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WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 5/21	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23	Sun 5/24
68° 57°F	71° 60°F	74° 57°F	69° 54°F
Cloudy	Rain/Thunder	Scattered Thunderstorms	Cloudy
Mon 5/25	Tue 5/26	Wed 5/27	Thu 5/28
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Restaurant Owners Pressing for Outdoor Seating



Del. Matt Morgan prepares to speak to restaurant and bar owners about the governor's recovery plan.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last week when Gov. Larry Hogan announced he was activating Phase No. 1 of his COVID-19 recovery plan local restaurants, and even local zoning and health officials, thought they could begin to at least offer outdoor seating for customers.

They were wrong, and at least one restaurant in Mechanicsville was made to shutdown its outdoor dining operations by county authorities.

But at a forum of restaurant and bar owners held at Seabreeze Restaurant the evening of May 19, they still wanted to find a way to open sooner rather than later.

Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist.29A) and County Commissioner Mike Hewitt spoke to them to encourage them to put pressure on the governor's office and on his COVID-19 task force to amend the first phase of the plan to give restaurants more latitude beyond providing for carryout and delivery.

Under the current schedule, restaurants could not begin to reopen until Phase No. 2 of Hogan's plan went into effect.

"We've heard about maybe being able to reopen by Sept. 1," said Betty Ann Quade, co-owner of Seabreeze at the meeting of about 30 people. "We can't wait until September, we won't make it to September."

Morgan said the initial orders to shutdown businesses to slow the spread of the virus – to flatten the curve – initially made sense based on the models of infection at the time.

"That catastrophic healthcare event never happened," Morgan said. "For people under the age of 60 there have been less than 220 deaths."

Morgan noted that the healthcare disaster did materialize in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, which consisted of often elderly, vulnerable people in close quarters.

"We sent a letter to the governor saying we should ditch the non-essential, essential business designation," Morgan said. "If you can adhere to CDC [Centers for Disease Control] guidelines, using masks, gloves and sanitizing everything, then you should be allowed to open."

Hewitt said small businesses were being treated unfairly under the recovery plan as large retailers had largely been exempt from the closure order as they had been deemed essential, though they did have to limit customers in their stores and encourage social distancing.

"I will tell you, if they show up [law enforcement,] we could all be cited, we're more than 10 people," Hewitt said. "On the other hand, there's civil disobedience."

Hewitt said the state shutdown orders prohibited entrepreneurs from making a living.

"They're taking away your ability to have a livelihood," Hewitt said. "Nobody wants to get anybody else sick."

"I think you [small business owners] are able to do the social distancing, the masks."

Quade said keeping her business running was about more than making money.

"We don't just do this for Seabreeze," Quade said. "We have employees who are very close to us. They're like family."

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Most St. Mary's COVID Deaths at Veterans Home

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Of the 12 COVID-19 related deaths in St. Mary's County, nine of them have occurred at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, The County Times has learned.

According to the latest numbers from the county's health department, the total number of cases of COVID-19 that have been found at the veterans home are 92 residents and 45 staff members have either tested positive for the disease and recovered or died or are still suffering from it.

This means that more than a third of all the coronavirus cases in the county are or have been at the veterans' home.

The health department is reporting 339 confirmed cases county-wide.

There are two other assisted living facilities in the county; Chesapeake Shores in Lexington Park which is reporting two cases among residents and six among staff while St. Mary's Nursing Center is reporting no confirmed cases either among staff or residents, according to health department figures.

Sharon Murphy, director of the state facility, which is the state's only veterans' home, said May 18 that five there had recovered and with the nine deaths the facility had a total of 78 active cases of COVID-19.

There are 362 total residents at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, she said and those who are confirmed COVID-19 cases are all moved

to one unit; per state regulations infected staff have been quarantined away from the facility.

Since May 15 a state bridge team had been sent to help fill staffing gaps and the management company which operates the facility, HMR Maryland was bringing in five nurses in from the state veterans' home in Alabama to work here.

The clinical workers were feeling the strain of having worked in such conditions of lockdown for two months, Murphy said.

"The staff is really stressed," said Murphy said. "They're working very hard, you see it in their eyes."

This week Gov. Larry Hogan announced another executive order that gives pharmacists the authority to give COVID-19 tests to those requesting one, further expanding the range of testing across the state.

"Beginning this week, we are able to offer appointment-free COVID-19 testing across the state, including for those who do not have symptoms, marking a critical milestone in Maryland's long-term testing strategy," said Hogan. "This will help doctors diagnose and treat new cases more quickly, and it will further increase the safety of our state for all citizens."

"In addition, we are authorizing and actively encouraging the state's hundreds of pharmacies to directly order and administer COVID-19 tests, another way we can make testing more widely available in our communities."

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CalvertHealth Beats COVID Projections

Admissions Half of What Models Show

By Dick Myers
Editor

CalvertHealth Medical Center is only experiencing half of the projected increase in admissions as the result of the COVID-19 crisis. That was one of the statistics presented May 19 by Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky during a briefing to the county commissioners, sitting as the Board of Health.

CalvertHealth's experience was dramatically shown on a graph in which many of the state's hospitals have exceeded the projection model. One of those hospitals, Anne Arundel Medical Center, has been referring cases to CalvertHealth because they had the capacity, Polsky said.

During the virtual meeting part of Polsky's presentation occurred while the audio was not working, although his written Power Point enabled those watching to fill in the blanks.

Polsky said he was concerned about what might happen this fall and winter. He said the virus could be minimized by warm, humid weather only to spike this fall and winter.

With that being the flu season, he encouraged getting shots. "This is the year you want to get flu vaccinations," he said.

Having the flu could make someone more vulnerable to getting the coronavirus, creating a dangerous double whammy.

The time between now and the fall would also be a good time, Polsky said, for those with risk factors, such as heart disease or

diabetes, to get those conditions under control. That especially applies to the African American population which has found itself more susceptible to the coronavirus because of those health risks.

Commissioner Buddy Hance also said he knows of people with other medical conditions leery of going to the hospital because they fear catching the coronavirus there. "They should not fear going to the hospital," Hance insisted and Polsky agreed. "It is extremely important for people to keep up with their healthcare providers," the health officer said.

Commissioner Mike Hart wanted to know what was likely to happen with the start of school in the fall. Polsky predicted some form of modified return, such as one third going at a time. He said some children do better in a school setting and others lack the technical capabilities at home for online learning.

"I don't see this as all or nothing," Polsky predicted.

During his briefing, Polsky reported that Calvert, with 1.5 percent of the state's population, was responsible for only .6 percent of the COVID cases, or 60 percent below average.

He said, "Only Garrett, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties have appreciably lower rates of infections."

"We are doing very well during this entire issue," Hance said.

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COVID and Domestic Violence: 'Double Pandemic'

By Dick Myers
Editor

Being isolated at home can be stressful. Calvert County Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland noted, "With that elevated stress and people being isolated in their homes, there may be a greater risk of domestic violence." Moreland and those involved in providing services for those in domestic abuse situations want to get out the word that help is available.

It may be counterintuitive to hear that as soon as stay-at-home orders were issued, the reported domestic abuse cases went down.

"Our hotlines went baby quiet," said Jennifer Edwards, director of the Crisis Intervention Center at Safe Harbor, the county's domestic abuse shelter.

Edwards said, "Many of the rape crisis centers in Maryland along with ours reported that was primarily because the abusers, many of them, were home now either working from home or had been furloughed or laid off and were now home with their victim all day long and they could not reach out to us."

To counter the fear of being heard if the victim called, the Crisis Intervention Center instituted a text only hotline. The result: "We are finding more interaction with the victims in Calvert County." She added, "Right now we're seeing huge spikes in anxiety, depression, substance abuse, suicidal ideations."

It's a tough time, Edwards said, "We're attributing that partially because the financial strains that families are going through, the children are not in school. So, the parents now have to decide who is going to teach the children that day? Who's going to be the caretaker, who is working, how are we going to separate the house out? And it just becomes a very, very stressful environment."

Edwards agreed that previously available safety valves are missing. "Many times, abusive individuals were to leave the residence for a couple hours to the bar or for days on end, and that outlet is not there right now."

She said, "Everybody's kind of stuck in one place and it's a boiling point, especially if we introduce a heightened use of alcohol or drug abuse into the situation."

The situation has put a strain on center staff. Edwards said, "Since March 23rd, the Crisis Intervention Center itself, all of my staff have been teleworking and like many other individuals, we were not exactly prepared for what that looks like. So, we're doing a lot of our therapy sessions over the phone or Google Meet. We're having difficulties connecting with some of our clients because the abusers are there, so it's been challenging."

Space for sheltering has held up so far. But Edwards said, "I have major concerns in preparing for when the stay-at-home orders are lifted; we're expecting almost a 50 percent increase in requests for shelter."

She added, "If the abuser is out of the house, that's when the victim will reach out to us and we will work with them to either get them into shelter or get them into therapeutic services, perhaps to help them prepare to leave."

If children are in the mix that's a double whammy and they are seeing an increase for services for children as well as their mothers. "Many women will reach out for help for their children before they will for themselves."

"The one thing I think is important for the public to understand is that this is going on worldwide," said Joan Winship, chair of the Calvert County Commission for Women, noting the issue has attracted the attention of the United Nations secretary general.

Winship said, "People are calling it a double pandemic." She said many governments are declaring shelters essential services deserving of extra funding.

Winship said the Commission for Women's message to the community is "mainly we want to remind everyone that the Crisis Intervention Center is there. The helpline is there."

The Helpline is available 24 hours a day. In the event of an emergency, citizens are encouraged to call 911. For non-emergency assistance, the Calvert County helpline is 410-535-1121/301-855-1075, the Maryland Hotline is 1-800-MD-HELPS and the National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE.

