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Protesters were tear gassed in Prince Frederick after they refused to disperse. Photos courtesy of The Bay Net.



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Peaceful Rally Ends in Teargas, Arrests

By Dick Myers
Editor

"If you are not here for peace you are in the wrong place," said Pastor Jeff Long at the beginning of the hastily organized rally that Long said was not so much about what was happening in Calvert County as it was in solidarity for what was happening around the country.

The protest rally on June 1 started in the Prince Frederick Shopping Center in front of O'Gannigan's and followed a week of similar ones in many much larger places protesting the death of George Floyd, a black man, allegedly by a white Minneapolis policeman. Many of those protests ended in violence and looting.

Sheriff Mike Evans said he agreed with the protesters. "The good cops across the nation are appalled and disturbed by what happened in Minnesota," he told the crowd that built up to several hundred by the time the marchers took off through the parking lot, down Church Street in front of the sheriff's office, along Main Street to the courthouse and then back to the shopping center. Evans, Calvert County Commissioner President Kelly McConkey and Pastor Long led the march while deputies made sure the streets were clear of traffic so everyone could safely walk on the street.

At the courthouse everyone kneeled for a moment of silence in honor of Floyd. Along the route the protesters chanted Floyd's name along with "No Justice, No Peace," "Don't Shoot," "I Can't Breathe," and "Black Lives Matter."

Back at the shopping center after the peaceful march many dispersed while about a hundred lingered, as did Sheriff Evans and his deputies, who were directing traffic. During an interview with a reporter, Evans praised the protesters. But a short time later a group standing nearby entered Duke Street once again, quickly followed by everyone else who had stayed behind. The added march appeared to be more planned than spur of the moment.

Evans chased the marchers down the street, trying to get them to turn around. They refused.

When the marchers got to near the end of the street they stopped and were urged to turn around by Evans and several of the march organizers. Some did but then a command was heard to "drop" and about a dozen fell to the pavement, some lying flat on their backs. The event appeared to have been preplanned by unknown persons.

Things deteriorated from there. Evans, several members of the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County, who had drummed up support for the rally on their Facebook page, along with Pastor Long and Retired Prince George's County Police Chief Alphonso

Hawkins urged the crowd to disperse. "Go Home" was shouted into a megaphone. Some left but the majority stayed put, shouting obscenities and slogans.

At one point, Evans could be seen talking into a Walkie-Talkie and in short order many police officers arrived on the scene. They arranged themselves shoulder to shoulder across Duke Street, facing the protesters, some of whom came up to the officers, taunting them.

Evans said he pleaded with the organizers to get the crowd to disperse because they were creating a safety hazard by blocking the street that connects Routes 2/4 with Old Town Prince Frederick. Several office buildings line the street along with the post office and the county elections headquarters.

The officers and the sheriff waited patiently for some time, but the protesters refused to leave. Evans gave the order for tear gas and the officers marched up the street, their presence causing the protesters to move along as well. The back window of a police SUV parked along the street was broken out, reportedly by a white protestor.

Tear gas canisters were set off several times. The protesters reassembled on the shopping center parking lot, many rinsing their eyes with bottled water. The officers repositioned themselves to block the exit onto Duke Street. The taunting and shouting continued. Another tear gas canister was exploded, and the officers advanced on the protesters to get them to disperse to their cars. During that last advance two of the protestors were arrested. They are Demetrious Carrol Holland, 29, of Owings, and Shamiya Shawnte Taylor, 20, of Lexington Park.

David Burry of Chesapeake Beach, who attended the rally and who said he attempted to deescalate the crowd on Duke Street, offered several critical observations in a letter to the county commissioners. He said, "I think the organizers underestimated their ability to control the crowd, given the intensity of the emotions at play. It wasn't clear what specific policy goals the leaders wanted to advocate, and the intent seemed in the end to be just to give people an opportunity to express their rage and frustration -- a potentially explosive situation, especially if no policy solutions were offered to the crowd to advocate constructively for."

Burry said his wife overheard deputies expressing fear that outside agitators would be bringing bricks to hurl at them and that might explain why when the deputies arrived at Evans' command, they were in full riot gear.

He was critical of how Evans handled the situation. He wrote, "Sheriff Evans had several



options to deescalate. He could have escorted the protesters to the front of the courthouse and let them resume the demonstration for a while until the crowd began to weary and start dwindling, even if after permitted hours. He could have had his riot-gear-armed deputies take a knee and then pursued quiet negotiations with group leaders for as long as it took to calm the crowd down. Instead, in my view, the crowd's ignoring of what Sheriff Evans likely considered a lawful order to disperse, combined with the verbal abuse he and his deputies were receiving from a few hotheads in the crowd, led him to escalate in a completely counterproductive way."

Evans issued a statement the next day that said in part: "My first priority has always been and will continue to be the safety of all Calvert County citizens. He added, "I want to make it clear that the men and women of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office perform their duties and enforce the law without partiality

or prejudice. Our deputies receive extensive training and continuing education in conflict resolution and de-escalation."

Evans said, "Unfortunately, after a peaceful march a small fraction of individuals were determined to make a positive event into one of negativity through their own separate agenda. These individuals marched onto Duke Street toward the courthouse without regard for their safety or the safety of others. As your Sheriff, it is my duty to enforce the law for everyone's safety."

He concluded by saying, "Most importantly, I want to thank the community who joined us in a peaceful march and to tell all of our citizens we hear you and support you.

"I am available twenty-four seven, to speak or meet with any member of our community. Without you, we could not continue to keep our county the safe place it is. As always, if you see something, say something."

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More Protests Against Police Brutality Planned in St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

In the aftermath of the death of George Floyd in Minnesota allegedly at the hands of Minneapolis police last week, protestors took to the streets in St. Mary's calling for justice in his name.

One peaceful protest on Great Mills Road across from the sheriff's office District 4 station occurred without incident June 1 but two more protests were planned for June 3 and June 5, both in Leonardtown.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said the Wednesday event, which had been set for the governmental center in Leonardtown, was being facilitated in part by the local Democratic Central Committee while the Friday protest was being organized by local students.

The first protest was set to march around various sections of the county governmental center and the second was to be held at the same venue on Friday, according to a statement from the sheriff's office.

Cameron said he did not anticipate problems as seen in other major cities around the nation with vast riots breaking out among peaceful protestors to include buildings being destroyed and law officers injured or killed.

"I have confidence that they can express themselves freely... without seeing what's going on on TV across the nation," Cameron said.

At the Great Mills Road protest Monday about 25 to 30 people gath-

ered to protest the death of Floyd at the hands of police.

"We're just seeking justice," said Elisa Height, the organizer of the protest. "We're here to protest all the lives that have been taken by those who represent law enforcement."

Their two-hour protest was viewed by many along the roadway opposite them taking pictures and video, while sheriff's office deputies looked on from the newly constructed satellite station.

Protestors chanted "Black Lives Matter," "Justice," and "Lock Them Up," referring to the four officers involved in Floyd's death, with one charged with second-degree murder.

They also chanted "I Can't Breathe," the words spoken by Floyd as Ofc. Derek Chauvin as the officer held Floyd down with his knee on his neck.

Floyd later died.

One woman attending the protest said she was thankful such incidents were not an issue in St. Mary's.

"We really don't have a problem here," she said. "This is about what's going on around the nation."

Commissioner Todd Morgan said he would attend Wednesday night's planned protest rally, but urged against any violence.

"We support peaceful protests," Morgan said. "The unwarranted destruction of public and private property is uncalled for."

"We can't condone violence... we ask for peace."

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From the Wednesday rally in Leonardtown

Hoyer Wins Democrat Congressional Primary

Keen, White Lead Calvert School Board Race



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer claimed another victory Tuesday after winning a little more than 75 percent of the Democratic votes in District 5 to remain his party's candidate for that congressional seat.

Mechanicsville resident Hoyer, who has held the seat for about four decades, took 53,556 votes in the Democratic primary election from all across the 5th Congressional District, successfully fending off one of the most significant challenges in years from Charles County resident McKayla Wilkes, who got just 11,229 votes.

Wilkes, a progressive left-wing candidate, ran an aggressive campaign against Hoyer with the incumbent launching a counter ad campaign on-line and by mail to bolster his support.

Hoyer had 5,093 and 4,992 votes in St. Mary's and Calvert counties, respectively.

Hoyer received nearly 39,000 votes combined from Prince George's and Charles counties, while Wilkes won a little over 9,000 votes in those counties.

"I am honored that Democrats in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District have once again selected me to be their nominee, and I thank all those who worked hard to ensure that voters in Maryland could cast their ballots and have them counted amid the unprecedented circumstances of this pandemic," Hoyer said in a prepared statement. "I will continue to fight every day for the values of our party and our district, for equality, justice, and opportunity for all."

Hoyer will face Republican challenger Chris Palombi in the general election, in November; Palombi won just under 34 percent of the GOP vote with 6,506 ballots cast for him.

Sitting St. Mary's County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Stanalonis and sitting Calvert County Circuit Court judges Andrew Rappaport and Mark W. Carmean, all who ran unopposed, retain their seats.

Election official caution that all



results are very preliminary because mail ballots are still coming in as those postmarked by Tuesday, June 2 will be counted. So, any close race could be affected. The nonpartisan race for Calvert County Board of Education Commissioner District 2 could be one of those races. Six candidates were vying for two slots on the November ballot. When the polls closed on Tuesday, Dawn Keen with 23.8 percent of the overall vote, and Antoine White with 21.5 percent were the top two.

In third place in the race, relatively close behind, was Camille Miller, with 18.7 percent of the vote.

There is no way for election officials to report the percent of the nonpartisan vote that comes from each party. However, the Calvert Republican Party did send out a newsletter endorsing Keen's candidacy.

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Hogan Moves to Phase 2 of Reopening on Friday

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan announced Wednesday that on June 5 at 5p.m. the closure rule on non-essential businesses in Maryland would be lifted, beginning the second phase of the state's recovery plan for COVID-19.

Hogan, speaking at a press conference in Annapolis, said that metrics such as a single-digit positivity testing rate for novel coronavirus, as well as a continual decline in hospitalizations and intensive care treatment cases for COVID-19 all meant the state could begin to allow many more businesses could reopen.

"These trends... allow us to safely begin opening Stage No. 2 of our recovery plan," Hogan said June 3.

Hogan listed a litany of different establishments both large and small that could begin to reopen but conspicuously did not mention allowing restaurants or bars to reopen to dine-in service.

Last week Hogan said that restaurants and bars around the state could have a limited reopening of outdoor seating and service to augment their carryout and delivery to which they have been restricted for months.

Here in St. Mary and Calvert counties restaurants and bars have had to move quickly with plans for extension of premises to be approved by multiple agencies including local alcohol beverage boards and health departments.

The recovery document available on-line

from the state said that restaurants and bars could possibly reopen under the second phase but with restrictions.

Hogan said manufacturers and wholesale establishments down to small retail shops could reopen but with continued emphasis on medical safety guidelines such as social distancing in place.

Hair and nail salons could reopen, as could tanning facilities, but only to 50 percent capacity and by appointment only, Hogan said.

Offices could begin to reopen, he said, but employer should continue to allow and provide for telework options for their employees; also businesses should readjust shifts and consider reducing work weeks for employees to help limit close interaction between them that could spread the virus.

"Just because someone can go back to the office doesn't mean they should," Hogan said. "No workers want to give this virus to their coworkers and no business owner wants an outbreak."

State government offices would also begin to return to normal operations starting June 8 in a phased-in manner, Hogan said.

The state would also begin to reopen child care centers.

Hogan praised residents for their patience and tenacity in dealing with COVID-19.

"They have never lost hope," Hogan said. "[They are] showing what it means to be Maryland Strong."

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Tourism Director Draws Ire From Facebook Post

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's tourism director Jason Aul said in a Facebook post this week that "If you are still a supporter of Donald Trump, I do not respect you," while working in a county that is largely Republican and came out strong to support the current president in his 2016 campaign bid.

Aul's job as tourism director is to come up with strategies to work with local businesses to attract tourists to St. Mary's County.

His department was founded as independent from direct county oversight but is still funded by taxpayer dollars.

"Let me be abundantly clear. If you are still a supporter of Donald Trump, I do not respect you."

"I will continue to live my life as best as I can, love who I love, be friendly with whom I am friendly, and work diligently with all my colleagues and business partners. None of that will change," Aul said in his social media post.

"However, if you still support Donald Trump, I do not respect you."

He went on to say that his statement was about the president's conduct not about political ideologies or policies.

"This isn't about policy or long-held beliefs. You can have the complete opposite policy position of mine on all issues, and it would not be a bother. I will not hold anything against you for voting for him

previously," Aul wrote. "However, after all the evidence against him, after his lack of leadership, his mockery of those below him, using his position to personally enrich himself and those close to him, for inciting fear, for purposefully creating division where there was none before – after all of this, if you still support him, I do not respect you."

When The County Times contacted Aul he declined to comment on the post, saying only that the post had since been removed from Facebook.

