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WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 11/5	Fri 11/6	Sat 11/7	Sun 11/8
68° 49°F	68° 48°F	68° 51°F	68° 53°F
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Mon 11/9	Tue 11/10	Wed 11/11	Thu 11/12
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In-person Learning Put on Pause

By Dick Myers, Editor and
Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

The return to in-person learning in St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) was abruptly halted this week due to increased incidents of COVID-19 in the community.

School Superintendent Dr. Scott Smith sent the following notice to the community late last week: "Due to the increased rate of COVID-19 cases in our area, there will be no in-person instruction for the week of November 9-13, 2020 for all SMCPS students."

Starting Nov. 4 students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st grade, 6th grade and high school freshmen and seniors returned to a hybrid A-and-B-Day class schedule with Nov. 6 dedicated to on-line learning.

That was halted this week.

In a letter sent to staff and families, Smith said: "I regret to inform you that as a result of the community spread of COVID 19 in St. Mary's County, we will be canceling all in-person instruction for the upcoming week, November 9-13, 2020. As I am sure you are aware, COVID 19 cases are surging across the nation and our state. On Thursday evening, November 5, Governor Hogan held a press conference detailing the current surge and emphasizing the importance of taking every precaution to contain the spread of COVID 19. The state is recognizing rates that it



St. Mary's County Superintendent of Schools Scott Smith

has not seen since July, with a Maryland statewide positivity rate nearing 5 percent and a new case rate per one hundred thousand of over 18. He has called this a 'pivotal moment' and we agree.

"St. Mary's County has been well below the state in both metrics – positivity rate and case rate per 100,000, but in the past three days, the county has added 60 new cases resulting in a total of 95 new cases for the past week. This is the highest one-week case rate since May. Many of these positive cases can be traced back to social and family gatherings held over the Halloween weekend. Pausing in-person instruction for the upcoming week will provide the St. Mary's County Health Department the time needed to go through the essential process of contact tracing – isolating those positive, testing those

exposed, and using quarantine to contain the spread.

"St. Mary's County Public Schools and all those whom we employ have worked tirelessly over the past eight months to support our children and provide the best possible instruction in the worst possible time. We have followed CDC guidelines of masking, social distancing, and hygiene. We have put our students first and sacrificed much to get where we are right now and the last thing we want to do is move backward but being able to continue in-person instruction requires the entire community to be committed to this goal. The numbers from the last three days, show that our community is moving in the wrong direction."

Smith said last week that a vast majority of parents surveyed who had students

in each county school want them back in some kind of classroom learning.

Smith told the St. Mary's County Board of Education about parental stances at the Nov. 4 board meeting. "It varies from school to school but it's over 70 percent of parents... who want their child back in in-person learning," Smith said. "In some schools its 80 percent."

At that meeting he said, "Today we have 5,500 students in Phase 2 who are coming back to in-person instruction," Smith said Wednesday.

According to the system's recovery plan, by Nov. 16, students at all grade levels were to return to alternating days of classroom discussion.

"We'll have about 6,500 students in school on one day, and we'll have 6,500 students on the other," Smith said. "By the time we work our way through November we'll have 13,000 kids coming to school every single day and interacting with their teachers two out of the five days per week."

This student scheduling will continue through December, Smith said, until Winter Break.

There has been no word as of this week's press deadline whether schools will resume in-person learning next week.

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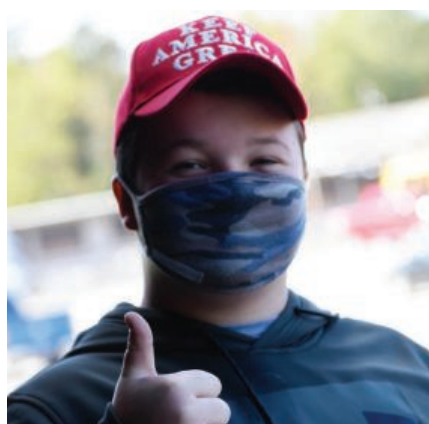
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St. Mary's Voters Followed National Trends



By Dick Myers
Editor

The same voting patterns that helped propel former vice president Joe Biden to the presidency were seen this year in St. Mary's County, only the outcome was different.

On Election Day, Republicans overwhelmingly outnumbered Democrats. But by mail, Democrats far surpassed Republicans. The big difference and the data point that propelled President Trump to an easy victory in St. Mary's was the margin by which Republicans early voted.

The final county tally has Trump with 30,246 and Biden with 22,511 or 55.6 percent to 41.4 percent.

At the polls on Election Day, Republicans outnumbered Democrats, 9,068 to 3,193. By mail, Democrats bested Republicans, 13,431 to 7,270. But Republicans liked the early voting option and tallied 13,907 to the Democrats 5,887.

In all, 54,431 voted for president, including 1,086 for Libertarian candi-

date Joe Jorgensen. That represents a 73.7 percent turnout of the 73,818 registered voters, believed to be one of the highest for a presidential election.

The voter trends were similar in the contest between Democrat Steny Hoyer and Republican Chris Polumbi for U.S. House of Representatives, although the margin of victory in St. Mary's was higher for Polumbi than for Trump. Hoyer easily was reelected to another term with the votes from Charles and Prince George's.

The counting of the mail-in ballots beginning Nov. 4 did not change the outcome of the school board races, as all three incumbents prevailed. In the at-large race, Cathy Allen easily bested challenger Deforest Rathbone with 83 percent of the vote.

In the District 2 seat, Jim Davis defeated Heather Earhart with 53.2 percent of the vote. Mary Washington was unopposed. There were 645 write-in votes and she received 98.5 percent of the vote.

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Family-Owned Convenience Stores Sold



By Dick Myers
Editor

A five-generation, 92-year-old Southern Maryland business is selling off one of its divisions. In a letter to the community, Burch Oil Company has announced the sale of its eight convenience stores in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

The stores operate under the names Burchmart, Korner Karryout and Korner Express and are located in Hollywood, Leonardtown, Mechanicsville (2), Charlotte Hall, Hughesville, Waldorf, and Prince Frederick. Several of the locations have Subway franchises within the stores.

The letter from the Burch family said, "Dear valued members of the community. Our Family has had the honor of serving the home comfort needs of Southern Maryland for over 90 years and hope to do so for many years to come. Our humble beginning started in 1928 when Samuel Bernard Burch started delivering kerosene to help his neighbors keep warm. We are committed to getting back to our roots by refocusing our efforts on expanding our fuel oil and propane delivery service as well as the installation and service of all the home comfort systems you use every day.

"That is why it is very difficult for us to announce we have decided to sell our eight Burchmart convenience store locations. This does not include Burch Oil, Burch Propane, our four car wash locations, or the Dairy Queen in Charlotte Hall. This decision did not come easy, as it affects many families in the community, we hold so dear. We are happy to report as part of the negotiations, the new owners have agreed to retain the current staff without interruption. We hope you will greet the new owners of Burchmart with the same warm welcome you have always shown us.

"Our 5th generation Burch family

remains committed to our community, customers, and to our employees. As we continue to expand Burch Oil and Burch Propane, we hope you will continue to trust us with your home comfort needs for many generations to come."

In a profile on the company for their 90th anniversary, The County Times reported: "From the very beginning it was all about family. Samuel Bernard Burch was a farmer and sawmill operator. He had two cousins in Baltimore, Thaddeus Burch and his son Joe, who owned an already successful oil company. The cousins teamed up, and as they say, 'The rest is history,' 90 years of it.

"The date was May 21, 1928 when the Burch Oil Company of Southern Maryland opened at Oaks in Charlotte Hall on what is now Route 5. The company's original business was distributing gasoline, kerosene, and moor oil. The product came in by rail-road twice a week from Baltimore.

"It was only three months later that Samuel's son, F. Elliott Burch, Sr. joined his father in the business at the age of 19. The Charlotte Hall Military Academy graduate at first was a truck driver. Then, the delivery truck had three compartments, totaling 450 gallons. Unless the customer wanted the entire contents of one compartment, Elliott had to transfer the product into five-gallon containers, an arduous task.

"From that humble beginning, the Burch Oil Company grew, while still embracing that original heating oil business. The growth included gas stations, and then convenience stores at those gas stations, and then carry-out food in those convenience stores and then stand-alone fast-food operations. It also grew to include car washes, delivery of propane and in-home water conditioning systems."

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New Defense Contractor Office Building Approved



Artist's rendering of new 30,000-square-foot office building at Expedition Park in Lexington Park.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The St. Mary's County Planning Commission has approved a 30,000-square-foot office building in Expedition Park on Route 235 just north of Pax River's Gate 1. The building is the final one planned for the corporate office park filled with defense contractors.

A representative of the builder, Corporate Office Properties, said there are two other office buildings, each containing 60,000 square feet, in the section that the new building will be located.

According to the staff report to the commission, a larger building had been approved in 2010, at 41,705 square feet, but never built. That footprint was presented to the county's Technical Evaluation Committee earlier this year, and then scaled down.

The developer's representative said the new building already has commitments for 40 percent of its space, indicating demand by the Navy and defense contractors. Corporate Office Properties, which owns the other buildings in the complex, special-

izes in defense, IT and cybersecurity tenants.

Commission member Joseph Van Kirk noted the correspondence history on the new building, going back over the last 10 years, was unclear. He questioned how the original Traffic Impact Analysis was done for the project. He was told by the developer that Route 235 was being widened at the time that Expedition Park was being developed and the developer made a cash contribution to that overall project instead of doing specific work along the entrance. Van Kirk was assured that the new building was factored into the traffic count calculations at that time.

Consulting engineer Pat Mudd said that the stormwater management for the new building would adhere to today's standards and not those in effect ten years ago.

The new building at 46585 Expedition Drive sits on a tract of land in Expedition Park that is 7.48 acres and is zoned "Medium Intensity-Mixed Use."

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Hogan Announces Actions to Slow COVID-19 Spread

County Issues Order in Response

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2020, Governor Hogan Announced a Series of Actions to Slow the Spread of COVID-19. The new directives reduce food service establishments capacity to 50% and restore mandatory teleworking for State Government Employees. The Governor also announced Public Health Advisories that limit indoor gatherings to 25 or fewer and expanded warnings on out-of-state travel. The health advisory also mandated COVID-19 testing for all visitors to nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

In response, St. Mary's County Government is adopting similar measures by reinstating the Level 3 Pandemic Response Policy. Please note that St. Mary's County is permitted to be more restrictive than the state of Maryland, but not less restrictive. As such, effective Friday, Nov. 13 at 8 a.m., eligible county employees will operate under the maximum telework policy. St. Mary's County Government Departments may be open to visitors by appointment only. County services will continue to be provided via telephone, email and US Mail. Offices may offer appointments

and package drop boxes locations, as well. Walk-in service will not be available for county offices. For information regarding appointments, please visit the St. Mary's County Government website and specific Department pages.

At this time, there will be no changes to the St. Mary's Transit System operations, Recreation and Parks programs, or landfill and convenience center services. Senior Activity Centers remain closed.

As recovery continues, please remember to maintain physical distancing, keep gatherings to 25 or fewer, wear face coverings, and follow all safe health precautions.

The governor announced that effective at 5 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 11:

INDOOR DINING CAPACITY REDUCED TO 50%. The governor issued an emergency order reducing indoor operations for bars and restaurants from 75% to 50%. Bars and restaurants in the State of Maryland are permitted to be open for seated and distanced service only, with strict capacity restrictions.

He put in effect immediately following at his Nov. 10 press



conference:

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY TO LIMIT INDOOR GATHERINGS TO 25 OR LESS. With contact tracing data showing an uptick in cases resulting from family gatherings and house parties, state health officials have issued a public health advisory strongly discouraging indoor gatherings of 25 people or more.

EXPANDED OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL ADVISORY. With contact tracing data showing an uptick in confirmed cases connected to travel outside of the state, the governor has directed the Maryland Department of Health to issue an expanded public health advisory for out-of-state travel. Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to any state with a positivity rate above 10% or any state with average case rates above 20 per 100K. Anyone traveling from these states should get tested and self-quarantine while awaiting results.

This public health advisory—which takes effect immediately—applies to personal, family, or business travel of any kind. Marylanders are advised to postpone or cancel travel to these areas until their positivity and/or case rates decline. Read the travel advisory.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO RETURN TO MANDATORY TELEWORKING. Governor Hogan has directed the Maryland Department of Budget and Management to immediately execute a period of mandatory telework across state agencies, except for essential direct public-facing services and other essential personnel. State officials strongly encourage all businesses to take immediate steps to expand telework.

NEW HOSPITAL SURGE CAPACITY ORDER. State health officials have issued an emergency order expanding hospital surge capacity. Read the emergency health order.

• Provides state EMS officials with the flexibility to shift patients to alternate care sites such as the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital, Laurel Hospital, and Adventist Takoma Park Hospital, and to add capacity at those sites if the need arises.

• Requires hospitals to implement plans to stage and accept surge patients. All hospitals will be required to begin preparations to increase COVID-19 related operations by making sure they have enough beds and staff.

• Makes additional infection control staff available from regional hospitals and other nursing homes to intervene and provide support through mutual aid agreements when outbreaks occur at any one nursing home.

NEW GUIDANCE FOR NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES. State health officials have issued new guidance for slowing the spread of COVID-19 at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

• Marylanders should take all precautions to protect their loved ones at nursing homes and assisted living programs including staying home if sick and getting tested before they visit.

