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Dueling Demonstrations Draws Police Response



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A rally in support of former vice president Joseph Biden in his bid for president at the intersection of Route 235 and St. Andrews Church Road on Aug. 15 drew a counterdemonstration to which local sheriff's office deputies and state police responded.

Officials with both the sheriff's agency and local state police barracks said there were no arrests resulting from the rally and counterdemonstration.

Some of the rally attendees, supporting Biden's candidacy, reported on social media that the counterdemonstrators were aggressive and "invaded the space of sign wavers to invoke confrontations, as well as nasty slurs."

Dr. Janice Walthour, past president of the local NAACP branch, was at the rally and said that the counterdemonstrators, who she described as young [President] Trump supporters, arrived near the end of their event.

"One guy with a Trump flag, he steps in the middle of us waving our signs," Walthour said. "And he started saying we were stupid for voting for Biden."

As the pro-Biden rally members began to leave – they had scheduled a time between 11a.m. to 1p.m. – other counterdemonstrators arrived, Walthour said.

One of them began yelling at her and another African-American woman as they got into their car to leave, she said.

"He said, 'Conspirators, you're all conspirators!'" Walthour said. "And he yelled 'This is America, not Africa!'"

"We felt really intimidated especially when he looked into the car at us. We were accosted and yelled at."

Attempts to contact members of the counterdemonstration were unsuccessful, but one local Republican elected leader said he knew members of the local Trump reelection organization and that they did not endorse or organize the opposition to the Biden rally.

"Apparently [they] used some racial slurs, used some derogatory language to them," County Commissioner Eric Colvin said. "There is no call for it."

"They [local Trump team organizers] did not organize that, they do not support it."

Colvin made his comments during the Aug. 18 Commissioners of St. Mary's County meeting.

"Our country has never been more polarized than it is now... and it's going to get worse across the country," Colvin said. "But we can do better as a county."

Colvin, in a later interview, said he had no direct knowledge of the events that day, nor of alleged racial or derogatory remarks aimed at the pro-Biden rally. Rather, he had viewed the many social media posts about the subject and had spoken directly to Walthour about the incident.

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Commissioner President Guy Recovering From COVID-19

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commissioner President James “Randy” Guy says that he tested positive for COVID-19 this past Friday after feeling ill for some time.

“I’d been sick for a while,” Guy told The County Times Aug. 17. “I thought it was just the flu or a cold.”

Guy, 73, said his test results revealed the truth but he was fortunate for someone in his age group; he is also a cancer survivor.

“My doctor said that my health is good,” Guy said. “I don’t smoke, have diabetes and I’m not obese.

“I’ve tried to take care of myself.”

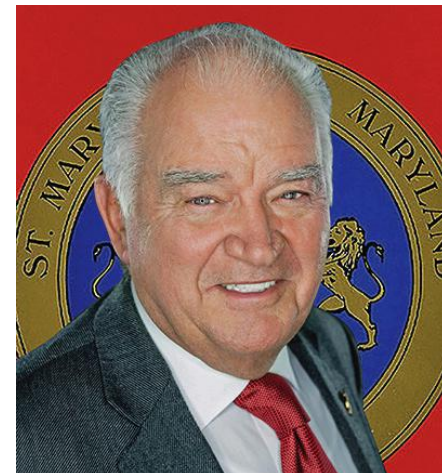
The county commissioner said he had endured a fever for four or five days until it broke Aug. 12, with the concurrent body aches and loss of appetite.

Guy said he had been avoiding contact with people even before his test results came back positive for COVID-19 and would do so for several more days.

He said he planned to attend the Aug. 18 Commissioners of St. Mary’s County meeting but would do so virtually.

“My quarantine time was up on Sunday,” Guy said in a Monday telephone interview.

He said while he had been ill his wife



Commissioner President James Guy

had been living in close contact with him but neither she nor close family members who have been tested have returned with a positive result.

Guy has been a vocal proponent to the public of maintaining social distancing, wearing face masks or coverings and COVID-19 testing.

“I’ve been extremely cautious... who knows how I got it,” Guy said. “But I’m feeling good.

“Every day, I’m getting better.”

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Callaway 7-11 Plan Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A controversial plan to build a new 7-11 convenience store and fueling station at the intersection of Piney Point Road and Route 5 in Callaway was approved by the county planning commission Aug. 17.

But it was on by a 3-to-2 vote.

Board Chair Howard Thompson and commission member Carolyn King voted against the plan.

The convenience store portion of the project would be 3,500 square feet in size, while the gas station portion would be about 3,180 square feet, according to planning records.

The entire 1.13 acres site would be built out.

The concept site plan hearing had been continued from a meeting on July 13, where planning commission members agreed to wait for more information on positioning of entrances and exits at the site to standards of the State Highway Administration (SHA).

Several community members have spoken out against the plan as a potential nuisance claiming it would increase traffic at an already busy intersection.

The developer agreed to replace the planned full service entrance to a right-in, right-out entrance and exit.

Jonathan Makhlof, a SHA Regional Engineer for Access Management said in a letter to a member of the developer’s team that the right-in, right-out option was “a more desirable and safer alternative.”

The developer also agreed to put in acceleration and deceleration lanes to help alleviate traffic backups.

The board also required, as conditions for approval, that the developer would have to establish a buffer area for surrounding properties as well as provide sidewalks on Route 5 and Piney Point Road leading to the project.

The use and occupancy permit for the project would be contingent upon fulfilling the conditions.

Though he voted against the project, Thompson cautioned the developer to be mindful of their potential impact in Callaway.

“Take care of your neighbors, you have people still living behind you,” said Thompson.

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Brewster: One COVID Outbreak Ends, Two Begin

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The outbreak of COVID-19 that has ravaged the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and caused the most fatalities in St. Mary's County due to the novel coronavirus has ended, Dr. Meena Brewster, County Health Officer told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this week.

But the county's other two long-term care facilities each have their own outbreaks now.

"Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, their outbreak status closed," Brewster said Aug. 18. "Fortunately, they've moved into that recovery phase from that large outbreak they experienced early on.

"But we do have open outbreaks at Chesapeake Shores and St. Mary's Nursing Center."

Those facilities are continuing to perform weekly universal testing of staff and residents, Brewster said.

The latest data from the health department shows that there have been 208 cases of COVID-19 among residents and 96 among staff at the veterans' home; of those



Chesapeake Shores Entrance

124 residents and all but one staff member have recovered.

At St. Mary's Nursing Center there have been a total of 22 cases among residents and 21 among staff; there have been eight resident and 12 staff recoveries.

At Chesapeake Shores there have been two resident and seven staff cases with both residents and all but one staff member recovering.

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County Mulls Sports Rules

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Under new guidelines submitted to county commissioners, certain sports would be limited to only skills clinics and conditioning at county parks while other would be allowed to have games.

County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster and Director of Recreation and Parks Arthur Shepherd discussed proposed new guidelines for sports played on county fields during the COVID-19 pandemic Tuesday.

Field hockey, lacrosse and soccer leagues were included under this condition and youth players could only have one parent attend sessions with them.

Baseball, softball and kickball leagues could engage in team-based competition at county parks with teams from Charles and Calvert counties; spectators would not be allowed at adult games and only one parent per child would be allowed at youth games.

Everyone attending a game or practice session must wear a face covering, except players such as batters, pitchers, outfielders, catchers and baserunners who are actively participating in a game, according to the proposed guidelines.

"Infielders are to wear face coverings," said Shepherd, meaning those on bases.

Commissioners Mike Hewitt said he did not understand the logic of allowing some sports games while not for others.

"It should be across the board that all of

it's clinics and none of its games," Hewitt said, noting that the guidelines showed that team competition posed some of the greatest risk of passing the virus.

Those guidelines also stated the risk was highest for competitive teams from different geographic areas.

Hewitt also said that parents should be the ones to decide whether their children wore a mask or not during gameplay.

"It seems like we're penalizing parents for making a decision about what's best for their child," Hewitt said.

Brewster said there was a balance to be had; she said she was a parent with children involved in sports as well.

"Parents should be able to make decisions for their children," said Brewster. "But we also recognize in this situation where there's a pandemic... we also have a responsibility to protect one another."

During the discussion it was noted that sports participants and some spectators were not all wearing face masks in compliance with Gov. Larry Hogan's recent executive order.

One commissioner said having sheriff's patrol deputies observing games could be the solution.

"Let's get some compliance checks out there," Commissioner John O'Connor said.

Commissioners did not vote to approve the proposed guidelines.

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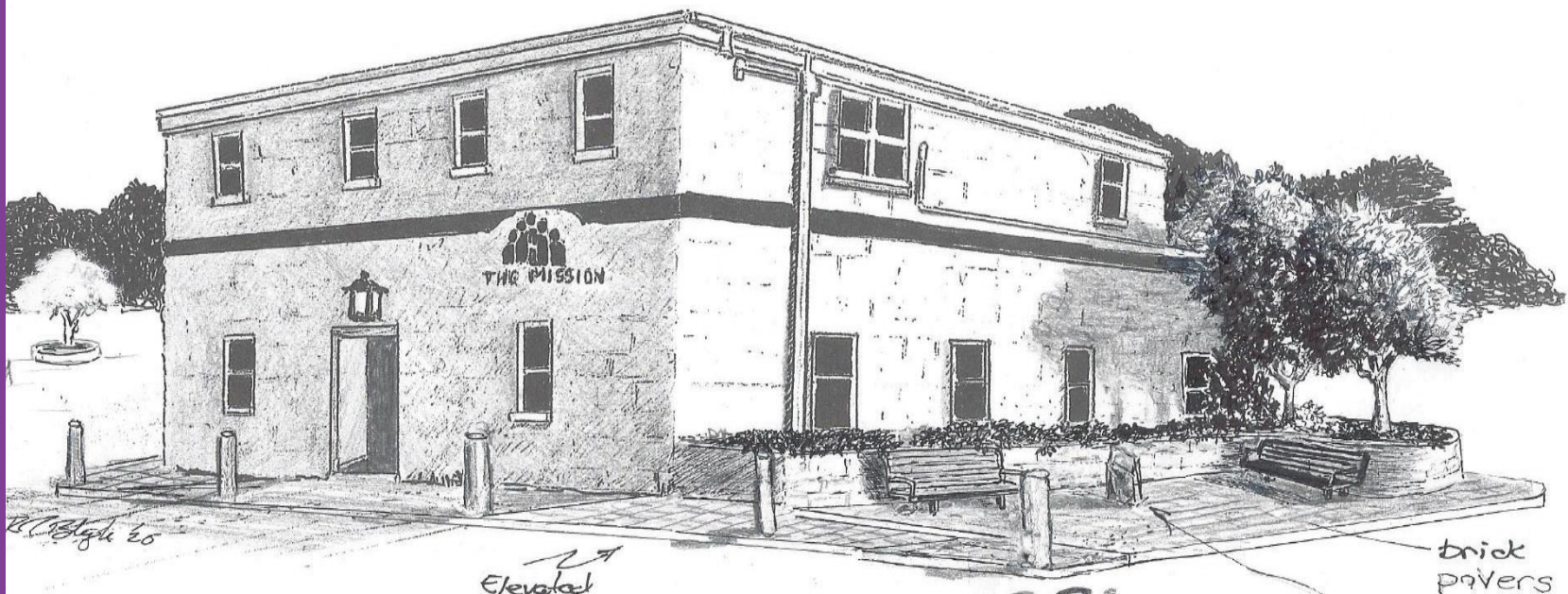
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Hollywood Man Faces 60 Years in Prison After Garage Explosion

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Deputy State Fire Marshals have charged a Hollywood man with illegally possessing explosive devices and reckless endangerment after a June 4 explosion at his garage where two neighbors were placed in risk of their lives.