One business owner, Sean Coogan, of the Social Coffee House in Leonardtown, was incensed at Aul's post.

"Know that I do not respect you either," Coogan wrote. "What a [expletive deleted] post. Wow."

Aul responded that he would still work on the behalf of businesses.

"Your prerogative," Aul wrote. "I will still do everything I can to help make Social a success in Leonardtown and beyond."

Dr. Regina Faden, executive director of Historic St. Mary's City and board chair of Visit St. Mary's, the county's tourism directorate, said the board held an emergency meeting Wednesday morning regarding Aul's comments.

"The opinions voiced by Mr. Aul were not the opinions of the board or Visit St. Mary's," Faden said. "We take this situation seriously and are looking into it."

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State Education Board Gets Tennis Courts Appeal

Equal Rights Violation Charged by Parent, Coaches

By Dick Myers
Editor

A Dunkirk woman has filed an appeal with the Maryland State Board of Education over the Calvert County Board of Education dismissal of a complaint the school system violated Title IX of the Equal Rights Amendment by failing to provide equal facilities and treatment to the girl's teams at Northern High School (NHS).

Joining in Beth Bubser's appeal were three NHS current tennis coaches, George Weckel and Chuck Barnes, both of Dunkirk, and William Marks of Broomes Island.

The issue became public last year when parents, students and the coaches complained about the tennis court facilities being planned for the new NHS. The complaint was that the original education specifications for the new school had eight tennis courts but that was reduced to four courts to save money. The board has since agreed to rehab two courts at Northern Middle School that can be used by the high school teams.

The speakers at several school board public forums complained that the situation left NHS a step child to neighboring Huntingtown with its eight courts and kept the NHS team at a competitive disadvantage. During construction they were required to practice on inferior facilities at Dunkirk Regional Park.

In her complaint, Bubser added alleged inequalities at other girls' sports at NHS.

The school board dismissed the complaint

largely on procedural grounds, saying Bubser lacked standing because her daughter, who had been a member of the tennis team, had graduated, and because the coaches did not follow proper procedure in their filings.

Bubser in her appeal to the state board said the local board's position is fallible because "this predicament exists due to Northern High School's inaction. This seeming strategy of inaction by the Board of Education provides a convenient approach to avoid claims made by parents/students, because eventually time will pass by and the claimant will 'lose' standing."

The appeal goes on to say: "The mere cavalier responses Mrs. Bubser was met with when she did bring up these issues at the time they occurred, merely reinforces that the practices will continue into the future."

She claims her allegations meet the standards set out by Title IX of the Equal Rights Amendment which deals with equality in athletics.

The appeal also says the decision overlooks the fact that it was joined by the three coaches who still are at NHS. The appeal says of the coach's concerns about the changed tennis court plans: "Whenever the coaches tried to speak with the activities director, they were met with an adversarial response."

The appeal says, "The issues which caused Mrs. Bubser and her daughter's harm have not been rectified and still exist causing continued injuries to current and future NHS students."

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Webinar Scheduled on Calvert Cliffs Safety

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public webinar on June 18 to discuss the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Beaver Valley 1 & 2, in Shippingport, Pa., are operated by Energy Harbor Nuclear; and Susquehanna 1 & 2, in Salem Township, Pa., are operated by Talen Energy. Limerick 1 & 2, in Limerick, Pa.; Peach Bottom 2 & 3, in Delta, Pa.; and Calvert Cliffs 1 and 2, in Lusby, Md., are operated by Exelon Nuclear.

The purpose of the webinar is to provide information regarding the plants' safety performance in 2019 and the NRC's oversight activities at the facilities. The online meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Participants will be able to view slides prepared by NRC staff and ask questions either orally or in writing via a web page established to host the session.

Advance online registration is required to participate. Beaver Valley, Calvert Cliffs, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Susquehanna operated safely in 2019, with the inspection

findings and performance indicators for each unit assessed as green, or of very low safety significance, at the end of the year. As a result, each plant in 2020 will receive the normal level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and indicators to describe plant performance. The colors start at green and increase to white, yellow or red, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Inspection findings or performance indicators with more than very low safety significance trigger increased NRC oversight. Inspections are performed by NRC resident inspectors assigned to each of the plants and specialists from the agency's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa.

The annual assessment letters for the plants, as well as the webinar notice, are available on the NRC website. Current plant performance indicators for all of the units are also available on the website and are updated on a quarterly basis.

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St. Mary's Surpasses 500 COVID-19 Cases

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As of June 3, there were a total of 27 deaths in St. Mary's County linked to the novel coronavirus, according to the latest data from the health department as cases continued to rise to 526.

County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster updated the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on continued efforts to test for the disease and track the contacts made by those who have been confirmed to carry it.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, which is a virus hotspot here, with 196 residents either now or at some time being infected and 78 staff testing positive for the disease, is set to undergo a third round of testing this week, Brewster told commissioners.

St. Mary's Nursing Center continues to report no cases in either patients or staff while Chesapeake Shores continues to report two residents with the virus and six staff members infected.

Through greater levels of testing, Brewster said, case numbers were expected to increase but there had not been a surge in local hospitalizations.

"Our hospitalizations have been fairly stable for the past couple of weeks," Brewster said, adding that as the virus continued to spread it would become prohibitively difficult to perform comprehensive contact tracing.

"We are already pretty maxed out," she said.

The county health department was also beginning a program, in concert with

scientists at St. Mary's College of Maryland the Metropolitan Commission, to monitor wastewater for COVID-19.

She explained finding contamination in wastewater could be a harbinger of a pending viral outbreak.

"While the pandemic may resolve we need to be ready to detect the virus when it bubbles up... so we don't have another pandemic," said Brewster.

In other news the commissioners voted 4-to-1 to approve the expenditure of \$19.8 million in federal CARES Act funding with \$9.9 million going to health department to cover costs incurred fighting the novel coronavirus.

The remainder was to help cover county operational expenses, with \$2 million to go towards a small business relief fund and \$3 million to be used for increased broadband connections in sections of the county bereft of internet service.

At the public hearing before the vote, three people spoke in support of using some of the money to buy laptops for public school students without them.

Previously the school system had asked for about \$5 million but allocated about \$60,000 for COVID-19 funding.

Jill Morris president of the local teachers union implored commissioners to spend the money on laptop computers.

"This would be a huge investment that would move us forward in distance learning," Morris said.

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COVID-19 Hits Nonprofits

Farming 4 Hunger Faces the Future

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

At Farming 4 Hunger, a 276-acre nonprofit organization located in Benedict, the goal isn't simply to feed those who physically need nourishment. In fact, founder and President Bernie Fowler Jr. said "all are fed at the farm" is essentially the motto there.

The "4" in the organization's name relates to this motto. Fowler explained, "So Food is number one. Second Chances is number two. Youth Outreach is number three. And then Community Building is number four."

After experiencing difficulties in his personal life, specifically related to the construction business, Fowler said he ended up at the farm in 2011. His initial desire was to assist individuals who had lost their real estate construction jobs and needed food. He started off by producing almost 200,000 pounds of potatoes, but it took time for the organization to become what it is today. 2012 was the year when Farming 4 Hunger officially became a nonprofit organization and when volunteers started helping on the farm.

In 2013, prison inmates began coming, too. The next year, a program called "Life Sharing" truly grew, which included inmates farming alongside volunteers and sharing the importance of volunteers' assistance. Through the team building program, which began in 2018, prison inmates led teambuilding activities for school field trips.

When a Calvert County High School criminal justice class was at the farm with inmates and various law professionals, the students were most interested in being with the inmates. Thus, changes were made to the farm's Criminal Justice program. Fowler said, "And the [inmates'] vulnerability of sharing and opening up to these kids...made them feel really comfortable. And what was happening was then the kids would start asking questions, and then it would get back in this dialogue." Now, every staff member and every inmate gets certified in Mental Health First Aid so that they're prepared to handle students' challenges if needed.

Unfortunately, this year, the farm has faced incredible challenges due to COVID-19. Fowler candidly shared that inmates aren't able to come to the farm right now, perhaps for the rest of 2020 and for 2021.

Growing relationships essentially came to a halt. For example, two ex-inmates who were staffed by the nonprofit had been going into schools and meeting with children there, particularly children who wanted to follow up after a farm field trip or children who were at-risk for criminal lives. "These ex-inmates were really making headway," Fowler said.

Also, Growing Food Matters, which is a recently formed tower garden program that's part of Farming 4 Hunger's Youth Outreach initiative, has changed drastically since the COVID-19 crisis started. "It's our early drug and alcohol prevention starting at elementary school without ever talking about drugs and alcohol in elementary school," explained Fowler. Two goals for the tower gardens are to introduce children to healthy eating and behaviors, while also preparing them for

the field trip to the farm that occurs in sixth grade.

These elementary school students began to recognize individuals from Farming 4 Hunger, including ex-inmates, who brought in the tower gardens and operated on them. However, Fowler noted, "They [the schools] pulled the plugs, so the plants are all dead in all of them." The hope is that the gardens can be picked up, cleaned, and used in the future.

Based on what he has been told, Fowler said field trips might not happen during the 2020-2021 school year. It's a disappointment for Farming 4 Hunger because, as he stated, "We were reaching a lot of kids, and the kids were reaching a lot of inmates."

The general public can still volunteer at Farming 4 Hunger. The morning shift happens from 9-11:30 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The afternoon shift happens from 1-3:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

"It allows us really to have 20 people throughout the whole day, up to 10 in the morning [and] up to 10 in the afternoon, with separation time in between," said Fowler. He said the response has been good and the arrival of volunteers has been consistent. From feeding chickens to laying woodchips to riding tractors, there are a variety of tasks that can be done.

With the recent decrease in Farming 4 Hunger's staff, volunteers and government funding, the nonprofit has accepted donations from various organizations and has sold raised beds. Fowler also noted, "So we want to create a nice market garden that, when people come and volunteer, they can buy produce when they leave and 100 percent of the proceeds then go right to growing food for the hungry." He also wants to focus more on protein, with the goal to provide a produce box with a whole chicken to a family.

One of the hardest parts of the coronavirus for the organization has been readjusting expectations, especially regarding inmates' inability to come to the farm. His sister and brother-in-law have even stepped in to help at Farming 4 Hunger. He said that he and his wife are "running pretty much seven 12-hour days."

The farm has had to scale back on production, which Fowler has learned to accept. He said, "This is the time that we wanted to really ramp up, but we have to stay within our limitations or we're just going to burn out." He realizes that Farming 4 Hunger doesn't have to feed the entire world, but it does want to do its part and build relationships.

Similarly, even with only a limited number of volunteers allowed to help, he still believes the farm's impact can be great. He said, "The food is the vessel that brings community together -- the planting of the seed through the harvest is a season. What do we do together--side by side? What do we do in the fields? What do we do, doing life through that season? And that's what it really represents. So, when you come here, you're doing something for someone else. But you're also getting something while you're here."

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Funding For Autonomous Systems Research Building Cut

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Among the projects defunded by the state's Board of Public Works when it met May 20 to cut more than \$121 million from the budget was the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland's long awaited "third building," which would act as a premier autonomous and unmanned systems development and research facility.

Before the cut there had been \$31 million in the state budget to continue construction of the building located adjacent to what was once known as the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.

Elected leaders in Southern Maryland, and particularly St. Mary's County, have long supported the project as a way to help diversify the local economy by building on technology that can be marketed to the public that was once mainly focused on military applications.

The cuts were made in response to projections that the state might lose as much as \$2.8 billion in revenues due to the impacts from the novel coronavirus.

When the project first was proposed the Commissioners of St. Mary's County committed \$1 million of local taxpayer money towards the project as it was making its way through the legislature several years ago.

Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Dist. 29) said despite the funding cut last month, the project's construction on Airport Road would continue for the foreseeable future.

"The funding cut wasn't going to be used this year," Bailey told The County Times Wednesday. "It's going to continue on... we're going to be able to finish that project."

A statement from Bailey's chief of staff Christina Vigorito on the issue read:

"We were informed that DMB (Department of Management and Budget) is going to be alternating funding for the project," the statement reads. "Specifically, the administration believes that there will be an additional bond premium during FY21 which would (ideally) offset the budget cut.

"If for some reason that revenue source does not completely materialize the funding can be supplemented with the next proposed budget which should be submitted in January for FY22. It is our understanding that DMB has informed USM that the project would go forward no matter what."

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFFS OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Persons listed in the sheriff's office crime report have been charged with a crime but have not been found guilty; all persons arrested are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Guilt is only determined in a court of law.

On May 28, 2020 at approximately 2:30 a.m., Deputy First Class Lawrence responded to the 22080 block of St. Clements Circle in Great Mills for the reported suspicious incident. The witness reported receiving a security alert notification of an individual on her property as well as hearing a car alarm activation in the area. DFC Lawrence checked the surrounding area on foot and observed an individual in the area utilizing a flashlight. DFC Lawrence observed the individual, later identified as Angela Lynne Deaton, age 38 of Great Mills, enter a vehicle. As DFC Lawrence approached the vehicle, he observed Deaton exit the vehicle carrying a backpack and shopping bag. DFC Lawrence contacted



Angela Lynne Deaton

Deaton, who proceeded to discard the shopping bag and attempted to flee on foot. Deaton was quickly apprehended and property belonging to multiple residents in the area was located in the discarded bag.

