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School Superintendent: Virus Spread Means Masks Likely Upon Return for St. Mary's Students

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Many school systems, including in neighboring Calvert County, have decided to enact masking mandates for students and staff returning to school in the fall; St. Mary's public schools have not done so officially but the system's leader warns if trends continue the wearing of masks can be expected.

"What we're coordinating with the health department is the threshold response," said Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith in an interview with The County Times. "We're not just making some decision; we have to follow the data."

The data shows that the new case rate per 100,000 residents is well over 100, according to the county's health department.

Past guidance from the state on what constituted high transmission rates of COVID-19 showed that 100 or above cases per 100,000 residents met that threshold.

"For the whole summer in St. Mary's we've been in the moderate range for the whole county (between 10 to 49 cases per 100,000)," Smith said. "The school system hasn't been impacted that much."

But the swift rise in recent weeks of infections could change all that, he said.

"Right now, St. Mary's County is really high," Smith said. "The wearing of masks would be driven by the rate of community transmission, as it should always be."

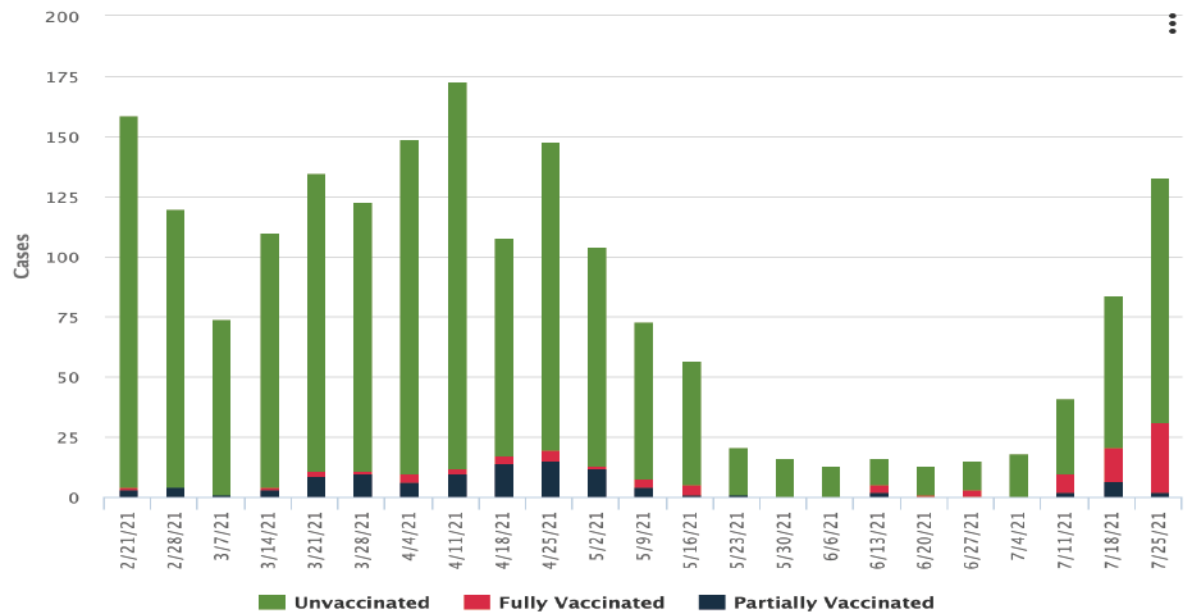
On July 29 Smith sent a letter to parents explaining that for the last two weeks of summer school masks would be required for the unvaccinated students attending class.

Adult staff and high school students who have been vaccinated, however, will not be required to wear masks indoors for the remainder of the summer session.

The change in policy was made at the

New Cases by Week & Vaccination Status

Fully vaccinated individuals include positive cases detected 14 or more days after the final dose of vaccine. Partially vaccinated individuals are positive cases detected after at least one dose of vaccine and 13 or fewer days after the final dose. Unvaccinated cases include positive tests from all individuals without any vaccine doses prior to a positive test.



behest of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the local health department's top official, Dr. Meena Brewster.

Brewster will join Smith next week at the Aug. 11 school board meeting to discuss the system's reopening plan that must be submitted to the state by Aug. 13.

Smith said he did not expect the trend in rising COVID-19 infections to abate anytime soon.

"If we stay in the range [of infection rate] we're in we would be following the same protocol [as for summer school]," Smith said. "If the community is in a high transmission level, we all need to do our part."

Despite the strong possibility of some kind of local masking requirement for schools, Smith said the return to classes on Aug. 30 would be mostly a return to normal.

"The one thing that will happen is everybody will come back to school," Smith said. "That means classes five

days a week, extracurricular activities, and full athletics."

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Quade, Former State Delegate, Passes Away

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Former St. Mary's County Del. John William Quade, who also represented Charles County in the Maryland General Assembly died last week.

In his honor the Commissioners of St. Mary's County ordered flags to be flown at half-mast.

A former U.S. Marine and a Vietnam War veteran he won the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat.

Quade gave an interview to a reporter with the then Enterprise Newspaper recounting stepping on a landmine while on patrol; Quade was badly wounded but two other men behind him were killed.

Local attorney Phil Dorsey, whose father former State's Attorney Walter Dorsey was close friends with Quade, said Quade was a staunch Democrat and close political ally as well.

Quade grew up in Clements on one of the largest farms in St. Mary's at the time, Dorsey said.

"He grew up working tobacco and hogs," said Dorsey. "All of his families were farmers."

After serving in combat in Vietnam with the Marine Corps, he returned home to attend St. Mary's College and went on to run for state delegate in 1978.

Before that he graduated law school and served as a local judge's law clerk and as an assistant state's attorney in St. Mary's from 1973 to 1975.

"He liked politics of course," Dorsey said. "He gave me my first job out of college, running his campaign with Angela Breck in St. Mary's County. "I really enjoyed it."

Quade served for four years in the General Assembly and then lost a senate run to the legendary Bernie Fowler, Dorsey said.

Quade went on to work with Jack Rue in real estate and worked with developer Larry Millison to build out his holdings in Lexington Park.

"He was a broker until he died," Dorsey said. "He still had his broker's license, Brick House Realty [and Appraisal.]"

Quade also had a long involvement with Breton Bay Country Club and served on its governing board, Dorsey said.



Flags Lowered For John William Quade, Jr.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County have ordered the Maryland State flag and St. Mary's County flag lowered to half-staff on August 5, 2021, in respect of The Honorable John William Quade, Jr., former St. Mary's County Delegate, who passed away on July 29, 2021.

The Honorable John William Quade, Jr. will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery later this year.

The Commissioners grieve the loss of Mr. Quade and extend their deepest sympathies to the family.

Quade had a real passion for the game.

"He was a good scratch golfer," Dorsey said. "He was just a good person and a real hard worker."

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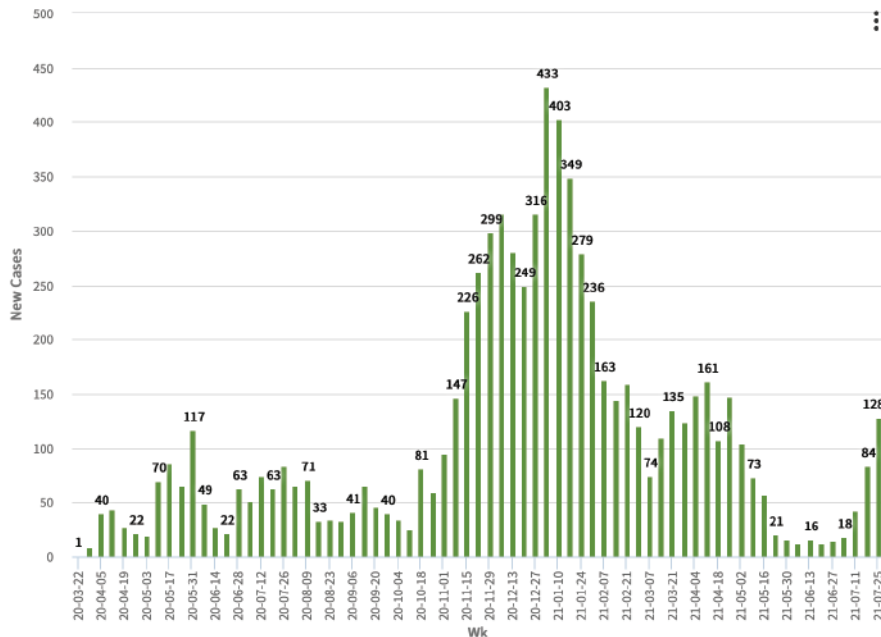


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Health Department Warns of COVID Rise

New Cases by Week



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the last week as risen sharply to 128, up rapidly from the 84 new cases of the week prior, in St. Mary's and the county's health officer is warning residents who have not been vaccinated to do so.

Dr. Meena Brewster said residents who have been vaccinated should exercise caution, including wearing masks indoors with large groups of people.

"The recent sharp rise in new COVID-19 cases, including breakthrough cases in those fully vaccinated, is a very troubling sign of increasing community spread," said Brewster. "The vast majority of new illnesses and hospitalizations are happening in unvaccinated people.

"While not 100 percent, we know vaccines are incredibly effective, including against COVID-19 variants."

The number of breakthrough cases in St. Mary's, where those who have been vaccinated have still contracted COVID-19, has increased in the last seven days by a sharp degree, the health de-

partment reported, to a total of 92 incidents.

The health department is strongly urging all community members who are not yet fully vaccinated to wear masks in indoor group settings and to get vaccinated if they are age eligible. COVID-19 vaccinations are provided to anyone age 12 and older at the health department's main office in Leonardtown. The health department advises that appointments are highly recommended but walk-ups will be accepted as vaccine supply allows.

Vaccines for those 12 years old and under are as yet not available.

While health professionals are concerned about the ease with which the Delta variant of COVID-19 is infecting patients – it has now become the primary strain of the disease in the country – there have been no new fatalities in the county for weeks.

The number of fatalities had remained at 132 county residents dying from COVID-19.

There have been a total of 7,664 COVID-19 cases recorded in St. Mary's.

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Special Olympics Wants Bowling to Return

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The local area director of Special Olympics Maryland (SOM) has asked county leaders to consider lending financial support to bringing a bowling alley back to St. Mary's County.

About two years ago the only publicly available bowling alley, Esperanza Lanes, in Lexington Park, closed and rumored attempts to reuse the space left on the Three Notch Road location or open it again as a bowling alley never materialized.

"If you could assist in getting investors interested again, this would bring a service back into our county that would also generate more revenue once again," Jeffrey Hagen wrote to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. "Bottom line; this county needs a bowling alley that will benefit all age groups including youth, teens, abled, disabled, [and] leagues all the while providing additional jobs and revenue in St. Mary's."

The only other bowling alley in St. Mary's is on NAS Patuxent River and not open to the public; the nearest such facility is in Huntingtown in Calvert on Plum Point Road.

Hagen said the games once available

at Esperanza Lanes were of particular value to the athletes of Special Olympics in St. Mary's, but also to many other groups.

"This assisted our community with inclusion for those students that are not part of my Special Olympics community program."

Special Olympics bowlers who once played the game here were as young as 8 years old, Hagen said, and without an upper age limit used the local play practice to qualify for state and world-level games.

Bowling also afforded program participants who were not fit enough to participate in more physically demanding sports a way to compete, Hagen said.

In his July 26 missive, Hagen said, the vacant store front on Alton Lane in California – once operated as a Weis grocery store before closing – could be a viable space to operate a bowling alley if investors were unable to restore the Esperanza Lanes location.

"I would love to see a viable bowling alley in the county," said County Commissioner Eric Colvin. "I'm just not sure we're in a position to make that happen."

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Agency Collection Activities to Resume August 16

Comptroller Franchot pledges to work with taxpayers economically impacted by the pandemic

Comptroller Peter Franchot announced today that the Comptroller's Office will resume collection activities beginning August 16, 2021.

Collection and licensing activities have been on hold as a result of Executive Orders issued by Governor Larry Hogan in response to COVID-19, but those activities were to resume no later than June 30, 2021.

At the Comptroller's request, in recognition of the financial struggles of Maryland individuals and businesses resulting from the pandemic, as well as the role that the his agency played in administrating and assisting in pandemic relief programs, Governor Hogan granted an additional extension through August 15, 2021.

"My office will continue to work with individual and business taxpayers who continue to feel the lingering effects of the pandemic," Comptroller Franchot said. "I'm encouraged that Maryland's high vaccination rates could help us emerge from the pandemic, but for many, COVID-19 took a heavy toll on their bottom lines that will take a long time from which to recover."

Enforcement activities that will resume on August 16 include, but are not limited to, offsets of state and federal income tax

refunds, license holds, audit and collection activities, including the issuing of liens, offsets of state vendor payments, and resumption of pre-pandemic payment agreements.

Some taxpayers may receive notices from the Comptroller's Office prior to August 16, but these notices will be limited to those circumstances where legal action is required earlier than August 16 to protect the interests of the State of Maryland.

