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New COVID Cases Dip Slightly

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The number of new cases of COVID-19 have decreased slightly for the week of Aug. 29, with 364 cases, just four fewer than the previous week.

But the new case rate still remains high, close to the pandemic's peak back in January of 433 new cases in just one week, according to figures from the St. Marys' County Health Department.

The new case rate per 100,000 has also declined slightly, county health department statistics show, and in age categories that just a week ago were climbing the fastest.

For the week of Aug. 29, the case rate for those aged 20 to 39, the fastest climbing age group, was about 62; for the week starting Sept. 5 that rate has dropped to about 55.

The zero to 19 age group and the 40 to 59 age group have also seen similar declines compared to the prior week, health department data shows.

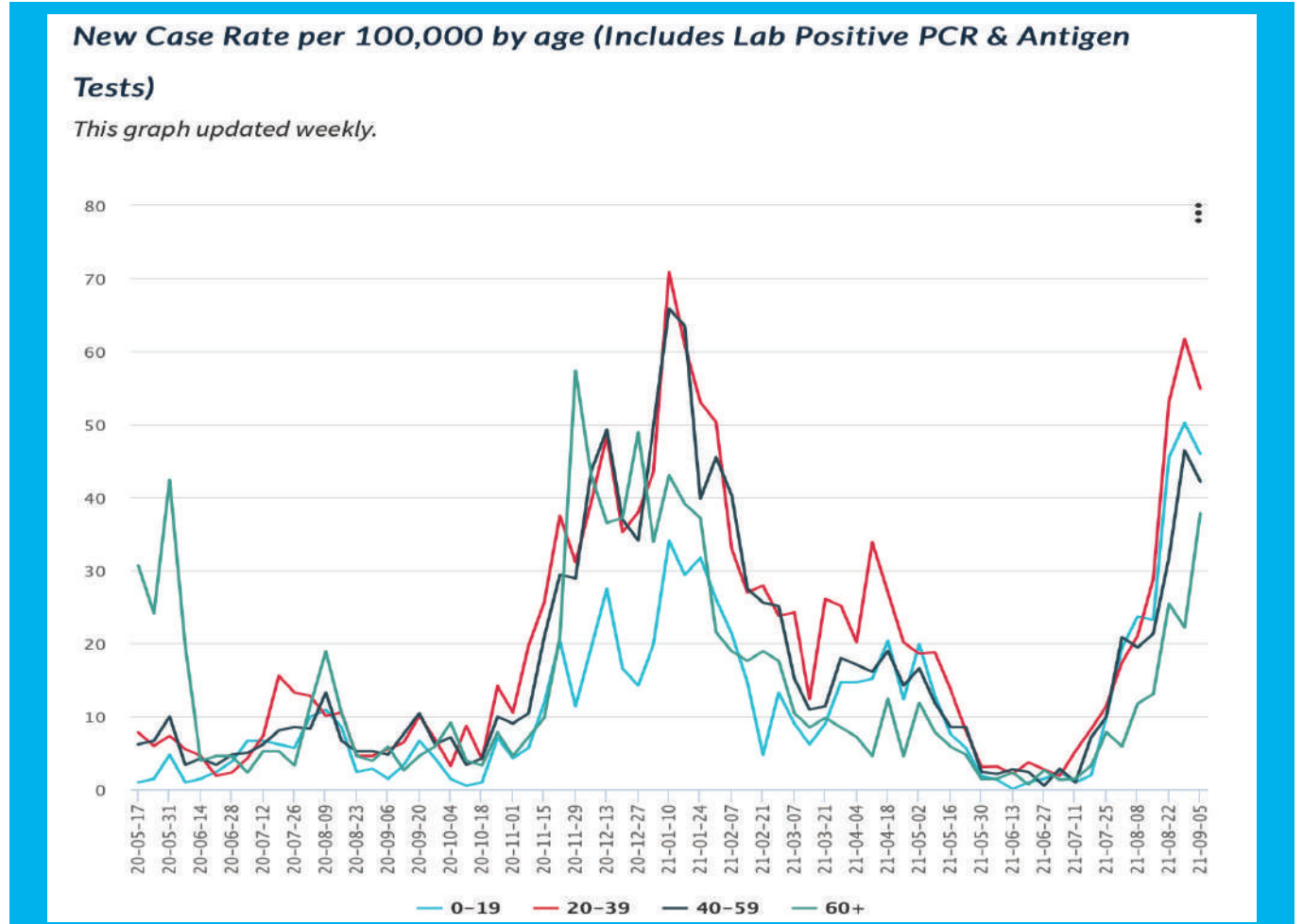
Troublingly, though, the age group of 60 years old and up has seen no such decline but a sharp increase in the new case rate.

For the week of Aug. 29 the new case rate for the oldest group was just 22; for this week the rate has risen to about 38, the latest data shows.

The age 60 and up group is recognized as the most vulnerable to harm from COVID-19 infection, and though they are the age group locally with the highest rate of vaccination, about 90 percent, the latest data shows that breakthrough cases are growing in that age range despite being fully vaccinated.

Health department officials have continued to call for those who are unvaccinated to do so to help fight not only the spread of the disease, but its continued mutation into new strains.

Scientists believe that the vaccines



are still at least somewhat effective against the new strains in preventing serious illness if not outright infection.

Though the death toll in St. Marys' County residents have drastically slowed since the pandemic's beginning last March, it has crept slowly from a recent 132 now to 137.

The health department is planning another mass vaccination program at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department beginning on Sept. 10 and is planning on giving booster shots to certain in the community who have compromised immune systems.

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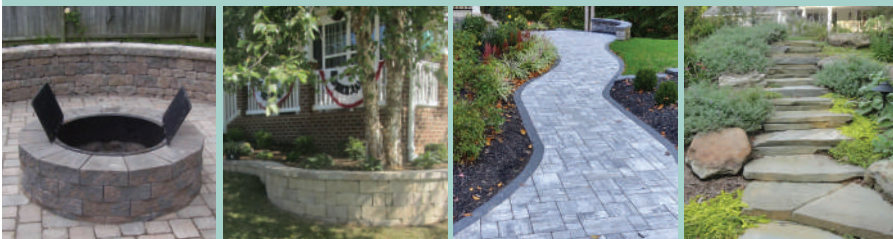
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Town Presses State on Lagging Route 5 Project



Stalled road work on Route 5 in Leonardtown.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The heavy road work to create an extra turn lane into MedStar St. Mary's Hospital and install more sidewalks along Route 5 upto the entrance of the Clark's Rest community has seen many delays and town officials say and now they hear that instead of being completed this year as planned it could take even longer.

"It's dragged on for so long and people are tired of their yarns being torn up for years," said Lascelle McKay, town administrator.

Additionally, the left turn lane off of Route 5 into Clark's Rest has been taken up by the project, she said, making for a dangerous and inconvenient traffic situation.

"It's taken a step backwards with the loss of that left turn lane," McKay told The County Times, adding that night work was supposed to begin again.

Despite the return to work there, she said, town officials are concerned by reports from the state that the project could

take another 18 months to complete.

The town is going to press the state for more details, McKay said, in an attempt to pare down the timetable.

"We just want it done, the residents want it done," she said.

Del. Matt Morgan said he considered an additional 18-month wait to be the "worst case scenario."

"SHA's [State Highway Administration] been working on this... this has been dragging on," Morgan said. "I'm always in contact with SHA, they haven't forgotten about it."

"We want to get this wrapped up as soon as possible."

Lack of labor has been a problem, Morgan said.

"They're struggling to get workers, too, just like every other small business in our area," said the Dist. 29 A delegate.

"Matt and I will definitely inquire together on this and determine what's going on," said Sen. Jack Bailey R-Dist.29.

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Speech Contest Teaches Dying Skill

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Fair is more than just farm and livestock displays and horse pulls, it's also a chance for youth to shine in the almost-lost art of public speaking.

This year's fair is no different, said Joey Samuelson, coordinator of the contest for the county fair.

The contest is open to all middle school and high school students in St. Mary's whether in public, private or home school.

Students who wish to participate must have adult sponsor who provides guidance.

"I'd like to encourage more kids to try," Samuelson said. "We're not encouraging people's ability to speak in groups of people."

"That can be a key skill."

Students can also speak on whatever topic they wish, Samuelson said, provided it is a family friendly topic.

"We tell them to remember who their audience is," Samuelson said.

The ability to choose their own topic upon which to speak was an incentive for them to practice public speaking, Samuelson said.



Fair Speech Contest.

But students must also learn brevity in their speech preparation, as their time at the podium is limited.

"They must speak for at least three minutes and no more than five," Samuelson said.

If students go over their time, they will be ushered away politely, she said.

"And they're expected to smile and leave to return to their seats," said Samuelson.

Between 17 and 22 students have participated in the speech contest each year.

The annual St. Mary's County Speech Contest will be held Friday September 24, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.

To get more information on how to participate contact Samuelson at ijsamuelson.ijs@gmail.com.

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Local COVID Mass Vaccination Site to Reopen

Appointments Available in Hollywood & Lexington Park

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is remobilizing its local COVID-19 mass vaccination site at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, located at 24801 MD-235 in Hollywood. COVID-19 vaccine appointments will be available by appointment at this location beginning September 10, 2021.

COVID-19 vaccine appointments are also available at the new Behavioral Health Hub, located at 21625 Great Mills Road in Lexington Park (formerly PNC Bank). Please note: SMCHD is no longer offering COVID-19 vaccine appointments at the main office in Leonardtown in order to accommodate high demand for COVID-19 testing.

"COVID-19 new case rates continue to rise rapidly in our community," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "The best way to protect yourself and others is to get fully vaccinated. Our drive-thru mass vaccine site and many community partnerships have allowed us to efficiently vaccinate tens of thousands of St.

Mary's County residents. Reactivating this site will best allow us to meet vaccine demand now that the FDA has fully approved Pfizer vaccine, as we roll out booster doses for our community members, and when vaccine is authorized for children less than twelve years old."

COVID-19 vaccinations are currently available for anyone age 12 and older. Appointments are highly recommended; walk-ups will be accepted as vaccine supply allows. For more information or to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or call the SMCHD COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4330. Please review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 Vaccination prior to registering for a vaccine appointment. Pre-registration is available for those who are waiting to become eligible for their initial or booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

For local COVID-19 updates, information, and data visit smchd.org/coronavirus.

Booster Shots Available for Some Seniors

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Citing poor and contradictory guidance on their usage from the federal government, Gov. Larry Hogan announced this week that he was authorizing the administration of COVID-19 booster vaccines to all residents 65 years old and up who are living in congregate facilities, such as nursing and assisted homes.