Deaton was arrested and charged with five counts of Rogue and Vagabond and three counts of Theft. Deaton was developed as a suspect in a separate burglary to motor vehicle reported on May 15, 2020 in the 45400 block of Buttercup Lane in Great Mills. On May 28, 2020, Deputy Westphal responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged Deaton for the additional burglary to motor ve-

hicle. Deaton was charged with the following:

- Rogue and Vagabond
- Theft: \$100 to Under \$500
- Theft Scheme
- Credit Card: Steal Another's

Deaton is currently incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status. Anyone with information on these incidents or anyone who has video surveillance during this timeframe is asked to contact DFC Lawrence at (301) 475-4200 extension 78130 or by email at David.Lawrence@stmarysmd.com.

On Dec. 20, 2019, the Vice Narcotics Division executed a search warrant at the 46000 block of Columbus Drive in Lexington Park where Horn was charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute and CDS Possession – Not Marijuana.

Within days of that arrest in December, the Vice Narcotics Division received additional complaints from multiple citizens advising that Horn had resumed selling CDS from his residence which led to the most recent search warrants.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Expungement

On June 14, 2019 Evelyn Silviane Taylor, 68 of California was charged with failing to comply with a peace order but Taylor was later found not guilty of the charge and her record was expunged of the charge on Dec. 13, 2019.



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COVID-19

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Calvert	351	5
St. Mary's	526	27

Information provided by St. Mary's and Calvert Health Departments
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CALVERT SHERIFFS OFFICE CRIME REPORT

June 2, 2020

During the week of May 25 – May 31 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,483 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-26729

On May 25, 2020, Deputy Stevens responded to Long Beach in Saint Leonard for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 7:00pm on May 23rd and 8:00am on May 24th, and unknown suspect(s) spray painted the rocks at the private beach.

Damaged Property: 20-27140

On May 27, 2020, Deputy Flynt responded to Ridge View Drive in Owings for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 11:00pm on May 26th and 7:30am on May 27th, an unknown suspect(s) damaged their vehicle while it was parked in the driveway by causing large, deep scratches to the passenger side of the vehicle and puncturing the tire. The value of damaged property is \$1,000.

Damaged Property: 20-27286

On May 27, 2020, Deputy Keeley responded to Arbor Way in Owings for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised between 3:00am and 9:30am on May 25th, an unknown suspect(s) broke a landscape light in the yard. The value of damaged property is \$50.

Theft: 20-26983

On May 26, 2020, Deputy Wilder responded to Spring Cove Marina in Solomons for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole the Garmin Model 7 GPS/Depth Finder that was on their boat. The value of stolen property is \$2,000.

Theft: 20-27058

On May 26, 2020, Deputy Wilson took a report of a theft that occurred at Southern Maryland Towing. The complainant advised that sometime in the past three weeks, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plates

off their vehicle while it was parked in the storage lot. The value of stolen property is \$50.

Theft: 20-27248

On May 27, 2020, Deputy Anderson responded to Catesby Oak Court in Port Republic for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 6:30pm on May 26th and 6:30am on May 27th, and unknown suspect(s) stole their empty mailbox. The value of stolen property is \$50.

Theft: 20-27265

On May 27, 2020, Deputy Hardy took a report of a theft that occurred on Simmons Ridge Road in Prince Frederick. The complainant advised sometime between 9:00pm on May 23rd and 11:30am on May 24th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a gift card that was placed in their mailbox. The value of stolen property is \$125.

Theft: 20-27374

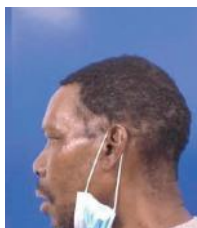
On May 28, 2020, Deputy Hardy took a report of a theft that occurred on Forgotten Trail in Prince Frederick. The complainant advised sometime between 10:04am on May 24th and 10:00am on May 25th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a package from their mailbox. The value of stolen property is \$50.

Theft: 20-27849

On May 30, 2020, Deputy Wilder responded to Coster Road in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised between May 29th and May 30th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a package from their front porch. The value of stolen property is \$73.

Arrests:

On May 25, 2020, Deputy Lewis responded to 7-Eleven in Huntingtown for the report of a disorderly subject. The complainant advised a male subject was inside the store yelling and asking people for money. The male subject was asked



Walter Jay Brown

multiple times to leave the store but refused. Upon arrival, Deputy Lewis observed **Walter Jay Brown (61)** inside the store, standing directly in front of the door. While speaking with Brown, Deputy Lewis detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from Brown's breath and person. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised Brown had an active Trespass Order effective until June 2, 2020. Brown was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property, Disorderly Conduct, and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

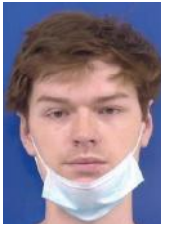
On May 26, 2020, while investigating another case in the area of Fairground Road, Deputy W. McDowell and Deputy Durnbaugh observed two subjects engaged in a loud verbal argument. Deputies attempted to de-escalate the situation by speaking with the male subject, **Lionell Mackall (38)**, who remained aggressive and irate. Deputies detained Mackall and detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath. Mackall continually acted in a disorderly manner and yelled profanities at Deputies while being questioned. Mackall was then placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.



Bailey Matthew Walden

On May 29, 2020, Deputy Rzepkowski conducted a traffic stop on Boyds Trail and Boyds Turn Road. Upon making contact with the occupants, the occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a yellow wrapper containing suspected Buprenorphine and Naloxone Sublingual Film, a small container containing eight suspected

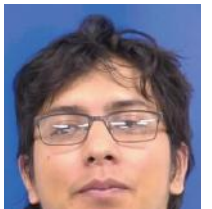
Alprazolam pills, and a red cloth bag containing Narcan and a black shoe lace. The driver, **Cameron Raymond Walden (27)**, and the passenger **Bailey Matthew Walden (23)**, were detained and a search of their person was conducted. Located in



Cameron Raymond Walden

a wallet belonging to Bailey Walden, was a cut white straw containing white residue, and half of a suspected Alprazolam pill as well as a blue rubber ribbon were found in his pocket. Both subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were each charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On May 30, 2020, Deputy W. McDowell conducted a traffic stop on E Chesapeake Beach Road at Woodland Way. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, Deputy McDowell detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. All occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in an orange prescription bottle as well as a glass jar, both containing suspected marijuana, located in a backpack belonging to **Mateo Alexander Santander-Ruiz (22)**. Santander-Ruiz was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession Marijuana over 10 grams.



Mateo Alexander Santander-Ruiz

Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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St. Mary's Library Announces Phase 1 Plans

Summer Reading Programs to be Virtual

The St. Mary's County Library is pleased to announce Phase 1 Reopening plans. The book drops at all three Library locations (Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown, and Lexington Park) will be opened to receive checked out materials on Wednesday, June 17. All three locations will start curbside pickup of reserved materials on Monday, June 22.

Please note that the Leonardtown Library has moved to the new building located at 23630 Hayden Farm Lane in Leonardtown, next to Walter Francis Duke Elementary School. The old building located on Hollywood Road is no longer a Library and will not be accepting book returns or offering any Library services. We hope to celebrate the opening of the new Leonardtown Library on a future date.

Book drops

All currently checked out items have had the checkout period extended until August 1. Book drops at all three Library locations will be opened on Wednesday, June 17. However, there is no rush to return your items before August 1. Please feel free to keep your items until August 1 if you would like to. All returned items will be quarantined for three days and will not be checked in immediately. Once you have returned an item, please wait at least three days before making sure it has been cleared from your account.

Curbside

Beginning June 22, curbside pickup hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 12 noon to 5 p.m. There will be

no Sunday hours for this first phase of opening. Customers may reserve materials online through the Library website at this time, and will be able to call the Library to place holds beginning June 22. Customers will be notified via email (or the preferred contact method set in the customer's Library account) when their items are ready to be picked up. Once notified that holds are available for pickup, customers will use our online scheduler to schedule a time to pick them up. Instructions for using the online scheduler will be available on www.stmalib.org. Customers are also welcome to call the Library to check on holds and schedule a time to pick up items if they do not have the ability to use the online scheduler.

Pickup at new Leonardtown Library will be at the drive-through window on the side of the building. Please park in designated spots at Charlotte Hall Library and Lexington Park Library for curbside service.

Please wear a mask and do not leave your vehicle when you come to pick up your items. Library staff will be wearing personal protective equipment and practicing social distancing during curbside transactions. We prefer to place your items in vehicle trunks or through windows at which no one is seated. Please do not return items to staff. Use the book drops to return all items.

Customers are encouraged to check their accounts to see what items are on hold online in your account. If you still want your requested items, we will notify you when they come in and are ready for pick up. However, if you no longer want items that

are on hold, please either remove the holds or call the Library to receive assistance.

Phone and Chat Service

St. Mary's County Library staff will be available via phone and online chat starting on Monday, June 22. Hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. There will be no Sunday hours for this first phase of opening. Staff will be able to assist with information requests such as account questions, suggesting titles, homework and research help, online resources and downloadable content help, and logging summer reading challenges. Instructions on how to use the chat service will be available on the Library website, www.stmalib.org.

Summer Reading

The Summer Reading program, designed for all ages from babies to adults, will begin on Monday, June 8. Find the challenges and more information about the Summer Reading program on www.stmalib.org. Summer Reading will be on the Beanstack platform used the past several years. The Beanstack app is available on both Android and IOS, or can be used via <https://stmalib.beanstack.com/>. If you do not have access to Beanstack, you can call 301-475-2846 starting on June 22 to report your completed challenges. By completing your first challenge, you will receive a glow-in-the-dark t-shirt with the 2020 theme "Imagine Your Story." T-shirts will be picked up curbside and the process for scheduling a pickup time will be similar to

picking up materials. Earn tickets to enter into prize drawings of your choice by completing challenges.

All programming and events will be virtual this summer. Please check out our website (www.stmalib.org) or follow us on Facebook (@StMarysLibrary) to find many fun programs and events for all ages.

Safety First

We are not accepting in-person payment of any long-term fines (materials currently being returned will not have fines). Fines may be paid online (log into your Library account), by check (Made out to St. Mary's County Library, include the Library card number on the check, and mail to 23260 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown 20650), or via credit card over the phone.

The Friends of the St. Mary's County Library and the Library are not able to accept physical donations (books, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.) at this time.

All Library materials, once returned, will be quarantined for 72 hours to ensure that any potential for contamination is removed, following best practices recommended by the State Library Resource Center. We regret that this practice may slow your receiving holds, but we are concerned for the safety of all in this challenging time.

After the state and county loosen some guidelines on physical distancing and "safer at home," we will eventually open our buildings for in-person visits.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Library.



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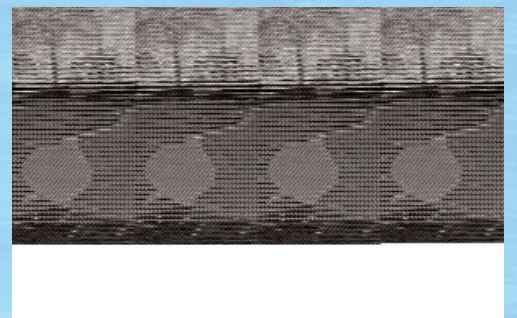
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Chesapeake Beach Cancels Fireworks Display

Citizens Asked to Celebrate Safely

The Town of Chesapeake Beach announces a change to the traditional Town hosted Independence Day Fireworks Display.

Due to continued concerns with large gatherings, the Town of Chesapeake Beach has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Independence Day Fireworks Display. Residents are encouraged to show their patriotic

spirit by decorating their homes with red, white and blue and to display an American Flag for all to see.

The Mayor and Town Council look forward to a Fireworks display when concerns with large gatherings are mitigated.

Press Release from Town of Chesapeake Beach

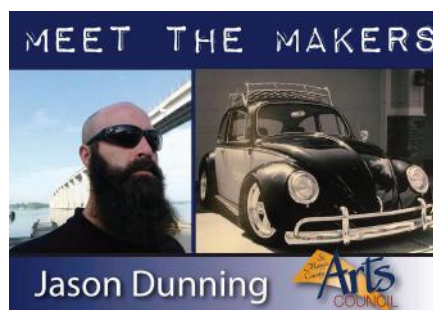


Meet the Makers – June 2020

Welcome to our new “Monthly Mini Feature”! We are highlighting different local artisans and crafters who have been busy imagining, creating, dreaming, and doing. During this particularly difficult time please remember our artists and small businesses who support them as they have been and always will be valuable contributors to our quality of life, our economy, and one of the many important of facets of our community.

