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# Hogan Lifts COVID-19 Stay at Home Order

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan lifted his stay-at-home order effective Friday, May 15 at 5p.m. at an Annapolis press conference Wednesday, noting that for the past 14 days there have been declining or

plateauing rates of hospitalizations or intensive care stays associated with COVID-19.

“Unfortunately, this fight against this disease is far from over,” Hogan said, announcing the roll out of his Stage No. 1 of his recovery plan. “Maryland... can

now at least begin to safely recover.”

Starting this Friday, the stay at home order will be lifted to be replaced with what Hogan called a “safer at home public advisory.”

Under the first phase of the recovery plan retail stores can reopen at 50 percent or less of customer capacity, while continuing to encourage social distancing, wearing masks and engaging in curbside pickup of items and delivery.

Manufacturing will also be allowed to reopen, Hogan said, as long as there are multiple shifts available for workers to better avoid exposure to the novel coronavirus; manufacturing facilities should also limit the proximity between workers there.

Barber shops and hair salons, as well as other personal services, may also reopen by the end of the week under Hogan’s declaration by appointment only and at 50 percent or below their full customer capacity.

Pet groomers and animal adoption facilities will also be allowed to reopen, Hogan said.

Hogan acknowledged the frustration building in the faith community about indoor services being restricted but announced that they could resume at 50 percent of a church’s congregant capacity with appropriate masking and social distancing.

“Maryland has achieved the 14-day trend of plateauing and declining numbers,” Hogan said. “The rate of new deaths is also trending downward.”

Hogan said he had spoken with elected leaders in recent days from each county to discuss how the recovery plan would be implemented and told them that they would be given broad discretion in implementing any recovery actions.

“We are providing for a flexible community-based approach” to county leaders to best decide the timing for recovery steps, Hogan said.

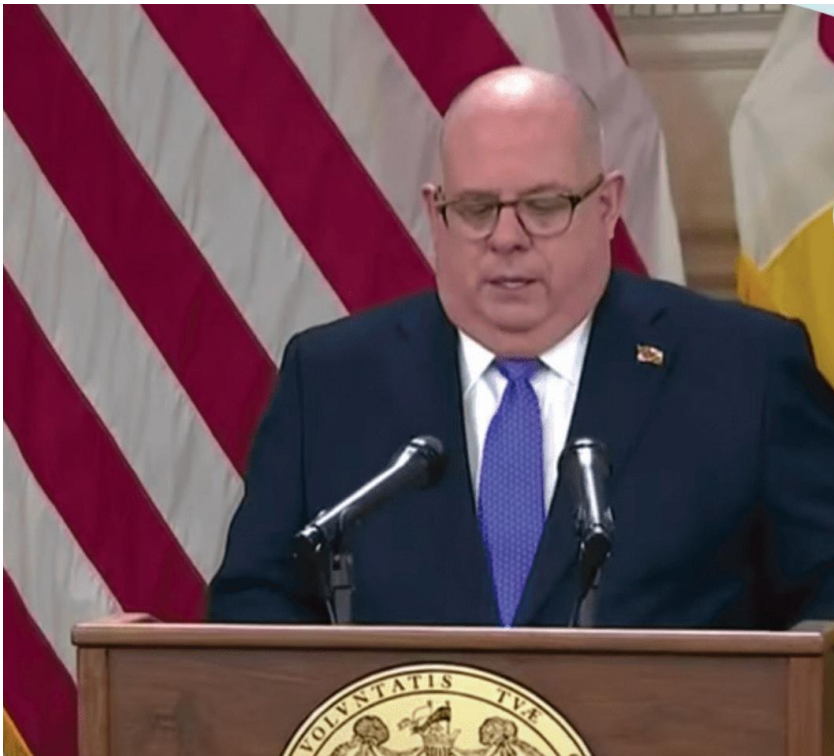
Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, which have the highest infections levels, have expressed that their communities are not ready to reopen, Hogan said, while other more suburban or rural counties are more ready to do so.

“We fully understand not all counties are in the same situation,” said Hogan.

Hogan cautioned that employers should still encourage telework and residents should continue to wear masks in public spaces, retail stores and public transportation.

“While lifting the stay at home order and gradually moving into stage No. 1 of recovery is a positive step forward, it does not mean that we are safe or that this crisis is over,” Hogan said.

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Governor Larry Hogan

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# Graduation Ceremonies Moving Ahead



Eric Readyhough, 12th Grade Vice Principal at Leonardtown High School hands out caps and gowns to seniors May 13.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

After delaying the distribution of caps and gowns to graduation-bound seniors last week, those same students began picking up those items this week with news that ceremonies celebrating their academic achievements were moving ahead as planned.

Chopticon High School members of the Class of 2020 picked up their caps and gowns on Monday while Leonardtown and Great Mills high seniors were set to receive theirs May 13 and May 14.

A letter sent to seniors and their parents May 8 from Superintendent Scott Smith laid out the format for the coming graduations starting May 26 after Memorial Day.

"Seniors will be assigned a specific time to arrive at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center for an opportunity to walk across a stage and receive their diplomas," Smith wrote. "Appointments will be spaced in such a way to minimize total group size and maintain social distancing.

"All seniors will be provided cloth face coverings in their school colors that are being made by local Amish residents."

The first week of June, Smith wrote, recordings of the graduations will be edited together in one broadcast.

As seniors walk across the stage, Smith wrote, their parents, or two

adults of their choosing, will be allowed to attend by entering through a separate entrance.

"No more than two people per student will be permitted," Smith wrote. "More specific direction will be provided as to how this must be timed and choreographed to adhere to the statewide public health orders."

Smith said in a later interview no more than three people, the student and two adults, will be allowed to leave their vehicles.

"It will be very orderly," Smith said.

Great Mills will walk May 26, Chopticon on May 27 and Leonardtown on May 28.

"Leonardtown may take two days," Smith said. "It depends on how quickly they get in and get out.

"It might take us into May 29."

Leonardtown has about 460 seniors graduating, Smith said, about 100 more than either Great Mills' or Chopticon's class.

Smith said the system will be able to allow 60 seniors to walk the stage an hour; students and their two guests will drive up, 10 students at a time, and the groups will be allowed to walk into the building, walk the stage and collect their diplomas and then leave through another exit.

"This will be live streamed as well so people who can't attend can watch at home," Smith said.

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# COVID-19 Cases Spike in St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

As of May 12 there were 255 cases of COVID-19 in St. Mary's with a total of nine fatalities, a significant increase from the week prior of 188 confirmed cases.

"As more testing resources and lab capacity have become available, we have been encouraging our residents to get tested for COVID-19 if they are ill with an expanded range of symptoms," said County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster in a statement. "This has led to more community members being tested.

This and other initiatives to expand testing locally, including testing asymptomatic close contacts and universal testing in different settings including our long term care facilities may be contributing to the overall increase we have seen in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County."

While Prince George's and Montgomery counties have the highest levels of infection, St. Mary's level of infection has remained relatively low compared to neighboring Charles County, which has more than 760 cases and 54 deaths.

The statement from Hogan's administration has sparked speculation as to whether he will allow certain counties to reopen and keep others closed.

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County advised caution moving forward with any plans to reopen businesses even though they acknowledged that small businesses had particularly suffered while larger businesses that were deemed essen-

tial continued to see a steady flow of customers.

"We need to get this county, this state, this country back to work," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt. "These small businesses, they just keep getting hurt worse and worse.

"This reopening thing, it's got to be done with some thought and some care; stay at home if don't need to go anywhere."

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy said opening up some portions of the state, while keeping others closed was ill-advised.

"One of the most infectious counties [Prince George's] is only less than 30 miles from our border," Guy cautioned. "The only thing we're going to do is attract people to come down here.

"I'm not in favor of opening up counties just because we have a low [infection] rate."

Prince George's has nearly 10,000 COVID-19 cases with an average of nine deaths a day there due to the disease.

Commissioner Eric Colvin warned that maintaining stringent health protocols ingrained by the COVID-19 pandemic were key to staunching another outbreak in the event businesses were reopened.

"We're not through this," Colvin said. "We need to use caution as we continue to open up more, to continue social distancing... just being cautious and careful."

Lifting the stay-at-home order would be part of the governor's Stage No. 1 of his statewide recovery plan, which would include the reopening of some businesses.

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## COVID-19

As of May 12

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Calvert

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St. Mary's

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Fritz wishes to thank our community partners for their continuing and enduring support; specifically, the Optimist Clubs of the 7th District, Lexington Park, Mechanicsville, Tall Timbers and other local clubs, the Lexington Park, Leonardtown and Mechanicsville Rescue

Squads, the Patuxent Naval Air Station Command Staff, the Patuxent River Morale, Welfare and Recreation Drill Hall and administrative staffs, St. Mary's College of Maryland, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, the Maryland State Police Leonardtown Barrack, the St. Mary's County Public Schools, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services.

The State's Attorney's Office pledges its support and commitment to continuing the Project Graduation program and looks optimistically at resuming with even better activities for future graduates.

For information on the State's Attorney's Office, please visit our website.

*Press Release from St. Mary's County government.*

## Commissioners Balance Budget With Cuts

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County consented to a balanced operating budget May 12 after the COVID-19 pandemic impacted revenues, particularly from income taxes.

Last week commissioners agreed to reduce their income tax revenue growth estimates from a 4.5 percent increase down to 3.5 percent.

Expenses in the proposed fiscal 2021 budget were about \$255 million, though revenues only came to \$253 million, leaving a deficit of \$1.8 million.

County Administrator Dr. Rebecca Bridgett listed several reductions in budget requests from county departments that helped to bridge the gap.

These included \$400,000 in reductions from the school system, a return of \$600,000 in funding by Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, and \$60,000 in funding from State's Attorney Richard Fritz; there were also several full time positions that were either left unfunded or removed from department requests.

When Commissioner Mike Hewitt asked where the school system found the money to make the reduction, after having requested millions more originally to meet their negotiated agreement with educators' unions, Superintendent Scott Smith said his staff

were still looking where to make the cuts. "We haven't found it quite yet," Smith told commissioners via teleconference call. "What we'll be looking at most closely are some of our fuel costs, some of our transportation and some of our heating oil."

These expenses were targeted, he said, because fuel costs were at their lowest cost in recent memory.

Also, Smith said, the system would have to find an additional \$300,000 in cuts because the state allocation was reduced; even with this the system was still able to meet its negotiated compensation agreement with teachers and support staff.

That includes a step increase in pay as well as a cost of living increase, Smith said.

The school budget has no new employment billets but also reduces no positions, either, he continued.

Smith said he hoped to be able to partake of federal CARES Act funding to help bridge the computer gap of some students attempting to distance learn.

"We still need \$5 million-worth of computers to get to one-to-one," Smith said. "But more than 90 percent of our students are connected with their own devices; we've only handed out a few hundred computers to students."

Commissioners will take the final vote May 19.

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# COVID-19 Grant Leaves Small Business Owner in Lurch

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The state government has lauded its efforts to provide grants and loans to small businesses hurt by COVID-19 but one local entrepreneur said they leave a lot to be desired.

Mary Maday Slade, owner of Bookkeeping By Blanche and a Leonardtown Town Council member, said she applied for \$10,000 in grant money from the state as part of a program to buy personal protective equipment (PPE), laptop computers and other teleworking gear and was initially approved.

A month later the state sent her a message saying she would likely not get the money for which she was approved as the funding had essentially run out.

The grant, made available through the Maryland Department of Commerce, was open for applications on March 23 and she applied March 31.

The turnaround has her confused and frustrated.

"It's convoluted in so many ways," Slade told The County Times. "I guess a month later... anyone who applied after March 25 is not going to get it."

"Where's their bookkeeping?"

An April 1 email from the state to Slade confirmed her application had been received.

"Your application for the Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant has been approved," the message reads. "You will receive a grant agreement that must be completed and returned to Commerce as soon as possible."

By April 8, another state-sent e-mail was less assuring about Slade's chances of getting the money for which she had, at first, been approved.

"Please note we have received tens of thousands of applications for our loan and grant programs," the message reads. "Due to the overabundance of applicants, we cannot provide a definitive timeline quite yet, but know that our finance team has recruited many individuals who are working hard to review all applications."

Only on May 4 did the state give a more definitive answer.

"We received more than 5,000 applications between March 23 and March 24," the state message said. "While not all of those applications will be approved, we expect the businesses that applied within those first couple days to utilize nearly all of the \$50 million allocated to the... program."

A spokesperson for the commerce department said much the same.

"We recognize that some applicants did get a notification that they were approved, but that approval was subject to having available funds," said Karen Glenn Hood. "At this point, we are confident that most of the \$50 million in funding for the program will be utilized by applicants that applied in the first two days of the program – March 23 and 24."

"We are still keeping applications in the queue in which they arrived in our system in the event we get additional funding."

Slade said businesses who had spent money for contingencies as those for which she had planned were put in a dangerous position if they expected the grant money to come as a reimbursement.

"It's a terrible situation for a lot of businesses," Slade said, noting she had not spent any money yet. "I'm certainly not alone."

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# Leonardtown Considers New Ordinances



Mayor Dan Burris swears in Town Council Members Jay Mattingly and Nick Colvin May 11 after having been sworn in by Circuit Court Clerk Deborah Burch.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Leonardtown Town Council took on several new proposed ordinances at their May 11 meeting designed to update language in the existing regulations and establish standards for issues such as property maintenance, abandoned vehicles and even the length of grass and weeds.

The council did not vote on any of the proposed ordinances, rather they will take be introduced at a later public hearing scheduled for June.

Two ordinances dealt with design standards for small wireless facilities while two other ordinances laid the groundwork for annexing a piece of property at the intersection of Route 5 and St. Andrews Church Road into the town limits to expand the Cedar Lane Senior Living facility.

The ordinances for small wireless facilities focused on ensuring that they were designed and constructed in accordance with town standards, especially on existing town infrastructure such as light poles.

These small wireless facilities are seen as a key part of establishing the next generation 5G internet network.

They often take the form of antennae and other apparatus that provides service to specific areas.

Town Planner Jada Stuckert explained

that the proposed ordinances would keep wireless facility poles in similar stead to match those already in town.

"It's so you don't have a beautiful one next to an ugly one," Stuckert said.

The ordinances also posit that small wireless facilities must not obstruct town sidewalks, owners of such facilities could also be made to compensate the town if they build on town infrastructure, according to one ordinance.

Another ordinance concerning property maintenance would compel property owners to keep grass and weeds below 12 inches.

One ordinance addressed specifically the definition of abandoned vehicles as that was not previously made plain in town regulations.

Stuckert said the new ordinance used the state law's definition of an abandoned vehicle which included it not having tags or showing invalid tags.

The ordinance gives the owner 14 days to remove the vehicle or face paying the fees to have the vehicle towed to a lot.

Asked if the town had many abandoned cars, Stuckert said: "We really do on certain streets."

"It looks awful and they're taking up spaces for other people."

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## MARYLAND STATE POLICE CALVERT CRIME REPORT

May 12, 2020

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Suspended), through the Maryland State Police, Glen Burnie Barrack. Due to the charges on the warrant, Swope was able to be served the warrant in Calvert County. Swope was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where the warrant was served without incident.

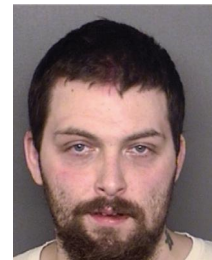
**Warrant Service** - On 05/09/2020, Trooper First Class Kaitz met with a Maryland State Police, Centerville Barrack Trooper in reference to taking custody of Joseph Anthony Lanfranchi (11/1/86), who had an active warrant (VOP-Possession of Marijuana) through the Maryland State Police, Prince Frederick Barrack. Due to the charges, Lanfranchi had to be returned to the issuing county of the warrant. Lanfranchi was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where the warrant was served without incident.

**Traffic Stop / Fugitive Other Area** - on 05/09/2020, Trooper First Class Marsch conducted a traffic stop in the area of Route 4 and Route 2, Owings, for traffic violations. Contact was made with the driver, Joseph Henry Hall (05/03/84), who was showing an active warrant through Charles County Sheriff's Office. Due to the charges, Hall had to be returned to Charles County for service of the warrant. Trooper First Class Marsch met a Charles County Deputy and Hall was taken into their custody without incident.

