

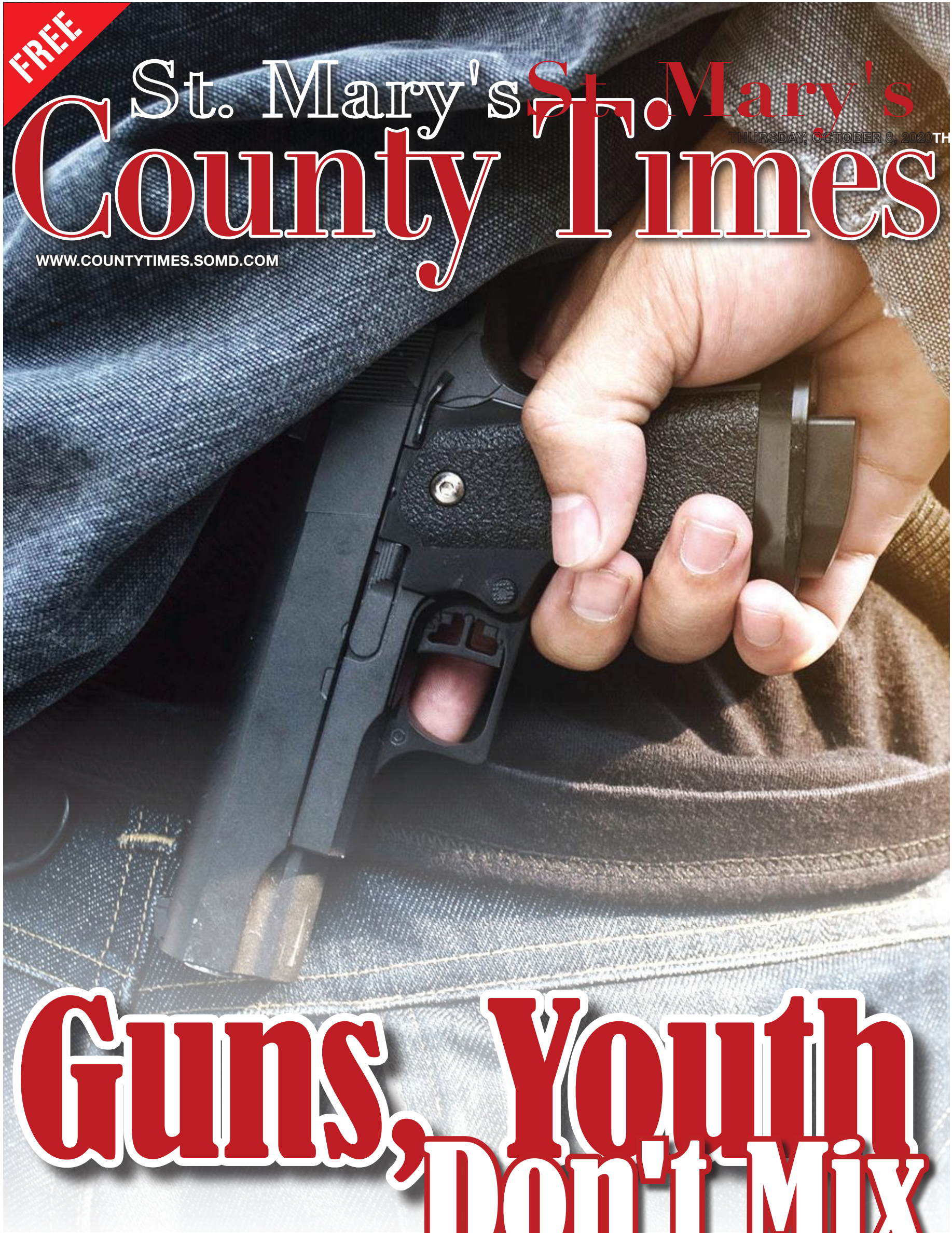
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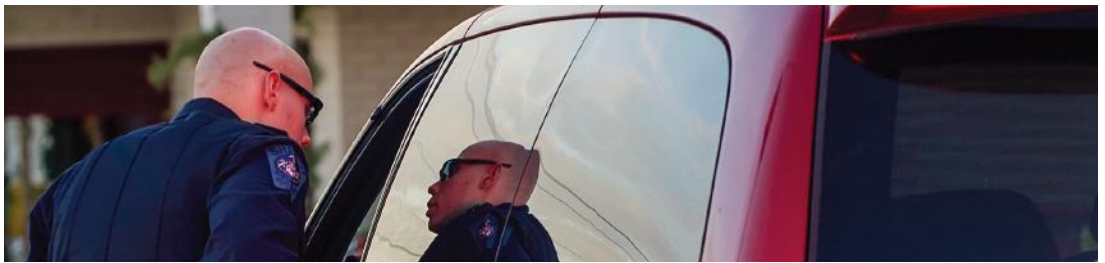
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County Plans to Hire Medics to Support Struggling Volunteers



Commissioner John O'Connor

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's Department of Emergency Services was set to take action this week, said Commissioner John O'Connor Tuesday, to support struggling emergency response volunteers.

"Within 24 to 48 hours you will see a marked improvement in response time," O'Connor said Oct. 6, noting that emergency services director Steve Walker had authority to take steps to make the improvements possible.

Walker explained in a later interview that monies from the CARES Act, passed by Congress to provide funding to the states and counties to combat the effects of COVID-19, was available to pay for more contract medics to help staff ambulances during the day.

Daytime was especially troubling, Walker said, since it was difficult to have enough volunteers to staff each rescue squad.

Younger residents had to work during those times while retirees were running fewer calls to avoid being exposed to the virus, he said.

"We're reallocating those funds now," Walker said. "I'm doing my best to get one or two [contract medics] on the street."

"We'll need more than that."

Of the seven rescue squads, six need assistance staffing ambulances, Walker said, which could mean hiring contract medics.

Currently, the county has \$470,000 in funding left to hire contract medics.

"How long that's going to last, I don't know," Walker said. "It could be three months, six months or

more."

The need for contract medics could likely last a year, Walker told The County Times and the need could accelerate the conversation about forming some kind of paid emergency service to supplement the volunteers.

"There's always been the concern that if we did that the county would try to run [the rescue squads] and I just don't see that happening," Walker said. "This has got to be a partnership between career and volunteer."

"Our system is at critical mass at this point," O'Connor said. "We're seeing trends of 14 to 15 calls for ambulances."

"We are heavily, heavily relying on mutual aid from Charles County and Prince George's County."

Ambulances were coming to St. Mary's, he said, but the response times had significantly increased.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said the novel coronavirus had much to do with the problems first responders had in making calls for service.

"Our EMS volunteer system is struggling," Colvin said. "We know about it and we are planning to take some steps to improve it."

"A large group of our volunteers is in the high-risk category."

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy said the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad had experienced a significant increase of late for service calls now that their use of paid contract personnel during the daytime has become well known.

"They're getting run ragged," Guy said. "It's because they have the paid medics."

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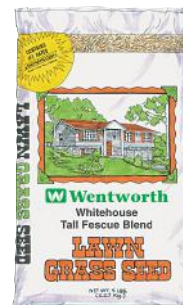
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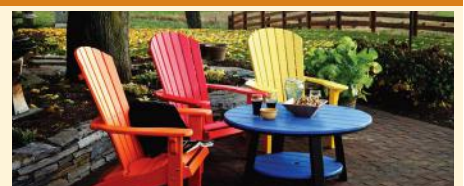
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State Leaders Wary of Move to Change Open Meetings Law



Delegate Matt Morgan

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A majority of St. Mary's County commissioners seem willing to repeal the county's open meetings act, the first of its kind in Maryland and seen by many as the most stringent, but state leaders and some citizens who spoke at a joint meeting Oct. 6 wanted things to stay the same.

County Attorney David Weiskopf continued to defend the proposal to switch to the state's open meetings law – that law suffices for all other jurisdictions – in part because it would make it easier to get guidance from the state Attorney General's office on matters of transparency.

“What we have is a pain in my office's you know what,” Weiskopf said. “There's truly no loss in transparency.”

Commissioner Eric Colvin proposed the legislation.

“The state AG's office, they put out this great manual, some of it applies to us, some of it doesn't,” Weiskopf said.

“We in no way want to remove transparency,” Colvin said. “It's definitely a point of pride that we had the first open meetings act.”

Colvin used an example of making a motion at the end of the meeting that same day to authorize the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a new rescue boat without the need for county funds.

That motion, which was not on the earlier agenda, passed.

“We didn't change that and make it an item on our agenda because it's complicated and difficult with the St. Mary's County open meetings act.”

Commissioner John O'Connor said the item could have been made public sooner if the county were under the state's law.

“It would have gone to more transparency because we could have put it on the agenda in a shorter amount of time,” said O'Connor.

Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist. 29A) said changes to the county meeting law had

already been made last year, including the Metropolitan Commission in the law as well as the library board in the law.

“I'm sure there are some issues [in following the county law] but I'm apprehensive about changing this,” Morgan said. “The state can do what the state does and if the state ever went one direction it's kind of safe to know St. Mary's County would still be operating under a pretty tight transparent law.”

“I think that's where the community is.”

James Raley, of Avenue, spoke in favor of keeping the county's open meetings law.

He called repealing it “a 180-degree turn” away from all the improvements made to it last year.

He also said a recent ordinance dealing with stormwater runoff and discharge that would have affected farmers with unfunded mandates was able to be changed in time for a vote because it was on the agenda weeks out for it to be examined for flaws.

Had it been added to the commissioners' agenda under the state law, those flaws might still be in the law for lack of time to find them.

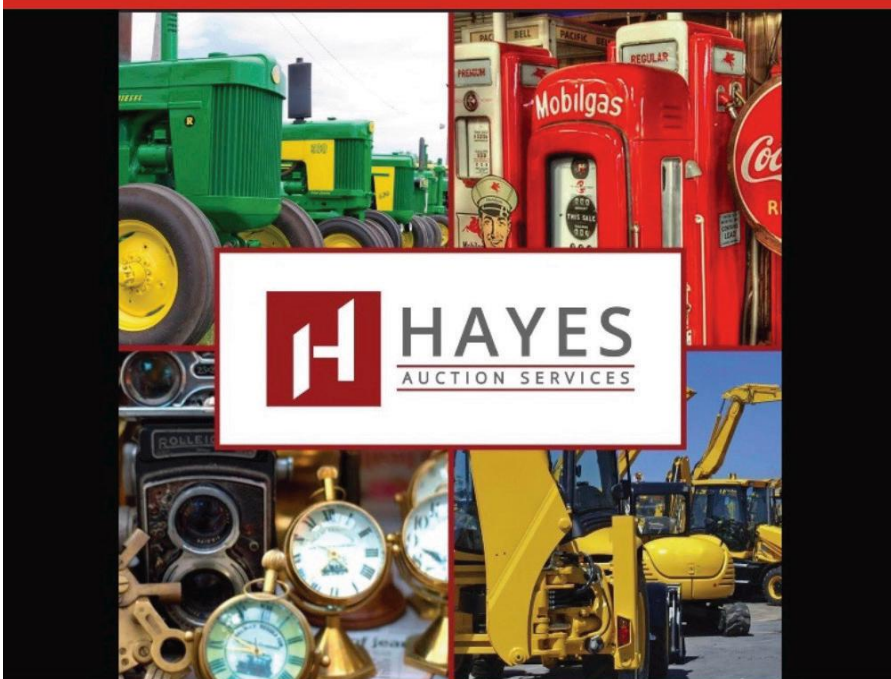
Morgan said he would take it before the full delegation for a vote on whether to support the measure; he was joined in person by Sen. Jack Bailey, Del. Jerry Clark and Del. Brian Crosby virtually.

The delegation agreed to look again at some of the other proposals, such as increasing the hospitality tax from 5 percent to 7 percent and to consider enabling legislation to allow the county to enact an excise tax on commercial construction and eliminate the impact fee on residential development.

The commissioners and delegation agreed to start a working group to discuss details on decoupling the Metropolitan Commission's debt from that of the county as well as limiting the amount of debt it can incur.

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Smith: No Mask, No In-Person Learning

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

School Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said this Wednesday that students who are supposed to return to school but do not or cannot wear a face mask to help guard against COVID-19 infection cannot be allowed back into classrooms.

This week some students in special education programs such as Compass and Sail began making their way back into schools as the county begins its plans to reinstitute in-person instruction.

“Students who cannot or will not wear masks will not be able to participate in in-person instruction,” Smith said to the St. Mary’s County Board of Education at their Oct. 7 meeting. “We will be making that really clear to children as we get closer and closer to our large groups coming back.”

Speaking on what Smith called the “million mask initiative,” the superintendent said masks will be available to all students and teachers throughout the school system and at varying places during the instructional day.

Masks will be available at bus stops, entrances to schools and in individual classes, Smith said.

The school system recently partnered with the county health department to purchase 1.4 million paper facemasks, roughly divided between adult and small child sizes.