Our Featured Artist for the month of June is Jason Dunning! “I love sketching and drawing, my specialties are pastel work and charcoal. Art is a family activity for all of us, my son Xavier helps out by offering his ideas and creative views and both he and my daughter like to assist in the studio with framing.”

Jason is a multi-talented, self-taught artist who draws his inspirations from local landscapes and well-known historical locations as well as from nature settings and wildlife of various species. One of his favorite artists is Salvador Dali from whom he has been influenced in various techniques and styles. Jason is also a community volunteer and has helped with teaching art at



his children’s schools and other educational programs.

Visit “Designs by Dunning” on Facebook and Instagram @Designs-ByDunning to view Jason’s work and learn more about our fascinating and quite talented artist! For special orders of pet or automobile portraits, or any other inquires, please email: designsbydunning@gmail.com.

With the galleries closed and events canceled, now more than ever are our local artists appreciative of any and all purchases, special orders placed, or just a simple “hello” from their fans and followers. Thank you for supporting our community, check back soon to see who will be featured next!

*St. Mary’s County Arts Council
Press Release*

Churches of Southern Maryland: Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a summer long series of feature stories by Contributing Writer Grace McCready on the churches of Southern Maryland.

Although Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church is relatively new in Calvert County, its commitment to loving God and others is deeply rooted.

Pastor Josh Olson, 37, didn’t begin pastoring the church until 2015. His father was a pastor, and so were two of his brothers. Growing up in Wisconsin, Olson earned his bachelor’s degree from Martin Luther College in Minnesota and his Master of Divinity degree from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, according to the church’s website. After pastoring a church in Michigan, he accepted the pastoral position at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

According to the church’s website, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church was formed in 1997. Olson explained that the church originally met in a St. Mary’s County elementary school, transitioned to a Calvert County elementary school, and ended up in a new building in Lusby.

Church membership now is about equally divided between St. Mary’s and Calvert county families, although some come from as far away as Colonial Beach, Virginia. Many work at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

The church is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), with 1,200 churches in the U.S. and serving in 25 countries worldwide. They are the only WELS church in Southern Maryland.

Olson said of the church’s founding families, “They were looking for a Lutheran presence down here.”

It’s clear that the Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church meets individuals’ needs. After the worship service ends, attenders often fellowship for hours. Olson shared, “There’s always people bringing food, and all the kids just love playing so they go outside and play on the playground...they’re always playing sports outside while the parents are just inside talking.”

The fun, familial atmosphere at the church is largely due to the many young families that attend. With typical attendance of about 70 individuals, the main demographic of the church is people in their 20s and 30s.

Olson’s own family fits in well with the church’s environment. He has an 18-month-old son adopted from Philadelphia and an 11-year-old son adopted from South Korea. He and his wife, a teacher, have been married for 15 years. As for family time, Olson stated, “We love the outdoors. We love playing sports.”

His love for sports is useful for the church’s annual soccer camp for children ages 5-12, which is hosted in addition to Vacation Bible School. Rather than advertising the camp in other churches, it’s advertised through the public-school system. The church was able to reach 100 children last year, and there was even a waiting list. “[The camps are] always getting full every year, but...we’re hoping we can just keep getting that bigger and bigger, so we just use soccer as a way to teach them about Jesus.”



Pastor Josh Olson with his wife and their two adopted children.

shared Olson.

Other means of outreach are encouraged by Olson. He tells his congregation to share about Jesus and the church. Sending out postcards is another way that Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church reaches out to the community. Olson gets the middle schoolers and high schoolers involved by having them knock on the doors of kids who attended soccer camp and thank them for attending.

Under normal circumstances, the Bible classes happen at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, while the service and Sunday school start at 10:30 a.m. There are also Bible classes at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Every other Saturday, there’s a men’s breakfast and Bible class at 8:30 a.m., and the women’s Bible class meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. From grades 6-8, students are taught Bible doctrine in an intense curriculum. There’s also a Bible class available for high schoolers.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the church’s annual soccer camp is cancelled. It is undecided if Vacation Bible School will be cancelled.

However, Olson has been able to provide flexible worship to congregants. Although sermons can be found on the church’s website, Olson noted, “We have the whole service recorded on YouTube so that people can watch it and at their convenience, whatever works best for their family.”

Regarding regular services, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church hasn’t picked an exact date to resume. The church does have a three-phase plan for reopening, with phase one including a drive-in style worship service and phase two having multiple indoor services.

Olson has continued the Wednesday Bible class and catechism class through Zoom. When attenders stayed on Zoom long after the Wednesday Bible class ended, a new virtual meeting started on certain Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. Olson elaborated, “Whoever wanted to jump in they just jumped in Zom, said hi.”

Olson is passionate about keeping his congregation united during these controversial times. “We can all have different opinions, but we’re going to walk as one and we’re not going to let this something ridiculous divide us [because] some have different opinions.” He encouraged those who don’t feel comfortable attending church to continue worshipping at home, even as the three phases progress.

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St. John's Summer Camp Set to Reopen

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic St. John's Summer Program in Hollywood commits to opening for the summer. After Governor Larry Hogan's announcement to reopen the state, St. John's Summer Program decided to open their camps. This decision was made in light of the safety guidelines set out by Governor Hogan and with the understanding that childcare is essential to reopening the economy and allowing parents to get back to work.

St. John's Summer Program understands the importance of offering safe and affordable childcare as parents decide to go back to work. For families who are comfortable with reopening, Summer Program offers a place where kids can reintegrate back into society in a safe and healthy way after being at home for three months.

Over the last decade St. John's Summer Program has offered fun and exciting camps such as Groovy Girls, World League Games, and Survival Camp among others. These camps will be restructured into a new format to fit the new guidelines laid out by Governor Larry Hogan.

Summer Program will offer all outdoor camps starting June 15 with the hope of loosening restrictions as the summer progresses. Summer Program will implement safety precautions including limiting camp sizes to eight campers and two instructors, disinfecting equipment, and using masks among other measures to ensure the safety of children, their families, and staff. These precautions follow the guidelines set by the Maryland Department of Health and Center for Disease Control.

Summer Program will offer two sessions for their camps. The morning session is from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the afternoon session is 12:30 to 4 p.m. for children ages 4-14 years old; children over the age of 9 are required to wear a mask to camp.

Summer Program plans to open registration in three-week periods to allow adjustments to the camp schedule as Maryland reopens. If you are interested in sending your child to Summer Program you can register online at www.stjohnsummerprogram.com.

St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks Reopens Waterparks

Elms Beach, Myrtle Point and Snow Hill

HOURS: 8:00am – 8:00pm, 7 days a week

WHO: ST. MARY'S COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY MAY ENTER *Driver's license will be checked for anyone in the vehicle ages 16 and up. Driver and passengers should be prepared to show ID at the gate.

ENTRY FEE: Beginning Saturday May 30, 2020 Weekends and Holidays Daily Pass: \$7 per car Season Passes for waterfront parks are available: 1 Park: \$25 2 Parks: \$30 3 Parks: \$55

PERMISSIBLE USES: Exercise such as walking, jogging, running, swimming and sunbathing

Playground at Elms Beach is open – practice social distancing

NON-PERMISSABLE USES: Picnics and cookouts are not permissible. Grills may not be used and large coolers are not allowed.

CAPACITY: The waterfront parks operate under a restricted capacity. Once the capacity is reached additional patrons will not be allowed to enter until others leave the park.

PARK ACCESS: You may not enter the beach area through the waterway. All entry must come through the main entrance.

Department of Recreation and Parks Press Release

St. Mary's County Health Officer to Receive 2020 Health Care Hero Award

The St. Mary's County Health Department is proud to announce that The Daily Record has selected Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer to receive a 2020 Health Care Hero Award.

As home to several renowned medical and federal institutions, Maryland is a national leader in health care research and development. The Daily Record's Health Care Heroes Awards honor those organizations and individuals who have made an impact on the quality of health care within our state. The winners were selected by an outside panel of health care experts.

The award categories are:

- Advancements and Innovation in Health Care, which recognizes organizations that have made significant strides within the health care community

- Community Outreach/Education Hero, an award that honors individuals and organizations that have helped the community they serve by providing support and education

- Workplace Wellness Program, which honors a company that has created a work environment for their employees focusing on wellness

- Nurse of the Year, which honors nurses who have performed in exemplary ways

- Nurse Practitioner of the Year, which honors nurse practitioners whose job performance is considered exemplary by patients and peers

- Physician of the Year, an award that honors physicians whose job performance is considered exemplary by patients and peers

- Lifetime Achievement, an honor that recognizes individuals in the health care community whose body of work in their careers makes them stand out from their peers

"Our Health Care Heroes are often described as miracle work-



Dr. Meena Brewster

ers for making a positive impact on lives and creating change," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, publisher of The Daily Record. "The individuals and organizations being honored are truly outstanding for their work with patients, families, the industry and our community. We at The Daily Record salute their accomplishments."

"Nothing in public health is done in isolation. This is most evident during times of crisis, including the current COVID-19 pandemic," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "I'm so grateful for our tenacious public health team, partners and community that have pulled together to fight this battle and forge bonds stronger than what lies ahead."

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, the 2020 Health Care Heroes Awards will be presented at a June 25 online event at TheDailyRecord.com/health-care-heroes. Each of the winners will be celebrated for their achievements through video storytelling.

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Outdoor Seating Rollout Uneven in Area

St. Mary's Struggles, Calvert Doesn't

By The County Times Staff
and Contributing Writers

After Governor Larry Hogan's announcement May 27 that restaurants could open with outdoor seating beginning May 29 at 5 p.m., some eateries in the area made it and some didn't. Calvert County officials appear to have been more prepared for the opening and most restaurants in Calvert County that were able to, had regulatory approvals in hand. Such was not the case in St. Mary's County.

Approvals by the St. Mary's Alcohol Beverage Board were lacking for many restaurants. A quorum of that board approved an emergency resolution June 1 that granted their administrator, Tamara Hildebrand, special authority to grant approval for outdoor seating plans for restaurants and bars that did not yet have it.

The emergency meeting was convened in response to the governor's announcement. However due to local laws, including state liquor board regulations in St. Mary's, restaurants that did not already have an approved plan for outdoor seating were not able to take advantage of the relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions on eating establishments.

Under normal circumstances a restaurant or bar that wants an extension of premises must make their application to the alcohol beverage board and come in for a public hearing and vote on the proposal.

However, board members have said that since they only meet once a month, having businesses wait for so long a time to get a hearing would put them in greater financial jeopardy.

Plans must still be submitted to the beverage board administrator for approval under the emergency resolution.

An employee at the beverage board

said Monday they could be dealing with more than 100 applications from all the bars and restaurants potentially in the coming days.

On June 2 Hildebrand confirmed that she had received just 12 applications for extensions of premises and that any she had received before the prior Friday did not have confirmations from other agencies such as the county Department of Land Use and Growth Management, the State Fire Marshal and the county Health Department all had to approve the plans on applications.

They also had to visually inspect what was being proposed, Hildebrand said, which is why there was a delay between the governor's order and restaurants and bars being able to implement their plans.

The order came so quickly, many restaurants hadn't the time to come up with a seating plan and a model.

Before that Friday Hildebrand said she had not received any applications with approvals from the other agencies.

"I've had to call and ask whose been approved," Hildebrand told The County Times. "They [the agencies] can't approve what they can't inspect."

As of Tuesday, four establishments had been approved for an extension of premises; the Olde Town Pub, The Rex and Sweet Bay, all in Leonardtown.

The Green Door in Park Hall also received an approval.

The members voting in favor of the resolution were, acting board chair Mark Denietolis, vice chair April Trossbach and member David Willenborg all in the affirmative.

Applicants who do not sell alcohol must still get approval from the county health department, Department of Land Use and Growth Management and the State Fire Marshal's Office before the business owner can get approval for outdoor seating of customers.

"We want you to get back to business,"



The Rex in Leonardtown

said Denietolis, calling into the meeting held in Leonardtown. "It's prudent that people are allowed to earn their incomes again and relieve some economic strife."

Jeffrey Lewis, owner of The Front Porch restaurant in Leonardtown said he had long ago received his needed approvals, but recognized others had to deal with the bureaucratic obstacles.

"I'm sure it's extremely frustrating," Lewis said. "There has to be a way of streamlining it."

He said it was a major adjustment for his staff to move to outdoor seating and service but it was better than only allowing carry out and delivery orders.

"I'm glad to be open to table seating," Lewis said. "It's the new normal."

Some customers have been supportive and grateful to see him reopen to them, others have asked him to disregard social distancing guidelines and restrictions by taking more than six people for a reservation.

"That's just one example of what we've had to deal with," Lewis said. "But a lot of people are helpful and very gracious."

Chris Kaselemis, director of the Department of Economic Development, said his staff had helped to keep officials apprised of what the process entailed.