• Nursing home and assisted living program staff should minimize their contact with large gatherings and work with their management on communicating early and often about infection control issues at their facilities.

• Nursing homes and assisted living programs are reminded that indoor visitation is not permitted if the facility is currently conducting outbreak testing and in accordance with federal guidance on this subject. Each facility may restrict visitation, to include the number of individuals allowed in the facility at any given time, on a facility-specific basis given each facility's circumstances and infection control guidelines.

• Nursing homes must continue to take steps to secure sufficient personal protective equipment for their staff.

EXPANDED CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL LEADERS. At the governor's direction, administration officials will increase teleconferences with county and municipal leaders in order to ensure additional real-time coordination.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government and the Office of Gov. Larry Hogan.

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Leonardtown Warns Businesses of Thefts

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A theft from a prominent Leonardtown business has officials there warning other proprietors to be on the lookout for anyone who might make another attempt.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said that some heavy restaurant equipment was stolen from the Slice House pizza restaurant recently after it was left outside behind the establishment. McKay said the owner of the business, Ken Held, told her it was old equipment that he had planned to dispose of anyway but that he was concerned over the brazenness of the theft.

"Restaurants have heaters there, using them for outdoor dining and a lot of them leave the heaters outside overnight," McKay told The County Times. "That was my big concern. Gov. Larry Hogan announced recently that \$50 mil-

lion of a \$250 million state aid package would go to restaurants to buy supplies and equipment, such as outdoor heaters, to continue serving customers without being forced to turn them away due to capacity limits. Hogan, speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, said COVID-19 health metrics had worsened in the state from infection rates and hospitalizations to more deaths, and ordered that restaurants reduce their active capacity to 50 percent from 75 percent to combat the virus spread. McKay said outdoor heaters were increasingly hard to come by, making them even more precious for businesses such as restaurants to guard them.

"People should be more on the lookout," McKay said. "I don't want people who are already struggling to lose their valuable assets."

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Civil War Trails Blazes New Path for History Travel

Civil War Trails, Inc. has teamed up with the St. Mary's County Museum Division, Visit St. Mary's MD, Historic Sotterley, and the Maryland Department of Conservation and Recreation to revamp and reinstall eight Civil War Trails interpretive markers at historical sites throughout St. Mary's County.

Earlier this year, in March 2020, the first of eight new signs were installed at Historic Sotterley, officially launching the effort scheduled to be completed and ready for visitors by the first week of November 2020. Sotterley's new Civil War Trails sign tells a "fuller story," which now includes information about the formerly enslaved men who served with distinction in the United States Colored Troops.

During the COVID-19 shutdown this year, the organizations worked together to thoroughly research the seven remaining sites in the county and produce new signs for each. The goal was to make each more engaging and relevant for the modern enthusiast, telling unique and fascinating stories of the interesting people these accounts feature. In addition, the team will shift sign locations to improve accessibility and wayfinding. Signs will be reinstalled at St. Clement's Island Museum, St. Clement's Island State Park, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park, the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown, Chaptico, Point Lookout State Park and the St. Mary's County Visitor Center at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum.

The Civil War Trails program connects visitors to more than 1,200 sites across six states. The program's signature signs bring the modern landscape to life as visitors stand in the footsteps of soldiers, citizens and those fighting for their freedom. Each Civil War Trails site is marketed internationally by state tourism offices, destination marketing organizations and municipal partners. "Every day,

we deliver economic development by the carload," said Drew Gruber, executive director of Civil War Trails. "Places off the beaten path, personal stories, experiences and unique amenities are exactly what our visitors are after - and St. Mary's County delivers in every category."

The Civil War Trails program continues to experience record visitation each year, providing a strong return on investment and revenue for local jurisdictions. With visitors looking to get out of the house and experience history in a socially distanced way during most of this year, the program was positioned best to fill this niche. What's more, all the Civil War Trails signs are environmentally friendly and 100 percent recyclable, so every time new signs are made, the old ones are cleaned, reused and repurposed for new content.

Civil War Trails is part of the extensive menu of visitor offerings that the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development, the St. Mary's County Museum Division and Visit St. Mary's MD, the county's destination marketing organization, offers to visitors. Other trails and byways that sites in St. Mary's County also appear on include the Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, and many more.

To complement the work being done throughout St. Mary's County, the Maryland Office of Tourism is reprinting its popular Civil War Trails map-guides. Also, Civil War Trails, Inc. has launched a GPS-enabled page on its website to aid travelers. For more information, please contact Civil War Trails, Inc. at 757-378-5462 or connect on social media @civil-wartrails #openairmuseum.

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Countian Named Outstanding Logger

The Forest Resources Association and STIHL Incorporated on Oct. 10 honored Bruce Barnes, owner of Barnes Logging in Clements, as the Appalachian Region 2020 Outstanding Logger.

At an early age, Bruce Barnes assisted with his father's horse logging operation. Bruce continued the horse logging operation for many years, and while he logs with mechanized equipment today, he maintains some of his history with horses, competing in horse pulling competitions and demonstrations.

Bruce works independently, purchasing his own timber and merchandising all timber types for best value to the landowner. He manages his own log yard where he scales and grades the higher-quality logs for export markets. Bruce manually fells timber using STIHL chain saws. A long-time Maryland Master Logger who is very proficient with a power saw, Bruce has taught chain saw safety training classes for loggers.

Bruce often works with a consulting forester to achieve silviculturally sound forest management objectives, with strict adherence to BMPs and protection of the re-



Bruce Barnes receives FRA's 2020 Appalachian Region (AR) Outstanding Logger Award. Pictured (standing) from left to right: Beth Hill (Maryland Forests Assn Executive Director), Bruce Barnes, Rick Meyer (FRA Appalachian Region Manager). Kneeling: Agnes Kedmenecz (MD-DE Master Logger Program Coordinator).

sidual stand of timber. This has earned him repeat business with forest landowners and praise from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. He further enhances his professional image to the public



Bruce and Kathy Barnes. (Bruce's wife, Kathy, is the administrative manager for Barnes Logging.)

by keeping his logging equipment immaculately clean.

Bruce has a friendly and loyal reputation in the local business community. He serves as chairman of the St. Mary's (MD) County Fair Board, and he has been a mentor to many loggers over the years.

The FRA 2020 Appalachian Region Outstanding Logger Award prizes—a cherry & walnut wooden crosscut saw plaque from FRA and a STIHL MS 462 chain saw gift certificate and a \$250 check provided by STIHL—were presented to Bruce Barnes by FRA Appalachian

Region Manager Rick Meyer at the at the Western Maryland Forestry Field Days & Equipment Show in Friendsville, MD on October 10.

The Barnes Logging nomination was submitted by the Maryland Forests Association and the Maryland-Delaware Master Logger Program.

FRA's Outstanding Logger Award program is designed to raise the visibility of professional logging contractors and to encourage other loggers to adopt the performance of the award winners. The Regional Award winner becomes a nominee for FRA's National Outstanding Logger Award competition.

The Forest Resources Association Inc. is a nonprofit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient, and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industries.

STIHL Incorporated serves as the sponsor of FRA's Regional and National Outstanding Logger Awards.

Press Release from Forest Resources Association

FROM ABSENCE TO PRESENCE

THE VIRTUAL DEDICATION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE
TO ENSLAVED PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Saturday, November 21, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.

The Commemorative is an immersive art experience that honors the story of resilience, persistence, and creative problem solving that defined the lives of the enslaved individuals that lived in St. Mary's City between 1750 and 1815. Constructed on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus, the Commemorative provides visitors with the space to acknowledge and learn from the lives of those who once toiled there, while providing a place for reflection and introspection about the nature of slavery and its connections to modern society.

This virtual dedication will feature a keynote message by nationally-known writer Jelani Cobb. This artistic construction being erected near the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium features commissioned work by artists Norman Lee and Shane Allbritton of RE:Site and poet Quenton Baker.

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SMECO Employees Fundraise for Area Hospitals

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) recently donated \$55,700 to three local hospitals in Southern Maryland to support hospitals' care providers and operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The three hospitals are CalvertHealth in Prince Frederick, University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center (UM CRMC) in La Plata, and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown.

Each organization will receive \$18,566. "We selected these three organizations as this year's recipients because their services are vital to our communities, and their budgets and personnel have been stretched thin during the pandemic," explained Natalie Cotton, SMECO's government affairs and community relations director.

Richard Jarboe, SMECO's supply chain director, stated, "We had planned to hold our annual charity golf outing, but determined that the health risk was too great. Our appreciation of our vendors who whole-heartedly agreed to honor their donations is immeasurable."

"As a non-profit hospital, our budget must prioritize costly medical equipment, staffing, and other critical expenses. There is often little remaining for aesthetics or upgrades," Christine Wray, FACHE, President of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, said. "Thanks in part to SMECO's donation—along with contributions from our own associates—we are closer to building a comfortable outdoor picnic area where our team members can take a well-deserved break outside."

"Construction has been in the planning stages for more than a year. Our healthcare workers will use the space to take a meal break, decompress, and get some fresh air during long shifts." Wray added, "Through the challenges of COVID-19 and beyond, the community support we've received has meant so much to our team. Many thanks to SMECO. We greatly appreciate the cop's support."

Dean Teague, President and CEO of CalvertHealth, stated, "Our sincere thanks to our community partner, SMECO, and everyone who contributed to this gift. As our healthcare team focuses on COVID-19 and the treatment for our community, this gift is especially appreciated. The impact it will have is significant." He went on to say, "During the past months, gestures of generosity in all forms have fueled our efforts. It's about people caring for others, and we are extremely thankful for our community."

CalvertHealth Foundation Trustee and Second Vice Chair Marianne Harms remarked, "SMECO is always so reliable and generous to our community. Everyone working there and on the board is a



Accepting a contribution from SMECO on behalf of the hospital are, from left, Craig Renner, Director of Marketing and Communications for the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center (UM CRMC) and Leanne Lakes, Chair of the UM CRMC Foundation. Natalie Cotton, at right, SMECO's government affairs and community relations director, presents the contribution of \$18,566 to the hospital.

part of this community."

"SMECO has been a great partner to our Foundation," said Leanne Lakes, Chair, Charles Regional Medical Center Foundation. "This generous contribution helps further support our mission to help UM CRMC provide the best possible medical care in our region."

Cotton commented, "We are especially thankful for business partners who provided donations. Major contributors include Adams, Jenkins and Cheatham; Booth and Associates; Community Bank of the Chesapeake; Duncan Weinberg Genzer Pembroke; Glen and Barbara Ives; ICF International; McNees Wallace and Nurick LLC; New River Electrical Corporation; Penn Line; Prudential; Schiebel Construction; Sumter Utilities; TRC Solutions; UDC; and VFP; and we thank them for their support."

Jarboe added, "We are grateful to our Golf Outing sponsors for their generous contributions. Platinum Sponsors include Altec, Anixter, AUI Power, Brandywine Power, ICF International, Irby Utilities, New River Electrical Corporation, The Okonite Company, Sargent & Lundy LLC, Southern Maryland Cable, and Wesco Utility. Gold Sponsors include SMO Energy. We rely on them for their donations and appreciate their assistance."

"We are planning to hold our ninth bike ride in the fall of 2021," explained Cotton. "For eight years, we held the event on the first Saturday in June, and many of our cyclists participated in all of our annual rides. We hope that by hosting the event in the fall, we can avoid any concerns about the pandemic next year." She concluded, "We are always grateful for the donations from our contributors, and we're thankful they have been so generous."

In eight years, SMECO employee fundraisers have contributed \$383,800 to local organizations. Contributions, which may be tax deductible, can be made to the SMECO Charitable Foundation.

Press Release from SMECO.

Basketball for Life



Jeff "Pee-Wee" Burrell, Director - Basketball4Lyfe joined with many sponsors to give youth a day of free sports activities on Saturday, October 31, 2020

Craft Show Cancelled

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department regrets to inform you of the cancellation of our Annual Fall Craft Show fund-raising event that was planned for November 22, 2020.

The decision to cancel the Craft Show event was made because of the continuing rise in Covid-19 illnesses, social distancing requirements, and other restrictions in effect due to the Covid-19 virus. We were concerned for the health and safety of ev-

eryone involved in the event.

We apologize for the advertisement posted in the November issue of the SME-
CO Cooperative Review pamphlet. The advertisement was posted in error.

The 2021 Fall Craft Show will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021. If you have any questions or require further information about the Craft Show, you may contact the chairman at: Craftshow@hvfd7.com

Emerging Leaders Class Graduates



Leadership Southern Maryland's (LSM) LEAP Class of 2020

On Oct. 23, Leadership Southern Maryland's (LSM) LEAP Class of 2020 graduated the Emerging Leaders Program. The 22-member class completed a six-month program comprised of monthly sessions devoted to facilitating, fostering, and refining their individual leadership understanding and abilities via structured course curriculum focused on self-discovery, teamwork, and networking.

At graduation, these new or emerging leaders received their certificates and presented their capstone projects. These projects showcased their work in identifying the leadership behind efforts addressing community-wide issues such as the opioid epidemic, food security, and gender equity.

