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# COVID-19

**Positive Cases | Deaths**  
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Information provided by St. Mary's Health Department

# Health Department To Purchase Masks for Schools

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County Public Schools anticipates it will need approximately 1.3 million disposable face masks for students and staff when they return for the remainder of the school year and the Board of Education approved a deal with the county health department to purchase them on behalf of the school system at their Sept. 30 meeting.

"We'll have enough so that every single student and staff member can have a daily use disposable mask," Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith told The County Times in a later Wednesday interview.

The masks that will be purchased are the kind often used in hospitals or clinics, made from a paper stock with several folds and attached, flexible ear tabs to hold the mask in place.

"They're just all around better," said Smith of their greater comfort as well as being easier to speak through due to their light construction.

Since they are disposable and replaceable, parents and students do not have to be concerned about washing and sanitizing them each day.

"It creates the safest option," Smith said. "And we can have them everywhere."

For example, Smith said, if a child arrives at a bus stop without a mask, their driver will be able to provide them with one.

"This removes it as a thing to argue about," he said.

Smith also offered more details about the plans to return students to in-person instruction on a hybrid model.

Starting Oct. 7, next week, students in special education regional programs such as SAIL and Compass will begin returning to class; by Oct. 28 and 29 Head Start, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 6th graders and high school freshmen will begin returning divided into two groups which come back to classrooms on alternating days for orientation.

On Nov. 2, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st graders, 6th graders, freshmen and seniors will return to the hybrid instruction model laid out by the school system.

"On Nov. 16 everybody who wants to be back in school is on the hybrid

schedule," Smith said.

The original plan was to have all students back in a hybrid instruction model - a combination of in-person and virtual learning - by mid to late October but the revelation of a school employee who tested positive for COVID-19 and a subsequent outbreak declaration for George Washington Carver Elementary School brought those plans to a halt.

Smith acknowledged, at a Sept. 23 school board meeting, that the school system took criticism from the public for delaying the return -initially of special needs students to in-person learning four times a week as they did not perform well in virtual settings - but the problem quickly grew wider than just one school system employee.

"By the time we had the town hall [virtually on Sept. 16] we had 11 positive cases across St. Mary's County Public Schools," Smith said. "We quarantined over 30 employees, impacting six different buildings."

He said the decision to halt the return was a difficult one but was supported by data.

"Let's press pause before introducing children to what is going on," he said about his decision of Sept. 16. "Quarantine lasts 14 days but if they're [school employees] in a home where they can't separate that doubles to 28 days."

Teachers, who had previously criticized Smith for alerting parents to schedule changes for student returns before them, were quick to praise him last week for delaying students' return to deal with the virus.

Sarah Penrod, president of the Education Association of St. Mary's County (EASMC), thanked Smith personally on behalf of about 50 teachers waiting in the Moakley Street parking lot at the Sept. 23 meeting, all wearing red t-shirts stating: "SMCPS Educator: Dedicated Even From A Distance," for delaying the return to school.

"When he was presented with what was likely the most difficult decision he had to make as a superintendent, he didn't hesitate to make the correct one for the health and safety of his students and staff."

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Superintendent Scott Smith

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# Health Department Shuts Down Hair Salon

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The owner of a Mechanicsville hair salon is decrying orders from the St. Mary's County Health Department that have forced her to close her business for more than a week, saying she has been unfairly treated in social media posts.

The health department has issued a warning regarding Expressions of Beauty Hair Salon as well, stating it is a possible point of community spread of COVID-19.

The businesses has been shuttered since Sept. 19.

Ashley Ednie, owner of the salon, spoke in a video recorded statement on the same day on social media protesting the order.

She said despite steps she and her employees have taken to keep the shop clean since reopening May 19, she claimed the health department has "harassed" her since that time.

"Nothing is good enough and I'm willing to take a stand and fight for my rights," Ednie said on the video from inside her salon with some of her employees in the background wearing masks. "I closed my business for 10 weeks, that's 10 weeks of not a dollar coming through my door."

She said the health department had threatened her with a misdemeanor charge for not obeying health orders, which carried a possible \$5,000 fine and one year in jail.

"Prison? For what? Trying to work and be a tax paying citizen?" Ednie continued. "Protests are OK, going to Walmart and football stadiums are all OK."

"But please close my small business to protect us."

Ednie said she had a doctor's note explaining a condition for which wearing a mask was contraindicated.

Social media responses to Ednie's remarks ranged from strong support to criticism, with some observing they had seen she and her employees not wearing masks while working while other salons had complied.

The county's chief physician disputed Ednie's claims that since she reopened, she had not had a COVID-19 outbreak.

"The order for closure came after multiple complaint driven inspections which observed that salon employees and customers were not wearing masks in this small indoor setting and customers were not being asked to wear masks at the times of our inspections," said Dr. Meena Brewster, county health officer in a prepared statement. "Additionally, multiple cases of COVID-19 have been associated with the business."

"The closure order for the salon was issued because it was operating in a manner that could pose an unreasonable risk of exacerbating the spread of COVID-19."

Brewster said the business had been issued a warning of public exposure risk because: "requests for information relating to an open public health investigation were denied by the business."

This information was related to contact tracing efforts the health department had undertaken, Brewster's statement said, to limit the spread of the disease.

"With COVID-19, people may be infectious to others even if they do not have symptoms," Brewster said. "If an individual or business does not provide information that they have that is necessary for a public health investigation, they are not only violating Maryland law, but also are potentially endangering the health and safety of others in our community."

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This hair salon is the first business in St. Mary's to be closed by order of the health department for COVID-19.

# Brewster Urges Continued Vigilance on Virus

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The impact of COVID-19 across Maryland has been dissipating for weeks now, and while the state is well into Stage 3 of Gov. Larry Hogan's recovery plan the county's top physician said now is not the time to relax on stopping the spread of the virus.

"We have definitely experienced some levels of surge," County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday. "We had a blip up in September... but it doesn't seem to be persisting." Brewster's statement was in response to Commissioner Mike Hewitt's question about whether the county was, in general, doing well or poorly in response to the pandemic after seven months.

"We're having these surges but it's not really relating to hospitalizations," Hewitt said.

Early in the pandemic there were heavy outbreaks in the state at assisted living facilities and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home has been the county's most virulent hotspot.

Brewster said active outbreaks continue at the veterans' home, St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown and at Chesapeake Shores in Lexington Park.

The week with most new cases was that of May 31 with 117, followed by 84 for the week of July 26, according to health department records.

There were 65 new cases just two weeks ago as of Sept. 13.

With 20 percent of the county's population now having been tested for COVID-19, the majority of new cases continue to be gatherings, parties and other social events, Brewster said.

But many of the new cases do not require hospitalization as the paradigm of infection has shifted to younger people with fewer to no



Dr. Meena Brewster

preexisting medical conditions.

"The picture has changed quite a bit," Brewster told commissioners. "There's much more of an impact in younger populations

"And we still have a pretty significant number of cases."

So far, 57 St. Mary's County residents – in any jurisdiction – have died from COVID-19, 43 of those deaths have occurred in the county.

Deaths of non-residents in St. Mary's has reached 27, according to the latest health department data.

The last St. Mary's resident to die of COVID-19 was Sept. 6.

Only three of those 57 deaths are below the age of 70; 18 are ranged between 70 to 79 years old, 24 between the ages of 80 to 89 and 12 have been 90 or older.

Since the pandemic began here there have been 1,333 cases of COVID-19 and 1,141 of those patients have been released from isolation, according to the health department.

These figures, combined with total number of fatalities means there are 135 known, active cases in St. Mary's, according to the health department's metrics.

Brewster remained cautious. "We're not a point where we can say we've tamped this down," she said.

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# Proposals on MetCom Debt, Excise Tax, Open Meetings Move Ahead

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to support a host of legislative proposals they hope will become law during the coming Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis; among them were plans to decouple the Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) debt from that of the county as well as limit the amount of debt MetCom can incur to just 2 percent of the water and sewer provider's assessable base.

Commissioner Todd Morgan, who presented the proposal to decouple, said the measure would allow both the county to continue to grow as well as MetCom's infrastructure; if the debts remained coupled, one entity could use up the capacity needed by the other, causing one's efforts to stall.

He said he believed MetCom could be faced with major construction projects in the future that would necessitate decoupling the debts because of a possible need to borrow.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who eventually voted to support the decoupling, was concerned that both entities could incur a combined debt of up to \$550 million to \$600 million if they were decoupled at an identical 2.15 percent cap.

The debt MetCom incurs would still be supported by the county's full faith and credit, however, despite any decoupling.

The county's debt limit is 2.15 percent of its assessable base, which Chief Finance Officer Jeanett Cudmore calculated to yield almost \$300 million in possible debt that could be incurred.

George Erichsen, MetCom's executive director, said the utility could function well at just 2 percent and the proposal was amended.

"We cannot incur debt without your concurrence," Erichsen told commissioners, noting the commissioners still control over the utility's construction plans.

Commissioners were careful to explain that the authority to enact an excise tax on new construction would not be in addition to the current impact fees; after significant debate they voted to amend the proposal to say that commissioners would have authority to enact an excise tax or impact fee, but not both.

Impact fees are required to ensure that the county can pay for adequate public services, such as police, fire and rescue, water and sewer and schools, to support new growth.

"I do not want another tax on top

of development, on top of what we already have," Hewitt said.

"We're not adding another tax, we're just collecting the revenue a different way," said County Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said the excise could have a lower impact for "the average homeowner" and make tax revenue collection processes more flexible.

The commissioners also approved a proposal to seek an additional \$34.7 million in bonding authority for capital construction projects but Commissioners Eric Colvin and John O'Connor both voted against it.

All commissioners, save one, supported a proposal to repeal the county's open meetings law, the first of its kind in the state dating back to 1976, and couple the county to the state open meetings law.

County Attorney David Weiskopf said the switch would cause "no less transparency" in local government operations and that it would make questions of how the law should be applied easier to answer by state legal authorities.

"The slight nuances we have just aren't worth it," Weiskopf said. "It doesn't get updated as often as the state law."

All other jurisdictions in Maryland use the state open meetings act.

Colvin said the change offered "simplicity in only following one law."

Hewitt said the only support for the change came from elected leaders and not residents.

"I'm not hearing anything from the citizens to change this" Hewitt said. "If anything, they're saying keep it, they like it."

Hewitt said politicians and lawyers might find the local law cumbersome, but that was not the point.

"Respectfully, respectfully, that's your job," Hewitt said to Weiskopf. "It's your job to call the [Attorney General's] office and say, 'Hey, we got this going on,' and if she says 'Oh, you're St. Mary's County,' too bad."

"I think there's some pride... that we were smart enough, proactive enough to be the first [to have an open meetings law.]"

Commissioners are set to meet the state delegation Oct. 6 to discuss these proposals and whether state elected leaders will support them in Annapolis.

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# New Sheriff Station in Lexington Park



The Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office convened this month to celebrate the opening of the new District 4 Station on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park.

Formerly the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, the building and site has been renovated to provide the Sheriff's Office workspace for its Lexington Park COPs Unit, a training/conference room, temporary holding cells and other functions.

"I appreciate the support of the community in Lexington Park for this project and this board," Sheriff Tim Cameron told the commissioners at their Sept. 29, 2020 business meeting.

The Sheriff called the new station a "really beautiful building and I'm quite proud of that."

But the function of the station is "sup-

portive of all of our operations," Sheriff Cameron said.

"Other than the detention center, that's the first purpose-built structure for the Sheriff's Office," Sheriff Cameron said. In years past, "we just assimilated previously to whatever buildings were available. And we fit that the best we could. This was designed from the ground up and you can tell," he said.

"I think it's a real asset to the community," Commissioner Mike Hewitt said.

"I think it will serve the citizens of Lexington Park quite well. It already is," Sheriff Cameron said.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office especially thanks Chris Bologna and CSBI Services for their design and construction work on the new station.

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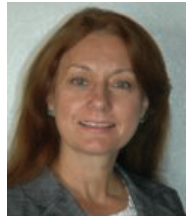
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# Leonardtwn Couple Rescue Man From Breton Bay

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Members of the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad transported a 50-year-old man in distress from the Breton Bay Community Pier Sept. 24 after he had fallen off his paddle boat but it was a married couple who live in town who pulled him from the water.

Steve Walker, director of the county's Department of Emergency Management, confirmed the incident and the civilian water rescue occurring last week.

"The man was wheezing and not feeling well so they transported him from the pier to the hospital," Walker said.

In a social media post, John Vallandingham, who with his wife April pulled the man from the water, said a car accident in town pressed them to take their vessel to Morris Point for dinner instead of a restaurant on the town square.

