attendees at Callaway Baptist Church that Gov. Larry Hogan's executive orders during the COVID-19 pandemic are unconstitutional and do not have the force of law.

He said the recent actions taken by the state's chief executive are part of a war on civil rights; Peroutka called the COVID-19 pandemic a "hoax."

"There are some people who say a civil war is coming," Peroutka told the 20 people gathered at the Sept. 19 meeting. "It's already here."

The meeting was sponsored by Re-Open St. Mary's, a group that opposes the executive actions taken during the pandemic and the economic impacts to businesses and families.

The county delegation to the State House as well as the sheriff, health officer, county attorney and the entire county commissioner board were invited.

Only Capt. David Yingling, patrol division commander for the sheriff's office, attended in Sheriff Timothy Cameron's stead.

The county alcohol beverage board, commander of the local Maryland State Police and board of elections were also invited but did not attend.

Peroutka, long a controversial political figure for his paleoconservative views, noted several articles of the Maryland Constitution's Declaration of Rights, including Article 1, Article 4, and Article 44 to bolster his argument.

"Governor Hogan has openly and notoriously violated the Constitution of Maryland," Peroutka argued. "He has broken his contract with the people of Maryland... and commanded police to enforce unlawful orders."

He said one example was the order determining which businesses were to be shutdown and which were essential as well as the orders for people to wear masks.

Peroutka argued that laws to shutdown businesses or compel people to wear masks had to come from the legislature, which has not been able to meet because of the pandemic.

Much of Peroutka's argument hinged on Article 44 of the state constitution which states: "That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, apply, as well in time of war, as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government, and tends to anarchy and despotism."

That there was a serious medical emergency, he said, was irrelevant to the supreme law of the state.

"This couldn't be more on point," Peroutka said. "He's done precisely what the



Michael Peroutka

law forbids."

In suspending the state constitution, Peroutka argued, Hogan and also suspended his office as it derived its authority from the constitution.

"Mr. Hogan has ungoverned himself," Peroutka said. "He's suspended his own office."

State legal scholars have cited Title 14 of the state's Public Safety Article in defending Hogan's sweeping array of executive orders given during the pandemic; stating declaring such an emergency gives him those powers to act in such a fashion.

However, Peroutka said the laws giving such power to Hogan were themselves unconstitutional.

During the question and answer period of the gathering, former state delegate Deb Rey asked about local businesses being cited for not requiring masks or not enforcing social distancing.

Yingling responded that the sheriff's office has not cited any business for their mask policy, nor have they cited anyone for not wearing a mask.

Though the health department also has the authority to shutdown businesses for such infractions, Yingling said.

No one in the gathering, except Yingling for a portion of it, was wearing a mask.

"I don't think I've arrested anyone here for not wearing a mask," Yingling said, noting law enforcement's preference to persuade people to comply with Hogan's orders. "The sheriff is committed to constitutional policing."

Those in attendance were socially distanced, however.

In a later interview, he said the sheriff's office was on "education and voluntary compliance" with the governor's executive orders.

"That's been the mantra around the state, not just at the sheriff's office," Yingling said Sept. 23. "What we've seen is significant compliance."

The idea, Yingling said, was wearing masks helped to ensure the safety of others from potential COVID-19 spread.

"What that comes down to is respect,"

Yingling said in the later interview."

During the gathering at Callaway Baptist Church, he said people who refused to wear a mask at a business and refused requests from the management to leave were trespassing and subject to prosecution.

However, people with medical conditions contrary to wearing a mask could ask for assistance from store staff to assist in their needs, Yingling said.

Yingling said that while the governor's

orders seemed clear to some, enforcing them could often be "extremely difficult" given circumstances in the field.

Leonardt resident DeForest Rathbone praised Yingling and the sheriff's office for agreeing to engage residents in person rather than in some kind of virtual setting.

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The Big Conversation on Health Care (in)Equity

Attendees Relate Their Experiences

By Dick Myers
Editor

Part Two:

The Big Conversation held virtually on Sept. 13 was billed as “Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care (in)Equity – How Does it Affect Me?”

The program was broken down into three, one-hour segments, with the first segment having five speakers and moderated by Lauretta Greer, with the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County.

In the first part of this two-part series last week, The County Times presented the comments of those five speakers: Malcolm Funn of Calvert NAACP. Cheri Wilson of Johns Hopkins Medicine’s Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity; Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky; St. Mary’s County Health Officer Dr. Meenakshi Brewster; and Director of Quality Assurance at Charlotte Hall Veteran’s Home Shellnice Hudson.

The Big Conversation’s second hour was where that part of this year’s title, “How Does it Affect Me?” came into play. The 200 virtual attendees were broken down into 16 individual sessions and they had the opportunity to tell their own stories. Facilitators helped keep the sessions going. Many were from the community mediation centers in the three Southern Maryland counties.

These facilitators then came back to the final plenary session and presented some of the key points of what they heard from the attendees.

Here is a sampling of those comments divided into several questions addressed during the break-out sessions:

“What stood out (from the speakers) with regard to the inequities in health and healthcare for African Americans or other ethnic minorities in our Southern Maryland communities?”

- “For a number of people, when they would go see a physician, even if they prepared ahead of time, it seemed very much, ‘I’m not interested in what the patient would have to say. And with that, leaving the patient feeling not trusting or feeling crazy for having raised issues or just intimidated by physicians.’”

- “The sadness and the inequity of diagnoses being delayed because of issues of transportation for people of color. Issues around being just overlooked, on implicit or explicit bias, as they would sit in waiting rooms.”

- “The lack of collaboration and sharing of health information to those who really could benefit from it.”

- (from a white participant) “To think back and see how she was treated compared to some of her coworkers who had the same insurance and everything else. She didn’t really understand how come they were treated differently. So, she said to her, for the first time she realized that ‘there was privilege just for me being white.’”

- “History more than likely informs the attitudes... that we’re talking about today and that is health disparities and health inequalities.”

- “In Southern Maryland, there’s not an



embrace or even a belief that someone of color would be someone who would be in a particular part of a hospital or wearing a particular kind of scrub.”

- “Two of our participants worked in the social service field and they talked about the importance of their role in advocating for their patients of color to health care professionals and the difference that it made for them to be able to advocate on behalf of their patients of color.”

- “Thinking back to some things that have happened to me or to my family, this has given me some additional information to think about, and I’m going to now educate myself so that I will know how to handle things.”

What problems or experiences with the healthcare system regarding race disparities have you witnessed in our counties?

- “Ageism, which is of course, across all sectors.”

- “The need for advocates for families, and that during this time of COVID, it’s difficult because family members can’t assist and attend others to healthcare facilities or into the nursing homes.”

- “Some places do have advocates...but some of those advocates don’t look like everybody. So, the need for more diversity among advocates, as well as everyone within the healthcare arena.”

- When medical training includes textbooks and research that has largely been done on white populations it leaves out African American populations all the way down to things like body type differences that when medical don’t have experience with that and are not sensitive to it, that it ends up driving really negative experiences for African Americans and other ethnic minorities.”

- “Speaking about the COVID-19 rash, if the documentation out there is all on light skin, then there aren’t images for folks to be understanding what that rash looks like on different shades of skin.”

- “One way to protect ourselves might be for folks to reach out, looking for physicians who might have common experiences with us so that they might understand better where we’re coming from. In the African American community, actively seeking out African American physicians, so that there’s a hope that cultural understanding about knowing more about that experience might help.”

- “Medicaid and health insurance and how it plays a factor in the disparity in terms of health care and how, some doctor’s of-

fices and facilities will limit the amount of patients that use Medicaid as an insurance.”

- “Lack of representation throughout the entire experience. When you come into a doctor’s office from the magazines to the pictures on the wall, to everything that doesn’t appear to be welcoming to anyone who is not Caucasian.”

- “African American physicians not being trusted even though they had the same, or even better credentials than some of their counterparts. They weren’t able to be successful practicing in Calvert County and had to leave the county because patients didn’t trust their credentials.”

- “Is the doctor really paying attention to me? Am I getting the care need? Is there enough time that they’re spending with me? Are they listening?”

- “People of color often are not even offered the options for their healthcare that they should be because there are so many presumptions made about them, whether they can afford it, or whether they’ll comply with the medical recommendations.”

- “The generational trauma that happens throughout the history of African American people in particular has led them to be very distrustful of the medical system.”

- “Doctors not accepting medical assistance.”

- “You go to the doctor, they have 15 to 20 minutes to spend with you, so they can’t learn about you.”

- “We’ve had a couple of practitioners in our group, and one of them mentioned something called a frequent flyer...someone who has more admissions than an average person (like) someone who has sickle cell, who has pain crises, which are not measurable, except (from) the person explaining the pain. And as a person who’s never suffered with sickle cell, or maybe never had anyone around them that just not having any concept of what that’s like and how frequently you might have to seek services.”

- “People of color actually need to be more informed and more attentive and engaged with their own healthcare than white patients need to, because they need to advocate more to make sure they’re getting the right test, proper diagnoses and the attention that they need.”

- “I’m assuming that a black patient might be on Medicaid, for example, when they have private insurance.”

What can we do as individuals and also as a society to address the healthcare disparities and to make for a better health experiences and better health outcomes for people of color and other minorities?