Theodore Gilliland was served with a criminal summons containing six criminal counts against him last week, according to on-line court documents.

Two months ago, firefighters from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department along with surrounding fire companies responded to Smith's Nursery Road in Hollywood for a reported fire in a detached garage.

When firefighters arrived, they found a small fire burning inside a two-car detached garage and quickly extinguished it.

Firefighters found Gilliland, and one of two neighbors who were in close proximity to the blast, suffering from serious burns.

The neighbor was taken to Washington Hospital Center via state police medevac helicopter, while Gilliland, who initially refused treatment, eventually went to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for care.

It took 36 firefighters to bring the blaze under control in approximately 30 minutes. Damage was estimated at \$25,000.

According to a statement for application of charges against Gilliland, he told firefighters the fire started when he ignited a gas grill on the side of his garage.

Firefighters reported, though, that fire was contained to the front of the garage and that there was no evidence of fire transfer.

Fire marshals also said that Gilliland's burns were consistent with someone fleeing an explosion, rather than someone trying to extinguish a fire, as the defendant had claimed.

While firefighters were operating on the incident scene, witnesses reported that they heard several loud explosions prior to the fire. Firefighters also found what they believed were explosive device components and requested a response from the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office.

During the course of the investigation several explosive devices were located as well as explosive device components. The devices and components were removed from the garage to be rendered safe.

Investigators found "large quantities of storage containers" which had been marked as containing firework propellants, color additions and other components "commonly used in firework manufacture," charging documents stated.

Investigators also found suspected explosive devices that had fuses attached, according to court papers.

Gilliland was charged with several crimes including possession of a destructive device, possession of explosive material with the intent to create a destructive device and two counts of reckless endangerment.

The maximum penalty if convicted of all charges is 60 years in jail and \$510,000.00 in fines.

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TJ Bridge Retained as Number One Priority

Supplants Light Rail After Intramural Battle

By Dick Myers
Editor

After a contentious summer that has pitted the region's counties against each other, the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) has fallen back to an old favorite as its top regional transportation priority – the replacement of the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge.

With the state removing the bridge project from its Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP), the commissioners of Calvert and St. Mary's adopted different local priorities (Route 231 and the Route 5/Great Mills Road intersection). That left an opening for the TCCSMD regional infrastructure committee and eventually the executive board to replace the long-standing top regional priority with Charles County's priority, light rail.

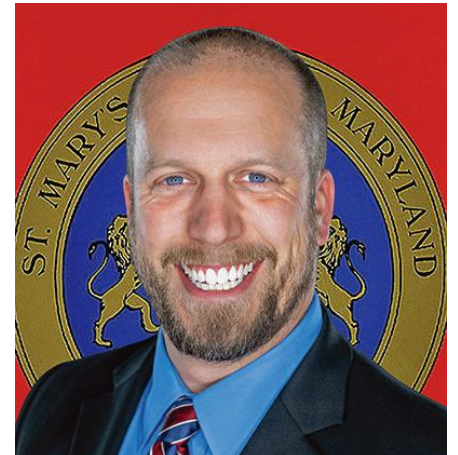
A proposed letter to that effect was presented at the June 25 full council meeting, held virtually, and the battle between the counties ensued, with Charles on one side and Calvert and St. Mary's on the other side.

Delegates Matt Morgan of St. Mary's and Mark Fisher of Calvert echoed some of the feelings. Fisher said, "This is so incredibly silly." Morgan said the letter took the region's number one priority, the bridge, "and shoves it in a corner for some pipe dream of mass transit."

Charles County Commissioner President Reuben Collins II, charged that Morgan's comments weren't "in the spirit of regional friendship." Collins said that rapid transit "benefits the entire Southern Maryland region."

When the dust had settled the vote was a tie 6-6, leaving an impasse. The counties were asked to go back and reevaluate their positions. St. Mary's came out strongly for the bridge. Calvert did not discuss the issue in open session.

The compromise, presented at the Aug. 13 TCCSMD meeting by Calvert County Commissioner Steve Weems, filling in for Chairman Commissioner Gilbert Bowling of Charles, elevated the bridge back to the top priority. The proposed letter to the state said: "The TCCSMD continues to recommend the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement with accompanying improvements to the Route 2/4 corridor and capacity improvements at the MD 235 interchange as the top regional highway bridge project priority. This project has been included in the CTP since FY 2007. This project will relieve commuter congestion and improve safety and emergency evacuation and will properly position the Naval Air Station Patuxent River for future BRAC activities and other mobilizations. In FY2019, the project received \$750,000, but, since that date, there has been little to no visible progress and the subsequent MDOT budget removed future spending. Should the full bridge replacement not be included in the CTP budget, the TCCSMD is requesting funding for extending the MD-4 merge lane north of Patuxent Boulevard to allow more



Commissioner Eric Colvin

efficient intersection functionality. These improvements include capacity improvements at MD Route 235 intersections, and they would reduce congestion, improve safety and support future improvements such as the bridge replacement. In addition, the TCCSMD is requesting that the CTP redirect the previously approved bridge funding to support the MD-4 merge dualization improvements and MD 235/4 or the MD 4/Patuxent Boulevard intersection design."

The letter listed the following projects as "regionally significant."

- Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT) Project
- MD 231 Corridor Assessment Study
- MD 2/4 Widening
- MD Route 5 from MD Route 246 (Great Mills Road) to MD Route 249 (Piney Point Road).
- Regional Transit Support: Enhanced Commuter bus services, signage and additional Park and Rides in the three counties.
- Hughesville Campus Transportation Hub.
- US 301 Corridor Waldorf Improvements: Provide needed corridor improvements along US 301 in Waldorf and White Plains.

St. Mary's County Commissioner Eric Colvin made a motion to accept the recommendation and it was seconded by Calvert/St. Mary's Del. Jerry Clark. Calvert Commissioner Tim Hutchins then attempted to get an amendment to the motion that elevated light rail and Route 231 as "two additional priorities."

Collins argued, "Now more than ever the region coming together is more important than any other time in history." He added that Hutchins' amendment "makes it clear that all of these projects are significantly important."

Hutchins' amendment failed on a 12-6 vote, with the Calvert commissioner the lone council member from either Calvert or St. Mary's to support it.

Colvin's original motion then prevailed on a 13-4 vote, ensuring that the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge and surrounding road infrastructure remain the region's top transportation priority for at least one more year.

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Chicken Processing Plant Approved

By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Board of Appeals gave unanimous approval for a chicken processing plant proposed to be built in Mechanicsville in the rural preservation district.

The plant would be 2,400 square feet in size and be situated on just over 60 acres of farmland owned by a local farmer, Noah Fisher, on Dixie Lyon Road.

The plant would process pre-butchered chickens and smoke them for distribution to wholesalers, according to county planning documents.

There were questions regarding the environmental impacts the facility would have, since one of its main components – an outdoor chicken smoker structure – would emit smoke as well as produce quantities of ash that would have to be hauled away.

It was revealed at the Aug. 13 hearing before the appeals board that the application was exempt from toxic air pollutant regulations in state code.

Leading up to the Thursday meeting, residents on Dixie Lyon Road had complained to the appeals board that they believed the business would bring more traffic on a country road and produce odors and other pollutants.

Officials with the Southern Maryland

Agricultural Development Commission supported the project, saying it was a legitimate agricultural business.

Neighbors, several dozen, signed a petition against the proposed facility, many of them worried that it would diminish their property values.

"We have over 60 with concerns," said appeals board chair George Allen Hayden. "Out of the 60 there were 30 who felt it would" affect their property values.

Smoke, smell and noise from generators on the site were particular concerns.

Representatives for the applicant said a diesel generator would run for 18 hours a day on the property to ensure freezers and coolers were kept at proper temperatures; they said the operation would be able to keep the noise at 60 decibels at the property line.

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Assault- On July 31, 2020, Cpl. Snyder responded to the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined Gerald Issiah Wade, age 19 of no fixed address, used a folding knife to stab the victim on the victim's left arm. The knife was recovered and Wade was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.



Gerald Wade

Assault/Violate Protective Order- On July 31, 2020, Dep. Wihelmi responded to the 45000 block of Knott's Drive in Callaway for the reported assault. Investigation determined Twain Balfonite Harrod Sr., age 63 of Callaway, pushed the victim and threatened the victim with a screwdriver. There is a valid court order preventing Harrod from contacting the victim. Harrod was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Violate Protective Order.



Twain Harrod

Assault/Violation of Protective Order- On August 2, 2020, Dep. Fretwell responded to the 23500

block of Mt. Chance Court in Clements, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Alicia Michelle Disse, age 31 of Virginia, assaulted the victim by striking the victim with chair, causing visible injury. The assault was in violation of a valid court order preventing Disse from assaulting the victim. Disse was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Violate Protective Order.



Alicia Disse

Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking- On August 5, 2020, Cpl. Maloy responded to the 46500 block of Expedition Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported stolen vehicle. Investigation determined Destiny Marie Ayres, age 18 of no fixed address, took the victim's keys and vehicle without permission. On August 6, 2020, Cpl. Beishline located the stolen vehicle, and Ayres hiding nearby. Ayres was arrested and charged with Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking.



Destiny Ayres

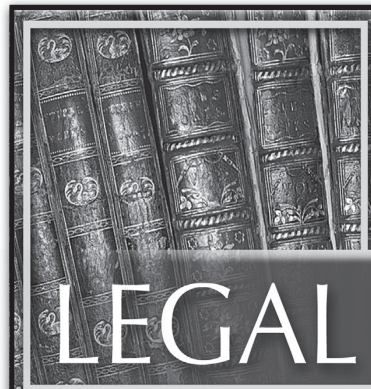
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Optimists Donate Water



Lexington Park-St. Mary's Optimist Club president, John Bimson, delivers cases of water to the Maryland State Police Barrack and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in support of those who selflessly support our county and keep us safe.



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COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Resolution No. 2-20 request for Annexation of three (3) parcels consisting of 23.1805 acres +/-.

More particularly described as the BENNETT PROPERTY (1), Tax Map 41, Parcel 0002, containing +20.4825 acres and BENNETT PROPERTY (2), Tax Map 41, Parcel 221, containing 0.5490 acres and the VALLI INVESTMENTS, LLC PROPERTY, 42120 St. Andrews Church Road, Tax Map 41, Parcel 0057, containing 2.147 acres.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2020 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

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The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Ordinance No. 201, Leonardtown Comprehensive Zoning Map, updates and revisions.

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Public Notice

Charles Memorial Gardens Cemetery Clean Up

Charles Memorial Gardens Cemetery will begin the annual fall clean up on October 15th through October 31st. We will be cleaning up the grounds from the preceding seasons and preparing the cemetery for the new season. If you wish to save your tributes and decorations, please remove them before the clean-up period. During these dates, we ask that you refrain from placing new decorations until November 1st. Please visit our website www.charlesmemorial.com or our front office for our Rules and Regulations.

New Deputy Health Officer Appointed

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) announces the appointment of Kyle Bishop, Ed.D., as the agency's new Deputy Health Officer. Dr. Bishop previously served at St. Mary's College of Maryland in numerous capacities, most recently as Assistant Dean of Students. She replaces Tracy Kubinec at SMCHD who recently retired after nearly 30 years of service.

Dr. Bishop has a master's degree in counseling, a master's degree in business administration, and an education doctorate in counseling psychology.

"I am so very excited that Dr. Bishop will be joining our SMCHD team," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "She has an exceptional background in behavioral health - a priority topic in public health. She also has extensive training and experience in public administration and leadership. She originally launched her professional career at our health department years ago. We are thrilled to welcome her back now with years of professional experience that have prepared her for the administrative, public health, and community responsibilities of our Deputy Health Officer position."