Children that already have a personal

face mask that meets federal, state and county guidelines for effectiveness can still use them while in school, Smith said.

“We wouldn’t require them to discard their mask and use a paper one,” Smith said. “But we will have the paper mask available.”

Smith said the positivity rate in St. Mary’s was 3.5 percent, while the new case rate was 4.97 percent; since both metrics were below 5 percent the school system could continue with its plans to bring students back.

All are scheduled to return – on a hybrid model – by November.

“We are right where we are supposed to be,” Smith said. “And we watch our data every single day.”

By the end of the month on Oct. 28 and 29, the system plans to have orientation days for Head Start, pre-K, Kindergarten 6th grade and high school freshmen will begin.

Smith said the system was now focused on monitoring the approximately 160 students who came back this week into regional programs.

“We will monitor very closely exactly how it all works, how the transportation works, how the entering students and following the program throughout the day works...” Smith said. “Oct. 28 we will bring back our first large cohort of children.”

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Flat Iron Farm Cancels Christmas Panorama



Youtube/Countrylife

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For decades St. Mary’s residents have taken their families up, down and through the panorama of Christmas lights and decorations at Flat Iron Farm for a spectacular night-time show, but not this year.

“Due to the unforeseen circumstances of the COVID-19 [pandemic] the Flat Iron Farm Christmas lights display will be closed,” a message posted on social media by farm operators stated. “We have thought about every possibility for this to happen this year, but this is the safest option out there for the safety of the county and the employees that help put this on.

“The drive through portion will be closed as well with no lights on the farm at all; this is a very difficult decision to make but [we] hope everyone understands.”

Commissioner Eric Colvin, speaking at the regular meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County Oct. 6, was saddened

by the cancellation of what has become an iconic holiday activity.

“It’s another blow against out normalcy,” Colvin said. “But I respect their decision, they’re taking the safe course.”

Virtually every major fall and winter event in St. Mary’s has been cancelled, including the county fair, the majority of the Oyster Festival and the Blessing of the Fleet.

In their responses on social media, several residents begged the Knott family to continue to have their lights on and allow drive-through visitors only.

Others expressed gratitude at the many decades the Knott family had allowed thousands of visitors on their property to view the results of their creative labors leading up to Christmas.

Some were in disbelief.

“And all my life I’ve never seen Flat Iron Farm close for anything,” one commenter said. “It’s not Christmas without your lights.”

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Sterling Said She Acted Properly Before Resignation

*Fritz Claims Former Deputy
Exceeded Her Authority*



Former Deputy State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling and St. Mary's State Attorney Richard Fritz

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Jaymi Sterling, former deputy state's attorney, said late last week that she acted properly regarding a personnel dispute in which she became involved in the state's attorney's office before her resignation Sept. 30.

"I stand by my statement," Sterling said. "I followed protocol."

Richard Fritz, St. Mary's County State's Attorney, told The County Times that he demoted his former deputy because she sent the personnel complaints of two employees to the county's human resources department without sending them to him to first.

This was a violation of the county's personnel manual, Fritz said, and outside the authority of Jaymi Sterling, who up until this week had been the deputy state's attorney before resigning.

"I was completely bypassed as a department head," Fritz said. "Jaymi exceeded her authority."

Fritz said the two employees have since withdrawn their complaints against each other after the county's human resources department returned the complaints to him.

Sterling announced last week in a public statement that she had resigned after serving almost 10 years with the prosecutor's office after she claimed to have found alleged financial and personnel irregularities in the office and was demoted for taking her concerns to outside authorities.

"In my most recent role as the deputy state's attorney, I uncovered questionable financial and personnel practices," Sterling stated. "I took action

to make sure these practices were reported to the appropriate authorities.

"In response the state's attorney immediately demoted me for reporting these irregularities."

But there were other problems with Sterling's actions while serving as his deputy, Fritz said, including how she treated other members of the administrative staff.

She was counseled regarding this, Fritz said.

"I gave her certain instructions which were not followed," Fritz said.

Fritz said he demoted Sterling instead of firing her because: "she's young, she's inexperienced and you'd hope she'd learn from the process."

"In any other state's attorney's office, she would've been outright fired," Fritz said. "All of this happened after I said I was considering running again for election."

Fritz said he was not making a formal announcement but that he was running for another term as the county's chief prosecutor.

On the claims of financial irregularities, Fritz said those claims centered around an office employee who was performing the duties normally assigned to two employees.

Fritz said he had reached out to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for more money to compensate what he considered an overworked employee.

"That's what she [Sterling] is complaining about," Fritz said. "She [the employee] was completely overloaded."

"There are no financial irregularities."

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Nursing Home, Day Care Restrictions Relaxed

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan announced Oct. 7 that nursing home residents can now receive visitors indoors given certain positive health conditions.

Nursing homes have been at the center of much of the COVID-19 crisis since the beginning of the pandemic, with a significant amount of fatalities due to the disease occurring there.

Hogan, speaking in Annapolis, cited several health metrics that made this possible, including a statewide COVID-19 positivity rate below 5 percent for the last 98 days as well as a below 4 percent positivity rate for the past 54 consecutive days.

“Our statewide positivity rate is down to 2.88 percent,” Hogan said

Hospital stays for the virus are also down by 80 percent from their peak 167 days ago and intensive care unit stays are down nearly 88 percent from the peak 147 days ago

Maryland also reported its first day of no new deaths from COVID-19 for the first time in 187 days, Hogan said.

“We’re continuing to see improving trends with our health metrics,” Hogan said. “Indoor visitation is now able to begin in all nursing homes that are not experiencing a current outbreak or that have not experienced any new positive cases in the last

14 days.”

This will allow for family and friends of nursing home residents to provide the “emotional and spiritual support” they need, Hogan said.

Next week all 227 nursing homes will be on schedule to receive a portion of 250,000 rapid COVID-19 testing kits that can return results in as little as 15 minutes, Hogan said.

State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon, speaking along with Hogan, said day care centers could now return to standard capacity.

“Childcare centers are now able to fully return to full teacher and student ratios for which they are licensed,” Salmon said.

Childcare classrooms can have up to 20 students between 3 and 4 years old with one teacher per 10 students, Salmon said, while classrooms of 30 school-aged students must have one teacher per 15 students.

Salmon said the state was making grant money available to childcare facilities and was assisting in facilities that had closed to reopen.

She said these actions were to curb the prevalence of “pandemic pods,” or illegal, unlicensed childcare operations in which there were often no criminal background checks of those providing a service.

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National Heritage Areas are partnerships among the National Park Service, states and local communities in which the Park Service supports state and local conservation through federal recognition, seed money and technical assistance. Unlike lands within the National Park System, which are federally owned and managed, lands within heritage areas typically remain in state, local, or private ownership – or a combination thereof.

"I'm proud to introduce this important legislation to designate Southern Maryland as a National Heritage Area and ensure our treasured natural and historic resources are preserved for generations to come," said Congressman Hoyer. "Our legislation will provide federal funding to support conservation efforts in our region, which in turn will grow our local economy. I thank the Members of the Maryland Delegation for their support of

this legislation."

"A Southern Maryland National Heritage Area will boost awareness and federal support of a part of the state whose resources need to be better protected, whose story needs to be comprehensively told, and whose beauty needs to be more widely appreciated," said Senator Cardin. "This new legislation will help direct federal seed money to spark the growth of programs and partnerships designed to boost a wide range of tourism and historic and cultural preservation initiatives."

The largest site of the original Maryland colony, St. Mary's City was the seat of colonial government until 1708. Religious freedom was first codified in 1649 with "An Act Concerning Religion" (or, the Toleration Act) that provided the foundation for the religious liberty clauses in the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In addition, the area holds historic significance as the location where the first person of African descent served in a legislature in the U.S. (Mathias de Sousa, 1642); the first woman petitioned for suffrage (Margaret Brent, 1648); UNESCO designated a Slave Route Site of Remembrance; and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe gained recognition of their ancestral home.

This heritage area is also the location of the National Religious Freedom Byway,

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By Senator Cardin and Congressman Hoyer authorizes \$10 million in appropriations, of which not more than \$1 mil-

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Congress has established 55 National Heritage Areas since 1984. Maryland currently is home to one intrastate and two interstate National Heritage Areas, the Baltimore NHA, Journey through Hallowed Ground NHA (Md., Penn., Va., W.Va.), and Appalachian Forest NHA (Md., W.Va.).

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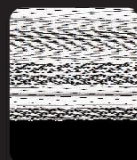
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The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from ELLIE LOUISE HARDIN-FLORES to ELLIE LOUISE FLORES. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Parents are married.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 11/09/2020. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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 or our front office for our Rules and Regulations.

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Bicycle Ride for Vocations Scheduled

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

An often overlooked and unfortunate result of the pandemic is the impact legitimate charitable fundraising groups that support the community in so many necessary ways. Traditional large dinners, BBQs, fairs, parades, bingo games, and raffles to mention a few are not being held due to the difficulties in meeting social protocols and limits for the number of participants at our gatherings normally scheduled throughout the Tri County area on a regular basis.

Yet, groups are still pursuing new legitimate means and methods of raising needed funds to support ongoing programs to benefit others.

One such project in preparation for mid-October is the "Ride For Vocations" to be held in Charles and St. Mary's counties. It is a bicycle journey of 100 miles from Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata down to St. Mary's City and back with as many as seven rest and refreshment stops at Catholic parishes along the route. It is an endurance event not intended for sissies, although there is a shorter 55-mile event that will be conducted concurrently with the main event.

Each registered rider pays a \$10 entry fee and then seeks sponsors for his participation; the goal is the rider will obtain a total of \$250 in sponsorship donations for his or her efforts.

Previous rides have attracted men, women, high school students, priests, deacons, and seminarians. With two weeks to go, this year's event has nearly 100 riders signed up including 19 women, two high school students, one from Good Counsel HS in Olney and one from St. Mary's Ryken e in Leonardtown. Additionally, 15 seminarians, seven priests, and two deacons are attempting to complete this long trek. And there is a seven-year-old riding with his mom, but they may be using the safer, shorter, comfortable alternate "Mechanicsville Trail" in the northern part of the county.

The idea for a bicycle "ride" came about five years ago when Father Larry Swink, the Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish came up with this means of endurance once he was no longer able to run in 26.2 mile marathons due the wear and tear running had on his physical ability. He figures 100 miles of cycling would be the equivalent of running a marathon and the idea caught on. When folks showed interest in joining him it was decided this might be a good means of producing needed funds for assisting the Archdiocese of Washington in recruiting and assisting young men interested in becoming seminarians with hopes of being ordained priests once they complete their studies. An ongoing

shortage of priests continues to be one of the biggest challenges facing the Church today. The Saint John Paul II seminary in DC receives the proceeds from this event.

Since its inception, the Ride for Vocations Team has participated in several rides across Maryland including the Sea Gull Century Ride in Salisbury in 2016 that attracted 30 local riders. The next year the St. Mary's Century Ride had 50 team participants. Two other rides were held in Indian Head in 2018 and 2019. This year's event is the first Ride hosted by the local Ride For Vocations Team.

Father Swink has been a priest for 15 years and pastor at Sacred heart for the past five years. He is being assisted by Julie Ferrero and James Hognowski, a Knight of Columbus leader in Charles County who harnessed many Knights of Columbus councils throughout Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties to help in bringing this large endeavor together.

The bridge prohibits thee ride from being held in Calvert, although their members come over to St. Mary's to participate.

The Knights are an international Catholic men's fraternal organization committed to supporting our priests and religious members and charged with taking care of our families and the community. There are 140+ active councils with approximately 26,7000 members volunteering their efforts throughout the State of Maryland. There are 15 councils in Southern Maryland with 2,001 members.

An important feature of this year's race is the participation of Jonathan Terrell, a renown athlete who rose to fame after completing seven marathons on seven continents in seven days! This tremendous feat brought him national fame in 2018. Unfortunately, he was hit by a motorist months later and was confined to a wheelchair for several months and went through an extensive rehabilitation and has only recently been able to walk normally once more. He is a very successful financial advisor and corporate counselor in Washington. He is looking forward to riding and being a part of this event.

To prepare for this rigorous journey that averages seven-nine hours to complete, there is an eight-week training plan that is recommended for any new "endurance enthusiast" willing to take on this challenge. Most participants will start preparation as soon as the weather gets better in the spring. Much of the training consists starting a daily regimen on a stationary bike to build up one's leg muscles and stamina, then short bike trips and gradually working up to 20-mile then 50-mile segments. Lots of



Vocations Group Picture RideFV 2019

dedication and old fashion sweat are required to meet the demands of this quickly growing sport.

A few entry slots may still be available for this ride scheduled for an 8 a.m. start on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata. Riders will be started between 8 and 8:30 and need to be back by 5 p.m. A Mass will be held in the parish church at 7 a.m. prior to the race to offer prayers for the vocations and for all of our

priests and seminarians to whom this event is dedicated.