- “Making sure people realize that once you have a physician that’s not your physician for life. So, if you are having experiences with a physician who is coming just for a treatment, you get a different one. Absolutely don’t ever feel stuck. The importance of knowing how to report things that aren’t right, and then also realizing that you don’t need to stay with somebody who isn’t providing good care.”

- “The importance of the whole community really getting involved. And when you see something, say something, whether it’s

in the waiting room or somewhere else, because it is put on to the patient to become an advocate.”

- “Just being willing to get out of our comfort zones and being willing to listen to each other. Just speak.”

- “Make efforts to contact politicians and make them aware of what we consider important issues and important needs in the community. We can’t expect other key players in our community to do this in isolation.”

- “Support for education and that starts at the very basic grade school level forward through college and med school, everything to address and improve all of our perceptions about implicit bias.”

- “A medical professional said, ‘I have to recognize my own implicit biases, so that when I treat my patients, I’m right at the top of my game and that I must continually do that.’”

- “A question came up: is healthcare a commodity or a right...There’s a great impact on the community when the community, as a whole, has good health insurance. So, the consensus is: equal insurance for the community.”

- “Sometimes women across the board suffer some of the same ill practices as blacks do, especially when they go to the doctor, let’s say a number of times or for one particular issue. And they’re trying to explain the issue and the doctor sees them as just complaining.”

- “The physician or medical staff are not the boss of you and just being in a position to educate, not only ourselves, but also the next generation that they have the right to ask questions, that it’s okay to question a diagnosis or to ask why is a particular treatment being recommended

- “Maybe having to change that hierarchical structure of the doctor being the one in charge and making it more of a collaborative partnership.”

- “One of our group members gave us permission to share about their experience of losing her sister who had to make the unfortunate choice ‘to have open heart surgery, or not to have open heart surgery because of the cost of \$35,000.’ And so, they ended up passing away, but I thought that spoke really powerfully to the need for a change and affordability of health care.”

In response to the breakout session comments, opening speaker Cheri Wilson said, “My biggest concern is that (if) we can’t name what these issues are, we can never begin to start addressing them.”

She expressed concern about a proposal to cut federal funding. “The issues of culture, cultural sensitivity, anti-racism, privilege, structural and systemic racism are being viewed as anti-American.”

She added, “Many people think that simply by the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that we are all equal. We have equity, we have no more work to be done.”

Wilson said that is not the case. “We need to actually move past talk to action. We need to do the hard work of educating ourselves of what the issues are.”

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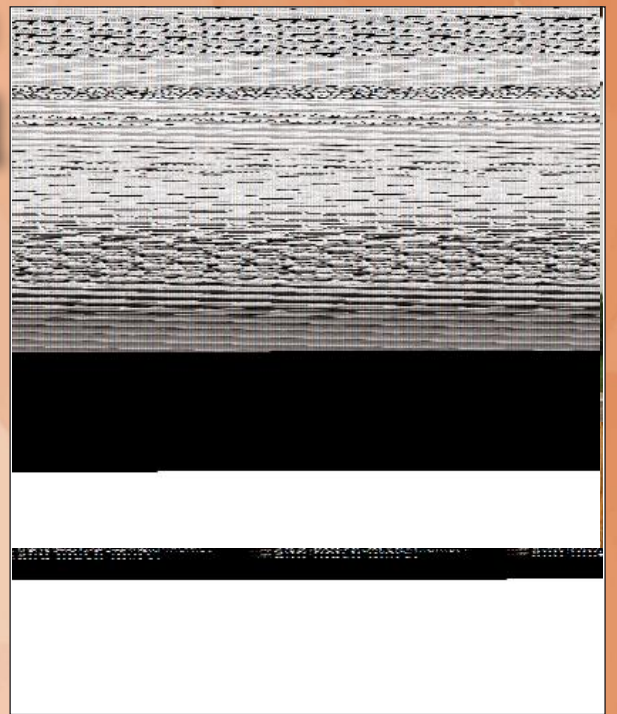
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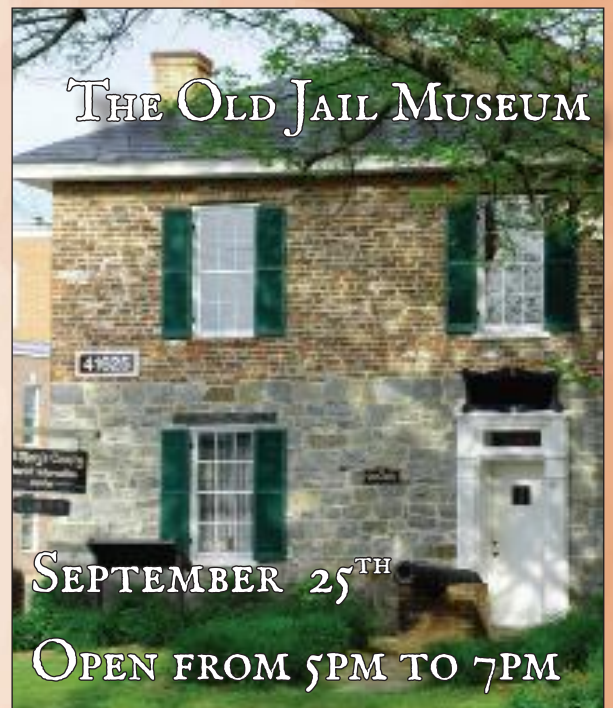
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Special
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Section

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

This would have been the 74th year of the St. Mary's County Fair but like so many other prominent events it was cancelled over worries that COVID-19 could be spread quickly through the thousands of visitors who might attend.

The county fair has evolved over its nearly three-quarters-of-a-century lifespan to include more entertainment, more carnival rides, vendors and activities for visitors but at its core has always been celebration of agriculture and animal husbandry that had so strongly defined life here for centuries until the advent of the U.S. Navy's construction of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

But those who have attended and even worked to bring the fair back to its home at the fairgrounds in Leonardtown year after year say that agriculture is still very much a part of life in St. Mary's County and the fair helps to ensure its importance is never forgotten.

They note that county fairs in other counties in Maryland have shifted more to entertainment venues for their citizens – not so for St. Mary's County.

Its fair has retained its original roots and harkens back to a time when St. Mary's residents often made their living off the land instead of in an office building.

Henry Fowler, of Mechanicsville, a member of the board of directors for the fair association, said he was prob-

ably taken to the fair when his mother was pregnant with him.

His family, his father in particular, the late Sen. Henry Fowler, Sr., was instrumental in working with other St. Mary's families in restarting the fair in 1947 after a long hiatus.

"I was drug down there before I was born," Fowler told The County Times. "I've been going all my life."

Fowler has also participated in and officiated jousting competitions at the fair, jousting is the Maryland state sport made so by a bill introduced by his father.

The fair initially started around 1911, Fowler said with local Xaverian brothers holding the event at what is now the Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy; this lasted for a few years but the advent of World War I meant it had to cease for a time.

Still issues of the long-gone St. Mary's Beacon Newspaper from the 1920s advertised the county fair as frontpage news.

The fair went by the wayside during World War II as well but was resurrected in 1947 and held on Camp Calvert Road.

"They got together some army green tents and had a cattle show underneath them," Fowler said of the event's presentation which went unbroken until this year.

Jousting also made a comeback to St. Mary's when the fair did.

"It was a way to enjoy everyone's company and have a lot of fun," Fowler said.

For Fowler, the fair is an example of no matter how much things change, they still have a habit of staying the same.

"There's more of a modern flare to it and you have more people coming in," Fowler said. "But it's still very much a family event in 2020."

"Even though it's changed, it's the same."

The families he has seen come to the fair over the years are just like the old black and white photos of families tacked up on the walls of fair buildings.

"There are still animals in the pictures, people are still eating cotton candy," Fowler said.

Livestock shows and competitions are still at the heart of what the fair represents, he said, as well as all the exhibits of farm equipment through the years and events like horse pulls that show the raw power of the animals now for groups of people who are sometimes nowhere near as familiar with farm life as Fowler.

Growing up in St. Mary's County he helped his family showing horses at the fair but one of his fondest memories was of the other young people who would stay at the fair the entire time to be with their animals they had raised.

But it also sparked a little jealousy, too.