He also ordered that anyone who is immunocompromised would be able to immediately receive a COVID-19 booster vaccine from a pharmacy or other medical provider without the need for a doctor's order or a prescription.

"No one [in this category] should be turned away from getting a booster," Hogan said at a Sept. 8 press conference in Annapolis.

He noted that 28,000 booster shots had already been administered in Maryland.

Once clear guidance from the federal government becomes available, the governor said, booster shots would become available to the wider public.

However, he said, 19 percent of Marylanders remained unvaccinated and he announced that the state would begin a canvassing effort to reach neighborhoods that had low vaccination rates and offer the first one to two doses of the inoculant.

"Vaccines continue to be available in every corner of the state," Hogan said, adding that monoclonal antibody therapy remained the "only approved and effective treatment," against the virus and its variants.

Maryland continues to weather the pandemic better than nearly every other state, Hogan said, with the case positivity rate the sixth-lowest in the nation and the new case rate the second lowest in the nation.

"Our hospitalizations are down 60 percent since the peak of the pandemic," Hogan said. "However we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent."

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Veterans Day Returning to Leonardtown



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

What is widely considered the largest Veterans Day Parade in Maryland is making its return to Leonardtown this year after being cancelled last November due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown announced late last month that the parade would be returning Nov. 11 to the town square, a Thursday.

The Leonardtown commissioners invited their counterparts in county government to attend in a missive dated Aug. 24.

"The Veterans Day Parade is a proud tradition in Leonardtown and has been an event in St. Mary's County since the early 1970s," Mayor Dan Burriss wrote

in the letter. "Stepping off just before 10a.m., the parade is comprised of local dignitaries, military units, marching bands, youth groups, equestrians, floats and many community organizations."

This year's memorial will focus on the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which brought the United State into World War II, the missive stated.

"This year will commemorate... and highlight the service and sacrifice of all vets, and host an estimated 2,800 marchers and over 4,000 spectators.

After the parade has run its course, a memorial wreath-laying ceremony will take place in the town square at the military memorial.

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Relief Funding Approved for Businesses Impacted by COVID

During their business meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved additional funds to be allocated for the St. Mary's County Online Sales and Telework Fund.

Funds have been made available under the American Recovery Act, enabling the Commissioners to make additional grants to businesses to assist entities in setting up an online sales framework and/or offering employees telework opportunities. St. Mary's County recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused economic hardship for many businesses. St. Mary's County has reactivated the Online Sales/Telework Grant Fund to provide local relief from this hardship.

The Online Sales/Telework Grant Fund will have a maximum budget of \$94,874.00. The maximum award per grantee is \$5,000.

Small businesses must be based in St. Mary's County, be in good standing with the State of Maryland, St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management, and Office of the Treasurer, established before March 9, 2020, and currently be in

operation.

Priority will be given to entities that do not have more than 20 total employees (including part-time employees), excluding the owner.

Priority will be given to entities that have not received a COVID-19 Business Relief Grant or Loan from the Maryland Department of Commerce or a grant from the Maryland Department of Labor to purchase equipment to assist in the expansion of opportunities for telework.

Grants may be used for expenses incurred to establish or expand online sales and/or telework during COVID (after March 2020).

Eligible businesses can submit an online application starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, at <https://www.yesstmarysmd.com/OSTGrant>

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, or when 19 qualified and complete applications have been received, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions, please contact Kellie Hinkle, Deputy Director Kellie.Hinkle@StMarysMD.com 240-925-7178.

Hurricane Season Safety Reminder

The Atlantic Region Hurricane Season is in effect until Nov. 30, 2021; this means St. Mary's County is only just halfway through the 2021 season. The National Weather Service recommends ongoing preparations for the remainder of the season.

Steve Walker, Director of the Department of Emergency Services, said, "August 30, 2021, marked the halfway point in the 2021 Hurricane Season, and it is not too late to prepare. You can do some simple things to reduce property damage and get through any hurricane emergency with less stress by being prepared."

- Plan your evacuation route well ahead of time
- Keep non-perishable emergency supplies on hand
- Take an inventory of your personal property
- Review your insurance policies
- Take steps to protect your home

For more information on the 2021 Hurricane Season and for additional preparedness tips, visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes.

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Mechanicsville Man Arrested for Illegally Accessing County Servers

On August 27, 2021, several St. Mary's County Government databases were affected by a server shutdown. Investigation determined the server was intentionally infiltrated by an unauthorized individual, later identified as Ronald Keith Raley, age 42 of Mechanicsville. The servers and databases were disabled for several hours and resulted in a significant cost for St. Mary's County Government Information Technology employees to resolve the situation.

On Sept. 1, 2021, Raley was arrested and charged with the following:

- Computers Illegal Access
- Computers Illegal Access/Damage
- Interrupt State/Government Server
- Theft

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Ronald Keith Raley

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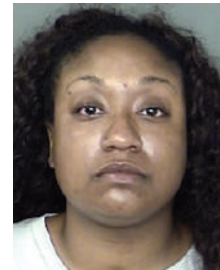
On August 25, 2021, Dep. Luffey responded to the 22800 block of Washington Street in Leonardtown, for the reported trespassing. **William Shane Murray**, age 61 of no fixed address was observed on the property after being served a notice not to trespass from an earlier incident. Murray attempted to flee from Dep. Luffey, but was apprehended and charged with Trespass: Private Property.



William Shane Murray

Assault-

On August 25, 2021, Dep. Walker responded to the 21600 block of Liberty Street in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Monica Ashley Brown**, age 29 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by striking and scratching the victim in the face, causing visible injury. Brown was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Monica Ashley Brown

Assault-

On August 26, 2021, Dep. Bowling responded to the 28100 block of Mechanicsville Road

in Mechanicsville, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Corey Michael Bridgett**, age 25 of Mechanicsville, assaulted the victim by striking the victim in the face several times, causing visible injury. Bridgett was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Corey Michael Bridgett

Home Invasion/Assault-

On August 27, 2021, Dep. Bowling responded to the 22600 block of Washington Street in Leonardtown, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Edrick Moore Young**, age 54 of Leonardtown, forced his way into the victim's residence, struck the victim in the face, and then assaulted another victim inside by attempting to punch the victim. During the incident Young broke a vase belonging to the victim and a camera. Young was arrested and charged with Home Invasion, Burglary 3rd and 4th Degree, two counts of Assault and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Edrick Moore Young

Editor's Note:

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF KEVIN JAMES HILLS
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In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

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Notice (Adult)

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Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 10/04/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a fail-

ure to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental prob-

lems. The good news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

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Hollywood Volunteers Rescue Dog in Sandgates



At approximately 12:45p.m., Hollywood VFD was dispatched to the 42300 block of Allison Drive for a possible animal rescue. A Co. 7 rescue vehicle responded shortly after dispatch with six volunteers. Crews arrived to find a small dog that fell approximately 20 feet down a steep hill and was unable to make it back up.

The crew of Rescue Squad 7 found an alternative access point and were able to safely remove the uninjured dog. The dog was reunited to his owner and Rescue Squad 7 returned to service a short time later.

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Release

Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy Fundraiser



Kevin's Korner Café in Leonardtown will host a fundraiser for Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy, Saturday, Sept. 11 from 11a.m. to 9p.m.

Several restaurant specialties will be available, including Kevin's Platter, Leonardtown Wharf

and Kevin's Famous Rockfish.

Kid's meals will also be available.

The money raised will be used to begin upgrades to the school building.

For more information call 301-997-1260 or 301-997-1261.

Pet OF THE WEEK



MEET QUESO

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-Stanley Spencer

Hi, my name is Queso. Let's taco 'bout how awesome I am! I ask you, who doesn't LOVE some Queso? It's so fun to scoop up and eat! My TCAS buddies say, " Queso is a HANDSOME, 2 YEAR OLD BOY who is lots of FUN. Get out the fuzzy balls and rope toys, and he is right there. Got a couple of dogs? That's ok, dogs don't phase him one bit. Once he is tired out, you can scoop him up to SNUGGLE!" Queso didn't know, you can email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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St. Clement's Island Museum Joins Smithsonian Magazine's Annual Museum Day

St. Clement's Island Museum will open their doors free of charge to all Museum Day ticketholders Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, as part of Smithsonian magazine's 17th annual Museum Day, a national celebration of boundless curiosity in which participating museums emulate the free admission policy at the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C.-based museums. Ticket includes free admission to the museum but NOT the water taxi, which will remain \$7.00 per person that day.

The annual event allows museums, zoos and cultural centers from all 50 states to emulate the spirit of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C.-based facilities, which offer free admission every day. This year's event is sponsored by The Quaker Oats Company.

Museum Day goes beyond getting visitors through museum doors—it acts as a springboard to empower and help advance the hopes and ambitions of the public, particularly school-aged children and those in underrepresented

communities. It represents a national commitment to access, equity and inclusion.

With many public spaces being shut down for a year or more, Museum Day 2021 celebrates the reopening of museums after long closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's theme, "Experience America," represents the return to, and resurgence of, our country's diverse cultural experiences, in the safest possible way. While tickets will be free of charge, participating museums will have safety precautions in place for this year's event so guests can safely and comfortably enjoy their experience.

"Our museums have such a unique story to tell and being part of Smithsonian magazine's Museum Day helps us to reach new audiences that may never have experienced our sites before due to a variety of circumstances," said Karen Stone, St. Mary's County Museum Manager.

Museum Day tickets will be available for download at smithsonianmag.com/MuseumDay be-



ginning Aug. 18, 2021.

Visitors who present a Museum Day ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues Sept. 18, 2021. One ticket is permitted per email address. For

more information, as well as a list of participating museums, which will be continually updated as more museums continue to register, can be found at [Smithsonianmag.com/MuseumDay](https://smithsonianmag.com/MuseumDay).