"I am honored to accept a public health leadership position at the SMCHD during such an important time in history," stated Dr. Bishop. "I look forward to the new challenges and initiatives of the Deputy Health



Kyle Bishop, Ed.D.,

Officer position, and I am excited to capitalize on the existing and potential community partnerships to ensure an effective public health system for all St. Mary's County residents."

As the county's leader in public health, the St. Mary's County Health Department delivers a variety of services to our community to address disease prevention and control, quality of life, and overall well-being. SMCHD is committed to promoting healthy choices, opportunities and environments for all who live, work and play in St. Mary's County. To learn more, please visit: www.smchd.org

Press Release from St. Mary's County Health Department.

Local Artist Donates Painting to Museum

The St. Clement's Island Museum is honored to have been presented a donation of an exceptional oil on canvas painting entitled "Water Taxi" by award-winning artist, Nicole Stewart.

Professionally framed and measuring 30" x 24," the painting depicts the St. Clement's Island Water Taxi with Captain Jack Russell at the helm. This piece is an iconic representation of charter boating on the Potomac River in St. Mary's County, and Stewart has generously offered the painting to be sold as a fundraiser for the museum.

Nicole Stewart has won numerous awards, including the prestigious Gilham Award (twice), for "best in show" in portraiture at The Art League at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, Virginia.

Valued at \$7,000, the St. Mary's County Museum Division and Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums have been inspired to use this substantial gift as a steppingstone to a new online fundraising auction for the Friends organization.

"We are so grateful to Nicole for her generous donation during a time when all of our usual fundraising events have been canceled because of the pandemic" stated Karen Stone, Manager for the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "This would be an incredible piece

of St. Mary's County history to hang in a local business, office or home, and we hope it will help replenish the sponsorship funds lost this year" added Amber Puschinsky, the fundraising coordinator for the Friends group.

The auction, set to occur sometime soon, will feature this work of art, among other items of note. The public is encouraged to follow the St. Clement's Island Museum on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SCIMuseum to keep up to date on the auction and other fun happenings at the museum.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.



"Water Taxi" by Nicole Stewart

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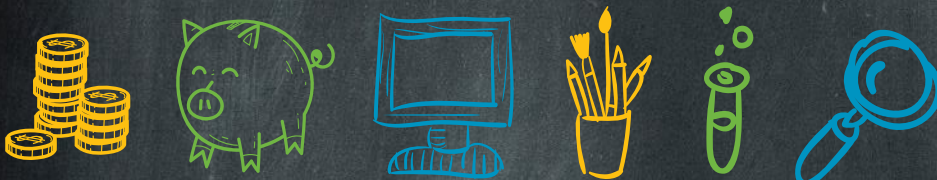
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Every Student to Get a Computer as Schools Open Online

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Students in St. Mary's County public schools will begin the school year entirely on-line Aug. 31 but they will all have a computer or device – either their own or one issued by the school system – to ensure they can participate in the new advanced, virtual Schoology platform.

“We have 9,000 machines ready for distribution,” said Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith. “And we have 8,000 more coming in.

“If they don't have access to a computer, they're being provided a laptop,” Smith said, noting that parents were given a survey to fill out describing their child's needs for connectivity.

This week, school staff were busy distributing laptops to middle school students, Smith said, and by the week of Dec. 1 all students should have a school-issued laptop from which to work.

“This is one-to-one,” Smith said of the much sought-after goal of getting every student connected to the school system on-line. “That's the expectation... that we'll be one-to-one forever.”

The computers issued by the school system are content filtered, Smith said, and will automatically receive software updates when available from the system's information technology department.

“Everybody's guaranteed the same suite of software,” Smith said.

The school system benefited far out of proportion to virtually every other jurisdiction in Maryland from a recent grant that provided \$1.6 million for rural broadband, Smith said, and it was because the school system had prioritized seeking any funding it could to connect students.

“As soon as it came out, we were ready,” Smith said. “This pays for the final mile.”

The final mile is the last piece of a local project to connect homes in rural areas to the Internet which, up until recently, were too far away



from cable to connect because of the prohibitive cost.

The county has put forward millions to build the middle mile portion of the project for select connections down rural roads.

These connections should be finished by the week of December 1 as well, according to Smith, with mobile hotspots provided to families that cannot be reached by cable.

There are 147 such families, Smith said.

Dr. Alex Jaffurs, Director of Assessments and Accountability, said the first five days of school will be focused on students, teachers and administrators getting used to each other and the new Schoology system.

Teachers will contact their students through Google Meet, Jaffurs said, and use the Schoology platform for instructional content.

“Google Meet is how we'll get into homes and interface with students,” said Jaffurs. “We're going slow to go fast; we're taking the first week to get used to our new platform and our new teachers.

“We're looking at Sept. 8 to be our launch of instructional content.”

Google Meet and Schoology will work hand-in-hand, Jaffurs said for either a whole class or small groups

and teachers will be able to record and upload portions of these lessons for future reference.

For the first marking period, from Aug. 31 through October, students will attend class entirely virtually, though teachers and administrators will be in schools doing their jobs.

Smith's decision was controversial, and many teachers have spoken out saying that they should be allowed to telework to avoid contracting COVID-19 and spreading it to their own families.

Smith said there are provisions for teachers to telework if there are exceptional circumstances such as medical conditions, among others but getting teachers back in school was one of the first steps in getting children back in them as well.

As school employees return to buildings, they will be monitored to see if infection of the novel coronavirus is spreading among them, Smith said.

They are being monitored now, he said, since they are required to report such infection to the system's human resources department for contact tracing purposes.

Employees who have to take sick leave due to coronavirus are paid through federally-funded leave and do not have to expend personal leave.

Starting Aug. 24, Smith said, all school employees will be back to work; 11-and-12-month employees have already been back to work since June.

“We're not heartless, we listen to people,” Smith said of providing home telework options for employees.

“But we need to bring teachers back to provide the art of education.”

Engaging a hybrid model of instruction, where students spend equal parts in school and at home learning on alternating schedules to reduce building population and maintain social distancing will depend on several factors.

Smith said the system will be closely watching the county's test-

ing positivity rate, the percent of the population tested and the number of hospitalizations to help make that determination.

“Most importantly we're going to follow our own data,” Smith said. “We'll start with our own staff.”

Sarah Penrod, vice president of the Education Association of St. Mary's County (EASMC), said her organization had delivered a roughly 5,000 signature petition to the system leadership pressing for broad teleworking options.

“As things stand, St. Mary's County schools has given us the option to telework for those with exceptional circumstances,” Penrod said. “But staff members in general should be allowed to telework.”

The school system allows teachers and administrators to bring their child with them if they are between the ages of 4 and 11 years old, said Penrod, as well as those with certain special needs but that allowance may not be broad enough to cover all teacher's needs, she said.

“Many of our members are not thrilled with the option,” said Penrod.

By November Smith said they will – hopefully – be ready to begin returning students to classrooms, starting with special needs students and those serviced through individual education plans (IEP).

If that portion of the hybrid model proves successful, then students in varying grades can be brought back in on a staggered basis.

It is Smith's belief, he said, that in-person instruction is still the most effective way to teach students.

Even with the advanced learning options the new management system – Schoology – offers, there is no replacement for traditional learning.

“Schools are community, and that can't be provided virtually,” Smith told The County Times.

But the new Schoology learning management system offers the system a powerful tool to continue teaching students in more normal times, even when classrooms are not open.

One day parents who want their child to go through public schools but not be there is person can get the same education on-line, in direct, real-time connection with their teachers.

“It's a much more 21st century model,” Smith said. “There may be no more snow days.

“How cool would that be?”

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St. Mary's Public School Calendar



August

19-21 • New Teachers' Orientation

24 • Professional Day - All Teachers Report/Classroom Preparation

25 • Professional Day - Staff Development

26 • Professional Day - Staff Development

27 • Professional Day - Teachers on Duty/Open Houses

28 • Professional Day - Collaborative Planning/Professional Responsibilities

31 • Schools Open for Students

September

7 • Holiday - Labor Day - All Schools and Offices Closed

24 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities - End of Interim Period

25 • Professional Day - No School for Students - Staff Development - Collaborative Planning

October

5 • Interim Distribution (Elementary Grade 5/Middle/High)

12 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - Parent Conference Day

16 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - Professional Responsibilities/Collaborative Planning - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

30 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

- No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - End of 1st Marking Period (43 days) Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

November

3 • Election Day - No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees

11 • Holiday - Veteran's Day - All Schools and Offices Closed

12 • Report Card Distribution

25 • Thanksgiving Break - No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees

26-27 • Holiday - Thanksgiving - All Schools and Offices Closed

December

11 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - End of Interim Period - Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

18 • Interim Distribution (Elementary Grade 5/Middle/High)

21-31 • Winter Break - No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees

25 • Holiday - Winter Break - All Schools and Offices Closed

January

1 • Holiday - Winter Break - All Schools and Offices Closed

4 • Schools Reopen - Students in School

18 • Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - All Schools and Offices Closed

22 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - End of 2nd Marking Period (44 days) and 1st

Semester (87 days) Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

29 • Professional Day - No School for Students - Staff Development - Professional Responsibilities

February

2 • Report Card Distribution

15 • Holiday - Presidents' Day - All Schools and Offices Closed (Possible Make-Up Day)

26 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - End of Interim Period - Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

March

9 • Interim Distribution (Elementary Grade 5/Middle/High)

26 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

29-31 • Spring Break - No School for Students and 10 & 11 Month Employees

April

1 • Spring Break - No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees

2 • Holiday - All Schools and Offices Closed

5 • Holiday - All Schools and Offices Closed (Possible Make-Up Day)

9 • End of 3rd Marking Period (47 days)

12 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and

Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

20 • Report Card Distribution

May

14 • End of Interim Period

21 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - Professional Responsibilities - Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

25 • Interim Distribution (Elementary Grade 5/Middle/High)

31 • Holiday - Memorial Day - All Schools and Offices Closed

June

2 • Commencement - Chopticon High School

3 • Commencement - Leonardtown High School

4 • Commencement - Great Mills High School

17 • Last Day for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students

18 • Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten Students - Last Day for Students Grades K-12 - End of 4th Marking Period (49 days) and 2nd Semester (96 days) - Professional Responsibilities (including 3 inclement weather make-up days)

21-23 • Professional Day/Professional Responsibilities for Teachers

23 • Last Day for Teachers - Professional Responsibilities

30 • Last Day for 11-Month Employees (including 3 inclement weather make-up days)

How Families Can Confront Remote Learning

Amid concerns of coronavirus clusters and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, and based on social distancing recommendations from medical

professionals, schools across the country began to close their doors and adopt a remote learning model in March 2020. School administrators and educators

quickly scrambled to find a workaround to meet children's educational needs. Remote learning has been a part of many school curriculums for some time. While remote learning had predominantly been reserved for higher learning institutions, in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, it became a necessity for grades K through 12 as well. Teachers have had to design curriculums and assignments virtually on the fly in an attempt to minimize disruptions that could adversely affect students.

Remote learning requires the cooperation of school staff and also parents and guardians. Patience is necessary, and parents and educators may need to completely transform their daily schedules. The following tips can be an asset as students continue to navigate remote learning.

- Record class sessions. Teachers can consider recording or "going live" with class instruction so that students can view the video and still have access to their teachers. This helps parents who may be unfamiliar with explaining the curriculum.

- Utilize chat features. Remote education software programs

likely have a chat or "hangout" feature, which enables classrooms to keep in touch and ask questions in real time.

- Keep a schedule. It's easy to begin to sleep late and fall out of routine when not required to go to a school building. Families should make scheduling a priority, which can help students stay on top of lessons and complete their assignments on time.