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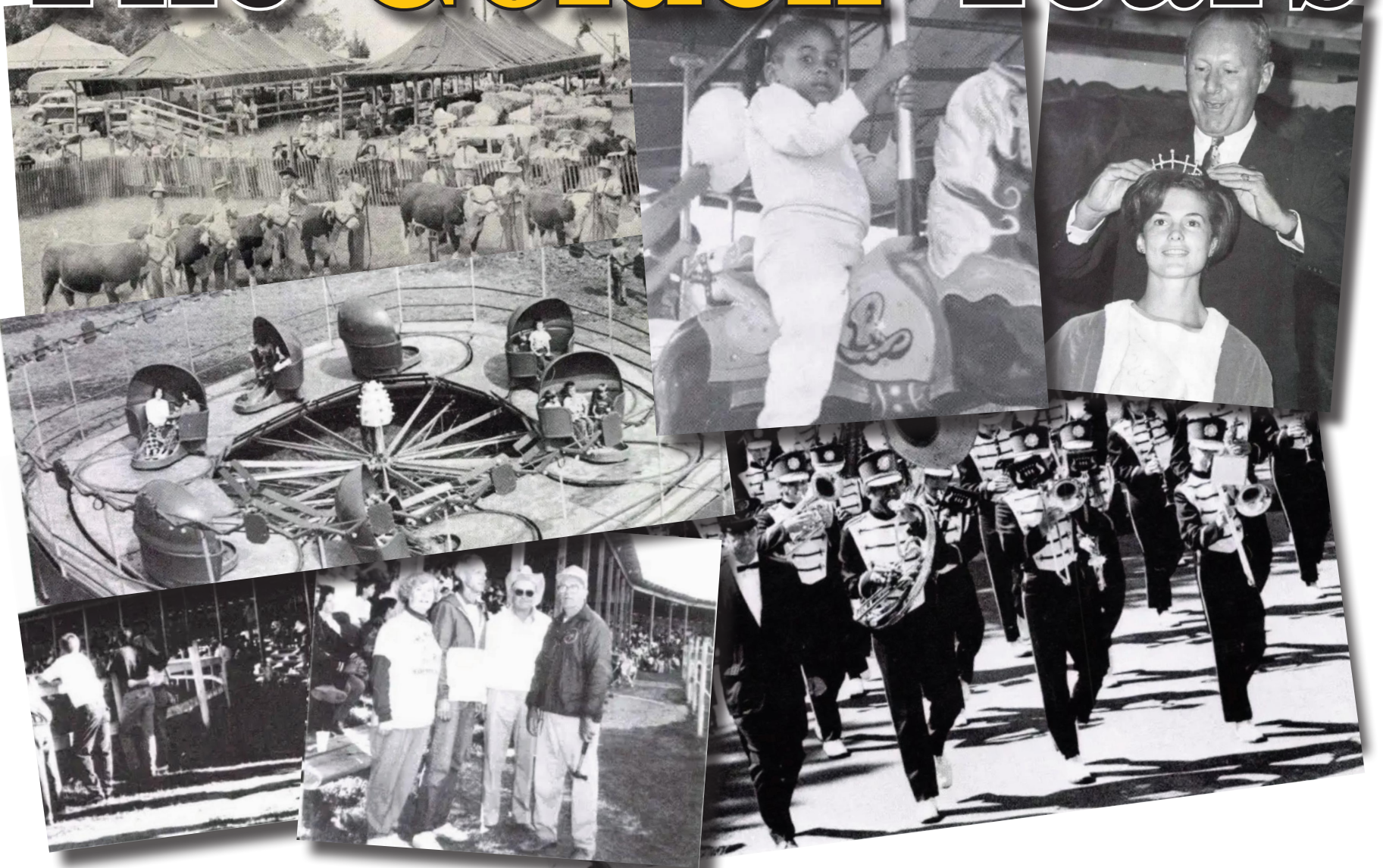
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The Golden Years



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it rained it was great," remembered Fowler. "I could walk in the mud and jump up and down and my mom couldn't get mad at me."

Mary Pfeiff, now 90 years old, remembers growing up in Pearson, where the Navy base now stands, and how her family, the Mattinglys, took an active role in promoting it.

In 1972 she took on the role of fair secretary at the urging of her brother Richard "Dicky" Mattingly, she said.

"He said 'You're not doing much, so why don't you come down to the fair?'" Pfeiff said. "That's how it started."

She would hold that position for the next 20 years and also serve on the fair board.

She called her grandfather Joseph M. Mattingly one of the "founding fathers" of the fair.

"Back then we did everything by hand," Pfeiff said. "We mailed out all the catalogues."

"I remember my parents' living room was full of them."

Each of the catalogues had to be wrapped up and whole groups were sorted out by zip code.

But even all that hard work she remembers fondly.

"It was a great pleasure," she said.

Local Clydesdale horses from Sut-

tler Post Farm are always a major attraction at the fair but in years past the Clydesdales of Budweiser fame would make appearances at the fair.

"We had a great time when the horses came from St. Louis," Pfeiff said. "George Guy [founder of Guy Distributing in Leonardtown] was the one responsible for getting them to come here."

She remembered the team of massive horses had an Irish driver who would sing songs from his native home and how much she enjoyed them.

There were friendly rivalries between livestock producers as to who would have the best animals for the judges to peruse, she said, and there was a constant buzz of visitors and activity throughout the four days of the fair.

When it came to an end each year it was with a bit of tension about whether it had been successful.

"There was such a sigh of relief when it all went well," Pfeiff said. "I enjoyed that we kept the farm thing going."

It pleased Pfeiff to know that people still cultivated gardens in St. Mary's and held a love of the land close in their hearts.

"And it's still going strong," she

said. "It was all great fun."

Howard Thompson, long time Hollywood resident and chair of the county planning commission remembered how fun it was to bring a bull or heifer he raised on the family farm to auction at the fair.

"It was a chance to show it and it was a chance to sell it," Thompson said. "It was a big deal to take your animal to the auction."

What he remembered most fondly, though, was ogling the latest tractors manufacturers had to sell each year.

"They'd bring all the latest farm equipment and tractors to the fair," Thompson said. "We farmed but we never had new equipment."

They would show everything from lawn mowers to huge tractors, Thompson said, and the people in charge of the exhibits would help children up into the seats and get behind the wheel.

"To be able to get on a huge piece of equipment and imagine being a farmer that to me was my biggest thrill of the day," Thompson said. "Back then they'd help us up onto the tractor, now they won't let kids get on them because they're afraid something might happen to them."

"It's a different time."

He also loved watching the jousting

tournaments and one Hollywood favorite, Phil Clark, also known as the Knight of the Red Wagon, who would compete on behalf of his community.

"He always wore white pants and a red shirt when he jousting," Thompson said. "He didn't have to guide his horse because he'd been down that course so many times."

"He could just concentrate on the rings."

Spearing the rings, which go from just a few inches in diameter to about one-half inch, is no mean feat.

"To me that was real skill, when the horse was at full gallop," Thompson said.

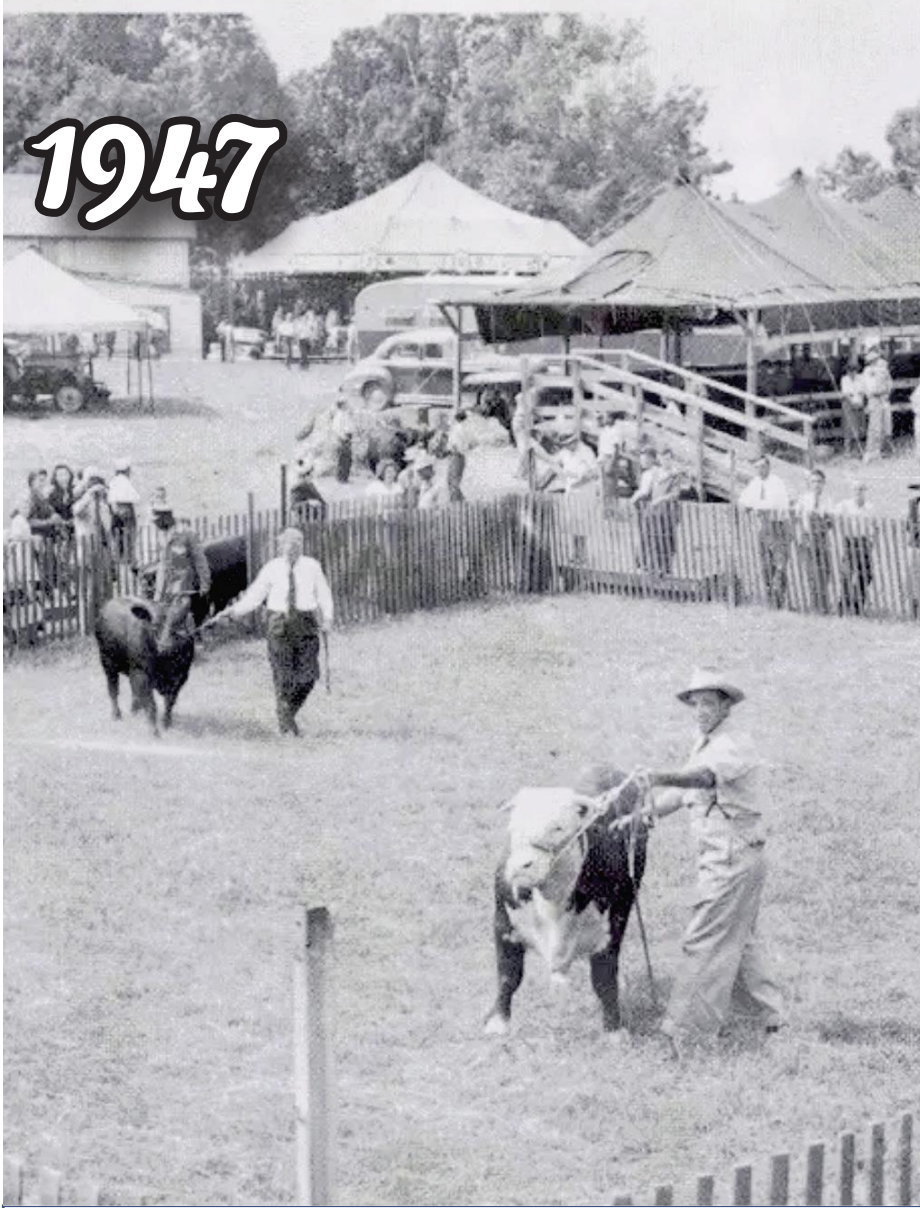
Though COVID-19 may have closed the fair this year, Fowler said, it has given people a chance to carry on its traditions at home by encouraging them to plant their own gardens and make small scale agriculture a part of their lives.