The text-only helpline number for Calvert County is 443-771-7037.

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School Board Approves Budget Reductions

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Board of Education approved several cuts to their fiscal 2021 budget at their May 20 meeting in keeping with a cooperative agreement with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to find savings to ensure meeting a reduced comprehensive spending plan due to lost revenues from the COVID-19 shutdown.

The school board had originally requested \$113.6 million in funding from the county commissioners, but the commissioners provided \$109.5 million; this was still about \$3 million more than fiscal 2020 for the school system.

The members adopted the final budget at the meeting.

Tammy McCourt, assistant superintendent in charge of finance, told school board members that the reductions found in the budget were to utilities costs of \$250,000, \$199,034 for bus fuel, \$75,829 in salaries and \$30,000 in maintenance funding for a grand total of \$547,446.

McCourt also said the system expected the Maryland State Department of Education's allocation to St. Mary's schools to be reduced by \$234,000.

That amount was still not certain, though, she cautioned.

"MSDE has not formally released their numbers for local school systems for 2020," McCourt said.

The reduced budget still maintains the board's commitment to the negotiated agreement with school employee unions and costs for health insurance, McCourt said, though there were cuts to new special education staffing, nurses, information technology personnel and safety and security staff.

The board will still use some fund balance for information technology upgrades, McCourt said.

School board member Mary Washington praised McCourt and her staff for finding reductions in the budget "to get this down to something we can live with" while still funding the employee compensation agreement.

"We have to keep our word," Washington said.

School board member Cathy Allen said crafting a budget was difficult without firmer numbers from the state.

"It is somewhat aggravating and distressing that at this point in time MSDE still hasn't give us final numbers... and yet we have to go forward with this budget," Allen said.

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Hurricane Season 2020 Awareness

The Department of Emergency Services reminds the community Atlantic hurricane season officially starts June 1, 2020 and goes through Nov. 30, 2020.

Disasters won't wait, and neither should you. As we continue our efforts with all of the country to respond to and recover from coronavirus, we are also leaning forward and preparing for our county for the upcoming hurricane season.

Hurricane researchers at Colorado

State University (CSU) are predicting an above-average 2020 Atlantic hurricane season. Specifically, they expect it to be 140% above average hurricane seasons. Experts are calling for 16 total named storms; of those storms, CSU is forecasting eight hurricanes, four of them to be major hurricanes (category three or higher) because of the anticipated lack of El Nino conditions and warmer than normal tropical Atlantic.

COVID-19

As of May 20	Positive Cases	Deaths
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St. Mary's	339	12

Information provided by St. Mary's and Calvert Health Departments
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Calvert Announces Stage I Roadmap to Recover

In response to Gov. Hogan's announcement May 13, 2020, that Maryland will move from the Stay at Home Order to a Safer at Home Public Health Advisory, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces Calvert County will take parallel actions.

Gov. Hogan authorized Stage I of Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery to include the gradual reopening of retail, manufacturing, worship and some personal services, effective at 5 p.m. today. Local businesses and citizens should review the state guidelines, available online at <https://governor.maryland.gov/recovery>. Businesses may also contact the Calvert County Department of Economic Development by email info@ecalvert.com or by calling 410-535-4583.

As recovery begins, statewide limitations on gatherings, physical distancing measures and other protective health guidelines remain in place to continue reducing the spread of COVID-19.

On May 14, the BOCC extended the local state of emergency (SOE). This declaration provides local authority to maintain the Calvert County Emergency Operations Center that provides coordination

with local, state and federal authorities. The SOE impacts county government emergency management operations and does not impact private business operations. Guidance is available via the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery for the impact to local businesses and other organizations.

County government is open, however buildings remain closed to the public. In accordance with the plan, Calvert County provides updated information on some local services:

Calvert County Transportation will run the south fixed route bus service from 7:15 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. The north fixed route bus service will run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Both services will begin Monday, May 18, and run Monday through Friday. Saturday transit service will remain canceled until further notice. Masks are required for all passengers with a limit of nine passengers per transportation bus at a time. Passengers who need transportation for essential trips should contact the Transportation office at 410-535-4268 to schedule their ride.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter remains closed to the public for walk-in visits, but will be open by appointment only. Shelter staff will

remain onsite to care for animals and to sanitize and disinfect the facility. For questions, please contact the shelter at 410-535-7387 or AnimalShelter@calvertcountymd.gov.

Most Calvert County parks will be open to residents and non-residents with normal hours at restricted capacity beginning Saturday, May 16. Dunkirk, Hallowing Point, Cove Point, and Solomons Town Center Parks will continue to close at civil twilight. Playgrounds, pavilions, skate parks, restrooms, athletic fields and basketball courts remain closed.

Breezy Point and Flag Ponds beaches will continue to be open with regular operating hours for Calvert County residents only. Beginning Saturday, May 16, beaches will allow sunbathing, picnicking, swimming and other beach activities with distancing requirements. Park capacity will be restricted. Public restrooms will open beginning Monday, May 18. Grills and picnic tables will NOT be available.

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course continues to be open with a modified tee time schedule and reduced capacity. Scheduling tee times prior to arrival is recommended to ensure accommodation. Public restrooms

are available for use.

Citizens are reminded:

Gathering of groups are limited to no more than 10 people.

Capacity at each park will be adjusted to maintain social distancing.

Patrons will not be allowed to wait at a park gate to gain entry once capacity is reached.

Recreation activities such as walking, hiking, running or biking are permitted while adhering to 6-foot social distancing measures.

Users must provide the following information to park staff upon arrival: including name, county of residence, number of people in vehicle / party.

The county continues to share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 through a virtual resource center on its website, including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus. Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, www.CalvertCountyMd.gov, Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and Comcast Channel 6.

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Commissioners Approve \$253 Million Budget, Push Park Fees to Next Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted unanimously to approve the fiscal 2021 county operating and capital improvement budgets May 19, though their Chief Financial Officer Jeanett Cudmore said her department would keep a close watch on revenues coming in, which are projected to be down due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

The operating budget had to be trimmed down to \$253 million from \$259 million and commissioners had to reduce their projected income tax revenue growth rates from 4.5 percent to 3.5 percent also due to lost income to residents who were laid off because of the business shutdown.

The capital improvement budget, which plans future public construction projects, was approved at \$83 million.

Last week the sheriff's office and school board agreed to return hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding to help close the revenue gap of \$1.8 million.

The county funded the school system with \$109.5 million for operations and \$12 million for capital construction expenditures.

In the budget were a series of fee increases for Department of Recreation and Park properties, but Commissioner Todd Morgan asked other commissioners to come to consensus Tuesday on his motion to enact those fees not in June but in January.

That motion passed unanimously but another motion from Morgan, to restrict use of the county parks this summer to county residents only due to capacity restrictions still in affect because of the pandemic, got a down vote from Commissioner John O'Connor who said established case law prevented such restrictions.

O'Connor said that since some of the county's park properties were purchased with Project Open Space funds – state monies – that those properties had to be opened to the general public.

The other four commissioners voted to affirm this motion.

The commissioners also approved and rescue tax increase for the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad from \$0.011 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.030 per \$100.

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Fire Marshals Investigate Fatal St. Mary's Blaze

A team of investigators from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner are conducting an investigation involving a fatal dwelling fire in the 38500 block of Lockes Forest Lane in Mechanicsville. The first 911 call was received at 12:03 p.m. when an occupant of the home came home and discovered the fire. Another occupant of the home, who was inside, was able to escape without injury.

Upon the arrival of firefighters, they were advised another person was trapped inside the home. Firefighters entered the home and subsequently located an elder-

ly female victim. The victim was later pronounced deceased at the scene. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the identity and cause of death. Numerous firefighters from Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department and surrounding departments controlled the blaze, which consumed nearly half the home.

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Increasing Appeals Board Size Proposed

Public Hearing to be Scheduled

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will schedule a public hearing on a proposal to increase the membership of the Board of Appeals from three to five. The decision to proceed was on a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Buddy Hance opposing.

The board currently has two alternate members in addition to three regular members; the alternates fill in if one of the regulars is unable to sit in on a case.

Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook reported to the BOCC at their May 19 meeting that state law requires at least three appeals board members, but there may be more. Cook presented a list showing only Prince George's with three members although several counties did not respond to the query.

The appeals board deals with a variety of issues on which they are required to act by the county's zoning ordinance. For instance, they deal with variances, such as reductions in setback requirements and special exceptions, such as allowing farm animals in residential areas. They also vote on whether decks are allowed in the Critical Area.

Most of their work at monthly meetings is routine but occasionally they deal



Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook.

with controversial issues that can divide communities.

Cook said she had presented the idea of increasing the members to the current board at a meeting two weeks ago and she was told they would consider it. But Hance said he had been told they were taken aback by being presented the idea on such short notice. He said they felt it was being presented as a done deal.

Hance said the appeals board had been in existence since 1964 and had operated as they are without any difficulty.

Hance thus suggested the BOCC wait until getting feedback from the current board. The majority, however, went along with the staff request to schedule the public hearing.

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Calvert Delays Graduation Ceremonies

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry released the following letter to parents on May 14:

Like so many other aspects of 2020, the Calvert County Public Schools graduation ceremonies will not look quite like we had expected. Although the statewide social distancing guidelines mean that our graduations will not have the traditional crowds and applause, we have done our best to develop a plan that will preserve the elements of graduation that are most important to our seniors.

Our planning began with a committee of seniors, high school administrators, and central office staff. The students were vocal about the importance of an actual graduation ceremony, while recognizing that the large-scale event at the Showplace Arena would not be possible this year.