A group of folks unable to ride but wish to participate in the success of the ride are called the "Prayer Warriors" and will provide the spiritual support for all that participate and for the great need for vocations today.

For additional information for this fundraiser, contact Julie Ferrero at julieferrero1@gmail.com.

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SMECO Appoints New Senior Vice President

Will be Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) welcomes the addition of Campbell Hawkins, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, to lead SMECO's newly created Strategy and Innovation Department.

Hawkins has been tasked with evaluating emerging technologies and developing strategic initiatives that promote an innovative approach to customer service. Sonja Cox, SMECO president and CEO, said, "The utility industry is changing, principally driven by new technologies and higher customer expectations." She explained, "With innovations such as electric vehicles, solar panels on homes, and increasing battery storage capabilities, SMECO is looking forward to implementing the kinds of products and services that will benefit our members."

In his new role, Hawkins will investigate and identify areas of opportunity to improve SMECO's product offerings and to expand and improve upon SMECO's technological capabilities and customer-centered services. "Electric co-ops are innovative by their very nature," Hawkins said. "Our founders saw

a need in their communities and created customer-owned co-ops. They provided their friends and neighbors with the electric service that has become vital to everyday life. I am looking forward to carrying on that tradition by working with the talented team at SMECO, an electric co-op that is taking the lead on progressive and forward-thinking initiatives."

Hawkins has more than 20 years of utility experience, most recently as senior director of the Innovation and Transformation Office at Xcel Energy in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also served as vice president of customer service at Duquesne Light in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and director of customer operations for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Originally from Georgia, Hawkins holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, and a master's degree from Webster University School of Business and Technology in St. Louis, Missouri. He also served as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army.

Press Release from SMECO

St. Mary's County Government Operations for Columbus Day

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, St. Mary's County Government announces the following changes to operations:

All administrative offices will be closed.

The Specialized Statewide Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) will not operate Monday, Oct. 12, 2020.

The Garvey, Loffler, and Northern Senior Activity Centers remain closed due to COVID-19.

There will be no Home-Delivered Meals Monday; deliveries will resume Tuesday, Oct. 13.

All St. Mary's County Libraries will be closed Monday, Oct. 12, 2020.

The St. Andrews Landfill and the six (6) Convenience Centers will be open with regular operations.

The St. Mary's Transit System (STS) will operate under a regular schedule.

St. Clement's Island Museum and the Old Jail Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Water Taxi at St. Clement's Island Museum will be operating with safety measures several times per day. Call 301-769-2222 before visiting the St. Clement's Island Museum Water Taxi for information and schedule. Piney Point Lighthouse Museum continues to be closed until further notice.

Pax River Gate 2 Closed Through Oct. 13

NAS Patuxent River's Gate 2 will close to all traffic at Oct. 6, 2020 at 9 a.m. and reopen Oct. 13, 2020 at 5 a.m. Drivers should use NAS Patuxent River's Gate 1 during these dates. NAS Patuxent River's Gate 3 remains closed.

Visitors requiring Pass and ID services may still access the Gate 2 Pass and ID Office during this period. Large

vehicles, such as tractor trailers, should use the Frank Knox Building parking lot behind the Pass and ID Office for Pass and ID access. For questions regarding base access and Pass and ID Office services, visitors can call the Gate 2 Pass and ID office directly at 301-342-3231 Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



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Reading for St. Mary's Heroes Initiative Announced

The St. Mary's County Equity Task Force, in partnership with St. Mary's County Library and St. Mary's College of Maryland, announces the Reading for St. Mary's Heroes initiative. Reading for St. Mary's Heroes honors the service of frontline and essential workers of the COVID-19 pandemic, including health care providers, public health professionals, law enforcement, emergency medical services, firefighters, public works, teachers, grocery store workers and others.

Reading for St. Mary's Heroes pairs children (prekindergarten - 8th grade) of these frontline and essential workers with high school or college student readers for regular reading sessions held virtually via Zoom. Books selected for the initiative are developmentally appropriate for the child's age and will touch on topics related to Equity. Learn more or sign up to participate in this free program at: www.smchd.org/reading-for-st-marys-heroes

"Families of frontline and essential workers of the COVID-19 pandemic have faced unique stressors during the COVID-19 pandemic; their loved ones have been pulled away for extended periods of time doing high risk work for our community," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "Supporting the children in these families is one way to recognize their sacrifice. This initiative also spreads aware-

ness of the concept of Equity - the idea that every person has the opportunity to be their best self."

"Reading for St. Mary's Heroes advances literacy skills and reinforces the power and pleasure of reading and being read to. The initiative will provide opportunities for our high school students to earn community service credit while acting as role models for service to our younger learners," said Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools.

"This is an ideal opportunity for young people in our community to become positive role models and mentors for their younger peers," Sheriff Tim Cameron said. "I would encourage our high school and college students to participate."

"Librarians chose the reading list carefully to promote many visions of Equity," said St. Mary's County Library Director Michael Blackwell. "The children who read and their reading mentors will emerge from this dark time with a sense of hope and greater self-confidence to pursue their special dreams."

Joint Press Release:

- St. Mary's County Health Department*
- St. Mary's County Public Schools*
- St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office*
- St. Mary's County Library*
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County Lions Club Donate Shoes to Great Mills HS



Leonardtwn Lion, George Guy, poses with the 79 pairs of shoes that he and other members of the Lions Club and their friends collected and donated to the Great Mills March Band. The Band was collecting slightly worn, used and new shoes to be donated to developing countries for use by micro-enterprises (businesses conducted by individuals or an individual and their family.) The shoe collection drive ended September 30th.

First Friday Launches the Scarecrow Stroll & More!

A big thank you to all who joined us on October 2nd for the First Friday festivities! It was a fun-filled evening including many socially distanced outdoor activities such as breath-taking hi-rise performances by the aerial artists from the Vertical Dance Co. with musical accompaniment from the SoMar Drummers, a Drumline & Drum Off event hosted by Sheila Klotz featuring students from local middle and high schools, and McKenna Randall playing live at the Sweetbay Restaurant.

A glorious and grand Open House celebration and concert by The Bootleggers was held at the new event venue, The Fenwick Inn, a highlight of the evening as well as so much more, too much to list here!

The 2nd Annual "Leonardtwn Scarecrow Stroll" contest opened and runs now through Oct. 27th, there is still time to vote and you may win a fabulous prize just for submitting a ballot! Pick up a list of scarecrow locations at any participating business,

contest details located at the "Visit Leonardtown MD" Facebook page (no purchase required to enter).

A note of appreciation to the Town of Leonardtown, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, LBA business members, the SoMar Drummers, Vertical Dance Co. & friends, the First Friday volunteers, and Leonardtown Business Association Platinum Sponsors (The County Times, Leonardtown Chevy Buick GMC, Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, and Visit St. Mary's) who all helped to make this yet another wonderful community event!

Pictured is Kelly Brouwer, co-owner of Fenwick St. Used Books & Music at the re-opening of their shop at their new location, just a few doors down! Save the date for our next monthly event scheduled for November 6th, 2020 from 5-8 PM. Plans are in the works and will be announced soon on the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page, we look forward to seeing everyone again soon!



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



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Task Force Targets Youth Carrying Guns

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Deadly shootings are on the rise in St. Mary's County and more and more young people are carrying weapons, local law enforcement officers say.

A new task force formed within the sheriff's office is trying to stop the shootings and get the illicit guns off the street.

"We've pulled personnel from literally every division... to reduce and deter youth gun violence," said Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron.

Getting the guns off the street takes a significant amount of work, including constant focused patrolling and intelligence gathering on who may be in possession of, or carrying a gun.

The information comes from either citizens contacting law enforcement or informants closer to criminal activity, but all information the sheriff's office task force gets on illegal guns is "corroborated by surveillance," Cameron said.

"It's the same way we get into a house for drugs or for stolen property," Cameron said. "There is an inordinate amount of young people [up to the age of 25] wearing and carrying firearms and using them in the commission of crimes."

The sheriff's office began to plan for and gather grant money to fund the overtime necessary to run the task force late in 2019 but the task force has only been fully operational for the past month.

The task force fluctuates between 12 to 15 sheriff's office personnel, said agency spokesperson Cpl. Julie Yingling, including the Lexington Park COPS Unit, school resources officers and crime analysts.

The focus of their efforts is a geographical box bounded by Midway Drive, Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills Road and Pegg Road.

Part of the problem in the "box" where most of the new gun crimes have been occurring is two rival factions – law officers do not refer to them as gangs – who are responsible for a significant amount of the problem and are likely involved in the killing of a 21-year-old man in Lexington Park Aug. 22.

His name was Antione Jamal Bowman.

"They're dealing drugs and we believe they're involved in this homicide," said sheriff's office chief detective Capt. Edward Willenborg. "We believe the homicide is connected to the narcotics trade."

Deputies on patrol are aggressive in looking for potential suspects who might be carrying an illegal gun – legitimate concealed carry permits are difficult to get in Maryland and anyone under the age of 21 is prohibited from owning a handgun – but law of-

icers are bound by established legal precedent.

Only under certain circumstances can an officer search – or frisk – a suspect for firearms and these circumstances are laid out in the Supreme Court case *Terry v. Ohio*.

A search performed under these circumstances is known in law enforcement circles as a "Terry Stop" and is taught at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy.

"There is a certain manner in which they [a suspect] carry and how they dress to conceal it," Cameron said.

The Terry Stop has its origins in a 1963 Cleveland, Ohio case in which a police officer noticed three men pacing back and forth and stopping repeatedly outside of a jewelry store; the officer approached the men, asked them their names and performed a search of the men to ensure his safety.

Two of the suspects were found to be carrying firearms illegally and subsequently charged.

Both men who had carried the weapons were both convicted but their attorneys, who had argued the search violated their Fourth Amendment constitutional rights, appealed to the Supreme Court.

The officer had reasonable suspicion that a crime was about to be committed, the state argued, and that it was reasonable to suspect the defendants were armed and dangerous.

But, until the weapons were found, the only evidence of criminality was the suspicion the officer held.

The Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 in favor of the state's arguments to give law enforcement more leniency in conducting warrantless searches of citizens but the dissenting opinion, given by Justice William O. Douglas lamented the lower standard of allowing police to act on reasonable suspicion rather than probable cause.

"The requirement of probable cause has roots that are deep in our history," Douglas wrote in 1968. "The general warrant, in which the name of the person to be arrested was left blank, and the writs of assistance, against which James Otis inveighed, both perpetuated the oppressive practice of allowing the police to arrest and search on suspicion."

"Police control took the place of judicial control, since no showing of probable cause before a magistrate was required."

Douglas continued: "The infringement of personal liberty of any seizure of a person can only be reasonable under the Fourth Amendment if we require the police to possess probable cause before they seize him."

"Only that line draws a meaningful distinction between an officer's mere inkling of the presence of facts withing the officer's knowledge which would convince a reasonable

man that the person seized has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a particular crime."

Law enforcement officers must be able show reasonable, articulable suspicion (RAS) to perform what is essentially a stop and frisk activity, Yingling said.

For an example, a police officer noticing a suspect constantly adjusting a noticeable object in their waistband could provide reasonable suspicion for a stop and frisk to detect weapons for officer safety.

A person merely pulling up their pants would not be a cause for such a search, she said.

Cameron said many suspects meet the bar for reasonable suspicion very easily by their own actions.

"It's not a mystery," Cameron said. "We've engaged in a number of foot chases."

These foot chases, which start often when a suspect begins to run when they see police arrive in a high crime area, fulfill the legal requirements for reasonable suspicion for a stop and frisk search.