Taxpayers with liabilities may contact the Comptroller's Office at any time to discuss their situations or to enter into payment arrangements:

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St. Mary's Man Charged with Rape in Calvert

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Calvert Sheriff's Office detectives have charged a Mechanicville man with the first-degree rape of a minor for an alleged incident in Lusby in July.

The victim, a reportedly intoxicated 16-year-old girl, and witnesses all told police that they saw the defendant, 21-year-old Jovan Gabriel Parker, holding a gun to the victim's head to allegedly make her to perform a sex act on him at an address on Walsh Lane July 14.

When a witness saw the defendant and the victim in a shed on the property, according to an application for a statement of charges against Parker filed in Calvert County District Court they called 911; by the time deputies responded, Parker had already fled.

The defendant had left his red Toyota sedan registered to him at the residence and deputies found him a short distance away walking around, court papers stated.

Deputies searched Parker and found a loaded pistol magazine in his underwear, court papers stated, that was designed for a Glock firearm.

When detectives interviewed the victim, they found her to be intoxicated – she told police she had imbibed alcohol and smoke marijuana at the residence while spending time with school friends.

She told police Parker had provided the alcohol, court papers stated, and that she remembered little of the incident except that



Jovan Gabriel Parker

Parker had placed a gun to her head and told her to perform a sex act on him.

Police learned that Parker had come to the residence to “smoke” after work, court papers stated, but before that had traveled to another unknown residence in Lusby to retrieve his “strap” a case witness told police.

That same witness said they saw Parker go into the residence and return to the vehicle brandishing a handgun; the witness said it had a tan grip and a black slide.

When witnesses noticed that the young victim was not close by, they went to the shed on the property and found both her and Parker there.

When police impounded his vehicle they found a handgun that seemed to match the description of the handgun Parker was alleged to have used against the victim.

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Charles County Man Convicted in Slaying of St. Mary's Woman

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Charles County jury found Anthony Dangelo Wilkins, 37, of Waldorf, guilty last week of second-degree murder in the death of Miaquita Gray, 26, of Lexington Park, stemming from a shooting at a bar on Crain Highway in 2017.

Wilkins was also convicted of an attempted murder charge as well as other counts, according to Charles County State's Attorney Tony Covington's office.

The victim's mother, Delores Gray, celebrated the verdict on social media.

“Justice for Miaquita,” the victim's mother wrote. “Guilty on all counts.”

On February 4, 2017, Charles County sheriff's deputies responded to the Beer 4 U Bar located in the 2100 block of Crain Highway in Waldorf for a report of a shooting.

Upon arrival, officers discovered several victims suffering from various injuries, including Emmanuel Perkins, who sustained head injuries from an earlier assault, and Gray, who suffered a gunshot wound to the upper body. Gray was later pronounced deceased as a result of her injuries.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a few moments prior to the shooting, Perkins was physically assaulted and robbed by three male suspects in the bathroom of Beer 4 U, according to Covington's office.

After the assault, Perkins and his girlfriend, Gray, exited the bar and stood in the parking lot of the establishment; the suspects had exited the establishment prior to Gray and Perkins leaving the bar.



Anthony Dangelo Wilkins

Perkins recognized the three male suspects and pointed them out. One of the suspects brandished a gun and began firing at Perkins and Gray, fatally striking Gray. Two other victims were struck but did not sustain life-threatening injuries.

A further investigation revealed Wilkins as the shooter and identified co-defendant Charles Leon Thompson, Jr. as an accomplice to the shooting and the armed robbery in the bathroom.

On December 4, 2017, Thompson entered a guilty plea to armed robbery and use of a handgun during the commission of a crime of violence, and was sentenced to 40 years in prison by Judge William R. Greer, Jr. on June 29, 2018.

A sentencing date has been set for Wilkins on October 20, 2021 at 1 p.m. He faces up to 138 years in prison, according to Covington's office.

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Request for Proposals: Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Services Consultant (RFP)

The St. Mary's County Health Department Behavioral Health Division is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for a Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Services Consultant to assist in developing behavioral health crisis stabilization services within St. Mary's County. The Awardee will develop protocols, policies, coordination between exist-

ing programs including but not limited to: Crisis Stabilization, Co-Responders Program/Mobile Treatment, harm reduction, LEAD, and day reporting programs. The deadline for receipt of proposals is August 9, 2021.

To learn more about this RFP and how to apply, please visit: www.smchd.org/rfp.

MSDE Announces \$19.5 Million Available

Three-Year Grants Up to \$900,000 Now Available

Supporting student social and emotional health and academic acceleration as the State emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has announced the availability of \$19.5 million in grant funding for after school programs as part of its American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. This MSDE grant program will provide academic enrichment opportunities during after school hours for Maryland children — particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.

“Maryland’s after school programs provide critical services to our children, supporting overall youth development, academic achievement and social-emotional wellbeing,” said Governor Larry Hogan. “These grants will help establish additional community programs that rally behind our students, especially those most impacted by the pandemic.”

The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the implementation of evidence-based, comprehensive after school programs that respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on certain student populations. Grants are for a three-year time span (ending in August of 2024) and range from a minimum of \$250,000 to a maximum of \$900,000.

“After school programs will be an important tool in supporting our students as we continue to emerge from the pandemic and move forward,” said State Superintendent of Schools Mohammed

Choudhury. “Providing homework assistance and tutoring, channeling students’ creativity, ensuring physical exercise, and more, these extended day opportunities support our students in achieving academic and post-graduation success.”

This MSDE after school grant program supports the development of ARP ESSER-based assistance to aid eligible schools including Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (defined as schools in the lowest five percent of Title I schools, high schools with graduation rates less than 67 percent), Title I Schools that serve at least 40 percent of students from low income families, and other schools determined by the local school systems to need intervention and support. Additional priority points will be granted to applicants that propose to serve local school systems in which 50 percent or fewer students received in person instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as applications that integrate social-emotional learning.

Local school systems, public charter schools, nonprofit 501(c)(3), faith-based, or other private or public organizations interested in creating after school learning centers may apply. The deadline for application submission is Friday, August 20 at 5:00 PM. Proposal review will begin September 8 and after school program providers will be notified of awards by October 15.

The RFPs, a walkthrough of the application, and more information about the ARP ESSER fund can be found at the ARP ESSER fund webpage.

Traffic Shifted at Point Lookout State Park

Part of Route 5 Safety Project



The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) temporarily shift traffic along MD 5 (Point Lookout Road) in St. Mary’s County between Camp Brown Road and the Point Lookout State Park entrance on Aug 3 as part of the \$24 million project to enhance safety along the roadway.

Part of Governor Larry Hogan’s \$1.97 billion investment in highways and bridges, the project widens the 2.2-mile section of MD 5 from south of Camp Brown Road to the entrance to Point Lookout State Park, creating better and safer access for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers visiting the park.

The lane shift is expected to be in place through early 2022.

In recent months, crews have performed construction work that includes pipe installation, erosion and sediment and clearing, milling and stabilizing the outside shoulders of the existing two-lane roadway. Crews widened the existing shoulder by four feet to maintain two travel lanes throughout construction. The widening allows the lane shift so that crews

can work along the southbound travel lane.

The overall project also includes installation of a 2,800-foot-long hiker-biker path from the Point Lookout Park Ranger station to the causeway, and environmental mitigation and restoration measures.

Portable variable message signs are providing advance notification of the upcoming traffic shift, and construction barrels will guide motorists through the work zone. MDOT SHA’s contractor Corman Kokosing Construction Company of Annapolis Junction is performing the work.

Customers with questions about this project may contact the MDOT SHA District 5 office at 410-841-1000 or toll-free at 1-800-331-5603. Drivers should remain alert for equipment, work crews and changing traffic patterns.

MDOT SHA works hard to maintain safe traffic mobility in work zones for our crews as well as our customers. Drivers need to stay alert, focus on driving and look for reduced speed limits. Slow down and be alert in construction zones to help ensure our teams get home safely to their families.

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Wanted Individual- Tyrone Lamont Jackson

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Tyrone Lamont Jackson, age 37 of no fixed address. Jackson violated the conditions of his release from the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and is wanted for the charge of escape. Jackson is a black male, 6'1" and weighs 175 pounds with brown eyes and black hair.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Tyrone Lamont Jackson is asked to contact Detective Trevor Teague at (301) 475-4200 extension 78128 or by email at Trevor.Teague@stmarysmd.com. For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

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



Tyrone Jackson

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.

Fatal Collision in Charlotte Hall Under Investigation

On July 30, 2021, at approximately 11:08 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the reported motor vehicle collision with a vehicle on fire in the 30000 block of Three Notch Road, at the intersection of Golden Beach Road, in Charlotte Hall. Deputies arrived on scene and located one vehicle engulfed in flames, with at least one occupant inside the vehicle. Members of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined a 2008 Subaru Outback operated by Aleksandar Andreev Ivanchev, age 38 of Lexington Park, was traveling north bound on Three Notch Road at a high rate of speed. Ivanchev continued through a solid red light and struck a 2005 Ford Escape, which was traveling from Golden Beach Road through the intersection of Three Notch Road, with a solid green light. Upon impact, the Ford Escape became engulfed in flames. The Ford Escape was occupied by two individuals, who were pronounced deceased on scene. The identities of the victims are being withheld pending positive identification. Ivanchev suffered incapacitating injuries and was transported from the scene to an area trauma center for treatment.

At this time, speed and failing to obey a traffic control device appear to be contributing factors



Aleksandar Ivanchev

in the collision. Anyone who witnessed the collision or events leading to the collision that have not already provided a statement, are asked to contact Sergeant Sheena Tirpak at (301) 475-4200 extension 78051 or by email at Sheena.Tirpak@stmarysmd.com.

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“Performing is Kind of Like Riding a Bike.”

Scott Kirby Comes back to Solomons for 1st Time Since 2019

By Tim Flaherty
Contributing Writer

“I think performing is kind of like riding a bike,” says singer-songwriter Scott Kirby, who appears this weekend on Solomons Island. “You don’t lose that skill. However, remembering thousands of lyrics can fade if you don’t play the songs regularly.”

Kirby, who’s fulltime residence is in Kittery, Maine, spent much of his time at home during the pandemic shutdown practicing and refreshing his memory by practicing his old songs and through Facebook Live appearances. Scattered outdoor appearances and a socially-distanced, limited-attendance theater concert broadcast on National Public Radio from Texas made sure he did not gather too much rust.

Kirby’s Solomons show this weekend will be the 14 annual concert he has performed in conjunction with the Southern Maryland Sailing Association. That number includes a virtual show last year from his boathouse in Kittery. “I always look forward to coming to SMSA,” he tells the County Times. “I’ve sailed my entire adult life, and many of my songs are inspired by coastal life. I think the listeners who come to SMSA very much

connect to my music.

“I always meet new people at the Solomons show,” he adds.

Like many performers, Kirby faced much professional difficulty in 2020 and the first few months of 2021. “I lost quite a bit of work, but not travelling all the time allowed me to learn to be still and gave me time to take a number of classes online and to work on new songs.”

Kirby’s traveling schedule has ramped up over the past four months. “I just finished traveling through 40 states,” he says, “and I’m headed to Ireland next month for an Irish tour with Irish musician Gabriel Donohue.”

In addition to his Maine residence, Kirby spends several months per year in Key West, Florida, where he is a co-owner of The Smokin’ Tuna Saloon, an entertainment bar and restaurant that features many nationally known musical acts. Key West, the Chesapeake Bay region and Coastal New England are all prominent features of Kirby’s original songs. His musical style is often compared to that of James Taylor, with a bit of Jimmy Buffett thrown in.

The Southern Maryland Sailing Association Clubhouse on Solomons Island



will be the venue for this Sunday’s show. It is a listening room environment and holds less than 100 people. The show is open to the public, although non-SMSA members will be asked to sign the guest book. Doors at SMSA will open at 3pm, with the music starting at 4pm. The concert is sponsored by Corona Extra (Bozick Distributors of Waldorf), The Solomons Holiday Inn Conference Center and Marina, Spring Cove Marina In

Solomons, Quantum Sails Solomons Island, and PRMI Mortgages of St. Mary’s County. More info and a link to buy tickets can be found at <https://smsa.com>. The venue asks that unvaccinated persons wear masks. The mask policy may be updated according to CDC’s and Calvert County recommendations at the time of the concert.

Scott Kirby has one more message for his fans: “Get vaccinated.”

Skill Building With the Tri-County Council

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) surpassed 603 SkillUp Southern Maryland registrants within seven months of the program start. To increase the skills of the region’s workforce and provide residents with tools to train for new job opportunities, TCCSMD launched SkillUp Southern Maryland in January of this year.

“We’re thrilled with the outcome thus far. Through SkillUp Southern Maryland, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s County residents and local businesses have access to thousands of courses for career development and onboarding training,” said Ruthy Davis, TCCSMD Director of Regional Workforce & Business Development.

All Southern Maryland residents are eligible to take over 5,000 free online classes, explore career pathways, and prepare for various industry-recognized certifications. Thus far, 1,622 courses have been completed.

“This program is a spectacular free resource for those re-entering the workforce and for businesses bringing on new employees,” Davis continued to say.