"On our way out, we saw several boats pass us coming into the bay," Vallandingham wrote. "As we rounded Light No. 7, I was adjusting the [navigation] on our boat and I heard April say 'What is that?'"

Vallandingham, a former Coast

Guard service worker said he looked about 50 yards out off the starboard side of the boat and saw a man floating and clutching something.

At first, he thought the person was swimming.

"We see lots of people swim past our pier all summer; then I saw their head go under water and arms not moving much," Vallandingham said.

He brought his boat around quickly.

"He couldn't reply so we quickly realized [he was] hypothermic and exhausted," Vallandingham wrote. "We pulled [him] out of the water and got [him] down below and cranked the heat while wrapping with blankets.

"[Twenty-five] minutes later we tied up at a community pier and EMS took over."

Discovering the man in distress was against the odds, he said.

"The fact that April spotted him at all was a miracle," Vallandingham stated. "We feel so very fortunate God placed us at the right place at the right time to save this person's life."

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# Animal Shelter Plan Approved

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The county's plan to operate its own, independent animal shelter negotiated a major regulatory obstacle this week when the members of the St. Mary's County Planning Commission unanimously approved the concept site plan for the project.

The project is slated to be built on FDR Boulevard in California, in a still wooded area on approximately 75 acres of land in the First Colony planned unit development community.

The entire facility would be 14,000 square feet in size, according to planning documents.

For the past several years the county has searched for a site to build a new facility after the cooperative agreement to run the aging Tri-County Animal Shelter in Hughesville dissolved; Charles County signaled several years ago that it planned to operate its own facility and in response Calvert County commissioners decided to build their own animal shelter on Route 231 in Barstow.

St. Mary's has pushed to quickly get its own shelter so it would not be left running an aging facility on its own.

The new facility would have space for dogs, cats or other animals that have been abandoned or otherwise unwanted.

The plans for the facility have it able to house about 90 cats.

There will also be a small barn on the property to take in farm animals as well.

Steve Walker, director of the county's Department of Emergency Services, which has partnered with the Department of Public Works on the project, said purchasing animals there once built would not be an option.

"There will not be any sales of animals there," said Walker, adding that other services for animals could be available there in the future such as spaying or neutering.

"That's not going to be initial," Walker said. "But that's something that is in the plans."

"There is going to be planned animal adoption," public works chief John Deatrick said.

Gary Whipple, deputy director at public works explained that the county took pains to ensure the plan would stand scrutiny by the planning commission by taking it through the technical evaluation committee pro-



Artist Rendering

cess last year.

The facility construction, Whipple said, ensured it would be suitable not only for the animals but the nearby neighborhood as well.

"The kennels are on the back side of the facility, away from the Navy

housing," Whipple said. "They really put a lot of thought into how the site was laid out."

The plan calls for breaking ground in March, Whipple said, with completion one year after."

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# Local ACE Stores Sold To Calvert Family



ACE Hardware in Leonardtown

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Rudman family, which has owned and operated the ACE Hardware stores in both Leonardtown and Charlotte Hall for decades are selling their business to the Sneade family of Calvert County, which also operates hardware stores.

Al Rudman started the hardware store in Leonardtown in 1978, he said, first as a True Value franchise and then for the last six years as an ACE store.

Sept. 30 was the last day he owned the business; Sneades took over today, Oct. 1.

"I live here and I appreciate the community and all the friends we've made and all the customers who've participated at our stores," Rudman told The County Times. "We've had people looking to buy us for about 12 years."

The family store had drawn the attention of larger corporations, Rudman said, but he was adamant about selling to a buyer who would keep the business much the way it is now.

"We wanted someone who would

carry on our community philosophy and respect the associates we've hired," Rudman said. "We wanted to sell to a family, not a corporation."

The two hardware stores employ 66 people; the Charlotte Hall store was opened in 1988 and the family owned one in La Plata but that was destroyed by the 2002 tornado that swept through the town.

At one time Rudman owned the IGA grocery store in Leonardtown, a laundromat and a gas station as well as the hardware stores.

"We had almost 200 associates working for us," Rudman said.

Rudman said now was the best time to sell, though he does not plan to retire after divesting from the main business.

Sneades expressed their interest in buying Rudman's business about five years ago, Rudman said.

He will continue to operate Sidetrack Hobbies which sells model trains and other similar items and has operated since 1972.

"We ship all over the world," Rudman said.

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# Lawmakers Applaud Airport Federal Funding



Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) and Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen announced an award of \$5,560,023 in federal funds to St. Mary's County Regional Airport for the extension and reconstruction of the airport runway. The funding is awarded through the Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

"I'm pleased the St. Mary's County Regional Airport will receive this important funding," said Congressman Hoyer. "This critical funding will ensure our local infrastructure can continue to serve Southern Marylanders, and enhance economic development. I will continue to work with my colleagues to secure funding to improve our infrastructure systems."

"Local airports provide a critical connection between communities and economies throughout our state and region," said Senator Cardin. "Improving our airport infrastructure is critical for our recovery through the COVID-19

economic crisis. This investment will provide St. Mary's County Regional Airport with the federal resources they need to continue serving our communities, creating jobs and stimulating economic growth throughout the region."

"The St. Mary's County Regional Airport is a hub for local jobs and economic opportunity. This investment will help modernize key infrastructure so our regional airports continue to serve Maryland's communities effectively and efficiently," said Senator Van Hollen. "We will keep fighting for federal funds to support and grow our regional economies."

These funds are made available through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant and the authorized CARES Act funds waive local cost share requirements for Fiscal Year 2020. Lawmakers previously announced over \$107 million in COVID-19 economic relief for Maryland airports. Additional information on how funding is distributed nationwide may be found through the FAA.

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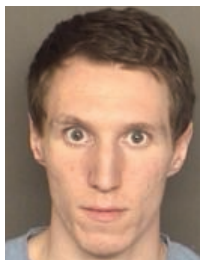
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# ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

**On View Arrests:**

**Violate Protective Order-** On September 9, 2020, Dep. Luffey responded to the 20500 block of Treetop Road in Lexington Park, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined **David Michael Jenkins**, age 23 of Lexington Park, contacted the victim in violation of an active court order prohibiting Jenkins from contacting the victim by and means. Jenkins was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order by Dep. Luffey# 352.



David Michael Jenkins

**Assault-** On September 13, 2020, Cpl. Beishline responded to the 21100 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **William Thomas Douglas**



William Thomas Douglas

**as Douglas**, age 39 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the head, causing visible injury. Douglas was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

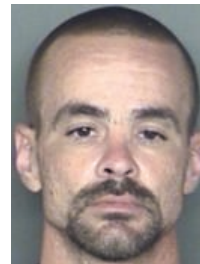
**Assault-** On September 18, 2020, Dep. Edelen responded to the 28600 block of Hancock Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Justin Steven Cherrico**, age 34 of Mechanicsville, assaulted the victim by throwing the victim to the ground. Cherrico assaulted a second victim by punching the victim several times in the face. Cherrico was arrested and charged with two counts of Assault 2nd Degree. Cherrico was also served an outstanding warrant for trespassing.



Justin Steven Cherrico

**Burglary-** On September 19, 2020, Cpl. Hartzell responded to the 22700 block of Lawrence Avenue in Leonardtown, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined **James**

**Allen Michael Schaeffer**, age 37 of Union Bridge, entered the victim's residence, and made contact with the victim in violation of an active court order prohibiting Schaeffer from contacting the victim. Schaeffer was arrested and charged with Burglary 3rd and 4th Degree and Violation of Protective Order.



James Allen Michael Schaeffer

**Theft Suspect Sought**

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020 at 3:10 pm, the suspect attempted to leave the California Walmart store with two air mattresses that he did not pay for. Confronted by the store's loss prevention staff, the suspect fled the store, leaving the cart behind.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Robert Chase at 301-475-4200, ext. 78079 or email robert.chase@stmarysmd.com. Case # 57252-20

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact 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.



## Public Notice

**Charles Memorial Gardens Cemetery Clean Up**

Charles Memorial Gardens Cemetery will begin the annual fall clean up on October 15th through October 31st. We will be cleaning up the grounds from the preceding seasons and preparing the cemetery for the new season. If you wish to save your tributes and decorations, please remove them before the clean-up period. During these dates, we ask that you refrain from placing new decorations until November 1st. Please visit our website [www.charlesmemorial.com](http://www.charlesmemorial.com) or our front office for our Rules and Regulations.

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# Ballot Drop Box Locations Announced

*Eleven to be in St. Mary's*

St. Mary's County 2020 Presidential General Election Vote Centers and Drop Box Locations

St. Mary's County will have one early voting center location that will be open Oct. 26 through Nov. 2, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days per week. The early voting center is located at:

**Hollywood Firehouse**

24801 Three Notch Road  
Hollywood, MD 20636

The following ballot drop box locations will be available starting Sept. 30, 2020. These locations are open 24-hours per day, seven days per week through Nov. 3, 2020:

**Lexington Park Library**

21677 FDR Blvd  
Lexington Park, MD 20653

**Hollywood Firehouse**

24801 Three Notch Road  
Hollywood, MD 20636

**Great Mills High School**

21130 Great Mills Road  
Great Mills, MD 20634

**Board of Elections (old office)**

41650 Tudor Hall Road  
Leonardtwn, MD 20650

The following ballot drop box locations will open the week of **Oct. 15th – Oct. 17th** (exact date of installation not known yet). The box will be open 24-hours per day, seven days per week through Nov. 3, 2020.

**Charlotte Hall Library**

37600 New Market Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
Board of Elections Office (new)  
23250 Hollywood Road  
Leonardtwn, MD 20650

**Leonardtwn High School**

23995 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtwn, MD 20650

**Margaret Brent Middle School**

29675 Point Lookout Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

**Lexington Park Elementary School**

46763 S. Shangri-La Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653

The following ballot drop boxes will be open the week of **Oct. 22nd – Oct. 24th** (exact date of installation not known yet). The boxes will be open 24-hours per day, seven days per week through Nov. 3, 2020:

**Spring Ridge Middle School**

19856 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653

**Marshall Dent Elem School**

37840 New Market Turner Rd  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Per Governor Hogan's proclamation, not all polling locations will be open Nov. 3, 2020. However, St. Mary's will have these Election Day Vote Centers open Nov. 3, 2020, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. These locations are open to all voters regardless of district.

**Hollywood Firehouse**

24801 Three Notch Road  
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Please visit the St. Mary's County Board of Elections webpage or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1625.

# Scarecrow Stroll Contest



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- \_\_\_ LEONARDTOWN CHEVY
- \_\_\_ PURPLE POST REAL ESTATE (IN TOWN AROUND THE SQUARE)
- \_\_\_ PET VALU (IN TOWN AROUND THE SQUARE)
- \_\_\_ BRU
- \_\_\_ CLARKS REST
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All scarecrows are located in or near the participating business unless otherwise noted. Place an X next to your favorite. You can vote for more than one. Votes will be tallied and the winner announced on 10/27/20. Ballots are available around town at many participating businesses. Ballots may be turned in to Town Hall, Shepherds Old Field Market, Crazy for Ewe. You may also scan or take a picture and email to leonardtwnmaryland@gmail.com or text to 301-247-7611. One entry per person. Everyone who enters will be entered into a random drawing for gift cards and other prizes from local businesses. You may also vote on the social media contest running on the Visit Leonardtown MD Facebook page.



## A Day of Prayer Celebration on St. Clement's Island



On Saturday, September 19 local friends and families gathered on St. Clement's Island in historic Colton's Point to pray for Peace in our nation, for our first responders, and for our youth! God blessed us with beautiful weather as we gathered with American citizens who love their faith, heritage, and their country! We live in an extra special community filled with extraordinary people!

Organized by members of the Southern Maryland Roots Youth Group, and supported by the St. Clement's Hundred, this day was initially scheduled for a high school youth Pilgrimage "The Journey" before the pandemic occurred.

The Pilgrimage has been postponed until next year, however the gathering of those present more than made up for the Pilgrimage delay. Those participating enjoyed a day of heartfelt prayer and comradery on the island where settlers landed and celebrated the first Catholic Mass in the English speaking new world.

Boat transportation donated by Captain Butch Cornelius and the North Star navigated by Captain

Rick Nelson transferred everyone to the Island for the two hour program consisting of the Presentation of the Colors, National Anthem performed by Ryken High school student Cora Bessette, Opening prayer by Deacon Joseph Lloyd, special guest Senator Jack Bailey Welcome and Recognitions, an Island and Lighthouse history presentation by St. Clements Hundred member Rita Weaver, culminating with a Living Rosary prayer service provided by the Father Andrew White Knights of Columbus Assembly 377 with all ages participating. We even received a surprise fly over salute from the Maryland State Police Trooper 7 such an honor to see!