During the graduation ceremony,

class speaker, Phillip Melton, summed it up nicely: "I believe we all entered this program with the expectation that by the end, we would confidently answer the question 'Am I a Leader?' Our progression through this program has transformed that question into 'What is next for me to grow as a leader?' LEAP has provided a heightened sense of self-awareness in our respective fields. We have collectively grown from sharing our unique life stories that have shaped our leadership styles, which has helped us to learn more about ourselves. LEAP has proven that in order to be the best leaders we can, we must show ourselves in all respects to be a model. Thank you LSM LEAP 2020 for modeling the emerging leader."

Press Release from LSM.

Virtual Event for Local Youth Mentoring Programs

The Healthy St. Mary's Partnership invites youth mentoring programs in St. Mary's County to a free virtual event featuring speakers from Maryland Mentor on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Interested community members & organizations can join the event via:

- Google Meeting at: meet.google.com/pcs-mkxq-gyt
- Or by phone at: 1-424-360-0684:

Mentoring youth as they navigate the challenges of childhood and

teen years can help build resiliency, mental well-being, and important life skills. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, young people can greatly benefit from social connection and engagement with caring adults and peers. Click here for more information on coping during the pandemic.

For more information or to receive a calendar invite, please contact the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership at stmaryspartnership@gmail.com.



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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Identity Sought for Theft Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 at 7 pm, the suspect did not scan all of the items in her shopping cart while at the self-checkout register and then exited the California Walmart store.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Benjamin Luffey at 301-475-4200, ext. 71956 or email benjamin.luffey@stmarysmd.com. Case #67157-20

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

For official news and information, follow the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on Twitter @firstsheriff

Press Release from SMCSO.



Footwear Thief Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2020 at 10:30 am, the suspect entered the Famous Footwear store in California and took two pairs of Nike shoes in boxes, size 10 1/2, as well as an Adidas crossbody bag before fleeing the store without paying for them.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Max Schell at 301-475-4200, ext. 78161 or email max.schell@stmarysmd.com. Case # 54207-20

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AM/FM Appreciation: RADIO IN SOUTHERN

By Dick Myers
Editor

I admit it. I'm a radio geek. I was one even before the word became commonly used.

It all started with music.

While my parents were listening to Patti Page on the Art Brown show on WWDC (1260) in DC, I was hiding in my room listening to Bill Haley and the Comets "Rock Around the Clock" and Chuck Berry "Roll Over Beethoven" on the Don Dillard show on his father's station WDON (1540 in Wheaton) and Hoppy Adams on WANN (1190 in Annapolis).

My father and his business partners owned a racehorse stabled in Charles Town, W.V. We used to go up on weekends to hang around the track and see him run.

I remember it like it was yesterday. It was May 29, 1962. The town was all abuzz. Everyone was talking about the new radio station (WXVA, 1550) in town. This small town on the other side of the mountain had finally gotten its own radio station. The town had grown up.

What impressed me was how important that occasion was and what a difference a radio station could make to a community. I decided then and there that I somehow wanted to be a part of that. And I did.

Radio celebrated what is generally considered to be its 100th birthday on Nov. 2. That was the day in 1920 that KDKA in Pittsburg, PA was put on the air by Westinghouse to broadcast the election returns and to sell radios. From that date on, radio was up and running as a popular medium. And KDKA is still broadcasting on 1120.

Ajitr Pai, chairman of radio's regulator the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) grew up listening to AM radio in the small town of Parson, KS. On the occasion of the anniversary, he said, "Radio has given us a way to come together in times of strife and times of triumph."

One-hundred years after that 1920 election I heard of the outcome of the 2020 election listening to radio.

In between, on Jan. 7, 1953, Ernie Bell's father told the grade schooler to get in the car, they were going for a ride. He too remembers it like it was yesterday. His father and uncle owned Bell Motor Company in Leonardtown and they had contracted to purchase a commercial on the first day of Southern Maryland's first radio station, WKIK.

"We turned the dial to 1370," he remembered. All they could hear was static. "It hadn't come on yet." They continued to drive around until magically sound came out of that 1370 frequency and radio was born in Southern Maryland.

"It was very exciting. We had a radio station," said Bell, who later would go on to become an attorney and a member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

Long-time Leonardtown resident Kennedy Abell said, "It was a big thing



Dick Myers in his WKIK days

for us," and remembers how the community was pleased that a town resident, Bill Redd, was announcing on the station.

The new station was started by four men who had worked at WNNT (690) in Warsaw, VA across the Potomac River in the Northern Neck. The station boomed across the river. They sent salespeople over to sell and realized there was more business on the Maryland side than in Virginia. Their engineer Larry Bittner put it on the air and would later become the sole owner.

George Clark, who would later go on to own part of the station with this reporter, had a similar experience on the first day. He was sitting around the kitchen table with his family at their home Clark's Rest, on land that is now Clark's Run subdivision. His father owned Leonardtown Dairy and he too had contracted to advertise, in his case chocolate milk. He figured a lot of people would be listening that first day.

The station played a combination of live and recorded music, mostly country, with some rock. The studios were in a block building identical to the one in Warsaw, on a dirt lane behind what is now the State Highway Administration salt dome on Route 5.

It would not be too much longer before it had competition. The second radio station, WPTX went on the air on April 26, 1953, broadcasting from the second floor of Raley's Sales Center on Great Mills Road, in Lexington Park. It would later move around the corner to the front of a hotel and next to a movie theater on the commercial strip where the post office now stands. It was originally on 1570. Both stations were 1,000-watt daytime stations, signing off at sunset. WPTX would later change frequencies to a better 920 at a lower power, 500 watts. Both stations had many listeners in Calvert County.

This was a time of significant change in radio, with soap operas and come-

dies, such as Lone Ranger and Lum and Abner, switching to television and radio adapting to playing records and doing news, sports, and public affairs. Small towns all over the country were getting their first radio stations during the 50's and 60's.

Notice that the stations I mentioned so far were all Amplitude Modulation (AM). Frequency Modulation (FM), although invented before World War II, took a long time to take hold even though it was superior in clarity and lack of static. It would finally take off when the FCC mandated that all radios include both bands.

The first FM station in Southern Maryland was WSMD. It went on the air in Feb. 1965. Its tower was located on Berry Road in Waldorf and it had relatively low power (1.75 KW at 245feet). It was started by John Rule Dorsey, brother of the late Walter Dorsey, who was state senator and state's attorney.

Jim Simpson, who owned a beer distributorship in Charles County and would later go on to be county commissioner and state senator, remembers his friend as being quite a salesman, carrying things in his car to sell.

"He was a pioneer," Simpson observed, because he started an FM station before they had reached the popularity they have today.

Dave and Kitty Sampson, who had started an AM station in La Plata on 1560 in Oct. 1965, purchased WSMD from Dorsey and combined the operations. Kitty had been a Baltimore radio personality and Dave was an actor, whose claim to fame was a role in a John Waters movie as a porn movie theater owner.

The Sampsons ran WSMD as strictly a local Charles County radio station with local news.

Calvert County would get its first radio station in Aug. 1971 when WESM (We Entertain Southern Maryland) went on the air on 92.7 with easy listening music. The station had a good signal in St. Mary's County. According to a history of the station by Marty Madden, who worked there after moving from a small AM station in Thurmont, MD: "Toward the middle of the decade a couple from Philadelphia, Mel and Ada Gollub, purchased the station for a modest sum. The Gollubs changed the call letters to WMJS – the latter letters representing their children – Mark, Judy and Susan."

Madden, who currently is a reporter for Southern Maryland News, noted "WMJS had its format changed about as frequently as cars have their oil changed."

The Gollubs were deeply immersed in the Calvert County community and held court at their tiny office near the fairgrounds, greeting visitors. Madden reports that in 1986 a taller tower was erected at their studio. The station announced they were broadcasting "From High Atop Thunder Hill," which wasn't much more than a knoll.



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100
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OF RADIO

The station was so small that the Associated Press wire machine was in the bathroom.

Southern Maryland's radio station inventory filled out in the 80's and 90's. Calvert County native Roy Robertson and businessman Don Smolinski formed SOMAR Communications and built an FM station on 98.3 on Route 5 in Mechanicsville, with the original call letters WQMR, now WSMD and called Star 98.3 with an adult contemporary format.

After a long battle in the FCC, the owner of WPTX at the time prevailed over the owners of WKIK in getting an FM license on 97.7. It went on the air on Dec. 16, 1976 as WMDM. It was first a rock station, then country, classic rock, and now classic hits. SOMAR purchased WPTX and WMDM in 2001.

SOMAR also purchased and put on the air in Dec. 1994 an FM station on 102.9, licensed to California which now has the WKIK call letters that started it all in Southern Maryland.

WKIK AM on 1370, that first station, went through several owners before going off the air and having its license turned in in the early 1990s, the victim of fading AM listenership.

WSMD was sold by the Sampsons to Frank Mathos who ran it as WXTR with an interesting format that included an instrumental and vocal version of the same song. The station, which had by then increased its power, was sold and in recent years has been programed to the DC area.

The same fate befell WMJS, which was sold by the Gollubs for \$5.4 million in 1999 to a Spanish broadcaster who then sold it to Redskins owner Dan Snyder as one of his three spirits stations. Snyder recently sold to Radio One, which is duplicating programming of urban adult contemporary WMMJ. The tower was moved from Thunder Hill to Sunderland and is now being moved closer to Waldorf.

The WMJS call letters remain. The FCC a decade ago created a new class of stations, low power, and one was created on 102.1 in Prince Frederick, operating in the basement of Trinity Episcopal Church. It can be heard from Huntingtown to St. Leonard along the

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2/4 corridor. Madden does a Saturday morning show there.

One other station, not too well known, is a 50,000-watt AM on 1030 licensed to Indian Head with towers in Bryantown. It has gone through a succession of ethnic programming (Chinese, Arabic and Spanish), all slanted towards DC.

So, what remains of local radio are SOMAR's five stations: WSMD, WKIK, WMDM, WPTX and WKIK-AM (the original WSMD in La Plata).

As all mass media, radio has changed dramatically in recent years. Where before one owner could have an AM and FM in a market, now they can have multiple channels and large corporations have hundreds of stations.

But in spite of all the changes, the industry touts the fact that more people still consume radio (although listening is mostly in the car it is also increasing through streaming and smart speakers) than any other media and that includes the internet.

It is unfortunately harder and harder to find local news reporting except on all-news stations. Coverage of county commissioner and school board meetings is now relegated to community newspapers such as The County Times.

But what has marked radio in Southern Maryland, more so than the changes, has been the people who have been on the air informing, entertaining, and keeping us company. They were pros like Eric Bromley, Gary McKay, Tom Grooms and PJ Chemsak (the first female announcer) on WKIK and Rocky Willis and Rockin' Ray Norton on WPTX.

Steve Richardson and Gary Beavin worked for both. When WPTX, then on St. Andrews Church Road, caught fire due to a jammed AP wire machine, Beavin was waiting outside when Richardson arrived and asked him if he had brought any marshmallows.

Madden in his history reminds us that Joe Lehan, the voice of the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs and Dave McGowan, the Camden Yards PA announcer, worked at WMJS.

Well-known local journalist Jack Kershaw started at WPTX and did news at the La Plata station. And his wife Jackie was a pioneer talk show host on WKIK before she was killed in a car accident in 1971.

Former county commissioners J.S. Guy and Chris Brugman and School Superintendent Marvin Joy did stints on local radio. The County Times General Manager Al Dailey managed WPTX and our account executive Tim Flaherty worked at WMJS.

So it is them and the many others who were companions for all of us when we needed them and for those on the air today, like T-Bone and Heather (see separate story) who are helping us through the pandemic, it is you we salute and say -- Happy 100th Birthday.

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The Voices of Southern Maryland Radio



Heather and T-Bone

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

She's the alkali to his acid and their witty banter, sometimes heated exchanges on the air, and willingness to engage Southern Maryland listeners on the topics that are most on their minds have led to the success story that is the T-Bone and Heather morning show on local radio stations.

People love their humor and the fact that they make the drudgery of their daily commutes more bearable has given Terry and Heather Soellner a place close to the hearts of their fans.

It wasn't always so.

Their path to Southern Maryland was a long and arduous one that took them from the cold and often dark climes of Alaska to an audience that wasn't ready to accept them - at first.

Raised in the Alaskan wilderness with five brothers, a sister and a mother - his father died when he was young - Terry lived in a small cabin eking out a living on a homestead that required constant work.

His mother and father had moved there for the promise of land before Alaska became a state.

He did a great deal of hunting and it wasn't for sport.

"It was mostly subsistence hunting," Terry told The County Times. "If a moose wandered by we'd shoot it and we didn't have a freezer so we put in on the roof to freeze."

Heather, whose father was a well driller in northeast Pennsylvania, had long been fascinated with the idea of going to Alaska and, as a gift from her parents, she got a one-way airplane ticket to go there for college at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

"I was going to be a geologist but I decided I didn't like rocks," Heather said. "So, I switched my major to broadcast journalism."

Terry's journey to radio broadcasting was an unlikely one, owed to fortunate happenstance.

"I was taking a tour of a radio station (he was in his mid-20s at the time) and the sports guy didn't show up," Terry said, adding they asked him if he'd be willing to fill in. "It was just a station I listened to growing up."

"I just wanted a t-shirt, I wasn't looking for a career."

But a career he found.

"I got my foot in the door," he said.

They both started working at different radio stations and fostered a natural enmity

between each other that often exists between radio broadcasters and journalists of all sorts.

"We worked at competing radio stations," Heather said. "He was the enemy."