SkillUp Southern Maryland delivers flexible, self-paced learning that can be accessed from anywhere with a high-speed internet connection. Users will complete a self-assessment of their skills, identify any skill gaps, and auto-

matically receive recommended courses to remediate those gaps. Available topics include Microsoft Office, Effective Customer Service, Project Management, Leadership, Critical Thinking, CompTIA, and many more.

To enroll online, learners can visit <http://southernmaryland.skillupamerica.org>.

Local businesses can take advantage of SkillUp® Southern Maryland for new-hire training. A custom curriculum can be developed based on the employer or industry. Companies can also access the platform’s employer portal to identify skilled candidates or list their job openings. Interested employers can contact TCCSMD at SkillUp@tccsmd.org.

SkillUp Southern Maryland was made possible by funding from the Rural Maryland Council.

About Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) was formed in 1964, as a cooperative planning and development agency to foster the social and economic development of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties. The purpose of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland is to serve as a forum for the resolution of region-wide issues and the attainment of regional goals.

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FOX 5 Zip Trip Visits Leonardtown



The FOX 5 crew visited Leonardtown July 31; they interviewed former mayor J. Harry Norris (top) and town councilmembers Jay Mattingly, Mary Slade and Nick Colvin



Furniture Gallery Celebrates 12 Years



In a time where consumers are increasingly frustrated with purchasing merchandise online, Furniture Gallery of Prince Frederick is celebrating its 12th Anniversary this month. Located in the Fox Run Shopping Center in Prince Frederick, it is the only independent, family owned Furniture Store in Southern Maryland.

The combination of quality furniture, friendly customer service, and custom design options has

been key to the stores' continued success. Owner David Raley is carrying on his family's tradition which began in 1958 when his father Bill opened his first store in Lexington Park. Though Furniture Gallery is surrounded by corporate chain stores with huge advertising budgets in neighboring counties, business continues to thrive. Raley is grateful for his store's loyal customer base and their referrals.



Butterfly Stroll First Friday

First Friday in Leonardtown 11 AM to 8 PM.

Come on out for a special evening including shopping, dinner, dessert, and one-evening-only specials at participating shops, restaurants, and art galleries! Also featured will be the newly opened Butterfly Trail, audience participation Drum Circle, and Drumline performance. Check the "Leonardtown First Fridays" Facebook page for details about specific events in Downtown and beyond.

The traditional time of events is 5 to 8 PM however many businesses are open both before and after this time frame, please check w/ individual shops for details.

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Contact info: email Jen Stotler at membership@thelba.org or call (301) 247-7611.



Franchot Reminds Taxpayers of Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week



Comptroller Peter Franchot reminds taxpayers that Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week returns August 8-14 with significant savings for consumers, scholarship opportunities for college and trade school students, and a much-needed sales boost for retailers.

"Tax-free week is a rite of Maryland's late summer, signaling the approach of a new school year, cooler weather and a change of wardrobe," Comptroller Franchot said. "Maryland's high vaccination rates means life is beginning to return to normal. While I continue to urge caution, Marylanders should take advantage of tax-free week savings and support locally owned businesses that have been hit hard during the pandemic."

During the week, any single qualifying article of clothing or footwear priced \$100 or less – regardless of how many items are purchased in the same transaction – will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax. The first \$40 of any backpack purchase is also tax free. Although commonly associated with back-to-school shopping, Comptroller Franchot reminds Marylanders that tax-free savings apply to shoppers of all ages.

The Comptroller's Office is partnering with the Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) to again offer scholarships to two students attending a Maryland university, college or trade school, with a \$1,000 award for first place and a \$500 prize for second place. The University System of Maryland has agreed to match the scholarship if either of the winning students attend one of its institutions. Winning students who attend Goucher College, Hood College, Mount St. Mary's University, Stevenson University, Washington Adventist University and the Maryland Institute Col-

lege of Art (MICA) will also have their scholarships doubled.

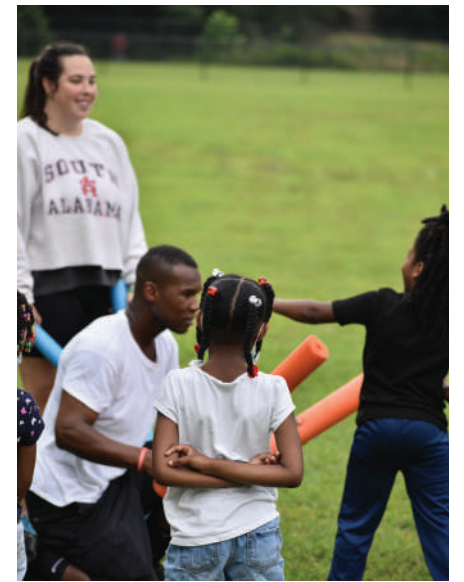
To enter, students must email a creative photo or video (less than 60 seconds) promoting tax-free week, showcasing their purchases and their support of Maryland retailers to SHOPMDTAXFREE@marylandtaxes.gov no later than August 15, 2021. Entries also should be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or TikTok using the hashtag #shopmdtaxfree. For best consideration, submissions should display and tag the name of the retailer and explain why it's their favorite place to shop tax free.

"Small businesses depend on their community to survive unexpected and long-lasting economic downturns and we are just beginning to come out from under the crushing weight of the pandemic," said Cailey Locklair, president of the Maryland Retailers Association. "Students can win a scholarship simply by using their ingenuity to promote a local business."

Scholarship winners in past years have attended institutions throughout Maryland, including public universities, private schools and community colleges. Last year's recipients were recognized for their contributions to Maryland businesses during the pandemic.

For more information about Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week, visit the Comptroller's website for a list of tax-exempt items, frequently asked questions, and valuable facts for shoppers and merchants.

The Comptroller's social media pages will promote the special savings week, showcasing local retailers and encouraging shoppers to take advantage of the promotion. Retailers can also download Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week graphics to display in-store and to post on social media platforms.



Nonprofit Institute Provides Lifeline During Pandemic

Two Southern Maryland nonprofit organizations are crediting the Nonprofit Institute (NPI) at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) for not only saving their businesses over the course of the past 17 months, but for also strengthening their organizations to better serve their communities.

Spokespersons from both The Arc Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick and Pure Play Every Day in Charles County recently told “Inside Your County Government” podcast host Brent Huber that NPI at CSM is “the backbone of success” for many of the area’s nonprofits.

“I have been active with the Nonprofit Institute for the last almost two years and I know that we probably would not be surviving and thriving like we did through this pandemic without the resources [NPI] has,” shared The Arc Southern Maryland Marketing and Communications Coordinator Lyndee Waldbauer. “At the very beginning of COVID, Cara said let’s move these [monthly] Affinity Groups to weekly and we all hung on. [The meetings] were our lifeline. That’s how we got through the first several months of the pandemic”

NPI Consultant Cara Fogarty joined Huber, Waldbauer and Pure Play Every Day, Inc. Executive Director Patty Stine during the podcast to reflect on how the Nonprofit Institute went the extra mile during the COVID crisis to help nonprofit organizations share resources and ideas; learn about and prepare grant applications for aid; and stand up creative ways to serve constituents in a virtual environment.

“We’re small, but we’re mighty,” Fogarty said of her team. NPI at CSM is led by CSM Continuing Education and Workforce Development Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives Kyle Kebaugh and includes Michelle Sullivan and Fogarty – who have been with the Institute for close to five years – and Amy Davis, who recently joined. All three have robust experience with nonprofits and Sullivan and Davis are also executive directors of nonprofit organizations.

When news of the pandemic arrived in March of 2020, the Nonprofit Institute at CSM immediately went into action to help the region’s nonprofit leaders navigate COVID-19 relief loans and grants. They called their Affinity Groups centered on volunteer coordination, fundraising, and public relations/marketing/communications to order more frequently and stayed steady with twice-a-week community calls with the United Ways of Charles and St. Mary’s for 18 straight weeks. The Institute even held its 11th Annual Nonprofit Conference virtually



five months ago bringing together 23 leaders to talking about “Adapting to Change.”

“We proved during the pandemic that we all are stronger together than we are as individual silos,” Fogarty continued.

“The collaboration that came out of the meetings is what has kept us thriving,” Waldauer added. “It was the kind of back bone of success for many of the nonprofits in our area. The collaboration was part of our success plan and remains so as we come out of COVID. And any nonprofit that you talk to that was a part of this is going to tell you the same thing.”

Patty Stine, executive director of Pure Play Every Day, Inc., agreed.

“[NPI] was instrumental in our growth as a nonprofit because when we started, we literally didn’t know what we were doing,” Stine shared. “NPI provided resources and guidance and network connections that made it possible for us have so many partners. We had to turn our program upside down. Instead of being where people were, we had to send things home. We had to figure out to play through a computer screen.”

Fogarty affirmed that the Nonprofit Institute is just one of many resources offered by CSM. “Nonprofits are an economic engine and our team’s work is just another way the college reaches, and meets, the needs of the local community.”

She also credits her appointment to Maryland Governor’s Nonprofit Working Group, organized by the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives for broadening her scope on how the Nonprofit Institute could further help Southern Maryland. The group, which was comprised of nonprofit organizations throughout the state, was tasked with making recommendations to Gov. Larry Hogan’s Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery. The Nonprofit Institute represented the voice and interest of Southern Maryland nonprofits at the state level and through Fogarty’s service on the Charles County COVID-19 Recovery Task Force; a group created by the Charles County Economic Development Advisory Board at the request of the county commissioners.

“Having a voice with these two initiatives proved to be extraordinarily helpful for the nonprofit community in Southern Maryland,” Fogarty said.

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Valley Lee Firehouse Finally Near Completion

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In the normally quiet community of the 2nd and 9th election districts of Valley Lee, Piney Point, and St. George Island the question of whether or not to build a new home for the 2nd District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad has been perhaps the most divisive issue in recent memory.

Some protesting the project did not want the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to raise the fire and rescue tax to help pay for it; others wanted the new station to help attract new volunteers with its modernized operational capabilities and provide proper space for larger apparatus and training for their membership.

Not everyone in the department wanted the new facility, either.

But the new station is nearly completed and leadership at the company say they have received little to no negative comments and are ready to begin moving in as soon as construction is finished by late fall.

"It's a plus for us," said Company 6 Chief Lynn "Red Top" Henderson. "The apparatus have grown; now we'll be able to put the equipment back on the apparatus without having to move them out first."

"And now we'll have more bunk space for volunteers to live there so that should improve response times."

The current building the company has to use was built in 1961 and has not been appreciably changed since then.

"Even with the gear we have... it's pretty close quarters in there," Henderson said.

The new station will have enough space for 13 individual rooms for volunteers, said Blair Swann, Vice President at Company 6.

"They'll have to run calls while they're living at the station," Swann said of members. "And they'll have to follow the rules of the station."

Currently there are just six bunk spaces for volunteers at the old facility.

The new building has two levels but the second floor is reserved solely for machinery, with all operations and activities on the first floor.

It dwarfs the older building at 27,000 square feet in size; all of the administrative offices, bunk space, lounge, kitchen and training areas are on the side of the building closest to Callaway, while the operations spaces and apparatus bays are closer to Piney Point.



The new building sits facing Piney Point Road is adjacent to the aging headquarters.

President Eddie Stauffer said the projected price tag for the new station house had risen over the several years it took to get financing and the fire and rescue tax increase.

The new building will likely cost between \$12 million to \$13 million; its starting cost was a projected \$8 million.

The Great Mills Trading Post construction company is the contractor on the project; the leadership with which high impressed with the quickness they have been able to construct much of the building, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Construction began last summer and is expected to be finished by November, Stauffer said.

Construction crews had severe rains to contend with in their work, but they persevered, Stauffer said.

"They've been excellent," Stauffer said. "There's still a lot to do inside but they said they're going to be on time."

Though the price tag is higher, Henderson and Swann said, it gives the company a full package for a new home.

"It'll be turn key ready," Swann said. "That's furniture, gym equipment, computers, bunks and other amenities."

"That includes our alarm system; it's all state of the art."

The old building will be made available for the company's auxiliary while a study committee makes recommendations on its future.

"The new station has no social hall," Swann said.

Like all the other fire and rescue companies in St. Mary's, de-



Vice President Blair Swann, Randy Guy of Great Mills Trading Post, and Chief Lynn Henderson

mands for services have risen substantially in the last decade, particularly for emergency medical services.

The 2nd District company, though, is the only one that operates both as a fire and EMS provider out of one facility.

All rescue squads in the county are now using county-paid contractors to staff their stations during the day time.

Company 6 now answers between 1,500 to 1,800 calls a year, the vast majority are medical in nature.

"In the last 10 years the calls have dramatically increased," Swann said.

The hope that a new station would bring new recruits has so far had some success, company leadership said.

"It draws younger members,"

Henderson said. "We've brought in 11 new firefighters in the past two years and eight EMS personnel."

Stauffer said the company's volunteers were still able to staff the station at night, but it was disappointing, though necessary now, to rely on paid contractors to work during the day.

The daily job demands on volunteers made getting day-time hours filled virtually impossible; moreover, the rigorous training demands for EMTs and the after-action reports they had to file made the work less appealing for some.