- Ask questions. Everyone is learning as they go, and further clarification may be needed. Students should email or chat with teachers if they don't understand an assignment or are unsure about instructions. Teachers may be able to clearly model a math problem or explain a concept via video chat for students who need help.

- Explore educational options. Many companies are offering free educational services while kids are home from school. Scholastic.com is offering online courses, Nat Geo for Kids, Fun Brain, PBS Kids, and Highlight Kids are other places to turn to for activities.

Remote learning has become the new norm as the world continues to navigate COVID-19 in an effort to keep the public safe.



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St. Mary's Public Schools Online Learning FAQs

How much time should students plan to engage in online learning modules?

Grades Pre-K/Head Start: Developmentally appropriate resources are provided and lessons should be chunked into 15-minute segments. Sample schedules for parents are included

Grades K-2: up to 45 minutes per day (should be chunked into 10-15 minute blocks)

Grades 3-5: up to 60 minutes per day (should be chunked into 15-minute blocks)

Grades 6-8: A max of 90 min/day

Grades 9-12: A max of 2-3 hours/day (AP courses may require more time)

What happens if I forget my password?

Students in grades 6 -12 can go to self service to reset their password. This link is also on the webpage next to the Clever login. In order to reset a password, students will need the following pieces of information:

Network ID - The first part of your email address. Everything before @k12.smcps.org.

Student ID - This can be found printed on copies of report cards or on the digital copy of the report card in Home Access Center.

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)

How is SMCPS supporting students with IEPs and 504 plans?

Special education case managers will be communicating directly with families to review student schedules, online platforms, accommodations, and technology supports. In addition, staff in the Department of Special Education are working with schools to address any questions that are brought to the school.

504 chairpersons and team members will be communicating directly with families to review accommodations during online learning and identifying technology supports that may be needed

Are there mental health supports available?

Yes, visit Mental Health Resources

What should I do if I am unable to access the internet?

To request hard copy materials, contact your school principal, who will coordinate with staff to provide them for you.

Are there due dates for completion of activities/ assignments, if so, how can I learn what they are?

The online modules are self-paced and offer learning opportunities aligned to the curriculum for this final quarter. Teachers are monitoring participation and progress. There are no specific due dates for each task. This provides learning opportunities to keep students on track with the content until we return.

Who do I contact if my teacher does not respond to my emails within 48 hours?

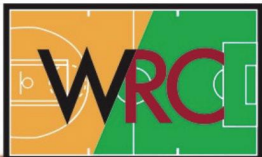
If you are unable to get a question answered, email the school counselor, assistant principal, or principal, as appropriate to your question.

If I'm taking a dual enrollment class with CSM, will I still get my dual enrollment credit?

Dual enrollment courses on SMCPS campuses include the content and work delivered on-site and the CSM end-of-course assessment. If the student is unable to complete the assessment, CSM will assign an incomplete, and the course will be held open until the student can complete the course assessment on the CSM campus. Students will have until April 2022 to complete the test for the course credit.

For courses on the CSM campus, or CSM access program classes, CSM will provide direction and the students should check their MyCSM portal.

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Helping Children Navigate Social Distancing

Children may be more deeply affected by social distancing than any other group of people. In a matter of weeks, millions of young children and adolescents went from attending school in the classroom to being told they had to work exclusively from home. At the same time, children also were asked to give up their sports teams, clubs, meetings, and play dates. Older children may understand the how and why of social distancing, but no matter their ages, kids may be left emotionally adrift as social distancing guidelines stay in place.

No one is certain about what the long-term effects of social distancing will be on both children and adults. Amy Learmonth, Ph.D., a developmental psychologist at the Cognition, Memory and Development Lab at William Paterson University in New Jersey, notes that early social development takes place mostly within the family. As children age, their peer group becomes the more important hub of social development. The longer social distancing restrictions are in place, the more these developments may adversely affect youngsters.

Parents can take steps to help kids

cope during these uncertain times.

- Set up digital play dates. The connectivity of the internet enables people to keep in touch even if they cannot be together physically. Encourage children to engage their friends via online chats, ideally ones that feature video so they can see and hear their friends. Parents of young children can reach out to one another and establish digital play dates via FaceTime or another virtual meeting app.

- Lighten up on screen time restrictions. Each person has a different way to cope with social distancing and pass the time. Children may spend more time on tablets, watching television or playing video games. For now, parents can be a bit more lenient and understanding about how technology can fill the void created by social distancing.

- Participate in a scavenger hunt. Join or organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt. Walk around the neighborhood looking for school mascot pictures in windows or rainbows on doors, advise the childcare experts at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This activity can maintain a sense of connection with your community.

- Create time for physical activity. Exercise can tame stress, improve mood and be great for the body in myriad ways. Children and teens should exercise each day. Families can exercise together to make physical activity more fun.

- Set new goals. Ask everyone to do their part to complete "to-do"

lists or make a set of goals to achieve while social distancing. Checking off items on the list as they're completed can give everyone a sense of accomplishment.

Children may need a morale boost while practicing social distancing, and parents can help in various ways





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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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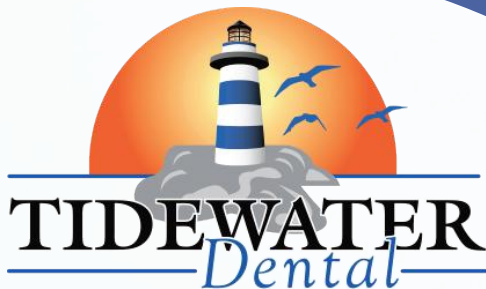
of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

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Institute at CSM Celebrates Nonprofit Day Annual Grants Training Scheduled

The Nonprofit Institute (NPI) at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) recognizes National Nonprofit Day Aug. 17 by announcing it will transition its annual grant seminar to a webinar Sept. 25. Showcasing the "Nonprofit Roadmap to Success," the 15th annual free grant training program will feature guest speaker Jennifer B. Jones, president, chief executive officer and founder of KyJour International.

Leveraging the Jenniferism, "Your nonprofit business is a business," this roadmap to success highlights the differences between structure, development and funding for nonprofit organizations, according to NPI Coordinator for Charles County Cara Fogarty. In the seminar participants will learn how to organize their nonprofit business for funding readiness; establish an executable business development strategy; establish a framework for funding; and, understand grant prospecting, writing and funding.

"Whether you are new to grant proposal writing, a seasoned pro, or somewhere in between, this grants training seminar will offer you valuable information and insight," said Fogarty. "Jennifer Jones is a highly sought-after and engaging speaker with a wealth of knowledge to share. During the current pandemic, when nonprofits have had to pivot and find new ways to meet their missions, this training seminar will offer a new perspective, valuable information, and serve to refresh participant's approach to writing grant proposals."

When news of the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded in March, NPI immediately heightened its operations to help local nonprofit leaders maintain their critical services as well as navigate the many applications for desperately needed COVID-19 relief loans and grant money. The Nonprofit Institute has assisted more than 200 nonprofit organizations in the region since the beginning of the year, Fogarty shared.

"This includes our annual conference in February and classes pre-pandemic and all of our activities since the pandemic began - the weekly and bi-weekly nonprofit community calls, affinity group meetings, individual consultations and so on," Fogarty explained. "Calls and emails requesting NPI assistance have exploded since the pandemic began and participation in the affinity group meetings has increased dramatically, too. The NPI team is humbled and grateful to help these organizations who are there selflessly helping so many others in our communities during these extraordinary times."

According to NPI Coordinator for St. Mary's County Robin Finnacom, routinely connecting with the region's nonprofits "strengthens a collective sense of purpose in the face of this crisis and



Jennifer B. Jones

further the camaraderie that prevails among the region's organizations."

"The United Way of Charles County is proud to expand our work with the Nonprofit Institute at CSM in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," shared Mike Bellis in an April press release about NPI's efforts. Bellis - a CSM alum - is the United Way executive director for Charles County. "The Nonprofit Institute has a long-standing track record of supporting the success of nonprofits throughout the region. And they are by our side again helping to answer the call when we need them most."

Next month's "Nonprofit Roadmap to Success" webinar will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 25. Co-sponsored by CSM, NPI, Governor's Grants Office, Charles County Public Library, St. Mary's County Library, Calvert Library and the Charles County government, and registration is required by 11 p.m. Sept. 24: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-grants-training-seminar-registration-117171339631>

According to her biography, Jones is a transformational leader, business strategist, legislative advocate, writer and orator who serves as president and CEO of KyJour International (KJI) Strategic Business Solutions - a boutique consulting firm that provides strategic planning, training and education, commercial finance, and business development in the government contracting, political, nonprofit and emerging business markets.

As a noted philanthropist, community servant, strategist, executive coach and gifted communicator, Jones' eclectic mix of thoughts, views and opinions are shared as a highly sought speaker with audiences throughout the country. She was co-host of her weekly broadcast show, Truth 360 and has convened a host of conferences, meetings and symposia. She has contributed significantly to the realization of the Global Vision Community Medical Center, Family Justice Center, Prince George's County Family Justice Center, and Human Trafficking Task Forces and several other community programs, initiatives, and activities.

Press Release from CSM.

Leadership Group Announces New Facilitator

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) announces Dr. Blair Brennan Slaughter as its new Executive Program facilitator. Slaughter was selected for this position after long-time facilitator Eliot Pfanstiehl announced his retirement earlier this summer.

Slaughter is the founder of Delve Consulting, a business that delivers executive coaching, organizational effectiveness, talent management, change management, leadership development, and fractional HR support to its clients. As an executive coach, Slaughter focuses on adaptability, working with leaders to quickly size up and address increasingly complex situations. Her goal is to enable leaders and organizations to thrive when they encounter new opportunities and challenges

Slaughter draws from 25 years of experience as an organizational and people leader. Her industry experience includes healthcare, global financial services, technology, manufacturing, oil and gas, industry associations, and not-for-profits. Slaughter was adjunct faculty at Harvard Business School (2008 and 2009) teaching persuasive business communication. She holds a BS in finance, an MBA, and both an MA and PhD in organizational development.

In her nonprofit work, Slaughter



Dr. Blair Brennan Slaughter

is passionate about developing economic independence. She was board chair of Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore and is now first vice president of the board of Humanim, a 500+ person organization that serves those with significant employment barriers. Slaughter is a graduate of Leadership Maryland, which unites 50 leaders annually across the state to make Maryland the best place to work and live.

In her spare time, Slaughter enjoys traveling, cooking, and scuba diving with her husband, Dave, and their daughters, Natalie and Cecilia.

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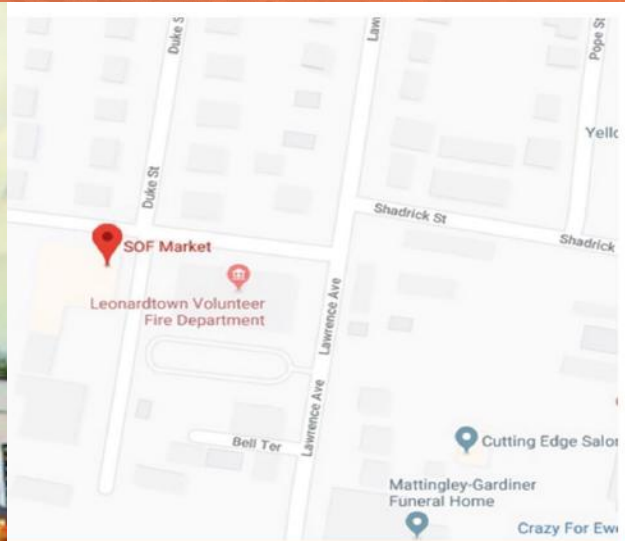
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HVAC Donation Gives CSM Students Hands-On Training



Mote Management Company donated this commercial, package/roof top, heat pump/air conditioning HVAC unit with an economizer and controls to CSM students for training.