"You can't find garden seed," Fowler said. "It's all been scarfed up this year."

"Now they're realizing what it takes to grow that produce they've seen at the fair each year."

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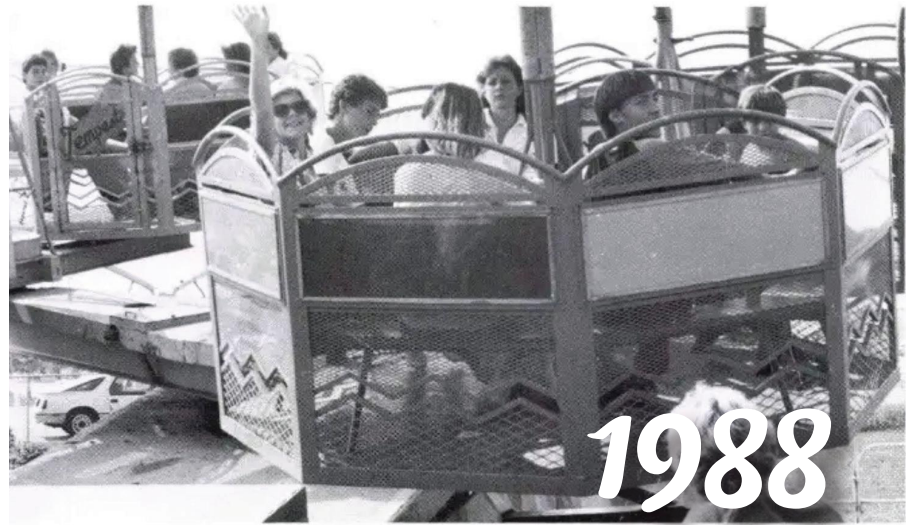
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Fondly Remembering 73 Years of the St. Mary's County Fair

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.

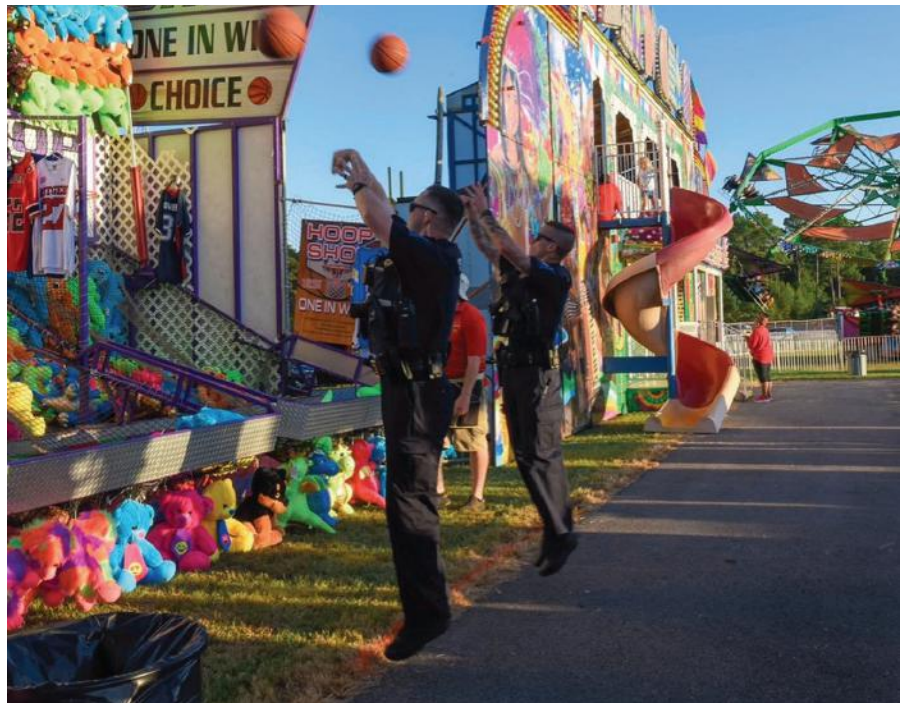
"You just take your food and go home."

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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MetCom Debt Limits Part of Proposed Legislation

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Among a list of legislative proposals the Commissioners of St. Mary's County might send to the delegation in Annapolis to become state law are measures that seek to limit the amount of debt the Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) can incur in operating its water and sewer services.

The first proposed bill would decouple MetCom's debt from that of the county by only allowing the utility to incur debt based on the assessable base of the utility's assets not that of the county.

The bill was requested by Commissioner Todd Morgan; the county's assessable tax base is about \$12.6 billion in value.

The second MetCom related proposal, also offered by Morgan, would limit the percentage of MetCom's incurable debt to 2.15 percent of the value of its assets in the sanitary districts it manages.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt raised concerns about that because the commissioners were not provided information from MetCom about the exact value of the utility's assets.

"I still believe it would give them too much money to get into debt with without knowing what the base is," Hewitt said.

The current debt limit for MetCom is 25 percent of the value of its assets in its sanitary districts.

County Finance Officer Jeanett Cudmore also requested a bond authority bill for \$34.7 million in debt to build public projects.

"Last year we waited on this particular one," said Commissioner Eric Colvin. "That's the course I would prefer to do again this year."

The bonding authority, Cudmore said, would be to fund projects already in the fiscal 2021 budget.

Some of the projects include a potential sports complex and more money for the continued connections for FDR Boulevard.

Other proposals included repealing the county's open meetings act and replacing it with the state's, allowing animal control officers to wear body cameras, increasing the public accommodations tax from 5 percent to 7 percent and the authority to impose an excise tax on building projects by county commissioners.

Commissioners are expected to vote on which proposals they will support Sept. 29 and will meet with the state delegation to discuss the proposals Oct. 6.

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St. Mary's County Officials Make Unfounded Claim in Press Release

Reopen St. Mary's, a local group formed in response to COVID-19 governmental overreach, responds to a Joint Press Release, dated September 18, 2020 claiming to "clarify to the public that this event is not sanctioned, endorsed, or sponsored by any county government entity." The event referenced is the ReOpen St. Mary's sponsored Civil Rights Town Hall held Saturday, September 19, 2020.

ReOpen St. Mary's agrees that at no time did ReOpen St. Mary's request the sanction, endorsement or sponsorship of any local government agency. It is the position of ReOpen St. Mary's that citizens are not required to obtain government permission in order to advertise and hold public events.

The press release, issued jointly by the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners, St. Mary's County Health Department and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, did not identify what local officials deemed to be "misleading" in an ad published on Thursday, September 17, 2020 in the County Times newspaper.

Deb Rey, ReOpen St. Mary's co-

founder, stated, "It is unfortunate so many local officials did not participate in the Civil Rights Town Hall panel discussion. They missed a golden opportunity to dialogue with citizens on the many issues concerning them in these unprecedented times."

ReOpen St. Mary's thanks Sheriff Timothy Cameron for sending Captain David Yingling to represent the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

"Attendees found the discussion with Captain Yingling engaging, enjoyable and beneficial and encouraged ReOpen St. Mary's to continue to hold such events," noted Cindy Jones, group co-founder. "We look forward to broad participation by local elected and appointed officials at our next opportunity to engage in a public discussion," she concluded.

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Sealed bids, addressed to the Capital Construction Coordinator, and marked "BID FOR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORKS" will be received at the office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown, PO Box 1, 22670 Washington St., Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 October 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A pre-bid meeting will be held, October 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Leonardtown office conference room. A bid opening will be scheduled for October 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. All potential bidders are invited to attend.

The work to be performed under the contract consists of furnishing labor, service, equipment, and materials for

services for improvements, alterations, repair or maintenance, to water distribution and sewerage collection systems, storm water system, curbs, sidewalks and the Town's right-a-way. Questions should be directed to Tony Wheatley, Capital Projects Manager, at (301) 475-9791.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposal, and to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

**By Authority:
Laschelle McKay
Town Administrator**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will conduct a Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens on community, economic development, and housing needs to be considered for submission of an application to the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for funds awarded through the federal CARES Act Fund which must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. Citizens will have the opportunity to discuss proposed projects and to provide input on other needs to be considered. The hearing will be held at the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The draft application for CDBG Funds will be available for the public to review on September 23, 2020 until October 1, 2020 at the Chesapeake Building during normal business hours or at <http://www.stmarysmd.com/publichearing.asp>.

Citizens will be furnished with information including but not limited to:

- * the amount of CDBG funds available for State Fiscal Year 2020;
- * the range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG funds; and
- * the proposed projects under consideration by St. Mary's County Government.

The CDBG Program is a federally-funded program designed to assist governments with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services. It is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Maryland CDBG Program reflects the State's economic and community development priorities and provides public funds for activities which meet one of the following national objectives, in accordance with the federal Housing Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, that:

1. benefit low and moderate income persons and households;
2. aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
3. meet other community development needs of an urgent nature, or that are an immediate threat to community health and welfare.

Efforts will be made to accommodate

the disabled and non-English speaking residents with 7 days' advance notice to the County Commissioners Office at 301-475-4200 x 71350.