"Here we are building a new building and EMS went paid for day check," Stauffer said. "But we're filling the schedule running nights."

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Purdue University Global Partners with CSM

CSM Board Chair, Vice Chair Reappointed

Offers Guaranteed Admission, Full Credit Transfers



A new partnership between Purdue University Global and the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will facilitate students' seamless transfer from CSM to Purdue Global in several areas of study, and at a discount.

CSM students graduating with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher will be able to transfer coursework and credits directly into a bachelor's degree program at Purdue Global. CSM associate degree graduates will transfer to Purdue Global with junior status and with guaranteed admission into their preferred area of study.

Many programs from CSM align with the Purdue Global offerings, including analytics, cloud computing and solutions, criminal justice, cybersecurity, early childhood education, environmental policy and management, fire and emergency management, fire science, and human services. Purdue Global will provide materials, catalogs and other information to CSM advisors to facilitate their understanding of university requirements and academic programs.

"Purdue Global joins with the College of Southern Maryland in a commitment to helping students achieve their higher education goals with a smooth transfer of credits," Purdue Global Chancellor Frank Dooley said. "This commitment strongly

supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat courses for learning they have already demonstrated and achieved. We offer many options for obtaining a bachelor's and/or master's degree, and look forward to welcoming CSM students to the Purdue family."

The maximum number of credits that can be accepted and applied to a bachelor's degree at Purdue Global is 86 semester credits. The majority of transfer pathways from CSM to Purdue Global will facilitate the application of at least 60 credits when students complete an associate degree and transfer to complete a complementary bachelor's degree.

"We are thrilled to continue our expansion of transfer opportunities for CSM students," said Jacqui Rogers, CSM coordinator of transfer and articulation. "And we are equally as excited to grow our relationship with a quality institution like Purdue University Global."

CSM students transferring to Purdue Global will receive a 20% tuition discount on Purdue Global undergraduate programs and a 14% discount on graduate programs.

To learn more about all of the transfer agreements and opportunities available for CSM students, visit the www.csmd.edu to conduct an online search by institution or by area of study.

Press Release from CSM.

The beginning of the new fiscal year in July brings the confirmation of leadership roles within the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Board of Trustees. Officers re-appointed this month to serve CSM's Board of Trustees over the next year are Jay W. Webster of Calvert County as chair and Shawn B. Coates of Charles County as vice chair.

Webster was appointed to the board in 2016, served as vice chair starting July 1, 2019 and became chair July 1, 2020. He is vice president and part owner of Marrick Properties, Inc., providing oversight to senior management, and developing and implementing creative strategic development for the homebuilders since 1984. Previously he was affiliated with Century 21 as Jay Webster & Associates Real Estate Sales in Upper Marlboro.

Webster has achieved notable recognition, including being named Realtor of the Year in Prince George's County and 40 Under 40 by the Washington Business Journal. He has served as president of the Rotary Club of Upper Marlboro, president of the Rotary Club of Southern Prince George's County, president of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors, chair of the Arbitration Committee for the Prince George's Association of Realtors, and as regional vice president and as a member of the executive committee for the Maryland Association of Realtors. Webster has achieved Golden "R" and Life Member RPAC with the National Association of Realtors.

Webster's community involvement has included serving on the Calvert County Hospice board of directors, including as president and he chaired the steering committee for the Burnett Calvert Hospice House which began accepting patients in 2010. Known as the "house that love built," it is a six-bed residential home in Prince Frederick designed for Calvert County residents in hospice care who require more skilled care than those at home can provide.

A senior leader in the United States government with more than 20 years of experience, Coates has served in leadership and management roles at numerous government agencies. Coates was appointed to serve as a trustee from



CSM Board of Trustees Chairman Jay Webster.

July 1, 2018 through 2023. He was first appointed vice chair July 1, 2020.

At the time of his appointment to vice chair, Coates shared that he "proudly follows in his grandmother's footsteps," as CSM Trustee Emeritus Veronica Coates played a significant role in helping to guide this college when serving as a trustee from 1976 to 1993, including her five years as vice chair and two years as chair.

Coates, of White Plains, serves as the scholarship chair for Morgan State University Southern Maryland Alumni Chapter; is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and participates with the Black Executive Exchange Program.

A frequent speaker on topics of diversity, hiring, development and retention, Coates has presented at the Blacks in Government Conference and served as a panelist for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship Conference.

He is involved with Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society, National Society of Black Engineers, Golden Key International Honor Society, National Black MBA Association, Blacks in Government Association and African American Federal Executive Association.

Webster and Coates serve with fellow trustees Kenneth W. Abell, Sonja M. Cox, Jose M. Gonzalez, Samuel C. Jones, Christy Lombardi, Cordelia S. Postell and Dr. John W. Roache.

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AVIAN President Joins CSM Foundation

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation announces retired U.S. Navy (USN) Commander Kevin Switick has joined the Foundation's board as its newest director. The Calvert County resident is the president and chief executive officer at AVIAN Inc., an employee-owned business in Lexington Park.

"We are very excited to have Kevin join the Foundation and bring his wealth of experience to support our students and CSM's role as an economic partner in our communities," said CSM Executive Director of the CSM Foundation Chelsea Clute. "His leadership and ties to our military communities will be invaluable."

Switick's company, AVIAN, is a defense aerospace services company that has consistently grown over the past 16 years and has been recognized by Inc. Magazine as one of America's fastest growing private companies in for 10 consecutive years, as well as one of the nation's Best Places to Work. AVIAN has more than 300 employees serving more than 80 clients in 13 states with annual revenues exceeding \$50 million.

"Supporting the CSM Foundation mission is an opportunity I am really looking forward to," Switick said. "Access to education and making meaningful connections are two passions of mine. I look forward to being a member of the board and sharing thought and ideas that ultimately support education seekers in our tri-county area that can't afford to fund their education goals."

He is a graduate of Villanova University, the University of Tennessee Space Institute, the U.S. Air Force's Air Command and Staff College and the United States Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS). He served as a naval officer, as a member of the Department of Defense's Acquisition Professional Community, the USN's Space Cadre and the Navy's Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer Corp from 1986 to 2006. Switick is a Desert Storm veteran and has supported the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Patuxent River, Maryland for more than 30 years. His professional experience at NAVAIR includes serving as a test pilot and instructor for the USNTPS, a product team lead for the MH-60R Program and the chief operational test director for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) ONE. His tours included HSL-42 and HSL-37 flying attack helicopters from small combat-



Retired U.S. Navy Commander Kevin Switick

ant warships. From 1999 to 2002, Switick was assigned to the Navy Warfare Development Command and he served in the Concepts Development Department as the Unmanned Systems Concept Development Lead. In 2009, Switick was a key architect for what is now known as NAVAIR University.

The CSM Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives – including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors.

About AVIAN

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AVIAN provides program, financial, and logistics management; engineering and systems engineering; test and evaluation of manned and unmanned aerial, surface, and subsurface systems; workforce development and training; communication strategy and graphic design. Its headquarters is in Lexington Park, Maryland with employees located across the country in support of organizations including the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR); the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), the Office of Naval Research; and the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR).

Press Release from CSM.

TRUE OR FALSE – HOW DOES PROBATE WORK?

*Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel*

I have often heard from clients that they have a Will so their loved ones will not have to go through probate. True or false? False. When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, that property must go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones. It doesn't matter whether you die intestate (without a Will) or with a Will.

What does holding property in my sole name mean? For real estate like your house or for cars and trucks, for example, the title to the property is in your name alone. If you hold any property this way and you die, then the property has to go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made with the Register of Wills office in the county where the decedent was a permanent resident detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's probate property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. If the deceased has not been an organized person, it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died. Keep in mind that all filings made during the probate process are publicly available.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Some clients say that the personal representative has no liability for making filings in a probate proceeding. False. The personal representative is a fiduciary—that means they are under a duty to settle and distribute the estate in accordance with the terms of the Will and the law. Fiduciaries cannot act in their own self-interest. They must make sure investments are reasonable and monitored and they must make full and accurate reports to the

Register of Wills or Orphan's Court.

Most people faced with the duties of a personal representative consult an attorney and ask them for help to prepare the reports for filing. This costs money in legal fees, but gives the personal representative some comfort that they are correctly performing their duties.

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills to be effective. Keep your Will in a safe place. The original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." False. If you die without a Will and you have a spouse and children, then the estate (property held in your sole name) will go 50-50 to the spouse and the children. The only way your estate will go solely to your spouse when you die is if you have said so in your Will.

The only clear alternative to probate is a Revocable Living Trust. True. With a Living Trust, all property of the deceased is re-titled into the name of that person's trust so that when they die there is no property held in sole name, so no probate. The person creating and funding the trust is called the Grantor and the Grantor may also be the Trustee. When the Grantor/Trustee dies, a successor trustee is appointed under the trust to take over. Having a Living Trust is the only way to avoid probate. But, the Living Trust provides other benefits. First, it is private, transfers to beneficiaries are immediate (no waiting 8-12 months) and there are no legal fees upon such transfers. With a Living Trust all property is accounted for when creating the trust so there is no issue trying to figure out what a person owns when he or she dies—it's all set forth in the trust. The Living Trust also offers protection if a Trustee is incapacitated. In that event, the successor trustee simply uses all the assets in the trust for the benefit of the incapacitated person without having to do more.

In order to make a choice between a Will or a trust, you need to understand how probate works. Join us for our free seminar to discuss this and other matters on the third Wednesday of the month at 11am our offices at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to save your spot. See you there.

Qualification Shoots Scheduled for Managed Deer Hunts

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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has released the 2021-2022 Shooter Qualification Schedule, which includes 20 qualification sessions at 10 locations across the state. Additional events are available upon reservation.

Hunters should note that several Shooter Qualification sessions are conducted by appointment only and that many charge a minimal fee to cover expenses. Additionally, hunters must adhere to any COVID-19 precautions that individual locations have in place.

These events allow hunters to take the necessary proficiency

test required to obtain a Shooter Qualification Card in order to participate in many of the managed deer hunts scheduled in the fall and winter.

As a reminder, the department uses a lottery system to select participants for many of the managed deer hunts. There are various deadlines for the lotteries, which can be found on the department's website.

The department will continually update the online shooter Qualification calendar as additional events become available.

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A View From The **BLEACHERS**



THE BLUES

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

In the endless scroll of television programming, it was an immediate stop – a for-the-night, don't interrupt me, clear the calendar, all-stop. American Masters, a long-running PBS series, was featuring Buddy Guy - one of history's greatest guitarist and an absolute legend of American blues.

Despite our shared surname, there is no apparent relation (but the search continues). Truth is, I knew little of Guy until 20 years ago when I was one of a few thousand fortunate souls at Wolf Trap to watch him open for B.B. King. I had gone for King, but Guy stole the show that night.

That evening launched my two-decades-and-counting fascination with the blues. Dusty records from greats like King, Robert Johnson, Howlin' Wolf, John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, and Lightnin' Hopkins – all among many bluesmen who were shamefully ripped off and don't get the credit they deserve - remain in regular rotation. Their against-all-odds stories are amazing; their mastery of this transcendent music (the roots of rock and roll) is captivating. As Guy said in the documentary, "Funny thing about the blues...you play them, because you got them; but when you play them, you lose them."

Guy, who was born in Louisiana into difficult circumstances, took to the blues, learned guitar and somehow made the journey from Louisiana cotton fields to the White House (he played there in 2012 during the "In Performance at the White House: Red, White and Blues" concert). Guy's story wouldn't work as a piece of fiction. It's simply too farfetched.

John Mayer offered a poignant point during the documentary. He noted Guy's legacy is, "...a guy who gave his entire life to the music that he loved, regardless of his level of success with it at any given time." Mayer observed that while success has come in and out of Guy's life, multiple times, he has never changed his approach and, regardless of his popularity at any moment, he plugged in every night and played "like his life depended on it."

Which, of course, seamlessly (at least in this column) connects with now former Nationals pitcher

Max Scherzer. In 2015, the Nationals signed Scherzer to a seven-year, \$210M contract. With the team fresh off of a 96-win season, it seemed to me like needless spending that would financially hamstring the franchise for years. How naïve.

Six-and-a-half years, six All-Star selections and two Cy Young awards later, Scherzer proved to be an indispensable talent and a financial bargain. As managers came and went, the roster evolved and fellow ace pitcher Stephen Strasburg battled chronic injuries, Scherzer just kept taking the ball. He ended losing streaks. He consistently went deep into games providing relief for a taxed or shaky bullpen. And like Guy, whether it was the World Series or a sleepy mid-season game, he plugged in and competed at "max" capacity. Case in point: his last start was a weird, COVID-shortened seven-inning, mid-week, afternoon game against the Phillies. With trade rumors swirling, Scherzer had every reason to be distracted, to coast through the start or tap out altogether. Instead, he pitched six strong innings and surrendered just three hits and one run in the Nats' 3-1 victory.