The committee believed it was important to consider which elements of graduation held significance to those most directly affected—the senior class. All of our high schools emailed a survey to the students' school email accounts, with reminders posted on social media. Of approximately 1,200 seniors, 731 responded. Their priorities were clear:

- Walk across the stage, with an opportunity for photos;
- Graduate with peers; and
- Invite their family, even if the number is limited due to the Governor's orders.

Students also preferred to delay graduation in the hopes that the stay-at-home orders would be lifted, while

recognizing that some students may not be able to attend due to employment, military, and college commitments.

Calvert County Public Schools, therefore, will delay graduation until the end of June. Because we will not be in Stage 3 of Governor Hogan's Roadmap to Recovery, a traditional graduation will not be possible. Instead, we will provide two recognitions for our students. Each high school will (1) host a modified graduation, which students and their immediate family may attend, assuming that stay-at-home orders are lifted by then, and (2) broadcast a virtual ceremony.

Details are still being finalized for the school-based event, which will depend upon the Governor easing stay-at-home restrictions and allowing gatherings of more than 10 people. Most likely, small groups of students will be scheduled to report to school over the course of a few days. Seniors will walk across a stage in cap and gown to receive their diplomas—whether it is in the auditorium, the stadium, or a temporary viewing area—and social distancing measures will be followed.

The virtual ceremonies will follow the traditional graduation program and include speeches and a photo of each senior. The dates and times that the virtual ceremonies will be aired are: June 29 – Patuxent High School – 5:30 June 29 – Huntingtown High School – 7:30 June 30 – Northern High School – 5:30 June 30 – Calvert High School – 7:30 Details for viewing will be shared by each high school.

Honoring our Fallen Heroes, Safely

Town Revises Stars and Stripes Festival

Chesapeake Beach Mayor Patrick J. "Irish" Mahoney announces a change to the traditional schedule of the annual Stars and Stripes Festival, scheduled for Memorial Day weekend 2020.

To continue to engage our Town citizens in the true meaning of Memorial Day, the Town of Chesapeake Beach will be joining residents to honor their family's fallen heroes, highlighting homes decorated with the most patriotism and hosting a virtual Memorial Day Stars and Stripes event, on Memorial Day at 10 a.m., with a special unveiling from Mayor Patrick "Irish" Mahoney. Residents are asked to submit images and a brief bio of a family member, friend or community member who is a fallen hero to honor their service and sacrifice. Submissions should be sent to the town by the end of the day May 16th via the submission form available on the Town website direct link: <https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/home/news/honoring-our-fallen-heroes>.

Residents can show their appreciation and patriotic spirit by decorating their homes with red, white and blue for all to see

and enjoy and to display an American Flag on Memorial Day, Monday May 25, 2020.

"During this time of sacrifice, honoring our fallen heroes, those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, puts sacrifice into perspective" stated Mayor Mahoney.

The Town sponsored Stars and Stripes Festival became an annual event following the inaugural festival in 2012. Over the years, the Festival has focused on numerous wars including The Civil War, World War I, World War II, The Korean War and The Vietnam War, hosting numerous historians, period actors and musical performers. The Stars and Stripes Committee continues to work within guidelines created by their mission statement, being: to continue educating our youth and our community of the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Please visit the town website for ways to tune into the virtual Memorial Day performance honoring our fallen heroes at www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov.

Press Release from Town of Chesapeake Beach.

Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET DIESEL

A cat is an example of sophistication minus civilization.

-Anonymous

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Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SMTCCAC), is a private nonprofit community action agency designated to providing services to people with low-income. While the offices are closed to the public for face-to-face contact due to COVID-19, the agency continues processing applications for housing counseling and energy assistance residents in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties. SMTCCAC's President Michael E. Young states that, "The pandemic has been devastating to families and communities nationally and our agency is committed to serving and meeting the needs of individuals and families locally."

For Housing Counseling services, please contact (301) 274-4474, ext. 274.

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2. **Email:** ohcp@smtccac.org
3. **Fax:** (301) 274-5638
4. **U.S. Mail:** P.O. Box 280, Hughesville, MD 20637

Please contact our office to request an application and for additional information at 301 274-4474, ext. 200. Our website is www.smtccac.org.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE CALVERT CRIME REPORT

Maryland State Police Calvert Crime Report

The below incidents, investigations, and arrests are, in part, demonstrative of the Prince Frederick Barrack's effort to ensure that Calvert County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Traffic Stop / Possession of Heroin - On 5/13/2020, Trooper Kelly conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 in the area of South View Drive, Huntingtown, for traffic violations. Upon approaching the vehicle, Trooper Kelly observed a small baggie containing a white powdery substance in plain view. Trooper Kelly placed the driver in custody. The driver was identified as Jonas Robert Heinonen (04/18/1990), and was placed in the back of the patrol vehicle. While in the back of the patrol vehicle, Trooper Kelly and Trooper First Class Rutkoski noticed Heinonen was moving something around in his mouth. After failing to comply with verbal orders to open his mouth, Troopers had to remove Heinonen from the vehicle and utilize pressure points to get Heinonen to comply. Three more baggies of suspected heroin were removed from Heinonen's mouth. When asked if he consumed any of the suspect heroin, Heinonen refused to answer. As a precautionary measure, Heinonen was transported to the Hospital prior to going to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged accordingly. All CDS were packaged and processed at the Maryland State Police, Prince Frederick Barrack.

Traffic Stop / CDS - Not Marijuana - On 05/15/2020, Trooper First Class Costello and Trooper Fraser conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 in the area of Par-ran Road, St. Leonard, for traffic violations. The driver was identified as Zachary James Krenick (08/31/1993) and the passenger was identified as Jacob Sbeitan (04/29/1983). A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and CDS - not marijuana was located. Both Krenick and Sbeitan were placed in custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where they were charged accordingly. All CDS were packaged and processed at the Maryland State Police, Prince Frederick Barrack.

CDS - Not Marijuana - On 5/15/2020, Trooper First Class Stull responded to the area of Sandy Wash Circle and Big Sandy Run Road, Lusby, to make contact with Trooper Ruggles from the Maryland State Police, Leonardtown Barrack. Once on scene, Trooper First Class Stull made contact with Salli Ann Barats (08/29/1965), who stated that she had a "crack pipe" in her possession. The pipe was confiscated and Barats was charged on a Criminal Summons and released from the scene. All CDS were processed and packaged at the Maryland State Police, Prince Frederick Barrack.

Traffic Stop / Warrant Service - On 05/16/2020, Trooper First Class Marsch conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 in the area of Lyons Creek Road, Dunkirk, for traffic violations. The driver was identified as Emmanuel L. Pressley (08/11/1968), who was also showing an active warrant (FTA - Driving Without a License). Pressley was placed in custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where the warrant was served without incident.

Traffic Stop / Possession of Marijuana / Possession of Ammunition - On 05/16/2020, Trooper White conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 in the area of CHaneyville Road, Owings, for traffic violations. Upon approaching the vehicle, Trooper White noticed the smell of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The driver was identified as Christopher Dale Hiner (07/12/1991), and a probable cause search was conducted of the vehicle. The search revealed marijuana more than ten grams as well as a ballistic vest and over seven hundred rounds of ammunition. An MGUN check was conducted and was shown that Hiner is prohibited from possessing the ballistic vest and ammunition. Hiner was placed in custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where he was charged accordingly. All marijuana, ammunition, and the ballistic vest were taken to the Maryland State Police, Prince Frederick Barrack for processing and packaging.

Press Release from MSP Prince Frederick Barrack

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFFS OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Drug Arrest- On April 26, 2020, Dep. Wilson responded to the 22500 block of Lower Kells Lane in Great Mills, for a warrant service. Contact was made with Derrick Alan Boyd Sr., age 49 of no fixed address, who had an outstanding warrant in another jurisdiction. Boyd was arrested and located on his person was a suspected CDS smoking device which contained suspected cocaine. Boyd was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia.



Derrick Boyd

Drug Arrest- On May 5, 2020, DFC. Budd responded to the 16800 block of Three Notch Road in Ridge, for the reported disturbance. Upon arriving at the scene contact was made with Nataye Mary Bush, age 33 of Lexington Park. Investigation determined an argument ensued at the residence between Bush and the victims during which time Bush broke a window in the residence. Bush retrieved a piece of broken glass, and threw it at one victim, causing a laceration to the victim's leg. Bush also assaulted another victim when the victim attempted to stop her from breaking the window. Bush was served a no trespass order while on scene, however returned to the scene while deputies were conducting their investigation. Bush was arrested and located in her purse were several suspected Oxycodone and Alprazolam pills. Bush was charged with As-



Nataye Bush

sault 2nd Degree, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Remove Label, Malicious Destruction of Property and Trespassing.

Trespassing/Resisting Arrest- On May 8, 2020, Cpl. Beishline responded to the 21800 block of N. Shangri-La Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance and located Noble Blyden Conrad Jr., age 40 of no fixed address, on the scene. Conrad became confrontational with deputies and refused to follow lawful orders. Conrad was arrested and resisted being placed in handcuffs. Conrad was charged with Trespass-Private Property, Fail to Obey Lawful Order, and Resisting Arrest.



Noble Conrad

Assault/Theft- On May 8, 2020, Dep. Hersh responded to the 37000 block of Paul Ellis Road in Avenue, for the reported assault. Investigation determined John Money, age 47 of Mechanicsville, took the victim's dog without permission and fled the area in a vehicle with the dog. The victim pursued Money, and ultimately the parties were involved in a minor motor vehicle collision. Money then exited his vehicle and retrieved a gardening tool. Money struck the victim in the face with the tool multiple times, causing visible injury. Money was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree and Theft.