But Heather was also looking for other opportunities in radio and she soon got a new job working next to her nemesis.

"We started doing mornings [shows] together," Heather said. "I found out he was a pretty good guy."

The broadcasters, now a couple, learned of an opportunity for a morning show at the radio stations owned by Roy Robertson and Don Smolinski, here in Southern Maryland and sent them a demo tape of their show.

According to the duo, they were reluctant to make such a drastic move but apparently they impressed Robertson, who continually pressed them to work for him.

"Change is always so difficult but Roy was persistent as he always is," Heather said.

So they packed up their belongings in a trailer pulled by a Chevy truck, plus their dog, and set out on a five-day trek from Alaska, through Canada and across the United States to Waldorf.

"It was Labor Day, 1996," Heather said. "I remember it like it was yesterday."

The audience they broadcast to then was not like the one today.

"What we got was 'You ain't from around here, go back to Alaska,'" Terry said. "But we wear people down."

"We've built an audience and it's grown over 20-plus years."

It was a much more forgiving climate farther away from the North Pole.

"You can't help but love the area and love the audience, too," Heather said.

They've grown to love radio, too.

"It's a great medium," Terry said. "It's really a forum where anybody can talk about what's on their minds."

"I like to hear what people are thinking."

And, he added, the anonymity of radio often gives people the impetus they need to voice opinions they otherwise might not.

"We don't have any phone screeners," Terry said.

Heather enjoys the give and take with callers that fuels the talk radio show they do but she also appreciates the vital role they play as broadcasters in times of trouble, such as foul weather or breaking news stories.

"As long as the generator is running we're broadcasting," Heather said.

After almost a quarter of a century on

the air, they've developed a simple metric to judge the efficacy of their show.

"The most common thing we hear is 'You sound just like my husband and I or my wife and I,'" Terry said. "That's how we know we're doing it right."

"We're having the same conversation (whether it's funny or serious) that everyone else is having"

Their mornings begin early; they are in the studio at about 4:30 a.m. for an hour or show preparation and on at 5:30a.m.

They're on the air until 10 a.m. and then begin more preparations for the coming day's show.

They have to be flexible and cognizant of their audience's mood each day.

"A lot of it's based on what's important to the callers," Terry said.

Sometimes what's going on in their own lives is part of the conversation, either good or bad.

"We can have bad days," Heather said. "But we don't want to bring the audience down."

A significant amount of the banter between them that audience members have come to enjoy comes from contention over almost any particular point.

Terry says a "white hot rage lives in the center of his chest" and Heather says she tries to calm him down.

"We do all our arguing in the morning," Terry said. "It's better to get paid for it."

"I married my best friend," said Heather. "He makes me laugh and it's usually something stupid he said."

They have a high school-aged son - they call him "the boy" on air - who sometimes is the topic of discussion but they are careful to keep his privacy intact.

"He's probably the one who's sacrificed the most," Heather said. "He's missed birthdays... he never complains."

The job demands sacrifice of time and effort, including plenty of weekends and extra hours at local events, but they take it in stride and enjoy their work.

"All we can do is the best job we can do," Terry said. "The consumer decides and we couldn't be more grateful; it's a product we're happy to provide."

The pair don't take their audience for granted and try to earn their listenership every day.

"We're so grateful for them listening," Heather said.

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Bowes Family Honors Patriarch with Scholarship

Helps HVAC Students with Tuition

The family of Robert H. Bowes has renamed their company's scholarship to include their father's name. The T.N. Bowes HVAC Scholarship in Memory of Robert H. Bowes will aid students enrolled in the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program at CSM.

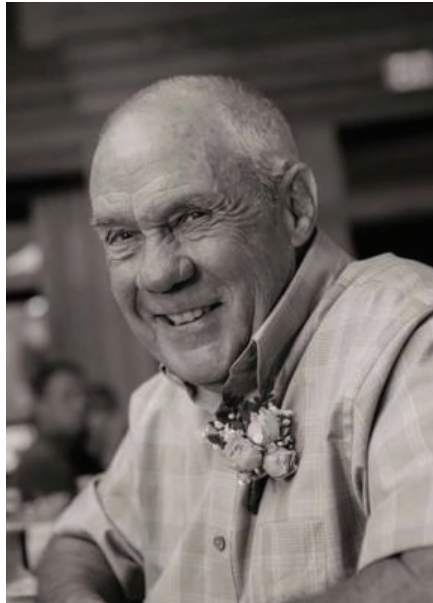
Originally established with the CSM Foundation in 2013 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of T.N. Bowes Heating and Air Conditioning, the scholarship was set up by the company's owners Tommy and Joy Bowes. Renaming the fund this year honors Tommy's father, who passed in 2018.

The elder Bowes attended Little Flower School and graduated from Ryken High School in 1959. He attended the United States Air Force Academy until 1961. He graduated from University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in aeronautical engineering in 1964 and went on to graduate from the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School (USN TPS) in 1966.

Bowes worked in the Flying Qualities and Performance Branch of the Flight Test Division and was then transferred to TPS where he taught from 1967-1978. Due to his exemplary performance both academically and professionally, he was sent to Princeton University from where he earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering in 1969. He retired as an aeronautical engineer after 28 years of civil service April 15, 1988.

Despite all of his education, merits and accolades, he is best known in the Southern Maryland community as "Captain Bob," the owner of a charter fishing business he started in 1972. Over the years, Bowes used his skills on the water for various passenger activities including underwater recreational and inspection diving, renovation of SMECO power line towers, logistics support and tidal studies for the U.S. Geological Survey Team and the Naval Research Laboratory and salvage operations. He also used his boat to give back to his community by providing fishing trips and boat rides for the children at the Muscular Dystrophy camp at Camp Maria, rides for the elderly and homeless with So Others Might Eat (SOME), and 43 years of carrying passengers to the St. Clements Island Blessing of the Fleet in support of the 7th District Optimist Club.

"He performed all of these professional and community missions



Robert. H. Bowes

while helping his wife, Patricia A. Bowes raise seven children," shared Joy Bowes. "He led by example and used his analytical skills in everyday life by problem solving and making repairs on household items, boat motors, car motors and more. He taught his children how to take broken items apart, diagnose the issue, and re-assemble them once repaired."

It was Bob Bowes "hands-on" approach that guided his son Thomas N. Bowes to open his own Heating and Air Conditioning company by the age of 23 after receiving his technical training and working for other companies for a few years.

"He had fantastic family role models with regards to work ethic and community caring and launched his HVAC business on the date of his father's retirement in 1988," Joy said of her husband.

To be eligible for assistance, the student(s) must be a resident of Southern Maryland; possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; demonstrate financial need; and be enrolled in the HVAC program at CSM. Applicants are required to also submit an essay explaining their financial need and how this scholarship will help them achieve their career goals. In addition, the scholarship recipient must write a thank you note explaining the importance of this scholarship toward their career goals.

For more information on how to apply for this scholarship, donate to this scholarship or create your own scholarship, visit CSM Foundation's web page.

Press Release from CSM.

CSM Announces Summer Dean's List

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has released its dean's list for the 2020 summer sessions. Students who have earned 12 or more credits at CSM are eligible to be considered for the dean's list. At the end of the fall, spring and summer sessions, full- and part-time students who have completed at least six credits during the semester and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better will be included in the dean's list.

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Press Release from CSM

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET DOTTIE



Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made slave of the leash. That one is the cat.

-Mark Twain

Hello, my name is Dottie. My loving buddies here at TCAS say I'm a SWEET and AFFECTIONATE 4 year old girl who loves to watch the world go by. I'm the PERFECT MIX between FRIENDLY and INDEPENDENT! You see, I enjoy my alone time but I'm also happy to get a rub and scratch on my head! Plus, I've successfully lived with dogs and cats in my previous home. So now I'm diligently looking for a LOVING QUIET HOME where I can spend my days with YOU napping in the sunshine! Please email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to come meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Scholarship to Help Truck Driving Program

A new scholarship set to honor the memory of James "Jay" Harold Hills will provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the Commercial Truck Driving Training program at the College of Southern Maryland. The annual fund was established by Hills' wife, Annie.

Hills passed away in 2019 after working in the excavating industry for more than 30 years as part of his dad's family business, Larry Hills and Sons. Together with his brother – the Hills have operated a prominent, successful business that has served the tri-county area for more than 50 years.

"Jay took over running the business when his father retired," explained Annie Hills. "His love for playing in the dirt and driving huge equipment mesmerized those of us who knew nothing about it. I would always say he used excavators like I use a blender in the kitchen. He was truly amazing."

According to his wife, Hills was well-known in Southern Maryland for his calm demeanor, attention to detail, hard work and honesty, "which made him be the best he could be and always humble and



A new scholarship will honor the memory of James "Jay" Harold Hills and help students in CSM's commercial truck driving program.

always open to learning new ideas or suggestions from customers." He was also a volunteer at the Second District Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years as a driver and fireman.

"He loved his community," Annie Hills shared. "Jay always gave of himself. Everyone loved Jay Hills, I know I did, more than life. He always did the right thing, stayed humble and everything was done the best way possible and no cutting corners. If you can take away anything from his story, just know Jay was a hero to many – a love of his wife, family and friends and truly dedicated to his trade and making his father proud."

CSM is among the few schools in the country that have been able to earn certification by the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) for its Class A Commercial Driver's License training. PTDI is a national, nonprofit organization sponsored by the nation's trucking industry to advance truck driving proficiency, safety and professional standards among drivers which, in turn, will foster benefits for all stakeholders, including motor carriers, insurers, training schools, government bodies at all levels, funding organizations and the American public. The industry's annual demand for new drivers hovers around the 80,000 mark.

Learn more about CSM's

Commercial Truck driving program at <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/career-development/transportation/>

The James 'Jay' Harold Hills Memorial Scholarship will provide financial assistance for tuition, fees, books and other related supplies for students registered in the Commercial Truck Driver Training program at CSM. To be eligible, the student(s) must be a resident of Southern Maryland; possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; demonstrate financial need; and be enrolled in the Commercial Truck Driver Training program at CSM. The applicants are also required to submit an essay explaining their financial need and how this scholarship will help them achieve their career goals. In addition, the scholarship recipient must write a thank you note explaining the importance of this scholarship toward their career goals.

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★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Library Closed for Thanksgiving

The three St. Mary's County Library locations will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and remain closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. All locations will be open on Saturday, November 28.

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, by Jason Reynolds – Book Discussion

Join other teens online on Monday, November 16 from 4 – 5 p.m. to discuss this critical and pivotal work by one of the top authors in YA literature today. Register early on www.stmalib.org to reserve a Library copy of the book to read in advance. As part of the Community Conversations on Race series, teen librarian Miss Elizabeth and Spring Ridge Middle School media specialist Priscilla Dyson will facilitate a conversation on Jason Reynolds' adaptation of the adult work *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi.

In Relentless Pursuit of an Education - Book Discussion

Join us virtually on Tuesday, November 17 from 7 – 9 p.m. to hear from speakers who are featured in the book 'In Relentless Pursuit of an Education!' Register on www.stmalib.org and checkout a copy of the book from the Library. For American Education Week, we are discussing the local history book *In Relentless Pursuit of an Education*. In their own words, residents of St. Mary's County, Maryland, tell of the separate and unequal black schools that existed until the county complied with Brown v. Board of Education in 1967. This discussion will feature students whose experiences are in the book and guest speakers from the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions who will be talking about their experience interviewing former students of segregated schools. We will also hear how students today are working to improve equity in their schools.



Outdoor Storytime at Patuxent River Naval Air Museum

Join the St. Mary's County Library outdoors at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum (22156 Three Notch Road Lexington Park, MD 20653) on Saturday, November 21 from 10:30 – 11 a.m. for an outdoor storytime! Check the weather before you come! Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children with their adult caregivers. Siblings welcome; no registration required. This activity will take place outdoors on the Flight Line, which is a paved area. Participants should bring blankets or chairs for comfort, and follow social distancing practices during the event. This outdoor event is weather-dependent; in case of bad weather it will be cancelled. If in doubt, please check with the library or museum to confirm that the event is still on. The museum entry fee will be waived

for all children 10 & under attending the storytime, and offered at a reduced price of \$3 to all adults. Masks are encouraged during the outdoor storytime, and required to enter the museum buildings.

Common Thread

Common Thread will be held on Tuesday, November 24 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Join fellow crafters who love all things fiber - virtually! Registration is required (with an email address) on www.stmalib.org. You'll receive an email with a link to join the Zoom meeting before the program. Open to knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, cross-stitchers, and any other kind of needleworkers. Work on your current project and chat with like-minded makers. All skill levels welcome.



Letters to the Editor

Message from Burchoil

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That is why it is very difficult for us to announce we have decided to sell our 8 Burchmart convenience store locations. This does not include Burch Oil, Burch Propane,

our four car wash locations, or the Dairy Queen in Charlotte Hall. This decision did not come easy, as it affects many families in the community we hold so dear. We are happy to report as part of the negotiations, the new owners have agreed to retain the current staff without interruption. We hope you will greet the new owners of Burchmart with the same warm welcome you have always shown us.