The day's programming ended with a Blessing and picnic lunch where everyone could enjoy this beautiful island with family and friends. Our prayer gathering was a small but significant contribution to the many who are sacrificing so much for our country on a daily basis! Saturday was an honor and a true blessing to see many gather in peaceful prayer for our Nation! May God continue to bless the United States of America!

## Help Improve The Health Of Our Community!

*Survey Open To St. Mary's  
Residents Now*



To better serve our community, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital is requesting feedback on healthcare priorities from patients, residents, and key partners. Your perceptions are welcome through the Community Health Needs Assessment, available online now through Oct. 23.

Available in English, Spanish and Korean, the survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Participants will be asked about their perceptions of top health concerns, personal health habits, and services that could be beneficial, among other topics. Feedback is anonymous.

"Your input will help us learn more about what the community believes are the gaps and factors most influencing local health. We want to know where we can best play a role in helping meet patients' health needs," said Lori Werrell, regional director of Population and Community Health for MedStar St. Mary's Hospital and MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center. "Hearing from as many St. Mary's residents as possible is very important—we want to make sure we are making an impact on

the health issues that matter most."

Conducted every three years, survey feedback in the past led MedStar St. Mary's to focus on expanding access to mental health, dental, and basic primary care services. The AccessHealth team offers qualifying residents transportation to and from medical appointments, such as those now available at MedStar Medical Group Primary Care at Great Mills. Funded through grants secured by MedStar St. Mary's, a dental clinic has also opened to bring low- or no-cost services via Health Partners Inc. to East Run Center in Lexington Park.

"We've made great progress in expanding community services, and that work continues. We want to make sure we're focused on addressing the priorities of our neighbors to build a healthier future for all of us," Werrell said.

Responses will be collected through Friday, Oct. 23, with a final report published on MedStar Health's next June. Visit [MedStarHealth.org/Community-Survey](https://www.MedStarHealth.org/Community-Survey) and select "MedStar St. Mary's Hospital" to get started.

*MedStar St. Mary's Press Release*



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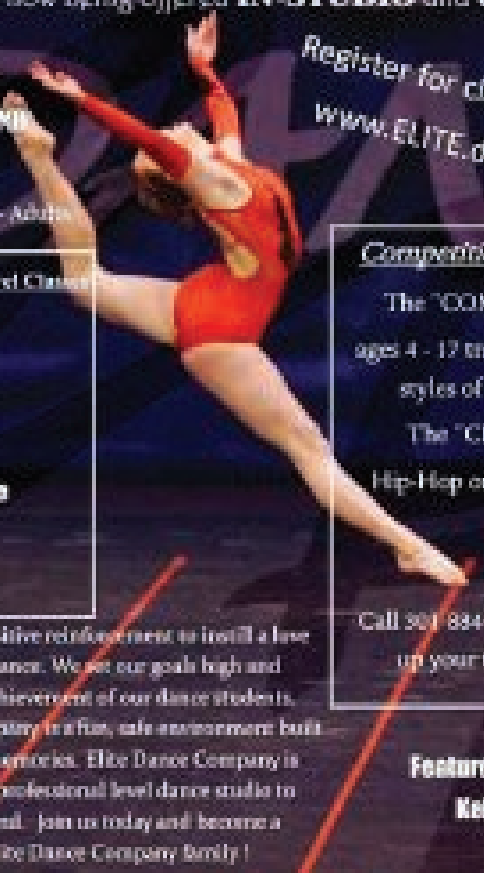
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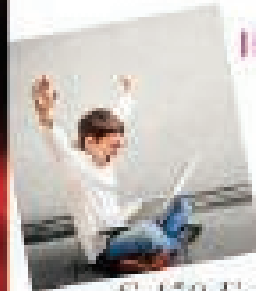
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# Leonardtwn Welcomes the Fenwick Inn

By Brandy Blackstone

The Fenwick Inn on Fenwick Street is the latest addition to Leonardtown. The charming two-story frame, four-square home, known as the Johnson/Mattingly House, has been transformed into an elegant wedding and special event venue. While an indoor event space is a welcome and much needed addition to this eclectic Southern Maryland town, the Inn serves as so much more. Within the walls of the beautifully restored home is a rich history of its caretakers who lived, worked and helped build Leonardtown into the warm and welcoming place it is today.

The Johnson/Mattingly House, located at 41685 Fenwick Street, was constructed in 1933 by Ida and Stanley Johnson. The Johnson family, who owned and operated a bakery just west of the home in a building that no longer stands, initially planned to use the house as a rental property. The four-square home is indicative of the building style that was prevalent in St. Mary's County in the 1920's and 1930's.

In 1945 Fayrene & James Virgil "Booker" Mattingly bought the home. The couple owned a dress shop on Fenwick then later on Washington Street. Booker, who was born blind, would sit on the porch where he could identify people walking past the house by the sound of their footsteps. Current owners Donna and Danny O'Connor and their family are the fourth caretakers of the home, having purchased it in 1999.

The O'Connors ran a successful home accessories and specialty gifts store for 10 years called Home Impressions. They operated the store first out of their home on St. Georges Island, then from the house on Fenwick Street. When they decided they were ready for a change from the retail business, they closed the shop. However, they held onto the home - renting it to another store that sold wine, chocolates and jewelry, then renting it to a private tenant before the transition to the Fenwick Inn was made.

The couple has built several other successful businesses including their first wedding and special event space at Mt. Olive Farm, a 60-acre horse farm founded in 1823



in Valley Lee. The O'Connors made many upgrades to enhance the natural beauty of the farm that features two breathtaking spaces - one inside the barn and the other in the garden. They also own and operate D and D Farm, an Airbnb that sits on 109 acres near Patuxent River Naval Air Station where visitors can enjoy hiking and biking the beautiful trails along the property, kayaking or canoeing the pond, or simply relaxing and enjoying the breathtaking view.

While Donna and Danny loved building and maintaining the businesses with their family at the farms, Leonardtown was never far from their hearts and minds. Donna had always enjoyed the restaurants and specialty shops, but recognized that the town needed a dedicated event space. Having worked with clients on large scale events for a number of years, she noticed that finer details were often lacking for larger venues, as was the opportunity for her clients to linger and connect with their guests. The dream of creating a smaller more intimate event space took shape. When their tenant left, they started the project to renovate the home, to create such a place for a town dear to their hearts.

Donna noted that a main goal with the restoration was to honor "the bones" or character of the home by saving as many of the original details as possible. Renovations to the exterior included the addition of

new siding and fencing, removing the back porch, and building both a pergola and a pavilion.

In the interior, the great room that greets guests when they enter showcases antique doors sourced from both Maryland and Europe. The stairwell handrails came from a walnut youth bed that belonged to Reverend Dale Tilghman Cropper, the former pastor of the St. Georges Episcopal Church in Valley Lee. The Amish helped create the additional spindles that were needed. The aesthetic they strove to achieve was a merging of a Nantucket and European style.

Donna believes that "simplicity is best" - this is demonstrated by the openness of the front room, in the choice of leaving the windows unswathed for optimum view of the bustling street, and in designing an uncluttered flowerbed that features blooms of only one type of flower, the flourishing hydrangea bushes that Donna planted herself before the opening of Home Impressions, which she lovingly preserves and places in simple vases throughout the first floor. It's touches like these that have created a space that is decidedly elegant yet welcoming.

Even when the business was closed, Donna maintained her contacts and continued collecting antiques. Knowing this, a family member called Donna to tell her about an estate sale for Laura Mako, a well-known interior designer and decorator

who designed spaces for Gerald Ford, Bob Hope, Helen Hayes, Henry Mancini, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. Laura had built a beautiful home on Breton Beach near her niece, Sarah Long. Donna contacted Sarah who invited her for a private viewing of the estate. It was during the visit that Donna learned that Laura was from Leonardtown and of her connection to the home on Fenwick Street - that Laura was actually a distant cousin of the home's second owner, Booker Mattingly. Donna ended up staying for hours looking at the amazing collection of art and autographed mementos and was thrilled to be able to purchase some of the artwork for the Inn.

Laura's personal collection included exquisite works of art by her father-in-law, Bartholomew Mako, a renowned portrait artist and sculptor from Hungary. Bartholomew was commissioned to create countless portraits for private families and sculptures for churches and a courthouse. Laura's husband, Constantine "Gene" Mako was a professional tennis player who won four grand slam doubles at Wimbledon in the 1930's and was inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island in 1973. When Gene left tennis, he opened an art gallery and began researching his father's work which resulted in a two-volume book about his father's life-long career called, "Bartholomew Mako, a Hungarian Master". Gene even became a painter himself.

Donna's favorite piece she was able to obtain is the needlepoint that Laura created herself. The elegant stitching relays the things she loved most, including her childhood home. It felt fitting to bring that piece and some of Bartholomew's exquisite artwork from Laura's personal collection back home to Leonardtown to be a part of the new life for the home on Fenwick Street.

To learn more about the Inn and to experience the elegance and grandeur of the newly transformed event space for yourself, email [thefenwickinn@gmail.com](mailto:thefenwickinn@gmail.com) to arrange a visit or stop by for the Open House during First Friday on Friday, October 2nd from 4:30 - 8p.m.



# St. Mary's County Board of Elections to Conduct Public Logic and Accuracy Canvassing

The St. Mary's County Board of Elections will be conducting the Public Logic and Accuracy Demonstration on the DS200 Ballot Scanner and the Express Voting Units Oct. 9, 2020, at 10 a.m. The public testing will be held in person at the Board of Elections office 23250 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD, 20650. Due to social distancing guidelines, there will be a limited number of people allowed in to view the demonstration. For information, please call 301-475-

4200, ext. 71613.

The 2020 General Election canvassing of the ballots by mail will begin Oct. 12, 2020, at 9 a.m. The full canvassing schedule will be posted on the Board of Elections webpage, <https://www.stmarysmd.com/supervisorofelections/>.

For more information, please contact Wendy Adkins at [wendy.adkins@stmarysmd.com](mailto:wendy.adkins@stmarysmd.com) or call 301-475-4200, ext. 71613.

# LSM Adds New Board Member

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) welcomes Col. Joe "Mort" Mortensen, USMC (retired) to its board of directors. Mortensen is a graduate of LSM's Executive Program, Class of 2016 and will serve on the programs committee for the organization.

Mortensen, a native of Albion, Nebraska, enjoyed a 29-year Marine Corps career retiring in May 2009. He served in a wide variety of leadership positions that included commander, Naval Test Wing Atlantic; commanding officer and chief test pilot, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23; and staff assignments at the battalion, squadron, group, marine expeditionary force, and joint task force levels. His 27 years of aviation experience as a naval aviator included twelve years in aircraft and weapon system development, test, and evaluation as a test pilot. Operationally, he flew F-4s and F/A-18s throughout the world and from aircraft carriers—logging over 3,700 hours in 70 different aircraft. Mortensen flew missions in support of Operation Southern Watch from the USS Nimitz (CVN-68) and was the chief of plans and assessment (J5), Joint Task Force 536 where he defined and planned United States political-military transition strategy during Southeast Asia tsunami relief in support of Operation Unified Assistance.

After his Marine Corps career, Mortensen joined United States Federal Civil Service as a general engineer and served for two years as the director, Test and Evaluation for the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, Orlando, Florida. Mortensen transferred to Patuxent River, Maryland and joined Naval Air Systems Command where he served as the chief-of-staff, Test & Evaluation Group and director, Test and Evaluation Staff Office. In 2019, he was reassigned as director, Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation Strategy and Management. Concurrently from 2014



Joe "Mort" Mortensen, USMC (retired)

to 2020, he served as co-chairman of the NATO Science and Technology Organization Flight Test Technical Team. Mortensen retired from federal service in July 2020.

Mortensen received an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Master of Science degree in aviation systems from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Test Pilot School, completed a fellowship with the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, and was a member of Leadership Southern Maryland Class of 2016. Mortensen is an associate fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, member of the Marine Corps Aviation Association, and is an Eagle Scout.

In addition to serving on the LSM board, Mortensen also holds a position on the executive board of directors for National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America as one of their district chairmen.

*Press Release from LSM*

# Old Jail Museum Reopens



The Old Jail Museum, a popular landmark in the heart of Leonardtown, will be officially open to the public for regular visitation hours.

Interested visitors are encouraged to come and take a tour of this unique and fascinating historic site. The museum will be open Oct. 1 until Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 50 p.m. daily, and then starting Nov. 1 from 12 to 4 p.m. daily.

The museum will also be open special hours during Leonardtown First Fridays and other Town events.