John Money

Motorcyclist Flown from Prince Frederick Crash

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded on May 16 at approximately 2:04 p.m. to a motor vehicle crash on Stoakley Road in the area of Barstow Road in Prince Frederick, MD.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2015 Nissan pick-up truck operated by Heather Irene Johnson, 25 of Prince Frederick had backed out of a private driveway onto Stoakley Road when a 2012 Yamaha Motorcycle traveling west on Stoakley Road and struck the front passenger side of the pick-up truck. The operator of the motorcycle who has been identified as Austin Russell Aley, 22, of Prince Frederick was ejected from the motorcycle and struck a tree. Aley suf-

fered serious injuries as a result of the collision and was transported by Maryland State Helicopter to Baltimore Shock Trauma.

Johnson, the driver of the Nissan was not injured.

According to witnesses and scene evidence the motorcycle was traveling at an excessive speed and appears to be a contributing factor to this collision.

Sgt. T.S. Phelps of the Crash Reconstruction Team is conducting the investigation into the crash. Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact Sgt. Phelps at (410) 535-2800 or via e-mail: Thomas.Phelps@calvertcountymd.gov

Press Release from CCSO.

Double Fatal Reported in Owings



On Thursday, May 14, 2020 at approximately 3:45 p.m., members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded to a single vehicle crash on northbound Rt. 4 (Southern Maryland Boulevard) in the area of Skinners Turn Road in Owings, MD.

Units arrived on scene and discovered a black 2014 Dodge RAM pick-up truck overturned and off the roadway. Deputies located two adult occupants, who were unresponsive, and two additional adult occupants suffering from minor injuries.

Preliminary investigation revealed the pick-up truck was travelling northbound on Rt. 4 and for unknown reasons left the roadway. Two of the passengers were pronounced deceased on scene as a result of their injuries. The deceased have been

identified as Jessica Nicole Brady (34) and Gerard Michael Fragman (35).

The driver, identified as Christopher Morgan Hynson, (32) and front seat passenger, identified as Kristin Carol Brady (30), suffered minor injuries during the crash.

At this time, vehicle speed, driver error, alcohol, and drugs appear to be contributing factors to this collision.

Cpl. V. Bortchevsky of the Crash Reconstruction Team is conducting the investigation into the events that lead up to the crash. Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact Cpl. Bortchevsky at (410) 535-2800 or via e-mail: vlad.bortchevsky@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

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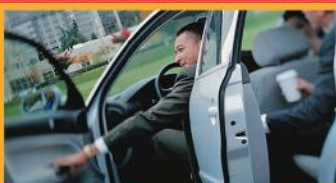
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Dunkirk, MD 20754



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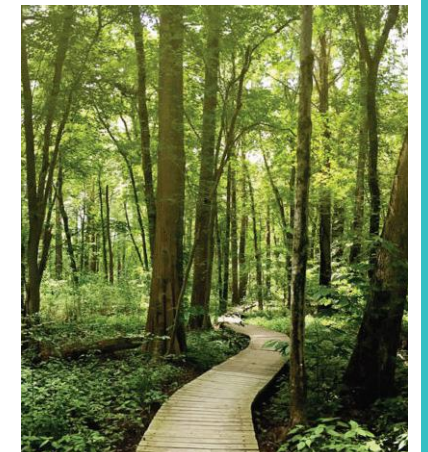
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SOMD Summer Fun Still Beckons

By Guy Leonard, Staff Writer and Dick Myers, Editor

Those of us who live in Southern Maryland have a big advantage over those stuck at home in more urban and suburban areas. We are surrounded by water and have a whole world of open space to roam in while we are still practicing social distancing.

Of course many of these activities are available, pandemic or not, but they are there this year to especially savor because many of the events and activities we are used to during the summer have been cancelled or put on hold pending better news.

Some of those summer fun opportunities that have been canceled include the St. Mary's County Crab Festival, Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival, and Maryland Cup Yacht Race.

The Newtown Players and Twin Beaches Players have likewise shut-down their performances for the foreseeable future.

Venues such as Historic St. Mary's City, Calvert Marine Museum and Anne Marie Garden are either closed or have limited access to walking around.

Both counties still have much to offer.

Jason Aul, director of Visit St. Mary's, the county tourism division, said, "One of the great things about St. Mary's County is we are an outdoor destination." He added, "As the state begins to reopen... the good thing is that most of our restaurants are adapting to the new conditions.

"People can order take-out food and take outdoors for a picnic lunch."

Aul said the restoration of retail shops, even operating at just half ca-

capacity, will be a boon for places such as Leonardtown because it is a small business hub.

The same holds true for Calvert County restaurants, and that county has a website with locations that are open for carryout: <https://www.ecalvert.com/300/COVID-19-Restaurants-Open>

In considering supporting restaurants by going carryout or curbside, one great summer-time option idea would be to have a crab feast in your own backyard by picking up a dozen or a bushel from one of the crabhouses, seafood markets or roadside stands that dot our area.

In St. Mary's, places like Historic Sotterley Plantation in Hollywood and Point Lookout State Park in Ridge are open to trail hikers and campers respectively and the pier at Point Lookout is famous as a fishing destination.

And while the area's museums are closed to the public over COVID-19 concerns the venues surrounding them are great for getting into the outdoors for fresh air and exercise.

In Piney Point the light house museum grounds are located on beach front and on Piney Point Road just before the bridge to St. George Island there are two properties on either side that are open for public fishing and boat launching.

In Lexington Park the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum remains closed but the flight line outside next to it is filled with aircraft from naval aviation's long history to peruse.

In Colton's Point, St. Clements Island Museum allows visitors are walk around the neighborhood and a view of St. Clements Island, where English

colonists first landed in 1632.

Historic St. Mary's City's outdoor and indoor exhibits are closed to the public but the staff there are still inviting people to come down and walk on the vast property there, including down at the wharf where the Maryland Dove is traditionally moored.

Point Lookout is also one of the most notable Civil War historical sites in Maryland with two monuments, both outdoor, one private and one public, commemorating the Confederates who died at the prisoner of war camp there.

On the Patuxent River, Myrtle Point Park offers trails and spaces to launch kayaks and other similar small craft.

In Leonardtown at the end of Washington Street rests the Leonardtown Wharf property which offers immediate access to the water via kayak or other watercraft; a newly installed pier awaits boaters who wish to visit the town for the day.

In Calvert, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum's buildings are closed but its beautiful grounds overlooking the Patuxent River are open for hiking. Likewise, the buildings at Anne Marie Garden are closed but the trail through the woods to view their art objects remains open.

North Beach and Solomons boardwalks are also great places for getting close to the water and enjoying the views, although the North Beach boardwalk is open only for Calvert County residents.

St. Mary's River State Park, on Route 5 in Great Mills, offers many miles of backwoods trails for hiking and boating and fishing on St. Mary's Lake; miles before the Camp Cosoma Road

entrance to the park there is a kayak launch for traveling the St. Mary's River.

St. Mary's Department of Recreation and Parks also offers public beach and waterfront access at Snow Hill Park in Mechanicsville and at Elms Beach Park in Lexington Park south of the navy base.

Calvert Cliffs State Park is open for hiking and fossil collecting and Flag Ponds and Breezy Point beaches in Calvert are open for county residents for swimming or just to soak up the sun on the beach.

For those who want to go out into the deep waters surrounding St. Mary's, charter fishing is still running; local captains were able to stay open and operational even during the coronavirus shutdown.

Or you can go charter boat fishing from Chesapeake Beach. Parties are limited to 10 including captain and mate. You must wear a face mask. Book through Chesapeake Beach Fishing Charters at 301-855-3665.

So, this is a perfect year for a staycation. "There is a lot to do and a lot to see in St. Mary's even with the shutdown from the virus," said Aul. "One advantage we have is that we're a driving destination, so when other areas open up, they'll want to drive here instead of taking a place somewhere else.

"Drive markets will recover first," he said, summing up the hopes of hospitality officials throughout the Southern Maryland region.

For more ideas see the accompanying Top 30 things to do list.

guyleonard@countytimes.net and dickmyers@countytimes.net

St. Mary's County Parks



St. Clements Island

26590 South Sandgates Rd
Mechanicsville, MD 20659



Snow Hill Park

26590 South Sandgates Rd
Mechanicsville, MD 20659



Point Lookout

11175 Point Lookout Rd.
Scotland, MD 20687



Greenwell State Park

25420 Rosedale Manor Lane
Hollywood, MD 20636



Cardinal Gibbons Park

Route 5, Ridge



Elms Beach Park

19350 Back Door Road
Lexington Park, MD 20653



Myrtle Point Park

Route 4 to Patuxent Blvd., California



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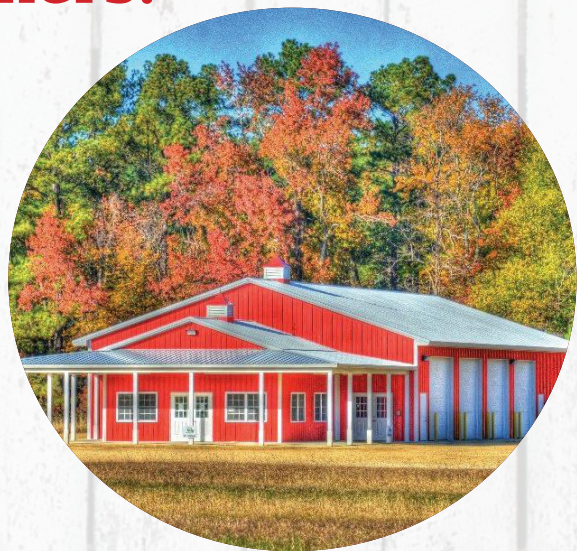
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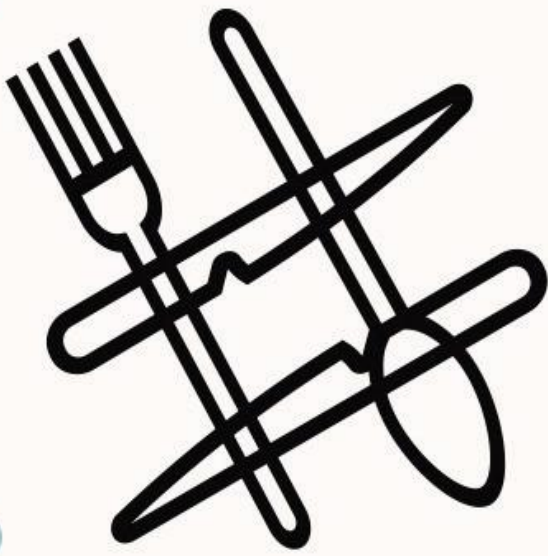