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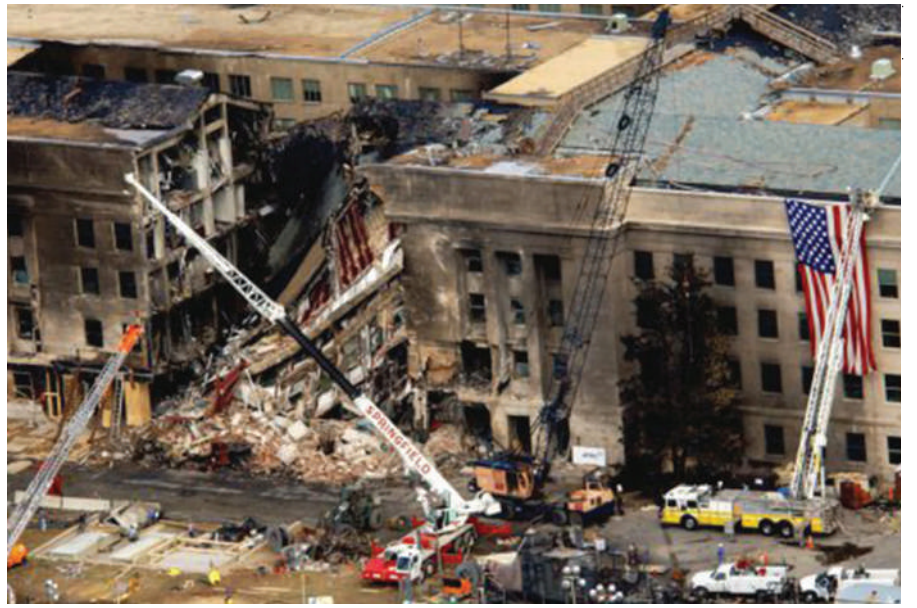
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Aerial view of the damage at the Pentagon



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Machines clean up debris from the Pentagon following the 9/11 attack.



As we mark the 20th anniversary, we honor and remember all who were lost during the September 11 attacks. Our hearts are with the families and friends of the fallen, as well as our great nation.



9/11 Heroes Event Focuses on First Responders

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dr. Jay Lipoff, local chiropractor and founder of the Foundation 4 Heroes group says this year's memorial for the 20th anniversary of 9/11 will honor police, fire and EMS workers as well as those lives lost in the terror attacks.

Two local law officers, sheriff's Cpl. Kristi Nelson and Sgt. Angela Delozier will receive the first Dep. Peggy Smolarsky Community Hero award.

Smolarsky, a retired sheriff's detective and Leonardtown town deputy who was well loved in the community, recently passed away after a long battle with cancer.

"We have a really great surprise to support our [first responders,]" Lipoff told The County Times. "We're going to be giving back to the community, which is what we love to do." Lipoff and other members of the Foundation 4 Heroes dress as super heroes and host numerous fun-

draisers and events for community causes, including medical care for young, seriously ill children.

Lipoff said the foundation will take \$2,500 of funds donated to them and return them in \$250 increments to 10 local first responder and community groups.

"They can use it to get a steak dinner or take their dog to get a steak dinner," Lipoff said. "It doesn't matter, it's about giving back and honoring and thanking our local heroes."

The event is set to take place at the main lawn at the St. Mary's County Government Center in Leonardtown this Saturday, Sept. 11, with a reading of names of 9/11 victims starting at 6p.m.

Lights shining up into the night sky commemorating the fallen World Trade Center towers in New York City will be active at the District Court House.

"It's a powerful evening," Lipoff said.

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School Board Chair Karin Bailey

Bailey was working for Hughes Electronics at their Gaithersburg office, but did much of her work in Los Angeles, California.

She took a commuter flight from Dulles International Airport each week — she lived in Arlington, Virginia — on American Airlines Flight 77.

The same one that went into the Pentagon on that fateful day.

“It was a flight we’d all taken regularly,” Bailey said.

It was an event just as fateful but mundane that stopped her from getting on that flight.

She had to stay back in Maryland to ensure that a flaw in accounting in the Los Angeles office was not in the accounting at the Gaithersburg office.

When the plane hit the Pentagon all the flights were shut down and Bailey had to stay in Arlington.

She lived close by to the nation’s military headquarters.

“All you could hear was helicopters flying around,” Bailey said. “We were all completely astounded.”

Since then, Bailey looks back on that day with a slight sense of disbelief.

“It makes you stop and think how surreal that week was,” Bailey said. “It was a strange time to live through.”



Sheriff Tim Cameron

When Cameron learned of the 9/11 terror attacks, he was at the Blackwater private military contractor facility in North Carolina.

Trained as a tactical marksman — counter sniper— Cameron and other law enforcement and military personnel were taking the Los Angeles Police Department’s hostage rescue course.

He was a deputy on a training assignment.

“There was this sense of disbelief,” Cameron said. “When it happened there was this fear of what was coming next.

“It was hard to get through to anybody.”

His children were just infants then.

The instructor that day was a man named R.J. Cottle, a member of LAPD SWAT, who said that with the terrorist attacks now hitting America’s shores their training took on even greater meaning.

Cottle was a U.S. Marine Corps reservist who was killed in Afghanistan in 2010, Cameron said, as part of an armored reconnaissance battalion.

“I can’t help but think of RJ every 9/11,” Cameron said. “A lot’s changed since 9/11; in the beginning there was a lot of patriotism and working for the common good.

“I think we’ve lost sight of that.”

Memories of the man who helped bring all those disparate operators together to continue training are bittersweet.

“I keep thinking that the same people who committed 9/11 were the ones who killed RJ in Afghanistan,” Cameron said. “He refocused us that day; he was the real deal.”



Leonardtown Councilwoman Mary Maday Slade

Slade was living in Florida when the terrorists struck on 9/11.

“My father, who worked for the Navy, often had meetings at the Pentagon,” Slade said. “But he was visiting me in Florida.”

“It definitely saved me from worrying about him.”

Slade remembers the terror of that day, even though she was far away she still heard reports of what had happened there.

“It was terrifying to think of what happened,” Slade said. “I had friends in New York who told me about details

that the media didn’t report.

“They told me that everything happened so fast and people were running so fast that they had left their shoes on the sidewalk.”

The sidewalks were lined with high-heeled shoes, the kind that would easily leave a foot in an emergency, said Slade.

“Can you imagine being so frightened that you leave your shoes behind?” she asked.

Through the horror of that day, she remembered how America quickly rebounded and went on the offensive.

“It makes me proud to be an American,” Slade said. “The country came together so much after that.”



County Commissioner Todd Morgan

Morgan was working at the local defense contractor Eagan McCallister Associates, Inc., which he helped to found, on Sept. 11, 2001.

They learned of what had happened and watched the events play out on television, watching the planes fly into the World Trade Center and then saw the buildings crash down.

“It was devastating,” Morgan said. “We all started watching the television. “We were distraught.”

When Morgan left the office to go home, he was met with an eerie, unsettling calm.

Being a military community, the events of the day hit hard; the usual bustle and heavy traffic on Route 235 rushing to and from Patuxent River Naval Air Station had disappeared.

“The community was devastated,” Morgan said. “The streets were empty: it was so quiet.”

He went home and took a walk with his wife Maria at their home, and when they looked up and saw a single airplane in the sky, a mere speck.

They assumed it was Air Force One. “We knew the President [Bush] was in a secure location,” Morgan said.

With the recent events in Afghanistan, Morgan wondered if America was headed for more terrorism on its shores.

“Are we going back to the same

thing?” Morgan asked. “I can only pray it’s not going to happen again.”

Of the fateful day of two decades ago, Morgan said he would never forget.

“It’s a day I will always remember,” he said. “It’s etched in your brain.”

“I was active duty Air Force when



Christine McKay, former U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant

9/11 happened,” McKay said. “I was home on leave and had just arrived back in St. Mary’s, enroute from Texas, to my next assignment at RAF Lakenheath in the UK.

“I was staying with my brother and my mom called after the first plane hit and told me to turn on the TV.”

McKay was stunned, like much of the rest of the nation.

“As the day progressed, I remember feeling numb,” McKay said. “It was so surreal.”

She tried to help in some way.

“I ended up joining some friends at a local rescue squad and volunteered to be their runner for food, etc., so they could stay put,” McKay said. “The EMT’s and other personnel were staging there in anticipation of a call to help in [Washington, D.C.] “I remember going to Subway to get food for them and the manager decided to double the order and donate it after I told her I was picking it up for the rescue squad folks.”

It was not long until her duty overseas called.

“I left for England later that month after the airports opened back up,” she said. “I was on the first post 9/11 Air Force AMC (Air Mobility Command) to the UK out of BWI [International Airport.]”

She worked to support the coalition force’s air superiority in the War on Terror.

“My job in the Air Force was back shop avionics for the F-15 fighters,” McKay said. “Our shop turned a lot of extra units (components from the jets that needed repair) in support of the maintainers down range in the desert.

“We pulled a lot of long hours but we knew the jets we were supporting were right in the thick of the United States”

members 9/11

response to 9/11.”



Mike Hewitt, County Commissioner

"On Tuesday September 11, 2001 at just after 9AM I was sitting in my truck in front of the Hickory Hills, California branch of Maryland Bank & Trust. While getting ready to go into the bank to make the daily bank deposit for Hewitt's Service Center I was listening to the Heather and T-Bone morning show on 98.3FM. T-Bone made the announcement that a plane had flown into one of the two towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, NY. Thinking it was just an accident by a small personal plane, it was shocking to hear him say it was a commercial airliner, 'not a Cessna' were his words. They were watching the events unfold on breaking news coverage that had taken over all the television networks. Now glued to my radio listening to this firsthand account he went on to say there was tremendous damage and potential loss of life. Again thinking it must be an accident I walked into the bank and told the tellers what I'd heard and made my deposit. Returning to work with the radio on hopeful of more news T-Bone then announced that another plane had flown into the remaining tower, too. It was obvious that a terror attack had occurred and many people would lose their lives.

"Once back at work we turned on our radios and whatever else we could find to hear more updates. We stood in shock as we heard more bad news. The towers began to collapse and we watched in horror the people jumping from the buildings, others hanging out windows trying to get air to breath. We then heard about another plan flying into the Pentagon and another that had crashed in Pennsylvania. We couldn't believe what we were hearing and seeing. We all know the rest of the story. It was a day we'll always remember and never forget. We knew then as we know now, there is no real safe place in this world. Thank God for the first responders who helped that day and our thoughts and prayers to those who lost their lives. God Bless the men and woman of our armed forces who work

tirelessly every day to keep us safe and God Bless America."



Eric Colvin, County Commissioner

"I remember when I was younger asking my grandmother how she first heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor. She was from a poor farming community in Alabama and first heard about the attack on the radio. She described the shock and numbness they all felt as they listened to that radio broadcast. I never imagined that we would have our own "Pearl Harbor" moment. On the morning of September 11, 2001 I was in my college dorm at Salisbury University. It was already a strange morning for me, my first class had been canceled for the day so my routine was off. My roommate's girlfriend came to our room and asked if we were watching the news and said we were under attack. We watched in silence as the second plane flew into the World Trade Center, an image I'll never forget. Much like the rest of the nation, our college campus was still and eerily silent the rest of that day. Everyone was in their rooms watching the news and trying to call home and reach family and friends. We all knew that our world had fundamentally changed, but we weren't sure what it meant and what the outcomes of that change would be.