Public hearings are now open to the public as long as social distancing guidelines can be maintained and the Commissioners' Meeting Room capacity limits of 33 people. Everyone in attendance must adhere to the social distancing guidelines and wear a mask at all times unless they have a disability or if they are speaking or are consuming food/drink. If social distancing guidelines or occupancy room capacity limits cannot be followed, the public hearing will have to be rescheduled. The public is strongly encouraged to view the public hearing remotely on Channel 95 or YouTube or listen to the public hearing by calling 301-579-7236; access code: 963443#.

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via:

- a.) Written Comments via Email: csmc@stmarysmd.com
- b.) Mail: PO Box 653 Leonardtown, Maryland 20650
- c.) Call 301-475-4200 x 1234 to speak via telephone during the public hearing
- d.) Submit a 3-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com no later than 5:00PM

on September 28, 2020. All submissions will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or two (2) days following the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Guidelines are subject to change. Appropriate accommodations for individuals with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact the County Commissioners Office at 301-475-4200, Ext. 1350. Proceedings are televised live and/or recorded for later broadcast on television. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act. Photographic and electronic audio and visual broadcasting and recording devices are used during the Commissioners' meetings. These are public meetings and attendance at these meetings automatically grants St. Mary's County Government permission to broadcast your audio and visual image.

**By: David A. Weiskopf,
County Attorney**

ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Breaking and Entering Suspect Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a breaking and entering



into motor vehicles investigation. On Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020 between the hours of 2 and 4:30 am, numerous unlocked vehicles in the Wicomico Shores neighborhood in Mechanicsville were entered, and in some cases, items were stolen.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or these incidents is asked to call Cpl. Angela Delozier at 301-475-4200, ext. 78094 or email angela.delozier@stmarysmd.com.

Theft Suspect ID Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020 at 9:05 pm, the suspect fled the California Walmart



store with items that he did not pay for. The suspect is a white male wearing a dark-colored baseball hat, an orange-colored face

mask with his beard protruding below and wearing gray shorts.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Alexander Wynnnyk at 301-475-4200, ext. 78020 or email alexander.wynnnyk@stmarysmd.com. Case # 57790-20

Ollie's Theft Suspect ID Needed

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 at 11:38 am, the suspect



placed a Cool Living window A/C unit in a shopping cart and walked out of the Ollie's Bargain Outlet in Lexington Park without paying for it.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Nicholas Hill at 301-475-4200, ext. 78078 or email Nicholas.hill@stmarysmd.com. Case # 53989-20

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.

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION *News*

Cox Turns Over Command of Naval Air Station Patuxent River

By Donna Cipolloni
Pax River NAS Public Affairs

With the installation he served sprawled out below him, NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Cox will close another chapter in his naval career as he stands outside on the catwalk of the Air Traffic Control Tower before an intimate gathering of Sailors, family, and well-wishers, and turns over command of the air station to Executive Officer Capt. John Brabazon Sept. 17.

The 12-story tall Air Traffic Control Tower location for Cox's change of command ceremony is a respectful nod to naval aviation – a subject that has fascinated him since boyhood.

The start of a career

Crediting movies, air shows, and growing up close to big airports in the Los Angeles basin for his early interest in flying, Cox applied to the U.S. Naval Academy with the goal of becoming an aviator. It was, perhaps, a more rigorous curriculum than he first anticipated.

"Like the T-shirts say, 'It's not college,'" Cox joked. "You get a college degree, but it's more than school. It's a ton of academics, part vocational training and part professional training. It doesn't seem that much fun sometimes while you're there, but the longer you stay in the Navy you appreciate how well it prepared you for many of the things you'll be called on to do during your career."

Cox graduated from the academy in 1995 with a B.S. in Marine Engineering and went on to flight school where he was winged a Naval Flight Officer in 1997. His first operational sea tour was flying the S-3B Viking with the Diamondcutters of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 30 in Jacksonville, Florida, from 1998 to 2001. What followed were carrier deployments and a lot of flying, embarked time, and deployed time – what Cox summed up as "exciting stuff, great missions and great experience."

But the S-3 community was destined to go away, and in 2001 when the Navy came up with the Sundown Transition for the S-3 community, Cox had to make a decision.

"You could decide to stay to do a department head tour in S-3s, or apply to transition early for a chance to do a DH tour in a new community, so I opted to transition early," Cox said. "I was selected to transition to the [Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft] community and got to go on and continue flying different types of P-3 aircraft in VQ and VPU squadrons."

Following his command tour, Cox would go on to study the Aircraft Industry and graduate from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy where he completed his Joint Staff Officer qualification and an M.S. in National Resource Strategy. That was followed by a Pentagon tour in OSD Policy before reporting to NAS Patuxent River as its Executive Officer in 2017.



Cox turns over command of Naval Air Station Patuxent River

"I knew a little about Pax River from my time on the Joint Staff when I was in the J8 – which is an acquisition directorate – and from working on system modifications and testing in the VQ and VPU squadrons," Cox noted. "I knew how the big pieces were supposed to work, but had never been this close to it before."

Pax River accomplishments, memories, thanks

Cox took command of Pax River April 11, 2019 after serving 18 months as executive officer, a position that falls under the Navy's Fleet-Up program.

"With the array of things you deal with at Pax, it really feels like what running a small town, and some of its businesses, must be like," Cox said. "More than 20,000 people work and live here; there is housing, shopping, utilities like water, sewer, electricity, parks and recreation activities. There's road maintenance, police, fire, public safety and services, and two airports to operate."

In fact, Pax River's Trapnell Airfield and Air Operations Division is something Cox is willing to brag about.

"Our air traffic control covers a huge swath of airspace," he said. "We're right next to D.C. and control a large chunk of that National Capital Airspace. If you've flown into and out of D.C. in bad weather, or up and down the east coast in bad weather, you've been controlled by Pax River controllers. We play a large part in the National Airspace System, which was something I didn't know before coming here."

During his time at Pax River, Cox says he did his best to stay focused on the big themes.

"Security is job one, followed by taking care of the airfield – because that's why we're here – then attending to the needs of our tenant commands, because their mission is our mission," Cox explained. "We invested in the airfield [by repairing and improving both primary runways and many taxiways] so that we can provide a

durable asset for many years to come."

But Cox added a fourth focus he believes is also important to the mission – Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

"In the Navy, MWR is the only lever we have to directly invest in our people's quality of life," he added. "My getting more attention onto the MWR quality of life programs is one of the bigger shifts I'm proud of. The high level DoD and Navy Instructions describe MWR programs as non-pay compensation; part of our military benefits. And sometimes those smaller things can make a big difference. Maybe we can't build the big new complex, but we can do better with what we have – like adding the new [Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling System] course in the Drill Hall, expanding our capacity for some childcare programs, or consolidating and adding to our outdoor recreation programs by creating the new Fun Zone."

Another accomplishment he's proud of is his part in the Inter-Governmental Service Agreement (IGSA) with St. Mary's County, which allowed the Navy to work with the county to complete some smaller road works and repair projects that wouldn't have been possible otherwise due to capacity constraints in NAVFAC and the Public Works Department.

"I helped draft our current IGSA while I was the XO, and though I didn't get to sign it, I did get to fully utilize our authorities in it as the CO," Cox said. "And it's a rare treat to be able to reap the rewards of your efforts during the same tour, because most things take so long to become reality."

As with NAS commanding officers before him, Cox also recognized the unique relationship Pax River has with its surrounding community, and he understands why.

"About two-thirds of the people who work on base live in St. Mary's or Calvert Counties," he said. "Once you start looking at the demographics, you realize it's not an

'us vs. them' situation; we are them. Our relationship is great, very tight. Some of it is personal – like attending school graduations and community events – and some of it is alliance partnerships. We have deliberate meetings with county commissioners to have public forums to discuss matters of interest, and there are a lot of community outreach projects from our various tenant commands and departments. A lot of credit goes to my predecessors who've built and maintained those relationships over the years. It's been easy to keep on going with what works very well. It's a very close, cooperative relationship, and I'm very appreciative of that."

As for Pax River's personnel, Cox refers to them as "some of the best men and women in defense."

"It takes each person doing their part to the greatest of their ability, so everyone else can focus on doing their part," he said. "It's a team. Whether you're doing back-office admin work, inventing new things in a lab, securing our gates, flying an aircraft, or controlling the airspace that planes fly in, everyone has their part and they play it well. That's how we can maintain the advantage we need in our Navy. And I thank them all for doing it."

When asked what advice he would give to the incoming commanding officer, Cox said he would tell him he is ready to assume command, and he has all the tools he needs to take our team's performance to the next level.

"We have a great set of people here with all sorts of talent who want to do all sorts of things and it just has to be unleashed, enabled or empowered," Cox said. "All the potential energy and skill is there and you can do anything you want to do. That's something you learn in aviation, where you routinely do dangerous things safely – that you can do anything if you research it, learn it, prepare correctly for it, identify your goals and come up with a plan to get there. Capt. Brabazon and I share a similar vision and goals, and a focus on the long game to make sure we're doing things that help accomplish the Navy's strategic goals."

Cox intends to remain living locally, offering some stability for his wife and two high school-aged children.

"Part of our desire to come to Pax River in the first place was having the opportunity for a follow-on tour locally or in D.C.," Cox noted. "We've moved about 15 times in the past 25 years. Once our kids were in high school, we didn't want to move them around if we could avoid it. Stability is very important for our family's sake. We'll stay in the same house, the kids will be able to stay in the same school, and my wife will be able to keep her same job. I'll just be turning left instead of right and driving the other way for whatever the next tour has in store for me."