"We have been involved, mostly to ensure that decision makers were informed and advocating for Tammy Hildebrand to be given authority to make approvals so things could move quickly," Kaselemis said. "I made sure my administration knew that there had to be some changes to the process in order to expedite approvals and help restaurants."

In Calvert, Director of Economic Development Kelly Robertson-Slagle said her agency had been working for weeks with restaurants and agency partners, such as planning and zoning, the health department and liquor board, in anticipation of the announcement. "It's been a good partnership," she said.

Robertson-Slagle said immediately after the governor's announcement she got on a conference call with her staff in preparation for swinging into action the next day to implement their plan. That had restaurants going to planning and zoning with a sketch of their outdoor seating plans. That agency approved the plans on the spot and then the applicant could go to the health department which had two staffers on the ready to review the plans and approve them along with fire marshal okays. Then those approvals were emailed to the liquor board for



Sweet Bay in Leonardtown



Tiki Bar in Solomons

their approval.

She said by the end of Thursday most restaurants had what they needed in hand for a Friday opening.

Trish Weaver, owner of Dream Weaver's Café in Prince Frederick confirmed the process went well. She praised the health department for being so accommodating.

Weaver partnered with O'Gannigan's several doors from her café in the Prince Frederick Shopping Center. O'Gannigan's had a liquor license so they served the alcohol and Weaver served to food to patrons at tables on the shopping center parking lot from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Nick Shriver, owner of The Lighthouse Restaurant & Dock Bar in Solomons reopened last Friday. As for specific procedures, he said "We followed all the rules that were put out." For example, he noted the tables had to be spaced nine feet apart."

Unfortunately for the restaurant, the dock bar couldn't open on Friday. Shriver stated, "We're not allowed to use our dock bar. I don't know why that is, even though it's open air and covered and it would be just like sitting under a balcony or a covered deck." However, he said the weekend was busy overall.

Robertson-Slagle said the procedures

developed by the county were offered to the mayors of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach and both gladly accepted. The only difference was the restaurant had to go to their town first for their planning and zoning approval. Three restaurants in Chesapeake Beach were approved for outdoor seating last weekend as did Neptune Seafood Pub in North Beach.

The North Beach Town Council gave Neptune's approvals to put tables out in the street and the town established one-way traffic on First Street to accommodate the outdoor seating.

Calvert County has developed an online portal for restaurants and other businesses to give information to potential customers about their opening and what they have available. Businesses can get a password to update the information as things change and they are allowed to do more

The online portal is at : <https://covid-19.zoomprospector.com/CALVERT?page=1&s%5BSortDirection%5D=false&s%5BSortBy%5D=name>.

If a business is open, but not on the map, click the "Add a Business" button at the top right of the page to add the information.

Back in St. Mary's a popular restaurant has found that the issue wasn't getting



Seabreeze in Mechanicsville

customers back, but rather having enough staff to keep up with demand.

Debbie Buckler, the owner of The Foxy Fish in Mechanicsville, said her customers have been extremely loyal at a time where many small businesses are struggling to stay afloat.

"We had our phone ringing off the hook for big carry-out orders just for them to give them away. People buying gift cards so they can use them when we reopen. We were in a very fortunate situation with our customers," said Buckler.

However, this does not mean that their time during quarantine has been without issues. Staff shortages have plagued The Foxy Fish, leading to cut hours and Buckler struggling to find replacements as reopening continues.

"We've had a lot of our staff leave," Buckler said. "Some didn't feel comfortable working during the pandemic, others had family that didn't want them to work 'cause of it. It has been hard to get them back even when restrictions are lightening up."

Buckler explained that although they have been advertising their hiring, they have gotten little response from people who are old enough to serve alcohol to patrons. According to Buckler, there are five servers total, all of whom are responsible for serving outside seating,

curbside eating, and carryout. One employee has had to move from solely bartending to serving as well. It has led to tiring schedules for the employees who have spread themselves thin.

Buckler acknowledges their lack of servers and adherence to social distancing guidelines makes the customer service speed a balancing act.

"We've had some customers complain and say our customer service has declined because they see empty tables in our outdoor seating and they still have to wait to be seated but we don't want to seat them if they won't be served for a while because our servers are busy. Plus, we have to keep everyone six feet apart for social distancing."

When asked what the community could do to make the reopening process easier for The Foxy fish, Buckler said patience and understanding are vital.

"We are doing what we can and we appreciate all the support. Just please, please, please be patient with us as we reopen."

Reporter Guy Leonard, Editor Dick Myers and Contributing Writers Grace McCready and Bre Corley contributed to this article.

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Plaza Mexico Restaurant in North Beach



Dreamweaver's Cafe and O'bannigans in Prince Frederick



The Front Porch in Leonardtown

School Feeding Programs Updated

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS), in partnership with St. Mary's County Department of Social Services, St. Mary's County Health Department, and the St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services has engaged the assistance of local food service facilities to ensure continued safe food distribution to families with children. Food will be prepared and packaged in off-site food service facilities licensed and inspected by the St. Mary's County Health Department and brought to the schools for distribution.

No contact, drive-up meal service will take place on Friday, May 29, 2020. Services are also scheduled for next week, Monday through Wednesday June 1 - June 3, 2020, at the locations listed below from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily.

Leonardtown Elementary School
22885 Duke Street Leonardtown, MD 20650

Greenview Knolls Elementary School
45711 Military Lane Great Mills, MD 20634

Margaret Brent Middle School
29675 Point Lookout Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Lexington Park Elementary School
46763 Shangri-La Drive Lexington Park, MD 20653

St. Mary's County Government will be responsive and accountable to the county's citizens; provide high qual-



ity, cost effective and efficient services; preserve the county's environment, heritage and rural character and foster opportunities for present and future generations

Meals will be offered to all children 18 years and younger free of charge. Parents and children can drive up to these locations and receive meals that they can take home during current school closures. For questions regarding the lunch service program, please email foodservice@smcps.org.

For local COVID-19 data, updates and information, please visit www.smchd.org/coronavirus or call the COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4911 Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For information on St. Mary's County Government Operations and Updates please visit our website at www.stmarysmd.com/covid-19/updates/.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.

Wedding Announcement



James Cunningham & Angela Webber married on May 23, 2020 at the St. Mary's Courthouse. Photo by Ceandra Scott

Calvert Postpones Reopening Pools

Traditional Summer Camps Canceled

Gov. Larry Hogan announced this week that certain outdoor activities may be permitted at the discretion of local jurisdictions, however Calvert County's outdoor pools including Cove Point and Kings Landing pools will remain closed temporarily. The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation is working closely with the Calvert County Health Department to safely reopen pools and begin offering youth recreation programs and sports in compliance with state social distancing guidelines.

Parks & Recreation also announces that traditional summer camps are canceled for the year. Citizens registered for summer camps or pool programs through June 28 will be issued a full refund. Residents are encouraged to visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/SummerProgrammingSurvey2020 to take a brief survey and provide input on desired summer Parks & Recreation activities and services. The survey includes questions regarding alternative methods for camps and activities in accordance with state social distancing orders; types of activities citizens would like offered for children; locations and times for activities that work best for parents and more. All activities offered will be in compliance with the State of Maryland's re-opening plan.

Swim team programs including the Cove Point Crocs and Kings Landing Lionfish are also canceled for the remainder of the 2020 season. The Edward T. Hall Aquatic center remains closed until further notice to continue reducing the spread of COVID-19.

The following Parks & Recreation facilities are open:

Most Calvert County parks will be open to residents and non-residents with normal hours at restricted capacity. Dunkirk, Hallowing Point, Cove Point, and Solomons Town

Center parks will continue to close at civil twilight. Playgrounds, pavilions, skate parks, restrooms, athletic fields and basketball courts remain closed.

Breezy Point Beach will continue to be open with regular operating hours. Flag Ponds is open with modified summer hours. Both beaches are open to Calvert County RESIDENTS ONLY. Beaches are open for sunbathing, picnicking, swimming and other beach activities with distancing requirements. Park capacity will be restricted. Public restrooms are open. Grills and picnic tables are NOT available.

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

Citizens are reminded:

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

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

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

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

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

Press Release from Calvert County government



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Moving Ahead with New Garvey Senior Center

Due to the current stay at home order and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Department of Aging & Human Services Senior Activity Centers remain closed to the public. Additionally, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Garvey Senior Activity Center and Leonardtown Library was postponed in April. However, that does not mean they are not continuing work for their patrons in the brand-new facility.

Garvey Senior Activity Center staff moved into the new building Monday, April 20, 2020, and have been working on unpacking and organizing in preparation for use. According to the Division of Senior Center Operations Manager Alice Allen, the new Garvey Senior Activity Center boasts several upgrades including a fitness studio for group classes which provides more space for a wide range of new programs that will complement the wide variety of classes currently offered; four outdoor pickleball courts; an expanded exercise equipment room; an art room with natural lighting; and a state-of-the-art kitchen outfitted to

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Press Release from St. Mary's County government.



Hallway



Dining Room



Exercise Room



Front Lobby



Pool Table in Lobby

produce meals on-site for the congregate meals and Home-Delivered Meals programs. "Everything is going to be just awesome," she said.

Department of Aging & Human Services Director Lori Jennings-Harris is looking forward to seeing the new Garvey Senior Activity Center open to the public. However, the timing of that will be contingent on the governor's current order closing all senior activity centers statewide being rescinded. In the meantime, staff is working to ensure the Garvey Senior Activity Center is primed and ready for use. Jennings-Harris looks forward to the opportunities for expanded programming that both the larger footprint of the senior activity center and the co-location with the Leonardtown Library will offer.

For more information about the Department of Aging & Human Services,

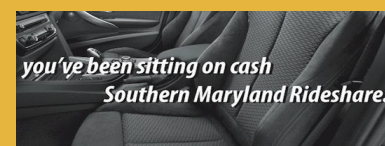


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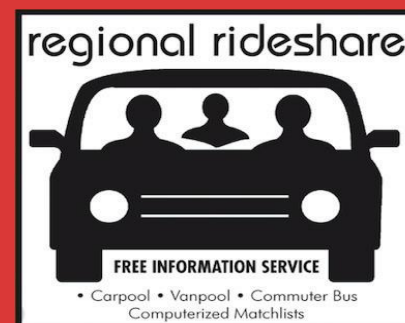
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Calvert High NJROTC Captures Regional Title



National Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) of Calvert High School

The National Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) of Calvert High School was named the 2020 Most Outstanding Unit in Area Five, which consists of 57 schools in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "Indeed, they deserve this honor. Not only have the cadets contributed much to this community, but, under the leadership of CWO3 Ceylon Williams and Chief Kevin Peck, they have had some exceptional opportunities to represent Calvert County around the world."

The award of Most Outstanding Unit (MOU) is awarded annually in each NJROTC area. The Calvert High unit will now compete with other winning area units for the national title. To earn the MOU title, the unit had the best results based on the End of Year Report, which is calculated on a points-based system analyzing performance in academics/professional development, community service/citizenship, and unit participation.

The group's motto—"Unit Before Self"—has fostered its success. Under the direction of Senior Naval Science Instructor (SNSI) CWO3 Ceylon Williams, USMC-Ret. and Naval Science Instructor (NSI) STGC Kevin Peck,

USN-Ret., the unit has amassed over 4,500 hours of community service this year. The program has provided a plethora of opportunities for students, including college visits, STEM and flight simulator tours at Patuxent Naval Air Station, tours and cruises on naval vessels at the Naval Academy and Norfolk Naval Base, and U.S. Military Academy tours. In the past four years, they have traveled to Hawaii, France, Arizona, Ohio, Alabama, California, Florida, New York and Virginia.

According to CWO3 Williams, the NJROTC program fosters the development of citizenship and leadership skills and teaches cultural awareness, college and career preparation, physical fitness, time management, and many other skills that enhance success in school and beyond. Extracurricular activities include teams for air rifle, academics, athletics, drill, and orienteering. As a distinguished unit with honors, the instructors have nominations to be awarded to those seeking an appointment to the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy or Air Force Academy. Additionally, cadets have opportunities for ROTC scholarships for attendance at universities throughout the United States.

Press Release from CCPS.

School Board Recognizes Employees of the Month

The Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools recognized Employees of the Month for the month of May.

The Employees of the Month are:

Huntingtown High
Michele Schmidt
Brenda Higgins

Career Technology Academy
Carolyn Hobbs
Kathy Lisko

Plum Point Middle
Alissa Douglas
Tamara Ealley

Plum Point Elementary
Gillian Baird

Amy Kane

Sunderland Elementary
Melissa Haynes
Sally Wolfe

St. Leonard Elementary
Leslie Irvin
Emily Alexander

School system employees are recognized monthly at Board of Education meetings in accordance with Policy #6620. During the school year, the Board recognizes one support staff member and one professional staff member from designated schools, with each school scheduled for recognition one

Press Release from CCPS.