St. Mary's

- 1 Get some crabs at local seafood suppliers and enjoy them at home
- 2 Play a round of golf at Wicomico Shores Golf Course or at Breton Bay Golf Course
- 3 Take a walk on the trails at Myrtle Point Park
- 4 Take a trip down the St. Mary's River from the kayak launch in Great Mills
- 5 Go boating and fishing on St. Mary's Lake
- 6 Go out into the deep water on a charter boat in search of the big fish
- 7 Take a bike ride up and down the Three Notch Trail
- 8 Take your children to play at any of the county's public parks
- 9 Camp out at Point Lookout State Park in Ridge
- 10 Watch the sunset at the Piney Point Landing just before the St. George Island bridge
- 11 Be sure to patronize locally owned restaurants by ordering delivery or carry out
- 12 Take a drive through the countryside in the 7th District
- 13 Check out the Colored Troops memorial at Lancaster Park in Lexington Park
- 14 Check out the many aircraft on the flight line at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum
- 15 Be sure to shop at local retailers in Leonardtown and spend time at the wharf

Calvert

- 1 Look for shark's teeth at Calvert Cliffs State Park
- 2 Life's a Beach at Breezy Point or Flag Ponds Nature Park beaches (for Calvert residents currently).
- 3 Play a round of golf at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course.
- 4 Take a nature hike on one of Calvert County's many trails.
- 5 Visit the grounds at Annmarie Sculpture Garden; search for fairy houses
- 6 Walk on the Boardwalk
- 7 Have a picnic at Jefferson Patterson Park
- 8 Honor those who have served with a visit to Chesapeake Beach's Veterans Memorial Park
- 9 Walk on the North Beach Boardwalk (Calvert residents only)
- 10 Visit North Beach's Sunrise Garden (Calvert residents only)
- 11 Order steamed crabs to carry out at one of the county's crabhouses, farm stands or roadside vendors
- 12 Order food for carryout, curbside or delivery
- 13 Take a virtual tour, class or trip
- 14 Go Charter Boat Fishing from Chesapeake Beach
- 15 Walk all the way to the tip of Solomon's island and take in waterfront homes and the Chesapeake Biological Lab



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Point Lookout State Park
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St. Clement's Island State Park
Rt. 242 to Coltons Point - Public beach with unsupervised swimming, fishing and crabbing.

St. Mary's River State Park
Rt. 5, Camp Cosoma Road, Leonardtown - Fishing and boating at this site.

Greenwell State Park
Rt. 235 to Sotterley Road to Steer Horn Neck Road, Hollywood - Public beach with unsupervised swimming, fishing and crabbing.

Calvert State Parks

Calvert Cliffs State Park
10540 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657
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Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
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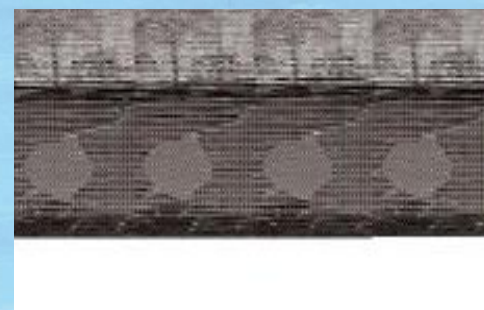
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Remember to Honor Veterans on Memorial Day

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Memorial Day in St. Mary's County is usually full of ceremonies and gatherings dedicated to remembering the ultimate sacrifice of veterans but COVID-19 has forced American Legion Posts and Veterans of Foreign Wars groups to cancel those plans.

But there are still ways to remember veterans this Memorial Day and pay tribute to their sacrifice.

Skip Disharoon, post commander at the American Legion Post 255 in Ridge said taking time to understand why veterans gave their lives in defense of their country was whole point behind Memorial Day.

"My biggest advice would be to reflect on the whole reason behind Memorial Day," Disharoon told The County Times. "It's not about barbeques and breaking social distancing guidelines to participate.

"It's about folks who did make the ultimate sacrifice, and for anybody [a veteran] who is still with us thank a vet."

Though the public ceremony at the post in Ridge has been cancelled, it's one of the largest and best attended in the county, protocol for the flag will be fully observed.

The American flag will be at half-mast the night before Memorial Day, Disharoon said and he will be on post to a lay a wreath to honor the sacrifice

of veterans.

At noon Disharoon said the flag would be brought back to full mast.

Disharoon said residents who have flags at their homes that cannot be lowered to half-mast should affix a black streamer to the device atop the flagpole in accordance with protocol.

At Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, director Sharon Murphy said the COVID-19 quarantine has left veterans there craving items they love, especially since vending machines have been shut down.

"They really want Vienna sausages [canned sausages] and they say they can't get potted ham," Murphy said. "We don't need 500 cases of it, but they do like it."

As veterans are not allowed to see their families in person they have to rely on videocalls to keep in contact, Murphy said, so any contact they can have with someone outside the home, even if they are not family, is important.

"They can also send cards to vets and the staff, too," Murphy said, adding that many of the older veterans preferred communications they can see and touch rather than those sent electronically.

"That's a generation that's loved letters," Murphy said.

Anyone who wants to send a card can send one to the veterans as a whole and not just to one they may know individually, Murphy said.

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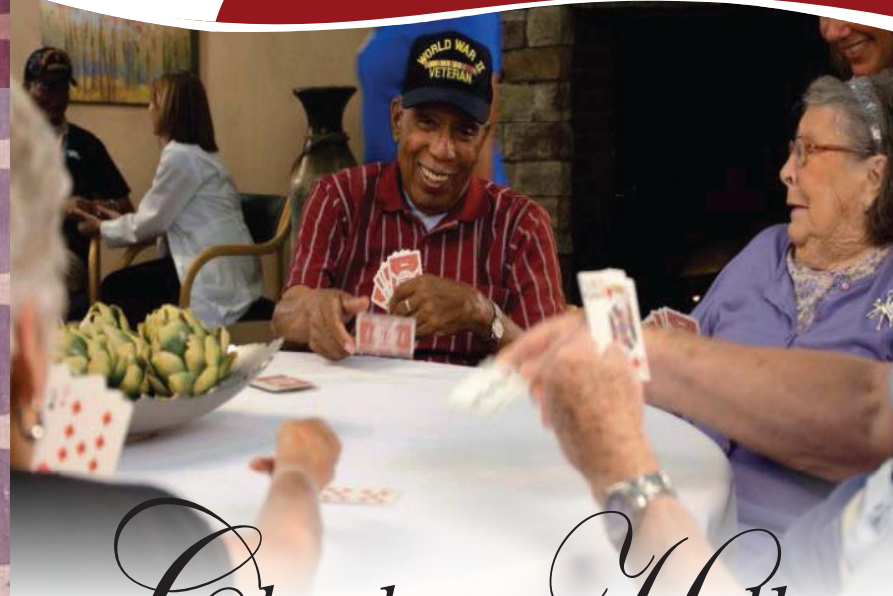
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Robert Leslie "Bobby" Oliver

Robert Leslie "Bobby" Oliver, 73, of Chesapeake Beach, MD passed away on May 9, 2020 at Solomons Nursing Center.

Born November 29, 1946 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late

Robert Asbury Oliver and Mary Elizabeth (Cusick) Oliver.

Bobby graduated from Suitland High School and served in the U.S. Army from November 19, 1968 until June 22, 1970, receiving the Army Commendation Medal. He was a machinist for Metro for thirty years, retiring in 2002. Bobby loved racing cars, fishing, traveling, making jokes and having fun.

Bobby is survived by his significant other, Patricia Mitchell; his children, Mark and Trisha Oliver of Port Tobacco, MD, Teresa Oliver and Melvin Rawlings of Chesapeake Beach, MD and Troy and Crystal Oliver of Huntingtown, MD; seven grandchildren; and siblings, Vera and Gene Wilkerson of Chesapeake Beach, MD, Robert Jr. and Patricia Oliver of New Bern, NC, Mary V. Oliver of Muldrow, OK, Margaret & Jo Bill Campbell of Sallisaw, OK, Clinton F. Oliver of Deale, MD, Richard H. and Michele Oliver of NC and Thomas W. Oliver of Madison, AL; and brother-in-law, Orville Short of Arkoma, OK. He was preceded in death by his former wife Linda Jean Oliver; and siblings, John F. Oliver, Sr., David Oliver, Michael Oliver, Sr. and Theresa Short.

Services will be private.

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

James Augustus "Jimmy" Verdin

James Augustus "Jimmy" Verdin, 73, of Huntingtown passed away peacefully May 15, 2020 in Prince Frederick, MD. Beloved Uncle Jimmy is survived by his sister-in-law Barbara Verdin of Huntingtown, MD; nephew

John P. Verdin (Mickey) of Alexandria, VA; nephew Michael S. Verdin (Jamie) of Chesapeake Beach, MD; niece Susan L. Gallo (Michael) of Lusby, MD; nephew Patrick J. Verdin (Ronda) of Owings, MD; niece Lisa A. Wieland (Paul) of Port Republic, MD; nephew Clayton D. Verdin of Chesapeake Beach, MD; nephew David A. Verdin (Natalya) of Chesapeake Beach, MD and beloved beagle Honey. He is also survived by five grandnephews; five grandnieces; three great nieces and two great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents John E. Sr. and Catherine Verdin; sister Nancy Mazzullo (Richard) and their three children, brother John E. Verdin, Jr. and niece Linda Verdin Burke.