The Mote Management Company, of La Plata, recently donated a large commercial roof-top heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit to help train trade students attending the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Center for Trades and Energy Training (CTET) at the Regional Hughesville Campus.

CSM HVAC Instructor Robert "Scott" Shannon facilitated the donation. In Shannon's role as the President of Metal Crafters Sheet Metal in Waldorf, he was aware of the unit's availability and worked with Mote Management to secure the equipment for CSM students.

"This donation supports our commitment to provide the best hands-on trades training in the region," said CSM Director I, Master Trainer, Accredited Training Sponsor Representative Michael Langton. "Our HVAC Lab is equipped with mostly residential HVAC heating and cooling equipment; although, our curriculum does include commercial HVAC systems. This is a commercial, package/roof top, heat pump/air conditioning unit with economizer and controls. CSM currently uses a roof top trainer unit. This donation will help our students better understand commercial HVAC equipment, systems, controls and applications."

"It's a new unit in that it was installed in a new building but never used," Shannon said. "It will be a great addition for our students to train on during classes."

All trades classes are offered this fall as CSM continues to play a significant role in shaping the local economy by educating and training the future trade workforce.

"This fall we will offer hands-on training sessions in-person while practicing physical distancing, wearing face masks, and sanitizing equipment, tools and supplies," said CSM Associate VP Continuing Education & Workforce Development Ellen Flowers-Fields. "When hands-on, in-person training

may not be accessible, we plan to also offer remote proctors who are trained to evaluate students while they perform their hands-on training requirements on the job or as scheduled."

CTET provides residents direct access to specialized training in career fields that have remained essential throughout the global pandemic and continue to have substantial growth potential. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the following projections are made for job growth between 2012 and 2022:

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Commercial Refrigeration (HVAC): Employment of HVAC mechanics and installers is projected to grow 21 percent, faster than the average for all occupations. Job opportunities for HVAC technicians are expected to be excellent, particularly for those who have completed training at an accredited technical school or through an apprenticeship.

Electrical: Employment of electricians is projected to grow 20 percent. With greater efficiency and reliability of newer manufacturing plants, demand for electricians in manufacturing should increase as more electricians are needed to install and maintain systems.

Construction: Overall employment of construction laborers and helpers is projected to grow 25 percent, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Plumbing: Demand for plumbers is projected to grow 21 percent. Job opportunities are expected to be good, as some employers continue to report difficulty finding qualified workers.

For more information on how CSM is taking precautions to safeguard our students, please consult our webpage: <https://ready.csmd.edu/covid-19/>. Learn more about CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus online <https://www.csmd.edu/about/locations/regional-campus/>.

Press Release from CSM

Assistant Cybersecurity Professor Earns Award

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Assistant Professor of Cybersecurity Pamela Mitchell, of La Plata, has been selected for the 2020 Maurice Erly Professional Development Award. Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (FCU) awards this distinction through the credit union's Support Education Foundation.

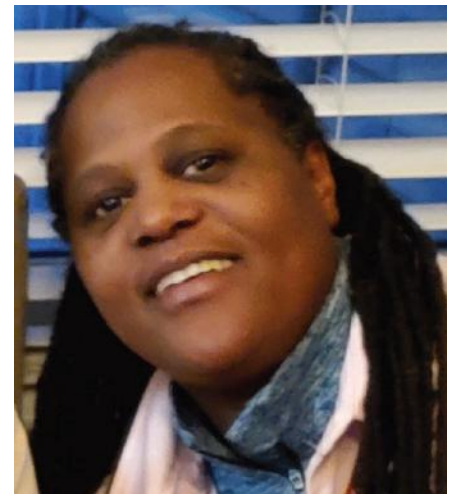
CSM nominated Mitchell for the award because of her dedication to teaching, according to CSM Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Eileen Abel.

"Pam is highly deserving, and I'm delighted she is being honored," said Abel.

The \$1,000 award, provided by the Support Education Foundation which was started by Educational Systems FCU, will help support Mitchell's work toward her additional master's degree and additional industry certifications in cybersecurity.

"Assistant Professor Mitchell stands up our cybersecurity club and award-winning student competitive cybersecurity team, the CSM Cyberhawks," shared the Dean of CSM's School of Professional and Technical Studies Bernice Brezina. "She devotes many hours to providing students this additional outlet for honing their cyber skills and advancing their knowledge. She also manages our networking lab and provides leadership for our networking courses and puts in the time necessary to ensure that our cybersecurity students are provided with the best preparation to pass the CISCO and CompTIA networking certifications that help them to obtain employment. This award is well-deserved."

The Maurice Erly Professional Development Award is named after



Pamela Mitchell

a longtime Prince George's County educator. Erly retired from the Prince George's County Board of Education after 38 years of service, with more than 25 of those years spent at the coordinating supervisor of staff development. Erly served on the Board of Directors of Educational Systems FCU for more than 44 years, with 25 of those years as treasurer.

The Support Education Foundation, Inc. was established in 2017 by Educational Systems FCU to help the Credit Union fulfill its core purpose of serving the education community. The mission of the Support Education Foundation is to operate and support charitable giving programs for the benefit of members of the education community. Funds raised through the 501(c)(3) organization are used for programs such as student scholarships, professional development awards and other initiatives to help students achieve in the classroom. For more about Educational Systems FCU, visit www.esfcu.org.

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NAVAIR Reserve Sailors Take the Helm During COVID-19

By Cmdr. R. Barry Walden
NAVAIR Reserve Program

Throughout the pandemic, the United States Navy has used various resources to ensure mission requirements are met. In the early days of COVID-19, Navy Reservists were called upon to assist Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in establishing an emergency watch operation center.

The watch is chartered to provide 24/7 response to NAVAIR by managing rapidly changing guidance and decision-level information into a timely, comprehensive and actionable information product to the Command's Leadership Team (CLT) and support the command's Incident Response Team (IRT). The team acts as a central focal point within NAVAIR for all activities related to the pandemic - interpreting and disseminating policies and guidance from local, state, national and the Navy to provide daily impact reporting to United States Fleet Forces Command (USSFCCOM).

In early March, the NAVAIR Reserve Program (NRP) received notification for initiating watch operations and immediately put out a call for reserve support. Within five days of the request two NRP reserve officers volunteered, were placed on orders, and began the NAVAIR COVID-19 watch. Cmdr. Joseph Stewart, from Navy Reserve (NR) Rapid Research and Development (RRD), and Lt. Cmdr. Oscar Mathews, from NR Program Executive Office (PEO), began the task of organizing the first watch.

The need for Reserve support is best captured by IRT Lead, Scott Holden, who said, "In a crisis, there needs to be an entity that is maintaining the overall tactical picture for senior leadership so that our military and civilian leaders are able to make immediate and longer term decisions. This entity would keep a pulse on all operational activities within the enterprise and remain cognizant

of changes to the tactical picture in terms of metric changes (cases or deaths) and changes in CONOPs from the Combatant Commander (NORTHCOM, USSFCCOM) or the Chief of Naval Operations. Maintaining such a presence is a 24-hour endeavor and it was evident early on that NAVAIR did not possess that level of expertise organically. It was clear we required augmentation from a professional force: enter the Reserves."

Stewart's and Mathew's role in activating the emergency watch operations for the CLT was significant. The watch would be called upon to act as a central focal point within NAVAIR for all activities related to the virus, interpreting and relaying rapidly changing local, state, national and Navy policies and guidance and providing daily impact reporting to USSFCCOM. The internal duties of the watch included establishing the battle rhythm and organizing lines of communications with stakeholders within NAVAIR. The need for a daily Common Operating Picture (COP) information product was clear. The watch organized standards for internal reporting and integrated all valid COVID-19 information into a daily COP briefing.

One of Stewart's primary roles was the development and implementation of a collaborative command-wide internet-based COVID-19 tracking, trending and reporting tool, which was adapted by the NAVAIR Human Capital Management Department and published to an internal SharePoint site for increased leadership visibility and to facilitate data quality assurance. Additionally, Stewart's tool provided a method for comprehensive data management, facilitating metric generation and daily trend analysis for broadcast of daily COP information briefs to the CLT.

Mathews led the interpretation, consolidation and release of operationally relevant

information sourced from message traffic and Department of Defense and Navy directives and supported updates to the daily COP brief.

After Stewart and Matthews successfully developed the foundation of the watch team, Cmdr. R. Barry Walden and Ens. Majorie Ingle, from NR PEO, supplemented the watch, providing additional support and improving watch standing processes.

Walden began the process of documenting all battle watch processes to ensure the continuation of reporting and communication of command-level metrics. Ingle matured the process for concisely summarizing policy and guidance directives and messages for NAVAIR senior leadership. She leveraged collected data into actionable metrics and top-level truth data for the COP briefing. Their collective efforts ensured consistency in COVID-19 incident reporting and developed the initial standard operating procedures for future watch standers.

"Our reservists quickly established connectivity up and down the operational and administrative chains of command, screened naval messages of tactical significance and conveyed changes in the Concept of Operations (CONOPs) via a daily briefing that provided daily statistics of infection rates," said Holden. "Each watch stander seemed to have a unique skill or ability to add value to what his or her predecessors had developed. The diversity in thought, skills and abilities made for an extremely professional product. The reservists supporting NAVAIR's COVID-19 response have been indispensable to our ability to meet fleet operations and to ensure our own continuity of operation."

NRP members continue to provide sustaining support to the watch. Given the nature of the pandemic and its impact on command operations, watch operations are

expected to continue for the remainder of the year.

The efforts of these citizen Sailors were showcased in a video webcast where Vice Adm. Dean Peters, NAVAIR commander, highlighted the ability of NRP reservists to "move quickly with lightning speed to stand up the battle watch and establish a centralized operations center" and well as being "indispensable in the shepherding information."

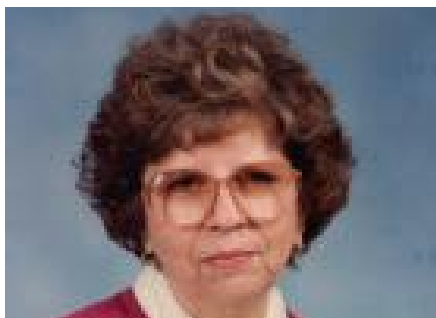
I felt that being a part of this watch team was one of the highlights of my career," said Stewart. "We were fielding calls from NAVAIR leaders who were concerned about their people. The watch team helped them with message traffic, policy management, fleet forces reporting, and internal NAVAIR reporting. Through all the data crunching and numbers being reported, everyone stayed focused on the health and well-being of our people across the organization, treating the process with ultimate respect."

The NRP is a diverse aviation-centric community of over 270 officers and enlisted personnel providing a cost effective, agile and integral workforce to NAVAIR. NRP reservists support initiatives across the Naval Aviation Enterprise from delivering new combat capabilities and weapons systems to sustaining and supporting Naval Aviation at all levels of aviation maintenance. The community is primarily comprised of Aerospace Engineering and Aviation Maintenance Duty Officers, Naval Aviators, Supply Corps Officers and a variety of enlisted aviation rates. If you are interested in transitioning into the NRP community, contact the selected reserves (SELRES) Aerospace Engineering and Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer Community managers for additional details.



From left Cmdr. Joseph Stewart, Lt. Cmdr. Oscar Mathews, Ens. Majorie Ingle and Cmdr. R. Barry Walden. Photos provided by NAVAIR Reserve Program Sailors.