Admission is FREE for all ages.

Staff will be on-hand to showcase the Old Jail and its interesting story. A special exhibit regarding Benjamin Hance, a young African American man who was held at the Old Jail in 1887 and later killed by a local mob, will be on display. Hance is the only documented lynching victim recorded in St. Mary's County.

The Old Jail Museum is one of three sites in St. Mary's County on the National Park's

Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, and features stories related to that era.

The location also serves as the official Leonardtown Visitor Center.

Numerous safety precautions will be in place for social distancing and sanitization. All guests are required to wear face coverings while inside the museum.

For more information about the Old Jail Museum, special hours, contact information, updates and much more, please visit [www.Facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum](http://www.Facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum).

The Old Jail Museum is located at 41625 Court House Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650, right on the grounds of the courthouse in downtown Leonardtown, a short walk from the Square. It is the fourth and newest museum and historic site overseen by the St. Mary's County Museum Division. For more information, please visit [Museums.StMarysMD.com](http://Museums.StMarysMD.com).

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

# Environment Commission Announces Sustainability Awards

The St. Mary's County Commission on the Environment (COE) is pleased to announce the recipients of the inaugural Sustainability Awards. The goal of the Sustainability Awards program is to recognize outstanding County businesses, organizations, and residents for their environmental stewardship, resource conservation, innovative best practices, and pollution prevention.

Award winners would have been presented their awards and publicly recognized at the St Mary's County Earth Day celebration; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home order, recognition was delayed.

The winners of this year's awards demonstrated outstanding commitment to public education, community involvement, Chesapeake Bay health, and diverse environmental efforts. Congratulations to these St Mary's County role models!

**2019 Sustainability Award winners:**

Student/School: **Chesapeake Charter School**

Business: **Giant Food**

Non-Profit: **Friends of St. Clements Bay Farm/Agriculture: Mr. Stephen O'Brien**

Farm

Individual(s): **Frank and Christina**

**Allen**

Additionally, the COE recognizes **St. Mary's River Watershed Association** as an Honorable Mention.

The COE encourages all County residents and businesses to incorporate environmental best practices and to lead creative volunteer events that increase natural resource stewardship, public awareness, and environmental resilience.

The 2020 Sustainability Award period is in full swing. The COE recognizes the challenges that the pandemic has placed on schools, businesses, and restaurant owners, but also acknowledges that out of adversity comes opportunity and ingenuity. The COE looks forward to hearing how local businesses, organizations, and individuals were able to incorporate sustainable practices as a result of or in spite of the pandemic.

If you would like to learn more about the Commission on the Environment, there are resources available on the County website and the COE has a Facebook page that anyone can follow.

*Press Release from Sr. Mary's County Commission on the Environment.*

# Leonardtown LIVE! Watch Party: *Friday, Oct 9th*



Friday, October 9th, 7PM - 9 PM

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## Museum Reopens to Visitors



St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point has reopened its galleries to visitors from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. after being closed since March due to COVID-19 shutdowns.

A limited number of guests will be admitted at a time. All guests must always wear masks while in the museum building, and social distancing guidelines are encouraged outside family units. Museum staff will be wearing masks and gloves, and frequently cleaning all public contact areas and restrooms. Museum admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for military and seniors, \$1.50 for students. Children ages 5 years or younger are free.

The Museum Store at the museum will be open for purchases and bottled water will be available to buy. The public is encouraged to not touch any Museum Store merchandise unless intent upon purchase.

The St. Clement's Island Water Taxi, the only publicly accessible boat transportation from St. Clement's Island Museum to St. Clement's Island State Park, will continue cruises for visitors. Cruises will depart from the pier at St. Clement's Island Museum at full capacity with several safety

guidelines in place so the public can enjoy their time on the boat and island while confident their health and wellness are being considered.

The Water Taxi will operate seven days a week from the museum pier starting at 10 a.m. on a first-come, first served, walk-up basis. All passengers must wear masks on the water taxi – no exceptions. Masks may be removed while on the island where distancing guidelines still apply outside of family units. No reservations will be taken ahead of time. The last trip from the museum pier leaves at 2 p.m. and the last trip back to the museum departs the island at 3 p.m.

Interested water taxi riders should enter St. Clement's Island Museum through the front door and purchase cruise tickets (\$7 per person, all ages) from the front desk. Credit cards are highly recommended, but cash will be accepted. Please call the museum at 301-769-2222 the day of your planned visit to check on water taxi schedule as weather and other extenuating circumstances could affect boat operation.

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

## Pet OF THE WEEK

### MEET CINDY



Once you get a kitten  
The natural thing you do  
Is take a billion pictures!

Hi there everybody, my name is Cindy. I'm an AMAZINGLY BEAUTIFUL, just TOO SWEET for words, 10 MONTH OLD kitty. The wonderful gang here at TCAS say I seem to like other cats, enjoy playing with my furry mice and I'm a really big fan of cat treats! So take a look at my DARLING FACE and send that email to [animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov) to schedule an appointment to meet me. I'm here waiting for you! BE MY MIRACLE and PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

And remember, if there is room in the heart, there is room in the house.

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# School Administrative Appointment Announced

Superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools, Dr. J. Scott Smith, announces the administrative appointment made by the Board of Education at its meeting of Sept. 23.

The Board appointed Shannon Morris as Assistant Principal I, 11 month, at Leonardtown Middle School. Morris holds a Master's degree from McDaniel College and a Bachelor's degree from Towson University. She currently serves as a Technology Teacher at Leonardtown High School.

Morris's appointment will become effective Sept. 28.

*Press Release from SMCPs.*



# CSM's Jones Takes Helm of State Group

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces that CSM Maryland Center for Environmental Training (MCET) Assistant Director Tara Jones has been sworn in as president of the Water and Waste Operators Association of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia (WWOA). She served as the organization's president-elect for the past 12 months until the 'gavel' was passed to her Sept. 9, 2020.

WWOA represents water, wastewater and biosolids professionals in the Chesapeake Bay region.

"WWOA's primary mission is providing training opportunities for water and wastewater operators in Maryland, Delaware, and Washington D.C. and it is a privilege to be able to help contribute to something so important," said Jones, of Avenue. "The water and wastewater operators in this area are some of the most dedicated and fantastic people I have ever met, and I look forward to serving them as WWOA president."

MCET was established on the CSM's La Plata Campus in 1982 to provide free technical assistance to small rural communities with their waste water treatment facilities, and train waste water treatment facility inspectors. Originally funded by the Environment Protection Agency, today the MCET is located at CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus and is funded by a combination of state grants and statewide open enrollment.

MCET strives for excellence in environmental, safety and health training and compliance assistance through practical applications. Employers and employees who partner with MCET integrate regulatory compliance into their site-specific training and day-to-day activities. Combined with applications of best management practices geared to the



Tara Jones

actual performance of their duties, the participant's learning experiences will focus on and relate to their working environment. MCET technical assistance program, funded by MDE, is available to qualified wastewater treatment plants. Learn more about MCET by visiting <http://www.mcet.org/index.html>.

About WWOA: WWOA is a non-profit organization whose objectives are: To further the knowledge of the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and management of systems for water supply and distribution, collection and treatment of domestic and industrial wastewaters, and solid waste collection, disposal, recycling and utilization; To inform the public about those systems and the necessity for highly skilled operating personnel; and To promote the certification of operators in these facilities.

You may also be interested in reading: <https://news.csmd.edu/all-news/csms-lenny-gold-earns-stanley-ekappe-training-award/>.

*Press Release from CSM*

# CSM Stays in Limited Access for School Year Libraries, Theater Remain Closed

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces it will remain in Restricted or Reduced Operations for the remainder of 2020-2021 academic year. Physical access to the campuses will remain limited and strict health precautions will continue to be rigorously enforced to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at all of its campuses.

In addition, and in light of the ongoing pandemic, CSM will keep the St. Charles Children's Learning Center on the La Plata campus, the Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater on the La Plata Campus and the Fitness Centers, including the pools on the La Plata and Leonardtown campuses closed. Onsite library services at the La Plata, Leonardtown and Prince Frederick campuses will also remain virtual. These facilities will reopen when the college determines it is viable to do so.

"The news is lately filled with stories about colleges and universities that have attempted to bring back in-person instruction, then experienced spikes in coronavirus cases, and consequently moved online," explained CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "We know that high density gatherings are problematic for the spread of the virus, and honestly, college campuses are not designed for socially-distanced learning – and that's okay. As a pioneer of distance learning, CSM was able to easily expand upon its 20-year tradition of effectively providing flexible online choices and teaching modalities to adapt to the pandemic



Dr. Maureen Murphy

and keep our students learning."

"As a community college, we are called by our mission to serve our community," Murphy continued. "Our focus changes with the times, just as our community's needs change. While there is a lot of uncertainty right now, we must remain true to our core and look forward. We have examined where we are, and gauged the needs of our learners, many of whom will need the college to help them get back on their feet. Learning is core to our mission, and much of what we do has translated into the virtual environment, but unfortunately, some things have not."

*Press Release from CSM*

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# CSM Launches Miller Center for Leadership

## Miller, Hogan Discuss Bridging Political Divides

Nearly 200 people tuned in Sept. 15 – International Day of Democracy – to participate in the College of Southern Maryland’s (CSM) and St. Mary’s College of Maryland’s (SMCM) leadership and voter education series entitled ‘Informed, Engaged, Empowered = Ready – Set – VOTE!’ to inaugurate the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership.

The live webinar included commentary about bi-partisanship from Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and an intimate conversation between Maryland Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller, a panel of college students and the audience about the senator’s life in politics and his take on the current political climate.

### Messages of Bi-partisanship

“I am so pleased to join you today for this inaugural event of the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership at the College of Southern Maryland,” shared Hogan, a Republican, in a message recorded for the evening’s event. “Since taking office in 2015, it has been a privilege to serve alongside my good friend Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller.”

Labelling Miller a “strong unifying leader for the legislature and for the state,” Hogan went on to explain that while he and Miller come from different sides of the political aisle, they have often found ways to come together in the best interest for the people of Maryland.

“On this International Day of Democracy, let’s each resolve to follow Mike’s great example,” Hogan added, “to continue putting problem-solving ahead of partisanship, compromise ahead of conflict and to finding that common ground where we can all stand together.”

“I am 13 years older than Governor Hogan,” Miller laughed after the video played. “I was 18 and he was 5 years old when I worked for his father. Our love for this state has always superseded our love for our [political] party.”

A native son of Clinton, Md., Miller referred to himself as “just a local fellow and a student of history,” who continues to feel honored and privileged at having been the longest-serving state senate president in Maryland history and in the United States. A member of the Maryland State Senate since 1975, Miller served as senate president from 1987 until January 2020 when he was named Senate President Emeritus. He continues to serve in the senate, representing District 27.

“My mother was a history teacher and I was one of 10 children,” he shared with the attendees. “I learned about history every single day. We would travel all over the region – Bull Run, Williamsburg, Gettysburg, Annapolis – to learn history. I am able to deal with today’s issues based on how prior, great leaders handled things in the past. You can come up with appropriate responses [by studying history.]”

Miller said politics are in a season of change – mostly on Capitol Hill – which he referred to as “broken.”

“Here in Maryland, unlike Capitol Hill, we have a Republican governor who put in



a budget and all 47 members for the senate voted for it,” Miller pointed out. “There is something there that everyone doesn’t like. There is something there that everyone likes, too. All 33 Democrats and all 14 Republicans voted for it because it is the right thing to do. It’s about teamwork, camaraderie, having shared goals and it’s about working together.”

On Leadership: “Attack the Issues, Not Each Other”

Miller joined CSM and SMCM student leaders Reanna Robinson, Verkia Smith, Humacao Sanchez Santos and Calvin Ryan to share thoughts on leadership, unity and the future of American democracy in conversations moderated by SMCM Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy Dr. Antonio Ugues and CSM Communication Professor Denise Gilmer-Knudson, who has been awarded the Miller Center’s Distinguished Professor for Leadership.

Miller said the key to successful leadership is to be a responsible person, have integrity and do work with enthusiasm.

“The buck does stop on your desk,” he said. “You’re the leader and you make the decisions. You don’t alibi. You accept the bad things that come your way as your fault. You have to have integrity and enthusiasm and you have to communicate that you enjoy what you do.”

“I hire people smarter than me,” he laughed. “If we’re successful, it’s their fault; if we’re not successful, it’s my fault.”

“Hearing [these messages] from the governor and Senator Miller – we can adopt their skills,” said Robinson. “We need not be single-minded and we need to find a middle ground to move forward together. We need to attack the issues, not each other.”

Sanchez agreed.