*Press Release from MSP Prince Frederick Barrack*

## ST. MARY'S SHERIFFS OFFICE CRIME REPORT

**Resisting Arrest:** On April 21, 2020, Deputy Michael Rycyzyn responded to the report of a single vehicle into a telephone pole at Flat Iron Road and Drayden Road. The operator of the vehicle, Sheldon Taylor Shaw, 24 of Valley Lee, was located and placed under arrest for driving under the influence. Shaw became combative and refused to listen to commands. Once in the vehicle after physically hindering, Shaw slipped his handcuffs to the front and hit the plexiglass prisoner cage and window bars of the Sheriff's Office cruiser. Shaw also spit on the plexiglass partition. A prisoner transport wagon was called, which Shaw also refused to enter. An ambulance was called and Shaw kept trying to roll off of the stretcher and spit all over the ambulance. Shaw was charged with Resisting Arrest and Malicious Destruction of Property, Value under \$1,000.



Sheldon Taylor Shaw

**Burglary/Assault:** On May 4, 2020, Deputy Michael Myers responded to the 21700 block of Kearsarge Place in Lexington Park for the report of a burglary in progress. The victim advised that Tracy Evan Hemsley Jr., 27 of Lexington Park, threw beer on the victim during an argument at the home. The victim also advised that Hemsley took the victim's cellphone and threw it into the kitchen area. Hemsley followed the victim outside of the



Tracy Hemsley

home and began damaging the victim's vehicle. The victim went back into the home and Hemsley began kicking the front door to make entry. The victim then fled the residence in another vehicle and Hemsley began pursuing the victim in the victim's vehicle. Hemsley was located, arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with Third-Degree Burglary, Second-Degree Assault, Malicious Destruction of Property and Unauthorized Removal of Motor Vehicle.

**Home Invasion:** On May 3, 2020, Detective Trevor Teague initiated a home invasion investigation at 21600 North Essex Drive in Lexington Park. The victim advised that Dewayne McClain Milburn Jr., 20 of California, entered the basement of the home and began grabbing items to put into his pockets. The victim stood up from playing a video game when Milburn punched the victim. A fight ensued between Milburn, the initial victim and a second victim. Milburn held the gun to one of the victim's head and shortly thereafter the gun was discharged one time. During the fight, one of the victims wrestled the gun away from Milburn. Detective Teague observed injuries to the victim consistent with a struggle and located one 9mm shell casing in the basement of the home. The gun was recovered by the victim. Milburn was arrested by Deputy Warren Forinash and charged with Home Invasion, Armed Robbery, First-Degree Assault and Theft less than \$100.



Dewayne Milburn

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## Child Attacked by Family Dog in Lusby Dog Shot, Killed by Deputies

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office were dispatched on Thursday, May 7 at approximately 12:15 p.m. to a residence on McMichael Drive in Lusby for a reported animal bite.

Preliminary investigation revealed a five-year-old child was playing inside the residence, when the child was attacked by the family German Shepard. During the unprovoked attack, the child sustained severe traumatic injuries to the head, neck, and lower hip. The child was flown by Maryland State Police helicopter

to Children's Hospital in stable condition.

Further investigation revealed a family member on scene witnessed the dog aggressively charge towards officers on scene and as a result the officers fired shots toward the animal in an effort to end the attack. The dog was pronounced deceased on scene.

This case remains under investigation.

*Press Release from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office.*





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3. **Fax:** (301) 274-5638
4. **U.S. Mail:** P.O. Box 280, Hughesville, MD 20637

Please contact our office to request an application and for additional information at 301 274-4474, ext. 200. Our website is [www.smtccac.org](http://www.smtccac.org).

# Student Code of Conduct Changes Proposed

## Cell Phone, Hoodie, Ear Bud Bans Omitted

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education is proposing changes to its code of conduct policy for students and is seeking public comment. While the proposals deal with issues such as hoodies, cellphones and ear buds, they do not go as far as some commenters have suggested – their outright ban.

The changes were presented to the school board on May 7 by Director of Student Services Kim Roof and were hammered out by a committee that included teachers and students.

The proposed language changes include:

- Hoodies can't cover the ears;
- Earbuds can't be used unless for instructional purposes; and
- Electronic devices are banned for alternative education, in-school intervention, and suspension.

Although vaping is not now allowed, a section has been added to emphasize the ban.

Hoodies remain the most controversial topic among those discussed. Roof said, "We're trying to be very culturally sensitive as well as trying to provide support for staff in the schools, but still allowing that flexibility for students to be able to have the headwear."

Hoodies obscuring the face are now also not permitted for safety reasons, but teachers have complained about the difficulty of enforcement and perhaps not wanting to be confrontational, although Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry has supported teachers who take a hard line with discipline. But he added that hard line did not include the flexibility to prohibit hoodies in the classroom, since all headwear are allowed.

The teacher concerns about hoodies is that they can obscure using earbuds, listening to audio on their cellphones and tuning out what's going on in class, although it has been pointed out that students can tune out lessons without hoodies, earbuds and cellphones.

School Board Chairman Bill Phalen wanted to know what the difference was between having hoodies obscure the ears and long hair. He was told the hoodies can also obscure the cell-phone easier.

"The hood piece is a lot about the obscuring of the face and the ears. I think that's really where we were getting a lot of concerns that have come

up," Roof said.

Roof and Curry insisted that administrators have flexibility for what Roof called gray areas. "The deep discussions are always happening, and the administrators of the building are always in constant conversations with our students about various things. So that's always just kind of human," she said.

The flexibility concerned Vice President Inez Claggett and member Pamela Cousins. Claggett said that she did not see any stated provisions for religious headwear. Curry insisted that those exceptions had always been made to accommodate religious preferences.

Burt Cousins, adding to Claggett's concerns, noted, "I know what she's getting to is that if there's a culturally unaware administrator who has no clue what it is, then that's where I'm at. There may be a problem."

Roof said the committee recommended that this summer administrators be briefed on what the code of conduct changes mean.

Board member Dawn Balinski said, "From a parent reading this document point of view, I think it does look a little bit insensitive. So, what is wrong with just putting in that hoodies and any other headwear that obscures the face or the ears are not permitted except as required for religious purposes."

Curry agreed to add that provision. Board member Tracy McGuire said it was more than just allowance for religious purposes. "I still think that we need to allow students space for their own self-expression, to dress as they please," she said.

McGuire added that maybe the teachers need training as well to understand the flexibility that administrators have. "Just because in your classrooms you don't think that is appropriate, an administrator might determine that it doesn't violate the policy. So, what you're expecting wouldn't happen in terms of some sort of discipline against the students," she said.

The failure of administrators to back up teachers in discipline disputes was mentioned often over the last six months in comments to the board about the issue.

Public comments are open for 30 days from the May 7 meeting and then the board will make a final decision.

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# Testing Up, Numbers Up, Percentages Down



Calvert County Health Officer  
Dr. Laurence Polsky

By Dick Myers  
Editor

As of Wednesday, May 13, Calvert County was reporting 222 confirmed COVID-19 cases and three deaths. The number of cases has increased by 43 percent in the past two weeks. Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky said that was a direct result of increased testing. He said the percentage of positive cases, however, has not increased.

As a matter of fact, Polsky said, "We're seeing in Calvert about 13 to 14 percent of the tests are positive and they're slight variations from week to week of course." Polsky said by comparison, "Our peak percent positive was

the first half of April where we were seeing about 21 to 22 percent come back positive."

The state's current positive test results are about 20 percent positive, Polsky said.

The drive-through testing available for the last two weeks has been about 120 weekly but some of those would have been done at doctor's offices anyway. The net increase has been about 40, he said.

For weeks there has been a significant disparity between the number of deaths in Calvert reported by the state and Polsky's numbers. Starting this week, he has begun to post on the Calvert County Health Department website the correct numbers.

Polsky wrote on the website: "To this point, our health department has not posted the number of COVID-related deaths in Calvert County. This decision was not made in an attempt to hide information from the public. The concern was a potential show of disrespect to the families of the few who have died. Reducing the death of an individual to a statistic dehumanizes that loss.

"When hundreds or thousands of people perish in a calamitous event, there is a degree of anonymity to a mortality count. When only two or three people have died, each of those numbers represents a specific individual.

"However, as a result of a misleading state method of attributing deaths to each county, our health department has made the decision to post the current number of coronavirus deaths in Calvert County. The state COVID website now attributes 12 deaths to Calvert County. The actual number of deaths is 3.

"The state assigns a death to a county based on the address listed on each death certificate. This is problematic because the address of 'residence' is provided by family members and not based on the actual residence of the individual at the time they acquired the infection. Of the nine deaths misattributed to Calvert County, it appears that all of these individuals were previous residents of Calvert but had been living in nursing homes outside of the county at the time they became infected with COVID-19. These individuals had been living in out-of-county facilities for months to years before they died."

Polsky said the local nursing homes are doing well. "We have a very good cooperation from all the nursing homes. They have really stepped up tremendously," he said.

"We have one of our infectious disease nurses from the health department assigned to each of the four county nursing homes," he explained. "We do periodic inspections and every time that our

nurses have gone to any nursing homes, they have observed all the things that we like to see. Staff are wearing masks consistently. Sanitation hygiene standards are being kept across the board, and they're being extremely vigilant with any potential signs of infection, both among residents and among their employees."

Polsky noted, "Fortunately to this point, we do not have any current cases of either residents or employees with an infection." There has only been one resident tested positive previously and that person has recovered, he said. There have been no deaths.

When The County Times talked to Dr. Polsky several weeks ago he expressed concern about the social distancing practiced over Easter weekend. He said, "I can say based on now a month since Easter, roughly, and given the decrease in the percent positive tests since that time that people really were doing a good job around Easter time avoiding any unnecessary interactions."

People need to continue that vigilance, he insisted: "A reminder to everyone that in order for the governor and others to move ahead with reopening certain businesses, recreational facilities, that it's important that we see that the levels of infection continue to diminish."

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# Teachers: Negotiations Aren't Going Well

By Dick Myers  
Editor

"The process is not going well," said Patuxent High School (PHS) Social Studies teacher Nancy Crosby. She was one of 17 teachers to email the Calvert County Board of Education for the public comment section of the board's May 7 virtual meeting. Crosby is on the Calvert Education Association (CEA) executive board.

She was referring to the ongoing talks between CEA and the Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) team negotiating for a new contract. The email writers criticized the pace of the negotiations and some of the items put on the table by the school system. And they supported a separate statement from CEA. The association wrote in a press release: "It appears that the commitment of the Calvert County Board of Education to equality doesn't extend to the county's hardworking educators."

The release goes on to say that CEA "has been renegotiating the contract for the teachers since December 2019. After nearly a dozen negotiating sessions over the past six months, CCPS is stalling discussions on salaries to try to pressure teachers to give up their workplace protections, including protections against racial and gender-based discrimination.

"Our teachers are working harder than they ever have for the students of

Calvert County," says Dona Ostenson, president of the Calvert Education Association. "It is alarming and frankly offensive that representatives of the school board are trying to make teachers choose between their salaries and their most basic rights."

"The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County will vote on their budget on May 19, 2020. The largest budget item for both the county and the school system is teacher salaries, and representatives of the Board of Education have steadfastly refused to discuss salaries until all other non-monetary items have been settled in the contract. Because of this, the Board of Education submitted a budget to the county with placeholder numbers for staff salaries.

"We've been ready to negotiate salaries since November," says Ostenson.

"The teacher's contract includes language which requires CCPS to 'comply with the provisions of the Public School Laws of Maryland, which renders unlawful discrimination with regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, sexual orientation or genetic information.' While first proposing to strip the contract of this language outright, the Board of Education is now pushing to neuter the language of any possible enforcement by the Association. This would expose teachers to discrimination and unequal

treatment.

"'Equity' is one of the five strategic priorities of the Board of Education and it is regularly discussed in open session at Board of Education meetings.

"Although discrimination protection is covered by the law," says Amy Cox, a member of the CEA Bargaining Team, "without it in the contract, the only way to have a discrimination complaint addressed is to hire a lawyer. We're working class people; we can't afford private attorneys. The only thing that this accomplishes is to make it easier to discriminate against teachers."

"This is a major problem for a workforce that is 85 percent female and is already facing significant challenges attracting educators of color.

"It's one thing to drive a hard bargain. It's another thing entirely to refuse to agree to the most rudimentary workplace safety language and attempt to gut protections against racial and gender-based discrimination," says Ostenson.

"They're trying to get us to cave on our rights, let alone make the improvements we're seeking for teachers. Educators are going above and beyond to help our students learn and feel supported during this uncharted territory of distance learning. We won't be bullied into allowing our members to suffer discrimination at work."

In an email to the board, Patuxent

High School Biology teacher Cathy Larson said, "I am concerned that they are looking to take personal planning time away from teachers. We do not have enough planning time as we now stand!"

"Lengthening the school day is unacceptable," said Summer Byers of another proposal. "Daycare are bound by hours per day they can watch a child. I already meet that restriction working my regular school day. What will happen to my baby girl if you lengthen the school day?"

"CCPS teachers have worked hard to maintain a very effective continuity of learning during these unprecedented times. You can count on us... we should be able to count on you," wrote 21-year veteran teacher Anna Price of PH.

And Jimmy Yurko, also of PHS, said, "I understand we are living in challenging times right now, but that makes it all the more important to get things right."

Adding to what has been a difficult year for the school board, Barstow Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher Kelli Short asserted, "I keep hearing that you care about us and that you want to work together, but they are words with no follow through. It's sad...especially at this time."

As is the board's policy, they did not respond to any of the comments.

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## St. Mary's Transit to Provide Additional Service

St. Mary's Transit System (STS) has added Bus Route 3 and will begin running this service every other hour along Route 5 from Lexington Park to Leonardtown, Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting this Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

STS will continue to operate the following schedules:

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o Rt. 11 Great Mills/California Route- Every hour, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

o Rt. 12 Leonardtown Route NB/SB- Every hour, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Saturday

o Rt. 11 Great Mills/California Route- Every hour, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. o Rt. 12 Leonardtown Route NB/SB- Every hour, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Sunday

o Rt. 11 Great Mills/California Route – 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. o Rt. 12 Leonardtown – 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

COVID-19 precautions on all buses include the following:

- Riders should restrict trips to essential travel only. Essential travel means taking trips to work, hospitals, health care providers, pharmacies, grocery stores, banks, food distribution centers, schools, to provide care for family members, and other similar

destinations.

- To minimize operator contact, passenger must place fare or ticket in the fare box or show their monthly pass or daily pass while boarding the bus.

No more than 9 passengers are allowed on the bus at a time. Additional riders must wait until the following hour to ride the bus. First responders and medical service workers will be given priority boarding.

All passengers are required to wear a face cover before boarding the bus.

**Mobility** - ADA and SSTAP paratransit service will continue to book and provide medical trips such as dialysis, chemotherapy, hospitals, clinics, mental health facilities, as well as trips to pharmacies and grocery stores.

Rider safety is our paramount concern and St. Mary's County Transit System (STS) performs daily wipe-down of buses and paratransit vehicles; as well as disinfecting areas of high passenger touchpoints.

Riders needing assistance with trip planning, lost and found, or other transportation related questions can contact the STS Transit Information Contact Center from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 301-475-4200 ext. 1120 or 1121. Residents are also welcome to visit our webpage.

*Press Release from St. Mary's County government.*

## St. Mary's Librarian Shares Top Honor

Maryland Association of School Librarians (MASL) is pleased to announce the recipients for the 2019-2020 Maryland School Librarian of the Year award which honors a school librarian for exemplary service and outstanding achievements in the field of school library media. With the pandemic taking place, the award was announced via social media with plans to celebrate in person in the fall being made.

The ten finalists were evaluated by a selection committee comprised of representatives from The Lilead Project, school librarians and library supervisors across the United States, The University of Maryland College Park and McDaniel College based on the extent to which they exemplify the five roles (administrator, leader, information specialist, teacher, and instructional partner) of a school librarian and embody the American Association of School Librarians Six Shared Foundations: Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, and Engage.

The finalists submitted a three-minute video detailing their work as a school librarian, 5 artifacts that represented their work, and a current curriculum vitae outlining their achievements. You are invited to read more about the finalists by visiting the Maryland Association of School Librarian webpage.

The judges from around the United States stated that the selection process for the 2020 Maryland School Librarian of the Year was incredibly challenging as each nominee exemplified the traits of an outstanding school librarian. In fact, the judges ended the judging with a tie.

This year, for the first time, MASL has co-winners for the Maryland School Librarian of the Year. It is with great pleasure that MASL announces the winners of this year's award are: Donna Mignardi of Calvert County Public Schools and April Wathen of St. Mary's County Public Schools.