Scherzer was traded to the Dodgers, shortly thereafter, in an organizational fire sale. Which I get. With Scherzer's pending free agency, a barren farm system, big money tied up in unreliable places (Patrick Corbin and Strasburg) and a middling post-2019 World Series record, the Nats needed a reset. Pro sports is a brutal business that pays no mind to human emotions. But man...I am going to miss Max Scherzer on the bump for the Nats. His tenacity, commitment to craft and dedication to his organization and fans was an inspiration. There is just something special in his DNA - the rare athlete immune to normal human complacency and oblivious to negative externalities. It's the stuff that demands we strive for excellence in our lives. Scherzer is my conscience.

And now he's gone. Seeing Scherzer in Dodger blue, gives me the blues. Which, calls for a Buddy Guy record, because playing the blues isn't the only thing that cures them. Listening does too.

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Quade Wins Feature Race at Potomac

Pilkerton Pads Point Lead With 6th Crate Score”

By Doug Watson

Defending track champion Derick Quade scored his 5th win of the season in last Friday nights 20-lap Limited Late Model feature at Potomac Speedway. The win for Quade, aboard his potent Longhorn no.74, would mark his 28th career division feature win.

Sam Archer burst into the lead on the first lap and set the pace. As Archer lead, seventh starting Derick Quade arrived in second on the third lap and set his sights on Archer. Archer held the lead until Quade stormed into the lead on the 16th lap and would then run off uncontested to take the win.

“I’d like to dedicate this win to my father.” Quade stated in victory lane. “He couldn’t be here tonight because of some health issues, but he’s on his way home from the hospital and we’re all thinking of him.” Archer, Brandon Long, Tyler Emory and division point leader Billy Tucker trailed at the finish.

Jeremy Pilkerton made good use of his second starting spot to dominate the companion 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model feature. Pilkerton boomed into the lead on lap one and would never look back as his rolled to his 6th feature win of 2021 steering his Rocket no.8. “I owe all this to my mom and dad.” Said Pilkerton. “Without them and all our sponsors, we wouldn’t be able to do this.” Ben Scott, Bubby Tharp, Megan Mann and Mike Raleigh would complete the top five.

In support class action, PJ

Hatcher blitzed the field for his 9th Street Stock victory, which was his career 24th, tying him for third all-time with former class champion Barry Williams Sr. Wyatt Hanson continued his mid season surge with his 3rd Hobby Stock win and Dominic King rolled to his 6th win of the season in seven class starts, in the 15-lap U Car main.

Limited Late Model feature finish

Derick Quade, Sam Archer, Brandon Long, Tyler Emory, Billy Tucker, Wayne Bryant, James Snead, Chuck Cox

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

Jeremy Pilkerton, Ben Scott, Bubby Tharp, Megan Mann, Mike Raleigh, Greg Carrico, Matt Tepper

Street Stock feature finish

PJ Hatcher, Scotty Nelson, Stevie Gingery, Deuce Wright, Mike Bladen, Cory Hanson, Ben Pirner, Marty Hanbury, Steve Hilgenberg

Hobby Stock feature finish

Wyatt Hanson, Greg Morgan, Troy Kassiris, Austin Lathroum, Hilton Pickeral, Mikey Latham, Billy Crouse, Owen Lacey, Watson Gordon DNS- Mason Hanson

UCar feature finish

Dominic King, Seth Hood, Kristy Whitehouse, Faith Lacey, Joey Suite, Bryan Allen, Ashley Stansell, Emily Quade, Kaitlyn Inscoc, Trevor Hammett, Shelby Beale, Mackenzie Smith, Richard Inscoc, Tony Bowles DNS-Jason Penn



Letters to the Editor

When “Personal Rights” Run Amuck

None of us live in a faraway island, cast off from other people. But it seems that a substantial portion of our public believes they are inhabiting a Fantasyland, where “personal rights” must always override deadly important questions that profoundly affect the entire society. While Covid-19, and its even more potent Delta variant, sweep across America, “personal rights” advocates refuse to acknowledge that some of their liberties should legitimately be altered in order to protect both themselves and others. Indeed, the U. S. Constitution empowers states to restrict “personal rights” to safeguard health, safety and the general welfare. To do otherwise would reinforce the selfishness, or stupidity, of those who carelessly put

lives in jeopardy. When an unmasked, unvaccinated individual breathes, his/her potential victims could be put in danger of hospitalization or death. The beliefs of the unvaccinated, however deeply held, should not be permitted to sustain one of the most catastrophic human failures in our history. None of us can be truly safe until the one hundred million or so unvaccinated Americans fulfill their debt to our society as a whole. Simply put, they just need to get vaccinated! Our current “Dark Age” needs to end. As the poet John Donne wrote in 1624, “No man is an island/ entire of itself/ every man is a piece of the continent/ a part of the main.”

--Joseph L. DeVitis
Leonardtown, MD

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Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET BUTLER

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Hi there, my name is Butler. I’m not really bragging but my pals here at TCAS claim I’m a ROCK STAR! You see, I’m just a FUN GUY that you’ll want to be with all the time. I love to purr, I’m TOTALLY FRIENDLY with everyone, and I absolutely enjoy playing all day long with my toys! I’m still a YOUNGSTER at just 1 YEAR OLD and boy do I have LOTS OF LOVE to give. Want a TRULY AMAZING KITTY? Adopt Butler (that’s me!) Grab the nearest device and email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to make an appointment to meet ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

To see more of my amazing friends also available for adoption, “like” us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD or view us on our website at <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/animal-care-control/tri-county-animal-shelter>

TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050
Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

Visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging for the most up-to date information

August Monthly Craft- Wrinkled Torn Paper Landscape

Loffler Senior Activity Center is the place to go on Friday, August 20, 11 a.m. if you want to learn an easy but interesting collage technique using torn, colored paper that has been wet, crumpled, then flattened out to dry. We will try our hand at giving different paper types this wrinkle treatment. Then we will make our own pictures using colored papers that have been treated in advance. This live class requires a reservation. To register, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Space is limited. Time and date stamp will determine who makes the list.

August Health Watch Presentation: How Could I forget?

What is normal forgetfulness and what is not? Are there things impacting your memory that you can fix by adjusting? When

should you be concerned enough to see a doctor? This Health Watch Presentation by Mary Tennyson will take place at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, August 18 at 10 a.m. and will require a reservation. To register, leave a message on our reservation line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Free.

Energy Assistance

It is that time of year to apply for assistance with your electric and heating expenses. Eligibility is determined by the gross household income for everyone living in the residence. New this program year is varying income criteria based on the age of household residents. If all household members are under the age 67 the maximum monthly income for one person is \$1,878 and \$2,540 for a two-person household. For households with at least one member age 67 or

over the monthly income for one person is \$2,147 and \$2,903 for a two person household. Higher income guidelines are available for households with three or more members. Persons age 60 and over or for those with a disability you may receive assistance applying for this program by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 3104. For those under 60 you may call the Tri-County Community Action Committee at 301-475-5574, ext. 200.

Pinochle Players Needed

Do you like playing this game? Our group plays on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. They are looking for a few more people to get another table going. Interested? Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1658 or e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

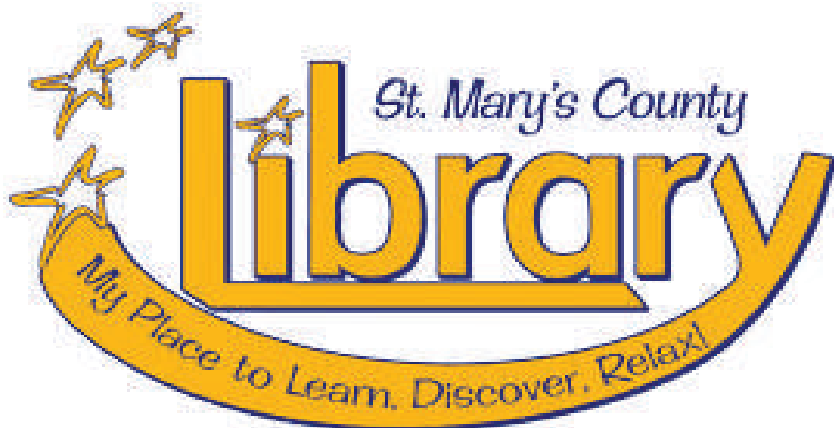
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All About Hummingbirds

The hummingbirds have touched down in Southern Maryland! Join Barb Whipkey, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Lexington Park and LaPlata, Maryland as she discusses everything we need to know about hummingbirds on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss nesting behaviors, attracting hummingbirds to your feeders, and more. Barb will even give some of her tips for hand feeding the hummingbirds. Make this your best hummingbird season ever! Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

Maryland Workforce Exchange Workshop: Resumes and Cover Letters

St. Mary's, Calvert, and Charles Counties are collaborating on a joint partnership with the Maryland Department

of Labor. Join us for monthly virtual classes relating to employment and training. This is an interactive workshop with information on how to navigate the MWE website and set up an account, as well as basic resume and cover letter writing help on Wednesday, August 18 from 9 - 11 a.m. Looking for a job, or a better job? Don't miss this free class. There will be an opportunity for one-on-one help as well. Registration closes one day before the event. Creating an account on Maryland Workforce Exchange before the workshop is recommended, but not required. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Maryland Workforce Exchange Workshop: Boomers and Beyond!

St. Mary's, Calvert, and Charles Counties are collaborating on a joint partnership with the Maryland Department



of Labor. Join us for monthly virtual classes relating to employment and training. This workshop is for the experienced, seasoned jobseeker who wants to step into a new role on Wednesday, August 18 from 1 - 3 p.m. We will cover going after the dream, making your skillset fit into a new career path and most importantly working around those subtle and not-so-subtle age and over-experience barriers. Registration closes one day prior to the event.

Register on www.stmalib.org.

Introduction to Proposal Writing

Are you new to proposal writing or want a quick refresher? If so, you don't want to miss one of our most popular

classes on Wednesday, August 18 from 5 - 6 p.m. Join this virtual course taught by Susan Shiroma, regional representative from Candid, the providers of the Foundation Directory Online database for grant seekers. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Virtual Romance Book Club

Each month we will discuss a different romance novel. All books will be available in both eBook and audiobook format on Hoopla. August's title is The Bridegroom Wore Plaid by Grace Burrowes to be discussed on Wednesday, August 18 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org.

St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, August 5

CSM Transfer Thursday Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. csmd.edu/transferthursdays

Friday, August 6

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Bingo

Father Andrew White School; 6:30 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus Council 1470 in Leonardtown is reopening bingo.

Pitch Card Party

Knights of Columbus Hall Ridge; 6:30 p.m.

The Seventh Annual Ridge Lions Club "Pitch Card" Parties, will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 16441 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680 with the doors opening at 6:30 PM and the card game beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. There is an Entrance Fee of \$10.00 per person with everyone going home with at least one prize. Hot Dogs will be available for purchase, free desserts and refreshments, Door Prizes and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will go to helping the Ridge Lions serving those in need in our community. For more information contact: Bobbie Bell (301) 872-5114 or Terri Kaftan (240) 538-2818.

Saturday, August 7

Picnic on the Hill

Mt. Zion UMC; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Community event. Bring your blanket and chairs. Limited picnic tables will be available. Family Games for everyone. There will be music to enjoy. There will be hot dogs, chips, baked beans, macaroni salad, sodas and water for sale. A

bake sale with cookies, brownies and cupcakes. Free freeze pops to the kids. www.mtzionmech.org for more information. Rain date August 14.

Sunday, August 8

Carry Out Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus Hall Ridge; 11:30 a.m.

\$14 dinner/ half chicken. Self serve dining facilities and baked goods will be available. For more information please call 301-872-4641.

Monday, August 9

Pax River Quilters Meeting

Pax River Quilters Guild is holding their first in person Meeting on Monday August 9, 2021 Since Covid began and also zooming for anyone not able to attend. Visit our website www.paxriverquiltguild.com for more information about our guild. Email prqgsomd@gmail.com for an application to join, or check out our Facebook page Pax River Quilters Guild. Monday night We will have Social Time and a Big Show and Tell in person. Bring your block of the month, food pantry donations. New Members welcome for more info call Cindy at 301-769-1151.

Tuesday, August 10

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

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

Women's Outreach Group

River Church of Southern Maryland; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our outreach group is an 11-week book study, teaching how to become an "Overcomer". Registration required, please register by July 30 by leaving your name and phone number at 301-274-0770 and someone will contact you. The church is located at 7627 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Maryland 20637.

Wednesday, August 11

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)

DAV Assistance Program

St. Mary's Square ReStore; 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Veterans - do you have a service-connected disability? Did you receive an injury while on active duty and are now filing for disability through the Veterans Administration (VA)? The Disabled American Veterans organization is here to assist you with those VA forms at no cost to you. These men and women (who are disabled veterans) are volunteers who ensure you are placing the proper information in the proper blocks and advise you on common mistakes that are made on these VA forms. Their spaces are toward the rear of the building on the left side. Stop by and see if we can be of assistance to you. No appointment necessary.

Food Pantry

Noon- 6 p.m.