"The next day and weeks to follow also stand out strong in my memory. We all watched as the death count continued to climb, but we also started to hear the incredible stories of heroism of first responders trying to save lives. I saw our nation come together and unify in a way that was awe-inspiring. There was a feeling that yes, we'd been sucker punched, but we're still standing and we're standing together and we'll come back stronger. That is one of our greatest strengths that in a time of turmoil, uncertainty and fear we can and will come together and put our differences aside and focus on doing what is right. That is the memory I choose to hold dwell on."



Dave Willenborg, Chair of the St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board

Willenborg, a former submariner in the U.S. Navy, was working on Patuxent River Naval Air Station as a civilian on 9/11.

A friend of his, working in the same building, named Bob Carter came in to him suddenly.

"Dave, you need to come back here," Willenborg said Carter told him. "He was in charge of the base's closed-circuit television."

They were astounded at the images on the television.

"We were in shock and then we saw the second plane hit," Willenborg said. "We looked at each other and said there was no way that was not deliberate."

They left the base as it was ordered shut; his mother-in-law was at the Pentagon when it was hit, working in the area where then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld worked.

He hoped America never forgot the gravity of that day.

"I hope our country never forgets it," Willenborg said. "Just like Dec. 7, 1941 is an important day in American history, I think of 9/11 the same way.

"It's a sobering reminder that freedom isn't free; there are people who want to do us harm because we're free."



Brian Wyrick, former U.S. Navy Air Traffic Controller

On 9/11 Wyrick was working in the air traffic control tower at Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico.

"We heard there was a plane that hit one of the twin towers," Wyrick said. "We were thinking it was just another air plane collision with something propeller driven.

"Then we heard about the second plane."

He and his fellow sailors remember watching footage of the attacks and then messages started coming in about what was going on.

Then there was the order to shut down the national air traffic system.

"My kids were here and I was worrying about them," Wyrick said. "And I was wondering what the country's reaction to this would be.

"I was shocked, shocked beyond belief."

Wyrick left the military shortly after the attacks, but was called up to active duty in the reserves.

He didn't want another deployment, but he got it.

He served in the Bagdad Green Zone in Iraq in 2004, when the insurgency was peaking and the country was a killing ground.

"They called it the 'the suck,' because it just sucked," Wyrick said. "We did customs work, retaining military gear of soldiers returning home."



Cindy Slattery, Circuit Court Administrator

Slattery was busy taking her young children to school when they learned of the terrorist attacks.

"We never had the car radio on," Slattery said. "Except on that morning.

"It was a beautiful September day." That beauty was shattered upon learning of the attacks.

She tried to teach her children about what happened that day, the significance of the pain and suffering and the significance of those who tried to assuage it.

"I taught them to look for the people who were helping," Slattery said, adding she hoped she never had to relive that day.

"It's a feeling I've not known before and want never to feel again," Slattery said.

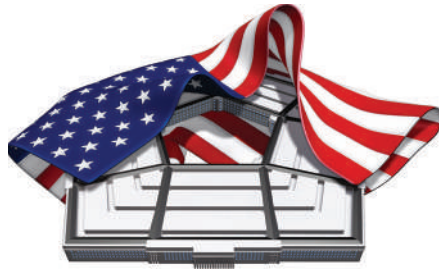
The Pentagon Memorial

At 9:37 a.m. on September 11, 2001, five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. All 53 passengers and six crew members perished in the crash and an additional 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground were killed in the fire caused by the crash.

The hijacking of Flight 77 was part of the broader attack on 9/11, which remains the deadliest terrorist attack in world history. The Pentagon Memorial was created to honor the 184 people whose lives were lost at the Pentagon on 9/11, as well as their families and all those who sacrifice to protect and preserve the freedom of Americans.

The design of the Pentagon Memorial was developed by architects Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman. Their design was chosen from 1,110 submissions.

The Pentagon Memorial sits on two acres of land just outside where Flight 77 struck the building. The memorial includes 184 benches that are dedicated to each of the victims. The benches are organized in a timeline of their ages, stretching from the youngest victim, 3-year-old Dana Falkenberg, to the oldest, 71-year-old John Yamnicky. Each bench is engraved with the victim's name and arches over a shallow reflecting pool of water, lit from below. The benches for passengers who were aboard the plane at the time of the crash



are positioned so visitors face the sky when reading the victim's names. The benches dedicated to the victims inside the building are positioned so their names and the Pentagon are in the same view.

A curved wall known as the Age Wall also is a significant part of the memorial. The wall increases in height from 3 inches to 71 inches to represent the ages of the victims.

Eighty-five paperbark maple tree were clustered throughout the memorial, and these trees feature foliage that changes orange or red each fall. The trees will eventually grow to 30 feet, providing a canopy of shade over the memorial.

The Pentagon Memorial is free and open seven days a week year-round, though visitors are urged to contact the Memorial in advance due to potential restrictions or closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information about the memorial is available at <https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/national-911-pentagon-memorial>.

The Flight 93 National Memorial



At 10:03 a.m. on September 11, 2001, the last of four planes that were hijacked earlier that morning crashed into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The people behind the 9/11 attacks later claimed the hijackers who commandeered the plane intended to crash into the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C., but passengers and crew stormed the cockpit, prompting the hijackers to crash the plane into the field, which is less than 20 minutes flying time to Washington D.C.

The efforts of passengers and crew onboard Flight 93 were nothing short of heroic. Though everyone aboard the flight perished in the crash, the attack on the U.S. Capitol was thwarted, saving untold number of lives. All passengers and crew on board Flight 93 were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal on September 11, 2014.

The Flight 93 National Memorial is located in Stonycreek Township in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, roughly two miles north of Shanksville. The memorial was opened to family members of the victims on September 10, 2015, and is now open to the public seven days a week, 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset though visitors are urged to contact the Memorial in advance due to potential restrictions or closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In September 2005, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, which included family members of the victims as well as design and art professionals and community and

national leaders, chose a design submitted by Paul Murdoch Architects and Nelson Byrd Woltz Architects from among 1,100 entries.

The Flight 93 National Memorial includes Tower of Voices, a 93-foot-tall musical instrument that holds 40 wind chimes, one to represent each of the 40 passengers and crew members who perished in the crash. The tower is located on an oval concrete plaza that includes two curved concrete benches facing the opening of the tower. The tower is surrounded by concentric rings of white pines and deciduous plantings. A live webcam of the Tower of Voices can be viewed at <https://www.flight-93friends.org/plan-your-visit/webcams>.

Visitors to the Flight 93 National Memorial also can visit the Memorial Plaza. The Memorial Plaza features the Wall of Names, which is made of 40 white polished marble stones inscribed with the names of the passengers and crew who were aboard Flight 93 on 9/11. The Memorial Plaza extends one-quarter mile alongside the area where Flight 93 crashed. Visitors can walk along the Memorial Plaza and view the impact site, including a grove of eastern hemlock trees that were damaged by the crash. A gap in the tree line is still visible and serves as a lasting "scar" of the crash.

More information about the Flight 93 National Memorial is available at <https://www.nps.gov/fini/planyourvisit/index.htm>.

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Reflections on 9/11

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

I have some particularly personal memories of this tragic event that forever changed our world as we knew it. And I now have a much clearer understanding of what my parents and the rest of our country went through when our homeland was first attacked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on "12-7" in 1941. My family and I had visited the "twin towers" previously and it offered one of the most magnificent scenic views of New York and New Jersey and even Connecticut from their roofs.

Seeing all of Manhattan and all the other boroughs of the city, the iconic bridges, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island where my mother's family first arrived from Italy in 1913 as well as Staten Island and Long Island in one sweep of the horizon is truly indescribable! And I am an individual of many words!

In early August 2001 the Visa Card people invited myself and three of my fellow Redskins Hogettes to come to New York City to film a commercial that was to be shown nationally. It was to promote their credit card with the theme "when you wish to show up wearing your Sunday best!" We spent four days filming at several locations around the city including Hofstra and Columbia University stadiums.

Once the director was satisfied with our work, we were given a tour of the towers and met many of the employees and visitors there. The plaza was completely full of tourists. I was amazed how well we were treated by the locals knowing we were "those guys in drag from DC!" I remember riding an escalator up the final few floors to the "Windows on the World" and waking a young lady who was supposed to be monitoring the escalator operation. I think I may have saved her job for her, and I often wonder if she was able to escape the horrific attack on her building?

Fast forwarding to September 11, I was at work at my firm's offices in Lexington Park around 10 a.m. when my phone rang, and it was my wife telling me the "towers were completely gone!" At first, I had difficulty trying to comprehend what she was saying. She is not one to play mind games, so I know she was being serious and wondered if she had just seen a film clip from a recent horror movie. She said she was dead serious, and the live shots were hard to watch.

But then others in the office started receiving similar phone calls and I then started to realize the most un-

imaginable event in my lifetime just took place. I sat back in my chair and like most of the country just stopped and tried to understand what just happened and why?

I think my first thought is "oh my gosh I hope those folks we met and shook hands with just a few weeks before were safe." But, of course, I will never know...

A couple of other memories from this time concerns people who I knew that remain a part of this story. My son had a good friend from his class at Loyola who was hired by American Express upon graduation and worked in their national headquarters within the towers. Fortunately, this part of my story has a good ending as he saw the whole thing from the Staten Island Ferry while returning from a dental appointment. He lost many co-workers in this tragedy.

On last remembrance of this ugly time concerns a close Navy friend of mine. I went to Navy bootcamp with Larry Getzfred and we both received orders to Aviation Electronic School in Memphis, TN. Following our training we went our separate career paths. Larry went on to fly in P-3 patrol aircraft and I went aboard several aircraft carriers. Later Larry completed his college degree and was commissioned an Ensign and received orders to flight school. He did well, later made full commander and was appointed a commanding officer for a patrol squadron on the West Coast. Having done well he received orders to the Pentagon and was promoted to Captain. Unfortunately, on that inevitable day, Captain Getzfred was standing the watch as the Navy's Command Duty Officer in the E Wing when the airliner was flown into this large fortress. Sadly, he was lost much too young leaving a wife and two small sons. His name is engraved in the 911 Memorial located on the site of the two towers there in New York.

Each year when this anniversary draws near, I am full of memories, both good and bad of this piece of history. Hopefully, our citizens and the generations that follow will know how deeply this attack on our freedoms and way of life have changed our world. It is a perfect lesson for how quickly and easily they can be taken from us.