April Wathen is the School Librarian at Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School where she is Teacher of the Year (TOY) for 2019-2020. She holds certification and is National Board Certified in Library Media. April is the President of Maryland Association of School Librarians having served for five years on the Executive Board in various capacities. April possesses certifications in elementary and special education, a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, Administration and Supervision credentials and participated in Maryland Library Leadership Institute. She is the 2017 School Library Journal's Hero of Equitable Access and was SMCPs TOY, Washington Post Finalist in 2016-2017. April facilitates online classes

for SMCPs, MSDE and McDaniel College to encourage others in Library Media and grow herself. April is published and enjoys presenting in her school, county and at state conferences like Common Ground and National conferences like AASL. April believes in promoting student voice, collaboration and access to all.

Theresa Buckler, principal of Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School where Ms. April Wathen is the school librarian had this to say: "April is a dynamic teacher-librarian who always goes above and beyond to support our school in every way. She is valued and respected by the Lettie Marshall Dent School community."

St. Mary's County Public Schools extends their Our sincerest congratulations to these two worthy recipients of The Maryland Association of School Librarians School Librarian of the Year Award. "We plan to celebrate them in person when it is safe to do so, and we thank our amazing sponsors of the award: Capstone, Follett, Mackin, Taylor Book Group and Tech4Learning; the press release said."

The general purpose of MASL is the improvement of teaching and learning in Maryland by bringing together individuals who are engaged in the field of school library media and information studies. MASL achieves the general purpose by working toward developing a lifelong love of reading among students in Maryland, developing skills and promoting excellence in print and nonprint media production among students in Maryland, promoting and providing for the professional development of its members. In addition, MASL encourages the dissemination and sharing of ideas, programs and materials among members through conferences, publications, and other media, and encourages the implementation of state and national standards and guidelines for school library media programs.

*Press Release from SMCPs.*

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# Young Artist Paints for Healthcare Workers

## Prepares a Customized Greeting Card

The CalvertHealth Foundation is honored to partner with a young local artist, Ashley Ehrmantraut, to present a customized greeting card for the healthcare professionals at CalvertHealth Medical Center. Ashley created a mixed media watercolor greeting card, which supporters can send in appreciation to a member of CalvertHealth's healthcare team. The One Hundred for our Heroes campaign launches on May 5 to coincide with the national day of giving #GivingTuesdayNow.

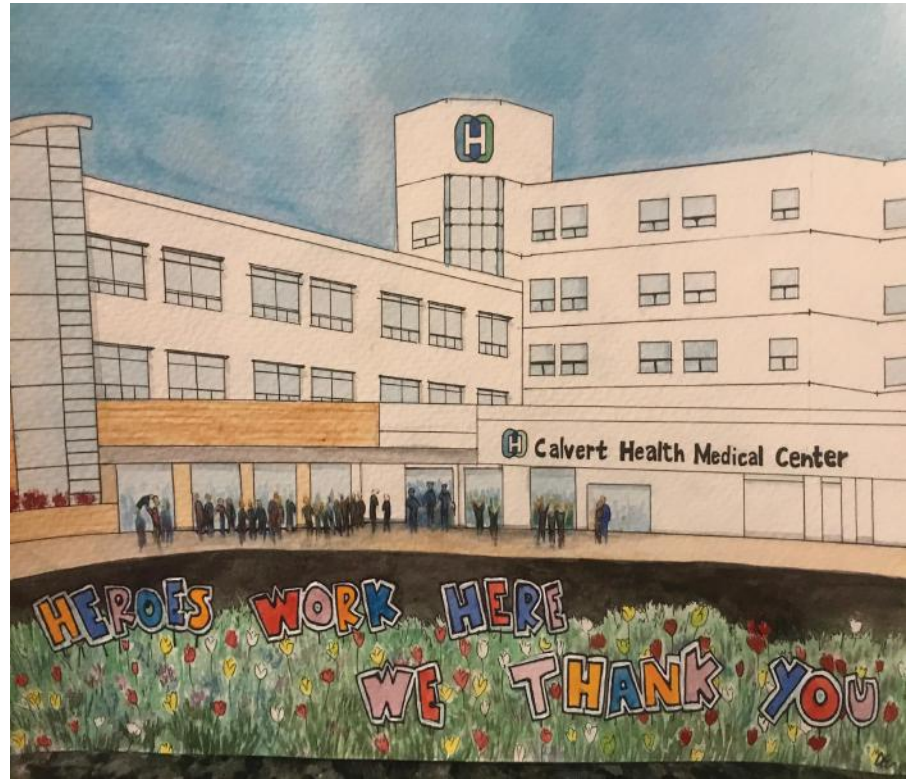
One hundred of these specially designed cards will be available to the first 100 supporters who contribute a gift of \$100. With a gift of \$100 or more, supporters can provide a custom message which will be transcribed onto the card and sent to the healthcare professional of their choice or to a select member of the CalvertHealth staff working on the front lines as we battle COVID-19.

Ehrmantraut is a college student at the University of South Carolina but is currently home in Southern Maryland due to the restrictions on college campuses. Ashley's situation is a bit

unique because her father, Dr. Wilfred "Bud" Ehrmantraut, is a physician and Chief of Medical Staff at CalvertHealth Medical Center and has been reporting to work during the COVID-19 crisis. Her artistic talent was inspired by a grade school teacher who had prepared a painting after the attacks on September 11. The teacher's art was donated to a fundraiser to raise money for firefighters and police officers. Ashley wanted to find a way to similarly contribute to all of the CalvertHealth staff working through this pandemic. She decided to start the greeting card project to reflect her respect and admiration.

One Hundred for our Heroes campaign is an opportunity to join the community in thanking our healthcare workers and sharing appreciation for those on the front lines. Funds raised from this special campaign will support the CalvertHealth Foundation's COVID Emergency Response Fund, and cards will be delivered to honored healthcare workers as donations are received.

*Press Release from CalvertHealth*



Multi-media watercolor painting by Ashley Ehrmantraut, which has been turned into greeting cards as a fundraiser for the CalvertHealth Foundation.

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# North Beach Reopens Boardwalk

*Bike Path, Parks Now Also Open*



In collaboration with Governor Hogan's Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery, the Town of North Beach will apply a Roll Out Plan for town-owned properties and buildings. This plan does not include a set of fixed dates, but serves as a guide to show the intended path forward.

Stage One of the Rollout Plan will reopen areas and activities with a lower level of virus transfer. Effective Monday, May 11 the following public areas are reopened with precautionary measures in place for staff and citizens:

- Boardwalk
- Bike Path
- Sunrise Garden
- Wetlands Overlook Park
- Public Restrooms

Pursuant to Executive Order No 20-05-06-01 issued by Governor Hogan on May 6, 2020, individuals in the State of

Maryland have been ordered to stay at home except during the performance of certain essential functions. Individuals are permitted to engage in certain outdoor activities, provided that individuals engaging in permitted outdoor activities comply with any directive of the Maryland Secretary of Health and the County Health Officer, and applicable social distancing guidance published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Maryland Department of Health.

Public restrooms located at the Welcome Center and Wetlands Overlook Park will be open and maintained from 6 am to 8 pm daily. The beaches, benches, fishing platform and Callis Park will remain closed at this time.

*Press Release from Town of North Beach.*

# Calvert Opens Emergency Vehicle Decontamination Site

Calvert County has established a decontamination site for police, fire, paramedic and emergency medical services (EMS) and other county vehicles. The vehicle decontamination site, which began operating April 21, is part of ongoing efforts to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission by providing clean, safe transport for first responders and the public.

The site, located in a cordoned-off section of the parking lot at CalvertHealth Medical Center, is available for service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The vehicle decontamination site is one of many steps being taken to safeguard frontline workers and the public," said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. "The public can rest assured that we are taking strong precautions around the clock to make sure it is safe to ride in ambulances and other transport vehicles."

Ambulances are decontaminated after every transport using disinfectant that meets EPA criteria for use against the virus that causes COVID-19. Calvert County averages about 20 EMS calls per day.

The Department of Public Safety contracted with Maryland-based company Pristine Inc. to provide the decontamination service and worked with CalvertHealth Medical Center to set up the site.

The process uses atomizing foggers, spray bottles and electrostatic sprayers to apply disinfectant inside each vehicle – including stretchers – as well as all door handles and any other touch points inside and outside the vehicle.

Previously, Fire/Rescue/EMS personnel



would sanitize vehicles by hand after each transport. Decontamination at the new site can fully treat a vehicle within 10-15 minutes.

The site is located in the CalvertHealth Medical Center complex near the emergency department entrance. It is equipped with a tent for decontamination gear, a 25-foot camper to house site staff during shifts, an area for crews to safely remove and dispose of personal protective equipment, and a covered area for crews to wait while their vehicle is being sterilized.

Visit [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus) for COVID-19 updates, guidance and resources. Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov), Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](https://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd) and Comcast Channel 6.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*



# St. Mary's Aging & Human Services Offers Call-In Census Assistance

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to support the 2020 Census by offering call-in assistance to the community. Anyone seeking help completing their 2020 Census should contact Jenny Beyer, MAP Coordinator, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71057.

According to the United States Census Website, the census collects demographic information that can affect federal funding, Congressional representation, and much more. For more information about the 2020 Census and the importance of your participation, visit <https://2020census.gov>.

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## Calvert Eases Park Restrictions



The Department of Parks & Recreation announces additional updates for park use following Gov. Larry Hogan's announcement broadening permitted outdoor recreational activities. Statewide limitations on gatherings, physical distancing measures and other protective health guidelines remain in place to continue reducing the spread of COVID-19.

**Kings Landing Park** is open to Calvert County residents only, with regular operating hours. The pier is open for fishing and crabbing. Equestrian use is permitted in the Equestrian Area. Be advised public restrooms, buildings, the pavilion and challenge course remain closed.

**Fishing piers and boat ramps** are available for recreational use. Users must observe distancing guidelines and group size limitations.

These changes are in addition to those announced previously:

**Chesapeake Hills Golf Course** reopened Thursday, May 7 at 9 a.m. Golf carts are available for use but limited to one cart per person except individuals living in the same household. Modified policies and procedures for golfers and staff have been implemented to comply with distancing requirements and protective guidelines to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The course is open to all users.

The use of the below county parks and facilities remains limited to Calvert County residents only until further notice.

**Flag Ponds Nature Park beach** will reopen Friday, May 8 with regular operating hours. The beach will be open for outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, running, or other individual and small group fitness activities. The park entrance fee for Flag Ponds Nature Park is waived until further notice.

Breezy Point Beach will reopen Friday, May 8 with regular operating hours. The beach will be open for outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, running, or other individual and small group fitness activities. The park entrance fee for Breezy Point

Beach will be waived until Friday, May 15.

Breezy Point Campground will open for daily camping beginning Sunday, May 17. Parks & Recreation will begin taking campsite reservations Monday, May 11. For more information about Breezy Point Beach and Campground, please visit [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BreezyPoint](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BreezyPoint).

Tennis/pickleball courts at county parks will reopen Thursday, May 7. Reservations are encouraged. To reserve a tennis court, contact the Office of Sports, Community & Well-being at 410-535-1600, ext. 2229.

Residents are advised that public restrooms, port-a-potties and water fountains at county parks will remain out of service until further notice. In addition:

The following amenities are closed until further notice: skate parks, dog parks, basketball courts, ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Press Release from Calvert County government*

## Pax Museum Seeking Applicants for Board

The Board of Directors of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association (PRNAMA) is currently soliciting applications for membership. The board of this nonprofit association is responsible for governance of the museum, providing strategic planning and goals to the museum staff, and supporting the mission and vision of the museum.

Members of the Board of Directors play a key role in the direction of the museum's future, development of exhibits, special events, educational programs, and many other exciting areas.

The museum seeks a diverse board, with backgrounds in retail, small business, law, management, publicity, etc., not just engineering and aviation experience.

Interested parties should prepare two quick paragraphs for submission to the Board of Directors. These paragraphs should include:

1. Applicant's background that would further the mission and goals of the museum. This paragraph is not in-

tended to be a formal résumé or biography but rather a candid description of any special skills or experience the candidate would bring to the Board of Directors.

2. Why the applicant is interested in joining the Board. This paragraph

should also be a candid description of what interests the applicant may have that coincide with the objectives of the museum.

PRNAMA Board Members work diligently to ensure the future of the museum and meet monthly to address issues. The Board is comprised of between 8 and 15 members who represent a broad cross-section of both interests in Naval Aviation and the concerns of the St Mary's County community.

The board will accept submissions until May 31, 2020 via e-mail at [boardofdirectors@paxmuseum.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@paxmuseum.org).

For more information about the museum, please visit <http://www.paxmuseum.org>

*Press Release from PRNAMA*

## Calvert's New Director of Public Works Appointed



Kerry Dull

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has announced the appointment of Kerry Dull as the county government director of Public Works. Dull's appointment is effective May 11, 2020. Dull previously served as the general services director.

"Kerry has proven the past several months that his diverse background and exceptional leadership qualities are exactly what the Department of Public Works needs," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "Kerry has an outstanding track record in providing excellent public service, and I am looking forward to see him tackle this new challenge." "Kerry possesses a senior level set of skills required to run a large, public-facing department," said County Administrator Mark Willis. "Kerry's logistical and specific operational and planning experience allows us to consider new efficiencies in the department, while ensuring outstanding customer service. To me, he is the obvious choice to lead Public

Works to the next level."

Dull has an extensive leadership and military background. He served in the U.S. Army for more than 28 years in a variety of positions beginning as an aviation officer in 1989 before being promoted to the rank of major and assigned to the Pentagon as an airborne reconnaissance officer in January 2001. Dull quickly moved up the ranks becoming a battalion operations officer in June 2003, battalion executive officer in 2004 and material management and logistics officer in October 2006. In November 2007, Dull joined the National Guard Bureau Joint Staff where he served as a strategic analyst/counter-narcotics program manager. There, he served as lead strategist for the joint staff, identifying and bridging gaps between policies while providing reports and analysis on key information and objectives to senior leaders.

Dull later became commander for the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade and ended his career with the Army National Guard as the chief of staff for the 29th Infantry Division. In this role, he was responsible for leading organization activities and operational planning by successfully supporting and implementing a strategic framework with more than 500 executive level staff for three chief executives. He identified necessary resources and managed budget constraints to meet established priorities and goals. Dull replaces Rai Sharma, who retired earlier this month after serving 10 years in Calvert County Government; the last five years as the director of public works. Dull holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and management and a master's degree in business administration, with a concentration in finance.



# Celebrating Life



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer and  
Dick Myers, Editor

COVID-19 might mean having to distance from friends and even family, but it isn't stopping residents from getting on with their lives together.

From weddings, retirement celebrations and even birthday parties, area citizens are still letting each other know that they care.

Linda Mattingly, of Leonardtown, retired April 30 after 25 years working in the case assignment office for the Clerk of the Circuit Court; she had no retirement party, but her family wouldn't let her go without showing appreciation for her service.

Her son Jay Mattingly, a town council member, and his wife put on a drive-by parade to celebrate her retirement at her home instead.

"An apparatus from the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department led the parade," Jay Mattingly said. "Because of the pandemic we didn't know when we'd be able to do something for her."

"Everybody did a great job keeping social distancing; they honked their horns and waived at her as they drove by."

His mother watched the parade pass on her lawn with her dog Baxter, next to a giant sign congratulating her on retiring.

"It was focused on her, all her



Linda Mattingly's drive by retirement party

friends and the people she had worked with," Jay Mattingly said. "It was, maybe, 25 or 30 cars that passed by."

The event was captured by photographer Ron Bailey, who has a brisk special events business in St. Mary's and Calvert counties and elsewhere in the region. When the pandemic hit his business was also initially hit because the ban on assemblies of 10 or more caused cancellations of weddings, and retirement and graduation parties. Then the idea of what was done for Linda Mattingly, and gatherings via ZOOM and other similar systems caught on.

Bailey said it was a combination of giving them the idea when they called to cancel and people asking him for alternatives. "I've done the funerals. I've done the weddings, various birthday parties, a retirement party. Pretty much everything that normally happens. We've tried to turn it into a virtual situation," he said.

In some events, Bailey has taken multiple still shots, as he would normally do, taken a video of the actual ceremony and then compiled a video for the celebrants and everyone else who would have otherwise attended. Or they can go the extra step and do the ZOOM ceremony.

Bailey said celebrants are choosing outside venues for their scenic value. He did one overlooking a beach in Chesapeake Ranch Estates and another, a wedding for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, at the entrance to Running Hare Vineyards in Prince Frederick.

The 10-person limitation has caused the normal venues to cancel booking events and reschedule them for some time in the future. Nicole Edwards, events director at Running Hare, said they are sometimes doing two alternate booking for the customer, for three or six months out. She said she is open to scheduling those virtual weddings with the ten-person limitation. The facility is still

open weekends for wine sales.