St. Matthew's Pentecostal Church, 23755 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. 301-475-2910

Thursday, August 12

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

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Ongoing

National Lighthouse Weekend

Piney Point Lighthouse; August 7-8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Head to Piney Point for a free Open House weekend in recogni-

tion of National Lighthouse Day which is officially celebrated each year on August 7th. Enjoy tours of the museum, Potomac River Maritime Exhibit, lighthouse tower, and grounds. For more information call us at 301-994-1471 or visit www.facebook.com/1836light.

AmazonSmile Charity

AmazonSmile could donate a percentage of shoppers' purchases to the 2nd District VFD & RS (AKA Co. 6 / Valley Lee). For more info / instructions how to shop contact Cheryl @ 240-925-7559

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 and will not be charged

Upcoming

Pre Labor Day Drive Thru Dinner

St. Peter Claver Church; September 5, noon - 6 p.m.

BBQ pork, fried fish, and fried chicken dinners will include parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, beets, and a roll. \$28, must be prepaid by going to www.stpeterclaverchurch.org, selecting "Donation", "SPC Prepaid Dinners" and completing the form, calling 301-872-5460 to place an order via phone, or giving a cash order after 10 a.m. mass. All orders must be placed by August 22.

The Way We Were...

History and Stories of St Mary's County from long-ago to just yesterday from



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The House of Three Bears – Part One

Out on Bull Road – just off Newtown Neck Road – lies a house on seven acres of land affectionately known as the “Three Bears House.” Currently owned by Mrs. Mary Cusic, widow of Lloyd Cusic, it is a landmark for many Countians – sometimes even a tourist stop. This is the story of the Three Bears House and what is known of its history.

Its nickname derives from its unique construction – a larger frame house with two smaller structures attached. This style of construction, also known as a “telescope house”, was often used for tenants on large farms. The Cusics made this their home until the mid-1950s when they moved next door to a larger, single-story home, renting the Three Bears House. But before examining the house and its occupants closely, a bit of history.

The land on which the Three Bears House sits was once part of a large tract of land once known as “St Margaret’s Forest.” This tract was granted by Lord Baltimore to 1683 to Robert Beard. Parts of the original boundaries remain the same today.

By 1784, Richard Barnes (son of Abraham Barnes, owner of America Felix Secundus where Tudor Hall stands), had purchased St Margaret’s Forest and several adjoining parcels comprising a total of approximately 311 acres and known as “St Margaret’s Forest with Additions.” And this is where it gets complicated.

Record keeping was not very accurate “in the old days.” Boundaries were imprecise, often marked by trees (standing and fallen), fenceposts, stones, creeks, and so-on. Deeds have gone missing over the years, if they were ever formally recorded at all, making it more

difficult to trace land ownership through time.

By 1826 or so, St Margaret’s Forest had been resurveyed and a large portion was designated as “Bought of Phil Key”. Of importance to our story is that the land on which the Three Bears House would eventually be built was no longer within the resurveyed boundaries. That land and overlapping portions of the land it borders were called “Turkey Cock Hill”, “Stacey Springs”, “Hatfield Hill”, “John L. Abell Land”, and “Society Hill.”

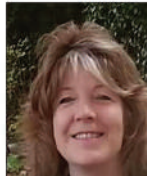
Records for the nine (some accounts say seven) acres of land that the Three Bears House stands on don’t exist until 1915 when a parcel of land described as “part of Turkey Cock Hill” was bought at auction by Lewis G. Thompson (a school teacher also known as Professor Thompson) for \$19.25. The deed, filed in May 1916, included “all the improvements on the aforesaid land in fee simple.” A commonly used phrase, the “improvements” may or may not have been in references to the Three Bears House. There is simply no known record of when the house was built. Thompson apparently lived in the dwelling until April 1945 when the land “and improvements” were sold to Houston and Maude Ross. The Rosses were apparently early real estate “flippers” as in January of the next year, they sold the land “and improvements” to Lloyd F. Cusic whose widow, as noted above, retains the property to today.

Next time: life in the Three Bears House.

If you would like to learn more about the people, places, and events that shaped St Mary’s County, please visit our website – www.stmaryshistory.org

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



GREEDY BUGGERS



Well, there goes the fresh parsley I was going to add to the baked chicken dinner tonight... Again. And it seemed to happen overnight. I went out to water my front stoop herbs and flowers three days ago and my parsley was big, fresh, and beautiful. Two days ago, I glanced at the pot of herbs as I was walking outside and did a doubletake; bright neon green and yellow stripes caught my eye. It looked like someone had taken bright jewelry wire and coiled it around my parsley stems, then I looked closer and realized that all that was left of my parsley was just stems, and the brightly coiled wires were in fact caterpillars, amazingly beautiful, but stubborn, voracious creatures attached to all the stems.

I believe these same greedy “bug”gers hit me two years ago. I took photos and looked up Maryland caterpillars to see whether these would turn into butterflies or moths. These turned out to be Black Swallowtail caterpillars which according to The Maryland Manual Online “Maryland at a glance” insect sub-heading are “true butterflies (Papilionoidea), and as Swallowtails, have small bodies, large, colorful wings, and two straight, clubbed antennae”. Yeah, they are pretty alright, but I’d really like my parsley back. I noticed they didn’t touch the very pungent thyme or garlic chives also in the herb pot. And they better leave my rosemary plant alone; it is already struggling. I probably shouldn’t have had it in the bay window; the air-conditioning must have done it in. Hopefully when I go out to cut the rosemary and use that instead of the parsley for dinner the caterpillars won’t have ravaged that plant too.

What I find sad is that there are dead butterflies laying all over the yard: all different types and so beautiful. In the Maryland Manual it also stated, “Butterflies go through three stages before they reach the final adult stage: egg, caterpillar or

larvae, and pupa or chrysalis (which you all probably remember) ... and that they are diurnal and can live up to a year, depending on the species, but most live much shorter lives”. So, why are all my butterflies dying (well, if I am feeding them, they are mine). I don’t think they have been around a year, or even close to that. I even have some of the Black Swallowtail butterflies favorite food, Black-eyed Susan’s, right next to the herb pot, so it should be like one stop food shopping for them, or rather larvae to chrysalis lifespan care. I suppose that I should be happy that the butterflies are getting a lovely last meal before they expire.

Okay, I have been in the house too long this week already apparently. I just wish that all these bazillion bugs in the yard would eat all the weeds and not every flower or herb I plant. It doesn’t stop there of course; the morning glories by the mailbox are under attack from the golden tortoise beetles, the cicadas litter the ground, flies are buzzing around our heads, and it won’t be long before those disgusting, wriggling evergreen moth bags that can devour an evergreen quickly will be back. It’s war out there in the yard. And the carpenter ants take care of everything else.

I was wondering last night, while we were sitting out in the firepit area swatting no-see-ums like we were cows swishing their tails at flies in a field, if there is a place on earth without insects. And upon reflection, realized that the areas that had no insects were probably The Arctic Circle or on the edge of a volcano, neither of which appeals to me, so I guess I better just start mooing and swishing my tail like a cow and get used to it.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby

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



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Class 159 graduates from the United States Naval Test Pilot School

The United States Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) held a graduation ceremony for Class 159 on July 30th. After an intense 11-month course of instruction for designation as Engineering Developmental Test Pilots, Test Flight Officers, and Test Engineers, 31 students received their diplomas.

Retired Maj. Gen. Charles Bolden delivered the keynote address. Bolden is a graduate of USNTPS and former astronaut and NASA administrator.

“Follow your passion, and know why doing what you do is important,” said Bolden. “I know why it’s important; we protect and defend the constitution.”

Bolden, Col. Richard Marigliano, commander of Naval Test Wing Atlantic, and Cmdr. Jeremy DeBons, commanding officer of USNTPS, presented diplomas and offered congratulations to the new “Testers.” Graduates included members of the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force; students from Italy, Spain, and Sweden; and civil service engineers from the Department of the Navy.

Navy Lt. Kyle Todd received the Outstanding Developmental Phase II Award, which recognizes the student

who produced the best final report. The award is symbolic of the longstanding and mutually supportive relationship between the Empire Test Pilots’ School in the United Kingdom and USNTPS.

Navy Lt. Gordon Finlay received the Cmdr. Willie McCool Outstanding Student Award. This award recognizes the top performing student in the categories of academics, flight performance, and technical report writing. The namesake award commemorates the U.S. Navy Commander William C. McCool, a USNTPS alumnus tragically lost in the Columbia space shuttle accident.

Marine Corps Maj. Alex Horne received the Capt. Syd Sherby Leadership Award. This award, which is named after the founder of the test pilot training division, now USNTPS, recognizes the student who displays exemplary leadership.

Distinguished graduates from the class include: Maj. Alex Horn (fixed wing), Lt. McMillan Hastings (rotary wing), and Maj. Matthew Hamtak (airborne and unmanned systems).

Twenty students completed the requirements for the engineering test pi-

lot course. The new test pilots are:

Capt. James N. Bashford, U.S. Army
Capt. Matthew C. Blessing, U.S. Air Force

Capt. Klas F. Boudrie, Swedish Air Force

Lt. Dominic J. Busto, U.S. Navy

Lt. Nicholas J. Corey, U.S. Navy

Maj. Tyler W. Davenport, U.S. Marine Corps

Capt. Adam J. Fulling, U.S. Army
Chief Warrant Officer 3rd Class Caleb N. Grandy, U.S. Army

Lt. McMillan J. Hastings, U.S. Navy
Maj. Alex C. Horne, U.S. Marine Corps

Lt. Cmdr. Fabio Laporta, Italian Navy

Lt. Alexandra R. Mensing, U.S. Navy

Capt. Minator Michele, Italian Air Force

Lt. Ryan R. Moeller, U.S. Navy
Capt. Alejandro Molero Salvatierra, Spanish Air Force

Lt. Nicholas A. Padleckas, U.S. Navy

Capt. Bryan J. Pulicari, U.S. Army

Lt. Mitchell G. Smith, U.S. Navy

Capt. Bennet L. Thomas, U.S. Marine Corps

Lt. Spencer D. Smith, U.S. Navy
Eight students completed the engineering test flight officer course. They are:

Lt. Gordon C. Finlay, U.S. Navy
Lt. Robert W. Gates, U.S. Navy
Maj. Matthew D. Hamtak, U.S. Marine Corps

Lt. Adam D. Meyrick, U.S. Navy
Lt. Nicholas L. Myers, U.S. Navy
Lt. Karl A. Petracek, U.S. Navy
Lt. George K. Philbrick, U.S. Navy
Lt. Kyle S. Todd, U.S. Navy

Three students completed the test project engineer course. They are:

1st Lt. Massimo Giangregorio, Italian Air Force
Mr. Erik W. Gutenkunst, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division
Mr. Steven J. Puffenbarger, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division

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Sharon Jean Bell

Sharon Jean Bell, 57, of Coltons Point, MD, formerly of Oakville, MD, passed away at home with her loved ones by her side on July 29, 2021. She was born on November 20, 1963 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Livy Harrison Bowles and Joseph Herman Bowles. Sharon is survived by her husband Timothy R. Bell whom she married in Las Vegas, Nevada; her children Summer Branker of PA, Charlie Bowles of Hollywood, MD, Joe Bowles (Melanie) of California, MD, and Christina "Tina" Bell of Coltons Point, MD; her siblings Joanne Benfield, Eddie Bowles, Livy Lee Herche, Donnie Bowles, David Bowles, Jackie Zielstorf, and Dale Bowles; her half siblings Lilly Griffith and Joe Bowles; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

In addition to her parents she is pre-

ceded in death by her sisters Sandra Kay Thompson and Judy Lynn Kara, as well as her nephews Steven Benfield and Justin Bowles.

Sharon was a publisher for the BayNet and enjoyed sewing, crafting, and spending time outdoors.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August, 5th from 5:00PM – 8:00 PM at Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD where prayers will be held at 7:00PM in the funeral home chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 6th at 12:00PM in St. John's Catholic Church with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Steve Bell, Kevin Bell, David Bowles, Charlie Bowles, Chris Thompson, and Joe Joe.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Joseph Robert "Bobby" Vallandingham

Joseph Robert "Bobby" Vallandingham, 36, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at Georgetown University Hospital. Born on January 25, 1985 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of Sara Teresa "Tere" (Downs) and the late Joseph Wilbur Vallandingham, Jr. Bobby graduated from Chopticon High School in 2003. During high school, he wrestled and completed



the auto body program at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center. He married the love of his life, Susan Marie Burroughs, on August 12, 2006 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD. Bobby and Susan have four beautiful children, Joseph "Trent", Delia Marie, Levi Edward, and Colby Robert Vallandingham.

He was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. Once he graduated high school he was employed by Wayne's Drains, Wither's Pools, and Southern States. He was currently working for Shady Oak Storage Sheds, Deere View Farm & Meats, and Vallandingham Farms, LLC. Bobby has been farming ever since he was big enough to get in the tractor with his dad and grandfather. He was a hard worker, but his work wasn't work to him; he loved farming the land and teaching his kids what his dad and grandfather had taught him. Bobby enjoyed spending time with his family and loved when they would ride along in the tractor, combine, or tractor trailer with him. He never knew a stranger and made friends wherever he went. Bobby had a big heart and was always trying to help others. He always had a funny story or a joke to tell to make everyone laugh. He will be missed greatly!