Jimmy grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland. He enjoyed a happy childhood full of sports. He attended Montgomery Hills Elementary and graduated in 1964 from Montgomery Blair High School. After one year at the University of Maryland, Jim decided to

enlist in the Navy, he was injured at sea and was honorably discharged. After, he fished on 2 charter boats out of Kent Island during the summer of 1969 and 1970. He and his parents enjoyed spending time at their cottage in Breezy Point Beach.

During his childhood, Jim and his siblings spent summers visiting his Grandfather's farm in Greenville, South Carolina. One of his favorite memories was catching his first fish, a large mouth bass, at his Uncle Will's pond and carrying it 5 miles back to the farm. A lifelong avid fisherman, the apple didn't fall far from the tree, as his mother Catherine "Kitty" was an adept angler. Jimmy fished the East Coast from South Carolina to Delaware with family and a host of friends. His last fishing trip was just this past April on a private beach in Breezy Point with his nephew, Scott. Most of all Jimmy will forever be remembered as a generous and kind soul with a gentle wit and a quiet yet firm faith.

The family would like to thank the Veteran's Administration and Agnes, his most recent personal caregiver for the excellent care they gave this veteran. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in James Verdin's memory to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, all services for Mr. Verdin will be private.

Interment will take place at a later date in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham.

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Link: <https://www.charhall.org/content/donations/>

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jessica Nicole "Jessie" Brady

Jessica Nicole "Jessie" Brady of Saint Leonard, Maryland passed away suddenly at the age of 34 on May 14, 2020. Born on January 17, 1986 to Teresa Gayle Sturdivant and Stephen David Brady.

Jessie was born and raised in Calvert County where she graduated from Patuxent High School. Jessie had a true love for life, her family, her two cats and her obsession with the New England Patriots.

She is survived by her loving son Thomas Evan Jenkins, mother Teresa Gayle Sturdivant, father Stephen David Brady, her three brothers Andrew Ryan Brady (Jamie Brady), Kyle Brady (Sierra Brady), and Anthony Brady, grandmother Ethel Sturdivant, grandfather R. Herbert Simmons. She is also survived by three nieces, four aunts, five uncles and 18 cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather William Sturdivant, grandmother Donna Brady and the love of her life Kevin Daley.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jeannette Marie McKenny

Jeannette Marie McKenny, 84, of Greenville, NC where she had retired with her husband William Ernest McKenny, passed away May 13, 2020 at the home of her daughter in King, NC. Known as Patsy, she was born De-

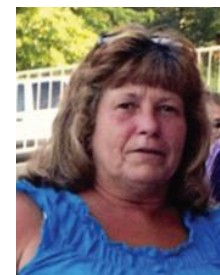


ember 22, 1935 in Chesapeake Beach, MD to Dorothy O. (Paddy) and Charles Joseph Finchham. She was employed as a waitress at Abner's Crabhouse in Chesapeake Beach for over 30 years.

She is survived by her husband Ernest, a son James R. "Rusty" Sturdivant of Owings, daughters Bonnie Grieser and husband Dutch of King, NC, Mandy Shapira of Manteo, NC, Sheila Sturdivant of Friendship, MD, Elaine Kennedy, Debbie Kennedy, and Sandy Dobbs, all of North Carolina; grandchildren Joseph Revell, Olivia Grieser, James Ryan Sturdivant, Amanda Johnson, and Lily Revell; and sisters Sally Craig of California, MD, Charlene Haynes of Waldorf, and Marianne Stillings of Jacksonville, FL.

A graveside service for family members was held Tuesday May 19 at Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church Cemetery, Owings, MD.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Bonnie Vee Thomas

Bonnie Vee Thomas, 60, of North Beach passed away May 12, 2020. She was born February 9, 1960 in Prince Frederick to Vincent Sr. and Dorris McKenny Rogers. Bonnie grew up in North Beach and

attended Northern High School. Bonnie loved playing BINGO and spending time with her best friend Gail Hunt.

Bonnie is survived by her husband of 43 years Robert Thomas of North Beach, children Stephanie Thomas and her husband Danny Merciliott of Chesapeake Beach, Robert Thomas Jr. and his wife Kristy of Prince Frederick, and Shawn Thomas and his wife Leslie Cornelius of St. Johns, FL, and grandchildren Josh, Darley, Payton, Hunter, and Logan Thomas. She is also survived by her siblings Vincent Rogers and his wife Pat, Connie Kitching, Sandy Hardesty and her husband Paul, and Donna Rogers and her husband Paul, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law Willie Kitching.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Shirley Ann Black Cleaver

Shirley Ann Black Cleaver, 75, of Huntingtown, passed away May 9, 2020 at her residence. She was born June 19, 1944 in Capels, WV to Alfred Roosevelt Black and Ollie Nannie Vesta Salyers Black Fuller. Shirley grew up in Welch, WV where she graduated high school. She moved to Washington, D.C. in 1962, and married Robert John Cleaver in 1963. Shirley and

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Bob lived in various places around Maryland, before settling in Huntingtown, which they have called home for the last 42 years. Shirley was a proud member of the National Contract Management Association, Toastmasters, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Bobby Jones Chiari & Syringomyelia Foundation, International Ford Retractable Club East Coast Chapter, International Mercury Owner's Club, Comet East Car Club, Red Hats Society, Democratic Club, and the National Imperial Glass Collectors Society, Inc. MD Chapter. She enjoyed reading, keeping herself updated on political matters, playing slots, and spending time with her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, her stepfather Arthur Fuller, brothers Matthew, Alfred Shirden, and Carl Randal Black, sisters Helen Virginia Black, Oma Erma Walters, and Catherine Rose Fisher. Shirley is survived by her husband, Bob Cleaver, children John Cleaver (Kathryn) of Bowie, and Tanya Gutka (Anthony, II) of Colorado Springs, CO, grandchildren Sara, Tatiana, Teagan, and Anthony, III, as well as great-grandchildren Lyla, Alani, Willa, and Alessia, and her sister, Ruby Howlett.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Patrick "Sean" Murphy



Patrick "Sean" Murphy (49), son of Patrick & Virginia Murphy of Port Republic, MD, passed away on May 9th at his home in Selbyville, DE. Sean was born on March 10, 1971 in San Francisco, CA. As a

young child, Sean lived in various parts of the United States, from California to Rhode Island, Virginia, Maine and Florida as his family moved to relocate with the Navy. In 1981 he moved permanently to his beach community in Port Republic. Sean spent many happy years there crabbing, fishing in the Bay and exploring the woods with his brothers and cousins, his "best buds".

Sean graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea School and was a 1989 graduate of Calvert High. He also attended the College of Southern Maryland. Sean moved to the Eastern Shore in the early 90s and divided his work between restaurant management in Ocean City and work with the National Auto Shows throughout the year. Through thick and thin, he was an avid Cowboys and Orioles fan, Cal Ripken being one of his idols. Sean's personality was magnetic, and he made many, many friends along the way. Sean was kind, warm, loving and always fun. His loyalty to a friend was unshakable.

Family meant everything to Sean. He is survived by his parents, Patrick & "Ginny" and his brothers Kevin of Washington, DC and Matthew and his wife Britt of Edgewater, MD, his nieces Dylan and Everett whom he dearly cherished, and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Our Lady Star of the Sea School, c/o Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, P.O. Box 560, Solomons, MD 20688. Another way of honoring Sean is to love your family deeply and always go that extra step to be a true and loyal friend.

Due to the Covid-19 situation Monsignor

Michael Wilson conducted a private funeral services for the immediate family on Friday, May 15. A celebration of Sean's life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Arthur Lee (Butch) Deel

Arthur Lee (Butch) Deel, 62 of Sunderland, Maryland recently lost his battle with cancer and passed away at the home of his sister Lula A. Greenwood in Odenton, MD on May 9, 2020. He was born May 14, 1957 in Welch, WV, and was the youngest child born to the late Henry P. and Nettie M. (McGraw) Deel. He was a resident of Anawalt, WV until 1983 when he relocated to Sunderland, MD. His early working years included jobs in coal mining and construction, but he spent the majority of his career working at auto body shops in Calvert County.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Larkin Deel (infant), Cecil B. Deel of Cleveland, TN, and William J. Deel of Port Republic, MD, as well as aunts, uncles and one nephew. He is survived by three brothers, Bobbie L. Deel of Annapolis, MD, James F. Deel (Betty) of Shallotte, NC, and John H. Deel (Lil) of Hillsville, VA. He also leaves behind four sisters, Betty J. Twigg of Naples, FL, Mary Sue DeFoe (Dennis) of Fort Myers, FL, Rose Ella Flora (Alan) of Prince Frederick, MD, and Lula A. Greenwood (Joseph) of Odenton, MD, as well as a host of nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews, and many friends as well.

There are no services planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Hospice of the Chesapeake 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link: <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/>

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Stephanie Lynn Edwards



Stephanie Lynn Edwards, 65, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD surrounded by her loving children.

Born on June 21, 1954 to the late Warren Eugene Carruth and Gertrude Mae Clements Carruth, she is a 1973 graduate of Suitland High School. She was employed for over 30 years with the department of the Navy as a dedicated and thorough administrative assistant at NAVAIR Patuxent River until her retirement in 2016.