“What resonates with me is that we need to apply the principles of good communication and compassion in every aspect of life,” said Sanchez

“These small intimate conversations are the starting point to get the gears going on those larger conversations that start to produce the change in which we the people want to see,” shared Smith. “We need to invite the idea of humility and self-reflection with open arms so that we can use it as a tool in our education process.”

“Senator Miller and Governor Hogan have both accomplished so much by ‘reaching across the aisle,’ and we must

continue discussions and raising awareness to respectfully bridge the divides within our wonderful nation to create one community for the common good,” Smith continued. “Allow yourself to be a puzzle piece within our ambitious world and use your power to vote for the better of all people.”

“An intrinsic value and idea about what democracy is all about is bringing people together of different backgrounds, and different orientations,” shared Ryan. “In order to do this, effective communication and a sense of active listening is very important. As elementary as that may sound, it is very crucial to operate and to have an effective conversation to lead to results and what we hope to accomplish as one body. It is also important to recognize and acknowledge the many different identities that make up our state and our nation.”

“It is really up to our generation – my generation – to continue this dialogue, this reaching across the aisle,” Ryan added. “We should not shy away from conversations and broader initiatives no matter how difficult they may be.”

When asked which compromise of which he was most proud, Miller reflected on all of his compromises.

“Capital punishment, abortion, bus-ing, taxes – we’ve had to compromise and collaborate on every single issue,” he explained. “It is not easy. The price of greatness is responsibility.”

### Accolades for Miller

“The 2020 presidential election is marked by an increasing divisiveness between Republicans and Democrats that is of great concern to many,” said CSM’s Executive Director of Equity and Inclusive Diversity Dr. Sybol Anderson, who moderated a portion of the webinar. “While political differences also exist at the state level, the approach of Maryland leaders to navigating those differences is noticeably different. As CSM launches the Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Center for Leadership, we recognize the leadership of Maryland Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller and his longtime friend Gov. Larry Hogan in steering the state of Maryland through treacherous political waters using their skills in effective bi-partisanship.”

CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy said the College of Southern Maryland is living testimony to Miller’s belief in – and success with – compromise.

“More than 20 years ago he worked to bring our three counties—Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s—together to form the College of Southern Maryland as a regional college,” Murphy shared. “I believe he called it ‘hell on wheels!’ Actually, I’ve heard stories that, after a year or more of back and forth, that Senator Miller threatened to lock all three sets of county commissioners in his office and not let them out until they came to agreement. That may be hyperbole, but it underscores Mike’s passion for the College of Southern Maryland, most specifically the students.”

Murphy emphasized Miller’s dedication to students.

“Senator Miller always has time for our students, on his campus visits, at the annual Veteran’s or Legislative breakfasts, and most significantly, at our annual Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis,” she continued. “During the 2019 Legislative session, on Student Advocacy Day, I took a group of CSM students to the gallery to watch the Senate in progress. Our own Senate President Miler saw us enter and stopped the proceedings to recognize us. More than that, he asked Senators (Jack) Bailey and (Arthur) Ellis, who also represent Southern Maryland, to speak to us. Our students were thrilled, over the moon really, and on the way home, one declared his intention to become Senator Miller’s chief of staff someday.”

“You’d better watch out,” she said to SMCM President Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan. “This student transferred to St. Mary’s College.”

“I cannot think of a better paragon of bi-partisan leadership and service to the citizenry than Senator Mike Miller,” said Jordan. “Nor I do believe that there is a more appropriate time than right now to shepherd in a series of events focused on leadership and what is required to ensure that our citizens become informed and feel empowered to engage in processes that move humankind closer to creating a more just and equitable society for all. The stars are aligning.”

On Oct. 8, CSM and SMCM will virtually host “A Pledge to Truth and Civility” that focuses on the need for media literacy and civility in public discourse and an Oct. 22 event entitled, “Liberty and Justice for All? The History of Voting Rights in America.” The series concludes Nov. 10 with “Indivisible: A Post Election Debrief.”

“We do not know what the results of the 2020 presidential election will be, but we do know that many of our neighbors will celebrate, and many will be frustrated—perhaps feeling despair,” shared Anderson about the series’ final event. “Our last moderated session will enable CSM and SMCM faculty, staff and students to come together again to process thoughts and feelings about the election process and results and to begin to envision a positive path forward as one community.”

The Nov. 10 event is for CSM and SMCM’s student, faculty and staff. The other events are open to the public.

# The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

The weather may have been awful with wind, weather and rain, but the fishing was great.

Cobia are still on the middle grounds below the target ship in the magic 18 feet of water. Plenty were caught this week on live spot and live eels. There are a lot of undersized cobia in the 24 to 35 inch range, but enough keepers to make the trip worthwhile.

Puppy drum are plentiful in the creeks in the nine to fourteen inch range (please release carefully). Now we have keeper red drum (redfish, channel bass, and various other names) in the slot limit between 18 and 27 inches being caught consistently in the shallows of the riv-

ers and creek mouths mixed with hefty rockfish. In addition the huge reds are still in the bay for trollers, chummers and sight casters.

Trollers and lure casters are doing very well with rockfish up the Potomac and Patuxent. There are breaking fish from time to time most everywhere.

Spot are plentiful in the rivers.

White perch are very active on high tides taking bait or various lures. Perch Hounders and Beetle Spins are very popular.

There were some small black sea bass at Piney Point this week. Sea bass have a 12 1/2 inch minimum and a 15 per day bag limit.

Speckled trout can show up most anywhere in southern Maryland waters.



Johnnie Caldwell with 27 inch red drum and 22 inch rockfish that took a YoZuri silver minnow at Hog Point Patuxent River.

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## A View From The BLEACHERS

### Chunky Soup and Bubbles

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

During my, ahem, illustrious athletic career, I ran onto many diamonds, courts and fields with sparsely populated bleachers. Despite free admission, there was little to draw patrons to that level of competition other than family obligation, an adolescent crush or sheer boredom.

Over the last few months, the greatest athletes in the world have been living the modest rec league athletic experience. Due to COVID rules, mostly or entirely empty venues have greeted men and women accustomed to competing in packed houses with raucous fans providing vibrant feedback – positive and negative – on their performances. Now the cheers and boos are manufactured and the faces in the stands are peculiar virtual representations or cardboard likenesses.

Such are these strange times.

With several sports months into bubble life and the NFL nearing its quarter-pole, I often ponder the athletes as much as the scoreboard. What must this be like? Certainly all are grateful to be employed and have the means afforded professional athletes. But this has to be an incredible grind – the restrictions, risk of contracting COVID, distance from family and eerie game-day experiences. No amount of money can relieve the psychological burden. And regardless of political leaning, there's the added weight of national events ladled over these bizarre daily operations.

So, I watch and wonder. Where does LeBron James find motivation? Drew Brees or Tom Brady? What about Max Scherzer or Bryce Harper? Or Celtics forward Gordon Hayward, whose wife just had their first son, a child he won't hold until Boston's season ends?

The Undefeated recently published a fascinating piece on Miami Heat big man Udonis Haslem. Haslem, 40, is a 17-year NBA veteran and three-time champion. He can't possibly need the paycheck or relish any aspect of bubble living – a suggestion validated in the feature. Haslem discussed his approach – purposefully avoiding interaction with other teams' players, approaching every day with discipline and an edge; in other words, being a little salty to cope with salty circumstances. Haslem then dropped this fabulous bubble-life quote: "I

didn't want to get too comfortable. I didn't want to feel like home. I don't want to get relaxed. I want to keep my edge. I want to stay focused on the task at hand. So, I'm sleeping on the couch right now, dog, with a room full of Chunky soup."

Udonis Haslem is now one of my favorite athletes.

So why are these guys doing it? Brady and Brees – why, at 40-plus-years-old, are they going through this implausible season? Why is LeBron, at 35, laying it on the line in front of virtual fans? Why is Haslem locked in his room eating Chunky soup on his couch/bed?

The easiest answer: an athlete's professional lifecycle is finite. Father time allows for only so many opportunities to cash professional checks, build tenure and make championship runs; a season is just too precious to forfeit to a virus. If you can play, you play.

There are two more common, non-sports-specific reasons.

The first is duty – to self, team and profession. James knows the Lakers can't win a championship without him. Same for the Saints, sans Brees. Haslem, while not a major on-court contributor, is the Heat's captain. Brady no doubt feels an obligation to his new organization and teammates. So, to a man, they play.

The other is the opportunity to be the standard – an example. Staying limber - of mind, body and spirit - while facing an uncertain and evolving world, surely affords athletes a way to use their platforms in a transcendent way and without the condescending and naïve "stick to sports" criticisms.

Our individual adaptation to pandemic life, no matter how effective, has undoubtedly had moments of great challenge. A sense of duty to self and employer, and a responsibility to be an example for our families – personal and professional – has no doubt provided inspiration. For the sports fan, an added source of encouragement has been seeing athletes doing the same.

So, thank you LeBron, Brees, Brady and, of course, Udonis Haslem and his Chunky soup. Thanks for keeping me...us...sane through all this madness.

From my bubble to yours – cheers, fellas.

Send comments to [Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com](mailto:Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com)



# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Brabazon Takes Command of Naval Air Station Patuxent River

By Donna Cipolloni  
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Public Affairs

Capt. John Brabazon officially assumed command of Naval Air Station Patuxent River in a change of command ceremony Sept. 17, held outside on the catwalk atop the installation's air traffic control tower.

After reading his orders, Brabazon addressed Rear Adm. Carl Lahti, Commandant, Naval District Washington, and others in attendance at the intimate gathering — purposely kept small due to COVID-19 restrictions — as well as additional family and well-wishers who watched the event online via Facebook Live.

“It is an honor and a huge privilege to command the largest naval air station in the world,” Brabazon said. “I’m grateful for the confidence expressed by Adm. Lahti and the outstanding Sailors, Marines, Navy civilians, dedicated contractors and, most importantly their families, who make up Team Pax. The opportunity to continue serving our country is, quite honestly, deeply humbling.”

Brabazon went on to recognize all military spouses, especially his wife of more than 17 years, Lisa, whom he noted has been his “rock and foundation for my entire time of Navy service.” He also said he was proud to have his four sisters “tuning in today with their families; and I believe we’re about 240-feet closer to my parents today. I know they’re smiling down upon us.”

This new role as commanding officer follows Brabazon’s tenure as the air station’s executive officer, a position that falls under the Navy’s Fleet-Up program. In that program, executive officers serve approximately 18 months before they “fleet up” to become the commanding officer for their command tour on the same ship or station, thus providing focused command leadership stability.

Brabazon, a native of Pennsylvania, graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Pennsylvania State University in 1996 and Masters degrees from Jacksonville University and the Naval War College. He is also a Massachusetts Institute of

Technology Seminar XXI program fellow.

His operational tours spanned both coasts and overseas, commanding the “Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 Jacksonville; as department head in the “Golden Eagles” of VP-9 Hawaii; and as deputy commander CTF-57 Bahrain. He served as an instructor pilot with the “Pro’s Nest” of VP-30 and as shooter and officer of the deck underway aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

Ashore, he served as action officer to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Europe & NATO); advance travel officer for the Secretary of Defense; Deputy Director, Navy Senate Liaison, Office of Legislative Affairs, and most recently as Deputy Executive Assistant to the Office of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Capt. Brabazon reported as Pax River’s Executive Officer on April 11, 2019.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Distinguished Service Award to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and various team and campaign service awards.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Brabazon charged members of Team Pax to “continue to look out for each other and diligently follow the guidelines of our healthcare professionals. Safely enjoy time with friends and family, and return to work recommitted to our high ideals of service above self. Maintain course, and in accordance with Navy tradition, increase speed. We will continue to raise the customer service standard in support of our 53 mission partners, so when the United States gets into a fight defending our values overseas, the best team on the planet — our Navy and Marine Corps Team — owns the skies. It all starts here at NAS Patuxent River.”

Brabazon is the 42nd NAS Commanding Officer to serve at Pax River, which was commissioned in 1943.



NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer Capt. John Brabazon, addresses those in attendance and those watching online, after assuming leadership of Pax River during a change of command ceremony held atop the base’s air traffic tower.



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# In Remembrance

## Edward V. Siemasko



Edward V. Siemasko (Ed), age 96, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on the morning of September 23, 2020 at his home of 60 years. Ed, formerly of

Easton, PA, was the son of Stanley and Helena (Tuholska) Siemasko. Ed was a life long scholar and educator. After serving in the Army in World War II, he attended Kutztown State Teachers College where he excelled academically and athletically. After earning his bachelor's degree in education, he accepted a position teaching biology at Great Mills High School in 1952, where he met his future wife of 62 years, Zora Messick. He went on to complete a Master's Degree in Education at Ole Miss University, as well as additional post-graduate work at GWU and University of MD. His tenure in the St. Mary's County School system included serving as principal of Lexington Park Elementary School and concluded as the Supervisor of Elementary Education. In the classroom and out, he inspired a love of lifelong learning. Ed was instrumental in implementing impactful programs including Special Education Programs, the Retired Teachers Association, and by being a representative at the Washington Education Television Association.