In addition to his wife, children, and mother, he is survived by his siblings Katie Marie Sanchez (Steven) and David Andrew Vallandingham (Christina), cousin, friend and business partner William "Patrick" Russell (Jenn), grandmother Mary Mooneyen Graves Vallandingham, aunts Dana Marie Russell (Willie) and Mary "Lisa" Estevez (Steve), uncles William Earl "Billy" Vallandingham, Mark Vernon Allshouse (Janie), Richard "Ricky" Downs, and Donald "Donnie" Guy, sister-in-law Catherine "Cathy" Burroughs Kershaw (Chris), brother-in-law Donald Wayne Burroughs, Jr. (Hannah), mother-in-law Mary Ann Davis Burroughs, and father-in-law Donald Wayne Burroughs, Sr., as well as five nieces Lillie, Ryleigh, Maci, Helen, and Becca, and three nephews Lane, Leroy, and Ernest. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his grandfather Joseph Wilbur Vallandingham, Sr., grandmother Lillian "Tillie" Guy Gorman, aunts Marsha Ann Downs Guy, Wanda Gayle Vallandingham Farrell, and uncle Joseph Edward Farrell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the to the family for their children's fund at Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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vided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Richard "Rich" Costello

Richard "Rich" Costello passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, VA. Rich was born on April 1, 1943 in Brooklyn, NY. He was the son of the late Elizabeth Schmitt Costello and John Dennis Costello. Rich was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 45 years, Gwen Costello. Rich and Gwen loved to spend time with family, travel, and collect art that filled their home. Rich is survived by his only son, Kevin Costello. Rich was enormously proud of Kevin, and the two often had lengthy, stimulating conversations (as the Irish often do).

Rich spent most of his life working for the Catholic Church. He was an amateur photographer who took pleasure in taking pictures of nature. Rich liked gardening and enjoyed canning and freezing his vegetables to use for meals in the winter. He especially loved dogs, poodles being his favorite breed. Every day, Rich spent time walking his most recent dog, Sammy, on nature trails and the streets of his neighborhood. Rich and Sammy were good buddies, and known by everyone.

There will be a funeral Mass said for Richard on Wednesday, August 11 at 11:00 AM at Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills, Maryland with Father Rich O'Brien officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution, in memory of Richard, to The Haitian Health Foundation, 97 Sherman Street, Norwich, CT 06360, or go to www.haitianhealthfoundation.org.

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Errol Dennis Duvall "Denny"

Errol Dennis Duvall "Denny" 78, of Mechanicsville MD, was called home to be with our Lord and savior in the early morning hours on Thursday July 22, 2021.

He was born September 3, 1942, to the late John C. Duvall and Lucille C. (Saunders) Duvall, and raised in Washington, DC, where he graduated from Anacostia High School, while spending summers and countless weekends at his grandparents farm in Tazewell County VA. He

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Frederick "Fred" William Beigel, 72, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away July 25, 2021 in the comfort of his home. He was born April 6, 1949 in Washington D.C. to Robert and Betty Beigel. He was one (1) of five (5) children.

Fred graduated with his diploma from Wheaton High School in 1967 and continued his education at Lee High University for four (4) more years, earning his Bachelor's degree in Business Management. He met Kathleen in 1989 at work. That day was the start of the happiest years of his life. Kathleen was the everything to him and it was rare to see one without the other. They married on May 29, 1999. His family was his pride and joy and would light up at his ability to get them anything they wanted. He spoiled his grandchildren every chance he got because to make his family happy was to make him happy.

To know Fred was to know a strong, kind hearted man, with a get work ethic that was inspirational. He worked as a programmer/analyst for 12 years before retiring in 2001. When he wasn't working, he was traveling. He loved to explore and search for gemstones, quickly becoming an aspiring gemologist, making friends anywhere he went. Fred was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Fred is survived by his wife Kathleen Beigel; his sons Thomas Beigel, Michael Youmans, Jimmy Youmans; his daughters Teresa Lewis and Sara Gunderson; his brother Douglas Beigel and his sisters Nancy Beigel and Margaret Beigel and his fourteen (14) wonderful grandchildren and his great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by both of his parents Robert and Betty Beigel; his daughter Amy Russell and his brother Howard Beigel.

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Mary Travers Freeman



Mary Travers Freeman, 84, of Charlotte Hall, MD, passed away on July 24, 2021 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD.

She was born on May 19, 1937 in Laurel, MD to the late James Philip Travers, Sr. and Doris Imogene Bond Travers.

Mary is a graduate of Strayer Business College and began her career with Brick Layers International Union in Washington, D.C. After the riots in Washington D.C. in the 1960's she went to work for Harley Davidson of Washington, located

in Fort Washington, MD for 20 years. After that she worked for various car dealerships as a Tag and Title Specialist in the automotive industry until she was 77 years old, retiring in December 2013. She had a strong work ethic and enjoyed working with people.

In 1974, she moved to Southern Maryland from Shadyside, MD via Camp Springs, MD. She was a sports enthusiast. She watched football, baseball, basketball, golf and NASCAR. She always knew the scores and stats for many teams. She loved her pet dogs, owning Chihuahua's and Sheltie's. She loved spending time on the water, boating and water skiing. She also enjoyed eating Maryland blue crabs and was a talented Ukulele player, not to mention her talents in the flower gardens. She also loved spending time putting her puzzles together and decorating her house for the various holidays.

Mary is survived by her sons, Dennis Wayne Freeman (Amy) of Abell, MD and Richard Bruce Freeman (Marlene) of Hollywood, MD; her sister-in-law, Frances "Fran" Travers of Waldorf, MD; her grandchildren: Travis Wayne Freeman (Brittany) of Charlotte Hall, MD, Brandy Lynn Richards (Chad) of Mechanicsville, MD and David Harding; her great-grandchildren: Taylor Richards, Nathen Richards, Alivia Richards, Mason Freeman, Colton Freeman, and McKenna Freeman; and extended family. In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her brother, James Philip Travers, Jr. and her grandson, Ray Harding, Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Maryland Animal Welfare League, P.O. Box 1232, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Margaret "Bertie" Alberta Stone



Margaret "Bertie" Alberta Stone, 84 of Leonardtown, Maryland passed away on July 27, 2021 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Bertie was born on November 27, 1936 in Dameron, Maryland to the late Leo F. Trossbach and Mary Trossbach.

She was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, Maryland. She met her loving husband, Charles Alton Stone, Sr. and they married soon after. They were married for 65 years. They had one son, Charlie. Bertie and her husband enjoyed

taking trips to Ocean City to visit the beach and loved their dogs. She worked in sales most of her life. Bertie was an excellent cook and baker. She enjoyed raising a garden and being in the kitchen canning her own vegetables. She made the best fried chicken and desserts from scratch. Bertie and Charles enjoyed being together. They were inseparable.

She is survived by her husband Charles; their son Charles A. Stone, Jr. and daughter in law Lauri Stone of Leonardtown, MD, three grandchildren, Mark Stone (Melinda) of Abell, MD, Jason Stone (Shannon) of Mechanicsville, MD and Shara Morales (Vincent) of Mechanicsville, MD and six great grandchildren, Marcus, Mya, Parker, Finley, Brielle, and Adalee Stone. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her siblings, John Trossbach and Mary Peacock.

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SKC Manuel Estrella Crisostomo



SKC Manuel Estrella Crisostomo, USN, (Ret.), 74, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away on July 30, 2021 at his home with his loving family at his side.

He was born on September 30, 1946 in the Philippines to the late Emiliano L. Crisostomo and Feliciano O. Estrella Crisostomo.

Cris proudly served in the United States Navy for over 22 years of dedicated service before retiring in 1986 as a Storekeeper Chief Petty Officer. He was proud of his accomplishments in the Navy and for the training he received. In retirement he worked part time for various companies for several years. On January 9, 2012, he married his beloved wife, Edna S. Crisostomo in Calvert County. Together they celebrated over 9 wonderful years of marriage. He was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening and fishing. He was a delicious cook, making many tasty Filipino dishes. He was a member of Gospel Light Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, MD.

In addition to his beloved wife, Edna, Cris is also survived by his children Olivia Bossert of Great Mills, MD and Philip Crisostomo of Mount Laurel, NJ; his siblings: Emiliano Crisostomo of Upper Marlboro, MD, Jose Crisostomo of Jacksonville, FL, and Rodrigo Crisostomo of LaPlata, MD; two grandchildren, Isabella Crisostomo and Brody Bossert; and ex-

spoke fondly of these places that were a significant part of his youth, and the life-long friends he made along the way.

He had a passion for art, fishing, and cracking open a few cold ones, which kept him busy most of his life. His love of art and woodworking allowed him to enter the profession of custom picture framing which provided him a lengthy career. Whether it was spontaneous fishing trips, gardening, or tinkering in his wood shop, his hands were never idle and always dirty. Memories of early mornings on a river bank with a line in the water, his avid culinary skills, silly demeanor, and unforgiving tenacity to cause a scene will forever be engrained in our hearts.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving sister Judith Caroline Duvall. Left to cherish his memory are his lovely wife of 55 years Patricia (O'Donnell) Duvall of Mechanicsville, MD; his children Michael Duvall (Ruth) of Queensbury, NY; Aaron Duvall of Charlotte Hall, MD; Melissa Duvall of Waldorf, MD; three granddaughters, and a host of very special friends and adoring cousins. He will be affectionately missed by many.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. Mary's Hospital and Hospice of St. Mary's for the attentive and special care they provided for him and our family. Per his wishes, there will not be a service at this time. However, a Life Celebration will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

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Frederick "Fred" William Beigel



tended family and friends.

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Thomas Edward Goldsborough



Thomas Edward Goldsborough, 77, of Mechanicsville, MD departed this life on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at his daughter's residence in Mechanicsville, MD. He was born on November 4, 1943 in Hollywood, MD to the late Charles Delmas Goldsborough and Ann Loretta (Hayden) Goldsborough.

Thomas met and fell in love with Rose Marie Goldsborough in 1986, and knew she was the best woman he'd ever met. Together they shared a beautiful life and over thirty-four (34) years of wedded bliss before her untimely passing in October 2020.

Tommy worked beside Rose at their construction company, TEG Custom Homes. He was the brawn and she was the brains. Together they made a great team and loving partnership. You never saw one without the other. He missed his dearly departed wife, and his family is taking solace in knowing that they are now reunited in their Golden Palace in the sky.

After Rose's passing, he was able to live with Leslie, Steven and Bricen, and he developed a special bond with his grandson Bricen. He never missed a ballgame or a chance to just spend time with his little buddy. They would go to Bert's and enjoy ice cream, and he would encourage him to listen to some of his favorite "oldies" music. Bricen loved to spend his time with his Pop.

When Tom wasn't with his family, you would find him on Wednesday's going to Back Road Inn to listen to music with his best friend, Charles "Honkey" Johnson. The two of them had been best friends their whole lives and shared many stories that would leave their family and friends in stitches. Tommy loved to play pool, and was even on several leagues throughout his life in St. Mary's County.

Throughout the last few months, Tommy discovered the peace and quality time that could be found in camping. He enjoyed going to Grey's Point Camp in Toppling, VA. The memories of hours spent around a campfire, or strolling around the campground, are now precious memories for his family.

Whether you knew him as Thomas, Tommy, Tom, Dad, or Pop, you knew an amazing, kind, and gentle man. He loved

his family and didn't want to leave them behind, but his love for his beloved, Rose, was so great that he looked forward to their reunion. Rest assured, although you are now only left with memories, he is now cruising the golden streets in heaven with Rose. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

Tom is survived by his children, Leslie Renee Montgomery (Steven) of Mechanicsville, MD, Jennifer Marie Butler (Chris) of Davidsonville, MD, Diane Ritchie (John) of Orange, VA and Craig Goldsborough (Barbara) of Great Mills, MD; five (5) grandchildren; two (2) great-grandchildren and sister, Dorothy Ann Lopitz of Hollywood, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ann Goldsborough and brothers, Joseph Charles Goldsborough and Francis Robert Goldsborough.

Pallbearers will be Justin Childress, Andy Hancock, Leonard Goddard, Sam Goddard, Joe Ramos, Randy Johnson. Honorary pallbearers are Charles "Honkey" Johnson, Clarence Greenwell, Emmett Butler, and Bricen Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made to any of the following in Tommy's name: Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Joseph Catholic Church, P.O. Box 175, Morganza, MD 20660; or Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 15, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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Thomas Stephen Gross



Thomas Stephen Gross, 73, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Friday, July 23, 2021, at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. He was born on July 6, 1948, in Dayton, KY to the late Isaac William Gross, Jr. and Maxine Spivey. He was brought up in Hamilton, Ohio and was known as Steve to his family there.

Tom enlisted in the United States Army in June 1967. He served as Military Police and received several medals before being honorably discharged.

Tom attended college at Youngstown State University where he met his future wife, Anne. They have celebrated 48 years of marriage and welcomed three (3) children and have since witnessed their family grow with eleven (11) grandchildren and one (1) great grandchild. Tom loved being with his family more than anything and his presence will be missed

for generations to come.