I pray the sacrifices the several thousand victims and heroes of this day will always be remembered, and our nation will always remain vigilant to any future threats.



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Tackle Box Fishing Report



By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

September is a transition month. And so far, it is the best of all possible worlds. We got a cold front that changed the weather from insufferable heat and humidity to cool dry air. Fish like this change as much as we do, and the bite is on.

The spanish mackerel continue to fill the coolers of skilled trollers from Cedar Point Hollow to the mouth of the bay. The mackerel are fast moving and love small multi-colored spoons at fast speeds. Most are using planers to hold the lure at the right depth. The mackerel are jumping and feeding somewhere at all times. The trick is to find them. They have been at Cedar Point Rip, the Targets and in the ship's channel from the HI buoy to buoy 72 and in the Mud Leads. Good catches have been made in the Potomac from Point Lookout to St. George Island. Bluefish are also hitting the spoons as are an occasional big bull redfish. Don't set those drags too tight!

Cobia are not as numerous now, but patience and luck can result in a big trophy fish for both chummers and trollers. Trollers using big surgical eel lures have done very well as they can cover a lot of water searching for fish, whereas chummers are enticing the fish to come to them in a single location. Chummers have been rewarded with some big bluefish in the five-to-seven-pound range, and lots of little ones. Mackerel come into the chum lines too, and casting small fast-moving spoons results in hook ups.

The big bull reds are schooled

up and marauding around and could come into a chum line at any moment. Trollers using big spoons have a shot at hooking up. These fish are over the slot limit and often weigh as much as sixty pounds.

Infant red fish in the creeks are being caught on perch lures. The redfish in the slot of 18 to 27 inches are now pretty common for lure casters in the lower Potomac as are speckled trout in the 15-to-24-inch range.

Trollers targeting rockfish in the Potomac have done very well in the evenings on moving tides. The fish are concentrated on 20-to-30-foot edges from Swan Point to Port Tobacco. These fish are 20 to 28 inches and will soon start their fall migration toward Ragged Point, and then to the mouth of the Potomac on their way to the Ocean.

Spot are still all around for bottom fishermen as are white perch. Ragged Point in the Potomac and Hawk's Nest in the Patuxent have plenty of spot and perch.

Bloodworms, the preferred bait for bottom fish, continue to be in short supply. Hurricane Ida messed up conditions in Maine for three days of digging and the tides have not returned to normal lows. Substitutes for bloodworm are bits of squid, shrimp, night crawlers. Fishbites are a prepared bait, dried and hardened, that is an excellent substitute. The Lugworms are a natural worm imported from Asia and measured out by weight. They are a great bait, but the supply chain has broken down and there have been inconsistent deliveries.

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Season Begins



Maryland Department of Natural Resources photo

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced the state's 2021-2022 migratory game bird hunting seasons. Bag limits, season dates, and shooting hours can be found in the 2021-2022 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

"Maryland hunters wait for September with a high degree of anticipation as this month marks the beginning of the fall hunting seasons," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Our diverse landscape and abundant access to public land offer exciting opportunities for both experienced and new hunters alike. We wish a safe and memorable season to all who venture outdoors in Maryland this fall."

Season dates are as follows. Shooting hours begin 30 minutes before sunrise and end at sunset for all early migratory game bird hunting seasons except as noted below:

Dove, split season

First Season: Sept. 1 – Oct. 16 (shooting hours are from noon to sunset)

Second Season: Oct. 23 – Nov. 26

Third Season: Dec. 17 – Jan. 8, 2022

Woodcock, split season

First Season: Oct. 20- Nov. 26

Second Season: Jan. 10-22, 2022

Early resident Canada Goose season

Eastern zone: Sept. 1-15

Western zone: Sept. 1-25

For the early Canada Goose season, hunters are allowed to use shotguns capable of holding more than three shot shells. Shooting hours are extended to a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Teal, September season

Sept. 16–30

Shooting hours will be a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is six teal.

All migratory bird hunters, including landowners who are license-exempt, must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp/Harvest Information Program Permit and possess the printed receipt while hunting. All waterfowl hunters, ages 16 and older, must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Licenses, permits, and stamps can be purchased online, by phone at 855-855-3906, at a department service center or any of the 250 sport license agents.

Hunters are encouraged to report banded migratory game birds online. After reporting the banded bird, hunters will receive a certificate of appreciation that includes all known biological information on the bird they harvested.

Hunters with questions may contact the department at 410-260-8540.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



CLEMENTS CUTIES MAIN EVENT

I am so excited that The Clements Cuties and The Over 30 Women's team will be back out on the Cryer's Back Road Inn ball field in Compton for a crazy softball game this Saturday to raise funds for local children fighting rare childhood cancers, and for several scholarships. This year's recipients are 2 year old Colton Rhinefield, who is a champ battling Cancerous Rhabdomyosarcomas Tumor, and 3 year old Nothing keeps him down Noah Delwiche, who has B-Cell acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

The antics on field, and the tricks played on each other's teams are kept in secret until the big game. Part of the fun is to see what they have done to each other's dugouts. All activities are outside, and Saturday is promising to be a beautiful day. Entry to the field is by donation, and just a head's up that will be a primarily cash only event. Though donations can be accepted on our website www.clements-cutiesfoundation.org

The Women's League All-Star Game will begin at 1:30 pm. to start the fun. The Cuties Parade will arrive at 4pm. It's best to arrive early to get your raffle tickets, check out the brown bag auction items, grab a cold one, and eat some of Helen's Cafe and Catering's great home-cooked food right there at the ballfield. Helen's, located in the Charlotte Hall Farmer's Market, will also have a donation jar in the restaurant as well. George Bussler will be there with hot dogs and waters too. After all that eating and playing, then it will be time to get your seat before the arrival of the Cuties. This year we have lots of extra bleachers set up courtesy of Chopticon High School.

Once we, in the Cuties make-up team, get done making the Cuties look their absolute best over at Anderson's

Bar, I will head over to the ballfield to work the t-shirt tent, and the Cuties will leave to meet at the St. Clement's Shores Park for their amazing parade of fire trucks, motorcycles, and whatever conveyance they will arrive in down at Back Road. If the children who are recipients this year, and hopefully some past recipients are up to it, then they also come in with the parade. I love the parade, and yes, I will cry. And I will cry again when Taylor Quade sings The National Anthem.

Before the actual game starts there will be some very special presentations that I am not at liberty to reveal, but I was in awe of when I found out. And the day doesn't just end with the game. Afterwards the party continues across the street at The Back Road Inn Pavilion with Donald Quade's band, The Revival Band starting at 8 p.m. This will be one special day, and we hope one that raises funds to those that have been raised through other events, and from the good people of St. Mary's, to help these wonderful children and their families to defray some of the additional costs that inevitably build up for the families. The funds also give each child a much-needed special wish trip, so they can have as much fun as other children.

We hope you will come and join the fun, and the fight against childhood cancers. And we ask that you please keep the families and friends of Peyton Greer, our 2019 recipient who recently passed, and Colton Kirchner, our 2018 recipient who passed away earlier this year in your prayers. No child should die before they have lived.

To each new day's hopes and wishes, Shelby

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

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HELP GRANDKIDS PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

If you're a grandparent, you don't need Grandparents Day, observed on Sept. 12, to remind you of the joys of having grandchildren. Yet, you might want to use this day as an opportunity to think about ways to help provide for your grandchildren's future.

The type of gift or support you provide will be different at various stages of your grandchildren's lives. Here are a few suggestions:

When they're born...

- Open a 529 plan. It's never too early to start saving for college or other types of advanced education. To help your grandchildren meet these costs, you could invest in a 529 education savings plan, which offers potential tax advantages if the money is used for qualified education expenses. If the grandchild for whom you've established the account ends up not using it, you can change the beneficiary to a qualified family member of the original beneficiary. (Be aware, though, that a 529 plan could affect your grandchild's financial aid prospects.) If your grandchild doesn't go to a college or university, a 529 plan can also pay for expenses related to apprenticeship programs offered through trade and vocational schools and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

When they're children...

- Open a savings account. It's important for your grandchildren to develop good financial habits – and one way you can help is to open a savings account for them and encourage them to contribute to it. You might even offer an incentive, such as matching their contributions, either in whole or in part. Consider shopping around for a high-yield savings account that's free to open and charges no monthly maintenance fees.

- Establish a custodial account. You may want to introduce your grandchildren to the world of investing by starting a custodial

account (known as UGMA or UTMA) in their name. You can put most types of investments, such as stocks and mutual funds, inside this account and track their progress along with your grandchildren. Children often enjoy learning about investing – and they may like owning shares of companies that make familiar products and services. The earnings generated by these investments can have tax implications, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before opening the custodial account. And you can't hold onto this account forever – once your grandchildren reach the age of majority, they gain control of the account, so they can do what they please with the investments.

When they're young adults...

- Help with the down payment on a home. Once your grandchildren are out in the world, they may well want to become homeowners. And, as you know, it can be challenging to come up with a down payment, so, if you can afford it, you may want to help in this area. You'll be doing your grandchildren a big favor, because home ownership is a key element in building wealth.

- Provide financial guidance. As your grandchildren join the working world, they could benefit from advice and guidance on various issues, such as setting short- and long-term goals, managing their 401(k) plans and choosing an appropriate investment mix. So, consider making an appointment for them with a financial professional.

By helping your grandchildren at different points on their road through life, you can make their journey more pleasant – and, in the process, you'll gain a lot of satisfaction.

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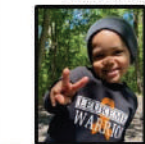


Colton Rhinefield

Colton is 2 years old. He is the son of Brandon & Casey Rhinefield. On 5/2/21, Colton was taken to Children's Hospital after a hard lump was discovered in his right buttock. Imaging and a biopsy was performed, revealing 21 month old Colton has a stage 3 Cancerous Rhabdomyosarcomas Tumor. Colton will have to undergo approximately 65 weeks of continuous chemotherapy and 5 weeks of daily radiation treatments before surgery can be performed to remove the tumor.

Colton loves riding his bike. His favorite shows are SpongeBob SquarePants and Baby Shark.

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Noah Delwiche

Noah is 3 years old. He is the son of Andrew & Jashay Delwiche. On 10/20/20, Noah was diagnosed with B-cell ALL (Acute lymphoblastic leukemia). He's receiving chemotherapy with the best oncology team at Children's Hospital. Treatment will last roughly 2 years. Right now he is in the "Interim Maintenance II" phase, one step closer to knowing his end of treatment date.