The waterfront boardwalk at North Beach is also a popular wedding venue which has cancelled its bookings. They have curtailed making any new ones, according to Marketing and Public Relations Manager Dawn Richardson.

Town Clerk Stacy Milor said they have cancelled three weddings so far and are awaiting word for reopening information from the governor before rescheduling. The town just reopened the boardwalk this week.

Meanwhile, in Medley's Neck, Margaret Abraham had a special birthday celebration for her husband Richard, who turned 90 May 12.

They live in a waterfront community and after 60 years of marriage, their neighbors heard from Margaret about her plans for a community celebration of her husband's special life.

Though he's not much of a talker, she said, her husband is a Korean War combat veteran who served in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and fought at the battle of the Pusan Perimeter, where American and allied forces were surrounded by North Korean forces.

They were eventually rescued by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's amphibious landing at the port of Inchon.

Abraham, son of Syrian Christian immigrants who worked the coal mines of Pennsylvania, eventually left the Army and joined the Navy and rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer before retiring.

"It's been a high adventure," Margaret said of six decades of marriage to her husband.

For Alexandra Granados and her husband Brian Granados, who live in the Esperanza neighborhood off Millstone Landing Road, their married life is just getting started after having their nuptials May 4.

Their wedding was in their own neighborhood on Cecil Road and they sought to get married sooner rather than later due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Though they are now St. Mary's residents they both work in Montgomery and Prince George's counties respectively, she in her parents' financial firm and he as a firefighter/paramedic.

"We wanted to get married in June but there was an extra worry that he might contract it," Alexandra told The County Times. "But now there are only three ways to get married in Maryland, if you're in the military, dying or for health insurance."

They had to write to an administra-



Richard Abraham with his wife Margaret on 90th Birthday



# Despite COVID-19



tive law judge and plead their reasoning for an emergency remote marriage license; they got it.

It took several weeks for the process to take its course, but in the end all they had to do was send in their documents under oath to get the emergency license, she said.

Her new husband's unit frequently runs nursing home calls in Chillum; Prince George's now has nearly 10,000 cases of COVID-19 and nearly half of all deaths from the disease in Maryland occur in nursing homes.

Alexandra said her wedding helped bring people together in her neigh-

borhood even though COVID-19 had been keeping them apart.

"The entire neighborhood got together," she said. "Our neighbors used their own flowers to make arrangements for us."

"Our next-door neighbor got ordained for us, she performed the service; her two boys were our ring bearers."

Guests maintained social distancing at the ceremony, she said, while she could see people had only known for a short time coming out with the facemasks on to attend.

Other family and friends who could not attend used the ZOOM application to view the ceremony and take part from a distance.

"We ZOOMED in some 90 people," Alexandra said. "For a split second, the Esperanza neighborhood for about COVID-19 and everybody was happy."

"For a moment we were all family."

Her husband is a volunteer at the Hollywood fire company, and she is a member of the ladies' auxiliary there; her friends gave her a special surprise when they showed up to celebrate their friend's wedding.

"It was very special," she said of the auxiliary's show of support. "All these people who were my neighbors, it's like their family now."

Bailey is more than happy to do these virtual events, but he admits it's not like the real thing. "I think that they're in a situation where they don't really have an alternative. Am I happy

with doing them this way? Not really. I think that someone's wedding is the most special day of their life and to downplay what is normally a big deal, with a small group of people, isn't the same."

But she added the virtual ceremony gets to be shared with others and they get to have a permanent keepsake video record of it. And, everything, of course can be shared on social media.

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The Taylors



Alexandra and Brian Granaados. Photo by: Brain Haislip



# St. Mary's Administrative School Board Presses Appointments & Transfers for Northern Middle

## North County Schools at or Near Capacity

St. Mary's County Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Scott Smith announces the administrative appointments made by the Board of Education at its meeting of April 29, 2020.

The board appointed Denise Coyne as Assistant Principal III, 12 month, at Chopticon High School. Coyne holds a Master's degree from Loyola College and a Bachelor's degree from Goucher College. She currently serves as an Assistant Principal II, 11 month, at Chopticon High School.

Shelly McDaniel has been appointed as Assistant Principal III, 12 month, at Chopticon High School. McDaniel holds a Master's Degree from Towson University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. McDaniel currently serves as an Assistant Principal II, 11 month, at Chopticon High School.

Virginia Meadows has been appointed

as Assistant Principal I, 11 month, at Hollywood Elementary School. Meadows holds a Master's Degree from Towson University and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. Meadows currently serves as an Instructional Resource Teacher at Hollywood Elementary School.

Coyne and McDaniel's appointments will become effective July 1, 2020.

Meadows' appointment will become effective July 29, 2020.

The Board of Education was informed of the following Administrative Transfer:

Andrea Smith will transfer from Assistant Principal I, 11 month, at Leonardtown Middle School to Assistant Principal I, 11 month, at Piney Point Elementary School.

This transfer will become effective July 29, 2020.

*Press Release from SMCPs.*

### Capacity

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education is continuing to press for planning to begin in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 for a new Northern Middle School even though the project has been moved to FY '25 in the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The FY '25 start will be in the CIP that will be presented at the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) budget hearing scheduled for May 19.

The Northern Middle School replacement project is included in this year's Educational Facilities Master Plan presented May 7 to the school board by Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner. The 191-page document is replete with data not only about the school system but growth projections and population counts for the entire county.

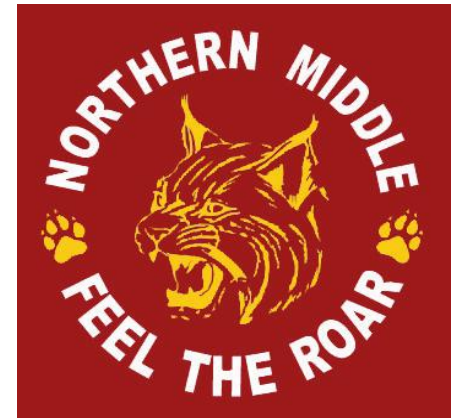
The county's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APF) requires there to be space in the schools serving a proposed development and if that is lacking there's a moratorium there. It does however require facilities to make up for the shortfall within six years or that ban is lifted.

The northern part of the county is where there are capacity issues, according to the plan. The schools that serve the area are Beach, Mt. Harmony, Sunderland and Windy Hill elementary schools, Northern and Windy Hill middle schools and Northern High School.

Although pockets of growth are widespread, the plan observes, "It is also the more desirable region for growth due to its proximity to the Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington employment centers. With the exception of Chesapeake Beach, growth in this area has been somewhat kept in check by the lack of public utilities. Commercial/retail development has been slowly added to the Dunkirk Town Center which adds to the attractiveness of the area."

The plan goes on to say: "The county Adequate Public Facility Report for Fall 2019 reveals two of the schools in this region, Northern High School at 101.6 percent and Mt. Harmony Elementary School at 109 percent are over capacity limits. Those school geographical attendance areas are closed for the final recording of new residential subdivision development. However, it is important to note that currently there are no subdivisions on hold for final recordation, due to the closing of these geographical areas."

Northern is over capacity despite the new school being almost com-



plete. "In December 2018, the first phase of the replacement Northern High School was completed. This alleviated the overcapacity issue from a previous 115 percent down to the current 101.6 percent," according to the plan.

The plan reports the capacity levels of the other schools in the area:

- Windy Hill Middle -- 96.9 percent
- Northern Middle -- 99.7 percent
- Beach Elementary -- 97.7 percent
- Sunderland Elementary -- 88.7 percent

Windy Hill Elementary – capacity not reported

Planning is underway for an expanded Beach Elementary. Warner said the state allows the county to consider capacities at adjacent schools to receive funding from them for new or expanded schools.

The plan also says, "Beyond the present Capital Improvement Program forecast (six years), improvements to Mt. Harmony Elementary will be evaluated. A future needs assessment will indicate the scope of this request. The remaining schools in this region are in the good to excellent range in the facility maintenance category with only systemic needs outlined in the CIP. All of the elementary schools in this area will require re-evaluation should the state implement mandatory Pre-K to the public-school arena."

Regarding Beach E.S., the plan explains, "The Town of Chesapeake Beach is not subject to these regulations (APF), thus increased residential development within the town may impact the school's capacity. Continued residential development in the Town of Chesapeake Beach will impact not only Beach Elementary School but Sunderland Elementary School, Windy Hill Elementary School, Northern Middle School, Windy Hill Middle School and Northern High School within the northern region depending on the present and future school geographical attendance areas."

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# CSM Digital Media Students Take Grand Prize

## Earn Accolades for Anti-Theft Project

Nine College of Southern Maryland (CSM) digital media students were honored this spring for exhibiting award-winning creativity in the production of public service announcements (PSAs) aimed at helping to reduce vehicle thefts.

In an annual contest that allows students to show off their skills for a real-world project, participants from both CSM and Towson University were invited to enter the Maryland State Police (MSP) 2019 Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Public Service Announcement Competition. Students then worked individually, and in teams, to create and submit 30-second PSAs that warn residents about car theft and/or the theft of items left in cars. Awards were given in two categories — video and audio.

“Our digital media production students did extremely well in the competition and I am proud of them,” said Professor Olaniyi Areke, who is in his fourth year as program coordinator of digital media production at CSM. “These students are creative, focused, hardworking, determined, dedicated and persistent in getting their projects done in a grand way.”

CSM students submitted 12 videos and five audio PSAs in this year’s competition. The nine who were honored for their work included Anthony Aceto, of Waldorf; Jacob Buchanan, of Mechanicsville; Gabriel Chandler, of Callaway; Elijah Green, of Prince Frederick; Tieler King, of White Plains; Jayne and Sarah Kissel, of La Plata; Cole Pepin, of White Plains; and Lois Stephenson, of Leonardtown.

The team of Pepin and Green took grand prize honors in the video category. Also placing in the video category were Buchanan, the team of Chandler and King and the mother/daughter team of Jayne and Sarah Kissel. Audio winners were Aceto, Buchanan and Stephenson.

Winning students earned valuable professional recognition and financial awards.

This was the second round of recognition for Green who also won a grand prize in the audio category in the 2017 contest, making him the first CSM student to win grand prizes in both audio and video categories.

Buchanan also set a record for CSM in the contest, winning three awards in two years. He was honored in both the audio and video categories this year, and in the 2018 contest, Buchanan was the video grand prize winner.

“I’m pretty proud that my work was chosen to be honored by the MSP,” Buchanan said. “In all honesty, I perpetually had my fingers crossed for a while, waiting for the results of who placed or not. And I was ecstatic to find out that I did.”

King said she learned a lot from her participation in the contest with fellow

student Chandler.

“Worked well together and had similar visions,” King said of their partnership. “Being in a well-functioning team meant a lot to me. It was also interesting to gain a better understanding of the amount of effort that goes into working on a project that has a set duration that must be met. It truly makes you appreciate the production value of commercials, which most people tend to ignore.”

Stephenson said she entered the contest even though Areke’s class was only her second film course. “I joined the contest for the practice . . . just to stretch my wings — and I love a challenge,” she shared.

Mother/daughter team, Jayne and Sarah Kissel had been looking for a creative class to take together at CSM, and chose Video Field Production.

“The PSA project was great because it allowed me to learn how to write a script, film it, and then edit the film,” Jayne Kissel said. “The PSA was a valuable experience because it forced you as a student to organize your time, think about your audience, work with others, and to work within a time constraint of a 30-second video.”

For her part, Sarah Kissel said the PSA project improved her teamwork skills.

“I’m glad our PSA project will be used to encourage people to safely secure their vehicles before leaving them,” she said. “It was fun and worth the effort to make this PSA video, I wouldn’t mind doing it again.”

“I would like to thank the Maryland State Police for sponsoring this award,” said Jayne Kissel. “It is an important opportunity for CSM students to gain real-world experience in this field, and the award money helps with student expenses.”

MSP partners with the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and the MD-DC Anti-Car Theft Committee (ACT) to host the annual PSA competition.

“Our partnership between law enforcement, the private sector and the College of Southern Maryland is aimed at raising the awareness of specific issues related to vehicle theft and its related crimes while continuing to reverse vehicle theft trends,” said Christopher McDonald, executive director of the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. “While vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity, the PSAs created by the students serve as an education for motorists about the methods to protect their vehicle and personal property to avoid becoming a victim.”

For more about CSM’s digital media production courses, visit [https://catalog.csm.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=26&pooid=4450](https://catalog.csm.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=26&pooid=4450)

*Press Release from CSM*

# St. Mary’s College SGA Donates to Recovery Fund

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, during their regularly scheduled meeting, the St. Mary’s College of Maryland Student Government Association (SGA) approved a \$50,000 donation to the College’s Recovery Fund that has been created to help reduce financial burdens and obstacles facing the SMCM community.

“St. Mary’s College of Maryland is a close-knit community. We look out for each other. We thank the College’s Student Government Association for its special gift of \$50,000 to the SMCM Recovery Fund. This donation will go toward helping fellow students who have experienced financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Carolyn Curry, VP for Institutional Advancement. “The SGA students ignite our passion to serve and we hope others will follow their example and give to the Recovery Fund in these unprecedented times.”

The College’s SGA is charged with promoting the standards of the College, unifying the student body, and representing the students to the faculty, administration and community. In cooperation with the Student Activities Office, the SGA normally allocates student activity fees to support such student-initiated programs as campus media, student publications, guest lecturers, dances, concerts, film series, and more than 80 clubs and organizations reflecting varied student interests.

“When the pandemic hit and our world

drastically changed, the way we serve our students also needed to change. This was a big decision, but it was absolutely necessary for continuing to fulfill our duty as representatives of the student body,” said SGA Class of 2022 President Erin Lanham.

“A collective sense of responsibility as leaders on this campus to help our peers during this really stressful time led us to passing this bill. I think it was only appropriate that we help our fellow students who are in need,” said SGA Class of 2023 President Nicholas Howard.

The Recovery Fund will assist SMCM students with financial hardships they may face caused by the pandemic, especially as they prepare to return in the fall.

“By setting up a recovery fund and SGA donating a large sum to it, we are not only standing by members of the student body greatly affected by this, but we are also helping alleviate some of those difficulties,” said Joshua O. Ajanaku ’22, Dorchester senator and vice-president-elect.

“I hope this donation is able to improve the lives of the students in our community who were most affected by these dramatic changes caused by COVID-19,” said Justin Karolyi ’22, Waring Commons senator.

For additional information, visit the Recovery Fund Webpage: <https://go.smcm.edu/recovery-fund/>.

*Press Release from SMCM.*



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# Leonardtown Rolls Out Virtual Platform

## Arts and Entertainment Featured Online

Leonardtown's new virtual programming platform, **Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment Online**, launched dually at [www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com](http://www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com), and the "Town of Leonardtown" Facebook page on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes and workshops on a variety of subjects such as cooking, fitness, knitting and dancing and original shows were featured and also included the **Leonardtown Virtual Artist Showcase** and the **Robbie & Donovan Friday Night Party** (hosted by **Robbie Boothe** and **Donovan Farrell**), two exciting music variety shows that highlight talented local artists. Beginning this week and continuing on the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>, Leonardtown premieres the additional exciting new FREE online classes and original shows:

**Learn to Tap Dance with Justin Myles (FREE Class, Now Available):** Justin Myles is a professional dancer/choreographer/musician who has toured extensively all over the country and abroad with HBO and Off-Broadway productions including Tap Dogs and STOMP, competed on NBC's World of Dance with his tap dance troupe, JaM Project, and has recently given an electrifying performance on the second episode of the Leonardtown Virtual Artist Showcase. Justin will now teach a weekly beginner's tap dancing class for Leonardtown A&E Online through the Learn & Share Series beginning this week. No special equipment is required, just a desire to learn.

**Art for Mindfulness with Bethany Yates (FREE Class, Now Available):** Bethany Yates is a local artist and social worker. In her new online class for Learn & Share beginning this week, Bethany leads art-based exercises you can do to relieve stress, anxiety, and irritability with visualization techniques to focus your mind.

**Learn to Salsa with Donna Jordan (FREE Class, Now Available):** Donna Jordan, a professionally trained dancer and adjunct Professor with the College of St. Mary's County & St. Mary's College, has created the wildly popular "Salsa Rueda 6-Week Training Series", the "Salsa & Sangria Celebration", and the "Monthly Sip & Salsa Party Series" for Leonardtown. Donna teaches salsa lessons for the Learn & Share Series for everyone, no matter your skill level. Learn to Salsa with Donna Jordan begins this week.