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A View From The BLEACHERS



SPORTS REAFFIRMED

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The idea was simple: sports offered a continuous scroll of life lessons so vast and rich that it could, with adequate storytelling, support a regular column. With that, "A View from the Bleachers" was born. In the years since, athletes, coaches and teams, from various levels of athletics, have taken turns at the lectern. The audience is us – the writer and the readers. We consume initially as fans of competition and with a keen eye on the ultimate judge and jury – the scoreboard. But beyond that final accounting is a transcendent meaning. In the competition we see ourselves – as we are or want to be - and glimpse the world - as it is, as it could be or as it should be. The experience can inspire a flood of conscience, hope, frustration or motivation – but always reflective thought that leaves residual wisdom on the human existence.

My faith in this belief and in one of the great teachers of my life – sports, has wavered recently. I never doubted that lessons were still being taught. But was anyone – or enough of us – still paying attention?

When I think back over the years, mine and those of history, many lectures stand out. In 1984, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, at the height of their powers, were growing basketball into a national behemoth. Meanwhile, a Chicago Bulls rookie and one-time cut from his high school basketball team – Michael Jordan – was preparing to inherit Bird and Magic's crown and take the game global. He eventually handed the throne to a baby who was born in Akron, Ohio – LeBron James. For nearly 40 years, these four icons have been dropping knowledge on unselfish play, grace in the public eye and an insatiable competitive determination.

My mind then turns to football and the New England region. The Patriots have taught much over the years – hard work, dedication, team above individual and a laser focus on doing your job within a broader initiative. Ah, but there's a dark side too. When you don't follow the rules – Deflategate and Spygate – it violates trust, creates

doubt about your accomplishments and permanently tarnishes your reputation.

Likewise, PED use cost baseball an era of great players. MLB was conspicuously disengaged while players were seduced by the fame and fortune of juicy, drug-aided performance. Now Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Roger Clemens roam outside of the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, branded forever with the scarlet "S" for steroids. And MLB, for its lack of oversight and courage to guard the integrity of the sport, is left with a soiled record book. Roger Maris and Hank Aaron deserved better. We all deserved better.

With all due respect to The Great Courses, sports' greatest course has been a near century-long seminar on race. Jackie Robinson, Bobby Mitchell, Serena and Venus Williams, Arthur Ashe, Doug Williams and Colin Kaepernick all reminded us that a ball doesn't know or give a darn if it is hit or hurled by an African American or a white athlete. Their courage and accomplishments thumbed a nose at stereotypes, wagged a shameful finger at racism and made us think deeper about the world and ourselves.

The lasting lessons of these and other sports stories remain strong and relevant. Treat people right. Be unselfish. Sacrifice. Work hard. Do things the right way. Be courageous and steadfast. Dream big. Take responsibility for your actions. Don't point fingers or deflect blame. Be a person of honesty, integrity and humility. Lead by example. Extend a hand to fellow competitors, not a fist. Win and lose with grace. Respect the game, acknowledge it is bigger than any individual and work to leave it a little better than you found it.

This is what I have learned from sports. For a few years there, I wondered if the lessons had grown antiquated and lost the crowd. Last week, America reaffirmed itself and the education its sports have offered. So now, we turn the page and life moves on. But we'll continue to file into a classroom for courses that never end. Meet me back here often to compare notes.

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Cross Country, Track and Field Director Selected

A First for St. Mary's College

St. Mary's College of Maryland is pleased to announce Reava Potter as the first Director of Cross Country and Track and Field for the Seahawks. Potter will lead the already established St. Mary's College cross country teams and the Seahawks newest varsity sport, track and field.

"Coach Potter from the beginning of the process, emerged as a top candidate through her ability to not only coach and recruit young men and women student-athletes, but also develop them into leaders in the sport and community," said Director of Athletics and Recreation, Crystal Gibson. "She has proved her ability to recruit top-level student-athletes, athletically and academically - developing them into highly competitive athletes and leaders. Reava is an outstanding fit for the St. Mary's College of Maryland community and I am confident she will bring a high level of success in building these programs for top level competition."

Potter joins the Seahawks after serving as the Head Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Coach at Emmanuel College (Boston, Massachusetts) for two seasons. Along with her head coaching duties, Potter worked in partnership with Bon Appetit and the company's regional nutrition staff as Emmanuel's Fitness and Nutrition Advisor, and developed nutritional plans for students that aligned with their individual training regimen, personal health goals, or sport. She also created new fitness programs that were open to the entire Emmanuel community.

"I would like to thank Director of Athletics, Crystal Gibson and the committee for electing me for this position," stated Potter. "I am very excited about the opportunity to take over the cross country teams and start a new track and field program. I would also like to thank Athletic Director Brendan McWilliams and Andy Yosinoff for giving me an opportunity to become a head coach at Emmanuel College. I am excited to see what I can accomplish at St. Mary's College of Maryland!"

In her two seasons at Emmanuel, Potter coached the women's cross country squad to the 2018 GNAC Championship and the women's indoor track & field team to the inaugural GNAC Championship in 2020. She coached a total of eight GNAC All-Conference runners in cross country while the entire squad was recognized by the USTFCCCA in both 2018 and 2019, earning the National Team Academic Award for both the men and women. Potter was named the 2020 GNAC Indoor Track & Field Women's Coach of the Year following the Championship campaign.

Under Potter's leadership, a total of 11 Emmanuel school records were broken with five in the indoor track & field season (women's pentathlon, women's triple jump, men's pole vault, men's triple jump, men's shot put), five in the outdoor track & field season (women's 400m hurdles, women's 3,000m, women's steeplechase, women's

triple jump, men's discus throw) as well as the men's cross country 8k school record. She also coached five individuals and three relay teams to qualifying performances for the New England Regional Championships during the Indoor Track & Field season.

Additionally, Potter was selected as a part of the USTFCCCA's Female Coaching Mentorship Program (FCMP) for the 2020-21 academic year. The FCMP is designed to increase the representation, depth of knowledge and advancement of female coaches in the field of cross country and track & field coaching at every level, as well as create accessibility within the industry.

Before arriving at Emmanuel, Potter served as an Assistant Coach at the University of Alabama at Birmingham for four seasons where she specialized in coaching the multi-event, jumping and throwing athletes. While at the UAB, she coached three student-athletes to All-Conference accolades in the NCAA Division I Conference USA.

Prior to the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Potter served as an Assistant Coach at Bethune-Cookman University for the 2013-14 season. There she coached a total of 17 All-Conference student-athletes including five conference champions in the NCAA Division I Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), leading the Wildcats to the program's first-ever MEAC Men's Conference Championship. Three student-athletes at Bethune-Cookman were named USTFCCCA (United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association) All-Americans under Potter's guidance.

Potter spent the 2012-13 season as an Assistant Coach at Shaw University, her first stop after seven years at Temple University where she competed as an undergraduate before serving on staff as a Graduate Assistant. While on staff, she helped coach her alma-mater to an Atlantic-10 Conference Championship during the 2009-10 campaign.

As a student-athlete at Temple, Potter was a four-year member of the Owls Track & Field squad serving as a team captain during her senior campaign in 2009. She qualified for the Atlantic-10 Conference Championship in the heptathlon, triple jump, pentathlon and relays all four seasons and was awarded the Spirit and Sportsmanship Awards during her time at Temple, where she also served as a member of the NCAA Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) from 2007-09.

Potter graduated from Temple University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology before completing a Master of Science in Exercise and Sport Psychology at Temple in 2012. She holds a USATF Level One Certification and is also USTFCCCA Certified in Jumps, Throws and Strength and Conditioning.

Press Release from SMCM.

St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Friday, November 13

Drive Thru Dinner

Hollywood Fire Dept.; 4 pm. - 7 p.m. or until sold out

Dinner includes: Steamed Shrimp, French Fries, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw and a Brownie. Cost is \$18.00. Cash or Check, ATM on site. Call Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695 to place your order.

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 7 PM. Check our website calendar (bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html) for event details.

Saturday, November 14

Drive Thru Dinner

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. or until sold out

Platter includes ¼ lb of sliced pork BBQ sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, a snack cake for \$12. Limited outdoor seating available. Also available separately will be a girl scout bake sale table and cold drinks (soda and bottled water) by our church youth group. More information at www.mtzionmech.org.

Tuesday, November 17

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family mem-

ber, 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@ccsomsd.com.

Wednesday, November 18

Wayback Wednesdays

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

Ongoing

Health Department Drive-Thru Flu Vaccine Clinics

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is partnering with St. Mary's County Public Schools to offer free drive-thru flu vaccine clinics for children (ages 3 - 18 years) at the locations listed below. Children must be residents of St. Mary's County though they do not need to be enrolled in the public school system. Advance registration is required at www.marylandvax.org in order to ensure adequate vaccine supply:

Great Mills High School
Monday, October 26, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Leonardtown High School
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Chopticon High School
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Spring Ridge Middle School
Thursday, October 29, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SMCHD is also partnering with MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for additional drive-thru flu vaccine clinics for both children and adults as outlined below:

Medstar St. Mary's Hospital
Outpatient Pavilion in Leonardtown: Saturday, October 17, 2020

East Run Center in Lexington Park: Friday, October 23, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Children ages 3 - 18 are free (funded through SMCHD)

Adults over the age of 18 are requested to provide a \$10 donation

Participants receiving vaccine are asked to please:

Follow directional signage
Stay in your vehicle - Clinic staff will come to you

Wear a cloth face covering or mask when interacting with clinic staff

Advanced registration is required at www.marylandvax.org.

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Lexington Park Office:
Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 862-1680

Leonardtown Office:
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. -

12:00 p.m.

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown
For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 475-4330

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:
Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free
No doctor's order needed

Free of Charge (no out-of-pocket cost, co-payment, co-insurance, etc.)

Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible - Uninsured community members are welcome

Upcoming

CSM Winter Session

Registration for the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Winter Session opens Monday, Oct. 19, 2020 offering students the opportunity to take a full course in four weeks. The Winter Session begins Dec. 21, 2020. It is an opportunity for students to get ahead or explore an area of interest, catch up on general education courses, take care of prerequisites and/or earn credits for transfer. CSM's tuition/fee freeze remains in effect. During the Winter Session, IT Help, Online Learning (myLearning), 24/7 online tutoring and library services will be available with the exception of being closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1, 2021. Visit online to view available classes by course number or do an advanced search and select "2021 Winter Session" to view Winter Session course options. Please contact a CSM academic advisor for help with the registration process at <https://www.csm.edu/student-services/advising/academic-advising/contact-info-and-hours/>.

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In Remembrance

Henry Thomas Waring



On November 7, 2020 Henry Thomas Waring passed away at his home. The son of Ethel and James Waring, Tom was born on September 8, 1922 in Winnetka, Illinois. When his older brother, Jimmy, died in 1932, the family returned to Southampton, the ancestral Waring home, in Chaptico.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Tom enlisted in the Navy and served on the USS Massachusetts and the USS Trenton in the Pacific theater where he was a clarinetist with the band. Before his discharge in 1946,

Tom had earned four stars.

Tom Waring made his living in the real estate business and, to him, discrimination was intolerable. One day in the mid-1950s an African American serviceman inquired about housing for his family at a trailer park he ran. Against the advice of his manager, he rented to the serviceman, thus ushering in integration a decade before it became law.

Anyone who has ever enjoyed anything at Breton Bay has Tom Waring to thank. Around 1960, he started subdividing the land, selling lots, and over the years he built many homes there. In the early 1970s the golf course was added.

In 1991 Tom was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees at St. Mary's College of Maryland, a position he held until 2005. A graduate of Margaret Brent High School, Tom understood the importance of education and, in 2010, established the H. Thomas Waring Scholarship Fund to help students who experienced financial and/or academic difficulty.

At the 2013 Commencement Exercises, St. Mary's College of Maryland conferred an Honorary Degree on him.

Tom Waring is survived by

his children – Kay, Jim, Betty, Nancy, Nick, David, and Emily, and seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren

All arrangements are private.

Memorial Contributions in Tom Waring's honor may be made to St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, Maryland 20686 memo – the H. Thomas Waring Scholarship Fund or the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 299, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650.

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

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Catherine Hayden Burkhardt "Kitty,"



Catherine Hayden Burkhardt "Kitty," 95, of Hollywood, MD, passed away peacefully at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on Friday, November 7, 2020, with her niece at her side. She was born on July 24, 1925 in Hollywood, MD to the late Joseph Thomas Hayden, Sr. and Ann Lucille Norris Hayden.

She graduated from Great Mills High School and then attended Strayer University. On September 13, 1950, when World War II broke out, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (USMC). She was

passionate about the Marine Corps, serving her country, and doing her part to help the war effort. Kitty was stationed at various USMC bases, including San Diego, CA; El Toro, CA; Oahu, HI; Cherry Point, NC; and the USMC Recruiting Station in Chicago, IL. During her service she received the Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. On August 15, 1952 she was Honorably Discharged as a staff sergeant with over five dedicated years of service. She then joined Civil Service, eventually retiring with over 20 years in accounting.

She met her husband, Charles Franklin Burkhardt, "Chuck", while stationed in Hawaii, and they were married on April 17, 1955 and enjoyed 34 wonderful years together. After her honorable discharge from the USMC she was able to join Chuck wherever his duty station took him. They travelled throughout the US and several foreign countries.

Kitty believed in the 3 "F's" – Faith, Family and Friends. She was active in the various churches she attended throughout her military travels. She was a kind and loving daughter, wife, sister and aunt. She had a huge heart and brought much joy and many blessings to others.