Noah loves playing with his toys, especially his monster trucks. He likes to go for rides on the dirt bike with his dad. Noah's favorite shows to watch are PJ Masks, Octonauts & The Wiggles.

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SEP 16	NEW YORK GIANTS	8:20 PM	_____
SEP 26	@BUFFALO BILLS	1:00 PM	_____
OCT 03	@ATLANTA FALCONS	1:00 PM	_____
OCT 10	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	1:00 PM	_____
OCT 17	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	1:00 PM	_____
OCT 24	@GREEN BAY PACKERS	1:00 PM	_____
OCT 31	@DENVER BRONCOS	4:25 PM	_____
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NOV 21	@CAROLINA PANTHERS	1:00 PM	_____
NOV 29	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	8:15 PM	_____
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Sept. 9

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4:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Action Lounge and Billiards,
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Ticket Sales Start at 4pm, last sale at 7:45pm, drawing at 8pm

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Sept. 10

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Southern Community Center

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Sept. 11

6th Annual LFS Patriot Day 5K

Little Flower School

20410 Point Lookout Rd
6:30 AM

We are SO excited to be live again this year, and we thank you for your past participation in the LFS Patriot Day 5K! It seems appropriate that this year's race, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, will fall on Saturday, September 11, 2021! Being together in person to honor the memories of those we lost that day will make this event even more meaningful.

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Sept. 12

Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner

43256 Rescue Lane

Hollywood

Date: 9/12/2021

11a.m to 5p.m.

Drive-thru Fried Chicken Dinner

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6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Pax River Quilters Guild is having their annual Auction Sale. Masks are required.

Visit our website www.paxriverquiltguild.com for more information about our guild.

Bring your checkbook and a friend. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

New Members welcome for more info call Cindy at 301-769-1151

Sept. 16

Trinity Church Yard Sale

Parish Hall

47477 Trinity Church Rd.

St. Mary's City

3p.m. to 6p.m.

A variety of goods will be available including household items, furniture, collectables, toys, books, televisions, art, etc. This is a three day sale: Sept. 16 from 3pm-6pm; Sept. 17 from 3pm-7pm and Sept. 18 7am-11am. For further information please call 301-862-4597.

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

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Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

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

Community Health & Wellness Fair

The Department of Aging & Human Services is pleased to be hosting the Community Health & Wellness Fair at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Friday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.! This year's event will feature informational displays, health screenings, speakers, flu shots and more! Register in advance to be entered into a special drawing! For more information visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair.asp.

Video Series Returning to Loffler Senior Activity Center

In September the monthly educational videos at the Loffler Senior Activity Center resumes. The PBS American Experience Production Coney Island will be showing on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. Coney Island was unlike anything anyone had ever seen, and eventually, everyone came to see it. At the turn of the century, Coney Island exploded in a forest of glittering electric towers and a riot of rides, restaurants, recreated disasters, freak shows, and historical displays when three vast amusement parks -- Steeplechase, Luna Park, and Dreamland -- were built.

Indicative of its overwhelming popularity, on a single day in September 1906, 200,000 postcards were mailed from Coney Island. A showcase for the wonders of the machine age, Coney Island was an extraordinary amusement empire that astonished, delighted, and shocked the nation -- and took Americans from the Victorian age into the modern world. 60 Minutes. Free. Leave a message at our reservation line 301-475-4200, ext. 1660, to register for this class. For questions contact Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com.

Make a Pinecone Garland

The Loffler Senior Activity Center monthly craft for September takes place on Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. Using pinecones, a fabric strip and some raffia you can make a simple but attractive garland that can be used as an alternative to an autumn wreath for your front door- or maybe you'd like to hang it at the top of a kitchen window as a decorative valance. It's quick, fun and effective! (Wearing thick rubber gloves is recommended for handling the pinecones.) Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished by

calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Limited space available. Free. For questions contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com

Be Wise to Scammers

Don't miss Harry Tafe's free presentation on protecting yourself from scammers at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Monday, September 13, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. He will cover technology, telecommunications, Wi-Fi, preventing ID Theft, dealing with robocalls and preventing scams using your bank's relationship. Sign up by calling the Registration Request Line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115, no later than 24 hours prior to the event. All participants will be entered into the door prize drawing to win an owl-themed gift bag with assorted items.

Make a Purse Basket

Create a Purse Basket with fabric handles at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, September 23, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.! This handy little basket starts with a wooden base with inserted spokes and then is woven with several widths of reed to give more texture; some choice of colors can also be added. Top it off with pretty mix-and-match tie-on handles. The

cost is \$30 payable in advance of class. A reservation is required by calling the Reservation Request Line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115.

Open Studio Art Sessions

Do you have an art project you are working on? Bring it to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Fridays at 10 a.m. so that you can socialize with friends while enjoying your art. Chris Sisk will be on hand if you need assistance. Also, Chris frequently supervises a guided project during this time. These sessions are free or minimal cost if you need supplies for a specific project. Drop ins are welcome. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1658 if you have questions or e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

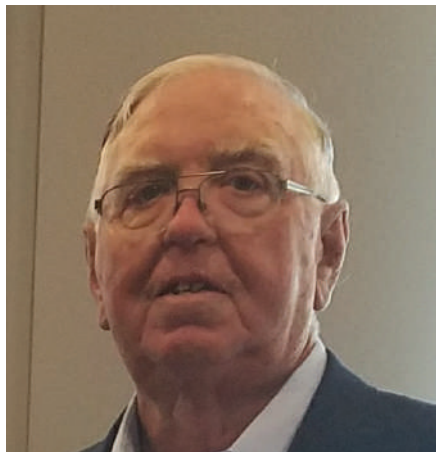
Contract or Party Bridge Looking for Players

Care to play bridge twice a month? This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center and is looking for new members. For questions contact Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com.

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

In Remembrance

Charles Bennett Palmer



Charles Bennett Palmer, 83, of Delmar, MD passed away peacefully Sunday, August 29, 2021 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Charlie was born on November 16, 1937 in Mineola, NY to Eva and Charles Palmer. Charlie graduated from Narrowsburg Central School in 1954 and as soon as he turned 17, he joined the U.S. Army. Serving from January 1955 through January 1958, he attained the rank of Specialist 5 while assigned to the Special Weapons Printing Plan in Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. He married his wife of 62 years, Julia Pierce, on September 16, 1956 and who passed away in July of 2018. Charlie stayed in the printing and publishing business for over 50 years including being a partner in a major printing company located in Washington, DC with manufacturing facilities in Ohio, Kennedy Space Center, and St. Mary's Press in Hollywood, MD. As a sideline, he also designed books for clients such as Cornell University, South Street Seaport Museum, and National Wildlife.

Charlie was an active volunteer and was a past member of the St. Mary's County Economic Development Commission and the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland. He served for over 20 years as volunteer fireman with departments in Lake Huntington and Deposit, NY and Idetown, PA. He was also an associate member of the Hollywood, MD VFD for close to 20 years. Charles was a life member of the Optimist International, a Charter Member of the Hollywood, MD Optimist Club and an active member of The Optimist Club of Salisbury, MD where he served on the "Golf for Kids Sake" committee since its inception in 2010. While living in PA, he coached both youth basketball and Little League Baseball. He was a member of American Legion Post 218, Sharptown, MD.

He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and golfer with a hole-in-one to his credit on #17 at Wood Creek. Charlie was very com-

petitive and played organized basketball until he turned 40 and played softball in the "Rocking Chair" and other leagues in St. Mary's County into in 60s.

He is survived by his half-brother Steve Palmer, Brainerd, MN and by his precious children, daughters Brenda Desormeaux (David) and Deborah Bell (Mike), Laurel, MD, Pamela Palmer, Vail, AZ, and son Charles W. Palmer (Susan), Mechanicsville, MD. He was so very proud of and delighted by his granddaughters Carrie, Tina, Megan, and Sami, and grandsons Chris, Brycen, and Ayden and his newest pride and joys great granddaughter Skye and great grandsons Charlie and Lochlann.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:00pm - 7:00pm with a short Optimist tribute beginning at 6:00pm. The funeral will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9:00am in the Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury, MD with Pastor Jared Rittenhouse officiating. A committal service with full Military honors will be held immediately after at the Eastern Shore Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Hurlock, MD.

In memory of Charles Palmer, contributions may be sent to The Salisbury Optimist Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 744, Salisbury, MD 21803 or the DAR Lap Robes for Veterans Program, c/o Brenda Desormeaux, 12105 Dove Circle, Laurel, MD 20708.

Arrangements may be sent to the care of Holloway Funeral Home, PA, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804.

Please visit www.hollowayfh.com to express condolences to the family.

Thomas William McMahon



Thomas William McMahon, "Tommy", 69 of Tappahannock, VA formerly from Bakersville, NC passed away on September 2, 2021 in Richmond, VA. Tommy was born on April 23, 1952 in Spruce Pine, NC to Juanita McMahon and to the late Frank McMahon.

Thomas is survived by his loving wife Carolyn McMahon whom

he married on July 15, 1972 in Lexington Park, MD. In addition to his wife, Tommy is survived by his siblings; Jimmy McMahon (Peggy) of Bakersville, NC, Ann Webb (Bobby) of Morganton, NC, and Billie Harwood, of Bakersville, NC, and is preceded in death by his father Frank McMahon.

He graduated from Great Mills High School in 1971.

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

Kimberly L. Stone

Kimberly L. Stone, 58, of Leonardtown MD, passed peacefully in her sleep on August, 29, 2021. Born March 27, 1963, Kim was the first-born and the oldest of 5 living siblings. She is survived by her parents, James and Sandra Stone, formerly of Clinton, MD. She is also survived by her siblings, sister Stephanie Madden (partner Rick Chadwell) of Johnson City, TN, sister Jennifer Bryant of King George, VA, brother James C. Stone and wife, Cheryl Bender of Tucson, AZ, and sister Rosemary (Nici) and husband, Riz-



wan Hossain of Orlando, FL. She was preceded in death by her loving grandparents, Walter and Rose Yates of Fayetteville, NC as well as two brothers, Jeffrey Stone and Mark Stone. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and many great-nieces and nephews.

While born with Cerebral Palsy, Kim did not let her disability hold her back. She was driven and well rounded. A graduate of Friendly HS, Kim excelled in her studies and maintained an A average. She had a passion for music and especially loved the band ABBA.

Kim enjoyed helping others and was a great influencer amongst her

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peers. She was a spokesperson and lobbyist for the inclusion and rights of the handicapped, often leading rallies in Washington DC. She received many awards and letters of recognition for her work, including a plaque from The White House.