**Learn & Play with ARTful PLAYhouse (A Leonardtown A&E Feature Presentation):** Lauren Signorelli—the owner of ARTful PLAYhouse is a mother of three and a former Preschool/Kindergarten teacher and Early Childhood Education trainer. Lauren's goal with her new original virtual show is to create a space where children and their families have the freedom to be creative, get messy and experience the power of play. Learn & Play with ARTful PLAYhouse airs on Thursdays at 10 AM starting this week.

**Life with Lola (A Leonardtown A&E**

**Feature Presentation):** Tune in to see what adventures Lola, a sweet, precocious three year old, encounters each week. In these video shorts, Lola and her Mom show families fun ways to occupy the little ones at home and around Leonardtown. Life with Lola airs after ARTful Playhouse on Thursdays at 10:30 AM starting this week.

**Two History-based new shows: Way Back Wednesdays and Historically Speaking:** Leonardtown A&E Online will air two informative historically-based online shows:

**Way Back Wednesday's** Wednesdays is a weekly video series, produced by St. Clement's Island Museum, showing some of the stories that make St. Mary's County's history so unique and interesting. This engaging series airing weekly is hosted by Museum Division Manager, Karen Stone, and features historical facts and stories from the quirky to the fascinating.

**Historically Speaking** is a new series of talks and lectures recalling the people, the events and the heritage of St. Mary's County. The series is produced by the St. Mary's County Historical Society in collaboration with the Pax River Naval Air Museum and made possible by the Southern Maryland Heritage Area and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. This first program in the series focuses on the NAS Patuxent River's Forgotten Cold Warriors. Additional specials are in development and are slated to air later this year.

Way Back Wednesdays will begin airing May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM followed by Historically Speaking Presents: The NAS Patuxent River's Forgotten Cold Warriors at 2:30 PM.

**Discovering Leonardtown (a Leonardtown A&E Presentation):** This new online series that airs on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM highlights Leonardtown, Maryland including the landmarks, history, businesses, hidden treasures, arts & entertainment, and its people. Beginning on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, tune in weekly on Fridays at 11 AM to Discovering Leonardtown.

Leonardtown A&E Online is presented by the Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District and is sponsored by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Business Association and the St. Mary's County Arts Council. The majority of the online content will be FREE and open to the public with reservations required for select special group classes and events. The above programming will be available on the dates and times noted at [www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com](http://www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com):

Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join us for these exciting presentations. For more information about the programming noted above, visit [www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com](http://www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com) or contact [brandy.blackstone@leonardtown-md.gov](mailto:brandy.blackstone@leonardtown-md.gov).

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# Virtual Town Halls Set for Parents, Caregivers

## Supporting Families During Distance Learning

### Learning

AARP Maryland is teaming up with the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) and the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), to assist parents and caregivers juggling school distance learning and family well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. From May 13 through June 17, a series of five interactive town hall discussions will feature best practices and advice to help families with school-aged children adjust to the virtual classroom.

"We know that parents and kinship caregivers are facing multiple challenges during this time," said AARP Maryland State Director Hank Greenberg. "Whether you are a single parent, grandparent, dual income, have one child in the home or multiple children of different ages, our guest experts will discuss tactics and resources for managing these challenges. We will also discuss how to cope with the stress and anxiety felt by you and your family."

"With schools closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, parents are in need of support concerning educating students at home," said Al Campos, NRTA director. "Retired educators in Maryland and nationwide are enthusiastically giving back to their communities by offering much needed expert advice via virtual engagement with parents during these challenging times," Campos said.

"We are seeing uncertainty all around us in the midst of the current COVID pandemic. Caregivers are being asked to fill roles they've never expected and are being challenged in ways like never before. I'm happy to have the opportunity to talk with Maryland caregivers about how to support themselves and their loved ones during these difficult times," said Jennifer Leah Goetz, MD, assistant professor in The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, who will be a guest on each of the calls.

"Members of Maryland Retired School Personnel Association remain committed and connected to the students and communities of Maryland," said MRSPA Executive

Director Wanda Twigg. "Participating in this tele-town hall series is yet another way we continue to share that commitment and connection."

**No RSVP is required. Parents can join each of the calls toll-free at 855-962-1470**

**May 20 at 6:50 p.m.: Early Childhood Parents & Caregivers Guest Experts**

Jennifer Goetz, MD, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Experienced Educators from the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

**May 27 at 7:00 p.m.: Elementary Childhood Parents & Caregivers Guest Experts**

Jennifer Goetz, MD, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Experienced Educators from the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

**June 10 at 7:00 p.m.: Middle & Secondary Parents & Caregivers Guest Experts**

Jennifer Goetz, MD, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Experienced Maryland School Administrator

Experienced Educators from the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

**June 17 at 7:00 p.m.: Splash into Summer — All Age Children Parents & Caregivers**

Find out how to stay connected with AARP, parents and caregivers for more support

**For more information on this series, or other COVID-19 resources, visit [aarp.org/MD](http://aarp.org/MD) or Facebook.com/aarpmd**

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# In Remembrance

## Steven Edward "Steve" Smith



Steven Edward "Steve" Smith, 62, of Lusby, MD passed away on May 8, 2020 at his residence. Born December 7, 1957 in Ocean City, NJ, he was the son of the late Lewis Edward Smith and Hazel (Heim) Smith.

Steve graduated from Catonsville High School in 1976 and from Gupton Jones Mortuary College in 1982. He moved to Calvert County from Baltimore, MD in 1985 and was a Funeral Director for Rausch Funeral Home, P.A.

Steve is survived by his wife, Suzanne (Sprecher) Smith; his children, Astin Lewis Smith (Renee) of Lusby, MD and Lindsey Laughlin Smith of Annapolis, MD; grandchild, Skyla Rose Smith of Lusby, MD; and his brother, Scott Smith.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date to be determined.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Animal Welfare, League, 1040 Prince Frederick Boulevard, PO Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-9300; Link: <https://www.cawlrescue.org/>

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Karen Ann Wilson



Karen Ann Wilson, 61, of Owings passed away Thursday, May 7, 2020. She was born on April 16, 1959 in Newark, Delaware, the daughter of James E. Wollaston and Lorraine R. Pierantozzi. Karen was raised in Delaware and Pennsylvania and moved to Upper Marlboro in 1986. She

has been a Calvert County resident for the last twenty years. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Maryland, and went on to work as a registered nurse at various local hospitals, the most recent of them being Civista Medical Center in La Plata, now Charles Regional Hospital. Karen enjoyed spending time at Dewey Beach in Delaware. She was a great mother and friend, and always put everyone's needs before her own.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, James and Lorraine. She is survived by her children, Christopher Wilson of Dunkirk, Steven Wilson and his wife Maria of Indian Head, and Julie Reynolds and her husband Justin of Owings, 7 grandchildren; Taylor, Harper, Carly and Bethany Wilson, and Cameron, Quincy and Kaitlyn Reynolds, and siblings, Donna Reese, James Wollaston and his wife Diane, and Janice Wollaston.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Gayle L. Ehrenfried (nee Smith)



Gayle L. Ehrenfried (nee Smith) of Bowie, MD, passed away on May 7, 2020 at the age of 80. She was born and raised in Annapolis, MD and was a proud member of Annapolis High School's class of 1958. After graduating from Richmond Professional Institute in 1963, she earned her Occupational Therapist Registered accreditation, and worked as an Occupational Therapist in Washington, D.C. She was an avid animal lover and active member of Riva Trace Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, David; children Kelland (Kelly), Dustyn (Danielle), Leland (Tracey), and Mindy (Jason Brooke); grandchildren, Carissa, Shelby, Joseph, Emily, Julianna, Alec, Megan, Lena, Amelia, Ethan, and Maia; and sisters Lenore Retzolk (Martin) and Pamela Wellens. Gayle was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Louis and Hilda Smith. Funeral services will be private. Should friends desire, contributions in Gayle's memory may be sent to the Humane Rescue Alliance ([humanerescuealliance.org](http://humanerescuealliance.org)), PO Box 96312, Washington, DC 20090 or the

charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Myra Eva Caspar



Myra Eva Caspar, 71, of Prince Frederick passed away May 6, 2020. She was born September 4, 1948 in Washington, D.C. Myra grew up in Morningside, and later moved to North Beach, Maryland. She married the late John David Caspar, Sr. on January 16, 1965 at Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church in Owings. Myra enjoyed crocheting and quilting in her free time, and was a loving mother and grandmother; she cherished the time she spent with her family.

Myra was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 54 years, John, granddaughter Vivian Marie Wood, and sisters-in-law Jeannie Smith, and Gerry "Cookie" Alan. She is survived by her children John D. Caspar, Jr. (Gitget) of Hubert, NC, Brian Kelly Caspar (Kimmy) of Dunkirk, Brenda Lee Burke (John B.) of Prince Frederick and Lynda Lee Wood (Edward A.) of Newport Ritchie, FL. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, as well as her siblings Betty Hyers (Robert) of Harwood, Sarah Ogle (Melvin), Carson Smith, both of Fort Worth, TX, Doris Duvall (Michael) of Lusby, and Henry Smith (Eileen) of Waldorf.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Harriett Yvonne Moran



Harriett Yvonne Moran, 77, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, passed away Monday, May 4, 2020 at South River Health and Rehabilitation Center

in Edgewater where she had resided since 2018. She was born on October 14, 1942 in Prince Frederick to Hugh Stanley and Hazel Marcelas Jackson. Harriett was raised on a thriving tobacco farm in what was once called Lower Marlboro, currently known as Owings, Maryland. She completed high school in her hometown of Prince Frederick, and worked as a Human Resources Secretary for the Calvert County Board of Education, and was later employed at Sears prior to her retirement. Harriett enjoyed her life at her home in Mechanicsville together with her husband, the late Thomas Asbury Moran, with whom she will be laid to rest at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Maryland. She was preceded in death by a son John Adonis Heffernan, and a granddaughter Kristyna Danielle Basham. She is survived by her children Yvonne Linnett Scott, Melissa Dawn Catron, and Jackson Asbury Moran; grandchildren Chrystopher Ray White, Jessica Nicole Perdomo, and Tré Melissa Dannielle Scott, Michael John Stiller, Jennifer René Besio, Cory Lane Basham, and Dustin Moran, Abigail Paige Moran, and Gavin Moran; great-grandchildren Alexander Don White, Caleigh Ray White, Phoenix Cheyenne White, and Londyn Rayne White, Charlotte Anne Stiller, Arielle Jade Besio and Aurora Lily Besio, Kayleigh Amanda Basham, and Darren Lee Anderson, as well as her great-great-grandchild, Rylee Janae White. Harriett is also survived by her sisters Iris Mae King and Carolyn Jackson, and by her brother Hugh Jackson II.

Interment will be at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway,

Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Jeffrey Patrick Cannon



Jeffrey Patrick Cannon, son of Dana Marlene and the late Michael Patrick Cannon, passed away on May 2, 2020, at 31 years old. In addition to his mother, he leaves behind his sisters Mae Elise Cannon, Josie Mae Rigney



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(and her daughter Kayden), and Sara Elizabeth Cannon (and her son Daniel). The services will be open to immediate family only, due to current bans on travel and large gatherings. He will be laid to rest alongside his father, his late brother, Daniel Robert Cannon, and his late cousin, Shana Davis.

Jeffrey's sudden death brings a heartbreaking end to his long battle against mental illness and drug abuse. We are currently working on establishing a fund in his memory to support mental health initiatives in southern Maryland. We request that you please hold off on sending flowers or making any donations in his name for now, so that you can contribute to the fund we are creating. If you are interested, please leave your email address in the comments. We hope the fund will honor Jeffrey's memory and to help others gain access to resources that would help people like him find hope and prevent a similar tragedy. We will update this page as the fund is available and you are able to donate.

Thank you for all of your love and support during such a challenging time.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Russell Alvin Channell



Russell Alvin Channell, 61, of Huntingtown passed away suddenly on May 1, 2020. He was born January 7,

1959 in Alexandria, Virginia to Adolph and Barbara (Pingley) Channell. Russell (Rusty) was the owner and operator of All County Pest Control and a long time employee of Lord Calvert Bowling Center. Rusty was an avid fossil hunter and fisherman, he began walking the shores of the Chesapeake Bay during his youth searching for the perfect arrow head, sharks teeth and fishing off the beach for the big one and he continued to do so until his death.

Rusty is survived by his parents Adolph and Barbara Channell of Beverly, West Virginia, daughter Lacey Brunmeier of Littleton, Colorado, sister Jackie (Hal) Vaughan of Huntingtown, Maryland, aunt Donna Pingley of St. Leonard Maryland, nephew James (Ashley) Whitney of Leonardtown, Maryland, niece Sarah Vaughan (Garrett Hagan) of Huntingtown, Maryland, great nieces Amelia Bell and Ryleigh Hagan and his two long time friends and fishing buddies Dave Andrews and Steve Praino.

One brother Bradley Owen Channell and great nephew James Camden Whitney, maternal grandparents Benjamin "Bud" and Vida Pingley, paternal grandparents Ira Leonard and Bessie Channell precede Rusty in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in his honor to Calvert Marine Museum, P.O. Box 97. Solomons, Maryland 20688; Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter, 5055 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-7387; Link: <https://calvertcountyanimalshelter.com/>

Fire on the beach, feet in the sand, line in the water, drink in hand waiting on the big one until we meet again catching the big one in heaven.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Ella Mae Burtis



Ella Mae Burtis, 82, of Deale, MD passed away May 2, 2020. She was born August 26, 1937 to Frederick R. and Josephine Siegert. Ella was a devout Catholic and member of St. Anthony's Church in North Beach, MD. She loved to crochet and was a person much on the move in the interest of family and others. Ella was a friend to many, and was a most caring presence in the lives of her grandchildren. Her loving generosity, and directness of spirit, will be sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband R.D. Burtis, and a brother Fred Siegert. She is survived by children David Burtis, Donna Newman, and Roy Jeffrey Burtis, and sisters Katherine Tucker and Connie Service, and brothers Peter and Michael Siegert.

Ella, "May the Lord keep you, bless you, and, and make his countenance shine upon you."

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Raleigh W. Courtney, Jr.



Raleigh W. Courtney, Jr. was born in Oxon Hill, MD on August 10, 1938 to the late Raleigh W. Courtney, Sr. and Sarah G. Courtney. He was the only son in the family with three sisters; Betty Overby, Catherine Taylor and Mary (Pat) Finley who all preceded him in death. Raleigh W. Courtney, Jr. married the love of his life Nancy Courtney on February 6, 1965 in a sweet little church in Lignum, VA and was a beloved husband for over 55 years. He was the beloved father of Raleigh W. Courtney III and his wife

Christine Courtney, Nancy K. Snook and her husband Thomas R. Snook, and Patricia A. Karwacki. He also is survived by six loving grandchildren, Ashley M. Dole, David R. Lynn, Zachery H. Courtney, Megan Floria, Tony Floria, Jessica Floria Harper and four adorable great-grandsons, Jackson Dole, Jadon Dole, Jacob Dole and Jace Dole.

Raleigh proudly served in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge in the later part of the 1960's. After serving his country and family, Raleigh began his journey as an entrepreneur. Raleigh had many gifts; some would have said he was a Jack of all trades. I say he was much more. He was a man who could turn trash into a mansion for minus 10 cent! Chew on that for a minute and this is no joke! His main focal point with his life work was to turn houses into beautiful safe homes for families and clients.

In so many cases it looked like he had an extended family as year after year he would share the sweet family stories of how each little one was doing in all the family. Raleigh retired in 2000 and richly enjoyed fishing, crabbing, his church family at Grace Brethren and puppy sitting his best fur buddy Max. He was the best boat Captain a family could have! Raleigh was wise and with the help mate that God created just for him (wife Nancy Lee), year after year they overcame things that people just could not imagine! Raleigh gave his family his entire heart and taught core values by living them; "God's ways are the best way", he said (passed down by his Grandma). God first, family second, work third. Do an A+ job for A+ pay. Listen more than you talk! Walk in love!

In his later days, God was gracious to allow the family and friends time to say goodbye. There were many conversations that were just amazing. He shared that he wished he could have given more to the church. He felt like he had not done enough for God. How there is not enough love in the world. More than anything, he wanted to spend time with you. To sit down and talk about things.

Raleigh was an amazing one of a kind to say the least! He was 81 years old and still cutting the grass on his farm out of state with a push mower last summer! On December 21, 2019 Raleigh experienced what he said felt like an explosion in his head, like someone had shot him (brain bleed). This was the beginning of his last chapter here on earth. His last chapter was a painful journey. As time went on, it was discovered that Raleigh had a brain tumor, lung cancer, liver cancer, and bone cancer. Raleigh talked a lot about one question. "WHERE IS THE LOVE?" Raleigh would talk to everyone in the hospital about how

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good God was and share his testimony with anyone he could get to listen. We should be more like Forest Gump and just share love with the world (Raleigh's words). How can we move towards Love?