Kitty is survived by her 8 nieces and nephews: Larry Russell (Joan); Laverne Schaefer; Dr. Glenda Russell; Leonard Cecil Russell III (Diane); Michael Russell (Lois); Chris Hayden (Santina); Brian Hayden (Joy); and Barbara Hoy (Rick). She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Mary Agnes Russell; a brother, Joseph Thomas Hayden, Jr.; and a niece, Susan McGuigon.

All services are private.

Serving as pallbearers will be Larry Russell, Michael Russell, Brian Hayden and Bill Schaefer.

Donations in memory of Kitty may be made to the St. John's School Endowment Fund. Checks may be made to the "Community Foundation of

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see your smile, to sit with you and chat a
while... So you who have your Father cher-
ish him with care, for you'll never know the
heart ache til you see his vacant chair.

It's hard to believe it has been a year. We
miss you more and more each day.



Southern Maryland", 43900 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. On the memo line, please write "SJS (of Hollywood, MD) Endowment Fund". Or donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th. Avenue, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451.

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

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Squadron Leader Andrew Ian Bull



Squadron Leader Andrew Ian Bull passed away at Walter Reed Military Hospital on the 1st of November 2020 aged 42. His wife Abi was by his side with their children, Ava and Alex.

Andrew is survived by his parents Melvyn and Marjorie, along with his brother Christopher and sister Sarah.

At a future date there will be a separate ceremony in the UK when Andy's ashes return home with his family.

In lieu of flowers, donations are invited to Bowel Cancer UK and towards a Sqn Ldr Andrew Bull Memorial Trophy at the link below. <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8u9A3VPaN7>

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Nancy Beth (Williams) Richards



Nancy Beth (Williams) Richards, passed away peacefully at her home on November 7, 2020, in Mechanicsville, Maryland at the age of 87.

Nancy is survived by her sons, James Richards (Joyce) of Heathsville, VA, Steven Richards (Kim) of Brandywine, MD, David Richards (Cathy) of Brandywine, MD and daughter, Betsy Richards Cusic (Rick) of Mechanicsville, MD. "Nan" is survived by 7 grandchildren; Zachary Richards (Jennifer), Nicole Fluhart (Danny), David Richards, Raleigh Richards (Constance), Rhett Richards, Will Cusic (Erin), and Matt Cusic. "Nan" also has six great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband; Ralph (Skip) Richards, parents; Chester and Margaret Williams, brothers; Chester Williams and Donald Williams, and grandson; Travis Richards.

Nancy was born on March 11, 1933 in Hopewell, VA to Chester and Margaret Williams. She graduated from Gwynn Park High School in 1950. Nancy married Ralph Richards (Skip) in 1955.

Nancy will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend. She was an avid gardener, voracious reader, and an amazing cook. She enjoyed discussing current events, history, genealogy, and politics. Above all else, Nancy loved time spent with her family.

A private service is planned.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department/Rescue Squad or Hospice of St. Mary's County.

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

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

Wesley Lindy Nichols



Wesley Lindy Nichols, 89, of Charlotte Hall, MD departed this life on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at the Hospice House of St. Mary's, Callaway, MD.

He was born on December 18, 1930 in Copper Hill, VA to the late,

Ira Richard Nichols and Ollie Mae (Wimmer) Nichols.

Wesley, affectionately called Samson, met the love of his life, Marian L. Owens and knew he had to make her his forever. They married on July 16, 1949 and celebrated over seventy-one (71) years of marital bliss. Their love was inspiring and grew with each passing year. Their enduring union welcomed eight (8) children, Kathy, Diane, Patricia, Carol, Tammy, Shelia, Wesley and Ronald.

A hard-working man, Samson supported his family as a heavy equipment operator at Driggs Construction Company until his retirement in 2001, this was after over sixty (60) years of dedicated service. He never felt like he was going to work, more that he was allowed to "play" with the grown-up version of Tonka trucks.

Samson was a kind and generous man. The type of man to give you the shirt off his back, but also willing to show you the way to take care of yourself. He lived a simple life with his beloved wife and treasured moments surrounded by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and he was enamored with his nine (9) great-great grandchildren.

Whether you know him as Wesley, Samson, Dad, Brother, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, or friend, you knew a wonderful and caring man. He will leave behind a legacy of strength, love and happiness.

Wesley is survived by his beloved wife, Marian L. Nichols of Charlotte Hall, MD; his children, Kathy M. Haag (Kenneth) of Titusville, FL, Diane Nelson of Ripley, MD, Patricia Harrington (Lance) of Indian Head, MD, Carol Bailey (Teddy) of Charlotte Hall, MD, Tammy Payne of LaPlata, MD, Shelia Shadle (Kevin) of Waldorf, MD, Wesley L. Nichols, Jr. (Debbie) of VA, and Ronald D. Nichols of Charlotte Hall, MD; thirteen (13) grandchildren; nineteen (19) great-grandchildren and nine (9) great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Lena Hoback, Betty Martin, Sue Smith and Fred Nichols and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Ollie Mae Nichols, and siblings, Tommy Nichols, Marshall Nichols, Carl Nichols, John Nichols, Raymond Nichols, Ina Morgan and Pearl Sowers.

Interment with a graveside service will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made in Wesley's name to Hospice House of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Dorothy Norris Kemper Wall



Dorothy Norris Kemper Wall, 79, of Bel Air, MD (Formerly of Leonardtown, MD) passed away peacefully on November 5, 2020 at Hart Heritage Estates Assisted Living in Street, MD.

She was born on December 24, 1940 in Washington D.C. to the late Enoch A. Norris and Sadie E. Zidek Norris.

As well as being very involved in Girl Scouts as a troop leader for many years, Dorothy loved visiting the beach and the mountains. She also enjoyed the art of cake decorating, and loved baking.

On April 20, 1960 she married Lawrence E. Kemper at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, MD. Together they celebrated 12 years of marriage before his passing in 1972. On July 15, 1978, she married Charles M. Wall in Lexington Park, MD. Together they celebrated over 28 years of marriage before his passing in 2007. She was employed for many years by Bendix Field Engineering and Honeywell. Prior to that she was employed by the Department of Defense.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Sharon Hansen (David) of Thorndike, ME and Diane Hanson (James) of Bel Air, MD; her grandchildren, Joshua Hansen (Charlie Marie), and Kivah Hansen; three great grandchildren, and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was also preceded in death by her siblings, Mary B. Hefner, Charles Norris, and Joseph Norris.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Animal Rescue Inc., 2 Heritage Farm Drive, New Freedom, PA 17349.

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Linda Susan Scholten Slade



Linda Susan Scholten Slade, 68, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on November 5, 2020, at her home, with her family at her side.

She was born on March 28, 1952 in Bourne, MA to the late Robert E. Scholten, Sr. and Frances Eloise Lugenbeel Scholten. On April 12, 1971 she married her beloved husband, Joseph V. Slade in Leonardtown, MD. Together, they celebrated over 49 wonderful years of marriage and raised four loving children. She was extremely proud to be the child of an Army Master Sergeant and a World War II POW survivor. Her intelligence, strength and resilience were her greatest characteristics.

She was an adventurer and loved many activities including camping, fishing, bowling, softball, water and snow skiing. She was extremely proud of being a member of the Take It Easy Ranch Women's Softball Team in the late 1970's, when they won several State Championships. She loved the movie "A League of their Own" because it reminded her of the excellence and wonderful camaraderie she felt with the other ladies, many of whom became lifelong friends. She even orchestrated the Annual Guy Distributing Ski Trip to Seven Springs, PA for 25 years and enjoyed spending time with everyone from around St Mary's County during the trip.

Linda worked many jobs during her lifetime, retiring as a bookkeeper from Bookkeeping By Blanche but was also an Office Manager at Love, Barnes and McKew and waitress at Evan's Seafood on St. George Island. She loved her fellow coworkers and the customers she served and many kept in touch with her through the years.

She also loved being "Momma" Slade to her children's friends that came to visit on the weekends from

college and is known around the world for her warm, welcoming spirit and her incredible cooking especially her mac salad and crab cakes!

In addition to her beloved husband, Joe, Linda is also survived by her children: Tracy Slade Carver (Christopher) of Leonardtown, MD, Shawn Slade (Fran) of Valley Lee, MD, Kari Crane (Simon) of Dubai, UAE and Matthew Slade of Baltimore, MD; her grandchildren: Logan Carver, Lileigh Carver, Poppy Crane, and Pippa Crane; her grand-dogs: Ember and Murphy; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her infant daughter, Ashlee Erin Slade and her siblings: Robert Edward Scholten, Jr, Pamela Ann Reinoehl, John Braden Scholten Sr., William Hamilton Scholten; and David Clayton Scholten.

Family will receive friends for Linda's Life Celebration on Thursday, November 12, 2020 from 5:00 to 8 p.m., with prayers recited at 7 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Paul Nguyen on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 11 a.m. at 19199 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692 and will be Live Streamed. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Logan Carver, Ethan Howard, Edward Slade, Richard Slade, Edward Alt, Jeffrey Turner, Timothy Pates, and John Scholten, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Carver, Simon Crane, John Slade, Joe Scrivener, Mike Adams, Blair Swann, Carl Bean, Richard Reinohl, Wayne Howard, Jeff Keefer, John Logalbo, Joe Vallaincourt, Tom Simmons, Mark Jones, Laura Howard, Christiana Keefer, Dale Scholten, Brittany Smith, Blair Scholten, Alix Streit, Angie Wright, Andrea Siple, Richelle Caffrey and Lileigh Carver.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. George's Catholic Church, 19199 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692 or Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

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Alice Ann Agrafiotis

Alice Ann Agrafiotis, 86 of California, MD passed away on November 5, 2020 at home with her family by her side.

Alice was born on September 5, 1934 in Washington, D.C. to the late Bernard Joseph Riley and Mary Elizabeth (Garrett) Riley.

Alice grew up in Bradbury



Heights, Maryland and attended St. Francis and St. Cecelia Catholic Schools. She married John William Agrafiotis on September 24, 1971 in Upper Marlboro, MD. Together they enjoyed taking cruises and spending time with family and friends. Alice also created beautiful ceramic and porcelain items. She and John were blessed to raise two daughters, Mary Frances and Patricia. She was employed as a Store Manager for Safeway for 35 years where she made many lasting relationships with her co-workers and customers. Alice was the first of two women promoted to Store Manager at Safeway, forging the way for all women.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Frances Whitmore (Vince) of Stafford, Va., and Patricia Snyder (Dave) of California, Md., her sister, Joan Turgeon of Grand Junction, CO; her grandchildren: Chris Vogel-sang (Jen), Jeff Vogelsang (Johanne), Jonathan Moreland (Jennifer), Shaina Bates (Charles), Colin Whitmore (Emily), Lauren Thompson (Craig), and her great grandchildren, Ethan, Drew, Tyler, Spencer, Sadie, Aidan, Annie, Chandler, Hudson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister, Joy Malanka.

The family asks that donations in lieu of flowers be made in Alice's name to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

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Jeffrey Tay Miller

Jeffrey Tay Miller, 78 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 4, 2020 at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton, MD.

He was born on March 6, 1942 in Ontario, Canada to Virginia Eileen Bell Buchan of Mechanicsville, MD the late Harold J. Miller.

Jeffrey was employed as a skilled landscaper for Miller Landscaping, which he owned and operated for many years. He enjoyed traveling as



a hobby.

In addition to his loving mother, Virginia Buchan, Jeffrey is also survived by his brothers, Jerod "Jed" Miller (Irene) of Los Angeles, CA and Jonathan "Jon" Miller (Candace) of Mechanicsville, MD; his nephews, Jason Miller and Chris Miller; and extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold J. Miller.

All services will be private.

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

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David Michael Julian



David Michael Julian, 65, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 2, 2020 at his home.

Born on March 23, 1955 in Washington, DC, he was the son of Mary Ruth Hancock (Brady) and the late Michael Edward Julian.

David worked as a Maintenance Worker for the Department of Interior for 30 years. He was a dedicated and hard worker. He loved to be outside in nature, fishing or gardening. During football season he always rooted for his team, the Washington Redskins, and he adored putting Elvis on the radio to listen to. Most of all, David loved his family and the time he spent surrounded by them making memories. He also had a very special place in his heart for his dog, Jackie.

David is survived by his mother, Mary Ruth Hancock of Mechanicsville, MD, his sisters: Rose Lisa

Schwartz of Rocklin, CA, Maryann Julian of Greensboro, NC and Karen Ambrose of Grass Valley, CA, as well as his loving uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Michael Edward Julian, his step-father, James Hancock, his grandparents: Van Brady and Ruth Brady, and his siblings: Van Julian, Toni Julian, Wayne Julian and Jacki Julian.

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

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Jean Raley Ridgell



Jean Raley Ridgell, 89 of Ridge, MD peacefully passed away on November 1, 2020 at home, surrounded by loving family.

Daughter of the late James Harry Raley and Anna Willing Stone, she was born in Baltimore on August 21, 1931. She enjoyed her childhood on Mulberry St attending St Bernardine's Catholic School on Edmondson Avenue. She frequently visited Southern Maryland with her parents where she enjoyed time with her cousins and helping her aunt Alice "Sissie" Raley in the family restaurant and inn. After WWII, her father purchased a country store in Scotland, Maryland and the family relocated. Jean attended St Michaels high school in Ridge and graduated in 1949.