Calvert Students Win History Day Awards

Nearly 600 middle and high school students submitted projects online to present their extensive historical research at the 2020 Maryland History Day competition. The competition, usually held in person, is the culmination of a year-long program from Maryland Humanities. Due to COVID-19, Maryland Humanities converted the contest to a digital format this year, with project evaluation across five categories taking place over four weeks. In 2020, more than 25,000 Maryland students participated at the school level.

Maryland History Day, coordinated by Maryland Humanities since 1999, is open to public, private, parochial, and homeschool students in grades 6 through 12. Working solo or in small groups, students create original documentary films, exhibits, performances, research papers, or websites exploring a historical topic of their choice on an annual theme, which this year is "Breaking Barriers in History." Maryland History Day sparks critical thinking and helps develop skills in research and analysis, writing, and public speaking.

Competitors at Maryland History Day have already won first or second place in their category at school and district levels. Students from seventeen Maryland counties and Baltimore City received special awards, designated for outstanding Maryland History Day projects that cover specific subjects. M. Scott Baker, who teaches at North Dorchester High School, and Sarah Mason, who teaches at Bennett Middle School in Wicomico County, were honored as the Maryland History Day Statewide High School and Middle School Teacher of the Year, respectively. Maryland Humanities also selected a District Teacher of the Year for each county with participating schools.

Students from seven Maryland counties and Baltimore City will represent Maryland in the National History Day competition, where they will compete among 3,000 participants from across the country and beyond. National History Day has also converted their contest to a digital one in 2020, held in June. The competition involves students from all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and international schools in China, Korea, and South Asia. Maryland History Day is an affiliate of National History Day, a non-profit education organization that promotes an appreciation for historical research among middle and high school students through multiple annual programs, including the National History Day Contest.

Support for Maryland History Day is provided by the State of Maryland through the Maryland State Department of Education, Thalheimer-Eurich Charitable Fund, WesBanco, Columbia Gas of Maryland/NiSource Foundation, Venable Foundation, and Wegmans.

The Calvert County History Day winners are:

Special Prize Winners:

Student: Paige Plater
Award: Special Prize in African American History, Junior Division, sponsored by Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture

Topic: The Cost of Equality: The Story of Daisy Bates

Category: Documentary

School: Windy Hill Middle School
Teacher: Ryan Folmer

Maryland History Day District Teacher of the Year:

Lindsay Morris, Huntingtown High School

National History Day is a non-profit education organization headquartered in College Park, MD. Established in 1974, NHD promotes an appreciation for historical research among middle and high school students through multiple annual programs. More than half a million students participate in the annual National History Day Contest. These research-based projects are entered into contests at the local and affiliate levels, where the top entries are invited to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD provides professional development opportunities and curriculum materials for educators of all levels. NHD is sponsored in part by HISTORY®, Jostens, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, Southwest Airlines, the Joe Weider Foundation, and the WEM 2000 Foundation of the Dorsey & Whitney Foundation. For more information, visit www.nhd.org.

Press Release from Maryland Humanities.



Teacher, Support Professional of the Year Announced

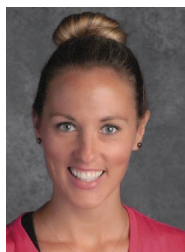
Calvert County Public Schools proudly announces Caitlin Fregelette as the 2020 Teacher of the Year and Tim Contee as the Educational Support Professional of the Year. Because the school system could not hold its traditional gala event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the winners were announced during festive live-streamed visits to their homes.

Fregelette teaches physical education at Calvert High School, and Contee is an instructional assistant at the Career and Technology Academy.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "Mrs. Fregelette and Mr. Contee are outstanding selections and outstanding representatives for all of our dedicated and caring employees. The selection committee did an outstanding job once again."

Fregelette's contributions to Calvert High School go far beyond her work in the gym and fitness room. Dr. Steve Lucas, principal, said, "Mrs. Fregelette's unmatched passion for health and fitness manifests itself daily as she leads students through rigorous life lessons to motivate and inspire them. Not only a master teacher, Mrs. Fregelette sets the standard at Calvert High School for building effective relationships, showing empathy, and providing care." In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Fregelette sponsors the Cav Culture club and leads the staff in fitness activities, both of which support the overall wellness of the school. She is an executive board member of SHAPE Maryland, has written standards and curriculum at the district and state level, and coordinates professional development for Calvert County physical education teachers.

As an instructional assistant at the Career and Technology Academy, Contee's duties include working with students who are attending the Calvert Alternative School. "His ability to build relationships, set high expectations, and hold students accountable for their schoolwork and life choices sets Mr. Contee apart," said Travis Mister, assistant



Caitlin Fregelette,
2020 Teacher of
the Year



Tim Contee
Educational Support
Professional of the
Year

principal of the Career and Technology Academy. "One of Mr. Contee's best traits," he said, "is being able to identify and recognize strategies to maximize students' strengths while building up their weaknesses." Mr. Contee extends his influence beyond the Career and Technology Academy by coaching the girls basketball team at Calvert High, his alma mater. He coached his team to a state championship in 2013 and has been named the Calvert County Girls Basketball Coach of the Year multiple times.

Both the Teacher of the Year and the Educational Support Professional of the Year received a two-year lease on a new vehicle, which was made possible through a partnership of Calvert County Public Schools and Bayside Auto Group.

Fregelette will move on to the Maryland Teacher of the Year competition, with the winner being announced in the fall.

The Teacher of the Year and Educational Support Professional of the Year recognition was sponsored by Bayside Toyota, Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Exelon Generation, and the Optimist Club of Calvert (Prince Frederick and Solomons).

Press Release from CCPS.

Volunteers Sought for Boards, Commissions and Committees

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County is calling all citizens interested in volunteering their time to the community by serving on various Boards, Committees and Commissions. Detailed descriptions of the various boards and membership application are available on the County's website at <https://www.stmarysmd.com/boards/>. All applications must include a resume and be submitted no later than June 1, 2020.

Vacancies:

Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Commission
Airport Advisory Committee
Animal Control Advisory Board
Board of Trustees, Museum Division
Commission for Women
Commission on Aging
Commission on the Environment
Housing Authority Board of St. Mary's County
Library Board of Trustees (Applications must be received by 5/27/20)
Local Management Board
Social Service Board
Transportation Advisory Committee

Tri-County Animal Shelter

The following vacancies have special requirements:

Economic Development Commission – Education/Small Business Owner

Historic Preservation Commission – Discipline of architecture, architectural history, history or archaeology.

Metropolitan Commission – Must live in the 1st District

Plumbing Fuel Gas Board – Must be a Licensed plumber

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board – applications must be completed on the Governor's Appointments Office website at: <https://govappointments.maryland.gov/>

Youth Advisory Committee – Must be between 14 – 22 years of age

Interested citizens can download an application from the county's website or call Diane Gleissner at (301) 475-4200 ext. 71707 for more information.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.

Student Councils Earn State Accolades

The Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) awarded the 2020 Felix Simon Award for Leadership and Service to both Plum Point and Southern Middle Schools. The award is not a competition among councils, but rather a set of criteria for all school student councils to use to enhance leadership, service, and student empowerment within their schools. The schools completed an extensive application reflecting on their work throughout the year to earn this honor.

Jordan Hayes, a 7th grader at Southern Middle School, received the MASC Student Leadership Award, which recognizes students who make a difference through their leadership and extraordinary commitment to improving the school or community while excelling in their academic pursuits.

Desira Kelly of Plum Point Middle won the MASC Middle School Advisor of the Year award, given in honor of the special contributions of middle school advisors in promoting involvement at the school, regional, and state levels, thereby inspiring young leaders to become involved in MASC early on.

Locally, the Calvert Association of Student Councils (CASC) elected officers for the 2020-21 school year via online voting while schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The incoming officers are:

President—Thomas Foulkes, Huntingtown High, rising 11th grader

First Vice President—Destiny Lewis, Northern High, rising 11th grader

Second Vice President—Madelynn Kelly, Plum Point Middle, rising 8th grader

Treasurer—Maggie Rathgeb, Northern High (next year), rising 9th grader

Secretary—Paige Plater, Northern High (next year), rising 9th grader

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "Congrats, especially to Jordan and Mrs. Kelly for this special state-wide recognition. I love working with these students. I meet with CASC on a monthly basis, and I know the new officers to be outstanding students and thoughtful leaders."

Two schools won CASC's annual Student Government Association (SGA) awards. The perennially strong Northern Middle council was named the Middle School SGA of the Year for the sixth time, and Northern Middle's Athena Lewis is the Middle School Advisor of the Year, also for the sixth time. Northern High won the High School SGA of the Year award under the guidance of Theresa Jackson, who was named High School Advisor of the Year, both for the second consecutive year.

CASC advisor Scott Goldstein, a social studies teacher at Patuxent High, said, "I am proud to work with such a caring and dedicated group of student leaders and student government advisors. These prestigious awards are proof of their commitment to student leadership and to improving our school, our community, and the state of Maryland."

Press Release from CCPS.

Pet

OF THE WEEK

MEET NIKKI SIX



You know you own chickens when
They all have names and come when you call!

Hi there, my name is Nikki Six. I'm a REALLY COOL DUDE who can rule your chicken coop and keep all your hens safe! I will definitely earn my keep. I'm very ENTERTAINING and the girls will just LOVE me. I'm also a low maintenance active boy that enjoys my seed. So send my pals here at TCAS an email to come meet me and you can BE MY MIRACLE! PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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CSM Secures 100th Transfer Agreement

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) reached a milestone this week when it signed an articulation agreement with Frostburg State University (FSU). This partnership allows CSM to now offer its students priority enrollment or guaranteed admission to 50 different four-year colleges and universities to pursue 100 distinct degree programs.

CSM Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation Jacqui Rogers has been focused on expanding the college's collection of transfer agreements since she joined the CSM team two years ago. Also called 'articulation agreements,' transfer agreements are formal documents outlining a commitment between two or more academic institutions to guarantee a student transfer.

"It just makes sense to get a great education at CSM and then move on to earn your bachelor's degree at half the cost," said Rogers. "Especially now, in these uncertain times, with our communities struggling to economically survive during the COVID-19 crisis: Why pay an Ivy League tuition to get the same excellent education you can get much more affordably – and get a guaranteed transfer to a four-year institution?"

In addition to FSU, CSM's recently formed partnerships with Morgan State University, the University of Baltimore and the State University of New York (SUNY) – Delhi.

The articulation agreement with FSU allows CSM graduates with an associate of science (AS) degree in Business Administration; Business Administration; Technical Management; Accounting; Business Management; or Hospitality Management to come to FSU to complete a bachelor of science degree in Accounting, Business Administration or Economics. Among the many other transfer opportunities between FSU and CSM, Rogers also facilitated an articulation agreement with Frostburg for a bachelor's in Recreation and Parks Management.

CSM and Morgan State University (MSU) signed an articulation agreement May 1 for CSM graduates with their two-year degree in Construction Management Technology to attend MSU to attain a bachelor's in Construction Management. The CSM and MSU partnership provides the first, and only, transfer agreement CSM has for its graduates pursuing a bachelor's in this field of study.

"We are thrilled to offer our students who are pursuing a career in the construction trades this transfer opportunity," said Rogers. "The construction sector is essential in today's world and this agreement helps make a stronger—and steady—pipeline of employees ready to enter a demanding, and well-paying job market."

CSM joined a corps of community colleges participating in University of Baltimore's (UB) new BeeLine program, which allows eligible students to apply for and be admitted to the University of Baltimore while still enrolled at CSM starting in fall 2020. Through BeeLine, CSM students can receive priority advising from UB to ensure they are on track to have their credits transfer to the agreed-upon UB degree program. In addition, CSM students are eligible for the Bob & Renee Parson's Foundation Scholarship. The fund provides scholarships for hundreds of full-time students who transfer to UB primarily from community colleges, including current or former members of the military. These need-based scholarships, totaling up to \$5 million over five years, help students close the financial gap between their federal Pell Grants and the cost of tuition and fees for their final two years of undergraduate education.

"The best part about the Parson Scholarship and the BeeLine program is that UB provides a great deal of flexibility for students who are juggling school, home demands and work," Rogers explained.

In the articulation agreement with SUNY-Delhi in upstate New York, CSM nursing grads will be given guaranteed admission to earn Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees. Minimum requirements include graduating CSM with a 2.8 Grade Point Average (GPA).

"SUNY Delhi is excited about our new academic partnership with College of Southern Maryland," said Dr. Susan Dean, SUNY Delhi Interim Provost and Dean of the School of Nursing. "Together, we support nurses in advancing their degrees as well as their lives."

CSM students can now also transfer to St. Mary's College of Maryland with their AS in Computer Science with Cloud Computing to earn a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. The articulation agreement is in addition to 11 other agreements in place with St. Mary's for students going for their bachelor's in everything from English and STEM fields to Theater, Film and Media Studies.

CSM's other new agreements offer a bachelor's in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution at Salisbury University and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Bowie State University (BSU).

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

Press Release from CSM.