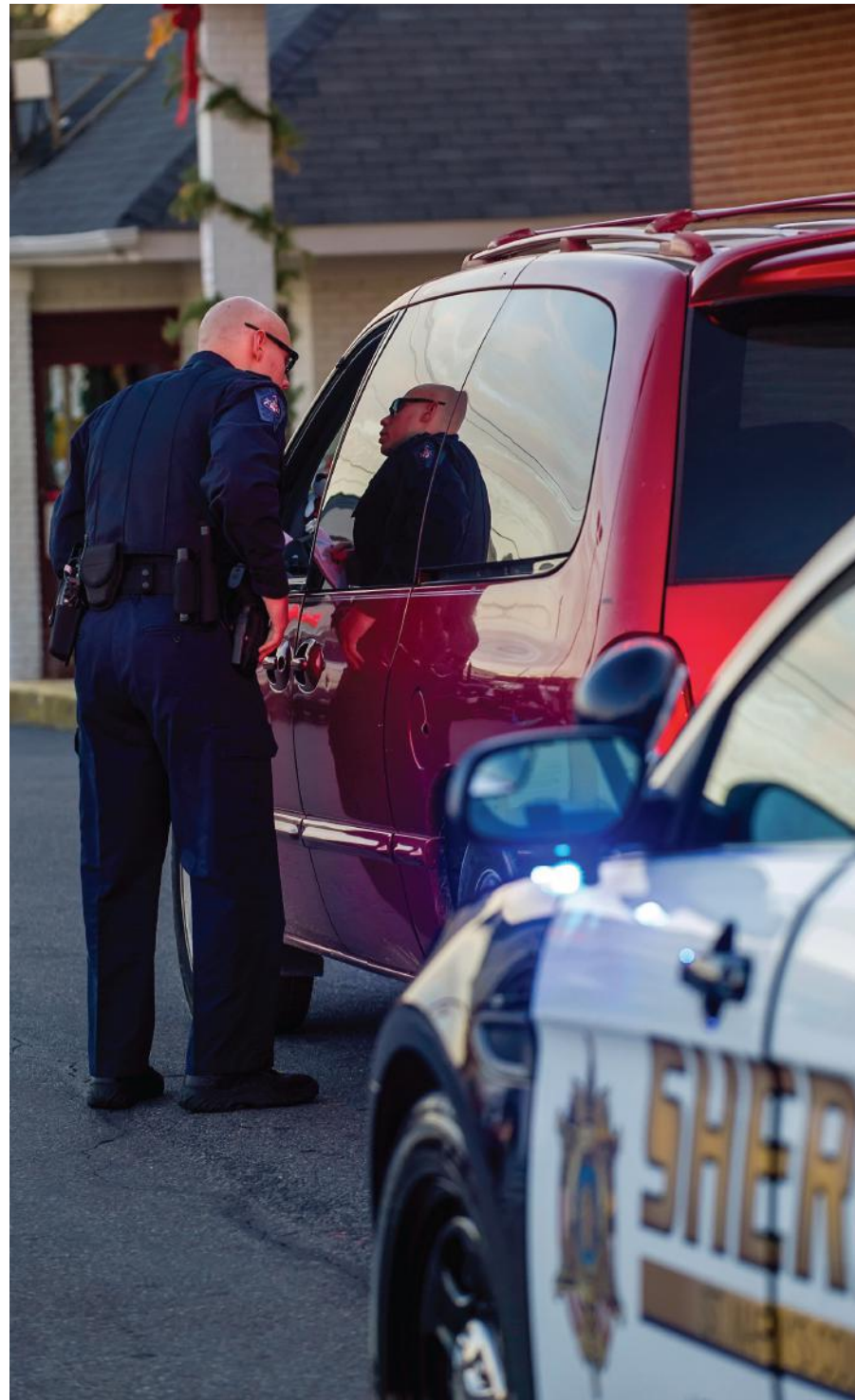
Traffic stops can also result in a search for illegal weapons, Yingling said, but only if an officer observes the driver attempting to hide something or rapidly adjust things in their vehicle.

"We're not stopping cars to search for weapons," Yingling said.

Cameron said the public was caught in the crossfire of recent violence and the task force was in response to their calls for help.

"The community knows why we're there," Cameron said. "They seem to appreciate us being there."

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A Lexington Park COPS unit officer performs a traffic stop

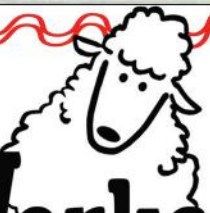
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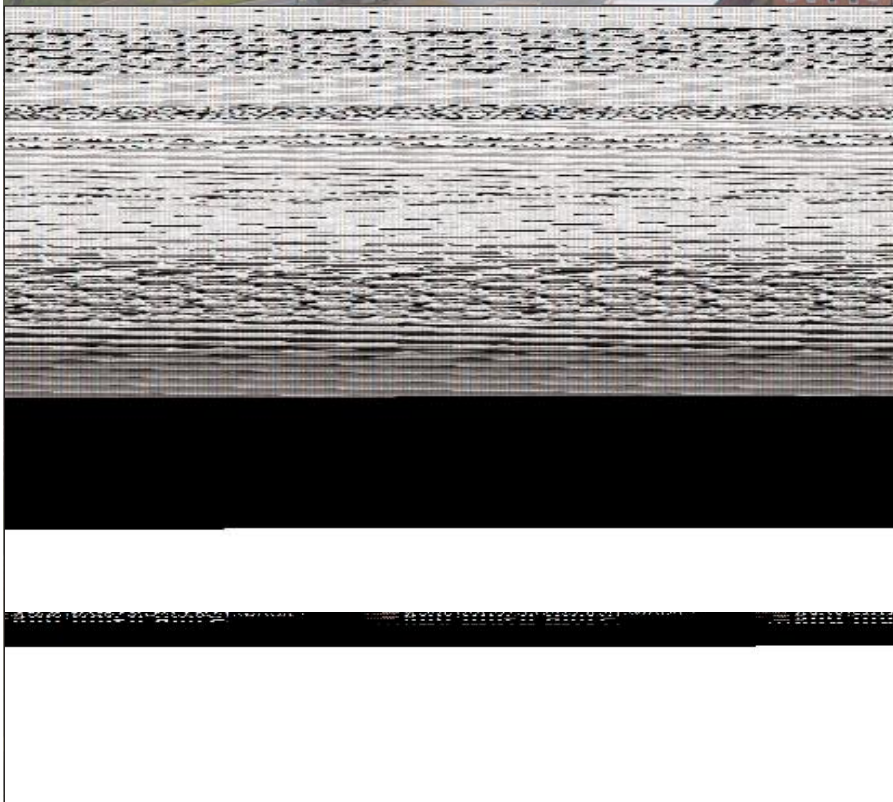
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Can You Influence Your Financial Aid Award?

Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won't always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you're probably thinking about more typical concerns – such as expenses.

How will you pay for the high costs of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child's financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what's known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college – rather, it's an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

- **Save money in your name – not your child's.** FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent's assets, compared to 20 percent of a student's assets.

- **Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid.** Many of your current assets, such as your retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the "base" year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as untaxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable

income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

- **Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA.** The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

- **Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA.** Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC – plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account.

Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59½, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they're worth thinking about. You might also want to consult with a college's financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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Blessing of the Pets



Fr. Rob Maro of St. Francis Xavier in Newtown Neck blesses the pets of parishioners Oct. 2.

St. Mary's County Economic Development Celebrates Manufacturing Month

LEONARDTOWN, MD –October is Maryland Manufacturing Month and the State of Maryland, along with DED, will spotlight the manufacturing industry.

Maryland Manufacturing Month was established in 2015 by Governor Hogan to increase public awareness of manufacturing and recognize and celebrate the contributions of the almost 4,000 businesses that make up the Maryland manufacturing community. Along with National Manufacturing Day (MFG Day), these initiatives and events allow manufacturers to showcase their organizations, introduce the next generation of manufacturers to career opportunities, and celebrate the amazing companies and products that are Made in Maryland.

Economic Development Director Chris Kaselemis emphasizes that "Manufacturing is an extremely important component of our local and national economy and we are excited to celebrate our manufacturers here in St. Mary's County. They fuel our local economy and provide quality jobs."

Usually, MFG Day is an occasion where manufacturers open their doors to showcase the potential of modern manufacturing and foster interest in manufacturing careers. It is also an opportunity for manufacturers to highlight their work and to energize a future stream of workers.

However, due to COVID limitations with public gatherings and social distancing practices, we have pivoted like many businesses. On Oct. 2, we will kick off a monthlong social media campaign highlighting our local St. Mary's County Manufacturers. If your manufacturing company wants to be featured in the social media campaign, please email destiny.allen@stmarysmd.com.

There will be coordinated virtual tours for Forrest Tech Center students with local manufacturers. Tours are pre-recorded with a live Q&A with a representative of each of the manufacturing facilities.

Lastly, DED is supporting an upcoming virtual event, "Maryland Made: Growing, Sustaining & Supporting Manufacturers and Makers" Thursday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. hosted by Southern Maryland Innovates and the SBDC, Southern Region. This event features manufacturing industry experts from throughout the state, offering assistance, information, and resources to Maryland entrepreneurs. In attendance will be Senator Ben Cardin, Delegate Brian Crosby, Commerce—Manufacturing Program Manager Todd N. Sabin, MEP—Executive Director Michael Kelleher, RMI—President Mike Galiazio. Learn more and register to attend at www.somd-makers.eventbrite.com.

U.S. Census Bureau Extends Self-Response

Following an extension last week by the U.S. Census Bureau to continue counting households through October 5 as part of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that self-response and field operations will continue through October 31.

This additional extension will allow local governments, local Census Complete Count Committees and their partners in Maryland, as well as the U.S. Census Bureau enumerators, to target the remaining Maryland households that have yet to complete their 2020 Census.

As of Saturday, October 3, Maryland is in ninth place in self-response rate in the U.S. for the 2020 Census with 70.9 percent of all Maryland households filling out their 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Additionally, 28.8 percent of Maryland households have been counted by U.S. Census Bureau enumerators for a total of 99.7 percent. Maryland is also ranked fourth in the U.S. in Internet response. Carroll County leads the state with a self-response rate of 81.4%, ranking 24th in the U.S. out of more than 3,200 counties.

“With this extra time, our goal remains the same - we will continue to support efforts to get all Marylanders counted,” said Planning Secretary Rob McCord. “We thank everyone that took their time to fill out their 2020 Census and we will continue our work with our local Complete Count Committees to reach as many households as possible.”

Every Marylander counted represents more than \$18,250 over the next decade in federal funding for programs including Medicare and Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutri-

tion Assistance Program (SNAP), the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), school construction, emergency preparedness, and transportation projects. Census data also informs public health and vaccines. The Census forms the basis for reapportionment and redistricting and a complete count ensures that Maryland receives appropriate representation in Congress.

“As a result of court orders, the October 5, 2020 target date is not operative, and data collection operations will continue through October 31, 2020,” the U.S. Census Bureau said in a statement last week. “Employees should continue to work diligently and enumerate as many people as possible.”

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

Planning also created a unique Low Response Score and Hard to Count dashboard, which displayed socioeconomic and demographic profiles of selected Census tracts, which allows staff to target strategies to improve the Census response rates. Planning also worked with the Maryland Food Bank to include informative flyers in meal distribution boxes across the state.

Maryland Department of Planning Press Release

HSMC Hosting Fall Family Fun Day

Looking for a fun day out for the whole family? On October 24, 2020, Historic St. Mary’s City (HSMC) will have you covered. Guests are welcome to come to the museum in costume to celebrate the season.

All activities on October 24 are included with the cost of admission. Activities may include:

Legends and Lore tour at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., which discusses superstitions of the 17th century; corn husk crafts to take home; snap a photo at the selfie station located in the Margaret Brent boxwood garden; and a museum scavenger hunt. Younger guests will receive a goody bag, on their way out, from The Shop at Farthing’s Ordinary.

Families and guests are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy the weather.

For the safety of HSMC staff and guests, those attending will be expected to follow CDC health guidelines, including mask-wearing and social distancing.

General admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for youth, and children 5 and younger are free. Discounted admission is available through the IMLS program, Museums For All. To view museums associated with the program, or to find out more information about Museums For All, visit



Museums4All.org. For more information, about Fall Family Fun Day, contact 240-895-4980 or email Groups@DigsHistory.org.

Historic St. Mary’s City is a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland’s first capital in beautiful, tidewater Southern Maryland. For more information about the museum contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, 800-SMC-1634, or info@DigsHistory.org.

Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET SHERLOCK



The cat has nine lives
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Three for staying

Hello, my name is Sherlock. I’m a VERY HANDSOME BOY and I will definitely seek out your attention! I will lovingly track you down like a detective. I’m a PLAYFUL, ENERGETIC, 8 MONTH OLD but I also love to nap in a warm, sunny spot. So now it’s time for me to find my FOREVER FAMILY. Email the wonderful gang at TCAS at animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to investigate me and you can BE MY MIRACLE! PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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History-Making Organ Flight Honored with Industry Award

University of Maryland (UMD) unmanned aviation pioneers have won a high-profile award from the Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International (AUVSI) for a historic April 2019 flight that resulted in the first-ever delivery of a viable organ for transplant.

AUVSI announced the winners of its annual XCELLENCE Awards on Wednesday (September 30), naming the UMD Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site, which carried out the organ flight in collaboration with the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) and the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), as a winner in the Humanitarian and Public Safety category.

"We are excited by this recognition," said Matt Scassero, director of the UMD UAS Test Site. "AUVSI continues to provide valued support for innovations that advance the UAS industry and bring measurable benefits to individuals and communities."

The UMD UAS Test Site was selected from a pool of accomplished applicants as one of six winners for the Humanitarian and Public Safety Awards, sponsored by DJI for the third consecutive year. Winners will be announced during the keynote session on Thursday, October 8 during AUVSI XPONENTIAL 2020.

The award-winning mission was con-

ducted in the small hours of April 19, 2019 as a specially designed unmanned aircraft—equipped with eight rotors, multiple powertrains and an emergency parachute system—took off from a location in West Baltimore. It then flew across downtown Baltimore to deliver a kidney to surgeons at UMMC, who conducted a successful transplant operation.