In 1950 Jean married Lt. Clarence H. Ridgell "Buzzy" in San Antonio Texas. In 1953 after his service in the Air Force, they returned to St. Mary's County (SMC) and bought her father's store in Scotland where she worked along side him for many years. She was a gracious woman with a passion for faith, family and politics. She was a devoted and loving wife/mother/grandmother who enjoyed entertaining, dancing, cooking and hosting crab, pitch and pool parties with her family and many friends. Her annual Christmas night party was a particular favorite.

Jean was very active in the St Michael's parish Ladies of Char-

ity serving terms as their president. From 1964 – 1972, she worked at the Naval Air Test Center, Pax River as secretary to the Comptroller. In 1983/4 she worked for the SMC chamber of commerce on weekends and was assigned full time to the SMC 350TH anniversary planning committee. In an Enterprise article the staff reporter Joseph Norris referred to her as the "heart and soul" of the 350th anniversary committee. She also worked briefly at Sotterly Plantation and St Marys College, but always considered her primary career as mother and family care taker.

Jean is survived by her children: Joseph Scott Ridgell (Pam) of Piney Point, MD, Donna J. Taylor (Jerry) of Lusby, MD, and Lila Ridgell Hofmeister (Danny) of Ridge, MD; her grandchildren: Ryan Ridgell, Brady Ridgell (Caitie), Shea Ridgell (Stephanie), Reagan Ridgell, Jennifer O'Dell, Todd Taylor (Sherry), Katie Allen (Ian), Steven Taylor, Regi Hofmeister, Michael Hofmeister, Jeannie Hofmeister (Paul), Amy Mathews (Trevor), and J.C. Hofmeister; her great grandchildren: Shawn Ridgell, Lily Ridgell, Emma Peterson, Blaise Ridgell, Stone Ridgell, Emerson Taylor, Wyatt Taylor, Rilyn Taylor, Piper Taylor, Chesapeake Allen; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence "Buzzy" Ridgell and her son, Steven James Ridgell.

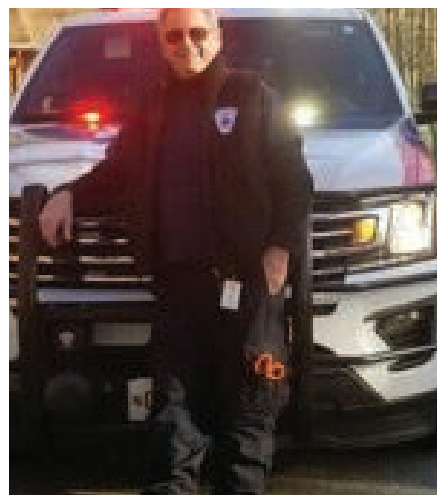
All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made in her name to the St. Michael's School Archangel Scholarship Foundation (ASFC), P.O. Box 211, Ridge, MD 20680.

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

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Walter Samuel "Sam" Sayers



Walter Samuel "Sam" Sayers, 74, of Dameron, MD passed away on

November 1, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on January 27, 1946 in Washington D.C. to the late William Walter Sayers and Dorothy Nancy Jones Sayers.

Sam is a graduate of Chevy Chase High School and attended George Mason University in 1980 where he studied Business. He began his long career as a skilled construction contractor, opening his own company, Sayers and Son until his retirement. He sub-contracted for Hechingers, Home Depot, and Lowes, earning the Installer of the Year award for the East Coast in 2000, 2005 and 2006. He and his father built his family home that he and his family resided in. On June 30, 1990, he married his beloved wife, Lynn Fletcher Stream Sayers. Together they celebrated over 30 wonderful years of marriage.

Sam loved spending time on the water. He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, sailing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Family was his greatest love, especially his grandchildren, whom he enjoyed spending time with.

He was a volunteer with Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad for the past nine years, and the Advanced Life Support Unit in Leonardtown for the past four. He found a true calling and thoroughly enjoyed helping others in need.

In addition to his beloved wife, Sam is also survived by his children: Billie Jean O'Malley of Columbus, OH, Sean Sayers (Alison) of Dameron, MD, Tim Stream (Christy) of Greensboro, NC and James Stream (Corrie) of Lancaster, PA; his sister, Gabrielle Abell; his grandchildren: Eleanor Sayers, Samuel Richard Sayers, Aiden O'Malley, Grace O'Malley, Brendan O'Malley, Hanna O'Malley, Evan Stream, Christopher Stream, Maggie Stream, and Ava Stream; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Charles Sayers.

A celebration of his life will be held in spring/summer of 2021, the date to be announced.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Dorothy Jean Wathen

Dorothy Jean Wathen, 75 of Helen, MD died Friday, November 6, 2020 in Helen, MD. Born on March 24, 1945 in Leonardtown, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Wilmer Cusic and the late Annie Gertrude Norris Cusic. Ms. Wathen was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. Graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1964. She married the love of her life, the late James Aloysius Wathen at St. Joseph's



Catholic Church, Morganza on July 30, 1966. Together they had 8 children. She was a homemaker and enjoyed raising her children and helping out on the family farm. She liked to have fun and loved being around her family attending family functions. She always looked forward to the St. Mary's County Fair every year to see the famous Clydesdale Horses which was her favorite. She was also an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and faithfully attended every week up until she couldn't do so anymore. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, James Bernard Cusic, Thomas Allen Cusic, Shirley Teresa Cusic, William Franklin Cusic and Samuel Aloysius Cusic.

She was also preceded in death by her late husband, James Aloysius Wathen and son, David Aloysius Wathen. She is survived by her siblings, Frances Cecelia Cusic Wood of Leonardtown and Joseph Wilmer Cusic of Mechanicsville; Her children, Linda Marie Garner (Ricky) of Mechanicsville, Jerry Allan Wathen (Laura) of Hollywood, Joseph Larry Wathen (Laura) of Clements, Charles Bernard Wathen of Helen, Donald Ray Wathen (Kelly) of Chaptico, Shaun Lee Wathen (Rebecca) of Chaptico and Karen Lisa Farmer (Aric) of St. Inigoes; 12 grandchildren; Rachael Hawkins, Raianna Garner, Blake Wathen, Angel Tappin, Allie Wathen, Ashlyn Wathen, Ava Wathen, Lilly Wathen, Grace Peterson, Bentley Wathen, Jaxon Wathen, and Alex Farmer. She is also survived by a very special family member, Jennifer Wathen who was her loving & devoted caregiver.

Pallbearers at the Nov. 11 service were Jerry Wathen, Larry Wathen, Charles Wathen, Donald Wathen, Shaun Wathen, Blake Wathen, Donnie Cusic, and Timothy Wood.

Funeral arrangements were by Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home.

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 guyleonard@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

In Remembrance

Gary Gene Burton,

Gary Gene Burton, 78, of Great Mills, MD, passed away on November 5, 2020, at the Solomon's Nursing Center.

Born on June 9, 1942, in Western Port, MD, he was the son of the late Robert B. and Hazel M. Burton.

Gary worked for the Safeway/Collington Warehouse in Landover, MD, where he retired after 42 years of dedicated service.

Gary loved his family and the time he spent surrounded by them, making memories and telling stories. He also had a special place in his heart for close friends David, Butch, Rick, and others that crossed his path through the years. He loved to be outside in nature, hunting, fishing, taking care of the yard, cutting trees, and raising a garden for years of vegetables and fruits.

Gary enjoyed talking to people, and it did not matter if he knew them or they were strangers; he could strike up a conversation with anyone as if he had known them for years.

He was a charter member of the Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department formed in 1962 and was a member for 16 years. He enjoyed teaching fire safety in and out of the home and

first aid. He was a generous man and will be missed by all that knew him.

Gary is survived by his wife of 56 years, Katherine L. Burton (Pilkerton), his daughter, Theresa L. Bonner (Bill), California, MD, his grandson, Christopher M. Sherman (Shayna), and a great grand-daughter, Hailey Jean Sherman, Mechanicsville, MD.

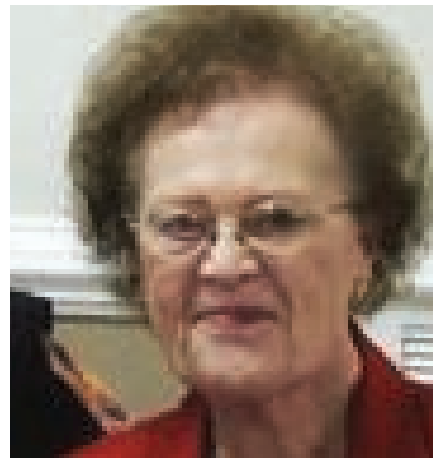
He is preceded in death by his father, Robert B. Burton, mother, Hazel M. Burton (Shillingburg), Bel Alton, MD, father-in-law James R. Pilkerton, mother-in-law Helen Pilkerton, Port Tobacco, MD brothers-in-law Thomas R. Pilkerton, Port Tobacco, MD and Kenneth M. Pilkerton, La Plata, MD.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Gary Burton to Lexington Park Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 339 Lexington Park, MD 20653, and or Solomons Volunteer Rescue and Fire, P.O. Box 189, Solomons, MD 20688.

Margaret Elizabeth (Spence) Guy, "Peggy"

Margaret Elizabeth (Spence) Guy, "Peggy", 83, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 4, 2020 in



Leonardtown, MD. Born on February 8, 1937 in Ellicott City, MD she was the daughter of the late Frances Cecelia (Lord) Spence and George W. Spence, Jr. Peggy was the loving wife of the late John C. Guy, Sr. whom she married on November 20, 1954 in Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Chaptico, MD and who preceded her in death on May 25, 2020.

Peggy is survived by her children Judy Copsey (Wayne) of Mechanicsville, MD, John Guy, Jr. (Kathi) of Mechanicsville, MD, Bob Guy (Jo) of Mechanicsville, MD, Valerie Guy of Mechanicsville, MD, Diane Lacey of Mechanicsville, MD, J.R. Guy (Cathy) of Mechanicsville, MD, 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Siblings; Jimmy Spence of Bushwood, MD, Harry Spence of Morganza, MD, Alan Spence of Sandston, VA. She was preceded in death by her daughter Elaine Guy and son-in-law, Paul Lacey

She moved from Howard County, MD to St. Mary's County, MD in 1943. She was a graduate of Margaret Brent in 1954 and a homemaker. Peggy joined the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary, in May of 1957 and became a Life Member after 25 years of service. She has held the Office of Chaplain for a total of 41 years with the Auxiliary. Peggy was an active member up until her death. She was also a member of the St. Mary's County Quilters. Peggy's hobbies included quilting, camping, travelling and was a Brownie leader for many years. She enjoyed going to bluegrass festivals. Her biggest joy was spending time with her family.

Serving as pallbearers at the Nov. 10, 2020 service were Steven Guy, Amy Copsey, Jacob Guy, Tommy Tinnerman, Sherry Lawyer and Samantha Guy. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jenny Connelly, Dylan Guy,

and Bryan Tinnerman, Richard Lacey, and Hannah Guy-Withers.

Contributions may be made to the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department P.O. Box 37 Mechanicsville, MD 20659 and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 28297 Old Village Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Funeral arrangements were by Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home.

Agnes Cecelia Mattingly "Sis"



Agnes Cecelia Mattingly "Sis", 92, of Morganza, MD passed away on October 31, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on January 2, 1928 in Mechanicsville, MD, she was the daughter of the late Gertrude Copsey and Luther Copsey. Sis was the loving wife of the late Schercliffe "Tholly" Bartholomew Mattingly who preceded her in death on October 5, 1981. Sis is survived by her children; Steve Mattingly (Patsy) of Morganza, MD, Sharon Mattingly of Bushwood, MD, Bernard Mattingly of Morganza, MD, Mary Thompson of Morganza, MD, Charles Mattingly (Wendy) of Morganza, MD, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her children; Leonard Mattingly and Thomas Mattingly. Siblings; Hilary (J.H) Copsey, Wilson Copsey, Eugene Copsey, Luther Copsey, and Gertrude Marshall.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduate of Margaret Brent High School. Sis was a lifelong waitress at Hill's Club, Wicomico Shores and Fizzie's Restaurant throughout her life. She loved gardening when she had time.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh District Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



OUT WITH "REDS"



I hope everyone was able to enjoy the previous string of beautiful days. This year it was a blessing. We made good use of each day with some lovely firepit nights, working outside around the house, and taking the old '65 Mustang convertible that my husband has now nicknamed "Reds", out for a few spins. My husband thinks the Mustang will spoil like milk if we don't use it. He does like getting in his driving cap and feeling the wind rustle his...hair. I, on the other hand, love the Mustang, but am not as fond of the effect on my hair. I usually do a double dousing of hairspray, and yet, I still find that the sides and back, even as short as it is now, flip out into scary Medusa styles. I should just go with my hair wet.

We did visit a really beautiful winery on Friday night, which is only 14 minutes from home called Xella Winery off of Laurel Grove Road in Mechanicsville. From their website, the reason behind the name Xella "is an acronym of the first letter of us and our children's names (Xenia, Erin, Lester III, Lester IV, and Amara). Nothing could embody this endeavor more than including our whole family in the name!" There was plenty of room to spread out for tastings at the bar in their large tasting room. We enjoyed tasting their delicious white wines to sparkling to What's your sweet wine to Bad Barn and Zin. Something for everyone. We sat out on their patio with a bottle of Bad Barn under the garden lights to enjoy a beautiful autumn sunset. Others were enjoying corn hole and a few other lawn games or just enjoying whom they were with.