Raleigh loved learning. There were always three Bibles and three dictionaries in the house. He would write down words that he did not know and look them up when he got home. There were newspapers all over the house. If you wanted to talk about something and not be judged for it, he was your man. There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Jesus and Raleigh.

Raleigh lived for his family, and he loved you (All of you!). He wanted his wife by his side and his family and friends around him. He would tell you that you could do anything you put your mind to and back you up when you needed it. Over his life there were several get togethers with family and friends. They played music into the night and enjoyed life together.

Raleigh loved the Patuxent River. When the children were younger, Raleigh and Nancy would take them to a place called Town Creek Marina. There was access to fish from the shore. Countless weekends were spent on the banks fishing. Eventually Raleigh and Nancy moved to Southern Calvert County on the river. He felt like he was on a permanent vacation.

Raleigh loved the Lord. Most days if you would bring up a specific scripture, he would know it. Raleigh and Nancy attended Grace Brethren Church in Owings, MD. Most Sunday mornings you would find him there. The only regret he verbalized was that he felt like he should have done more for the church.

Today Raleigh and Jesus are celebrating his welcome home party, as this Christ follower is now home! It began May 6, 2020 when Raleigh peacefully, as he slept, received the gentle touch of Jesus saying come on my friend it is time, your job here is done. "Good Job My Faithful Servant".

Today Raleigh would like to extend to all people an invitation to love! 1Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice at wrongdoings but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

If you were to call Raleigh on the phone and say you wanted to see him, he would respond "Come see me". It really didn't matter what was going on. Once you were there it was difficult to leave. He would say things like "Where are you going"? You do not

have anything to do. Stay for awhile. If you could call him now, he would say the same thing. Come visit me in Heaven. Make sure you come now!

Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior so you can visit in the future.

Services will be private. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

### Frank John Gerred



Frank John Gerred, 83, of Lusby, MD passed away on May 5, 2020 at Washington Hospital Center.

Born January 14, 1937 in Standard, AZ, he was the son of the late Don Luther Gerred and Edna May (Collins) Gerred. Frank graduated from University High School in 1955 and received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). He was a Planning Consultant for SMECO. Frank was a member of the Solomons Yacht Club and he enjoyed sailing and model boat building.

Frank is survived by his wife, Rita (Connors) Gerred; his children, Stacey Gerred and Bruce Hudson of Summerville, SC, Frank D. Gerred of St. Albans, VT, Don and Lori Gerred of Cincinnati, OH, Julie Marble and Nicolas Roussel of Rockville, MD, James and Tammy Butler of Herndon, VA and Christine and Greg Yates of Apex, NC; fifteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother, William Gerred of Southampton, PA. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald L. Gerred; and sister, Elinor Howell.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date to be determined.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

### Sanford "Dick" Brooks

Sanford "Dick" Brooks, 93, of Leonardtown, MD passed away at St. Mary's Hospice on May 8th, 2020, of natural causes. He was born on March 13, 1927, in Washington, D.C. and was the son of the late Sanford Erman Brooks, Sr. and the late Lilly Sparshott Brooks and brother of the late Erma Brooks Henry. Sanford is survived by his wife, Mary Newheiser



Brooks; son, Sanford Erman Brooks, III (Joan) of Mechanicsville, MD; son, Patrick Cullen Brooks of Hollywood, MD; son, Frank Edward Brooks (Debbie) of Mechanicsville, MD; daughter, Anne Brooks Quinn (Daniel) of Silver Spring, MD; daughter, Claire Brooks (Kent Buckham) of Hughesville, MD; and daughter, Ellen Brooks Marra (Dennis) of Mechanicsville, MD. Fourteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren also survive him.

Sanford attended Woodrow Wilson High School, graduating in 1945. He then served in the U.S. Army in Europe for two years and received an honorable discharge in February 1947. He began working for Pepco in May 1948. On October 16, 1948, he married the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth Newheiser, also of Washington, D.C. Together they had six children; first three boys, then three girls; and enjoyed over 71 years of marriage.

Initially, Sanford worked as an operator for Pepco at Benning Generating Station in Washington, D.C. In 1964, he was promoted to Shift Supervisor for the start up of the Chalk Point generating station in Aquasco, MD, and the family moved from College Park, MD, to Waldorf, MD. He was later promoted to Plant Manager and served at Buzzard Point, Chalk Point, and Morgantown generating stations. He retired in 1989 as Pepco's Manager of Production Operations in Washington, D.C. He enjoyed his 41-year career with Pepco and often returned for annual staff picnics.

In 1995, Sanford and Mary moved to Leonardtown, MD, where they were both active in the Republican Party of Southern Maryland. In 2001, he received the Man of the Year award for his dedication to the organization. For many years, he served as Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus at St. Francis Xavier Parish. He continued to stay active in his community by cutting grass at St. Francis and often volunteered to help with church functions.

When he wasn't working at Pepco, volunteering, or working in his yard, Sanford loved the water and enjoyed fishing, swimming, sailing, boating, and spending time with his many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

As an expression of sympathy, the

family has designated Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown MD 20650 or the Alzheimer's Association for memorial contributions.

### Tammy Sue (Reece) Bowen



Tammy Sue (Reece) Bowen, age 52, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital Leonardtown, MD. She was born on August 8, 1967 in Leonardtown, MD and was the daughter of the late Robert L. Reece, Sr. and Shirley M. Reece (Corbin-Pulliam).

Tammy was a loving mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She had a vibrant personality, loved to love and most of all cherished being with her family. Her sons Preston and Justin, were the greatest joy in her life, and her smile will be irreplaceable. She never met a "stranger" and was easy to make a friend wherever she went.

Those who knew Tammy, loved her instantly. She had a big heart and touched so many of us with a lasting impression that will never be forgotten. She was an extraordinary and one-of-a-kind person; loved by everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. It was a great honor to have her as part of our lives; words cannot express how much she was loved and how much she will be missed. We know that everyone who knew her will forever have a place in their hearts for the goodness and kindness she brought. This will forever be treasured. "To live in the hearts, we leave behind is not to die." Thomas Campbell.

Tammy, born and raised in St. Mary's County, MD was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, having cookouts and sharing dinner with family and friends. She enjoyed picking crabs, preparing homemade crab cakes, and other local favorites with family recipes. She loved everything about the outdoors, yard sales, fishing, crabbing, camping or just hanging out at the beach. Tammy attended Leonardtown High School, owned and operated a cleaning business. In her spare time, she loved to create beautiful flower arrangements and centerpieces.

Tammy is survived by her son Justin Bowen. In addition, she is survived by five siblings; Robert Reece, Jr. (Sandy)



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of Mechanicsville, MD; Tommy Reece (Betty Lou) of Lexington Park, MD; Scott (Scottie) Reece of Lexington Park, MD; Lisa Raley (Tom) of Park Hall, MD; Brian "Scooter" Corbin (Marie) of Leonardtown, MD. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and 2 very dear friends, Louise Goddard and Ray Yarber. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Preston A. Bowen.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Serving as pallbearers will be Brandon Reece, Katie Corbin, Kayla Corbin, Erica Reece, Hannah Reece, and Alex Reece. Honorary pallbearers Robin Reece, Jordan Raley, Thomas Raley, Jr, Lacy Raley, Kara Corbin, Kacie Corbin, Landon Stone, and Robert Stone.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to assist with funeral expenses. Please contact the funeral home.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com)

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

### Anna Marie Quade

Anna Marie Quade, 78, of Leonar-



dtown, MD passed away on May 6, 2020. She was born on April 16, 1942, in Leonardtown, MD and was the daughter of the late Joseph Stanley and Ethel Florine Wright Williams. Anna Marie was married to Stephen "Bernie" Quade, Sr in Immaculate Conception Church located in Mechanicsville, MD on July 11, 1959. Bernie passed on September 7, 2018.

Children: Steve (Lisa) Quade of Valley Lee, MD, Tim (Laurie) Quade of Dameron, MD, Tony (Bonnie) Quade of Abell, MD, Dana (Tracy) Quade of Mechanicsville, MD and Corey (Tammy) Quade of Mechanicsville, MD.

Grandchildren: Bryan McWilliams, Jamie, TJ, Jonathon, Andrew, Anthony, Matthew, Nicolas, Stephen, Haley

and Emily Quade.

Great Grandchildren: Layla Ratliff, Mackenzie Harding, Jamie, Wesley, Emma, Charlie, Hank, Logan, Brooklynn, Brett, Spencer & Haven Quade.

Siblings: Doris Heard of Florida, Leroy (Margaret) Williams of Bushwood, MD, Helen Bowling of LaPlata, MD, Faye Gatton of Leonardtown, MD, Nancy (Alvin) Kraugh of Heathsville, VA and sister-in-laws Eleanor Williams of Hughesville, MD, Linda Williams of Loveville, MD, MaryAnn Williams of Avenue, MD. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her siblings, James, Raymond, Stanley Williams and brothers-in-laws John Heard, Buddy Bowling and Jimmy Gatton.

She was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. Worked for the County Schools as a bus driver before starting work for St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD for 26 years before retiring in 2007.

Anna Marie was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins and the Washington Nationals. She absolutely LOVED spending time with her family and friends camping, travelling to Williamsburg with her sisters and enjoying the Williams family Christmas parties every year.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time. Pallbearers will be Jamie, Anthony, Jonathon, Matthew, T.J. & Nicolas Quade. Honorary Pallbearers will be Steven, Andrew, Haley & Emily Quade.

### Henry Alan Brown



Henry Alan Brown, 69, of Callaway, MD formerly from Valley Lee, MD passed away on May 4, 2020 in Charlotte Hall, MD. He was born on October 26, 1950 in Leonardtown, MD and was the loving son of the late Gertrude L. Arnold Brown and Royal K. Brown. Alan is survived by his sister Trudy Dartouzos and, and his nephew Daemon Dartouzos of Leonardtown, MD. He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident.

He graduated from Suitland High School and attended college for 2 years. Alan served in the United States Marines from September 1, 1971 to December 12, 1976.

He was a Technician for the Smithsonian for 28 years. His hobbies included teaching, swing dancing, at the Recreation Departments in Calvert County, MD, St. Mary's County, MD, and College of Southern Maryland.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

### Eleanora Ellis Johnson



Eleanora Ellis Johnson, 86, of Abell, MD passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at her home with her loving husband of 68 years and family by her side. Born February 20, 1934 in Abell, MD. She was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Esther L. Ellis. She was the wife of Charles A. Johnson, whom she married April 26, 1952 in Holy Angels Catholic Church Avenue, MD. She was the mother of Teenie Hayden (Mike) of Avenue, MD, and her only grandson, Ellis M. Hayden of Avenue, MD. She was preceded in death by her sisters June L. Owens (Irving) of Abell, MD and Irene E. Mattingly (Louis B) of Abell, MD.

Eleanora was a life long resident of St. Mary's County, MD. She had many hobbies, but she mostly enjoyed crabbing around the shore in the summer, taking pictures, making scrap books, talking with her nieces and nephews. Eleanora raised and cut her own tobacco. She loved to do crafts, ceramics, and shop with her daughter till she dropped. She also worked at Chopticon High School and Dynard Elementary School as a cafeteria worker for many years.

Ellis, her grandson, was the love of her life. She enjoyed spending every minute of every day with him.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time. Serving as pallbearers will be Bernie Owens, Don Owens, Charles Mattingly, Sr., Robert Cross, Ronnie Mattingly, and Charles Mattingly, Jr.

All contributions may be made to the 7th. District Volunteer Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

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Lewis Benjamin Quade, Sr., "Buck", 93 of Oakley, MD passed away on May 3, 2020 at his home. He was born on August 20, 1926 in Oakley, MD, he was the son of the late Rose Farrell Quade and Bruce J. Quade. Buck was the loving husband of the late Betty Lee Quade, whom he married on December 18, 1949 in Leonardtown, MD and who preceded him in death on June 15, 2019. Buck is survived by his children Pearl King of Owings, Rosalie Demko (Jimmy) of Lexington Park, MD, Betty Knott (James) of Leonardtown, MD, Lewis Quade (Kim) of Clements, MD, Tammy Yates (Timmy) of Clements, MD, 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. As well as his sister Rosalie Thompson. He was preceded in death by his children John Quade, and Tina Munroe, siblings Johnson Bruce Quade, James Leonard Quade, and Charles Truman Quade.

Buck was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. He was an equipment operator for the Maryland State Highway Administration for 38 years, retiring in August of 1988.

Buck served in the United States Army during World War II from 1945 to 1947, while serving in the US Army he earned the Fidelity Efficient Honor, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

He was a member of the American Legion, and Knights of Columbus. Buck loved playing cards, bingo, fishing and being with family.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time. Serving as pallbearers will be Timmy Yates, Benji Quade, Clyde Farrell, and Michael Quade.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 65 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

### *Joseph William Buckler, Sr.*

Joseph William Buckler, Sr. of Mechanicsville, MD passed away unexpectedly at his home on May 7, 2020. Joe was born on December 20, 1949 in LaPlata MD, to the late Earl Thomas Buckler and the late June Lorraine



Keech Buckler. He was raised on their farm in Aquasco, MD.

In 1968, Joe graduated from Gwynn Park High School where he was a member of the FFA. The following year, he joined the DC Air National Guard. He was stationed at Andrews Airforce Base, where he served honorably as an aircraft mechanic with the 113 Squadron until 1975. In 1970, Joe began working for Pepco at Chalk Point as a mechanic. He remained with the company for 43 years, until his retirement in 2013. Joe was a member of the I.B.E.W Local 1900 and the Thomas J. Shryock Masonic Lodge in Hollywood, MD.

Joe, affectionately known to many as "Frog", was an avid outdoorsman and photographer. Some of his favorite activities included hunting, fishing and gardening. He could often be found hauling crab seines, running trout lines or fishing at the plant. A bad day in a blind or on the river was still a good day. Many of his adventures were captured on film with multiple duplicates to share. At any family event, he would be behind the camera with a grin, capturing countless memories.

Family was another strong passion of Joe's. Joe was married from 1973 until 2001. Although the marriage ended, he still considered many of his in-laws family. Many spring days were spent in the garden with his late father-in-law Lawrence. When not at his own home, he could be found at his daughter's house, where many laughs and stories were shared on the porch over crabs, his pack of Redman on the table. His dedication and presence in the lives of his children and grandchildren were too great for words. His love of children was infinite and he was the adopted "Pop" or "Pop Joe" to many. Joe spent his entire life demonstrating hard work and dedication to not just his family but to anyone he could. He was known for his generosity and willingness to help others. These traits he passes on to his children and grandchildren.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughter Holly Buckler of Mechanicsville, MD, grandchildren Brittany Buckler-Hoffmaster and Jacob Hoffmaster of Aylett, VA, Corey J. Buckler, James "JD" Buckler and Ryan Buckler-Long of Mechanicsville, MD. He is survived by his sisters Virginia

"Ginny" Cameron of Huntingtown, MD, Earline Santino of West Chesterfield, NH, Theresa Smoot of Souix Falls, SD, brother David Buckler of Aquasco, MD, sisters-in-law Melody Lacey of Charlotte Hall, MD, Jill Potts of Chaptico MD and Anita Gail Lacey of Mechanicsville, MD.

He is preceded in death by his parents Earl Thomas Buckler and June Keech Buckler, son Joseph "Joey" William Buckler, Jr., sister Margaret "T.P." Tincer mother and father-in-law Lawrence and Margret Lacey, and brother-in-law Glenn Lacey Sr. He is also preceded by Mary Agnes "Nanny" Williams, who held a special place in his heart.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home in Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

### *John Nolan "Dollar Johnny" Gardiner*



John Nolan "Dollar Johnny" Gardiner, Sr., 61, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2020 unexpectedly at his home.

He was born on October 11, 1958 in Maryland to the late Edward White Gardiner and Doris (Thompson) Gardiner.

John met the love of his life and best friend, Tracy Tayman in 1984 and together they celebrated over thirty-

four (34) years of blissful marriage. John was never as happy as the day he changed Tracy's last name to Gardiner. Their love set a strong foundation for the three (3) kind and wonderful children they raised together.

John was a hardworking farmer who believed in a good day's work. He loved God, his family and a peaceful day with bright sunshine and plentiful crops. He grew fruits and vegetables and would go to the Farmer's Market to sell his produce. He was known for the quality of his produce and the smile he happily delivered to each customer.