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In Remembrance

Edna Marie Wathen Burch



Edna Marie Wathen Burch, "Sissy", 79 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on September 16, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on October 19, 1940 in

Loveville, MD and was the daughter of the late Dorothy Gertrude Wathen and George Holland Wathen. Sissy was the loving wife of the late Joseph Franklin Burch, Sr. who preceded her in death on February 12, 2000. She is survived by her companion David Farrell of Avenue, MD; sons Raymond A. Burch of Mechanicsville, MD, Joseph Burch, Jr. of Avenue, MD, 5 grandchildren; Joseph Franklin Burch, III, Brian Anthony Burch, Shayne Matthew Burch, Susan Marie Burch and Theresa Carolina Burch, and 1 great grandchild. As well as her siblings; Bernard A. Wathen of Mechanicsville, MD, George Holland Wathen, Jr of Welcome, MD.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Sissy graduated from St. Mary's Academy and was a Business office manager at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for 49 years, retiring in 2007.

Sissy loved flower gardens, yard sales, cooking, canning tomatoes and cucumbers. In addition, she loved bluegrass music.

Keith Randall Nelson



Keith Randall Nelson, 46, of Avenue, MD passed away on September 18, 2020. He was born on April 25, 1974, and was the loving son of Anne Nelson of Avenue, MD and the late William

Nelson, Jr. (Porkey). Keith is survived by his children; Brandon Nelson of Mechanicsville, MD, Alissa Nelson of Cape Coral, FL, and Debra Johnson of Mechanicsville, MD. As well as his siblings Terrie Nelson of Avenue, MD and Al Nelson of Colton's Point, MD.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and was a graduate of Choticon High School. Keith was a brick mason with Nelson Masonry and various other constructions joss for 13 years. He loved watching football, NASCAR and enjoyed fishing and crabbing.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 9:15 AM in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD with Deacon Joe Lloyd officiating. Interment will follow.

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

Diane Marie Hall



Diane Marie Hall, 73, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 16, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on July 23, 1947 in Laurel Grove, MD and

was the daughter of the late Agnus "Bea" Beatrice Pyle Cusic and George Spencer Cusic. Diane was raised by Tom and Pauline Mattingly. Diane was the loving wife of Thomas "Tommy" Hall, whom she married on June 25, 1966 in Compton, MD. She is survived by her children; Teresa Hall (Marie) of Locust Grove, VA, Ritchie Hall (Amy) of Hollywood, MD, Jamie Hall of Leonardtown, MD, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. As well as her siblings; Kitty Parlett of Mechanicsville, MD, Jake Mattingly of Leonardtown, MD, Joe Cusic of MS, Jimmy Buckler of Mechanicsville, MD, Betty Weddle of Hanover, MD, Janice Williams of Waldorf, MD, and Susie Pyle. She was preceded in death by her siblings; Buck Cusic, Ronnie Cusic, and Larry Cusic.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Diane was a beautician and owner of a hair salon in Leonardtown, MD.

Diane loved playing bingo, playing cards, and Yahtzee. As well as crocheting, camping with her children and shopping with Teresa.

Contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Vol. Fire Department P.O. Box 50 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Stephen "Steve" Alfred Cobb



Stephen "Steve" Alfred Cobb, 70, of Hollywood, MD formerly from Newkirk, OK, passed away on September 12, 2020 in Washington, DC. He was born on February 16, 1950 in Ponca

City, OK; and was the son of the late Beverly Jane Cobb and Earl Lynn Cobb. Steve was the loving husband of Shirley Cobb, whom he married on June 30, 1974 in Norfolk, VA. Steve is survived by his son Matthew Cobb of Hollywood, MD. Siblings; Lynne Ivie of Montezuma, Ga, Karen Hobson of Willingboro, NJ, Mary Ellen Riddick of Salinas, CA, Howard Cobb of Summerville, SC, and Russell Cobb of Newkirk, OK.

He graduated from Newkirk High School in 1968 and earned an Associate in Science from Florida Junior College in Jacksonville, FL.

Steve joined the United States Navy

on June 16, 1970. While serving in the United States Navy he earned the National Defense Service Medal (2nd), Good Conduct Award (3rd.) for period ending 07 April 83, Qual M14 Rifle (5) (S) in course "B", Qual .45 Cal. Pistol (S) "A" Course, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (6th.) for period ending 07 Jun 81, COMSIXTHFLT Letter of Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon(2nd.), Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Unit Commendation (2nd.). Along with earning; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon (2nd), and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5th.). He retired on March 1, 1999. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he was an F18 Configuration Manager for U.S. Navy PMA-265 for 21 years, retiring in December of 2019.

Interment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, VA.

Carol Sue Wood

Carol Sue Wood, 73, of California, MD passed away on September 12, 2020 in California, MD. She was born on November 9, 1946 in Radford, VA and was the loving daughter of the late Vir-

ginia Ratcliff Myers and James Clinton Myers. Carol was the loving wife of the late Billie Joe Wood, whom she married on October 5, 1963 in Radford, VA and who preceded her in death on January 28, 2016. Carol is survived by her children; Tim Wood (Tracy) of Hollywood, MD, and Todd Wood (Carrie) of Great Mills, MD, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and her sisters; Margaret Poston of Richmond, VA, and Melba Jenkins of California, MD. She is preceded in death by her sister Billie Cox. Carol moved from Radford, VA to St. Mary's County in 1970. She worked at Food Lion/Weis for 22 years, retiring in 2018.

All funeral services will be private at this time.

Gary Leroy Watson



Gary Leroy Watson, 73, of Mechanicsville, MD formerly from Walkersville, MD passed away on September 11, 2020 in Mechanicsville, MD. He was

born on September 17, 1946 in Philippi, WV and was the loving son of the

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In Remembrance

late Sylvia Hammack Watson and Rev. Henry Paul Watson. Gary was the loving husband of Barbara Louise Watson whom he married on July 10, 1970 in Oakland, MD. Gary is survived by his son Curtis Watson (Julia) of Mechanicsville, 3 grandchildren: Jack, Nick, and Drew, siblings; Henry Paul Watson, Jr. of Melbourne, FL, Robert Ray Watson of Fairmont, WV, Lula Belle Upton of Simpson, WV, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings Patricia Thompson and Hazel Jordan.

Gary graduated from Flemington High School in 1964. Gary joined the United States Marine Corps on September 2, 1964. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA, the Dominican Republic, and also Vietnam. He served with the 3rd Force Service Regiment and also with the Fleet Marine Force Pacific. While serving in the USMC Gary earned the Rifle Marksman's Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Gary was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in the Marines on September 1, 1968.

Gary was a Welder for Diamond Shamrock in Chardon, OH for 10 years then moved to Maryland and worked as a Purchasing Agent for Hughes Network Systems in Germantown, MD for 16 years, retiring in 1995. In 2008, he moved from Walkersville, MD to St. Mary's County.

Before his medical conditions, Gary loved woodworking and was a dedicated basketball and baseball coach for many years. He was a huge sports memorabilia collector. Gary's greatest joy was spending time with his son, daughter-in-law, and three grandsons: Jack, Nick, and Drew.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time. In lieu of flowers contribution to Mercy Health Foundation Vascular Fund 301 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

Saundra McKenzie

Saundra McKenzie passed away at Solomons Nursing Center on September 6, 2020 after a brief illness. She was born October 9, 1943 in Cumberland, MD and graduated from Fort Hill High School. She moved to St. Mary's County in 1969. She is survived by three daughters, Shelly (Jim), Monica (Steve), and Jennifer (Jesse), and four grandsons. No services are planned at this time.

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

Alice Marie Bellere Liberto



Alice Marie Bellere Liberto, 51, of Halethorpe, MD formerly of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on September 15, 2020 at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

She was born on August 27, 1969 in Leonardtown, MD to Charles Louis Bellere and Mary Catherine Hammett Bellere, of Leonardtown, MD.

Alice was born and raised in Leonardtown, MD. She is a 1987 graduate of Leonardtown High School. She was employed by the FBI, since graduation from high school, for over 33 dedicated years as an administrative assistant. She enjoyed shopping, especially for shoes. She was an excellent cook and everyone loved her delicious buffalo chicken dip. She enjoyed travelling, particularly to Atlantic City, New Jersey and New York City. She loved her pet bird, Clipper and her pet boxer, Bentley. She was a fan of the Washington Redskins and the Nationals. She loved anything flamingo. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she loved spending time with them.

In addition to her parents, she is also survived by her children, Ashley Nicole Bellere son in law (Derrick) of Compton, MD and Anthony Daniel Liberto of Waldorf, MD; her brother, Charles Louis

Bellere, Jr. of Leonardtown, MD; her grandchildren, Mackenzie Bellere and Zackary Bellere, both of Compton, MD; her boyfriend, Scotty; and many extended family and friends.

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

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CDR George Edward Kell, Jr.

USN



CDR George Edward Kell, Jr. USN, (Ret.), 77 of Valley Lee, MD passed away on September 15, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family.

George was born on September 26, 1942 in Steubenville, OH to the late George Edward Kell, Sr. and Ida Elizabeth (Fagan) Kell.