The idea of such a flight was conceived by Dr. Joseph R. Scalea, associate professor of surgery at UMSOM and a transplant surgeon at UMMC, and subsequently became a reality through collaboration between the UMD UAS Test Site, UMSOM, UMMC, UMD's department of aerospace engineering, and a donor organization, the Living Legacy Foundation.

Conducted after months of research and testing, the successful flight represented a breakthrough that could jumpstart efforts to bring about safer, more reliable organ delivery through the use of UAS, as companies develop the approach further. Earlier this month, Baltimore-based MissionGO announced it had flown an organ via UAS for a distance surpassing the 2.8 miles achieved by UMD and UMMC in the earlier flight.

"The Humanitarian and Public Safety Awards demonstrate the profound ability of the recipients to positively impact lives



through unmanned systems technology and create tremendous good will for our industry" said Brian Wynne, president and CEO of AUVSI. "We proudly recognize the six winners and hope their accomplishments will serve as an inspiration to utilize UAS to accomplish remarkable achievements for our society, which during a global pandemic is needed now more than ever."

This year's AUVSI XCELLENCE Award winners highlight the most inspiring ways drone technology has been used over the past year to aid people, animals and the environment," said Wayne Baker, Director of Public Safety Integration at

DJI. "Behind each winner is a dedicated team of professionals whose creativity, ingenuity and perseverance serves as an inspiration to the entire AUVSI community. We applaud them for their outstanding commitment to innovation, as well as creation of standards, and are pleased to see these awards highlight the positive role drone technology plays all over the world."

The AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards honor innovators with a demonstrated commitment to advancing autonomy, leading and promoting safe adoption of unmanned systems and developing programs that use these technologies to save lives and improve the human condition.



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Professor Awarded Archeology Grant

St. Mary's College Professor of Anthropology Julia King was recently awarded a \$110,000 grant from the National Park Service to fund a complete archeological overview and assessment of Piscataway Park in Prince George's County, Maryland. This project will be conducted through a Cooperative Agreement under the Chesapeake Watershed Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit.

The Cooperative Agreement was signed August 14, 2020, and the project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Piscataway Park is a unit of the National Park Service administered by National Capital Parks—East. The park is located in Southern Maryland along the banks of the Potomac River. This park is significant because of the rich archeological resources located within the park and their impact on our modern understanding of Native American societies in the Eastern Middle Atlantic. Situated approximately 25 miles downriver from Washington D.C., lands within the park were home to the Potomac Valley's indigenous inhabitants for thousands of years—dating as far back as 6,000 years ago and through the 1500s. Among the occupants were the Piscataway Indians of Southern Maryland whose ancestors still live nearby today.

Piscataway Park is the greatest resource of pre-contact and contact period American Indian archeological resources in the National Capital Region of the National Park Service. The park has been the subject of several archeological investigations, but there has never been a synthetic report of this work or a formal organization of this material for management needs. The scope and breadth of existing archeological collections also lend themselves to addressing future research questions related not only to the history of Piscataway Park, but also the Native American communities that once lived there.

The archeological overview and assessment will describe and assess the known and potential archeological resources at Piscataway Park. The overview reviews, summarizes and synthesizes existing archeological data in detail, assesses past work, identifies gaps in our understanding of the archeological data, and determines the need for and recommendations for future studies. The document will be a core baseline archeological resources management reference for the National Capital Parks—East unit. This project will also critically examine and evaluate museum collections from archeological sites in the park to assist in understanding the history of the park. Furthermore, this work will develop recommendations for future research for management of park resources and public education.

Julie King is the principal investigator for the project, with Scott Strickland '08 serving as research and GIS coordinator. The grant also includes funding for an assistant archaeologist, likely to be an SMCM alum, and two student assistants.

Pending available funding, King and NPS may continue the project into 2022 and beyond with a new cooperative agreement. Additional work will likely entail reviewing and assessing archaeological collections, completion of updating state site forms, and updating archeological site condition assessments for the National Park System's online Cultural Resources Inventory System. Further work may also involve the production of a publicly accessible document (excluding sensitive archeological information) that will provide a detailed history of the Native American experience as linked to Piscataway Park, along with a Finding Aid/Collections Assessment document to complement the Archeological Overview and Assessment Document.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Lexington Park Lions Sponsor Bunks Across America

On Saturday, September 26, Lexington Park Lions sponsored Bunks Across America with the St. Mary's County Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). Thirty-two volunteers built 31 beds for children who have none. Guided by SHP Chapter Leaders Gary and Debbie Faller, Lions from Lexington Park, Leonardtown, Mechanicsville, and Ridge joined

with other community volunteers to sand rough lumber, drill holes, fit pieces, and dip boards in a protective coating. Beds are delivered and assembled, complete with mattress, pillow, linens, and comforter. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has delivered more than 150 beds in 2020; Lexington Park Lions are proud to be a partner in this service to the community.



Celebrating School Lunch Week

To recognize the National School Lunch Program, serving nearly 30 million children each day, St. Mary's County Public Schools will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 12-16, 2020. The theme, "Now Playing School Lunch," kicks off National School Lunch Week (NSLW). This special week of celebration is designed to bring positive attention to the school lunch program and the impact it has on our school community.

Activities for this special week include: Dress-up days and coloring contests. Students will have coloring pages included in their bags when they pick up their meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning the week of October 5. Coloring contest entries are due on October 14. Dress-up Days will be Monday, October 12 - Disney Theme, Wednesday, October 14 - Space Movie Theme and Friday, October 16 - Super Heroes Theme. Please encourage your students to dress up on theme days as they come to pick-up their meals. Meal Distribution is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at each school site from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In St. Mary's County Public Schools, over 7,000 students participate in our lunch program daily.

Studies show that school lunches are healthier than typical packed lunches and that balanced nutrition throughout the day contributes to student success in and out of the classroom. "School lunches offer students fruits and vegetables, whole grains and milk, and meet federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories, and sodium," said Megan Doran, Director of Food and Nutrition Services.

The federally-funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) has been fueling students for success for more than 70 years. Some students may qualify for free or reduced-price meals during the year. To apply for meal benefits on-line visit our website, www.smeps.org. Log into Food and Nutrition Services, Meal Benefit Information. You will find the "My School Apps" button. Meal Benefit applications submitted on-line are effective immediately.

The "Now Playing School Lunch" campaign is made possible by the non-profit School Nutrition Association. Parents and students can follow the fun using the hashtags #NSLW2020, #NowPlayingSchoolLunch and #SchoolLunch. For more information on National School Lunch Week, visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/nslw/>.

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High Schools Add Lightning Detection Systems

St. Mary's County Public High Schools are now equipped with lightning detection equipment at each of the three high schools. The lightning detection equipment includes an alert siren and visual strobe. When lightning is detected within 10 miles of each high school campus the alert siren and visual strobe will activate. After 30 minutes has elapsed with no more lightning detected within 10 miles, the alert siren will activate again indicating all clear. At this point, depending on field conditions, the contest/activity may resume.

Beginning on Monday, Sept. 28 the system at each school will be active during after school events and athletic contests during the school week from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The lightning detection system may be active for a scheduled event or function on Saturday(s). The lightning detection system will be inactive on Sundays.

The Lightning Detection System Infor-

mation Page on our system website will provide additional details and information pertaining to the lightning detection systems at each high school. You will be able to access school-specific countdown clocks on your mobile device to monitor the 30 minutes of suspended play due to lightning. You may also visit the St. Mary's County Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) Siren Sounds and Messages page for examples that you may hear during a test or emergency.

The health and safety of our student participants, coaches, and sponsors is always our top priority. Please contact your school's athletic director or Michael A. Watson, Director of Facility Coordination, Health and Physical Education, and Athletics at mawatson@smcps.org if you have any questions or would like to acquire additional information.

Press Release from SMCPs.

Sign Up to Receive CodeRED Weather Warnings

The Department of Emergency Services encourages St. Mary's County residents to be prepared and informed. Sign up to receive email warnings, updates and special notices including road closures, severe weather updates, Recreation and Park Notices and CodeRED Weather Warnings.

The St. Mary's County Government CodeRED Emergency Notification System is an ultra-highspeed telephone communication service used to contact citizens quickly. This system makes calls to all or targeted areas of the County to immediately relay vital information. CodeRED delivers

a recorded message describing the situation in the affected area, which may include instructions requiring action on the part of the recipient.

Sign up online at <https://www.stmarysmd.com/emergencycodered.asp>.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit our website: prepare.stmarysmd.com or call the Department of Emergency Services at 301-475-4200, extension 72110.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.

School System Revises Operational Calendars

The Board of Education of St. Mary's County, at their meeting of September 9, 2020, approved changes to the 2020-2021 School System Operational Calendars due to online and hybrid learning as follow:

SMCPs Operating Calendar:

- Schools will now be open on Friday, September 25, 2020, as an Instructional Day for Students (Student Asynchronous Day)

- Thursday, June 17, 2021, will be the Last Day for Students (with inclement weather days)

- Friday, June 18, 2021, will be a Staff Development Day

Interim Period notations have been removed from the calendar

Chesapeake Public Charter School Calendar:

- School will now be open on Friday, September 25, 2020, (Student Asynchronous Day) and Monday, October 12, 2020, (K/1/6 Phase in Begins) as Instructional Days for Students

- Friday, October 16, 2020, Length of

Quarter 1 will be 42 days

- Wednesday, June 9, 2021, will be the Last Day of School for Students (with inclement weather days)

- Thursday and Friday, June 10-11, 2021, will be Professional Responsibilities/Professional Development for Staff.

Press Release from SMCPs.



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LexiCon 2020: Video Cosplay Contest

LexiCon Returns – Virtually! Create a costume celebrating your favorite fandom, then show it off virtually! Submit a short video (maximum 90 seconds) displaying your awesome look, and enter to win prizes and glory. Visit www.stmalib.org/lexicon for all the information. Submit your video between Friday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 21. All ages!

LexiCon 2020: Meet Author Preeti Chhibber

LexiCon Returns – Virtually! Hear how Preeti Chhibber became a writer, what it's like to work in publishing, how much she loves Peter Parker & Baby Yoda, and more! Ask Preeti your questions about writing in the Star Wars & Marvel universes. Preeti Chhibber is the author of

Spider-Man: Far From Home: Peter and Ned's Ultimate Travel Journal, Orientation (Marvel: Avengers Assembly #1), A Jedi You Will Be, and short stories in A Thousand Beginnings and Endings and Star Wars The Clone Wars: Stories of Light and Dark. Register at www.stmalib.org/lexicon to receive the link to the online event taking place Friday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m.

LexiCon 2020: Trivia Deathmatch (No actual death involved)

The famous LEXICON Trivia Deathmatch (no actual death involved) is going virtual! Log on for a fast-paced, family-friendly, all-fandom live trivia showdown. Win bragging rights and virtual tickets for a grand prize drawing. To participate, you will need both Zoom and the Kahoot website or mobile app. Register at www.stmalib.org/lexicon to receive the link to the online event taking place Saturday, October 17 at 2 p.m.

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Meet Writer/Journalist Emily Cataneo: A One Maryland One Book Event

Join us in welcoming Emily Cataneo, writer, journalist, and co-founder of the Redbud Writing Project, a creative writing educational or-

ganization for adults. In 2017, Emily traveled to the island of Jeju in South Korea, where she interviewed one of the haenyeo (a woman diver of Korea) and learned about their intriguing, ancient culture. Emily will be joining us live to talk about these real sea women. Register at www.stmalib.org, then join us online on Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m.



The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Joe Yates with perch from the Patuxen

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Fishing is very good with perch, spot, and rockfish leading the way.

The perch are in the creeks and rivers taking tiny spinner baits in the shallows and bloodworms and Fishbites in the deep.

Spot are still in the creeks and rivers and bay willing to hit most any bait with protein,

Puppy drum and slot drum are being caught on lures and bait most everywhere.

The rockfish are schooled up with blues in the mouth of the Patuxent breaking into bait fish. The blues are a hefty two to three pounds; the rockfish breakers are mostly undersized. The bigger stripers

are under the breaking fish for trollers using heavy weights to get their lures down. The rockfish are coming into the creek mouths on falling tides at sunset. There was a proper blitz of rockfish at Goose Creek below Cedar Point on the Naval Air Station several evenings last week. Consistent catches of stripers are available by trolling bucktails on the bottom up the Patuxent and Potomac.

Red drum in the 18 to 27 inch slot are in the creek mouths and in the shallows on the bay shore. Puppy drum in the 10 to 14 inch range are mixed with perch in the creeks.

It is October and the time to catch fish is now.

St. Clements Regatta Race Results



The results of the St. Clements Island Regatta:

Non Spin: 1st Tennounce. John McKinney 2nd Evergreen. Bob Donaldson 3rd Gemini. George Polachak 4th. GetnBy. Dwight Wessel 5th. Corvina Shawn Moore 6th Lorelei. Ryan Davis
Spin 1st Papaya. Craig Cantrell 2nd Look Close Robert Ballard.