Washington Post Educator Awards Finalists Announced

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) has announced the district's finalists for the Washington Post Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year Awards. Lauren Lynn of Huntingtown Elementary is the CCPS finalist for Teacher of the Year, and Kelly Cleland of Windy Hill Elementary is the finalist for Principal of the Year.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "We were so pleased to have Lauren Lynn and Kelly Cleland represent Calvert County for this prestigious award. They are outstanding examples of the kinds of teachers and leaders we have working for us every day, especially during these challenging times."

As an accomplished school librarian, Ms. Lynn is a passionate advocate for libraries, an exemplary educator, and a promoter of literacy and learning. A finalist for the Maryland School Librarian of the Year on two different occasions, she has shared her work at local, state, and national conferences and served on district curriculum development committees. She is a member of the District Equity Leadership Team and is the equity team liaison for her school, roles in which Sandy Walker, Supervisor of Equity and School Improvement, said she exhibits "a tireless and relentless passion to create an inclusive environment where all students may experience success." According to Brock Fulton, Principal of Huntingtown Elementary, "Her dedication has provided all of our students the opportunity to experience how media and technology can be used in powerful ways to educate, create, and solve problems."

Washington Post Principal of the Year finalist, Mrs. Cleland, exhibits enthusiasm for new ideas to make Windy Hill a better place for students and families. She encourages

innovation, passionately supports professional development, and fosters efficacy among her staff. According to Lisa Morgan, Assistant Principal of Windy Hill Elementary, Mrs. Cleland "encourages teacher leaders and enables them to stretch their boundaries." Underlying her belief in the power of building positive relationships with staff and students is an unsurpassed commitment to quality instruction, social-emotional learning, and professionalism. Most importantly, she loves her students. Mrs. Cleland graduated from high school in Calvert County and returned to teach kindergarten after graduating from the University of Maryland. She served as an assistant principal in an elementary and middle school and was the district Supervisor of Intermediate Reading and Language Arts before becoming principal at Windy Hill Elementary.

The Washington Post Teacher of the Year Award, formerly known as the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, recognizes teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession. The Washington Post Principal of the Year Award, formerly called the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, seeks to recognize those principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment. School systems in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, including D.C. public charters and private schools, selected nominees in the two categories.

The winner of the 2020 Teacher of the Year award is Teresa Beilstein, a third-grade teacher at South Shore Elementary in Crownsville, Maryland, and the Principal of the Year is Jesse Kraft, principal of Fairfax County's Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary in Herndon, Virginia.

Press Release from CCPS.



Weill Cornell Medicine

Darren C. Johnson



We would like to congratulate our son on receiving his PhD in Chemical Biology from Weill Cornell Medical College in NYC. All of your hard work has finally paid off. You never let anyone or anything hold you back. The research world awaits you and all you have to offer. Keep up the great work- we are super proud of you.

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Chris & Denise Johnson

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Diane Dorsey & Roy Cutchember, Jr

Quade Continues Winning Ways Saturday at Potomac

Hollidge Flag to Flag in RUSH Crates

Budds Creek, MD- Defending track champion Derick Quade collected his first win of the season in last Saturday nights 25-lap Limited Late Model feature at Potomac Speedway. The win for Quade, aboard his Black Diamond no.74, was worth \$1000 and would be his 20th career division feature win.

Kurt Zimmerman jumped into the lead at the start of the event with Quade in tow. Zimmerman appeared to have the car to beat as he effortlessly paced the field until his car encountered mechanical issues on the 12th lap, forcing him from the event. Quade would then inherit the lead and drive off uncontested to take the win. "I feel bad for Kurt." Quade stated in victory lane. "He had a good car tonight and I would've rather raced him for the win, but we've lost them the same way, so we'll take a win any way we can get it." Tyler Emory came home second with Sam Archer, Brad Rigdon and Todd Plummer completing the top-five.

In the companion 25-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main, Dale Hollidge started on the pole for the feature and would easily control all 25-circuits to post his 7th career RUSH win steering his Rocket no.0. "We really stepped up our Crate program last season and all the hard work is paying off." Hollidge shared. "There were a lot of good cars here tonight and we were able to get to the front first and I want to thank everyone on this team for a great car tonight." Matt Hill was solid in second with Jeremy Pilkerton, Ross Robinson and Ronnie Martin Jr. rounding out the top-five.

In support class action, Trent Clemmons scored his first career Po-

tomac feature win in the 15-lap Hobby Stock feature, Shawn Payne drove to his second consecutive win in the 15-lap U-Car contest with Nabil Guffey taking his first of the season and career 12th, in the 15-lap Strictly Stock nightcap.

Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Derick Quade 2. Tyler Emory 3. Sam Archer 4. Brad Rigdon 5. Todd Plummer 6. Daniel Garrett 7. Kurt Zimmerman 8. Brandon Long

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Dale Hollidge 2. Matt Hill 3. Jeremy Pilkerton 4. Ross Robinson 5. Ronnie Martin Jr. 6. Jonathan Raley 7. Levi Crowl 8. Mike Raleigh 9. Amanda Robinson 10. Joey Love 11. Megan Mann 12. Timmy Booth 13. Carl Vaughn 14. Ben Scott 15. Austin Bussler (DNS)

Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Trent Clemmons 2. Erik Hanson 3. Hilton Pickeral 4. Wyatt Hanson 5. Dave Adams 6. John Burch 7. Troy Kassiris 8. Colin Long 9. Jonathan Knott 10. Blake Jacobs 11. Deuce Wright 12. Mason Hanson 13. James Rainey (DNS)

Strictly Stock feature finish

1. Nabil Guffey 2. Greg Mattingly 3. John Hardesty 4. Johnny Hardesty 5. Stephen Suite 6. Daniel Knoble 7. Travis Dye 8. James Stone Jr. 9. Cody Stamp 10. George Stamp

U-Car feature finish

1. Shawn Payne 2. Justin Knight 3. Allen Griffith 4. Mackenzie Smith 5. Stephanie Homberg 6. Brian Johnson 7. Faith Lacey 8. Dale Simpson 9. Owen Lacey 10. Kristy Whitehouse 11. Jace Williams 12. Joey Suite

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway

Free Fishing Days Scheduled



Photo by Stephen Badger

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources offers license-free fishing days on June 6, June 13, and July 4 — a free option to explore Maryland's diverse and unique fishing experiences without needing a fishing license, trout stamp, or registration.

Following Governor Hogan's announcement of Stage One of the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery,' the state has expanded opportunities for outdoor exercise and recreation in the state. Anglers are advised to follow social distancing and other precautions as outlined in the department's update regarding Maryland outdoor recreation.

Maryland hosts license-free fishing days annually on the first two Saturdays in June and on the Independence Day holiday. On these days, any individual may catch and possess finfish in any tidal and nontidal waters

of Maryland, as long as it's for recreational purposes. All anglers must follow current size and catch limits found in the department's fishing and crabbing guide.

The department also has dozens of other resources to help new or experienced anglers, including angler access maps, Click Before You Cast environmental monitoring reports, and fish identification charts.

Aside from these free fishing days and certain license-free areas, anyone 16 or older fishing in Maryland must possess a license, which can be obtained or renewed online or on the department's mobile app. During the current State of Emergency, Governor Hogan has granted a grace period for anyone whose valid license has expired since March 5, 2020.

Press Release from MD DNR.

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In Remembrance

Charles Stephen Woodward, "Steve"



Charles Stephen Woodward, "Steve", 66, of Port Republic, Maryland passed away on May 28, 2020 in Washington DC. He was born on January 10, 1954 in Prince Frederick, Maryland to the late Ralph and Mary Mae Woodward. After graduation from Calvert High School, Steve started working for Calvert Cliff Nuclear Power Plant as an Insulator. He then went on to join the Insulators Union Local 24. Steve loved fishing, camping, hunting for sharks teeth on the

beach and playing with his grandson, Hunter.

Steve is survived by his wife, Barbara E. Woodward, daughter Tonya Sombke and grandson Hunter Michael Stoneman. He is also survived by brothers, William and John Woodward and a sister Virginia "Ginger" Cook.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

John Raymond Blair



John Raymond Blair, 68, of Sunderland, Md, passed away on May 20, 2020 in Washington DC. John

was born in Frederick, Md. to William Blair and Ellen Preston on March 22, 1952. He attended Calvert County High School in Prince Frederick, Md. He graduated from University of Maryland. He worked as a line technician for Verizon phone company.

John is preceded in death by his father, William Blair, mother Ellen Preston, sister Margaret, brother Thomas.

John is survived by his brother Roy Blair, sister-in-law Yanping Lin, nephew Robert Blair, and sister-in-law Barbara Blair.

The Blair family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses at George Washington University Hospital, to Pastor Faith of Mt. Harmony United Methodist church, to John's friends who have supported us in this difficult time.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

passed away on May 25, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 27, 1935 in Clements, MD, and was the son of the late Genevieve Johnson Guy and Norman A. Guy, Sr. Jackie was the loving husband of Margaret (Peggy) Spence Guy whom he married on November 20, 1954 in Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Chaptico, MD. Jackie is survived by his children Judy Copsey (Wayne), John C. Guy, Jr (Kathi), Robert E. Guy (Jo), Valerie J. Guy, A. Diane Lacey and Joseph R. Guy (Cathy) all of Mechanicsville, MD. As well as 11 grandchildren, 14 plus great grandchildren and his sister Phyllis Bowling of Clements, MD. He was preceded in death by his daughter M. Elaine Guy, son in-law Paul Lacey, siblings Norman A. Guy, Jr, William A. Guy, and Elizabeth Rose Wood.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduate from Margaret Brent High School. Jackie was Co-Owner of JC & WA Guy Excavating in Mechanicsville, MD. He served in the National Guard for 9 years from 1953 to 1961. Jackie was a lifetime member of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department from April 7, 1951 to present. He was the Assistant Chief from 1961 to 1964. In addition, he was a Charter Member of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Jackie's interest included raising birds, camping, gardening, NASCAR, racing at Potomac Speedway, and watching the Washington Capital Hockey team. He enjoyed listening to bluegrass music, giving hugs, and spending time with family.

All Funeral Services will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Ray Snoots, Larry Anderson, Lee Stine, Mike Lacey, Andre Morris and Greg Snoots.

John Clement Guy, Sr.



John Clement Guy, Sr. "Jackie", 85, of Mechanicsville, MD

All Funeral Services will be private at this time. Serving as pallbearers will be Jenny Connelly, Steven Guy, Dylan Guy, Bryan Tinnerman, Richard Lacey, and Hannah Guy-Withers. Honorary Pallbearers will be Amy Copsey, Jacob Guy, Tommy Tinnerman, Sherry Lawyer, and Samantha Guy. Contributions may be made to Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department P.O. Box 37 Mechanicsville, MD 20659, Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 15 Mechanicsville, MD 20659 and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 28297 Old Village Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Javara Bernadette Berry

Javara Bernadette Berry "Boss", 44 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 22, 2020 in Callaway, MD. She was born on

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June 23, 1975 in Leonardtown, MD and was the loving daughter of the late Julia Hebb Edgston and John Edgston. Javara is survived by her children Lavonte Berry of Leonardtown, MD, Louis Berry, Jr. of Leonardtown, MD, Taylor Hayden of Callaway, MD, Kaylee Clarke of Leonardtown, MD, Issacc Cross of Leonardtown, MD, Skye Cross of Leonardtown, MD, 1 granddaughter Wynter Rose Hayden and companion Tavon Copes. Javara is survived by her siblings Michael Hebb, Sr., Quinton Hebb, Monica Hebb, John Butler, and Rose Hebb. She is preceded in death by her sister Coretta Edgston.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduate of Leonardtown High School in 1993. Javara was an employment coach at Spring Dell Center for 4 years.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time. Serving as pallbearers will be Montana Knight, John O. Hebb, Jay Neal, Shaquille Stewart, Tavon Copes and John W. Briscoe.

Marc Allen Guetschoff



Marc Allen Guetschoff, 61, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Westland, MI passed away on May 21, 2020 in Lexington Park, MD. He was born on September 24, 1958 in Wayne, MI and was the loving son of the late Beverlee Guetschoff and Raymond Guetschoff. Marc was the loving husband of Laura

Brook-Guetschoff, whom he married on September 27, 2008 in Hollywood, MD. Marc is survived by his children Jennifer Bell (Robert) of Mechanicsville, MD, Erica Guetschoff of Mechanicsville, MD, Matthew Guetschoff of Hollywood, MD, Zachary Guetschoff of Lexington Park, MD, Kaneesha Brooks of Lexington Park, MD, Lauryn Brooks of Lexington Park, MD and 6 grandchildren. As well as siblings Brad Guetschoff of Wayne, MI, and Cathy Masuch of Mesa, AZ. He was preceded in death by his brother Chris Guetschoff.