Ed strongly believed in the character-building qualities of sports and performing arts and to this end, he coached women's and men's basketball, worked with the St. Mary's County Little League Sports Programs, and served as a school system representative at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. Personally, he was an avid bowler and Washington football fan.

In retirement, Ed and Zora traveled extensively throughout the US and Canada, as well as worldwide. When home, Ed enjoyed his greenhouse, garden, working outdoors and spending time with his family. He is predeceased by his brother Andrew and two sisters, Sophie and Irene. He is survived by his wife, Zora, his daughters Karyn of Raleigh, NC and Zora Helen (Harvey Snyder) of Vienna, VA, granddaughters Erica (Kevin) and Angala, and great granddaughter Katalyn. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Mary's County Hospice, which was so instrumental in supporting Ed at the end of his life, or the Rotary Club of Lexington Park, MD Marco Polo Program which focuses on "educating the educators" by supporting international travel to broaden the professional horizons of an already dynamic teacher.

## Caroline Hayden Murphy



Caroline Hayden Murphy, 89, of Hollywood, MD passed away at her home on September 23, 2020. She was born on January 30, 1931 in Hollywood,

MD and was the daughter of the late Dorothy Frances Garner and Thomas Alvin Hayden. Caroline was the loving wife of the late John S. Murphy, Sr. "Jack" whom she married on November 18, 1960 in Hollywood, MD, and who preceded in death on March 3, 2002. Caroline is survived by her children; Annalee T. Sexton (David) of Hampton, VA., Janet M. Hauck of Riverdale, MD, Kathleen T. Murphy of Hollywood, MD, John "Steve" Murphy, Jr. of Hollywood, MD, Christina L. Murphy of Hollywood, MD, Kerry Murphy Barth of Lusby, MD. Along with grandchildren Joey Raley, Kathie Karr, Rebecca Hicks, Danielle Thomas, Shaun Cook, Lindsey Decker, Daniel Decker, Jr, Colin Murphy, Gabriel Murphy and Kayce Barth. Great grandchildren; Jessica Karr, Shayne Robinson, Donovan Gordon, Patience Weed, Re'Annah Kent, Kamdyn Stewart, Reagan Thomas, Kingston Cutchember, and Keagan Cutchember, great great grandchildren Daniel Moshoures, Jr, and De'Siah Gordon. As well as her sister Louise Hewitt (Joseph) of Fort Washington, MD.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kay Cecilia Murphy and brother in law Dennis Hauck; siblings Thomas Alvin Hayden, Jr, Charles Garner Hayden, Regina H. James, and William A. Hayden "Lefty". Caroline was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1949. She was a homemaker in her own home.

## Ann Marie Diehl



Ann Marie Diehl, 70, of Hughesville, MD passed away on September 19, 2020 at her home. She was born on January 18, 1950 in La Plata, MD. She was the

daughter of the late Lucille Cole Flerlage and Henry Lawrence Flerlage. Ann is survived by her son Robert Allen Diehl of California, MD, 2 grandchildren, siblings; Lawrence Flerlage of Waldorf, MD, and Charles Flerlage of Hughesville, MD. She was preceded in death by her brother John Flerlage.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Ann graduated from Arch Bishop Neale in 1968. Ann was a

head bank teller at Brandywine Citizens Bank now known as Suntrust Bank for 25 years. She was a member of the Hughesville Vol. Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Hughesville, MD.

Contributions may be made to the Hughesville Vol. Fire Department Auxiliary Attn: Marlene Hoffman 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637

## Jean Ridgeway Carpenter



Jean Ridgeway Carpenter, 85 of Huntingtown, MD formerly of Allison Park, PA passed away on September 17, 2020 in Washington, DC. She was born on May

11, 1935 in Coraopolis, PA and was the loving daughter of the late Dorothy O'Bryon Ridgeway and Raymond Glover Ridgeway. Jean was the loving wife of the late Uri Alonzo Carpenter, Jr, PhD whom she married on August 19, 1961 in Coraopolis, PA. Jean is survived by her children; Cynthia Carpenter Slattery of California, MD, Carolyn

Carpenter Porritt of Huntingtown, MD, grandchildren; Jackson Ridgeway Slattery of California, MD, Brady Carpenter Slattery of California, MD, Gordon Andrew Porritt of Huntingtown, MD, and Ridgeway Alonzo Porritt of Huntingtown, MD. She was preceded in death by her son in law Mark Slattery, DDS.

She graduated from Allegheny College in 1957 with a Bachelors of Arts in Education.

A life-long resident of Allison Park, Pa, Jean moved to Calvert County after her husband passed away in 2014. She lived independently with her cats in a mother-in-law apartment at her daughter's (Carolyn) home and enjoyed watching her grandsons (Gordon and Ridgeway) grow up. Jean became active in the Calvert Pines Senior Center where she made new friends who added so much joy to her life, especially Juanita Jones. Jean also spent time in St. Mary's County visiting her other daughter (Cindy) and grandsons (Jackson and Brady.) Jean especially enjoyed the ride from Calvert to St. Mary's and back. She loved the beauty of Southern Maryland- the farms, fields, barns, and the water. Jean always noticed something beautiful and interesting along the



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way. Jean lived a full and happy life in Maryland. She loved her daughters and grandsons, Sunday coffee and brunch with her family, watching her grandsons play sports, her friends, and her cats. She will be missed by many.

Due to Covid, a private celebration of life will be held in her honor.

### Helen Elizabeth Grinder



Helen Elizabeth Grinder, 88, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on September 21, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on November 16, 1932 in Park Hall, MD to the late Sherman T. Brown and Genevieve Elizabeth Hayden Brown.

Helen is a high school graduate of St. Michael's Catholic School in Ridge, MD. In 1949, she married her beloved husband, Raymond Edward Grinder. They celebrated over 40 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in February 1990. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was the family matriarch and caretaker for her husband and some of her grandchildren when they were growing up. She prepared many delicious family and holiday meals. She was known for her homemade potato salad and fried chicken. She enjoyed going to the movies to watch horror films. After raising her family she worked part-time at Patuxent River Snack Bar as a cook and later in retail at Jamesway. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Helen is survived by her children: Catherine Elizabeth Grace of Lexington Park, MD; Patrick E. Grinder (Debra) of Port Royal, VA and Michael T. Grinder (Elaine) of Jefferson, MD; her grandchildren: Molly Grinder Walsh, Shannon Mitchell, Brandy Wooten; her great grandchildren: Brittany Mitch-

ell, Cody Wooten and Ella Walsh; and many extended family. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Revered Marco Schad on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Interment will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suitland, MD 20746 at 12:30 p.m.

Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Grinder, Patrick Grinder, Cody Wooten, Mark Wooten and John Mitchell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 339, Lexington Park, MD 20653

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### Joseph Donald Mattingly



Joseph Donald Mattingly, 86 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 23, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown.

Donald was born on July 29, 1934 in Compton,

MD to the late John Freeman Mattingly, Sr. and Agnes Elizabeth (Bowles) Mattingly.

Donald was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He attended Margaret Brent High School. He started working when he was only 16 years old until his mid-seventies. [Work as a youngster...] He later worked for the Federal Government as a Steamfitter for thirty years. He proudly served in the United States Army from March 12, 1957 until his honorable discharge on March 7, 1959 and then served two additional years in the Army Reserves. Donald loved be-

ing outdoors tending to his garden and keeping his yard in tip top shape and especially being out on the water boating, fishing and crabbing. He enjoyed hosting fishing cookouts with family and friends and eating crabs and fish that he caught and filleted himself. When he wasn't working or fishing he also enjoyed going to NASCAR races and cheering on his favorite baseball team, the Baltimore Orioles. He will be remembered for his generosity and thoughtfulness and will be greatly missed.

Donald is survived by his wife, Virginia "Ann" Mattingly; his children, Troy Donald Mattingly (Katrina) of St. George, KS, Timothy Shawn Mattingly of Morganza, MD, and Tracy Alan Mattingly (Nikki) of Mechanicsville, MD; his siblings, Mary Catherine Sipe of Allentown, PA, Dorothy McFadden of Leonardtown, MD, and Genevieve Hunt (Joey) of Mechanicsville, MD; and 3 grandchildren, Emily Ann Mattingly (Livio), Zachary Mattingly and Adeleine Mattingly. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Aubrey Mattingly, Agnes Elizabeth Browning, Wade Mattingly, John Mattingly, Jr., and Catherine Noema Hutzell.

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### Ronald Devon "Reds" Young



Ronald Devon "Reds" Young was born on July 29, 1973 in Leonardtown, Maryland. Devon departed this earthly realm to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Devon was raised in Loveville, Maryland by his grandparents John P. Young, Sr. and Agnes Lillian Young and attended local schools in St. Mary's County. He worked various jobs as a laborer, fork-lift operator, concrete finisher, and painter throughout the years. His passion was caring for others, such as his grandfather John Young and cousin Derrick Gross prior to their passing. He enjoyed preparing meals for his friends who were in the nursing home and also cared for the homeless. Devon was a people person and they seem to love his personality and gravitated towards him. No matter where he travelled, he would run into someone he knew.

Devon accepted Christ as his Savior. He attended Kettering Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Joyce Meyer was one of his favorite Christian Ministers along with Bishop T.D. Jakes. He enjoyed listening to their sermons and reading their books. He even travelled to Hershey, PA to a Joyce Meyer Conference. One of Devon's favorite songs was "He Saw the Best in Me" by Marvin Sapp and would sing it to the

best of his vocal ability word-for-word.

Devon was an advocate for his children. Making sure they were treated fairly, and that no harm would come to them. He enjoyed spending time with them as well as with his family and friends. There was nothing he would not do for them. He loved them unconditionally with all of his heart.

Devon had many life experiences. He once told a story of the times when the police would recognize his 1989 white Chevrolet Caprice with a burgundy soft top and stop him for no reason. He grew tired of the harassment and decided to take matters in his own hands. He purchased a pair of glasses and a wig with long flowing black hair and wore it while driving. He said "although wearing the wig was hot, this stopped the issue."

Devon's favorite past times were playing the Maryland Lottery, cooking, eating array of seafood especially crabs and oysters, and watching the "Million Dollar Listings" show. He was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan and a sneaker connoisseur. He loved to wear a fresh pair of kicks.

Devon leaves to cherish his memory his grandmother/mother, Agnes Lillian Young; mother, Ida Goodwin and stepfather Joseph Goodwin; father, Ronald Thomas (Joyce); children, Dylan Brumback, Christine Young, and Phillippe Young; siblings, Nicole Wade, Travis Goodwin, and LaTarah Goodwin; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather/daddy John Pinkney Young, Sr., grandfather John P. Mugg, grandmother Roseanna Thomas, uncles Darrell Young and Michael Mugg, aunt Gertrude Jones, and cousin Derrick Gross.

Devon will be deeply missed but not forgotten.

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### Rosalea Denise "Lea" Arnold



Rosalea Denise "Lea" Arnold, 66 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 17, 2020 at the University of Maryland Medical Center of Baltimore, MD.

She was born on November 6, 1953 in Washington, D.C. to the late John Dunlap Freeman and Minna Marie (Graves) Freeman.

Lea is a 1970 graduate of Sherwood High School. On June 14, 1970, she married the love of her life, Stephen Edward Arnold, Sr. in Spencerville, MD. Together they celebrated over 50 wonderful years of marriage before his passing on September 1, 2020. She was employed for many years in transpor-

## Rose,

*Its been 28 years since God called you to Heaven.*

*We will always remember the sweet memories of you.*

*We will never forget how much joy you brought to our lives.*



Love,  
Dad, Susan & Tracy

tation with St. Mary's County government until her retirement. She was past employed as the Activities Director at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home in Charlotte Hall, MD. She was a wonderful host, preparing many family and holiday dinners. She was a delicious cook, famous for her lasagna, pot roast and sausage gravy. Everything she made was always scrumptious. She often hosted gatherings for friends, including crab feasts. She was generous and always thought of others, often sending plates of food to those unable to make it to dinner. She loved to watch food network, and was a fan of Paula Deen. She also canned vegetables, including tomatoes, green beans and pickles over the years, especially when her sons were growing up. One of her favorite past times would be taking her sons, nieces and nephews crabbing at St. Clements Shores. She and her husband enjoyed travelling across the United States, and taking cruises. Some of their favorite destinations included trips to visit family, the New England Coastline, and Hawaii. She loved to play Bingo with her sister Gayle and family. She also enjoyed painting. Her family was her greatest love, and she enjoyed spending time with them, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Stephen Edward Arnold, Jr. (Jennifer) of Perryville, MD and Rick Arnold (Debbie) of Mechanicsville, MD; her siblings, Ellen McDonald (Ed) of Arroyo Grande, CA and Melody Jackson of Lexington Park, MD; her grandchildren, Gregory, Corey, Jarrett, Kristina, Logan, Giovanna and Megan; her great-grandchildren, Thomas Bond-Arnold and Grayson Arnold; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Stephen E. Arnold, Sr.; her son, Gregory Wayne Arnold, Sr.; and her siblings: Karen Cook, Anne Darlene "Bobbie" Hilderbrand, and Gayle Edens.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 16 at 11 o'clock at Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, Md. Interment will be private.