Moreland Wins Saturday at Potomac

Anderson Claims Late Model Title

By Doug Watson
Potomac Speedway.

Kenny Moreland drove an inspired race to collect his first win of the season in last Saturday night's 35-lap "Larry Hills Memorial" at Potomac Speedway. The win for Moreland, worth \$3650, was his first at the track since the 2016 season and it came aboard his familiar Rocket no.24.

Moreland drew the pole for the feature and would make the most of his good fortune as he eventually would pace all 35-circuits to post his 9th career feature win. Kyle Hardy chased Moreland for most of the event before Andy Anderson slid into second on lap-32, but was no match for the speedy Moreland and would settle for the spot which in turn gave him the 2020 track championship. "We let a few slip away this season and it's a great feeling to finally get one, it's been a long time." Moreland stated post race. "We weren't even sure if we were going to race this season and without my mom, dad my wife Kaycee and all the crew we wouldn't be here right now." With his runner-up performance Andy Anderson would claim his career first Potomac title. "We had no intention of racing for points." Said Anderson. "We ran good enough all season to stay up there and I'm proud to get the championship for this team." Jason Covert took third with Steven Axtell Jr. and Brent Bordeaux, in a career best finish of fifth, would complete the top-five. Heats went to Covert and Axtell.

In the companion 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main, Ray Love drove to his first career division feature win steering his family owned Rocket no.80. "Joey and the guys have worked on this car all season and were glad to finally put it in victory lane. Jeremy Pilkerton, Dale Hollidge, Corey Almond and Brad Rigdon trailed at the finish. With his second place effort, Jeremy Pilkerton was crowned the 2020 track champion. Heats went to Love and Timmy Booth.

In support class action red-hot PJ Hatcher continued his winning ways as he collected his 6th consecutive 16-lap Street Stock victory with Deuce Wright collecting the 2020 track title. Colin Long and Troy Kassirs split the twin 15-lap Hobby Stock features with Buddy Dunagan claiming the division

championship. Rookie Cody Stamp drove to his 2nd Strictly Stock win of the season with John Hardesty rolling to his second consecutive and career 6th class title. Dominic King scored his 3rd U-Car win of the season with Justin Knight taking top honors in the season long championship chase.

Late Model feature finish (17)

Kenny Moreland, Andy Anderson, Jason Covert, Steven Axtell Jr., Brent Bordeaux, Walter Crouch, Deshawn Gingerich, Kyle Hardy, Sam Archer, Billy Tucker, Jamie Lathroum, Bernie Beard, Willie Milliken, Dale Hollidge, Todd Plummer, Jason Miller DNS-Justin Weaver

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish (13)

Ray Love, Jeremy Pilkerton, Dale Hollidge, Corey Almond, Brad Rigdon, Ed Pope Jr., Timmy Booth, Megan Mann, Vaughn Haywood, Nick Love, Carl Vaughn, Brian Coe Jr., Mike Raleigh

Street Stock feature finish (8)

PJ Hatcher, Deuce Wright, Kyle Nelson, Bryan Kerns, Bobby Miexsall, Dalton Tankersly, Hank Stonestreet, Ben Pirner

Hobby Stock feature finish (18)

Colin Long, Jonathan Knott, Mikey Latham, Hilton Pickeral, Buddy Dunagan, Dave Adams, Wyatt Hanson, Stevie Gingery, Troy Kassirs, Mason Hanson, Austin Lathroum, Billy Crouse, Cole Johnston, JT Bowie, Charlie O'Reilly, Erik Hanson, Rusty Hanbury, James Rainey

Hobby Stock feature finish (Make-up event)

Troy Kassirs, Colin Long, Buddy Dunagan, Mikey Latham, Mason Hanson, Erik Hanson, Dave Adams, Hilton Pickeral, JT Bowie, Wyatt Hanson, Stevie Gingery, Austin Lathroum, Charlie O'Reilly, James Rainey DNS-Greg Morgan, Matt Randall

Strictly Stock feature finish (13)

Cody Stamp, Nabil Guffey, Dale Simpson, Casey Sheckles, John Hardesty, Daniel Knodle, Justin Hatcher, James Stone Jr., Stephen Suite, Bob Todd, Travis Dye, Greg Mattingly, Brian Johnson

U-Car feature finish (15)

Dominic King, Justin Knight, Allen Griffith, Ryan Quade, Lonnie Hobbday, Kristy Whitehouse, Faith Lacey, Joe Beard, Seth Hood, Joey Suite, Shawn Payne, Mackenzie Smith, Robert Wilson, Owen Lacey



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

EMALS and AAG Hit 4,000 Aircraft Recoveries, Launches

By Kristen Beauchamp

PMA-251 Communications Support Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG) and Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) achieved 4,000 aircraft recoveries and launches aboard USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) Sept. 10, during her 18-month Post Delivery Test & Trials (PDT&T) period.

Capt. Kenneth Sterbenz, Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) program manager (PMA-251) for EMALS and AAG, noted the milestone is a significant achievement for both ALRE and Ford's crew.

"EMALS and AAG are consistently performing as expected and standing up to the rigorous testing of PDT&T operations," said Sterbenz. "Reaching 4,000 launches

and recoveries is not only an important performance datapoint, but it also represents years of dedication, professionalism and successful work put forth by the ALRE team and CVN 78."

Ford, including the EMALS and AAG systems, are now more than halfway through the carrier's test and evaluation period, and operators remain on track to complete all required assessments and milestones. PMA-251 and Ford's crew continue to test critical systems and complete preparations for CVN 78 to formally enter the fleet.

Shannon Coulter, PMA-251 assistant program manager for Systems Engineering, has been aboard Ford for every fixed-wing launch and recovery, including the first launch

and recovery in 2017.

"It's been incredibly rewarding for the team to watch AAG and EMALS mature over the past nine months as Ford's crew gains significant experience and increased confidence with maintenance and operations," said Coulter. "The NAVAIR and General Atomics programmatic, engineering, maintenance, and logistics team has done an absolutely outstanding job of supporting CVN 78 over the past 4,000 EMALS and AAG launches and recoveries, and we look forward to strong system performance throughout the remaining PDT&T events."

The Navy's newest aircraft launch and recovery technology, the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System and Advanced Arresting Gear

System are managed by the Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment program office (PMA-251). The systems were designed for use aboard Ford-class aircraft carriers, beginning with USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). Land-based test sites, located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., enable test, troubleshooting and Sailor training. Developed by prime contractor General Atomics, EMALS and AAG provide significant advancements to the Navy's Ford-class aircraft carriers. EMALS and AAG require a smaller footprint in the ship, less maintenance, and less manpower than comparable steam catapults and arresting gear aboard Nimitz-class carriers.



News

The County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to obit@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

In Remembrance

Betty Salinas DeJesus



Betty Salinas DeJesus, 82 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on September 26, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July 1, 1938 in Manaog, Philippines to the late Antonio Salinas and Rufina Penullar Salinas.

In 1954 Betty married her beloved husband, Pedro Lecitona DeJesus in the Philippines. Together they celebrated over 56 wonderful years of marriage until his passing in October 2010. She was employed as a maintenance engineer for JF Taylor and on Capitol Hill until her retirement. She enjoyed growing bountiful vegetable gardens, which she used in her delicious cooking. She specialized in Filipino dishes which were always delicious. She also enjoyed travelling, especially to visit her family. She loved spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her children: Teresita Deere (John) of Virginia Beach, VA, Josephine Dickason of Lexington Park, MD, Edgardo DeJesus (Mely) of the Philippines, Richardo DeJesus (Melita) of Lexington Park, MD, Noel DeJesus (Charina) of Lexington Park, MD, Victor DeJesus (Belinda) of Lexington Park, MD, Antonio DeJesus (Brenda) of Lexington Park, MD, Julie DeJesus of Lexington Park, MD; her siblings: Eming Salinas, Eddie Salinas, Danny Salinas, Bong Salinas and Rose DeJesus, all of the Philippines; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and beloved husband, she is also preceded in death by her sons, Wilfredo Salinas DeJesus and Ramil Salinas DeJesus.

Serving as pallbearers will be Richardo DeJesus, Victor DeJesus, Antonio DeJesus, Noel DeJesus, John Deere and Carlo Deere. Grandchildren and great grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Adam Robert Bean



Adam Robert Bean, 38, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on October 1, 2020 at his residence. He was born on January 28, 1982 in Leonardtown,

MD and was the loving son of Diann Lynn Davis Bean, of Huntington, NY and Robert Ambrose Bean, Sr. of Valley Lee, MD. Adam is survived by his

brothers Robert Bean, Jr. of California, MD, Stephen R. Bean of Honolulu, HI, and nephew Logan R. Bean. Adam was preceded in death by his brother Joseph R. Bean. He was a life long St. Mary's County, MD resident. Adam graduated from Leonardtown High School in 2000 and was a Fire Alarm Technician.

Adam enjoyed; basketball, Civil War history, and working outside. He was a music lover and sports fan. Most of all, Adam loved being with his family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. Funeral Services and Interment will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Robert A. Bean, Jr, Logan R. Bean, Devon Bean, Stephen R. Bean, Jesse Bean, and Mike Miles.

Contributions may be made to A Community That Shares (ACTS) P.O. Box 54 Bushwood, MD 20618.

Charles "Chuck" Francis Lynch



Charles "Chuck" Francis Lynch, 73, of Hollywood, MD passed away on October 1, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

Chuck was born on March 30, 1947 in Baltimore, MD to the late Charles Leon and Mary Regina Lynch.

Chuck graduated from Lakenheath American High School in RAF Lakenheath, England in 1967, after graduating he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served 4 years as a Signal Intercept Specialist on active duty with 2 tours in Vietnam before his honorable discharge. He went on to serve 6 more years in the Army Reserves with the 11th Special Forces Group as a Communications Specialist.

Chuck was employed with PEPCO at Morgantown Station, Newburg, MD as a mechanic for over 30 dedicated years before retiring. He then worked another 14 years as a contractor with DynCorp as a skilled mechanic at the Fleet Readiness Center Aviation Support Equipment (FRC ASE) in Solomons, MD.

On October 18, 1985 he married his beloved wife, Carol "Laney" Elaine Lynch, in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated almost 35 years wonderful years of marriage. Upon their retirement, he and Laney enjoyed travelling to visit family and friends. They loved the mountains and beaches and every summer they took a family vacation to Myrtle Beach. They also spent winters in Myrtle Beach as "snowbirds".

Chucks favorite hobby was to collect toy cars. He had a vast collection of over 7,000 and even had a whole room dedicated to his cars, affectionately known

as "Pop Pops car room." Chuck never met a stranger and always told long animated stories about any subject you could imagine. He was the most selfless, loving, kind hearted man. He left an impression on anyone he met and you would never forget him. His family was his absolute greatest love, especially his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his beloved wife, Chuck is also survived by his children: Frank Bean of Spicewood, TX, Melissa Miller of California, MD and Charles "Chucky" Lynch (Leila) of Hollywood, MD; his siblings: Nancy Coxon (David) of Leonardtown, MD, Donald Lynch (Robin) of Hollywood, MD, Thomas "Tommy" Lynch of Tehachapi, CA, and Kimberly Bostwick (Isaac Oakley) of North Port, FL; his grandchildren: Casey Miller, Mia Bean, Georgia Bean, Harper Lynch and Charlotte Lynch; and many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

All services are private.

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Charles Joseph Beggs

Charles Joseph Beggs, 66, of Lexington Park, MD passed away at his



home on October 1, 2020 with his loving family at his side.

He was born on January 29, 1954 in Kansas City, MO to Charles Walter Beggs of

Manchester, NH and the late Lorene Ayers-Beggs.

Charles enlisted in the United States Navy after he graduated high school and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1973. During his service he earned the National Defense Medal and the Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon. On December 20, 1975, he married his beloved wife, Hope Beggs, at the Naval Yard, Washington D.C. In 1982, he began his career at the Smithsonian Institution as a Safety Officer Supervisor, where he worked until his retirement in 2009. He enjoyed travelling to visit his family, and took them all, including his grandchildren, to Maine, to celebrate Thanksgiving with his father. Family was his greatest love, whom he enjoyed spending his time with, especially his grandchildren. He was a NASCAR and Kansas City Chief fan. He was an avid history buff, and regularly watched war documentaries,



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In Remembrance

even if he had already seen it before. He and his wife liked to attend concerts, with some of his favorite being Elton John and the Beach Boys.

In addition to his beloved wife, Hope, Charles is also survived by his children: Kristina Beggs, Jami Beggs and Charles Robert Beggs all of Lexington Park, MD; his siblings, Pamela Karen Williams of Lundunberry, NH and Shawn Cathryn Libby of Cosco, ME; his grandchildren: Darren Robinson, Devonte Beggs, Lanya Herbert, Shyanne Dyson, Jason Beggs, John Beggs, Charles Beggs, Anthony Beggs, Byntlee Beggs, and Dasean Beggs; and extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother.

All services are private.