She was an excellent cook and hosted many holiday and family dinners. Among her specialties were lasagna, meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, and macaroni salad. Her favorite people called her, "MeMe," and she loved spending as much time with her grandchildren as she could as her family was her greatest joy. Her hobbies included camping locally with family and friends, birdwatching, enjoying her coffee, crocheting and knitting hats and scarves, and cheering on the Washington Redskins and Capitals.

Stephanie is survived by her children: Samuel "Sammy" Lee Craddock (Lisa) of Mechanicsville, MD, Carrie Anne Kelly (Michael) of Lusby, MD, and Robert "Bobby"

Douglas Edwards (Shalena) of Columbia, SC; her brother, Daniel Carruth of Mechanicsville, MD, her sister in laws: Peggy Carruth of Hollywood MD and Sheri Carruth of Brandywine MD; her grandchildren: Alex Craddock, Nickolas Kelly, Matthew Kelly, Alyssa Orth and one on the way, Walker Casey Edwards. In addition to her parents, Stephanie is also preceded in death by her brothers Robert Lee Carruth and John Carruth.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 339, Lexington Park, MD 20653

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Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Mary Clare Gibson Gibb



Mary Clare Gibson Gibb ("Mom", "The Mother", "Gram", "Big Clare", "Aunt Clare", "friend") was born Oct. 13, 1935 to Catherine and William Gibson. On May 15, 2020 after a brief fight with COV-

ID-19, she joined her two brothers and four sisters, as well as countless other relatives in Heaven. Before she passed, she saw her father, who had died before her birth, waiting at her bedside to carry his little girl up to join a joyous family reunion with Jesus in Paradise.

Clare was raised in the Seventh District of Southern Maryland. She graduated from Holy Angels Catholic School and Margaret Brent High School, and went on to attend Strayer College. She was an energetic and loving woman. People were special to her, and she made sure that they felt it by the little thoughtful things she did. When you saw her, you could not help but break out in a big smile to match hers. What a joyful laugh she had.

She was a role model for beautifully balancing motherhood and a career. She thoroughly enjoyed her many varied jobs and the friendships that she made in each and every job. Her friendships lasted a lifetime. Because she lived in California, New York, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, every move meant a new job and more people who would quickly know and love her as a friend. Some jobs included the FBI (for Hoover himself), law firms, universities (including Stanford), a credit union, a health clinic, and her favorite

job as an Office Manager for her son Freddy and son-in-law Sean.

One benefit of her many careers was that she had little time for cooking and cleaning, but plenty of time for playing with her children, shopping with her sisters, children, and nieces, visiting with friends and relatives, enjoying her children's piano, ballet, and sporting activities, going out to dinner, DAR meetings with three generations (followed by going out to lunch), playing Bridge, trying to teach her children and grandchildren to play Bridge (they came for the Dove Bars), traveling, and, of course, daily Mass, which she always had time for her entire life, (followed by going out to breakfast if possible). She passed her love of daily Mass on to her children and grandchildren, as well as the joy of the Rosary and other special prayers.

Clare had an unbreakable positive, cheerful outlook on life and she will be sorely missed by her ex-husband Frederick W. Gibb II, their children: Mary Delana (Sean), Frederick W. Gibb III (Renee), and Catherine Bailey (Chip); 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clare made the world a better place. She made a difference.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

Harold Nathaniel Owens



Harold Nathaniel Owens, "Shorty", 83, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on May 12, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. He was born on June 9, 1936 and was the loving son of the late Mary Lillian Pillsbury Owens and George

William Owens.

Shorty was the loving husband of Bernice Owens of Mechanicsville, MD whom he married in Lexington Park, MD. He is also survived by his children Nick Boszko (Linda) of Wesley Chapel, FL, Dave Boszko (Karen) and Vikki Owens both of Mechanicsville, MD, 4 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. Siblings Alberta Ridgell of Great Mills, MD, Catherine Pilkerton of Leonardtown, MD, Joseph Owens of Mechanicsville, MD, and Janice Ivancik of Lexington Park, MD. He was preceded in death by his siblings George Owens, Mary Lillian Goddard, Ralph Owens, James Owens, Josephine Quade, Bernard Owens, and Robert Owens.

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Shorty graduated from Great Mills High School in 1955. He served in the United States Army from January 18, 1962 to January 17, 1964 and was a Medic stationed at Fort Hood, TX. While serving in the Army he earned the Expert (Rifle) and Sharpshooter (Rifle M-14) Medal. Shorty was a Superintendent for the United States Postal Service, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Elk Lodge 2092 in California, MD and Bucksports #428. He enjoyed crabbing, fishing, gardening, and grilling.

Contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center 21585 Peabody Street Leonardtown, MD 20650.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

James Carroll Farrell



James Carroll Farrell of Chaptico, Maryland passed away on Tuesday, May 12 surrounded by his family.

Jamie was born Sunday, March 16 in Oakley, Maryland and was a lifetime resident of

St. Mary's County. He is preceded in death by his parents Benjamin Thomas Farrell and Blanche Elizabeth (Graves) Farrell, his mother Mary Elizabeth Farrell, and siblings Agnes Genevieve Thompson, Rose Beatrice Bailey, Susan Kathleen Abell, Benjamin Thomas Farrell Jr., Richard Milford Farrell, and James Allen Farrell.

Jamie is survived by his children Timothy Lee Farrell (Wendy) and Cynthia Lynn Farrell Reynolds (Jeff), grandchildren Lindsey Ann Farrell and Travis Lee Farrell, and siblings Glenn Gass (Margie), Debbie Rinaldi (Tony), Jo May (Bob), Steve Gass (Tori), and David Gass.

Jamie attended Holy Angels Sacred Heart School and graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1965, the last graduating class. After graduation, he worked at Mattingley's IGA in Leonardtown, Maryland and then served in the US Army in Okinawa. On Saturday, April 25, 1970, he married Margaret Ann Farr at Holy Angels Church in Avenue, Maryland. Jamie, known as Holmes, worked for the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) as a Training Supervisor until his retirement; he thought of his work buddies like

family. After retirement, he started JC Seal-coating with his cousin Clyde Farrell.

Jamie enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and pets. He loved being on his boat crabbing, oystering, and fishing; he hosted many crab feasts and oyster scalds. He enjoyed playing cards with his buddies, winning big at the slots, and playing Candy Crush. He especially enjoyed taking short fun trips with his grandchildren. He spent a lot of time planting his garden, finding yard sale treasures, and collecting beer signs. You could often find him in his pole barn and garage creating one of a kind items. Jamie was an active member of Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church in Chaptico, Maryland for almost 50 years.

Jamie was a character and everyone has a favorite story to tell about him. He will be missed by all who know him, especially the love of his life, Margaret Ann. They recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

Pallbearers are Francis Abell, Roger Bailey, Butch Bowling, Clyde Farrell, Kevin Farrell, and Glenn Gass. Honorary Pallbearers are Glenn Bailey, Jimmy Downs, Steve Gass, Elmer Lacey, Jimmy Stanley, and Donnie Williams.

In lieu of flowers, you may submit a mass intention offering for Jamie or make a donation to support various church projects. Make your check payable to Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church and be sure to record either Jamie Farrell/mass intention (\$10) or Jamie Farrell/church projects (any amount) on the check. Mail your check to Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church, PO Box 97, Chaptico, MD 20621. Please include your name and mailing address.

Marshall Sheridan Fenwick



Marshall Sheridan Fenwick, 70 of Lexington Park, MD went home on Monday, May 11, 2020 at his residence. He was born on October 25, 1949 in Park Hall, MD. He was the son of

the late Louis Marshall Fenwick and the late Queenie Jeanette Fenwick. He was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. Marshall graduated from Great Mills High School in 1967, he worked for the Metropolitan Commission as a superintendent, retiring after 30 years of service. He enjoyed hunting, and rebuild-

ing classic muscle cars, his most recent was a 1968 Chevelle SS. Marshall enjoyed fishing, and hunting.

Marshall is survived by his wife of 51 years Mrs. Angela A. Fenwick of Lexington Park, MD whom he married on December 2, 1967 in St. Inigoes, MD. Also survived by his oldest son Anthony W. Fenwick of Silver Spring, MD, daughter Mrs. Karen E. Blaylock (Didier) of Wilmington, NC and Michael Fenwick of Cecil County. He has been blessed with two grandchildren; Kaitlynn Kennedy (Gene), and Kristen Blaylock, four great grandchildren Kash, Nova, Elias, and Kora (Kaitlynn).

Marshall had 8 brothers and sisters Alan Fenwick of Suitland, MD, Ellen Rothwell, Gene Fenwick, Gail Ozuzu, Patrick Fenwick all of Lexington Park, MD, Kathy Halcomb of Park Hall, MD, Deloris Carter of Park Hall, MD. Marshall was preceded in death by his sister April Dixon.

Due to COVID-19 all Funeral Services will be private at this time. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date and will be conducted by Pastor Michael Chall.

Katie Lynn Barickman



Katie Lynn Barickman, 39 of St. Mary's County, MD passed away on May 14, 2020.

She was born on January 16, 1981 in Leonardtown, MD to David Brian Bennett (Betty), of Great Mills, MD

and Terry Kay Bennett.

Katie was employed by Vintage Values as a sales clerk and Crabknockers for the past couple years. She had two beautiful daughters, Haley and Catherine. She had a love for the water and enjoyed all that came along with it including fishing, crabbing, and taking in the beautiful scenery. She was also an excellent cook with some of her specialties being stuffed ham and all the fixings of a traditional Thanksgiving feast, which was also her favorite time of year. In her spare time she also enjoyed cleaning and was known as a clean freak. Her memory will forever be cherished and she will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her parents; her children, Haley and Catherine Barickman of California, MD, and her brother, David Brian Bennett, Jr (Crystal) of Fort Hood, TX.

Interment is private.