George attended Big Red High School in Steubenville and left at the age of 17 years old to join the Navy after convincing his father to sign permission for him to do so. He proudly served in the United States Navy for 36 years, from 1961 to 1997, and was a Mustang retiring as a Commander. The majority of his career was in aviation maintenance rising from a jet mechanic to an Aviation Maintenance Control Officer, at one time in charge of the entire COMFAIRMED. After retirement, he was employed by various government contractors as a Logistics Analyst for 13 years following the same contract from company to company. He married the love of his life, Nancy Lucille Roesch on October 25, 1968 in Chesapeake, VA after only knowing her for 3 months. They knew that they were soul mates and couldn't wait to start building a life together. They were married for nearly 52 wonderful years and were blessed to raise two children, Aprile and Aaron. Being a Military family allowed them to travel abroad and experience other cultures in several different countries as well as liv-

ing in Puerto Rico and Italy. George had a strong work ethic and excelled at every goal he set. He was a talented mechanic who worked on anything from jet fighter planes to muscle cars including his own personal Mustangs, a Challenger and his 1968 Dodge Coronet. In his spare time he enjoyed playing Pinochle, Keno, Blackjack and beating his family at various card games; reading Stephen King novels; and cheering on his favorite football teams the Steelers, Chargers and the Redskins. His football philosophy was to always be "loyal to your soil." George loved socializing; dancing, especially his favorite move "the mashed potato"; and cooking on the grill. He was well known for his BBQ ribs and steak. He was a lifetime member of the Fleet Reserve Association and enjoyed his time at Branch 93. George was a family man and cherished every moment he spent with his family and his beloved cocker spaniels.

George is survived by his wife, Nancy; his children, Aprile Kell Anderson (Timm) of Sparks, NV and Aaron Kell of Seattle, WA; his granddaughters, Morgyn Hailey Anderson and Mollie Brooke Anderson of Sparks, NV; his beloved dog Zoe; one brother; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings.

Family will receive friends on his birthday, Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 3:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

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

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Carolyn Lloyd Ward



Carolyn Lloyd Ward, 80 of California, MD formerly of West Virginia, passed away on September 12,



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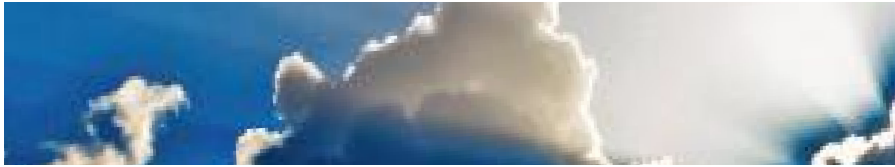
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Though we miss you always each and every day, it seems to hit us even more because it is your Birthday.

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2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown.

Carolyn was born on May 13, 1940 in Charleston, WV to the late Alva Lloyd and Thelma (Lloyd) Byers.

Carolyn married Joseph Patrick O'Dell in 1962, Charleston, WV and they spent 20 wonderful years together. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park, MD. She was a caring and dedicated Registered Nurse for over thirty years in which she retired from in 2003. Carolyn was skilled in the art of needlepoint; using her own designs she created many beautiful pieces including pillows, pictures, sweaters, purses and trinkets which she gave to family and friends at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She was an excellent and eclectic cook who was well known for her spaghetti and curry. Having a special place in her heart for dogs she rescued many over the years including a Blue Tick Beagle named Silsby, a Dalmatian named Max, a German Shepherd named Max, and a Terrier mix named Chaney. She enjoyed being outdoors surrounded by nature and would often take strolls along the shoreline where she would spot eagles and osprey. She loved to browse and collect antiques and was an avid reader and history buff. Above all else, she cherished spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Carolyn is survived by her children, Joseph Patrick O'Dell (Lynnette) of St. Mary's City, MD, Jeffrey Lloyd O'Dell (Sheri Linn) of Prince Frederick, MD, Matthew Thomas O'Dell of Hollywood, MD, and Christopher Andrew O'Dell of California, MD; her sister, Mary Chase of Seattle, WA; and her grandchildren, Savannah, Chase, Chloe, Evan, Matthew Jr., and Madison O'Dell. She was preceded in death by her parents, her latest husband, Carl Ward, and her first husband, Joseph Patrick O'Dell, and her brother, Gary Chase.

Services will be private.

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

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Cynthia Louise Day



Cynthia Louise Day, 63 of Great Mills, MD passed away on September 12, 2020 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, in Washington, DC.

She was born on September 16, 1956 in Charleston, S.C. She was the daughter of the late Paul Poisson and Elsie Mae Connor Poisson.

Cynthia worked at Walmart for over 25 years as the Cosmetics Manager until she retired. She was very much a people person and was just friendly to whomever she met. She took in kids and gave them the love and caring they deserved. Her children's friends would call her Momma Cindy because of the motherly love she showed them. She enjoyed doing any kind of craft projects as a hobby especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas because she really loved the holidays. She loved to cook for her family and friends. The most important thing to her was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Wendy Day of Virginia, Bryan Eberle of Florida, Jake Eberle of Washington, D.C. and Cristy Harris of Hollywood, MD; and her seven grandchildren Rayven Harris, Alisha Day, Joseph Day, Ian Cogar, Jayden Eberle, Brayden Eberle and Brian Eberle Jr. She is preceded in death by her parents, her son, Jim Cogar of Indiana and her brother, Mike Poisson.

To honor her life, there will be a Memorial Service on September 26, 2020 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. In accordance with COVID 19 guidelines, masks and social distancing will be required.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



SUMMER'S END NOTES



What a beautiful start to Fall this year. I believe we have earned it. Perfect temperatures, dry, even though some lingering rain is expected from Tropical Storm Beta. My mind is on hay bales, cornstalks, mums, and getting the fall decorations out and up. I love autumn and everything that goes along with it. I am pretty excited that I will have two of my grandsons for the weekend, my younger son's little boys Liam and Carson. Plans include fall decorating and the boys eating lots of Grandma's food and treats. Spaghetti, French toast, cannoli, root beer floats, and rice pudding with browned butter and cinnamon on top are tentatively on the menu. The food will be interspersed between playing old board games and listening to my 45's on the record player. Sounds like Heaven to me. I know Mindy will be excited too.

Also debating whether we can do our Halloween Trails this year, hard to believe it is only a few weeks away. Halloween would seem to be one of the most socially distant holidays anyway. Normally people always come in their own little family groups and are taken through the trails as a group by me. Everyone should be wearing a mask or Halloween mask anyway, so we may be able to do it. I will have to rethink the candy – won't be able to put it in one big bowl for lots of hands to touch. I am sure people have figured out how to do this. And I won't be able to put out my punch for all the kids that come through this year. We will think on this over the next few weeks.

There are also unexpected projects at end of summer like fixing broken items...have you seen the tv commercial for Zyrtec set in a community garden? You have probably seen it hundreds of times. This commercial has several women working in the community garden with one wielding a line trimmer. The narrator says, "Hey allergy muddlers, do your sneezes turn heads?" just as the trim-

mer wielding woman sneezes and lops the head off a large chipmunk statue holding a welcome sign to the surprise of her friends. The last scene shows the woman going back to the "scene of the crime" and seeing that her friends had duct taped the chipmunk's head back on to his body. The women all smile.

Okay, that's tv reality. My reality is a husband who sheepishly says he was trying to help me out with a line trimmer around my stump fairy garden when he says he accidentally knocked over one of my fairy structures with the trimmer. He said I may have to glue it back on it's spot. I thought, "No problem, I'll silicone it back in place". So...what my husband seems to think is a fairy structure that just needs to be glued back on to the stump to the reality of finding a bunch of broken dirty pieces put on my nice newly brown-papered worktable is worlds apart in reality. I may not have enough silicone gel for this project!

And one of the best things about fall is that it's the best time to go visiting wineries in the Mustang. It's still warm enough to leave the top down and enjoy the warmth of the sun. There is nothing so pretty as the autumn afternoon sun giving a golden glow to everything it touches, especially on the vines and grapes of a vineyard. I don't know how many afternoon to early evening pictures I have taken of Robin Hill Winery, and other wineries in the last few years. Wineries, to me are always beautiful, always calming...and with a bonus of a delicious glass of wine along with that beauty makes life and this world seem perfect, if only for a few hours. I hope you can find a few calming hours of comfort this fall in whatever you love and makes you happy.

To each new Fall's adventure, Shelby

Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook

Pet OF THE WEEK

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St. Mary's Community

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 25

Diabetes Prevention Program

Online; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The Diabetes Prevention Program helps participants establish and stick with positive lifestyle changes, such as healthy eating habits, physical activity and positive stress management, which can prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. This free program includes 16 weekly sessions, followed by monthly sessions for ongoing support from a lifestyle coach. Register at www.smchd.org/dpp

Chopticon 1970 Class Reunion Cancelled

Attention Graduates of the Chopticon High School Class of 1970 and Faculty. Due to the on-going pandemic, the reunion celebration scheduled for 25 Sep 2020 at the Old Breton Inn has been indefinitely postponed. Please consult the Chopticon High School Class of 1970 Facebook page for further updates.

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.

St. Mary's County Food Fair

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds;

noon - 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.somd.com, facebook.com/smcfair

Saturday, September 26

Bunks Across America Bed Building

21797 North Coral Drive; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Our chapter is pleased to be partnering with the Lexington Park Lions Club to build 30 beds.

Bustin' Out of the Barn Youth Livestock Auction

Flat Iron Farm; 5 p.m.