Julia Elizabeth Pike



Julia Elizabeth Pike, 92, died August 14th, 2020 at her home in Midlothian, VA. She was born May 8, 1928 in St. Mary's County Maryland, the daughter of Roland Lee Mazingo and Dalrus Coil Deagle.

Julia graduated Great Mills High School, class of 1947. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Addison Pike, and her sister, Dalrus Elenora "El-lie" Mazingo Torrey. She worked for a time as a secretary on Pax River, where she met Robert. Once married, she raised four children and often supported her husband in various business ventures. She loved reading, animals, and the holidays, especially Christmas. She was a devoted Christian, warm-hearted friend, and caring mother. She was an active member of St. George's Island United Methodist Church. She is survived by her children, Delores Pike Vitello, Barbara Jean Pike Nidever, Robert Wayne Pike Sr., and Jeffrey Lee Pike, 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

The family will receive will friends on Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD with a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Matthew Tate officiating. She will be laid to rest following the funeral service at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Great Mills, MD.

George Earl Beall, Jr



George Earl Beall, Jr, 60, of Avenue, MD departed this life unexpectedly on August 12, 2020 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC.

He was born on December 31, 1959, in Cheverly, Maryland. He was the son of the late George Earl Beall, Sr. and Margaret Alice (Canter) Beall.

George met the love of his life, Sandra "Sandy" in 1975 and they were married on 1978. Their love grew with the birth of three children, Sara, Margaret and George III.

George was a caring husband, father, Pop and brother who loved his family above all else. His world revolved around

his grandchildren, hunting and his rabbit dogs. He was a member of several organizations, National Beagle Club, Mid Atlantic Beagle Federation, Friendship Hills Beagle Club and was a past president of the Southern Prince Georges Beagle Club.

He spent his life working hard and supporting his family. George worked as Oil Burner Mechanic for Southern Maryland Oil before he retired. During his life, he worked as a farmer and understood the value of a hard day's work. Whether he was preparing the fields for a cover crop or planting and cutting tobacco, George appreciated the land. He raised farm animals and loved watching the chickens peck the ground.

George was an avid outdoorsman, who found comfort in a cool morning in the woods patiently waiting for the big buck, gobble of a turkey or an evening with a fishing pole bobbing in the water. He could spend hours with his rabbit dogs training them or running rabbits. George loved working with his beagles and was proud of his involvement in the Field Trials with the American Kennel Club Mid Atlantic division. When not outdoors he enjoyed watching NASCAR and was a die-hard #88, Dale Jarrett fan.

Whether you knew him as George, Dad, or Pop, you knew his commitment to his family. He may be gone, but his legacy of honor, strength and hard-work will be carried on and duplicated for many generations. George was a man of honorable attributes and left his family with many memories. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family. Take a moment and listen to the breeze rustle the leaves and may hear George in the distance yelling "Tally-ho" and the barking of his rabbit dogs on the hunt.

George is survived by his wife, Sandra "Sandy" Beall of Avenue, MD; children, Sara M. Barker (Jeff) of Colonial Beach, VA, Margaret A. Oliver (Murph) of Bushwood, MD and George E. "Puggy" Beall, III (Emma) of Lusby, MD; and thirteen (13) grandchildren, Reagan, Skylar, Natalie, Catie, Ashby, Erica, Allan Caleb, Zoey, Jackson, Austin, Kendal and Lilly. He is also survived by his siblings, M. Elaine Windsor (Bill), Kim Quade (Lewis), Robert L. Beall (Jeanie), Diane Klien (Joe), Sharon Thompson (Jay), Charlotte Beall, Scott Beall (Susan), Bobbi Gibson (David) and Edie Wood (Donald). George is preceded in death by his parents.

Family will receive friends on Friday, August 21, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a Life Celebration Memorial Gathering at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 with memories being shared at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Barjinder Kaur

Barjinder Kaur, 72, of Leonardtown, passed away at St. Mary's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Sunday August 16th, 2020, due to complications associ-



ated with COVID-19. She was born on April 2nd, 1948 to Shivdev Singh Virk and Dalip Kaur in Jalalpura, Punjab, India. Barjinder was a gracious and humble Sikh, who emigrated from India and became a proud American citizen in 1994. She was a devout and religious woman, avid chef, artist, and loved watching classic movies with family. Most of all, Barjinder loved her dogs Niko and Yuri, and her sons Dylan and Gagandeep.

She is surrounded in love by son, Dylan (Angela Miele) Sran; son Gagandeep (Gaurie) Sran; two grandchildren, Ariana and Kyran Sran; Ex-Husband Kuldeep (Doris and Randeep) Sra; brother, Professor Harbans Singh Virk (deceased); sister, Surinder Kaur (deceased); brother, Satwant Singh Virk; brother, Kamaljit Singh Virk; brother, Kulwant Singh Virk (deceased); brother Jasjit Singh Virk; brother, Sukhjinder Singh Virk.

Barjinder was preceded in death by her loving and devoted parents, Shivdev Singh Virk and Dalip Kaur.

A cremation service, for immediate family, will occur imminently. A service of Sikh religious tradition will occur on

August 29th, 2020, at Sikh Gurdwara Sahib, 10005 Colorado Street

Crown Point, IN 46307, for extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers or condolence gifts, we're requesting that donations be provided to the Alzheimer's Association, in memory of Barjinder Kaur's declining battle against dementia.

Joseph "Carroll" Quade



Joseph "Carroll" Quade, also known as Bootsie, 73 of Callaway, MD passed away on August 12, 2020 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

Carroll was born on May 28, 1947 in St. Mary's County, MD to the late George Quade and Helen (Knott) Quade.

Carroll was drafted to the United States Army in 1966 and served his country until his honorable discharge in 1972. During his service he earned the Vietnam Service Medal w/4 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, and Sharpshooter (Rifle). He worked in the Carpenters Local Union 1590 with his brothers



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until his retirement. One of his projects there was to build the forms for the concrete legs the Solomon's bridge stands on today. He spent 25 years with his loving companion, Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Moreland before her passing in 2009. He enjoyed watching westerns and building things. He loved spending time with his family and old friends.

He is survived by his children: Jeanette Hammond of Magnolia, Delaware, Jimmy Quade of Avenue, MD, Jackie Greenwell of Hollywood, MD, and Travis Quade (Katie) of Leonardtown, MD; his siblings, James Knott (Bunky), George Quade (Dinky), John Quade (Pickle), Roland Quade (Gene), Ernest Quade (Ernie), Rosalie Roderick (Rose), Shirley Stone (Birdsie), Louise Haverkamp (Sissy), and Mary Lou Wimberly (Molly); and many grandchildren, extended family and friends. In addition to his parents and loving companion, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Leonard Quade (Lennie) and Barbara Ann Sparks (DeeDee).

Family will receive friends on Monday, August 24, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be held at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Serving as pallbearers will be Travis Quade, Jimmy Quade, Gene Quade, Georgie Quade, Kevin Quade and BJ Moreland. Honorary pallbearers will be George Quade, John Quade, Ernie Quade and Bunky Knott.

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

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Velma Quade



Velma was born on September 17, 1923, in Rich Square, NC to William Joseph Purvis, Sr. and Sadie Lee Purvis (Benton).

She moved to Chaptico, MD with her family, who owned and operated a general store. She graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1938.

After working for a number of years in St. Mary's County for the telephone company and Burchoil Company, she and her husband, William Leo Quade, owned and operated a Gulf Service Station in Leonardtown, MD and later, the Quade Tire Company in Helen, MD for many years.

She was a fiercely independent and self-sufficient individual; a woman ahead of her time.

She was preceded in death by her par-

ents, her husband, William Leo Quade, her brother, William Joseph Purvis, Jr. and his wife, Phyllis. She is survived by her niece, Elin A. Sonntag (Purvis) and her husband Arthur of Flippin, AK, as well as her nephew, William Joseph Purvis, III and his wife, Doris Purvis (Edelen) of Naples, FL.

Donations in Velma's name may be made to The Humane Society of Calvert County, 2210 Dalrymple Rd, Sunderland, MD 20689.

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

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John Emory Stevens



John Emory Stevens, also, lovingly known as "Tommy", 87 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Tommy was born on July 16, 1933 in Hollywood, MD to the late Zach Wintres Stevens and Barbara Evelyn (Fenwick) Stevens.

Tommy was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, he attended Phillis Wheatley School and Banneker High School. He entered the United States Army on May 12, 1953. He proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on April 27, 1955. He was employed by Grover Electrical in Lexington Park, MD, then went to work for St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, DC and finally was hired at the Washington Navy Yard, in the Public Works Department, as an Electrician, moving up to Master Electrician. His love for his work was evident outside of the workplace, as well. If there was something that needed fixing-Tommy was the man for the job; he was a skilled handyman who loved a challenging electrical repair. He married his love, A. Lillian Stevens on October 15, 1960 in Morganza, MD. They spent 59 wonderful years together. He and Lillian enjoyed family gatherings, going oystering and cooking. They were members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Morganza. When he wasn't working or making a repair, he loved to tend to his little garden where he grew a strawberry and a grapevine patch. He also enjoyed socializing with friends and watching baseball on TV. While at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home he became a fan of the local baseball team the Blue Crabs, it became one of his favorite things to do, along with bingo. Tommy loved spending time with his family, his children, grandchildren and especially his nieces and nephews, to see them growing up and having families of their own.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Lillian, his children, Rita C. Thomas of Up-

per Marlboro, MD, Gregory D. Stevens of Chaptico, MD, B. Renee Stevens of Brandywine, MD, and Mark A. Stevens of Waldorf, MD, his siblings, Theresa Watkins of Norfolk, VA and Betty Green of Linwood, CA, his grandchildren, Joseph Hall II, Natalie Hall, Veronica Hall, and Virgil Benn, and his great grandchildren, Amir Hall, Aubrey Hall, and Kimani Benn. He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph R. Hall (aka Ronnie), and his siblings, Joseph W. Stevens, Richard Stevens, Michael Stevens, Lenore Jackson, Barbara Davis, Sylvester Stevens, and Phillip Stevens.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. with a Private Funeral Service with family only at 2:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment with Military Honors will be held at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Debra K. Osman



Debra K. Osman, 66 of Hollywood, MD passed away on August 8, 2020 at St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown after a long and courageous battle with cancer...

Debra was born on June 30, 1954 in Washington, DC. She was the daughter of the late Reed W. Osman and Margaret A. Osman of Mechanicsville, MD. After growing up in Oxon Hill, MD she moved with her family to St. Mary's County in 1987.

Debra was a talented artist who enjoyed creating beautiful canvas paintings, crafts and poetry. She loved music and creating unique recipes that she called concoctions. She also had a passion for learning and took advantage of every opportunity that she was presented with. When she wasn't creating art she loved cheering on her favorite sports team the Washington Redskins.

She loved her daughters unconditionally and cherished being a grandmother (Nanny). Watching her grandchildren grow through adolescence and seeing the men they became and meeting her great granddaughter for the first time was her greatest joy.

Debra is survived by her daughters, Veronica (Ronni) Saunders and Monica Quade both of Hollywood, MD.

She left behind two beloved sons-in-law, Robert Saunders of Hollywood, MD and Thomas (Frankie) Quade of Hollywood, MD, her three grandchildren,

John Saunders and his Wife Victoria of Oregon, OH. Robert (Robby) Saunders III of Hollywood, MD Kyle Freeman of Hollywood, MD and one great grandchild, Addilynn Freeman.

Services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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David Michael Norris



David Michael Norris, 53, of Lexington Park, MD passed away suddenly at his home on August 8, 2020.

He was born on October 4, 1966 in Leonardtown, MD to Charles Norris and Gloria Forrest Norris.