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

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Mary Louise Faunce



Mary Louise Faunce, 91, formerly of Leonardtown, Maryland died at Asbury Solomons, in Solomons, MD.

Louise was born on January 15, 1929 in Middletown, Virginia. She married the

love of her life, Charles R. Faunce, in November 1959. They spent 49 wonderful years together, until his death in March 2009.

Private memorial service and burial for Mrs. Faunce will take place at the Maryland

Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, MD.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Asbury Solomons Benevolent Care Fund, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688.

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Valerie Jean Foster



Valerie Jean Foster, 74 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on May 11, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

She was born on May 27, 1945 in Birmingham, England to the late Fredrick Deeks and

Doris (Sheasby) Deeks.

Valerie was born and raised in England, where she took a job in Germany as a secretary for AFN Wiesbaden. From there she then wanted to head South for some fun in the Sun. This destination was Rota, Spain, where she met a sailor who had the moves to sway her off her feet. Soon after that they were married back in England on December 24th, 1972. From the fun in the sun to the remote Island in the Bering Straight Adak Alaska. From there they moved to St. Mary's County where she and her husband resided for the last 43 years. She had many jobs here, one that stands out was being employed as a Property Manager for the National Mobile Home Park for 15 years. Valerie and her husband enjoyed travelling together, especially on cruises. Some of their favorite places to sail were beaches with waters are clear enough to see her toes. Although she loved the water, she had a fear of it as well. They loved to travel back to England to visit family and friends. There they would then take part in another type of boat ride. One that required a little more sweat equity. It was aboard her sister's narrow boat "KAOS". She adored spending time with her family, especially her son and two grandchildren. She had a special place in her heart for horses which she adored loving and caring for. If you were lucky enough to catch her and her favorite partner take over the dance floor. Then you know that was definitely one of her greatest joys. They would spin and stay in sync like they were one. Because they were!

She is survived by her husband, Scott; son, Jason Foster (Kathryn) of VA; sister, Rita Evans of England, and twins (Richard and Lousie). She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the SPCA in her name, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211.

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John Thomas Barolet



John Thomas Barolet, 67 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 14, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on June 17, 1952, in Leonardtown, MD, to the late John A. Barolet and Margaret (Barron)

Barolet.

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John grew up in St. Mary's County where he attended St. Mary's Ryken High School and St. Mary's College. In 1978 he moved to Lovettsville, VA, and started a career in sales which lasted over thirty years. In 1994 he moved to Frederick, MD, where he resided until 2016. He had a green thumb and could always be found working in his yard. Later in life he turned his passion into a career in lawn care. John was an avid and skilled golfer, known by the nickname "Sunday" by some of his close friends for being on the golf course every weekend. He was also a big sports fan who enjoyed cheering on the Baltimore Orioles, the San Diego Chargers and the Maryland Terrapins. He loved spending time with his friends and family and will be truly missed.

He is survived by his children, Michael Paul Barolet, of Brooklyn, NY, Paul Anthony Barolet of McLean, VA; siblings, Grace, Frank "Butch", Jane, Margaret, and Ed; as well as other close family, Maureen Barolet and Gisella Konst. He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-son, Matthew Hoeltie; and siblings, Katherine and Rosemary.

Services are private.

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Wendy Kay Paul



Wendy Kay Paul, 54 of Hollywood, MD passed away on May 12, 2020 at home with her husband and daughter by her side.

She was born on May 25, 1965 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Marvin McLellan Joy and Shirley (Martin) Joy.

Wendy was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1983. Most recently she was employed by General Dynamics as a Configuration Manager over the last six years where she made many professional and personal relationships and became well known for her caring nature and hard work. She was blessed to have a wonderful daughter, Alexis, with whom she adored spending time with. Wendy married Tymotheus Christiaan Pel on October 25, 2018 in Bowie, MD. She was an excellent cook and her specialties were sweet potato casserole, homemade yeast rolls, and black walnut cake. She and her family enjoyed traveling; one of their most memorable vacation spots being Myrtle Beach. She loved cheering on her favorite ice hockey teams the Washington Capitals and the Florida State Seminoles. She was known for her heart of gold; always helping out or giving to anyone in need.

She is survived by her daughter, Alexis Haley Paul of Hollywood, MD; her husband, Tymotheus Christiaan Pel of Hollywood; step-children, Sebastiaan Christopher Pel, Omid Christiaan Pel, Arastou Wilhelmus Pel, and Sem Daniel Pel, all of the Netherlands. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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John Bernard Bowman

John Bernard Bowman, who referred to himself as "the Man with the Plan" and known by many as "Bum Bum" passed



away on Saturday May 9, 2020 after reaching the age of 93 years old. After months of failing health and heroically battling cancer, he died peacefully at the St. Mary's Hospice House with his

loving family by his side.

John was born on July 15, 1926 in Leonardtown Maryland to the late George Oliver Bowman and Lynette Mason. He had four sisters and three brothers. He grew up and attended school in St. Mary's County.

John worked at Patuxent River Naval Base, Park Sight and Sound, and the Hollywood House. He then worked for Davis Antenna for over 30 years. After retirement, John started cutting grass for friends and family. He enjoyed it very much.

In 1949, he met the love of his life, Mary Magdalene Stevens, who everyone affectionately called Maggie. John and Maggie lived together almost inseparable for 66 years. From this union they had one daughter, Kimberly Dawn Bowman (Fenwick)

John and Maggie had deep faith and love for their creator Jehovah God. On May 1, 1971 they symbolized this by dedicating their lives to Jehovah God becoming one of Jehovah's Witnesses. John had strong confidence in the Bible's promises for the future and told others about these prospects. John and Maggie tirelessly spent over four decades preaching to any and every one they met in their bible teaching work. They would start as early as six o'clock in the morning and encouraged as many as possible to join them. John served a strong pillar and shepherd to the Lexington Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, now known as the Callaway Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He always had a meaningful bible passage to share with anyone who needed love and spiritual support. He loved to share his favorite bible passage at Isaiah 41:10 "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God..." John had a unique ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

John loved music and played the harmonica and banjo. He was an avid card player. John loved the outdoors, and always loved to whistle while he worked. He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, and gardening. John loved to eat crabs and drink his "one eyed man", a cold bottle of beer. John loved to spend time with family and friends and adored talking to his grandson's (Jordan and Justin) and son-in-law (Garry) about cars and experiences from the good ol' days.

To know John was to love him! We will never forget his infectious smile, his wealth of wisdom, and his witty sense of humor. Anyone who knew John well knew about the infamous "Bowman Special" not to mention his proverbial sayings: "Drink water and walk slow" and "When you wear blue you know what to do!"

John is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Magdalene Bowman, his parents, his siblings: Lucy Theresa Garner, Mary Ella Curtis, Thelma Price, Bernice Brooks, George Oliver Bowman Jr., Preston Bowman, and Frank Bowman.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Kimberly Fenwick, son-in-law Garry Fenwick, three grandchildren: Kandace, Jordan, and Justin Fenwick and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and beloved friends. John was viewed as a father and grandfather figure to many, many people. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



I Earned Every Slice



I was looking at the poor leaves on the trees yesterday and this morning and could see them curled against the harsh winds we have been having lately. They were turned into themselves protecting their center, I guess very much the way we all have been these last few months, though we are slowly beginning to unfurl into the unknown. I hope that things will settle down. I must admit it was fun to walk around the Charlotte Hall Farmer's Market with my younger son and his two little boys for a little while Saturday. Of course, we all had on our masks and I brought a poly bag of hand wipes for wipe breaks.

Well, I just had a nice surprise from one of our Christ Church families. The Owens's are a wonderful, giving, lively family with two sons and a daughter, and a few minutes ago Mr. Owens and daughter Cecelia (one of Mindy's favorite people) came by and dropped off a strawberry chiffon pie they had made. That was so nice, and delicious...well, of course I had to have a slice in the middle of writing, okay, actually it was two slices. I guess they figured that I was a little mopey about not getting to have our church Strawberry Festival this year. Thank you very much Karen, Keith, John, James, and Cecelia Owens for the thoughtful gift. I will try to save a slice, maybe two for my husband.

Church members have been posting memories of Strawberry Festivals past all week. This would have been the 26th year. So many memories of good years, whether it poured down rain or whether the sun shone brightly. Saturday morning, I woke up thinking I had to make 6 strawberry pies and 4 or more Bundt cakes like usual. That's okay next year will be great, in fact it will have to be

doubly better.

I had to laugh at myself a few days ago when I went on my weekly shopping trip and applied lipstick before heading out to the car. As soon as I looked at my mask I thought, "Well that was dumb, you can't wear lipstick anymore with a mask. I'll look like that lady on that commercial that puts on her lipstick as they are hitting turbulence on the plane, 'How do I look?' she says." The lipstick manufacturers will be hurting for a while too I'd imagine. It is impossible to wear lipstick and a mask unless you really want to look like Bozo the Clown. The lip stains will become more popular now – if they will even work. Silly little things I think about.

It has been nice spending more time at the firepit. We have begun taking Alexa outside with us to play music, because she was listening to our conversations from the nightstand in our bedroom. Nothing will scare you as bad as when a loud female voice pops up and says, "No I don't know that song" when you are half asleep and drowsily discussing your day. We kept telling her to stop, but Alexa just kept talking. I told Robert I was going to name her Alexander because she always thinks she's right, and he said No, it has to stay Alexa because women always have to have the last word. Not in this house I said. Oops. Then I yanked her plug out of the outlet! So, when we started speaking again :), we decided to just keep her in the basket by the door for firepit nights.

Okay, I have wandered enough, and think I have earned another piece of strawberry pie. That is my reasoning and it works for me. I'll work it off when I go outside and pick up all the branches and limbs all over the yard... and then, you guessed it...I will have earned another slice of strawberry pie.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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