Kimberley was formally employed through K-Mart of Lexington Park and was a longtime resident of Cedar Lane Apartments prior to her 4 year residency at the St. Mary's Nursing Center, both of Leonardtown, MD.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made in Kim's memory/honor, to the Washington DC chapter of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, 3135 8th St. NE, Washington, DC 20017.

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

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Hilda Gale Kanney

Hilda Gale Kanney, 73, of Lexington Park, MD, loving daughter and mother, died unexpectedly on the evening of Tuesday August 31, 2021.

Gale was born on August 4, 1948 in Farmville, VA to the late Arnold Richer Olsen, better known as "Tex", and Mary Hazel Olsen of Lexington Park, MD.

Gale was the pillar of her family and devoted to her mother. She was a kind and true friend and a beacon of light to those in need. We will feel the warmth of her love forever.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Hazel Olsen; son, Andrew Heath (Tanya); granddaughter, Kristina Wadlington (Robert); grandson, Ryan Klein; and two great-grandchildren, Lilly Wadlington and Addison Klein.

Her family will hold a memorial together with her daughter Sheri Guthrie on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at Patuxent Presbyterian Church, at 23421 Kingston Creek Road, California, MD 20619. Please join us to celebrate their lives that filled us with joy.

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Sherrish Lynn Guthrie



It is with deep sorrow that we announce that Sherrish Lynn Guthrie,

53, of Lexington Park, MD went to be with the Lord on Tuesday August 31, 2021.

Sheri was born on October 15, 1967 in Honolulu, HI to the late Andrew Charles Heath, Sr. and Hilda Gale Kanney.

Though Sheri was taken from us too soon, she lived a life full of adventure, surrounded by family and friends who loved her to the ends of this earth and into heaven itself. Her vivacious spirit will be missed by many.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristina Wadlington (Robert); son, Ryan Klein; brother, Andrew Heath (Tanya); grandmother, Mary Hazel Olsen; and 2 grandchildren, Lilly Wadlington and Addison Klein.

Her family will hold a memorial together with her mother, Gale Kanney on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at Patuxent Presbyterian Church, at 23421 Kingston Creek Road, California, MD 20619. Please join us to celebrate their lives that filled us with joy.

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Ronald "Ronnie" Michael Miller



Ronald "Ronnie" Michael Miller, 49, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away suddenly on August 26, 2021.

Ronnie was born in Cheverly, Maryland on June 4, 1972 to Allen and Linda Miller of La Plata, MD.

At the early age of 18, Ronnie began working at Hunt Ford used car lot washing cars. His love for cars continued through his life and he ascended to the position of sales manager at Waldorf's Ford of La Plata. Ronnie had a unique way of connecting with his customers and they became like family to him. You can see this by reading the Google reviews for Waldorf's Ford of La Plata. Ronnie's passion for cars did not end at the dealership. On Friday nights, you would see Ronnie at the dirt track at Potomac Speedway or Virginia Motor Speedway. On Sundays, one of his favorite pastimes was watching his favorite NASCAR drivers. During family gatherings, he could always be found playing badminton with his siblings. Whenever his brother

was in the game, they would commonly refer to each other as "Clark" and "Gris" in reference to the family favorite movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. Ronnie was an avid man of faith and enjoyed his time spent in the Church. Of all the time he spent on this Earth, he loved spending time with his daughters the most.

Ronnie is preceded in death by his grandmothers; Laura Miller and Audrey Duncan, and aunts; Mary Buckler and Jeannie Scopin.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie is survived by the mother of his children, Amy Miller; his daughters, Amber Miller, Jessica Miller, and Julianna Miller; siblings, Howard Miller (Janelle) of Mechanicsville, MD, Donald Miller (Jason) of Dundalk, MD, Donna Day (Ricky) of La Plata, MD; nieces and nephews, Madalynn Miller, Allen Miller, Josh Miller, Logan Miller, Audrey Day, and Savannah Day.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with a Service of Remembrance at 11:30 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A memorial service will be held privately at Trinity Memorial Gardens to follow.

Carolee Battaglia

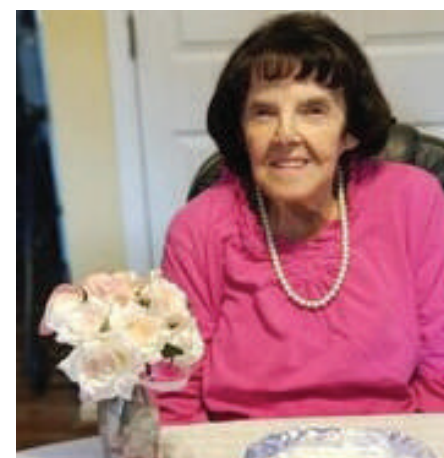


Carolee is a loving wife, mother, daughter and sister who left us too early. She earned her wings August 30th and joined her friends and family in heaven. She will be watching down upon us. Carolee is survived by her husband Mike, her son Bradley, father Gerry Mathews, mother Sharon (McIntosh) Mathews, brother Dan Mathews (wife Kimberly), Ron Mathews (wife Donna), sister-in-law Debbie Evans (husband Jack), brother-in-law Frank Battaglia (wife Linda), 6 nephews, 3 nieces and 2 great nieces.

Services will be held in Fillmore, California on September 21, 2021 and burial will follow at Eternal Valley, Newhall California.

Martha Patricia "Patsy" Burroughs

Martha Patricia "Patsy" Burroughs, 93, passed away peacefully Sunday, August 29, 2021. She was



born June 19, 1928 to Harvey and Leona Long in Baltimore, Maryland.

Patsy was a hardworking and dedicated woman. Shopping was her true passion, and she never missed a Saturday without taking a trip to Wal-Mart.

She always had a song in her heart. When she sang you would be instantly captivated and left astonished. Her dancing and singing could be witnessed throughout her home while she concentrated on doing chores around the house.

She started her banking career at County Trust Company in Mechanicsville back in the 50's, where she was robbed and held at gun point while working as a teller at the branch. At the time, Ben Burroughs was the Sheriff and he deputized Patsy's husband, Kenneth, to assist with arresting the bank robbers. She continued her career as a Loan Officer at Maryland National, Nation's and Bank of America for over 30 years, and in those years, she was loved by many and brightened her customer's faces with her beautiful smile.

She was a devoted mother and wife to her husband Kenneth Burroughs. She met Kenneth at her grandparents Gas Station (Shop) in Orville, Maryland. They were married in 1949. They built their first home in the Village of Mechanicsville where they spent much of their time raising their children, and working hard. Eventually, they moved to the Burroughs Family farm in Mechanicsville and continued raising crops and tending to the garden. Together they spent 65 blissful years together before his passing in 2015.

Patsy is survived by her daughters Debra Huntington (Michael) of Mechanicsville, MD and Donna Gray (Tony) of Mechanicsville, MD; her sons David Burroughs (Jo Ann) of Mechanicsville, MD and Dennis Burroughs (Danny) of Mechanicsville, MD. She leaves behind 12 beloved grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by both of her parents Harvey Long and Mary Leona Long "Harding", her sister Doris Long Wood, and her infant twin sons, Richard and Ronald Burroughs.

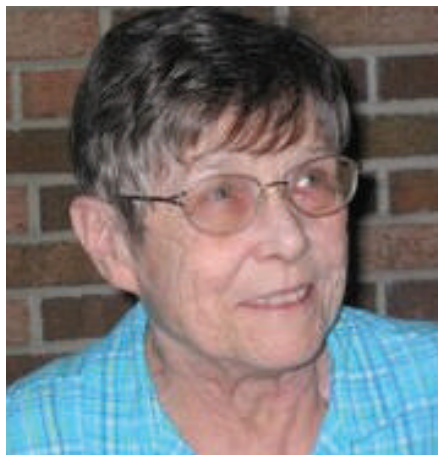
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mechanicsville Rescue Squad, P.O. BOX 15 Mechanicsville, MD 20659-0015, in

Patsy's name.

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

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Dolores Lee Shultz



Dolores Lee Shultz, 80, of California, MD passed away on September 1, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with her loving husband at her side.

She was born on February 25, 1941 in Fredericksburg, VA to the late Charles Paul "Mike" Mattare and Annie Lola Bellamy Mattare.

On June 25, 1965, Dolores married her beloved husband, Charles Bernard Shultz at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park, MD. Together they celebrated over 56 wonderful years of marriage. She was a dedicated and loving teacher for many years with the St. Mary's County Board of Education until her retirement in 2005. After graduating from Towson she began her teaching career at Town Creek Elementary with a first and second grade split class. She later transferred to teaching second grade at Dynard Elementary School. She ended her career at Park Hall Elementary, as a Media Specialist, from which she retired after 40 plus years. Her hobbies included knitting, shopping, genealogy, macramé, cooking and spending time with her friends and family. She enjoyed travelling to visit family in Iowa and camping. She also enjoyed her time with her friends, better known as the "Gravel Kickers." She loved being a teacher and enjoyed the many children she taught, but she especially loved her daughters.

In addition to her beloved husband, Dolores is also survived by his daughters, Kathryn Ann Shultz-Edwards (Charli) of Mansfield, OH and Susan Lynn Summers (Charlie) of California, MD; her brother, Jackie Q. Mattare of Long Beach, CA; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and a younger sister Wendy.

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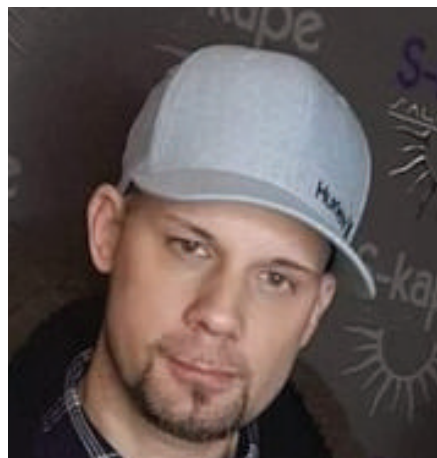
Monday, September 13, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service celebrated by Reverend Joe Orlando at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment is private.

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

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

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Michael Andy "Mike" Lance



Michael Andy "Mike" Lance, 41, of Leonardtown, MD passed away suddenly on August 28, 2021.

He was born on November 20, 1979 in Westland, MI to the late Debra Sue Perkins Lance.

He graduated from John Glenn High school in Michigan, his hobbies included making art, listening to music, playing basketball, and watching movies.