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### Stephen Edward "Steve" Arnold, Sr.



Center in Baltimore, MD.

Stephen Edward "Steve" Arnold, Sr., 72 of Leonardtown, MD tragically passed away on September 1, 2020 at the University of Maryland Medical

He was born on December 15, 1947 in Elizabeth City, NC to the late Frank Leo Arnold and Daisy (White) Arnold.

Steve enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country until his Honorable Discharge in 1968. On June 14, 1970, he married his beloved wife, Rosalea Denise "Lea" Arnold in Spencerville, MD. Together they celebrated over 50 wonderful years of marriage. He was a skilled Master Plumber with Local 5 for over 45 dedicated years until his retirement. Even in retirement, he donated his time and skills to help many in the community, friends, family and volunteered for many years with Christmas In April. He thoroughly enjoyed his profession as a Plumber and would use his skills to help others in need, including mentoring other Plumbers. He was employed as a substitute bus driver and he loved seeing and talking to all the students on his bus routes. He and his wife were avid travelers, travelling throughout the U.S. and taking many cruises. Some of their favorite trips were to visit family members, visiting Florida and the New England Coast. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed cheering on the Washington Redskins. He also enjoyed boating, fishing and crabbing. He was very social and never met a stranger. He had a gift of making everyone feel special, even complete strangers. His laugh was infectious and he had a terrific sense of humor. He was patriotic, loved his country and was proud to be an American. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his beloved wife, Lea, Stephen is also survived by his sons, Stephen "Steve" Arnold, Jr. (Jennifer) of Perryville, MD and Richard "Rick" Arnold (Debbie) of Mechanicsville, MD; his siblings, Sharon Bishop (Ed) of Mount Airy, MD, Iris Lehman (Bob) of Mount Airy, MD, Debbie Bennett of Orange Park, FL and Bruce Arnold (Tammy) of Palmyra, VA; his grandchildren: Gregory, Corey, Jarrett, Kristina, Logan, Giovanna, and Megan; his great-grandchildren, Thomas Bond-Arnold and Grayson Arnold; and extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son, Gregory Wayne Arnold, Sr., and his siblings, Frank Eugene Arnold, and Joyce Yarnell.

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### Kathryn Areta McCollum

Kathryn Areta McCollum, 71, of Charlotte Hall, MD (Formerly of Charlotte Hall and FL) passed away on September 3, 2020 at Hospice House in Callaway, MD.



She was born November 22, 1948 in Washington, D.C. to the late Richard Myton Ludke and Sibyl Areta (Taylor) Ludke. Kathy was married for over 38 wonderful years to Donald Howard McCollum, before his passing in 2009. She was the owner and operator of Paden and Associates in Waldorf, MD for many years until her retirement. In retirement, she moved to Florida to take care of her parents as they aged. She spent time enjoying the Florida weather before returning to Southern Maryland to reside.

She loved horses and owned several during her lifetime. She enjoyed horse barrel racing and won multiple competitions. She also enjoyed spending time on the beach, particularly vacationing in Myrtle Beach and later in Daytona Beach. She was a savvy scrabble player and had an extensive vocabulary, which enabled her to win many games. She was a caretaker for many and loved spending time with those she loved. Her family was her pride and joy and she was especially proud of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kathy is survived by her children: Jeff Schreiber and Stephanie Mohr of Charlotte Hall, MD, Shannon Areta McCollum of TN, and Vicki Lee Darby of Colonial Beach, VA; her grandchildren: Savannah Schreiber, Ashley Cuffage, Gabrielle Richards, Patrick Darby, Jr. and Jacob Darby; and her great grandchildren: Carter Grant Schelling, Trenton Michael and Layla Jae Darbie and her extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her brothers, Robert and Richard Ludke.

All services will be private.

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neral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

### Audrey Ellen Bello



Audrey Ellen Bello, 82 of Tall Timbers, MD passed away on September 16, 2020 at Hospice of St. Mary's, in Callaway, MD.

She was born on August 30, 1938 in Washington, D.C. She was the daughter of the late Howard W. Stokes and Dorothy C. Boyd Stokes.

Audrey married her beloved husband Pietro Antonio Bello on July 14, 1967 and they were happily married for 44 years until his passing in 2011. She worked for PEPCO for ten years, and later at the Prince George's County Educators' Association where she was an Office Assistant for over 15 years before retiring in 1992. Some of her hobbies included sewing and gardening. She loved to cook and bake for her family and friends. Traveling with her family to South Carolina, Williamsburg, and Ocean City was something they enjoyed doing together. She loved going to lunch with her friends. The most important thing to her was spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Joseph Bello of Leonardtown, MD; her grandchildren, Rachel Baxter (Jordan), Hannah Bello and Nicholas Bello; her great grandchildren, Keegan Baxter and Adelyn Baxter; and her sisters, Dolores Burgess, of La Plata, MD and Connie Miller of Huntingtown, MD. She is preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

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

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## Ida "Bessie" Elizabeth Gray

October 7, 1920 - October 17, 2017

### Happy "100th" Birthday in Heaven

God, from your flower garden in heaven  
please pick a bunch and place them in our Mama's  
arms and tell her they're from us.

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

**We Love You,**  
Your Loving Family



## STARTING A LIFETIME FINANCIAL PLAN FOR WOMEN

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

In recent columns, I have talked about why women need to get a financial education and how many professional financial advisors aren't offering women what they want—a lifetime financial plan. If you are reading this, you're concerned about your financial education. You know somehow such an education is important to you. Why? Are you looking for financial protection, or is your goal to buy a house, a boat, or finance your child's college education?

Your answer matters. Focus on a short term goal, such as making a major purchase, probably won't be enough to give you the will or the stamina to engage in basic financial planning. While there is nothing magic about financial planning, it takes time to implement a strategy. If your motivation is to satisfy a short-term goal of making a major purchase, how patient will you be? If your motivation is to improve your financial health, then you'll have and get the stamina necessary to make a plan work for you. So, forget about the short-term goals.

Let's assume that what you want is self-sufficiency. What does self-sufficiency mean to you? Does it mean owning your own home, being able to retire and live at about the same level as if you were still working? What would make you most satisfied with your financial life? Where is your comfort level? Are you realistic enough to understand it is unlikely you will have as much money with the best and most perfectly executed financial plan as Bill Gates?

You need some ingredients here—the motivation list. Make a list of your motivators—what you really want to achieve from your lifetime of financial planning. Get pretty specific about what you want. Identify your comfort level. Of course, this will likely change over the years, but to start, figure out what your list is today and we'll use that list as something to work towards.

Here is an example of a motivations list of a woman:

I WANT A LIFETIME FINANCIAL PLAN BECAUSE:

- I don't want to have to worry about money all the time. I want to know I've done the best that can be done to minimize money worries so that I am not and do not become a burden to my family or loved ones. I want to know enough of the basics to be able to create a money strategy and to execute it.

- When I retire, I want to be independent. I don't want my husband/children/family to have to care for me. I want to pay my own way.

- I want to be able to help my loved

ones financially—like paying for a college education for my children. I want my plan to help me do that.

- I want my plan to help me pay off my house so that when I am older, I won't have mortgage payments to worry about and I won't have to place any burden for my mortgage payments on someone else.

What do you see in this list? Clearly, concern about having and keeping money. It seems that money worries upset this woman—she fears lack of money. OK, that's fine as a motivator. But why? What's going on in her life that causes such worry? What she needs to do is delve deeper into her list. Like the following:

- I worry about money all the time. About having enough to pay off my bills. They seem to come at me from nowhere and pile up. I lose sleep at night worrying about where I will find the money to pay all the bills.

- I cannot seem to control myself or this situation. I feel I am a burden on my loved ones, my family since they often loan me money—I know they can't afford it. Why can't I learn to control this thing with money?

Whoa! This woman's more extensive list contains something important. Control. Her relationship with money is out of control. Now we get to a real motivator for her.

Suppose she got control? Suppose she learned enough to manage her relationship with money? Feeling that control, exercising a newfound power over money and its relationship to her, now that's a true motivator for a lifetime of financial planning. She can do it and so can you.

If you think, as a woman, you'll never be able to achieve your financial plan because of a lack of education about finance or lack of a large income, think again. Did you realize that women have been statistically proven to be better long-term investors than men? Why? Because women use motivation, not short-term goals, as driving factors in financial planning. Women come to motivation more easily than men. Once into the planning process, women continue to focus on motivating factors, enabling them to ride out the storms of ups and downs in the markets without abandoning their goals or plans. You can do this. Get started today to create your lifetime financial plan.

Join me on the third Wednesday of each month at 11am at my office in 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach for a discussion of this and other matters. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

## Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## SPIDER-ROO WHO?

I have no idea when I became so sensitive to the feelings of spiders. No, I really don't like killing them unless I feel I absolutely must. I have braver friends who get close to those big wolf spiders and capture them under glass and slip them out the door. Their wolf spiders must not jump at them. Mine do. It's like being in a fencing match. I try to get them, and they jump at me, then the spider backs up, I try again, and they jump closer. Yes, sometimes I do scream when they jump at me.

The past few weeks I have made an uneasy friendship with a little black spider I call Spider-Roo who has been hanging out in the bathroom under the baseboard heater. There is no hourglass on his back that I can see. I first was going to scoop him up a few weeks ago when I was cleaning the bathroom, but something made me stop as I neared his little web and little body. He seemed so brave and unafraid. He doesn't bother me in any way. Since then I have started just to clean around him/her/it. Is this weird?

It was a little weird at first, especially with those middle of the night bathroom runs. But I feel we have a kinship and that there is some reason I am supposed to leave him there. He may have a higher purpose in life. For a while I thought maybe Spider-Roo was dead, and then gradually noticed when he would move or sometimes hide in the shadows. I haven't said anything to my husband about him, because he might just grab him in a tissue and send him down the indoor Tidy-Bowl pool. I probably should say something though, but what? "Honey, I have this new friend named Spider-Roo who I have been spending time with in our bathroom. Please don't kill him". If you know my husband, you can imagine the eye roll I would get. I am still upset that he dug up an area of clover after I told him to leave it there because they are good luck. Well, there could have been 4 leaf clovers in there and now we will never know.



Spider-Roo is great to talk to and he listens well, so I can probably cancel thoughts of therapy. Anyway, Spider-Roo is live and in-person spider, not a tele-visit therapist. I really need to get out more, and yes, again, more winery trips are needed in my future.

The other day, however, I came across a Facebook post from a friend which really caught my attention. It was about the different types of people's reactions to spiders. The picture had 3 sections with the first showing a large foot getting ready to smash a spider, with the captions, "Most People" then "Kill it!". The second section showed a man looking at a spider with the caption, "Most Vegans" then, "To the garden little one, be free". The third section made me so happy, it showed a man pointing at a spider with the captions, "Me:" then, "Your name is Fred and you can live in that corner over there. Let me know if you need anything." Apparently I am not the only person on the planet who names their spiders and lets them have nice guest quarters and wants to feed and nurture them.

Well, as you can plainly see, Spider-Roo is indeed a great therapist and is keeping me happy, calm, and sane in the midst of craziness. So, if you need some spider therapy let me know, and I'll see if Spider-Roo can fit you in for an appointment too.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, October 1

### Resources for Non-Profits During COVID-19

Online; 1:30 p.m.

The Nonprofit Institute is here for non-profit leaders and staff should you need assistance no matter how big or small. We are working remotely and available for consultation. We've curated a list of free webinars, tools, articles, links to helpful websites, and more. These resources offer immediate assistance to nonprofits. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/NonprofitInstituteCOVID19Resources>.