A man's legacy is based on the memories he leaves behind. John will be known as a loving husband to his beautiful wife, whom he loved spending every day beside. A wonderful father with life lessons engrained in his children and then children-in-law. A devoted and doting grandfather who loved to play and be surrounded by his grandchildren. He was a brother who could always be counted on to be right by your side; a friend who would give you the shirt off his back and a child of God. If love could keep you here, John would not have entered the heavenly gates so soon, but alas he has left us here to mourn our loss of a great man, who changed the lives of all he knew.

John is survived by his wife, Tracy Ann Gardiner of Mechanicsville, MD; children, John Nolan Gardiner, Jr. (Christina) of Mechanicsville, MD, Edward Ralph Gardiner of Mechanicsville, MD and Ashley Marie Dunston (Dale) of Hughesville, MD; and six (6) grandchildren, Amara, Dale (Bae), Alaina, Liliana, Hannah and Emilia. He is also survived by siblings, Edward "Bubby" Gardiner (Diane) of Hollywood, MD, David Gardiner (Sandy) of Mechanicsville, MD, William "Perky" Gardiner of Fort Meyers, FL, Doris Bradburn (Leo) of Hollywood, MD, Beverly Long (Dwight) of Chaptico, MD and Edie Kans (Ronnie) of LaPlata, MD. John was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Doris Gardiner.

At this time all services will be for

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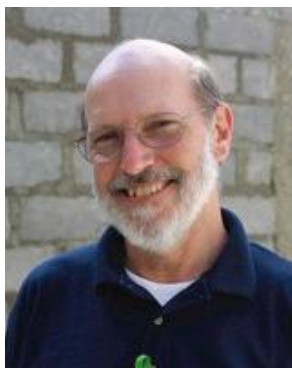
## In Remembrance

immediate family only, with a live stream being made public and available at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com) on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

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

### Michael Lee Shores



Michael Lee Shores was born on Saturday, November 27th, 1954 in Oakland, California to Roy Lee Shores and Loretta Marie Shores (Junkin). After his first four years living in the Bay Area, his family moved to Seattle, Washington, where he grew up as an only child living in the West Seattle area. Michael's years growing up were filled with weekends and vacations of fishing, hunting, waterskiing, camping, and flying.

Michael learned to fly in the family Cessna 170, soloing in poor Seattle area weather conditions on the morning of his 16th birthday. Then on that same afternoon, he successfully passed the test for his driver's license. On his 17th birthday, in similar poor weather, he passed his Private Pilot flight test. Throughout his teen and early adult years, Michael had the opportunity to fly many different antique, classic, and custom-built aircraft across much of the central and western US. While in high school and college, he and his father built a VW powered Formula-Vee single-place racing aircraft, with its first flight in the spring of 1977. They also had a business building custom wood aircraft propellers.

After graduating from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Physics, in 1977, Michael began his career the next day at the Boeing Metrology Laboratory, in Seattle. Metrology, for those who are not familiar with the term, is the science of measurements. Throughout the next 20+ years, Michael became known worldwide for his engineering contribution towards making more accurate air data (airspeed and altitude) measurements. NAVAIR is still benefiting from his specific work, even to this day. As a result of his broad accomplishments at Boeing, Michael

was awarded a Technical Fellowship position.

In 1989, as Michael and his late-wife, Debbie, were building their family through adoption, they founded a non-profit adoption organization, Friends in Adoption, to provide information, networking, and encouragement to other families navigating through the adoption processes in the Seattle area. They became widely known as adoption advocates by adoption caseworkers, state foster care caseworkers, and adoption attorneys throughout the Western Washington area.

After Michael and Sheree were married, on September 16th, 2000, they blended their two families together, building a new home in Eugene, Oregon, with Michael beginning a new career as an InkJet product engineer at Hewlett Packard. The next several years were filled with raising children, enjoying western Oregon activities, following Oregon Duck football, and driving his 1987 Porsche Carrera coupe on the country backroads.

Another career change, back into the field of metrology in 2007, took Michael to Boston Scientific Interventional Cardiology, near Minneapolis, Minnesota, and then a few months later to Southern Maryland, and to the Department of Defense, working in the NAVAIR METCAL Program Office at NAS Patuxent River. In February 2020, Michael retired from the DoD.

In 2010, following the devastating Haitian earthquake, Michael and his wife, Sheree, founded a Christian school located in a very poor rural village in Northwest Haiti, and launched Northwest Haiti Ministries, which has been a major focus of their lives since then. Over the years, the ministry has become self-sustaining, with many wonderful volunteers and supporting donors, and in his final years Michael has handed over the leadership into very capable hands for the future.

In his final years, Michael also greatly enjoyed fellowship with many friends at Faith Bible Church, as well as leading Bible studies and teaching.

While all of the above are some interesting details of Michael's life, the most important detail is that God captured Michael's attention in the Spring of 1993 and saved him. On that Sunday morning, the trajectory and focus of Michael's life changed. He began on a journey, over the next 27 years, to ever-increasingly grow in the love of and service to his Lord and Savior Jesus. And, in the end, he was definitely looking forward to the next phase of his life, living in eternity with his God.

Michael is survived by his wife, Sheree; a daughter, Becky, her husband, Colin, and their children, Hadley and Camden, of Boerne, TX; a daughter, Jessica, her husband, A.J., and their children, Lincoln and Parker, of King City, OR; a daughter, Katie, of Boca Raton, FL; a daughter, Lindsey,

and her husband, Colin, of Portland, OR; a son, Jeff, his wife, Rebecca, and their children, Julia and James, of Bothell, WA; a daughter, Marcy, of San Diego, CA; a son, Matthew, of Eugene, OR; a son, Casey, of Hagerstown, MD; a son, Alex, of Lexington Park, MD; a son, Tim, and his wife, Mia, of Lexington Park, MD; and a son, Jeremy, of Lexington Park, MD.

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Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Ryan Christopher Gould



Ryan Christopher Gould, 35, of Great Mills, MD departed this life on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at his home.

He was born on December 19, 1984 in Mons, Belgium to the late Keith W. Gould and Karen D. (Oliver) Gould of Hollywood, MD.

Ryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in August of 2002. He was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and fought in the Battle of Fallujah in November of 2004. Ryan was honorably discharged in 2006. Afterwards he enrolled at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD and became certified as an HVAC service technician. He proceeded to work in the HVAC field for 10 years.

In October 8, 2011, Ryan married his wife Becky Lynn at Greenwell State Park in Hollywood, Maryland. They went on to have two beautiful children.

Ryan was known for his great sense of humor. He would always put a smile on anyone's face with his jokes and funny voices. One of his greatest passions was motorcycles. He loved to ride and spend time working on his bike. He also and most importantly loved spending time with his wife and children.

He is survived by his loving wife, Becky Gould; his daughter, Adalynn Cecilia Gould; his son, Patrick Thomas Gould; his stepdaughter, Lily Anna Lonkert; his mother, Karen Gould; his brother, Shawn Gould (Lisa), and his grandmother, Arabelle Oliver. He was preceded in death by his father, Keith and grandfather, Robert Oliver.

All services are private at this time. Interment will be held at Mary-

land Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### Daniel Paul Davis



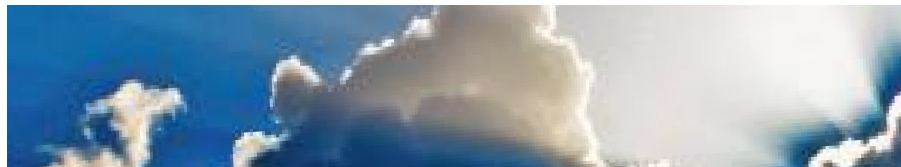
Daniel Paul Davis, 46, of Great Mills, MD passed away on May 2, 2020 at home with his loving family by his side.

He was born on April 10, 1974 in Philadelphia, PA, and was a 1993 graduate of Salem High School in Virginia Beach, VA. He was employed by NAWCAD on NAS Patuxent River as a dedicated, detail oriented, multi-platform Information Systems Security Officer for the Federal Government. On June 4, 2005, he married his beloved wife, Kelly Ann (née Bahr) Davis at St. Nicholas Church in Patuxent River, MD.

Daniel was well known for his sense of humor, quick wit, engaging smile and friendly nature. He enjoyed playing hockey and being a competitive goalie on the Leonard Hall Recreation League. He was an avid sports fan of the Philadelphia Flyers, Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia Phillies. Daniel was a connoisseur of cigars and bourbon. His other hobbies included playing guitar, bowling, cycling, boating and camping with family and friends. Daniel always looked forward to getting away for the weekend to relax with campfires and movies. His favorite movies were Top Gun and Ghostbusters. The man knew his movie quotes! His greatest love was for his family. It didn't matter where they were or what they were doing as long as they were together. Family meant everything to Daniel, especially spending time with his son, Sean Patrick Davis. He always spoke of how proud he was of his son's accomplishments in bowling and in school.

In addition to his wife and son, he is also survived by his parents, Harry and Nannette (née Auman) Davis of Ephrata, PA; his siblings, Caitlin Salemi (Nick) of Rochester, NY, and Glenn Davis of San Diego, CA; his in-laws, Charles and Sharon Bahr of St. Augustine, FL; his brother-in-law,





Charlie Bahr (Lauren) of Huntington, MD; his nieces and nephews, Liam Salemi and Emerson Salemi of Rochester, NY, Briana Bahr of Frederick, VA, and Charlie Bahr of Huntington, MD; and many extended family and friends.

At Daniel's request, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made in Daniel's name to The Ruesch Center for the Cure of Gastrointestinal Cancers at <https://ruesch.georgetown.edu/gift/>

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### Donna Rae Rhodes



Daughter of Donald and Ruth Brickley of Pennsylvania. She was married on November 17th 1960 to Raymond L Rhodes Jr.

Donna attended Southern Maryland Bible Church. She was a retired office worker and book keeper. She enjoyed working with children teaching Sunday school, crocheting and crossword puzzles. In her younger years she loved traveling and camping.

She is preceded in death by Husband Raymond Rhodes and Sisters Dorothy Stewart, Linda Caswell and Dora Brickley.

Donna is survived by Sons Raymond and fiancé' Debbie and Randall and wife Kim, Sister June and husband Jack Eckenrode and Sister in law Sandra Westenkirchner.

She is also survived by Granddaughters Brittany and Husband Ben Oliver and Rebecca Rhodes, Goddaughters Tiffany McFarland and Penny Howell, Great Grandsons Jace Oliver and Bennet McFarland, Step Great Grandchildren Blake, Cole and Emily Oliver and many Nieces and Nephews.

All services will be private.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### Theresa Ellen Boxwell

Theresa Ellen Boxwell, 91, of Dameron, MD, passed away on May 2,



2020 at her residence.

She was born on November 6, 1928 in Baltimore, MD, to the late Harry O. Eaves and Agnes Jeannette Dorsey Eaves.

Theresa married her beloved husband LCDR William Robert "Bill" Boxwell, USN (Ret) on June 11, 1949 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea. Together they celebrated 67 years of marriage, before his passing in 2017. During her first 21 years of marriage, she raised five children on six different Navy bases from Key West to Newport, Rhode Island. After their retirement they moved to St. Mary's County. She was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church where she sang in the choir, volunteered in the school library, worked at church dinners, and served at the senior citizen's dinners into her late 70's. She enjoyed traveling, visiting all 50 states, the Caribbean, the Galapagos, Peru, Greece, Australia and New Zealand. Theresa worked as an EMT and was the Secretary for the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad. She also volunteered at Birth Right helping young pregnant women. She enjoyed spending time crabbing, playing bridge, and sailing with her husband. Her greatest love was for her family. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, David Boxwell (Imelda) of Lexington Park, MD, Jean Ochrcin of St. Inigo, MD, Robert Boxwell (Joanne) of Lusby, MD, Edward Bowell (Anna) of Grand Junction, CO, and James Boxwell (Debra) of Ashburn, VA; her grandchildren, Michael Henry, Katie Varga, Peter Boxwell, Rachel Boxwell and Joey Virgalla, and her great-grandchildren Cooper Varga and Harrison Varga. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her brothers Robert Eaves and Edward Eaves.

All Services are private.

Donations may be made to The Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680.

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## WHAT IS A REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST?

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Lynda J. Striegel

Having spoken and written about revocable living trusts for years, and having prepared hundreds of them, I often assume people know why they are used and how they work. I was reminded recently that my assumption is incorrect.

A revocable living trust has the primary goal of avoiding the probate process. To understand why a revocable living trust is used, you have to understand probate.

When you die, if you hold property in your sole name, whether it is real estate, bank accounts or brokerage accounts, the only way that property can be given to your loved ones is through the probate process. Probate is an administrative function supervised by the Register of Wills in the county and, in the event of litigation, by the Orphan's Court for the county. If you own real estate in Maryland and in Florida in your sole name, two probate proceedings in two States are necessary to transfer the property to loved ones.

The probate rules require that in a standard estate proceeding, any creditors are given six months to claim against an estate. This means that probates ordinarily take between 8-12 months to complete. Often, the probate process is much longer, usually due to family disputes over property. Unfortunately, such disputes are all too common. The probate process is public. This means that all of the filings made in the probate of an estate, such as the inventory of estate assets and records of liabilities, are available to the public, including any relatives of the deceased who may want to challenge the will or any filings.

Ordinarily, the Personal Representative (PR) named in a person's will to handle the probate process seeks the advice of an attorney to make the proper filings. The maximum commissions that a Personal Representative (or Attorney hired by the PR) can charge the estate for services is approximately 3.6% of the estate assets. Usually, the PR pays that fee to the attorney to prepare the filings that the PR signs. So, if the probate assets amount to \$1 million, the legal fee can be estimated at \$36,000. That money comes out of the estate and the pockets of the beneficiaries. Court approval of legal fees is required.

To sum up, the probate process is long at between 8-12 months, it is public and it can be expensive.

The alternative to probate is the revocable living trust. Why? Because when a living trust is created and funded, all the assets of a person are re-titled into the name of the trust so that there are no assets held in sole name when the person dies. Therefore, no probate.

The person creating the trust becomes the Grantor of the trust, meaning they contribute their property to the trust. Ordinarily that same person is also the Trustee of the trust, meaning they have the power to use all the assets of the trust. In the trust, the Grantors designate a Successor Trustee to act if the Trustee cannot do so. Most often, the Successor Trustee is also the beneficiary of the trust. The trust that is created uses the same social security number as the Grantor of the trust. In a real sense, the living trust becomes the alter ego of the Grantor. The Grantor still uses his or her property in any way he or she chooses. The Grantor can buy or sell real estate held in the name of his or her trust in the same way he or she can if the real estate were not in the name of the trust.

Because the assets of the person are placed into the name of the trust, they are no longer held in sole name and therefore, on death, there is no need for probate. Upon the death of the Grantor/Trustee, the assets in the trust immediately pass to the care of the Successor Trustee whose job it is to follow the terms of the trust and distribute them to the beneficiaries.

With no probate process, assets pass immediately to beneficiaries on death and there are no legal or other fees involved. In addition, living trusts are private, not public.

Why doesn't everyone use a living trust? Primarily because people do not understand what a living trust is. I call it the "last act of love and affection you can give to your loved ones." Why? Because it makes it easy on the beneficiaries when you die. With a living trust, there is virtually nothing the beneficiaries need to do after a death. No probate, no filings, no legal fees, no public scrutiny, no court supervision. At a time when you hope your loved ones are mourning your death, they will not be faced with the added burden of going through the probate process.

Additionally, the legal costs involved in creating and, most importantly, funding the living trust are more expensive than the legal costs involved in creating a will and for that reason, some people opt to use a will. Why is it more expensive to create a living trust than a will? If you have a will, you will see language in the will relating to disposing of any property held by the deceased, real or personal. No property is usually identified in the will. When the person dies, the PR and beneficiaries have the burden of figuring out what property the deceased owned in sole name that has to go through the probate process. Unless the deceased has left their affairs very well organized, this process itself can be a great burden on the beneficiaries.

The approach to a living trust is much different. When a person goes to an attorney to set up a living trust, that attorney must inquire into all assets held by the person. Every asset is discussed and a strategy to place each and every asset into the name of the trust is then used. A revocable living trust is absolutely useless to avoid probate if it is not properly funded. That means, once the trust is completed, all assets must end up in the name of the trust. Remember, if no assets are held in sole name when you die, there is no probate. In addition, to ensure that Grantors are always protected, regular reviews of the trust and the assets are necessary. As I tell my clients, once you have your living trust set up, you will no longer buy or hold any important assets in your sole name. All assets will be held in the name of the trust.

Proper funding of the trust is critical. For example, if a person owns a house in his or her sole name, a deed must be prepared to deed the property into the name of the person's trust. There are no transfer taxes or recording fees applicable to transferring a piece of real estate into a revocable living trust. That's because the trust is "revocable" meaning the Grantor can alter, amend or terminate the trust at any time. This is completely different from an irrevocable trust where no changes can be made and the property placed into the trust by the Grantor is literally given away and cannot be recovered.