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Sherry Crook



Sherry Crook, 76 of Rutherfordton, NC, passed away on October 2, 2020 at her daughters home with her loving family at her side.

Sherry was born on June 27, 1944 in Spartanburg, SC to the late Edward Petty and Thelma (Cooper) Waddell.

She was employed in the food industry for many years, preparing many delicious meals, traveling and spending time with her family.

Sherry is survived by her children: Suzy Levasseur (John) of California, MD, Tim Wardell (Kim) of Allen, SD, Betty Carver (Mike) of Chilhowie, VA, and Kim Roddy of Leburn, KY; her sister, Ann Logan (Mack) of Rutherfordton, NC, 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

All services are private.

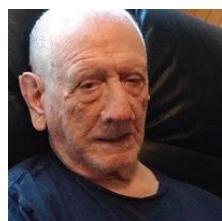
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to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Harold "Hoppy" Frank McDonell, Jr.



Harold "Hoppy" Frank McDonell, Jr. 84 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on October 2, 2020 at his home in Leonardtown, MD.

Born on October 8, 1935 in Waldorf, MD, he was the son of the late Harold Frank McDonell, Sr. and Mary Hilda McDonell (Davis).

Hoppy loved the simple things in life. He loved DayCare, watching all of his favorite TV shows and riding the bus. Hoppy was always happiest when surrounded by his family and friends and he will always be remembered by them through the precious memories they made together.

He is survived by his sister, Cleo A. Helland and husband Thomas Gandy of Waldorf, MD. Niece Heidi McDonell, Nephew David Helland, his wife Beth and children Mason, Brody and Brianna, Daniel Helland fiance Miranda and children Alyssa, Devin, and Mikey and Ben Helland wife Dawn and children Jayla, Zoey and Bryson. He is preceded in death by his loving parents.

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Sidney Jerome "Jerry" Turner

Sidney Jerome "Jerry" Turner, 79, of Mechanicsville, MD, died on Friday, October 2, 2020 at Chesapeake Shores Rehab and Nursing Home in Great Mills, MD due to complications of diabetes/stroke. Born on December

21, 1940 in the village of Ryceville near Mechanicsville, he was the son of the late Eunice A. and Sydney A. Turner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Nancy (Bartz) Turner; two sons, David L. Turner (Elizabeth) of Mechanicsville, MD and Steven C. Turner (Alanna) of Mt. Airy, MD; eight grandchildren: Jason and Emily Turner of Mechanicsville, MD and Ashlyn, Jack, Brooke, Vivian, Dexter and Savannah Turner of Mt. Airy, MD. Jerry is also survived by one brother, James A. Turner (Catherine) of Mechanicsville, MD, a special cousin, Charles E. Turner (Judy) of Chatsworth, CA and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Mary Helen Tippett, and "like a brother" Dickie Graves, both of Mechanicsville, MD.

Jerry graduated from LaPlata High School in 1958 and farmed the Turner family farm, along with his brother, his whole life; growing as much as 35 acres of tobacco at times. He was a part-time waterman in his younger days and groundskeeper at Laurel Springs Park in LaPlata for six years before retiring in 2007. Jerry was a nature lover to a fault, protecting bluebirds, bees and crows and fussed if you stepped on an ant or a spider. He enjoyed old tractors and cars, flea markets, antiques, local history, telling stories about his childhood, good seafood, the company of family and friends, and his tabby cat, Zoey.

Memorial contributions may be made to A Community That Shares (ACTS), P.O. Box 54, 21808 Colton's Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609.

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Cristian Joseph "Jojo" Ramirez



Cristian Joseph "Jojo" Ramirez, 19, of Great Mills, Maryland passed away on September 26, 2020.

Cristian was born on April 18, 2001, in Hyattsville Maryland, to Cristian Antonio Ramirez of El Salvador and Kristine Marie Robertson Ramirez of Hyattsville, Md.

Jojo is a 2018 graduate of Great Mills High School, and Fairlead Academy. He completed the electrical program at the Technical Center under the guidance and support of the wonderful teacher, Mr. Michael Towne. Mr. Towne sparked his interest in the field and pushed him to pursue a career as an electrician, going so far as to help him get his first job as well as gifting him much needed specialty tools to start his career. He truly changed Cristian's life for the better and set him on the path to success.

While in school Cristian was lucky enough to start a great job at Noodles & Company, where his boss Carly Murillo saw his true potential and took a chance on a kid that would be the youngest she had ever hired. He worked hard and made his parents, his coworkers, and his bosses very proud. He was determined and eventually earned enough money to put a down payment on his first car.

Cristian started his career fresh out of high school with Specified Electrical Systems LLC. Cristian was a member of the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local Union #26. Cristian was Enrolled in the Apprenticeship program of the JATC at Local #26 and was in his 2nd year of a 5 year program to become a Journeyman Electrician. He worked in and around the DC area on multiple government and private industry electrical projects. Cristian was liked by everyone who had the pleasure to be in his company, and he will be greatly missed by his coworkers and bosses alike.

Cristian loved his job and it showed. He worked hard and he had pride in his work. He never complained about a job or task, waking up most days at three a.m. to be at work on time. He was always excited and willing to learn something new. Cristian hated to miss work or be late and always tried his hardest to make his coworkers and bosses proud of the jobs that he was assigned.

When Jojo was younger he loved to play all kinds of sports such as soccer, baseball, karate, and football. As a teenager, Jojo enjoyed listening to music, playing video games alone or with his friends online, and he loved fixing things. He loved to fix small electronics such as cameras and cell phones as well as working on cars and equipment. He loved to go crabbing, and cook, sewing, archery, and eating different kinds of foods, were just some of his hobbies. He loved to travel and was very adventurous and bold when trying new things.

He was always learning and wanting to try new things. Spending time with his girlfriend Kalie Flowers, doing anything with her, made him the happiest. His favorite past time was being out on his grandfather's boat, trying to out fish his Nan, and catch the biggest bass at Lake Lariat.

Jojo was always quick with a compliment, advise, a listening ear or shoulder to cry on. Jojo relied on advice from the people he trusted that had more life experience and he never took that advise for granted. He listened, learned and it make him a better person, that was on the way to becoming a great man.

Jojo cherished his friends and family. He respected and loved his Father, and Mother and did his best to make them proud of him. Which they very much are. Jojo adored his siblings. He loved to laugh and joke with them. Tease them and taunt them always with love, but he was quick to give advice and direction to them and lend a helping hand in any-



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way was needed.

In addition to his loving parents, Cristian is also survived by his sibling, Haylie Melina Ramirez, Mariella Kenna Ramirez, and Patrick Johan Ramirez; his grandparents: Kenneth "Nan", and Helen "Grammy" Robertson of Lusby, Md. Eufemia Ramirez of El Salvador; his girlfriend Kalie Flowers; and many extended family and friends.

Interment will be private.

In Lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities, Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263 and St. Jude Children's Research, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

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David Lewis Williams



David Lewis Williams, 62, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on September 29, 2020 at his home with his loving wife Nancy by his side.

He was born on September 25, 1958 in Canton, Ohio, to Harry Lewis Williams and the late Cecelia Hardie Williams.

He attended Mt. Union College and then went on to graduate school at Ohio State. After completing his education he moved to the Philadelphia area to work as a Software Engineer for the Naval Air Warfare Center (Department of Defense). He was later transferred to Southern Maryland, where he met his wife Nancy, and they were married on October 9, 2009 in Leonardtown, Maryland. He enjoyed listening to classical music and watching all types of movies. He played the violin and was part of the Cosmic Symphony of Southern Maryland. Dave had a great sense of humor and loved spending time with his friends and family and playing with his cats, who were also part of the family.

In addition to his wife, Nancy Marilyn Gould of Lexington Park, MD, he is also survived by his father Harry Lewis Williams and his siblings, Lisa Williams, Maryjane Williams and Jeff Williams all of Ohio. He is preceded in death by his mother Cecelia Williams.

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Donald Edward Richards



Donald Edward Richards, 91, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020, at his home.

He was born

on December 21, 1928 to the late G. Edward "Eddie" Richards and Esther (Gemeny) Richards in Washington, DC.

Donald was married to the love of his life, Evelyn Oliver Richards for over sixty-six (66) years before her passing on June 24, 2018. There was not a day that he didn't remember his beautiful bride.

He was a hard-working man, who cherished his family. He worked as an Engraver in defense mapping for the US Government until his retirement. He was proud of his strong work ethic and passed these traits onto his own children and grandchildren. He loved to hear the laughter and see the smiles of his family as they gathered.

A meticulous man he could spend hours working in his shop restoring antique furniture and woodworking. He saw the beauty in the scuffed and damaged wood and found pride in the restoration. He leaves many treasured pieces for his family. Donald also enjoyed working in his vegetable garden and being able to share the bountiful crop.

They say the true legacy of man is through the eyes of his family. If you knew him as Donald, Dad or Uncle Donald, you know he was a happy, friendly, kind, and caring man. A great father and grandfather who will be missed for generations.

Donald is survived by his children, Kevin E. Richards of Hollywood, MD, Donna L. Richards of Reston, VA and Karen E. Friedman of Newport News, VA and three (3) grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and extended family. Along with his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his loving wife, Evelyn.

At this time all services will be private.

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All Arrangements have been made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

Jane Ann Kayser



With a sad heart, we announce the passing of Jane Ann Kayser, age 66, on September 23, 2020. Jane, born November 19, 1953, was

originally from Queens, New York (Go Yankees!). After graduating from Marta Christi Catholic High School, she moved to Long Beach, California where she graduated from California State Fullerton with a Bachelors of Science degree in accounting and worked as an auditor for the State of California. In 1971, she met the love of her life, David Joseph Kayser, and was married on August 11th, 1979. In the early '90s, the family moved to St. Ingoes, Maryland

where they continued to foster and grow their family. It was in the home that she and Dave built and raised their six children that the Lord called her home. She was a fiercely dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all who knew her. She used her gifts and talents to serve her family, friends, and community. She was a strong supporter of Girl and Boy Scouting, any school and work activities her children became involved in, crafts of all sorts, and most importantly the Catholic Church. While she was a member of St. Michael's Church in Ridge, Maryland, Jane was a devoted Catholic that visited many parishes throughout St. Mary's County. She is survived by her husband, David, Joanne her sister, and her six children: Sinead (Tim), Sean(Sarah), Siobhan (Spencer), Stephen (Samantha), Kevin (Claire), Annie, and her 18 grandchildren (the pride and joy of her life). Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Donations can be made in her memory to St. Michael's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 429, Ridge, MD 20680.

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

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Annette Marie Brash



Annette Marie Brash, 55 of Mechanicsville, Maryland passed on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family after a long battle

with cancer.

She was born on August 14, 1965 in Washington, DC to the late Michael Patton Warren, Sr. and Bernadette M. (Spaight) of Mechanicsville, MD.

She was the devoted and loving wife of Jerry K. Brash, Sr. They married on August 25, 1984 and have been married for over thirty-six (36) years, celebrating both great joy and devastating loss always side-by-side. They welcomed

five (5) children, J.J., Joey, Tony, Nicole and Amber. Annette was so proud to be Momma to her wonderful children and then a grandmother to Jordan, Savannah and Natalee.

The pillar of the family, everyone went straight to Annette for a hug, advice or just a friendly smile. She was always willing to help others in need. She worked as a homemaker, always making sure her husband and kids had everything they needed. An infectious laugh and smile to brighten the darkest day, Annette loved going to play Bingo. She was always ready to hear her number called so she could shout out her good luck or hit the road and go play the slots.

If you knew her as Annette, Momma, sister or friend you knew she was a shining light. A woman with happiness surrounding her and blessings abounding she may have been taken too soon, but she is safely in her golden palace in the sky. She may not be here physically, but her soul shines bright in the eyes of her children and grandchildren.

Annette is survived by her husband, Jerry Brash, Sr. of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Joseph Brash of Charlotte Hall, MD, Anthony Brash of Charlotte Hall, MD, Nicole Showalter of Charlotte Hall, MD and Amber Brash of Charlotte Hall, MD; three (3) grandchildren, Jordan Showalter, Savannah Showalter and Natalee Brash. She is also survived by her mother, Bernadette Warren of Mechanicsville, MD and brother, Michael Warren, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD. Annette was preceded in death by her father, Michael Warren, Sr. and her son, Jerry Brash, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, contributions toward the funeral expenses would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made to Brinsfield Funeral Home, Post Office Box 128, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



LIFE'S LITTLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

♪Happy anniversary to me, Happy anniversary to me♪. No, it's not for Robert and I. It's my 12th anniversary week writing (some may agree that it is truly writing, some may not) for the County Times. I have enjoyed every week and year of it. Tommy, isn't it time for a raise???? Teeheehee – that's okay, but I'll keep asking. What I genuinely love about this column is connecting with my readers whether by email, text, Facebook, or how it used to be: In Person. The e-mails I receive are sometimes funny, sometimes commiseration, most times thought provoking, and always appreciated.