Next time, I want to sit outside with their Zin, an American Zinfandel aged in Hungarian Oak barrels. Of course, I would love that wine since I am Hungarian. When I mentioned to the owner, Les I was Hungarian, he said he was too and a first generation Hungarian-American. He mentioned that his mother came over as result of The Hungarian Revolution of 1956, "or the Hungarian Uprising, which was a nationwide revolution against the Hungarian People's Republic and its Soviet-imposed policies, lasting from 23 October until 10 November 1956." His mother happened to be visiting and was sitting out on the patio. When she passed me, I said, "Your son says you are Hungarian?" We had a fun conver-

sation about the language and Hungarian inspired food, and how Hungarians can make any food Hungarian style with the addition of Paprika. She also told me that her son's wife Erin built much of what is used at the winery. I didn't get to talk to Erin but will find out more at our next visit.

On Sunday, after we debated where to go for an outside brunch, we continued our outing with "Reds" the Mustang and decided to head over the Harry Nice bridge to Fredericksburg for brunch at Brock's Riverside Grill overlooking the Rappahannock River and a neat old railroad bridge. We really enjoyed our last visit. It is set in what I think must have been an old warehouse with several bars, intimate dining rooms and outdoor seating. And there is tons of outdoor seating which is so important during these times. This time we were seating on the Veranda which has only four tables and sits high above the other outdoor seating. Apparently, we had just missed brunch, but enjoyed our lunch very much. The Reuben with a side of sweet potato puree was the ultimate comfort food. From all appearances my husband was enjoying the huge fresh-made burger.

After we left Brock's, we headed about 4 miles away to A. Smith Bowman Bourbon Distillery for a tour, and a tasting for my husband. It was a quiet Sunday, and other than the few employees, there were about 8 of us for a tour, and they were very thorough with temperature checks and getting our names and phone numbers as part of their Covid-19 preparedness. Perfect. The distillery smelled so good. Even though I am not a straight bourbon drinker, I do like all my cocktails made with it. They also make herbed and fruit infused gins, and rum. Their Bourbon Crème was very nice, however. Even if you are not a bourbon drinker, you will love their large giftshop with glassware, bourbon-infused coffees, bourbon hot sauce, and pre-made gift baskets for everyone from the straight bourbon, gin, or rum drinker to those who enjoy cocktails. I think we may need a trip back there as well when we take "Reds" out on another adventure...to who knows where.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
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INVESTMENT VEHICLES FOR YOUR RETIREMENT

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We've discussed the importance of asset allocation to your success as an investor. Harry Moscovitz won a Nobel prize for inventing modern portfolio theory in 1954 based on the concept that if you allocate your assets across a broad enough spectrum of equity, fixed-income and other types of investments, and one of your investments declines in value, the others are likely to take up the slack and keep your investment returns on an even keel.

Pundits refer to asset allocation as the "Rule of 92" meaning 92% of your success as an investor is directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not.

Ok, now we know that allocation is the way to go. But, one big problem with asset allocation is, how does an ordinary investor select the proper allocation of stocks versus bonds? The big mutual fund companies like T. Rowe Price, Vanguard, BlackRock and others think they have it all figured out. They do the allocation for you.

TARGET DATE FUNDS:

Target date funds contain a mixture of stocks, bonds and cash. They have a future date in the title you can select to correspond to your retirement date. As you get older, the asset allocation within the fund changes and gets more conservative over time. The fund manager will put fewer assets into stocks which are inherently risky as you get closer to retirement. You do not have to take any action. The fund manager does that for you. You simply pick the date when you think you will retire. For example, suppose you will turn sixty-five in 2020. You pick the 2020 Retirement Fund. You can buy the fund at any age and with a minimum investment, but the target date is what matters.

The big boost for target date funds came in 2006 when pension laws changed so that employers could choose investments for employees who had not designated investments for their 401(k) plans. Target date mutual funds became the most popular investments for employers to offer and to use as a default if employees failed to designate anything else. Fidelity launched its target date funds in 1996; Vanguard in 2003 and

T. Rowe Price in 2002—together, those three fund companies control about 75% of the market. Fees for the allocation are included the cost of the funds themselves.

LIFECYCLE MUTUAL FUNDS

Lifecycle funds include cash, stock and bonds and may include both U.S. and foreign securities. The percentage of funds in each asset class is determined by the fund manager who attempts to earn the highest return possible by switching portfolio weightings in each type of asset class by market conditions. Lifecycle funds generally include three or four "portfolios" with varying percentages of funds in each asset class. The portfolios are designed by fit investors of various ages or risk tolerance levels.

ACTIVE MANAGEMENT

Active management involves the use of a portfolio manager who works directly with you on your investments. This clearly is the most custom tailored to your wishes. Your portfolio may include everything from securities to real estate. The manager in this case reviews all of your assets and your personal goals with you and selects those types of investments that will give you the most return for a risk that meets your expectations. The upside of professional management is that your strategy is tailored for you. The fees involved will be a percentage of the assets and, as your assets grow, the fees will grow. This means at the very least that the portfolio manager has a vested interest in seeing your portfolios grow.

Whether you choose target date, lifecycle or active management, the principal is the same. Your success as an investor and an investor preparing for retirement will be directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not. As usual, I advise you to investigate before you invest. Take a look at all of the options available to you first, then decide. No one will protect you like yourself.

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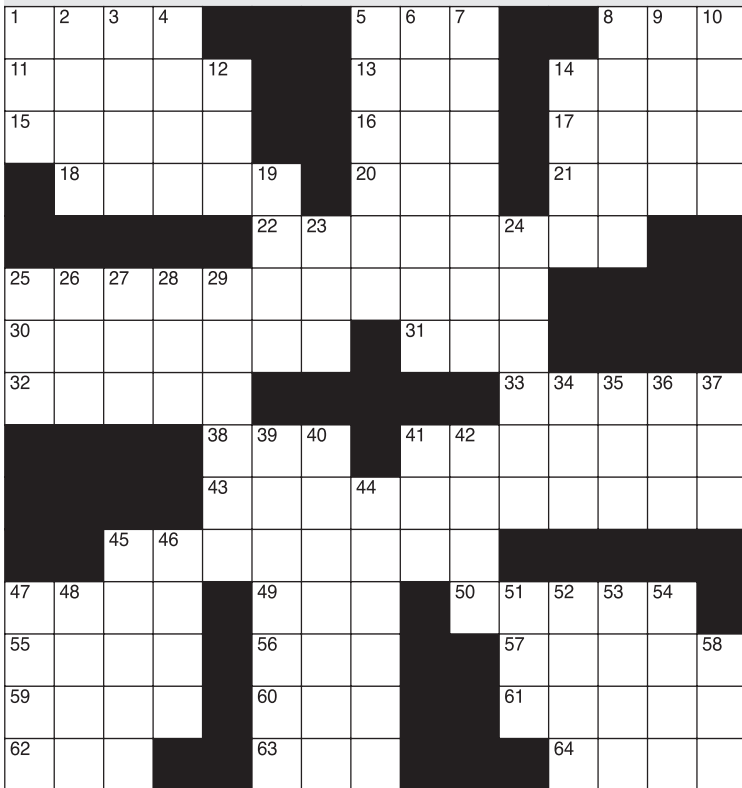
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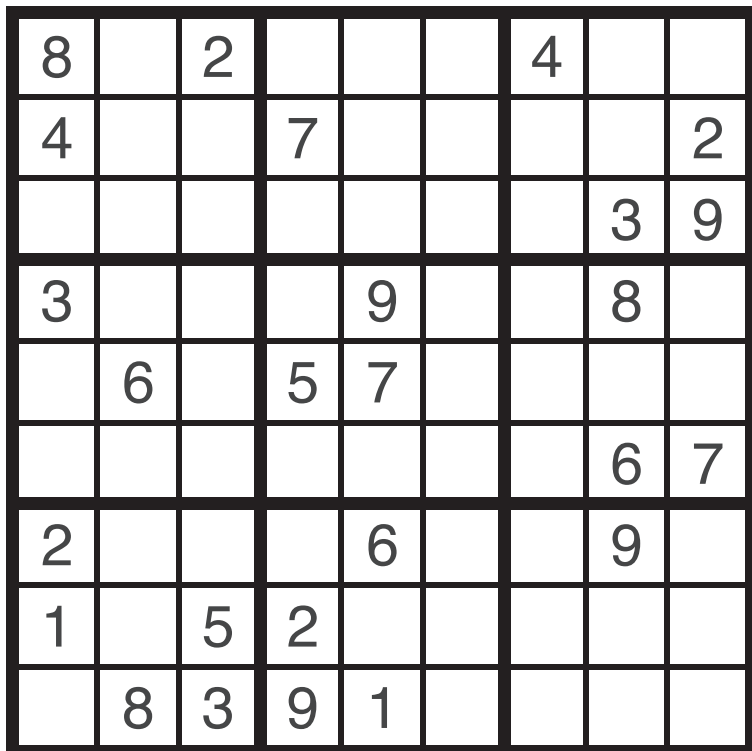


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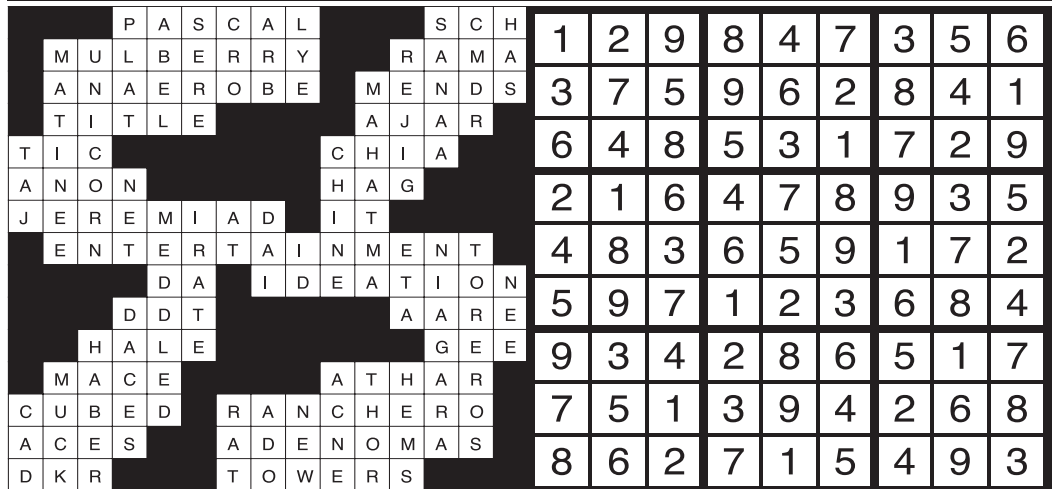
- 1. Dutch word for "language"
- 5. Popular music style
- 8. Body part
- 11. Largely dry valleys
- 13. Brew
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 15. Where rockers play
- 16. Human gene
- 17. One point east of northeast
- 18. Adversary
- 20. Small cask or barrel
- 21. About ear
- 22. Benign tumors
- 25. In a different way
- 30. One charged with a crime
- 31. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 32. Long, narrow straps
- 33. Passover
- 38. Ottoman military commander
- 41. One who does not succeed
- 43. Data

- 45. 3D image
 - 47. Whale ship captain
 - 49. Japanese title
 - 50. Made of wood
 - 55. Yokel
 - 56. Exercise system
 - 57. Supreme being
 - 59. Playing card with three spots
 - 60. Hostelry
 - 61. Spiritual leader
 - 62. Single lens reflex
 - 63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.
 - 64. Thomas ___, American cartoonist
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Shuttered airline
 - 2. Swiss river
 - 3. Port city in Yemen
 - 4. It can be straight
 - 5. Tennis player's tool
 - 6. Estranged
 - 7. Garden archway
 - 8. Assists
 - 9. Grain crop
 - 10. Millisecond
 - 12. U.S. Founding Father Adams
 - 14. Small, deerlike buffalo
 - 19. Easily manageable
 - 23. Male parent

- 24. Nearsightedness
- 25. Patriotic women
- 26. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 27. ___ fi (slang)
- 28. A joke rooted in wordplay
- 29. Attack violently
- 34. Keyboard key
- 35. ___ juris: independent
- 36. Corporate executive (abbr.)
- 37. Adult female bird
- 39. Pertains to knowledge
- 40. Pashtoes
- 41. Prefixed title for Italian monks
- 42. To be fired from a gun
- 44. A way to position
- 45. ___ process: produces ammonia
- 46. Follow instructions
- 47. Humanistic discipline
- 48. Throw
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. American hate group
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Seizes
- 58. Baseball stat



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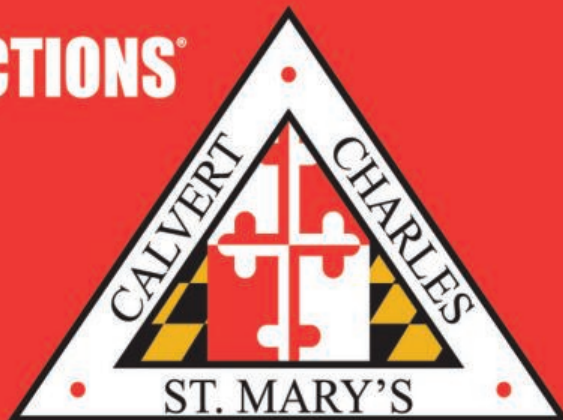


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