If a person has a savings account in his or her sole name, the bank must be contacted to transfer that account into an account in the name of the trust, and so on. Every asset is checked and double checked and different strategies are used for different assets. The process is time intensive for the attorney and support staff and therefore costs more in legal fees than a will.

By the way, never pay for a living trust that does not include the funding of the trust. If you, as a client, are required to complete all of the forms and actions necessary to transfer assets into the trust, chances are you will not follow-up and, without proper funding the trust, the trust will be useless to avoid probate and you will be wasting your money.

There is so much more to say about living trusts. For more information, go to my website at [www.legalstriegel.com](http://www.legalstriegel.com) or use the internet to educate yourself about "revocable living trusts". The best approach all of us can take to protect ourselves is to educate ourselves.

Remember our homeless neighbors during this time. Make a donation to PROJECT ECHO, the homeless shelter in Prince Frederick. Go to [www.projectecho.com](http://www.projectecho.com) Thank you.



# *A View From The* **BLEACHERS**

## **Magic Forkball**

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
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You know the drill by now, fellow bleacher bums. The first order of business is a quarantine check.

It has been 64 days since the NBA suspended its season, 63 days since schools closed temporarily and eight days since they shuttered for the year. Got Zoom? We should be sitting in these cheap seats to together, just inches much less six feet apart, discussing the start of the NFL's minicamps and getting increasingly amped for the Capitals' push to another Stanley Cup. Instead we are lamenting the recent cancellation of the Little League World Series, an event where kids from around the world teach us how a common love and a shared experience can trivialize divides in nationality, language, race, religion and any other barrier cooked up by the simple-minded, cynical and generally flawed adult world.

This all stinks, of course, but isolation, facemasks, social distancing and cancelled sporting events save lives and lighten the load on health care workers – so it's a small price to pay. A very small price. For the patriot readers, if George Washington or Patrick Henry were alive today, they would be sacrificing for their fellow Americans. For the Christian readers, Jesus would be masked up and all about touch-free takeout, at least when not giving virtual sermons. For everyone, included in those groups or not, just be a good human. Our wellness is now very much intertwined.

Roy Face and Washington baseball are also connected. Face pitched 16 seasons in the major leagues from 1953-1969, with all but one being with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Face was traded during the 1968 season to Detroit, where he stayed long enough to have a cup of coffee. He finished his career the next season with the newly established Montreal Expos, the franchise that ultimately moved south some 35 years later and are now our WORLD CHAMPION Washington Nationals (nope, never gets old).

Embarrassing admission: Despite owning a version of "Total Baseball: The Ultimate Baseball Encyclopedia" for over 25 years, I had never heard of Face until a recent

ESPN article by David Schoenfield chronicled his 18-1 record in 1959 – a major-league record .947 winning percentage. Further research revealed Face was far from a one-season wonder. From 1958-1962, Face led the majors in saves four times and saved three World Series games in 1960, a feat since tied several times and bested only by John Wetteland's four saves in 1996. But neither Wetteland nor the five other pitchers with three saves pitched more than the 10.1 innings Face did in the Pirates' 1960 Fall Classic victory over the New York Yankees.

Face wasn't done setting records or with Washington sports. Over all those seasons in Pittsburgh, Face took the mound 807 times for the Pirates, tying the then record for most appearances by a pitcher with a single club. Whose record did he equal? Washington Senators pitcher and all-time baseball legend Walter Johnson, of course. You can't make this stuff up.

Roy Face, who was all of 5'8" and 155lbs, managed this long, notable major league career because he found his magic trick. See, Face threw a forkball, something of a split-fingered fastball and quite the novelty for his era. How fabulous. Isn't that what we're all doing in life – hunting for what makes us unique? Foraging for a sustaining force? Scrambling for something that sets us apart? Searching for our version of a magic forkball? It could be a skill that starts a career, a calling that provides lifelong inspiration, a friendship that develops into a business partnership or an innocent spark that leads to a relationship, love, a family and contentment. More broadly, it could be a magic elixir that solves one of society's "isms" or "phobias," the recent rise in divisive tribalism, wealth inequality or an existential threat like climate change. Or it could even be a pertinent discovery that overcomes an incredible challenge faced in a specific moment in history – something like a vaccine for an evil, pervasive virus sweeping the globe, suspending personal liberties and creating uncertainty, fear and heartache. Yeah, give me...give us all...a magic forkball like that.

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# Wanderings

*of an* Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## What Will I Find Today?



I am finding things during this time at home that I don't even remember losing. My goal the last two weeks has been to get past the everyday cleaning and tackle those areas that you see everyday but don't really see at all. For instance, over three years ago when Mindy was a hyperactive puppy, I hid one of those big red balls that horses play with because it was the middle of the night and she wouldn't stop playing with it. Then I went back to sleep. I actually must have been asleep when I hid it because I didn't find the ball again until yesterday.

Over the last few years, I have torn this house apart looking for that big red ball, so in my current quest of unearthing the unknown, I thought I would pull out the 1940s table/nightstand wedged between our bed and the wall. This is no small task. Yes, I realize I have not moved the table in a few years and the dust bunnies were now likely dust tigers. And what to my wondering eyes should appear but the huge red ball, along with several chap sticks and a missing slipper all guarded by the menacing dust tigers. I can't tell you how excited I was, and you can imagine how excited Mindy was to find her ball with tiny puppy teeth marks all over it. Of course, since the loss of the original ball I had gone back a year or so ago and purchased a new big red ball from Loveville Leather and pet supplies since this was the only type of ball she couldn't pop in seconds. Mindy never even played with the replacement ball and it still sits in what once was a garden of mint now taken over by poison ivy. And there it will stay.

I love going to Loveville Leather. They have the greatest treats, toys, and food for dogs and horses. I also purchased some cute homemade masks there as well. The owner and all who work there are quick to help and quick to smile – shopping local at its best.

The next unearthing quest is

looking to be some bins on top of the refrigerator in the laundry room that I have not looked in since I closed my frame shop in Leonardtown. I think I will tackle those later today – no idea what I may find. I am sure it will be something I needed and already went out and bought again. Since I am short, I rarely look up on top of refrigerators, and therefore the bins are out of sight out of mind – just like the dust on top of the refrigerator upstairs. If I can't see it, it simply doesn't exist.

And the scariest unearthing task ahead will be the Rubbermaid boxes of photos and memorabilia from my younger years, and the growing up years of my sons. The boxes are stacked about five feet high in the guest room closet. That will be a month's long task – maybe a lot longer. Back when I use to pick up my pack of photos from Peoples Drug store, then later CVS, I ordered doubles of all the prints to give to family and friends in the photos. Did I always get those extra photos to the recipients? No. So that means much weeding needs to be done, and the worst part is then they will eventually all have to be scanned into the computer. Not all of them maybe, but important photographic memories at least.

After that I don't know which unearthing organizing project will be left. These are usually done in the morning with a cup of tea and while listening to the news. That normally gives me two hours and gets me revved up for the rest of the day. Something small to accomplish each day is good for me because I get overwhelmed easily.

Well, I am heading outside with Mindy now, because now that I have found that big red ball, she better darn well play with it, or it's going back to live with the dust tigers!

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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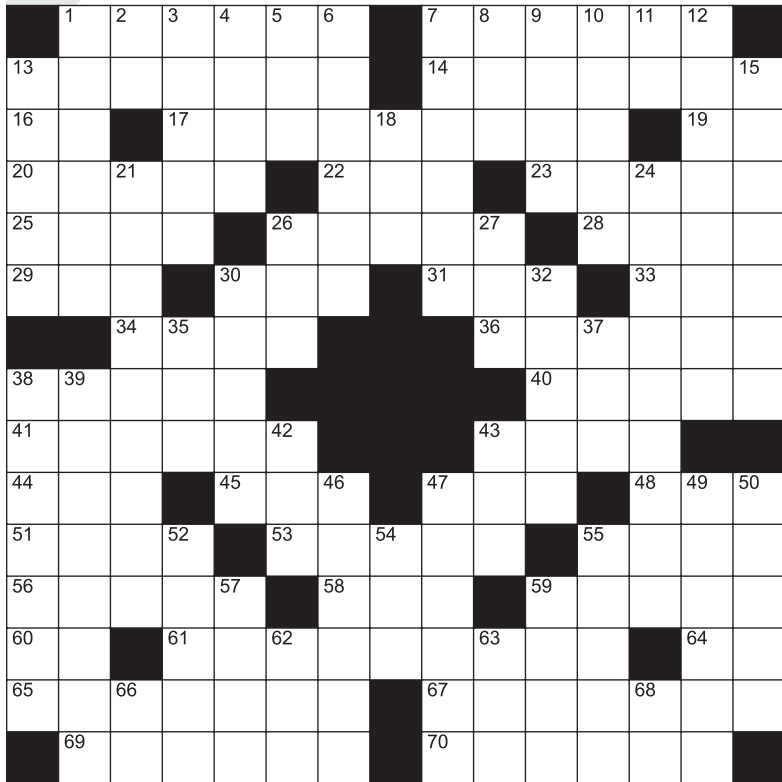
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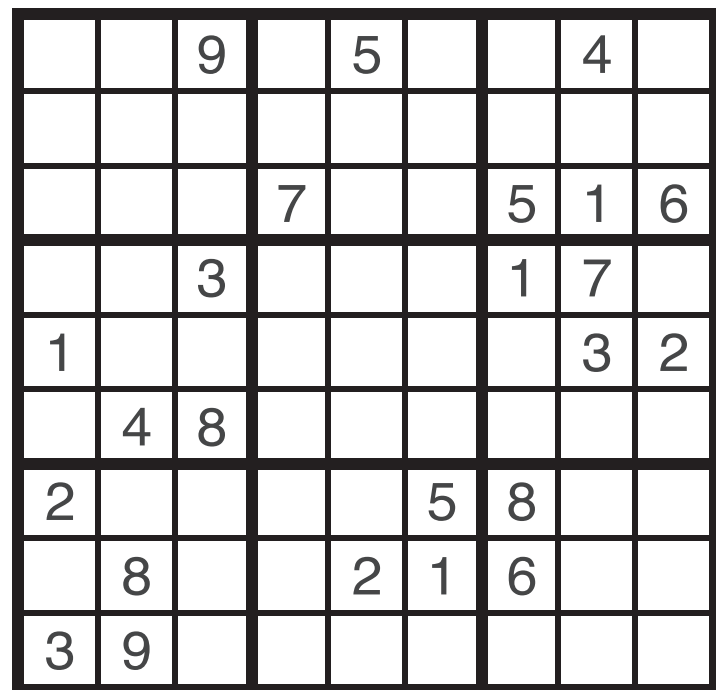
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- 7. Productive
- 13. Popular cocktail
- 14. Sausages
- 16. Western state
- 17. Natural desires
- 19. Defunct British automaker
- 20. Early media tycoon
- 22. Move from one place to another
- 23. Letter of Semitic abjads
- 25. Female birds
- 26. Umbrella brand
- 28. Delinquent
- 29. Tax collector
- 30. Cooking tool
- 31. Female sibling
- 33. Flat-topped hat
- 34. Angolan currency
- 36. Boardwalk candy
- 38. European nation
- 40. Leaflike part of palm
- 41. Removed with solvent
- 43. Uttered words
- 44. Unfashionable person
- 45. Disappointed
- 47. Controversial device in soccer
- 48. 007's creator
- 51. Pain
- 53. UCLA mascot

- 55. Razorbill
- 56. Turkic people
- 58. Mimic
- 59. Crime involving fire
- 60. And, Latin
- 61. A saponaceous quality
- 64. Dorm employee
- 65. Estate lands
- 67. States
- 69. They slow you down
- 70. Gets up

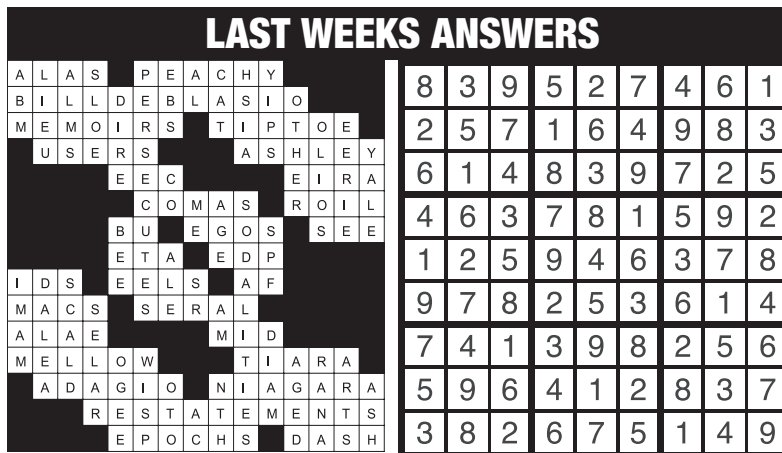
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. One or the other
- 2. Doc
- 3. Songs have them
- 4. Record of payment (abbr.)
- 5. Speak endlessly
- 6. American state
- 7. Digressions
- 8. Tell on
- 9. Brews
- 10. Belongs to the bottom layer
- 11. American cigarette brand
- 12. Legal voting age in US
- 13. Dish
- 15. Expelled air from the nose
- 18. Body art
- 21. Fierce, destructive

- act
- 24. Bear bright yellow flowers
- 26. Japanese delicacy
- 27. Get off your feet
- 30. Male organs in some invertebrates
- 32. \_\_\_, so good
- 35. Cleverness
- 37. Protest yacht
- 38. Anesthetized
- 39. Mollified
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 46. Some windows have them
- 47. National capital
- 49. Squirrels like them
- 50. Grandmothers
- 52. Painter's tool
- 54. News organization
- 55. \_\_\_ and thesis: musical term
- 57. Famed activist Parks
- 59. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 62. A number or amount not specified
- 63. Body part
- 66. Of I
- 68. Old English



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# TWO Apples

In **Galatians 5:22-23** the Bible tells us that "...The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance..." It is the set of characteristics that marks a spiritually mature Christian. As for me, I have used it as a barometer of my Christian walk as I reach out to those around me. Here is how I came to that conclusion.

Whenever I think of the fruit of the spirit, I remember my Marine Corps days on the carrier, U.S.S. New Orleans, I was 22. One evening, after I preached for the first time, my friend, Jim, spoke to me about his mother who was struggling with cancer. Late in the night, I could not get Jim's mother off my mind. While reading about fasting and prayer in the book of Matthew, it struck me. I remembered that Gideon, the coward, while hiding at the bottom of a wine press, prayed a test of God's will as to whether or he should rise up and fight the Midianites (**Judges 6:33-40**). I also noted that the answer changed Gideon into one of the most courageous military leaders Israel ever knew. I said, "Lord, if you want, I will fast and pray for this woman for seven days if you will give me a sign as you gave Gideon." Just like Gideon, I was very specific as to what sign I would look for. It sounded silly, but I determined that if Jim, who I never see in the morning, gave me two apples in the morning, it meant that I would not have to embark on seven days of fasting and prayer, that the Lord would relieve me of such a task. However, if Jim does not show up, I will start my prayer and fasting that the Lord would heal this woman. Morning came and no one was around, as I made my bed, I thought to myself, "Lord, I will pray for this woman." Then as I was turning to go to work, there was Jim and, in his hands, were not one, but two, apples! He looked at me and said, "I thought you would like these." I was stunned. The mess hall on ship had oranges, grapes, pairs, bananas, tangerines, not to mention plenty of more appealing, less healthy fare for "immortal" 20-some-things. Seriously, what was the mathematical probability of this actually occurring? Yet, there, before me, right on time, was Jim holding my "test of obedience." I just looked at him, and said, "You have no idea what you just did."

This seemingly simple incident somehow changed me. The fruit of the Spirit became larger than life for me that day and it propelled my obedience to the Cross as well as my desire to reach others. I thought, "This is love, longsuffering, and faith – all the elements of the fruit of the Spirit." Shortly after that, I lost touch with Jim. My tour in WESTPAC on the China Sea was over and our squadron went back to Tustin, Marine Corps Base, and my friend went elsewhere. Over the years, that episode also led me to understand that the most valuable principle of faith and the fruit of the Spirit is that obedience, rather than sacrifice, is far more important in the site of God. Make no mistake, God is real. Every time I pick up an apple, I remember when the Lord tested my obedience and, despite myself, directed me to His perfect will. He can and will do the same for you.

If you desire to have a relationship with one who will guide your steps, just ask!

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