This week, I am also happy with the beauty of this perfect fall weather. The way this year has been it feels amazing to have a glorious week at all. We have already loaded up the yard with mums and scarecrows. Sunday, my husband added an entire new section of mums and pansies, with a pumpkin set happily on a large, cut section of tree trunk in the center. He said he wanted us to see something nice when we were washing dishes at the kitchen sink. I don't know how he does all he does, coming home from a long day of closing pools and starting all sorts of outdoor projects or fixing things on the Mustang. He's a good man.

After I finish writing I am going to get outside with crazy hound dog Mindy and tie cornstalks to the trees. I had been waiting to put them up because it seemed too early to me, but I am ready now, especially since my husband found the twine ball. In the time it took for one of us to find the balls of twine that each of us "knew we had somewhere", my husband and I could have bought new ones.

I am also pretty proud that I conquered one fear this week, though I am a touch mad because I feel like everyone, including said husband above, had gently mislead me a bit. I had a CT Scan of my neck done yesterday and was under the impression that the CT machine was a very thin donut shape that you laid under. My husband and the doctor that ordered it just nodded allowing me to believe that. I even asked, "Is this the machine that is just a donut, not like an MRI machine?" They just nodded and smiled. Yes, I am one of those claustrophobic types. I wasn't always. I didn't become claustrophobic until



they slid me in for a MRI quite a number of years ago, and then strapped that Hannibal Lecter mask over my face. That was it, I panicked. We even tried it again another time with sedatives, and I slid out from that machine and was out to the parking lot before they even knew I was gone.

Yesterday, I did still have that panic, especially when I got into the x-ray room and saw that cannoli shaped claustrophobic, torture device. I had to do a few test runs – mind you I was only going in about a foot for the neck x-ray. And I ruined one scan because I pushed on the tube above to push myself out. I felt bad. I knew that they had patients waiting, so I got myself together and said I can do this. And I did! The nurse had been telling me to shut my eyes, which made it worse. So, I kept them open and stared at the beautiful pink dogwood with bright blue sky background light covers on the ceiling. As long as I could see the last panel, I seemed to do okay. When I got out in the hallway I just felt like screaming, "I did it, I did it", but thought better of it – didn't want to scare the other patients. So, I waited until I got in my car and screamed it.

So, all in all, a great week so far. What have I learned in the past 12 years? I've learned that dear friends can be found in so many ways. I love hearing from you all and thank you for wandering aimlessly with me for these past twelve years so far. I hope all of you can find happiness and blessings in each and every moment of your day as I try to in my wanderings through life.

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 with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

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/9123456789>

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/>

Friday, October 9

Public Logic and Accuracy Demonstration

Board of Elections office; 10 a.m.

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. The public testing will be held in person. 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.

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Saturday, October 10

American Legion Post 221 Sandwich Sale

AmLeg Post 221; 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches for \$7 each. Check alpost221.webs.com/apps/calendar/ for other Post events. Call (301) 848-9458 for further information.

CSM Benny C. Morgan Recital

Online; 3 p.m.

CSM hosts American pianist Thomas Pandolfi who perform repertoire ranging from piano classics of Frederic Chopin to medleys of Broadway and popular songs of American composers Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin. Free performance will be available to audiences via youtube.com/user/csmdtube.

First Friendship Church Yard Sale

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

Please be prepared to wear masks and socially distance. Sponsored by United Methodist Women for the Benefit of Local Outreach Programs. Rain or Shine.

Sunday, October 11

American Legion Post 221 Sandwich Sale

AmLeg Post 221; 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches for \$7 each. Check alpost221.webs.com/apps/calendar/ for other Post events. Call (301) 848-9458 for further information.

Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus Hall Ridge; 11:30 a.m. - until sold out or 5 p.m.

Carry out only, \$12 a dinner.

Apple Festival Drive Thru

Belmont Farm; noon - 5 p.m.

Our Lady of the Wayside Church's Apple Festival Drive Thru. Carry Outs \$20 each Menu- Fried chicken, pulled pork, shrimp salad, coleslaw, green beans, apple sauce and roll. Apple pies, apple desserts and apples for sale. 50/50 raffle, money raffle and Apple Harvest Basket raffle Monetary donations and nonperishable food items may be donated to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry. For more information contact Brenda Russell at 301-247-1871 or at rsbrsll@aol.com.

Tuesday, October 13

Taco Tuesday VFW 2632 California

Oct. 13

1 taco \$2

3 tacos \$6

5 tacos 9

Beef Chicken black beans soft and hard

Taco salad \$6

Assorted toppings

Virtual Candidate Forum

Online; 6 p.m.

The League of Women Voters of St. Mary's County, in partnership with the St. Mary's County NAACP Unit 7025, and the St. Mary's County Public Library, presents a virtual candidate forum for St. Mary's County Board of Education District 2. You can register for this online event at the St. Mary's County Public Library Events Calendar (<https://www.stmalib.org/events/calendar/>), or the League of Women Voters of St. Mary's County Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/lwvstmaryscountymd/>). Both sites contain a link to register, as well as a link to submit questions for the candidates. You do not have to register for the forum to submit a question.

Science for Citizens Seminar.

Online; 7 p.m.

It is critical to understand how natural and human factors affect the Chesapeake Bay's ecosystems if we are to restore, manage and sustain this unique estuary. In 2018, CBL developed the Patuxent River Research Cruise Program (PAX) to build our scientific knowledge of the Patuxent River ecosystem while helping to train the next generation of coastal scientists. This seminar will highlight the history of estuarine research and education on the Patuxent River, describe how PAX builds on this legacy, and present preliminary findings generated since the start of the program.

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.

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The support group

meets weekly. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. For more information call the church office and leave a message 301-645-0660 or email us at admin@ccsmd.com.

Wednesday, October 14

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://facebook.com/SCIMuseum)

Thursday, October 15

Resources for Non-Profits During COVID-19

Online; 1:30 p.m.

The Nonprofit Institute is here for nonprofit 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>.

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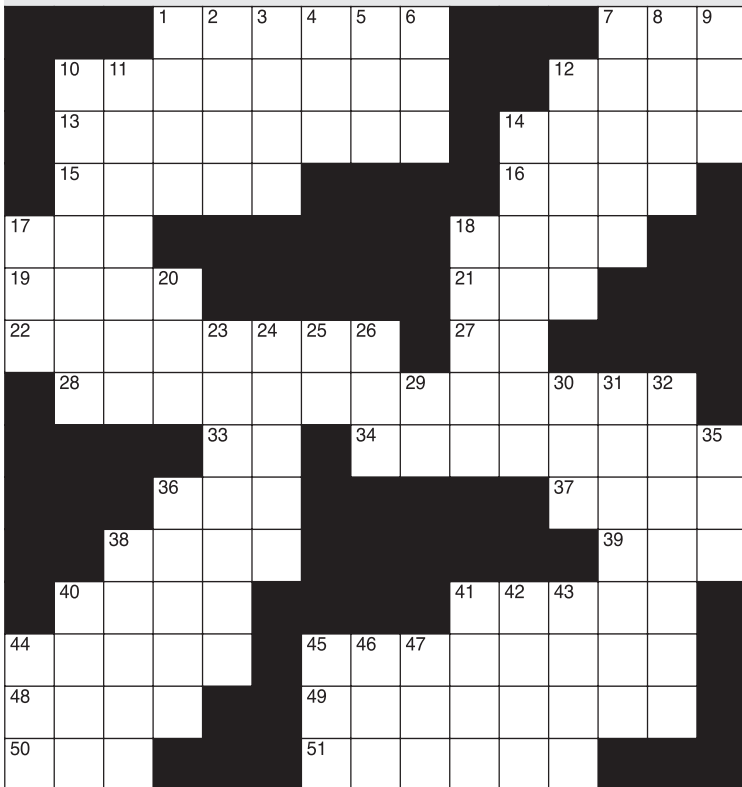
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Lunar crater
- 7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 10. Fruit
- 12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
- 13. Organism that grows without air
- 14. Heals
- 15. A book has one
- 16. Open
- 17. Twitch
- 18. Plant of the mint family
- 19. Soon
- 21. Witch
- 22. Long, mournful complaint
- 27. Killer clown film
- 28. Keeps us occupied
- 33. Influential lawyer
- 34. Formation of concepts
- 36. Insecticide
- 37. Swiss river
- 38. Actress Lucy

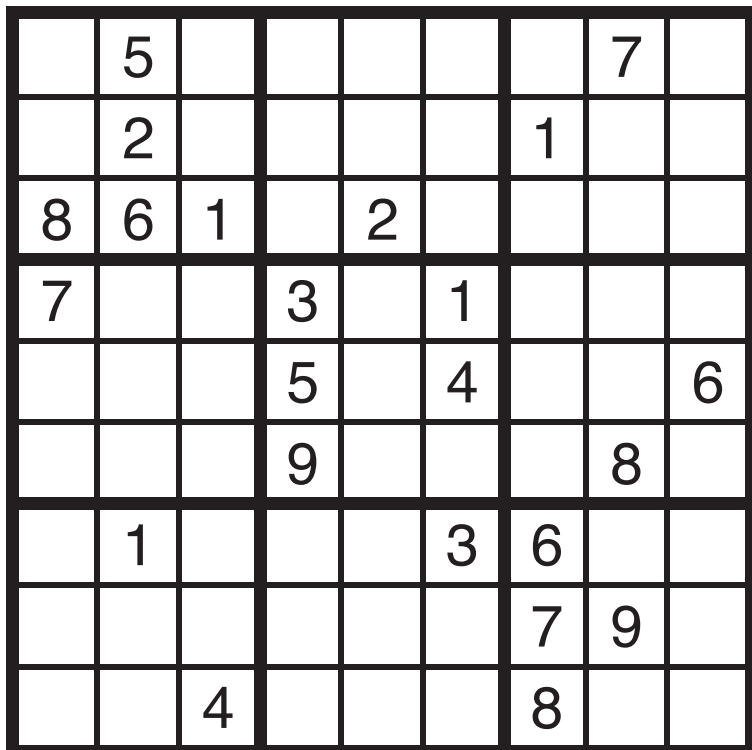
39. Unit of g-force

- 40. Can repel attackers
- 41. Essential oil used as perfume
- 44. Cut into small pieces
- 45. Mexican agricultural worker
- 48. Best pitchers
- 49. Benign tumors
- 50. Danish krone
- 51. Looms above

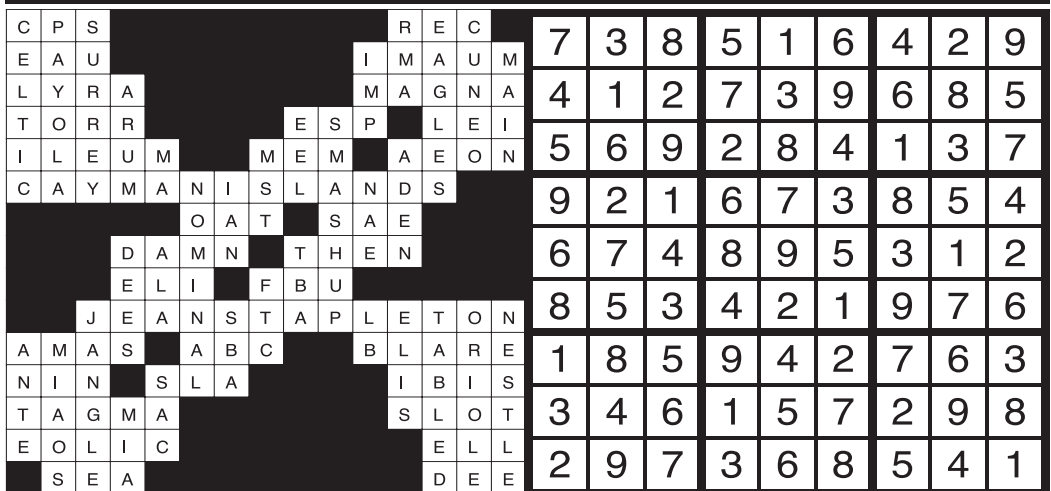
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make a map of
- 2. Cain and __
- 3. Dried-up
- 4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 5. Trading floor hand gesture
- 6. Strongly alkaline solution
- 7. Yemen capital
- 8. Military leader (abbr.)
- 9. Maintains possession of
- 10. Afternoon show
- 11. Imaginary being
- 12. Rearrange

- 14. Holy person or sage
- 17. __ Mahal
- 18. Backbone
- 20. Brooklyn hoopster
- 23. Intervened
- 24. Extremely angry
- 25. Indicates position
- 26. Chinese surname
- 29. Potato state
- 30. When you think you'll get there
- 31. __ Falls
- 32. Bullfighters
- 35. Born of
- 36. Small fishes
- 38. "Father of chemical warfare"
- 40. Waste matter
- 41. Skin disease
- 42. Scandinavian mythological god
- 43. __ and haws
- 44. Villain
- 45. Tell on
- 46. Difficulty
- 47. Not old



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