Mike is survived by his daughter, Kayla Lamb of Westland, MI, his siblings: Gaylon "Glen" Lance (Sherri) of Detroit, MI, Stephanie Campbell (Eric) of Great Mills, MD, and Joseph Lance (Samantha) of Belleville, MI; his nieces and nephews: Kayla Lance, Aliyah Campbell, Re'Anna Lee, Blake Harris and, Lilly Lance; his great niece and great nephew: Olivia King and Jaxson Kolakowski; his girlfriend, Laura Marini; and extended family and friends. In addition to his mother, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Scott Ralls Lance.

All services will be private.

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

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Janet "Jan" Lorraine Noonan

Janet "Jan" Lorraine Noonan 57, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from



Dameron, MD passed away from complications caused by COVID-19 on August 18, 2021 at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC.

Born November 1, 1963 to the late Margaret Ann Moore Eberle and the late Warren Francis Eberle, Jan is survived by her large and loving family including her husband John Joseph Noonan III whom she first met and began building a life with in 1989, getting married on July 16, 2005 at their beloved beachside home in Dameron, MD where together they raised their six children: William "Billy" Eberle of Lexington Park, MD; Judy Carter of St. Inigoes, MD; Tonya Carter of Lexington Park, MD; Dale Carter (Constance) of Valley Lee, MD; Daniel Carter (Mary Trejo) of St. Inigoes, MD; and Nicole Alme (Scott) of Westminster, MD, who will forever hold her close in their hearts. Being a proud and loving grandmother, Janet is also survived by her grandchildren Cameron, Damian, Tyler, Kiya, Caleb, Lexi, Chase and Marissa. Surviving siblings include Harry "Ray" Eberle of Lexington Park, MD; James Taylor of St. Pete, FL; Vivian Larkin of Lexington Park, MD; Gary Ferguson of Germany; and Joey Ferguson of Lexington Park, MD.

Jan was preceded in death by her brother Robert "Bobby" Eberle of Lexington Park, MD; her sister Peggy Eberle of Leonardtown, MD; her brother William "Jay" Eberle of Arbutus, MD; her step mother "Marge" Eberle of Leonardtown, MD; and her foster mother, Louise Taylor of

Leonardtown, MD.

Born and raised in St. Mary's County, Jan always found happiness in bringing joy to others and building a strong family foundation which made her a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, cousin and friend. Raising her family on the Chesapeake Bay, Janet loved crabbing, fishing and walking the beach searching for washed up treasures such as arrow heads, sea glass and sharks' teeth. Janet was an amazing cook that enjoyed feeding anyone and everyone. "She could throw anything together and make it taste great" said her son Billy.

Professionally, "Mrs. Jan" was one of the best school bus drivers any child could hope to have. Decorating her bus, dressing up for the holidays and gift giving was something her passengers could always look forward to. Janet was proud to work for St. Mary's County Public Schools for 27 years where she was blessed to work alongside her best friend, Alice Gill of Dameron, MD.

Janet had a passion for traveling. Whether it be the board walk of Ocean City, MD; the beaches of Florida; or the Mountains of Tennessee; Jan was always ready for a fun-filled adventure with her children and grandchildren. On one family trip to Dolly World in 2016 Jan actually got to meet her idol, Dolly Parton. When she wasn't traveling, Jan would turn the living room into a giant slumber party with movies, games, food, crafts, and lots of laughter; frequently including her favorite cousin, Sherry Russell of California, MD., to join in on the shenanigans.

Per Jan's wishes, all services will be private. A public "Celebration of Life" will take place on a later date to be determined. Any condolences can be emailed to janetswishes1@gmail.com. There is no doubt that Janet Lorraine Noonan will be dearly missed by her family, friends and all that knew her. "If you see an Eagle soaring by just know it might be our wonderful Mom just saying hi" say her children.



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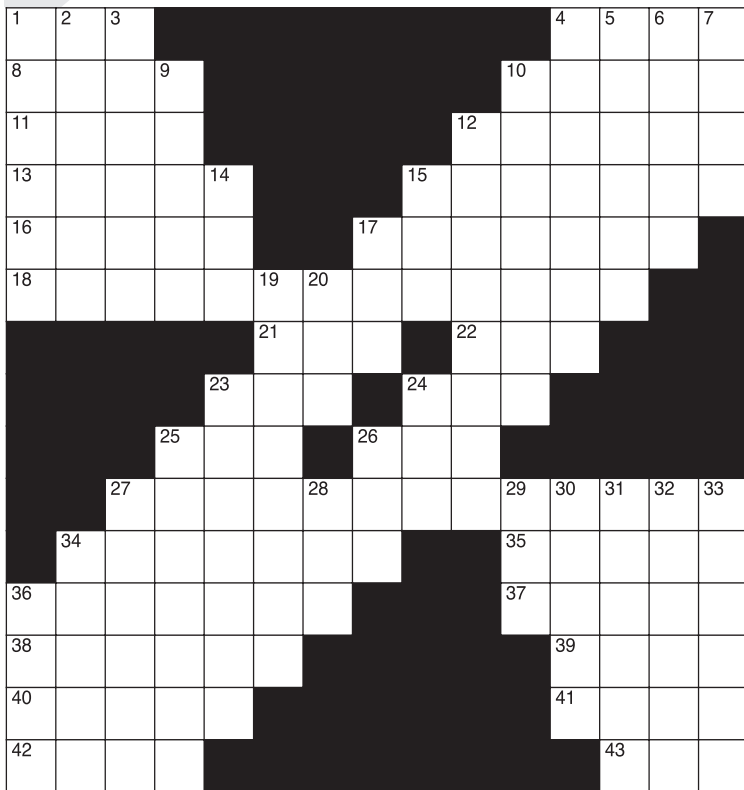
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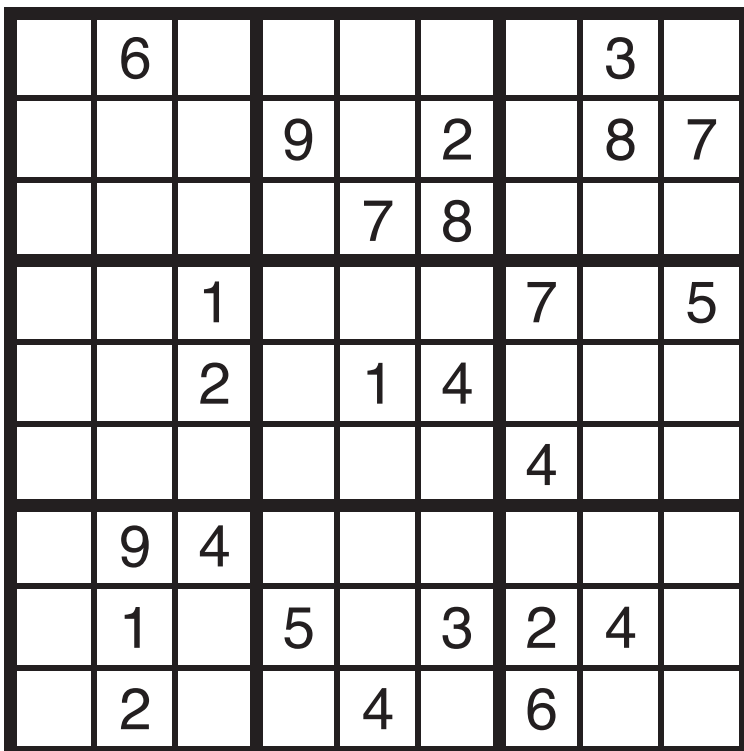
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- 8. Central Mexican river
- 10. Horn
- 11. Egg-shaped
- 12. With tooth
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Disprove
- 16. Painful intestinal obstruction
- 17. Baby shoes
- 18. Make the grade
- 21. Type of screen
- 22. Christian fraternal organization (abbr.)
- 23. Computer giant
- 24. When you hope to get there
- 25. Corporate executive title (abbr.)

- 26. Shout of welcome or farewell
- 27. Imaginary awards for good deeds
- 34. A citizen of Iran
- 35. It can be sounded
- 36. Making dirty
- 37. Romanian city
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- 40. Succulent plants
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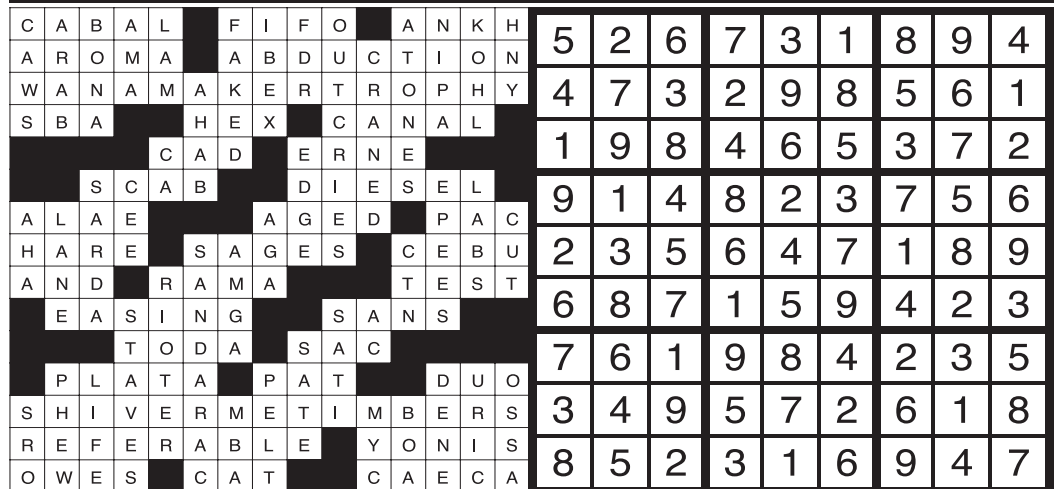
- 12. The distance covered by normal stride
- 14. Glycoprotein hormone (abbr.)
- 15. Mathematical term (abbr.)
- 17. Popular beer
- 19. Jabbing
- 20. Historic Swedish castle
- 23. Humorous expressions
- 24. Christmas and New Year's Day each have one
- 25. Filled up
- 26. Nerve that serves the forearm (abbr.)
- 27. One of British descent
- 28. A way to get at
- 29. Food-related allergic reaction
- 30. Group of arteries near the pelvis
- 31. Picked up
- 32. Being three in one
- 33. Obscene
- 34. Dravidian language
- 36. Growl

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- 1. A type of bomb
- 2. Pacific island country
- 3. Earth is one
- 4. A place to gather around
- 5. Expressed opposite views
- 6. Group that lives near Siberia
- 7. Ore deposit
- 9. Language related to Eskimo
- 10. Narrative piece of music



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