## Friday, October 2

### Audience Participation Drum Circle with Aerial Artists

Leonardtown; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join the SoMar Drummers and St. Mary's County Arts Council for the monthly community Drum Circle for First Friday! All ages and skill levels are welcome. For COVID compliance we ask that you bring your own percussion instrument and folding chair, if you do not have an instrument we will have free egg shakers which can be used and kept after! Social distancing will be in effect. We will also be joined by fabulous aerial artists from the Vertical Dance Co. who will be performing from 6 to 7 PM. Location will be in the parking lot and the adjacent grass field next to St. Mary's County Arts Council at 22660 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Free event!

### Drumline and Drum-Off Event

Leonardtown; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A special performance by local student drummers will be held for First Friday! Bring a chair and watch as they perform a high-energy set of rhythms and grooves followed by a "Drum-Off" which will feature individual drummers showcased for short segments.

### First Friday

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

Shops, restaurants, and art galleries will be open late, be sure to stop by for one-night only specials, delicious food and beverages, socially distanced live music and shopping at the stores and art studios. The 2nd Annual Scarecrow Stroll Contest will start and run through Oct. 27th, be

sure to vote for your favorites and you may win a prize! We hope to see you there! The audience participation Drum Circle will be featured along w/ performances by aerial artists from the Vertical Dance Co., new for this month will be a Drumline & Drum-Off event. Details available on Facebook at the "Leonardtown First Fridays" page.

### 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](http://bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html)) for event details.

## Sunday, October 4

### Knights of Columbus Drive-thru Breakfast

St. John's School; 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Each meal includes: scrambled eggs, hash browns, two sausages, two pieces of bacon, and three pancakes. Napkins and utensils available upon request. Cost \$5 per person, \$20 maximum per family. Proceeds to benefit St. John's School, Charitable Society and CCD Program. Donations encouraged. We are taking preorders (number of meals and time of pick up). Please email Mike Thompson at: [mikeandbarbarat@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandbarbarat@gmail.com). To order on site, simply drive up to St. John's School's main door, where you will order and pay. Then pull ahead to the corner door (between School and Msgr. Harris Center) for pick up. Walkups can order and pay at the Msgr. Harris Center doors.

### Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich Dinner

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department; noon - 4 p.m.

\$12 per dinner, includes open faced roast beef on white bread, matched potatoes, gravy, and corn. Main entrance of building. Cash or check, ATM on site.

## Tuesday, October 6

### Science for Citizens Seminar

Online; 7 p.m.

Chesapeake Bay striped bass move up and down the Atlantic coast from their

estuarine birthplace. Until recently we have only seen glimpses of this movement when tagged fish are caught by anglers or scientists. Now with electronic transmitters embedded in the tummies, or chemical tracers in bones in their ears we can follow them along on their journey - learning why and when they move and how these migrations affect their growth, survival and reproduction. Hear internationally recognized expert, Dr. Dave Secor talk about his most recent work on this striped nomad of the Bay.

### Tobacco Cessation Program

Online; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Tobacco Cessation Program is free and that takes place over the course of 8 weeks (weekly 1 hour sessions). Participants learn behavioral modifications, stress management, and other techniques to help them quit using tobacco products. Learn more or register at [www.smchd.org/tobacco](http://www.smchd.org/tobacco).

## Wednesday, October 7

### Literary Connections Series

Online; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will present a virtual Connections Literary Series reading featuring Poet, Editor, Essayist and Translator Martín Espada. Espada will continue CSM's long-standing tradition of connecting established and emerging authors with the Southern Maryland community by reading from his forthcoming book, *Floaters*, and other works during a free Zoom webinar. [https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/community-events/2020-10-07\\_connections-martin-espada](https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/community-events/2020-10-07_connections-martin-espada).

### 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, October 8

### A Pledge to Truth and Civility

Online; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Professor of Communications Michelle Christian and CSM Instructor of Media Studies, Journalist and CSM Non-Profit Institute Coordinator Cara Fogarty discuss how to spot fake news, the importance of checking facts and sources of information, and a variety of strategies for maintaining civility while engaging in difficult political conversations. Hosted by CSM's Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership, Student Life Department and Equity and Inclusive Diversity Office, and St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) Center for the Study of Democracy and SMCM's Student Activities Department, registration is required for this free Zoom event. Register at <https://csmd.zoom.us/j/7535569696>

### Virtual Acidified Foods Workshop

Online; 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is offering a virtual FDA-certified Acidified Foods Better Process Control School training workshop in partnership with Dr. Y. Martin Lo, Process Authority and Ambassador of the International Union of Food Science & Technology. <https://smadc.com/news/>

## 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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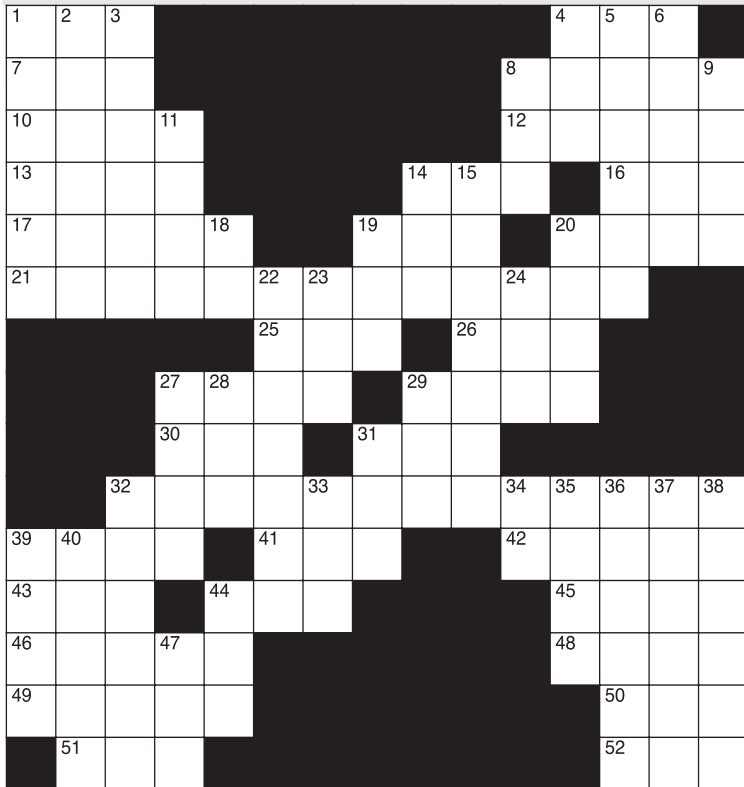
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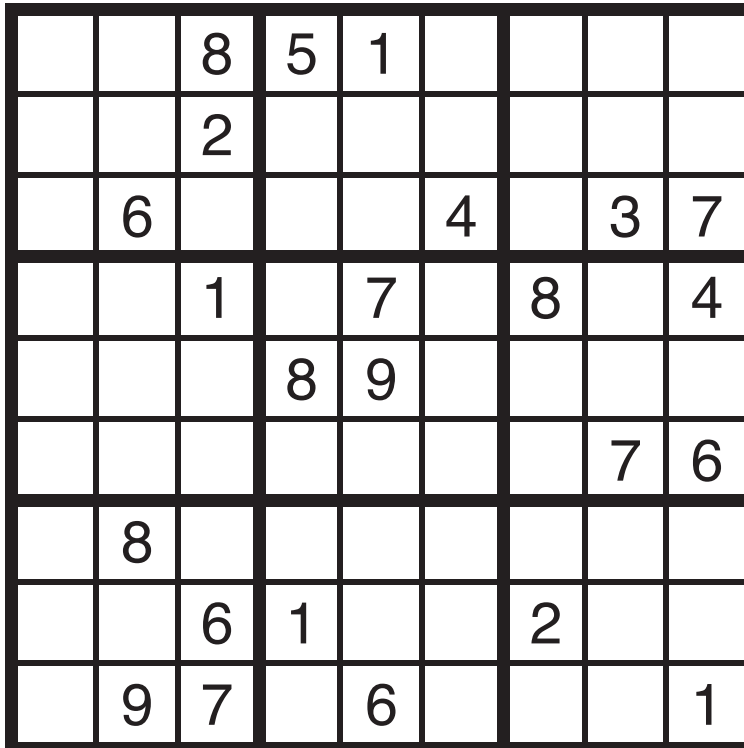
- 1. They look out for kids
- 4. Play
- 7. Water (French)
- 8. Prayer leader
- 10. Small constellation
- 12. \_\_\_ Carta: influential royal charter
- 13. Pressure unit
- 14. Extrasensory perception
- 16. A symbol of "Aloha"
- 17. Portion of the small intestine
- 19. Psychedelic amphetamine
- 20. Very long period of time
- 21. British overseas territory
- 25. Cereal grain
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Wish harm upon
- 29. At a specific prior time
- 30. Peyton's younger brother
- 31. UK firefighters' union
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's screen partner

- 39. Popular show honoring musicians
- 41. Basics
- 42. Honk
- 43. Trent Reznor's band
- 44. Patti Hearst's captors
- 45. Long-legged wading bird
- 46. Specialized biological grouping
- 48. A coin goes in it
- 49. Of the wind
- 50. One-time measure of length
- 51. A very large body of water
- 52. River in NE Scotland

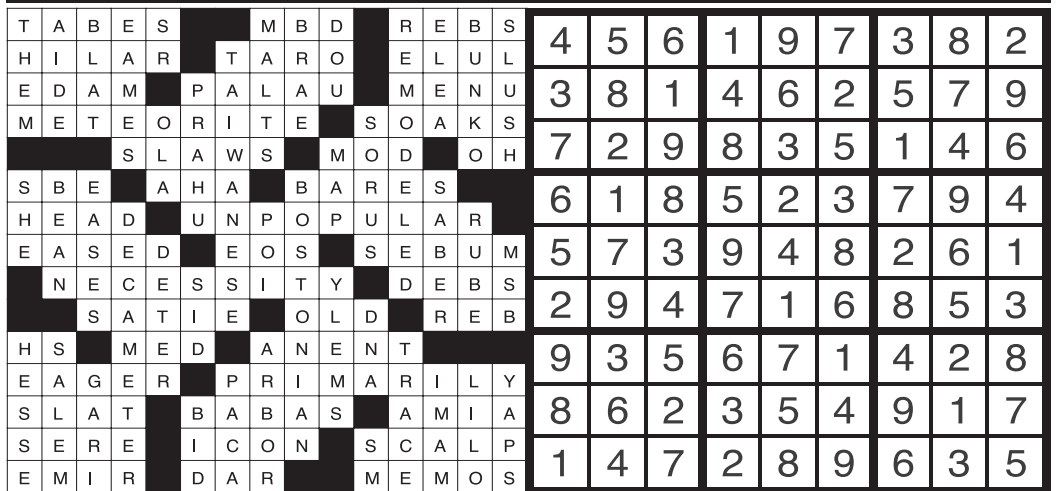
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Boston hoopster
- 2. A type of bribe
- 3. SE England county
- 4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Italian province
- 8. Mischievous child
- 9. Popular street name
- 11. Boxing promoter Bob

- 14. Snakelike fish
- 15. Break into pieces
- 18. The Bay State
- 19. Time zone
- 20. Port city in Yemen
- 22. In name only
- 23. 007's creator
- 24. No (Scottish)
- 27. Baseball's Gordon and rock's Snider are two
- 28. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 29. Don't know when yet
- 31. Supervises interstate commerce
- 32. Make a ringing metallic sound
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are two
- 36. Put on the back burner
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Poker stake
- 40. Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
- 44. Pouch
- 47. Not around



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### Sewing with Denise - Recharger Cords Caddy

Oct 5, 2020 5:30 pm

### Cut Loose Pattern Quilting Club

Oct 6, 2020 12:00 pm

### Strip Club featuring Cozy Quilt Designs

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020 12:00 pm

### 3D Face Mask

Oct 9, 2020 5:30 pm

### AccuQuilt Virtual Event

Oct 10, 2020 11:00 am

### Kid Halloween Treat Bag

Oct 10, 2020 3:00 pm

### Cut Loose Pattern Quilting Club

Oct 13, 2020 12:00 pm

### Sew Organized

Oct 14, 2020 11:00 am

### Mini Bow Tucks Bag

Oct 15, 20, 2020 5:30 pm

### Hoopsisters 2018 Quilt - BOM Make-up Class

Oct 17, 2020 12:00 pm

### Fabric Bowl

Oct 19, 2020 10:00 am

### Thanksgiving Coasters

Oct 23, 2020 12:00 pm

### Mysewnet and File Manager for Embroidery Designs

Oct 24, 2020 2:00 pm

### Cut Loose Pattern Quilting Club

Oct 27, 2020 12:00 pm

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