David grew up in St. Mary's County and enjoyed being a waterman. He loved spending his time fishing, crabbing, and being outdoors. When he wasn't on the water he loved spending time with his family especially his son, Clayton and his grandson, Cole. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, MD.

He is survived by his son, Clayton Norris (Haley) of Callaway, MD, his siblings, Pat and Kenny Norris, both of Ridge, MD, and one grandson, Cole Norris.

Services are private.

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

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Joseph Clem Abell

Joseph Clem Abell, 88, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on August 8, 2020 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center in Lexington Park, MD.

He was born on March 13, 1931 in Leonardtown, MD on the family farm to the late William J. Abell and Jane Roseanna Norris Abell.

Joseph loved living on the family farm in Leonardtown, MD and spending time working with his siblings and the farm animals. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD.

In addition to his niece, Sarah R.A. Scruggs of Mechanicsville, MD he is also survived by his many other nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings: William Joseph Abell, Sarah Anna Russell, Thelma Downs, Richard Abell, Jack Abell, Gladys Quade, and Madalene Darnell.

Condolences to the family may be

made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Jerry Wayne Miller Sr.



Jerry Wayne Miller Sr., 91, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away peacefully at his home in Leonardtown, MD, on August 7, 2020.

Jerry was born on January 15, 1929, in Freeman, SD, to the late John B. Miller and Mary Goertz.

Jerry met his bride, Laura Ethyl Schussler, while they were working in the Fingerprint Department of the FBI in Washington, DC, in 1947. Jerry and Laura were married on August 21, 1948 at the First Baptist Church on 16th Street N.W. in Washington, D.C.

Jerry proudly served his country in the United States Army from December 1951 to December 1953, and was honorably discharged.

After serving in the military, Jerry became a mechanical engineer. Jerry and Laura moved to E. Orange, NJ, and started a family. Later, they moved to Haskell, NJ. Eventually, Jerry and Laura relocated to Bradenton, Florida, where he continued working until retiring in Orlando.

Jerry and Laura were married for 68 years. After Laura's passing at the age of 90, he graciously consented to relocating to Leonardtown, MD, to share his remaining time with family.

Jerry was blessed with a beautiful singing voice, and loved music his entire life. Jerry was an avid fisherman and bird watcher. He enjoyed reading maps, and traveling with his wife and his family by auto across the USA many a summer. With his age came his enjoyment of treats. He requested pastries with all of his breakfasts (especially donut holes). Sardines or smoked oysters were a favorite lunch. Ice cream and root beer floats in the evening, and he had a small supply of candy almost anywhere he could stash it.

Most importantly, Jerry loved the Lord with all of his heart and soul. He shared this faith and love with family, friends and strangers. He enjoyed reading the Bible, and spent time in prayer with the Lord daily. Every chance meeting was an opportunity for Jerry to remind someone; "Jesus is the only way..."

"I pray that we are all Heaven-bound." Jerry W. Miller

Jerry will be reunited in Heaven with his cherished wife Laura, his parents John and Mary, and his sisters Maurine and Ruby.

Left behind to miss and celebrate Jerry are his children, Joy Melanie Wassil

(Gerald), Jerry Wayne Miller Jr. (Judy), Shelley-Beth Dobson (Richard) and Ross Vernon Miller (Michele), his sisters, Mae Ripley and Hazel Quast (Dale), 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, extended family and many friends.

Jerry will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife Laura, at Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, Florida, after a private family viewing.

Jerry loved his church families. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Missions at Pine Castle United Methodist Church in Orlando FL, or the Missions Scholarship Fund of Leonardtown Baptist Church in Leonardtown, MD.

Condolences to the family can be at Bryant Funeral Home, Orlando, Florida.

Debra Dea Hall

Debra Dea Hall, 68, of Bushwood, MD passed away peacefully with her family by her side on August 15, 2020.

Debra was born in Anacortes, WA on April 11, 1952 to W.D. Angus and Beverly Ladora (Childs) Angus. Debra attended college in California where she met John "JW" Hall. They were married in 1973 and raised four children: Jane, Josh, Justin and Jesse.

In addition to raising four children, she worked as an independent seamstress, a school bus driver, and as a contractor for the United States Postal Service for 14 years. For a short time, she also owned and ran the local video tape store. Debra had a passion for learning and attended College of Southern Maryland with a focus in social work.

She shared her mother's love of horses and of animals in general. Debra was active with the 4H while raising her nephew Robert Angus and had several sheep during that time. Debra's St. Mary's County home was rarely without a stray cat or the family dog.

An avid crafter, the results of her forays into cross-stitch, stained glass, and knitting are displayed throughout her home and those of her friends. Her love of the arts included a passion for the theater, where she deeply treasured sharing the whole city and playhouse experience with those she loved. Debra's family were the pride and joy of her life and she treasured their family gatherings.

Debra is survived by her loving husband, John William Hall, II; daughter: Jane Hall (Joel Sorli); sons: Josh (Tracy) Hall; Justin (Cristina Baltazar) Hall and Jesse Hall; four grandchildren: Jennifer Alvey, Jessica Alvey, Lilian Hall, and Brendan Hall; great-grandson Jordan Morgan; father: W.D. Angus, brothers John (Shelly) Angus, and Gary Angus; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Debra is preceded in death by her mother.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 24, 2020 from 9:00am to 10:00AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD; A Funeral service will follow at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Josh Darrow officiating. Interment will be private

WILLS: TRUE OR FALSE

Contributing Writer:

Lynda J. Striegel

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

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

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. Since many people are not at all organized about what they own, the personal representative has to reconstruct the estate before they report on it. One of the filings is called an "Inventory". This is a listing of all the property held in sole name by the deceased when they die. If the deceased has not been an organized person it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died. For example, if the deceased has not left a detailed list of investments they have, often the only way to know for sure what the deceased owns when they die is to wait for the mail for at least 3 to 6 months for quarterly or semi-annual reports on dividends or interest.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. Without challenges, most probates are administrative. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Some clients say that the personal

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

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

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills or the Orphan's Court to be effective. If you think you will lose your Will, then paying a small fee to the Register of Wills office to keep your original on file is a convenience to you. Otherwise, the effectiveness of a Will depends on whether it is properly executed, not whether it is filed somewhere. You can keep your Will in a safe place. But, the original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." True or False depending on how your property is titled. If all of your property is held in "joint" name with your spouse and you die then your spouse will take sole ownership of the property. And, there will be no probate because you have not held any property in sole name when you die. So, with a married couple, it is not unusual for one spouse to die and leave everything to the other spouse and have no probate. However, when the surviving spouse dies holding all the property in their sole name there will be probate.

If your Will says your personal representative doesn't have to file a bond, that means no bond is required. False. Even if the Will says no bond, the Register of Wills usually requires that a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

Please join me for a free seminar on this and other topics at my office at 11am on the third Wednesday of every month at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

A View From The BLEACHERS BUBBLICIOUS

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

One of my favorite modern albums is Ray LaMontagne's "God Willin' & the Creek Don't Rise." The music – soothing, deep...almost meditative – is phenomenal. The title is a psychological grabber too – a reminder to be in the moment and enjoy life, as beauty is often fragile and fleeting.

Many in Southern Maryland recently realized that fragility. I don't know if God wasn't willing, but creek certainly did rise – to levels I've never seen in my lifetime – courtesy of Isaias, Mother Nature's latest angry tropical spawn. It was difficult to see large swaths of my hometown – Leonardtown – turned into a water world. The awful swells inundated roads, vehicles, businesses and homes and broke many hearts under a flood of painful emotion. Now the processing of this disaster and rebuild is underway, the latter likely happening more quickly than the former. For all those impacted, be steadfast and get well soon. And for all those tirelessly assisting family and friends back to their feet, thank you.

(Sigh)

This has been a difficult year to say the least – school closures, virus anxiety, sports cancellations at all levels, missed vacations and family events, unemployment and business upheaval. And now a natural disaster. Because why not? It's 20...bleeping...20.

It has been several weeks now since three of four major sports restarted play. The NBA's product while on its Disney World lockdown has been quite good. Same for the NHL, even if men on ice in the blistering August heat makes no sense. MLB has been choppy with several COVID outbreaks causing schedule chaos. Still, live sports are back to offer some normalcy and a welcomed distraction from, well, damn near everything these days.

As a life-long, rabid sports fan, I should love this. The empty stadiums are odd, the cardboard cut-outs of fans are cheesy and the piped in fake game noises feel like an unfortunate extension of society's manufactured, manipulated and inorganic social media living. But with a frenetic 60-game MLB regular-season sprint and overlapping NBA and NHL playoffs in

three North American bubble cities that necessitate daily games stacked from mid-afternoon to midnight, such oddities are easily overlooked. After being forced to go off sports cold turkey and for four long months, this bizarre and intense sports calendar should have me feeling completely bubblicious and begging The County Times to let me write at least two articles every week.

But I have no juice. I watch, but the games cycle through the evening as little more than background noise. The Caps blew early leads and dropped the first two games of their playoff series against the New York Islanders. This normally would have prompted a volley of foul language hurled at an innocent TV and people far, far away from earshot. This year, I responded to the 0-2 hole with a listless shrug. As for Nats' defense of their World Series title, I find myself more concerned about the team's ace pitchers maintaining their health and the growth of a few young talents than I am about chasing another beer shower and championship parade.

It just feels like a mulligan. All of it. Thanks for playing, fellas. I appreciate the effort. The distraction is valuable. But really, what does it mean? Certainly not as much as a traditional season would have. If fans can't manage the same fervor, it is difficult to believe players have complete emotional and physical investment while playing under quarantine and/or in empty, cavernous arenas. There's no escaping the gimmicky nature of these seasons. Essentially a bunch of professional athletes were sent to a months-long summer camp.

At this point, I just want the year to end without any more severe weather, with a normal school year for our kids, with a vaccine and a better, more inclusive, tolerant and decent future for our country. If, along the journey to that place where big wishes are granted, the Caps or Nats manage more play-off magic and my nameless NFL team actually plays a full season, I'll manage a smile, if not a primal, guttural cheer. The guess, in these most troubling times, is many share that sentiment.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



At Home Adventures



I had one of those days last Sunday that will be in my heart forever. My son Ryan and his two little boys, Liam 7, and Carson 5 came over and spent quite a few wonderful hours with Grandma and Grandpop. It was the kind of day I will always treasure. What made the day nice was that no one was rushed, and we could do whatever we wanted to do. My son, however, was on a mission to rummage through the dark reaches of our big 16 x 20 shed, and I mean dark, we never had lights put in. And it's a mine field of large things from my old shop in there, pool supplies, and lots of other stuff that you have to maneuver around or under.

None of that bothers Ryan, who has helped his Dad and his pest control business by crawling in dark, moldy, bug and possibly snake-filled crawlspaces. I was starting to feel creepy crawly when I watched Ryan go under my moulding chopper arm, and crawl back to the darkest corner where he was wedged in by tents, tables, and my old work-table. Ewwwww. What if he met up with a snake? I know my husband has seen some of over the years. I walk in and look up, down, and all around before I venture in too far.

When my present (I mean last and forever) husband and I were married 19 years ago, all my moving boxes got scattered between the attic, the laundry room, under the steps, another shed, and soon the big shed. The reason there were so many was because my mother passed not long before we were married, and I had all my mother's house's items plus mine. Most all of those boxes have remained sealed for 20 years. Some boxes and childhood treasures I thought had long since been thrown out.

So, imagine my surprise, when Ryan the adventurer, came out with a large toy basket filled with he and his brothers' Star Wars figures and collectibles. He went through that for quite some time while the boys and I started hunting through old collectibles in the house. We also found an old can of fake snow and covered a holly tree for fun. We had lots of fun, and decided we required ice cream floats to revive us (coke floats actually – what did Grandma care, they were going home with their Dad anyway – a little caffeine never hurt anybody, though I do wonder why I haven't heard from my son since then).