Tom began his career with the Baltimore City Police Department and completed his career as a Detective with the Prince Georges County Police Department. Throughout his career, he was recognized for his dedicated service. He retired after more than 20 years of service to his community. After retirement, he worked as a Fraud Claims Investigator for Geico Insurance and spent more than 10 years there before retiring yet again.

Tom enjoyed watching the Washington Nationals and the Washington Redskins. His hobbies included oil painting, woodworking, and spending as much time as he could with family and friends. He was a very involved father and grandfather and was absolutely tickled when he became a great grandfather.

Tom was a caring man who treated everyone with respect and made sure those he loved knew it. He attended Mt. Zion United Methodist church and enjoyed the many opportunities for fellowship. Tom had a gentle presence that drew people to him. He was always willing to lend an ear or tell a story.

Tom is survived by his wife, Anne Gross of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Andrea Aeschlimann (Brian) of Mechanicsville, MD; David Gross of Bryans Road, MD and Kimberly Olson (Eric) of Rockport, MA; eleven (11) grandchildren; one (1) great-grandchild; siblings Lizbeth Proffitt (Wayne), Terry Spivey (Kelley), Mark Gross (Teresa), and many extended family members and friends. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Bill Gross and Maxine Spivey.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. A graveside service, with military honors, will follow immediately in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made in Tom's name to Mt. Zion U.M.C. Youth Program, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 or LELDF Legal Fund, <https://secure.anedot.com/leldf/c74c1d8501e75e8d2dec6>

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

Mary Agnes Stewart

Mary Agnes Stewart, 84 of Leonardtown, MD departed this life peacefully on Wednesday, July 28, surrounded by her family.

Endearingly known as "Aggie", Mary Agnes was born January 27, 1937, in Leonardtown, MD to the late Agnes Louise Stewart and Raymond Joseph Somerville. She was affectionately raised by her uncle Raymond Taylor and his wife Mary Alice and grew up in the company of her uncle James and first cousin George. Mary Agnes was a permanent resident of St. Mary's County, receiving her education through the county public school



system and being baptized as a lifelong parishioner of St. Aloysius Church.

Mary Agnes had a fulfilling career, in which she held positions at St. Mary's Hospital, St. Mary's Academy, St. Mary's Ryken High School and St. Mary's Nursing Center, where she retired as a Certified Geriatric Aide. Postretirement she continued to assist local families as an in-home Geriatric Aide, becoming a well-known caregiver within the community.

Though she took pride in her numerous careers, her most joyful occupation was being a grandmother to her four grandchildren. Her devotion to her grandchildren extended to their before and after-school care, supporting their participation in school programs and sports, and their academic success during their formative years.

She enjoyed entertaining friends and family, playing the state lottery, card games, and frequenting casinos with her late aunt Theresa Johnson. She enjoyed cooking and baking for all occasions, guaranteeing a large feast for every holiday, and ensuring that her famous stuffed ham and homemade pound cake was always on the menu.

In addition to her parents and godparents, she was predeceased by her great grandson Thomas Mason Jefferson, her aunts Theresa Johnson, Annie Mae Berry, Lucille Stewart, and Catherine Dorsey, along with her two longtime friends, Estelle Somerville and Estelle Smallwood.

Mary Agnes leaves to cherish her loving daughters, Mary Helen, Catherine and Diane Stewart. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Marlon Stewart (Christine), Lokia Stewart (Tavares), Crystal Taylor and DeAndre Countiss. Additionally, she is survived by her great grandchildren, Taira Saltsman, Trevon, Trinidee, and Trent Jefferson, Marlon Stewart Jr., and Caiden Countiss, and great-great grandchildren, Devon and Aniyah Calhoun and her beloved four legged companion Rusty.

She is also survived by her aunt Christine Jones, and uncles James and Benedict Stewart along with her siblings Joseph Thomas, Arthur "Bill" Thomas, Raymond Thomas Jr., Kenny Thomas, Rodney Thomas, Ann Jenkins and Linda Wooden. She also leaves to cherish her fond memories, godchildren, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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John William Quade Jr

John William Quade Jr, 74, of Breton Bay, Leonardtown, died July 29, 2021, in Charleston SC. Born on February 16, 1947, in Oakley, MD, the son of John William "Buck" Quade and Alice Maria' Suite.

As a young man, John Wm (as he was affectionately known by family and old friends) participated in county baseball teams & pool leagues, Boy Scouts (eventually becoming an Eagle Scout), played guitar in numerous bands and could be seen drag racing his 1967 Impala at Maryland International Raceway. Known for his colorful and feisty personality, some of his childhood friends nicknamed him the "walking bandage".

After graduating in the last class of Margaret Brent High School in 1965, John enlisted in the US Marine Corps, following in his grandfather Raymond Suite's footsteps. John served his country from July 8, 1965 until February 29, 1968. When he was wounded in Vietnam in August 1967, he spent most of a year recovering from his injuries at Bethesda Naval Hospital, and subsequently received a Purple Heart in addition to numerous other military awards/ribbons. After his honorable discharge, he continued his education at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he met his future wife, Lucy Barbour, whom he married June 7, 2000 in Edgartown, MA.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St Mary's College in 1971 and then attended the University of Baltimore Law School. He worked as a Law clerk for Judge Joe Weiner, and practiced as an Assistant State's Attorney from 1973-1975. John served in the MD House of Delegates from 1978-1982, where he represented District 29 of Charles-St Mary's, chaired the St Mary's & Charles counties delegation, and was a member of the Joint Committee on Community and Economic Development, Subcommittee on Banking, and the Joint Committee on Insurance.

After politics, John continued to follow the developments within St Mary's County by regularly attending the county commissioners meetings. He became a licensed real estate agent working for Jack Rue Real Estate, O'Brien Realty, Millison Enterprise, and then received his license as a Certified General Appraiser. He opened Brick House Realty & Appraisals in Leonardtown and specialized for many years in commercial real estate transactions and appraising.

John was an avid golfer, playing locally and in numerous states. He was a long-time member of Breton Bay Golf & Country Club, and served on its Board of Directors, part of the time as its President. He was also a former member of Mirasol Country Club and PGA National, both in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He was a member of the US Golf Association.

John was a member of the American Legion Post 221 in Avenue, the VFW Post 2632 of California, St Mary's Historical Society, the Seventh District Optimist Club, Disabled American Veterans, Fleet Reserve, Maryland Waterman's Association, and the St. Mary's County Democratic Club.

In addition to his wife Lucy, John is survived by his siblings: Janice & Alfred Abell of California MD, Ray & Angel Quade of Clements and Debbie & Gary Farrell of Mechanicsville. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and was beloved by his wife's family. He was predeceased by his siblings Catherine Ann Mattingly (Ronnie) & George Bernard Quade.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 9, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a funeral service will be held in the Funeral Home Chapel at 10:30 AM, with Deacon Joe Llyod officiating. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation (for Polycystic Kidney Disease research) at kidney.org/donation, the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation at HSMC Foundation, Attn: Howie Grube, howieg@dighistory.org or call 240-538-3942, and the First Tee Organization (introducing the game of golf to kids and teens) at firsttee.org. Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Millard Filmore "Sonny" Garland, Jr.

Millard Filmore "Sonny" Garland, Jr., 81, of Lusby, MD passed away on July 23, 2021 at the Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born August 29, 1939 in Washington,

DC, he was the son of the late Millard Filmore Garland, Sr. and Dorothy (Frank) Garland.

Sonny graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1957 and served in the U.S. Army from 1967 until 1969. He was a Retail Store Manager for A&P/Superfresh for forty years, retiring in 1996. Sonny enjoyed gardening and horse racing, and was a Washington Redskins and Nationals fan.

Sonny is survived by his children, Millard "Mil" Garland (Dawn) of Lexington Park, MD, James "Jimmy" Garland of Mechanicsville, MD and Christopher "Chris" Garland of Waldorf, MD; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his brother, Owen "Chico" Garland (Wanda) of Keymar, MD. He was preceded in death by his brother, John Garland.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #2092, 45779 Fire Department Lane, California, MD 20619. Please join us in casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the ASPCA or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

Robert Dennis Reed

Robert Dennis Reed, 79, of Mechanicsville Maryland passed away early Sunday morning August 1, 2021 with his family by his side. Known to friends as "Dennis", he was born in Princewick, WV on December 6, 1941 to Helen Elizabeth Costlow (deceased) and Robert Houston Reed (deceased). He had one sister, Shirley Jean Anders (deceased).

He married Betty Lou Nickell on December 28, 1963 in Mabscott, WV. They have 2 children - Tracy Anne Dennis (Thomas) Mechanicsville, MD and Laura Lynne Reed of Mechanicsville MD and 2 grandchildren - Shelby Nicole Dennis, Bergen Norway and Tyler Chase Dennis of Mechanicsville, MD.

Dennis and Betty moved to St. Mary's County in 1973.

Dennis graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, WV in 1959, then went on to attend Beckley Junior College in Beckley, WV (general studies). He furthered his education by attending West Virginia Institute of Technology in Montgomery, WV (studying electrical

technology) and then later on attended Charles County Community College in LaPlata MD (studying computer programming).

Dennis worked for Gallaudet University in Washington, DC for 25 years as a computer technician.

In his spare time, Dennis was an avid woodworker, loved working in his vegetable garden and enjoyed visiting his second home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Spending a lot of time on Chincateague Island, Dennis also took great pride in perfecting his photography skills and loved taking pictures of nature and wildlife in that area (a few of which garnered ribbons at the St. Mary's County fair). He was also in charge of assisting the "Help to Hear" Foundation in Frederick, MD with reviewing and approving applications for people that needed financial assistance securing hearing aids.

One of Dennis' accomplishments that he was most proud of was his long-time tenure as a Charter member of the Mechanicsville Optimist Club (1982). Dennis poured his heart and soul into building the club and served in several key roles (including club president and Lt. Governor) throughout his 39 years of being a member. Many of the projects he enjoyed working on were the JOI Club (Junior Optimist International), "Shop with a Cop" at Christmas time, Dare Camp (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), Fantasy Night, yearly Christmas tree sales and many other fundraisers for the organization. He was a regular in the Mechanicsville Optimist Club cook trailer and everyone always raved about his crab soup!

Dennis loved befriending youth that needed a mentor in life, and several over the years came to know and love him as a father/grandfather figure. Everyone in the Optimist club enjoyed his quick wit and had a deep appreciation for his loyalty to the organization and his local community. He was loved and admired by all, and will be deeply missed.

Dennis is a former member of the Washington DC chapter of the Association of Professional Energy Managers, as well as a former member of the Association of District Columbia Universities Physical Plant Managers.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM with Optimist prayers recited at 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Funeral Service will follow at 10:15 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Timothy Quade officiating. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request a donation to the Mechanicsville Optimist Club (funds donated will be directed to the scholarship fund in his memory). Please make checks payable to: Mechanicsville Optimist Club PO Box 301 Mechanicsville, MD 20659. Donations may also be made by Paypal: Paypal email address: mechanicsvilleoptimist@yahoo.com.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Calls balls and strikes
- 4. Turkish officer
- 9. Repaired shoe
- 14. Grass genus
- 15. Small, sealed vial
- 16. Primp
- 17. Immoral act
- 18. A tool to communicate
- 20. Crumbles away
- 22. Egg-like
- 23. Districts (abbr.)
- 24. Dressed
- 28. Small island (British)
- 29. Dialect of Chinese
- 30. Force unit
- 31. Borderlines
- 33. Norse gods
- 37. Morning
- 38. Fiddler crabs
- 39. Tell a story
- 41. Consumed
- 42. Atomic #58
- 43. About old Norse poems
- 44. Fencing swords
- 46. One-time Tigers third baseman
- 49. Southpaw (abbr.)
- 50. Neither
- 51. Conversations
- 55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation

58. Cyprinids

- 59. Appropriate to a festival
- 60. Pearl Jam frontman
- 64. Wrath
- 65. Italian city
- 66. A way to get there
- 67. A nose or snout
- 68. German seaport
- 69. A horse for riding
- 70. Airline representative (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Unhappy
- 2. Silk fabric
- 3. Unbroken view of a region
- 4. Middle Eastern territory
- 5. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 6. Central processing unit
- 7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
- 9. Weapon
- 10. Delivered a speech
- 11. Probably going to happen
- 12. Midway between northeast and east
- 13. Danish krone
- 19. Synthetic resin

(abbr.)

- 21. Fall slowly in drops
- 24. Bestow an honor upon
- 25. Childishly silly
- 26. Related on the mother's side
- 27. Populations of related plants
- 31. Coherent
- 32. Tribe of ancient Britons
- 34. Financial firm Goldman ___
- 35. Stephen King thriller
- 36. Went in again
- 40. Commercial
- 41. Poking holes in the ground
- 45. Prisoners of war
- 47. Pursued pleasure
- 48. "Seinfeld" character
- 52. Body of water
- 53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
- 54. People who utilize
- 56. Nostrils
- 57. Inner mass of some fungi
- 59. Honor lavishly
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Turn down
- 62. Small round mark
- 63. Expected at a certain time

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