A livestock auction is being held to provide St. Mary's County Youth an opportunity to sell their market animal projects. Over 90 animals are anticipated to be sold. Processing options will be available. With the cancellation of the St. Mary's County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction, this alternative is being provided. Please support the local livestock youth in the county and fill your freezer with delicious locally raised meat. The sale catalog will be available on the Farrell Auction Service website (www.farrellauctionservice.com). For more information, contact Cindy Wise at 240-298-0168.

Walk to End Alzheimers

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Sunday, September 27

St. Mary's County Food Fair

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Tuesday, September 29

Science for Citizens Seminar

Online; 7 p.m.

Dr. Tom Miller will present. The Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions have committed to restoring oyster populations in 10 Bay Tributaries by 2025 - and seem to be on a path to achieve this goal. During this time oyster aquaculture in the Chesapeake has expanded to a point where its yield may soon rival natural harvests. But this growth has not been without concern and controversy, sometimes pitting different stakeholder groups against one another. This talk will explore what is involved in aquaculture, examine opportunities and conflicts and examine possible future trajectories. Register at <http://www.usmf.org/scienceforcitizens/>.

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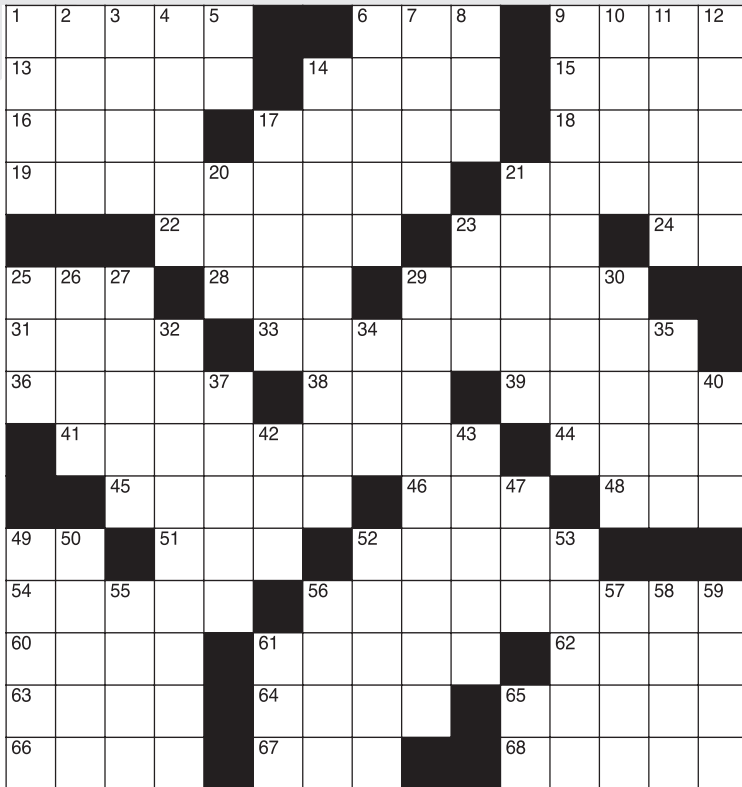
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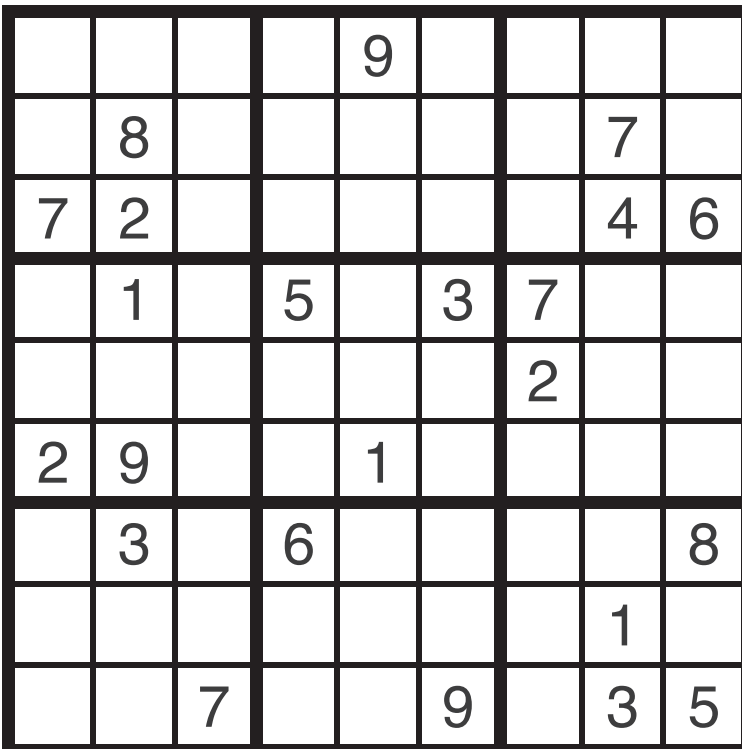
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- 9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
- 13. Anatomical term
- 14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
- 15. Jewish calendar month
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Western Pacific republic
- 18. List of foods
- 19. It can strike the ground
- 21. Drenches
- 22. Some are cole
- 23. ___ Squad
- 24. Expresses emotion
- 25. One point east of due south
- 28. Satisfaction
- 29. Holds nothing back
- 31. Top of the body
- 33. Not well-liked
- 36. Did slowly
- 38. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 39. Gland secretion
- 41. Vital to existence
- 44. Aristocratic young women
- 45. Erik ___, composer
- 46. Not young
- 48. Jewish term for "Sir"
- 49. Secondary school
- 51. ___ student: learns to heal

- 52. Regarding
- 54. Highly excited
- 56. Mainly
- 60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
- 61. Cakes
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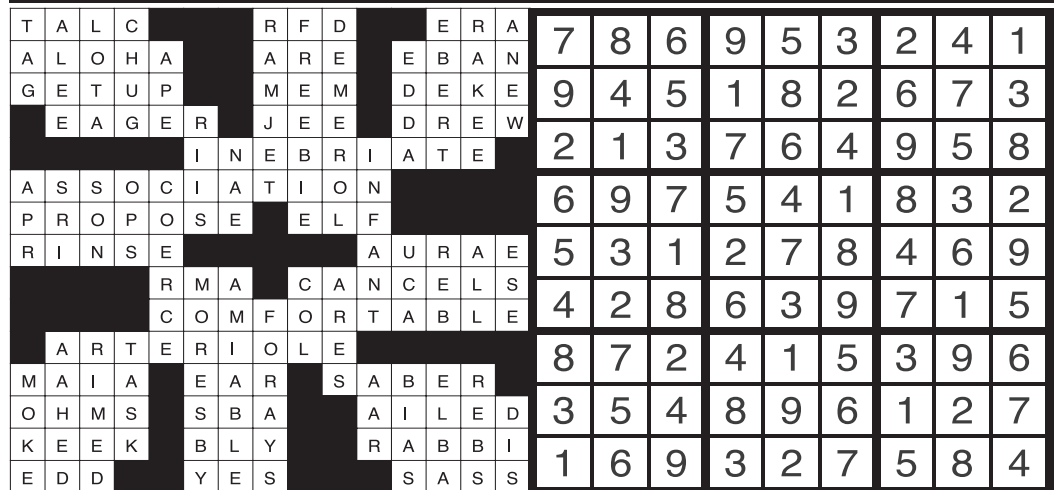
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- 5. Jr.'s father
- 6. Necessary for certain beverages
- 7. Hillside
- 8. Dutch painter Gerrit ___
- 9. Gave a new look
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. Confidence trick
- 12. Type of fund
- 14. From an Asian island
- 17. Malay boat
- 20. Western Australia indigenous people

- 21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
- 23. You need it to get somewhere
- 25. The woman
- 26. It may be green
- 27. Makes less severe
- 29. One from Beantown
- 30. Cavalry sword
- 32. Metric linear unit
- 34. Hawaiian dish
- 35. Yokel
- 37. Dissuade
- 40. Mutual savings bank
- 42. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 43. Primordial matters
- 47. We all have it
- 49. Hermann ___, author of "Siddhartha"
- 50. Historic MA coastal city
- 52. Shady garden alcove
- 53. Small amount
- 55. Horse-drawn cart
- 56. Nocturnal rodent
- 57. Spiritual leader
- 58. Air mattress
- 59. Speaks incessantly
- 61. Auction term
- 65. Atomic #62



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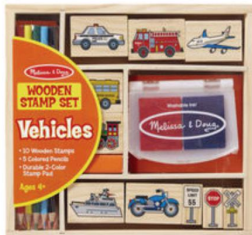
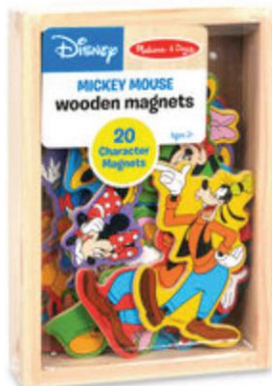
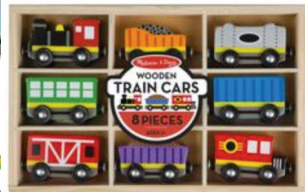
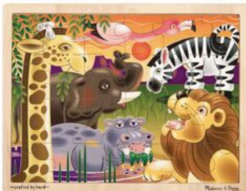
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