The boys had fun wandering from Grandpop's Mustang Man-Garage to see

what Grandpop was working on, to the big shed to see what their Dad was digging up, to in the house with Mindy the Hound Dog and Grandma. Sounds like a perfect day to me...and it was. When the boys and I went back into the big shed, my son was just getting started on pulling out some of the Rubbermaid containers. One container was filled with photos of my sons throughout the 90s. Wow, I took a lot of pictures – still do. Ryan went through a lot of them, and a few I didn't remember at all. It amazed me that the photos were all still in great condition, maybe a tad sticky here and there from humidity and temperature changes. The next box made me catch my breath, because it held my childhood story books, a few lonely Lincoln Logs, a hand-covered fabric book about a little rat family where one of the rats was squished, and his sister cried and cried so hard that ponds were created all over the world. I had made this for my mother, complete with illustrations – I'm sure she loved it.

The third box, however, was the one that brought tears to my eyes. Ryan pulled out all my favorite old board games from the 60s: Candy Land, Hi Ho Cherry-O, At The Zoo, and The Dating Game. All that was missing was My Mystery Date. My grandmother, Ma, used to play all those games with me before her death in 1969. And all the books in the previous boxes were read to me by Ma. I really thought these were gone and had put a vintage Candy Land game on eBay's Watchlist so I could have one to play with the grandkids.

And that is exactly what we did for the rest of the afternoon. Liam and Carson and I played Candy Land twice and Hi Ho Cherry-O three times. What meant the most to me is that they never got bored with it and wanted to keep playing. They exhibited great sportsmanship and fair play and loved playing the games just as much as I did with Ma. I know this is silly, but playing these games with the boys, and hopefully soon with Grandsons Aiden, Avery, and Alan, has been one of my bucket list items that I thought would never happen. I feel blessed, and as I wrote my son later...my heart is now full.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook.

St. Mary's Community

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

Friday, August 21

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Drive Thru Pizza Night

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

We will be making our "Famous Carnival Pizza" for you to enjoy. Cheese \$10, Pepperoni \$12. Cash or check, ATM on site. All pizzas are uncooked, please order early by calling Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695.

Sunday, August 23

Family Skate

Leonard Hall Recreation Center; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come inside to cool off, bring your own skates or pay to rent. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2.50 for skate rental. All entering the facility, must participate and pay the fee. If you are accompanying your child, but not skating, you must still pay and only one adult per child is allowed - no spectators at this time. Social distancing and max capacity limits are being enforced. Reservations are required to attend. You can reserve multiple Sundays through August using

our online registration system. Simply choose the date you would like to register and do so for each person in your family who will be attending. If you choose not to show up for your reservation, you forfeit your payment. Refunds will not be issued. All guests will be required to wear a mask while entering and moving through the facility. Masks will not be required while you are roller skating. Additional cleaning and sanitation practices are being implemented to ensure a clean space for your family to enjoy roller skating this summer. Please be sure to bring your own water bottle as water fountains will not be available. Food and vending machines will not be available for use. Consuming food is prohibited in the facility.

Wednesday, August 26

Wayback Wednesdays

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

Ongoing

Enchanted Summer

Annamarie Garden and Arts Center;

August 1 - September 7

"Frolicking Fairy Fun" - a new event w/ all the best parts of the Fairy & Gnome Home Festival transformed into an amped-up, low-touch/no-touch, multimedia, daily, outdoor experience! Details located on the website at annmarie-garden.org!

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The St. Mary's County Health Department is now offering COVID-19 testing at the SMCHD Harm Reduction Program Office, located at 46035 Signature Lane in Lexington Park, MD 20653 (co-located with the U-Haul Moving & Storage of Lexington Park). Community members may walk up for testing, parking is available. If you need assistance or any accommodations, please contact the Harm Reduction Program Office at (301) 862-1680. No prior test order is required.

St. Mary's Library Summer Reading 2020

Summer Reading for ages 0-99 is virtual this year! Download the Beanstack app or visit stmalib.beanstack.org to participate. Complete activities to earn badges and entries into our end-of-summer grand prize drawings! If you're unable to use Beanstack, you can download a list of activities on our website and, starting June 22, call us at 301-475-2846 to report your progress.

Upcoming

Lifeguard Training Class

Online; August 28, 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m./ Great Mills Pool; September 1, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; September 2, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until EMS personnel take over. Participants who successfully complete the Lifeguarding course receive an American Red Cross certificate for Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED, valid for 2 years. \$300 registration fee.

Prerequisites:

- Minimum age of 15 years
- Must be able to: Swim 300 yards, continuously; Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs; Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds by starting in the water, swimming 20 yards, surface dive to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point, exit the water without using steps or a ladder

Register Online at <https://sertified.me/product/lifeguarding-august-28th-2020-september-1st-2nd-2020-great-mills-swimming-pool-great-mills-md/?fbclid=IwAR3j-JmhFiGJTS5D-ectaYmfj8cA4NqSFC1qIKQ9zNCdM-Sxbbi8CtkV8Cqg>

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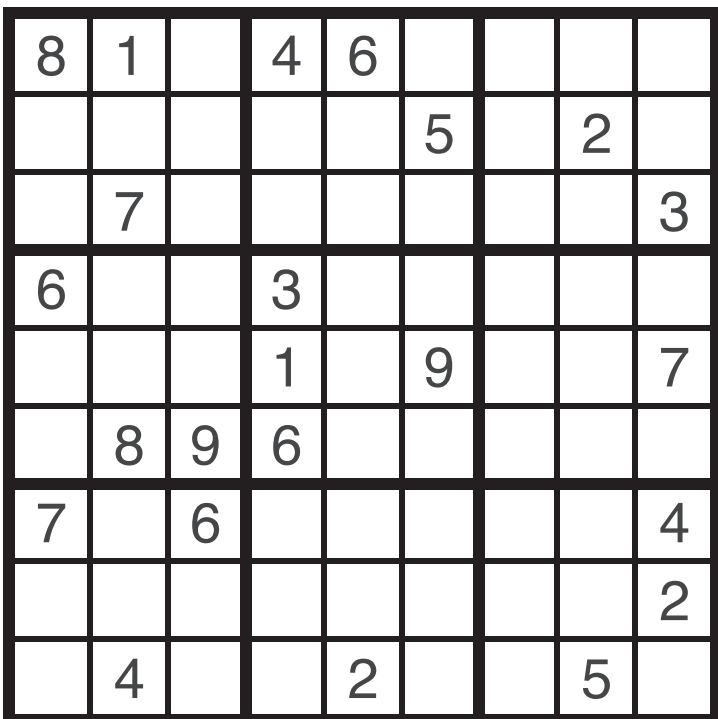
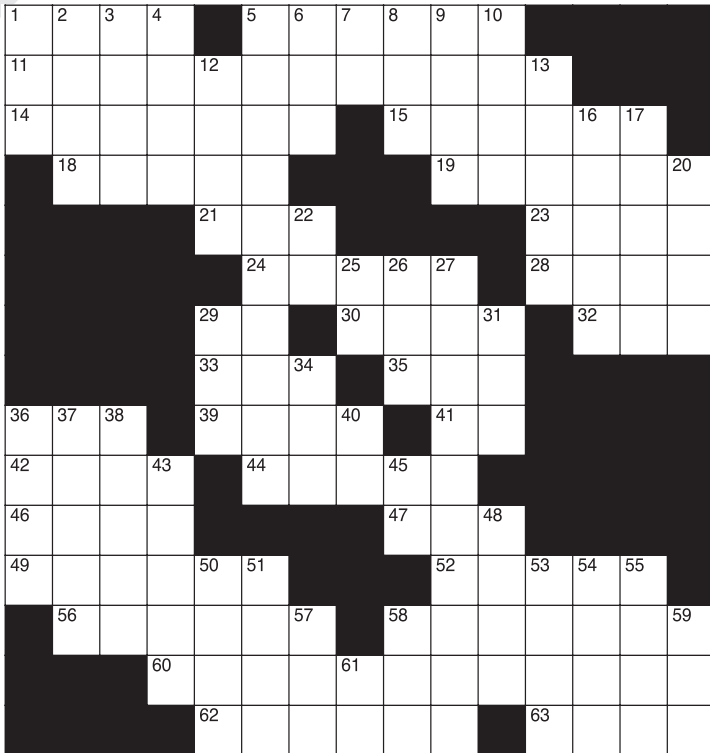
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular musical awards show
- 5. Speech in one's honor
- 11. A state of poor nutrition
- 14. Not ingested
- 15. More lacking in taste
- 18. "Popeye" cartoonist
- 19. Helps to reduce speed
- 21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
- 23. Georgian currency
- 24. Proverb expressing a truth
- 28. Jewish calendar month
- 29. Volume measurement
- 30. Fair-skinned
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Touch lightly
- 36. Autonomic nervous system

39. Plant part

- 41. College degree
- 42. Military alliance
- 44. Tokyo's former name
- 46. Carpenter's tool
- 47. Before
- 49. Consent to receive
- 52. Passages
- 56. The Duke of Edinburgh
- 58. Utter repeatedly
- 60. Linked together in a chain
- 62. Quality that evokes pity
- 63. Maintained possession of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. U.S. military school
- 2. Controls
- 3. Away from wind
- 4. Grab quickly
- 5. Being everlasting
- 6. Vase
- 7. Atomic #3
- 8. Type of medication
- 9. Encircle with a belt
- 10. Belonging to you
- 12. American state
- 13. City in Zambia

16. Good Gosh!

- 17. Of the country
- 20. Helsinki district
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Reporters' group
- 26. The voice of Olaf
- 27. Explains in detail
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 31. One point south of due east
- 34. Scottish river
- 36. Elsa's sister
- 37. Civil Rights group
- 38. Line of poetry
- 40. Doctor
- 43. Fatty acid
- 45. Avatar (abbr.)
- 48. Awe-inspiring garden
- 50. Fall down
- 51. Rock icon Turner
- 53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
- 54. UK museum network
- 55. Stairs have at least one
- 57. Part of (abbr.)
- 58. Simpson trial judge
- 59. Sun up in New York
- 61. Exclamation of surprise

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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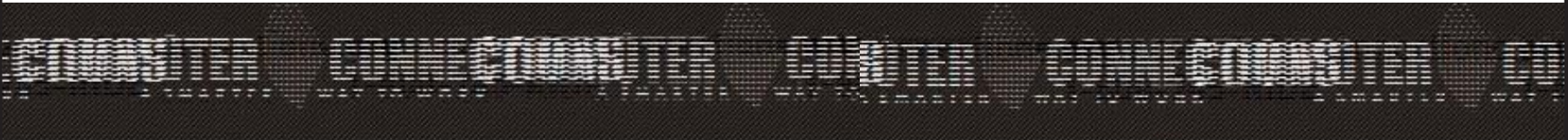
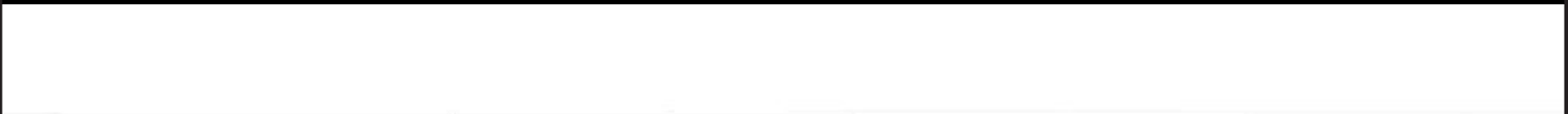
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