He graduated from Wayne Memorial H.S. in 1977. Marc served in the United States Navy from 1977 to 1982. While serving in the United States Navy, he served on the USS John F. Kennedy. Marc enjoyed hiking, fishing, camping, and spending time with family.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

Patricia Long



Pat Long, of Scotland, formerly of Fort Washington, Maryland, passed away at home on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 after a courageous 20-year battle with breast cancer. She was born on February 1, 1938 in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. The only daughter of the late Clair Edwin Penrod and Marjorie Elizabeth (Scottie) Hill Penrod. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John D. (Don) Long. Pat and Don were together since the age of 14 and shared 68 years together. She is also survived by three brothers - Richard Penrod (deceased) and his wife Lydia, of Winchester, Virginia; James Penrod and his wife, Ret. Col. Virginia Penrod of Palmyra, Virginia, and David Penrod and his wife Helen, of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Pat also leaves behind three children - Kathleen M. (Long) Williamson (Keith) of La Plata, Thomas L. Long of La Plata, and John D. (Danny) Long (deceased) pre-

viously of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. She very much loved each of her seven grandchildren who called her Mama and was proud of their accomplishments - Heather M. Santoro (Giovanni) of La Plata; Michael T. Long (Alisha) of Columbus, Ohio; Matthew D. Williamson (Jessica) of Huntingtown, Maryland; Leonard Long of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Frank Long of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth A. Connell (Nick) of King George, Virginia; and Randi Rathbun (Aaron) of Ambridge, Pennsylvania. She was blessed to have 21 great grandchildren - Giovanni Santoro, Jr. (Veronica) of Columbia, South Carolina; Mackenzie Smith (Ryan) of Denton, Texas; Trey Brown (Amber) of Colonial Beach, Virginia; Isabella Santoro (Jesse), Ilaria Santoro, and Gianluca Santoro of La Plata; Avery Long, Elliott (Ellie) Long, and Madison (Maddie) Long of Columbus, Ohio; Jayden Connell, Jase Connell, and Brynlee Connell of King George, Virginia; Keegan Williamson of Huntingtown, Maryland; Ender Ward of Ambridge, Pennsylvania; and seven additional great grandchildren in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Pat had a craft business (Hand Sewn Gifts by Pat) for over 40 years and was extremely talented. She spent many years traveling the east coast doing craft shows, as well as selling her products in numerous local stores. She was on several bowling leagues with her husband throughout her life. Pat loved eating crabs, spending time with family and friends, and traveling with her husband, Don. They went on several cruises, years of bus trips, vacationing in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and two cross-country road trips, one with

her three brothers and the other with her husband, his sisters and their spouses. Pat was a very positive person with a kind heart and a longing to help others. There is a hole in the hearts of so many people with her passing and she will truly be missed.

There will be no viewing or funeral at Pat's request. There will be a private burial in Pennsylvania at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Inc., 28 West 44th Street, Suite 609, New York, NY 10036-7422.

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

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Rudolph John Baliko



Rudolph (Rudy) John Baliko of Valley Lee, MD passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 27, 2020 after a brief illness.

Born on November 20, 1939 to the late Rudolph Baliko, Sr. and Marie Baumann Baliko in New York City, Rudy attended PS47 elementary school and Henry Hudson Junior High. He attended James



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In Remembrance

Monroe High School in the Bronx and transferred to North Hunterdon Regional High in Annandale, NJ where he played football, ran track, and graduated in 1957.

Rudy was accepted into Paul Smith's College and earned an Associate's degree in Pre-Professional Forestry and later attended University of Maine where he graduated with his Bachelor's degree in Forestry in 1961. Later that year, he was drafted into the United States Army, completing basic training at Fort Dix. Trained in missile repair and maintenance at the US Ordnance Ballistic Missile School at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, Rudy was stationed in Nichor-solm, Germany and White Sands, NM. He completed his service after two years with an honorable discharge in July 1963.

In 1964, Rudy began his career as a forester with the state of Maryland at the St. Mary's County Department of Forest Service. In 1971 Rudy started his own private business, proudly serving as a Consulting Forester to clients in MD, VA, DE, and WV until recent months.

Rudy married Peg Jette Baliko on May 23, 1964 sharing 56 years together as the proud parents of five children.

While raising his children, Rudy was active with Little Flower School, St. Mary's Ryken, and Leonardtown High where his children attended. He was also an active member of the St. George Catholic Church for over 50 years as a lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, and assisted the pastor with funeral services.

Rudy was a member of the American Forest Association, American Tree Farm Institution, Forest Landowners Association, Maryland

Forests Association, St. Mary's County Agriculture Seafood and Forestry Commission, and the Society of American Foresters.

Rudy is survived by his wife, Peg, of Valley Lee, 3 sons, Christopher (Allison) of Bethel, CT, Eric (Heidi) of Charleston, SC, Ryan of Colorado Springs, CO; and one daughter, Janelle of California, MD. Rudy is also survived by five grandchildren: Jacob, Mason, Madeleine, Calvin, and Lily, his cousins Anna Olownia (Stan) and Eugene Gansfuss (Cathy), and many special nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Anna (November 1943) and his son, Tyree John (February 1970).

A private graveside service will be held at St. George's Catholic Cemetery, Valley Lee, MD.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date at St. George's Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and the Second District Volunteer Firehouse and Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

Funeral Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. in Leonardtown, MD.

Barry Lee Moreland

Barry Lee Moreland, 57, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Monday, May 25, 2020, after a courageous cancer battle.

He was born on November 10, 1962 in Leonardtown, Maryland to Stewart Moreland and Ann



(Hayden) Moreland of Mechanicsville, MD.

Barry was a fun-loving, charismatic man who cherished his family above all. He worked hard as a truck driver starting at Metrex and ending with Safeway, and loved driving his rigs. He met many wonderful friends and "family" throughout his travels. He especially loved spending time with family in Maryland, Florida, and Delaware. Barry cherished these special times with his family and relaxing together to keep the family close.

A prankster through his core, Barry loved to laugh and play practical jokes. His laugh was contagious and smile infectious. The life of the party, ready for a good time with a Bud Light in one hand and arm wrapped around a friend, Barry made life better. He enjoyed NASCAR in the spring and summer and Redskin football in the fall and winter.

An avid sportsman, Barry enjoyed participating in Turkey Shoots at the Moose Lodge and VFW's. Barry was an active member of the Sons of American Legion Post 238 in Hughesville and the Moose Lodge Mechanicsville #495. He considered the other members family and spent time listening to music, playing KENO and hanging out with friends.

Barry was a good man, loving son, supportive brother, and amazing friend. A big teddy bear with a twinkle in his eye and a special grin on his face. One thing is for sure, you could always count on him in times of need.

As the days grow long and you connect with family and friends, know that Barry is with you. Smile bright, laugh loud and embrace each day.

Barry is survived by his parents, Stewart and Ann Moreland of Mechanicsville, MD; siblings, Tony Moreland (Shirley) of Sorrento, FL and Sylvia Welch (Johnny) of Mechanicsville, MD; and niece, Krys-

tal Aud (Darren) of Sorrento, FL; nephew, Tony Moreland, Jr. (Rebecca) of Mechanicsville, MD and great nephews and nieces, Hayden, Reagen, Dale and Kinsley. Barry was preceded in death by his great niece, Karli Aud.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made in Barry's name to any of the following, American Legion Post 298, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD; Mechanicsville Moose Lodge, 27636 Mechanicsville Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

George Walter Taylor



George Walter Taylor, 46 of Leonardtown, MD passed away peacefully on May 25, 2020 at the Hospice House of St. Mary's in Callaway, MD with his family at his side.

Walter was born on July 12, 1973 in Washington D.C. to Nancy Kathryn Street of Kilmarnock, VA and the late George William Taylor of Hollywood, MD.

He is a graduate of Leonardtown High School and completed numerous fire and rescue courses through the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. On August 11, 2000 he married his wife, Christine Marie Taylor in Prince Frederick, MD. Together they celebrated over 19 years of marriage.

Walter joined the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department in May 1988, at the age of 15 and held many officer's positions over the years. He obtained his Life Membership in 2017 and was currently serving as the Safety

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Officer at the time of his passing. Walter was also made honorary Fire Chief in May of 2020. On August 14, 2000 he was hired by the Naval District of Washington Fire Department at Naval Air Station Patuxent River as a Firefighter and was later promoted to the rank of Fire Inspector in 2014 at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C.. In 2015, Walter returned to Naval Air Station Patuxent River as a Fire Inspector and held that position until the time of his passing. Walter joined the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department in 2004 and in 2016 he received a Silver Medal of Valor for assisting a downed firefighter out of a house fire. He held numerous officer positions over the years and was still an active member at the time of his passing. Walter was also a past member of Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he served for numerous years. He was a member of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association and a Charter Member of the Maryland Red Knights, Chapter 4.

Walter enjoyed camping in Spotsylvania, VA at the Wilderness Presidential Camp Resort. He was a volunteer coach for St. Mary's Youth Soccer, and enjoyed coaching his son's teams. He was a member of the Tri-County Sports Officials Association (TSOA) and umpired slow pitch softball in St. Mary's County and on Patuxent Naval Air Station for seven years. He was inducted into the St. Mary's Softball Hall of Fame for Young Men's Slow Pitch in October 2018. Over the years, Walter also enjoyed working as a doorman at the Dew Drop Inn and Hill's Country Store.

He was an avid Washington Redskins fan, as well as, the Baltimore Orioles. He also enjoyed watching women's college softball. He was a previous fan of the Baltimore Colts. He found joy in charter boat fishing with family and friends. He took great pride in his Harley Davidson Motorcycles, especially his 2002 Classic Fire Fighter's Edition motorcycle.

In addition to his wife, Christine, Walter is also survived by his children: Miranda Noelle Taylor (Nick) of North Beach, MD, Kayla Michele Taylor (Teddie) of Solomons, MD, Justin Street Taylor of Leonardtown, MD, and Mackenzie Teresa Grace Taylor of Leonardtown, MD; his brother, James Patrick Taylor (Carla) of Milton, DE; his granddaughters,

Avery Shadrick and Riley Brennan; his nephews: Nathan Taylor (Shelby) and Josh Taylor of Lusby, MD; his great nephew, Jax Taylor; his aunt, Martha Fox; his cousins: Helen Hayden, Pat Edwards, Mike Hayden, Frankie Hayden, Gaylynn and Derrick Dye; his father-in-law, Robert Lee Trossbach (Mary Della) of Leonardtown, MD; mother-in-law: Ruth Culver (Bruce) of Charlotte Hall, MD; brother-in-law, John Trossbach (Kelly) of Leonardtown, MD; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, George William Taylor.

Serving as pallbearers will be James Taylor, Nathan Taylor, Josh Taylor, Kayla Taylor, Justin Taylor, Teddie Delehanty, Charlie Franklin, Jason Pardoe, and CJ Mattingly.

Honorary pallbearers will be Miranda Taylor, Johnny Pardoe, Chris Franklin, JP Caulder, John Trossbach, Jonathan Dalrymple; the members of Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Dept.; Naval District of Washington Fire Dept., Hollywood Volunteer Fire Dept. and Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Memorial contributions may be made in Walter's name to Camp Kesem at University of Maryland, 4423 Lehigh Road, #744, College Park, MD 20740 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Everett Eugene Thompson



Everett Eugene "Tommy" Thompson 66 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on May 23, 2020 in the arms of his loving wife of 43 years, Genevieve Thompson whom he married on September 4, 1976.

Tommy was born in Grandby, MO on November 19, 1953. He was raised in Maryland by his father, the late Edward Thompson and step mother, Doris Thompson. Tommy served his country in the United States Navy, enlisting when he was just 17 years old. Upon his honorable discharge, he began a career as a plumber. In June of 2005 he founded Thompson's Plumbing Inc. He proudly shared his knowledge and experience while teaching each of his sons the trade when they all decided to follow in his footsteps.

Tommy was the epitome of a family man with a heart of gold, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He devoted his life to spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Tommy enjoyed putting together puzzles, watching golf, NASCAR, and football. He was a fan of the Washington Redskins (and his hometown team, the Kansas City Chiefs). Of all his favorite sports, he most enjoyed attending his granddaughter's softball games, where he was her biggest fan.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Genevieve Thompson, sons: Curtis Thompson (Melissa), Brian Thompson (Melinda), Kevin Thompson; daughter, Jennilee Hancock (James); grandchildren: Bryce, Breanna, Owen, Chloe, Hollie, Abby, Madison and Mason; step mother, Doris Thompson; brother, Rory Thompson, sisters, Brenda Roper (Dave) and Kim Andrews; a host of brother and sister in laws; and many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. He is predeceased by his father, Edward Thompson and brother, Randy Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Everett's name to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Helen Marie Creighton

Helen Marie Creighton, 82, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away suddenly on May 18, 2020.

She was born in Richmond, VA and spent her childhood in the small town of Hopewell, VA.

As an early teen her family



moved to the Washington, DC area, where she would meet her late husband, James Creighton. They built a long and happy life together.

Helen worked for many years at the DC School Board until she retired and found her true calling, being a substitute teacher. She worked at White Marsh Elementary School. She found true friends and a joy working with children. She would run into kids she taught through her years and they would come up to give "Mrs. C" a hug.

She was adored and loved by her family. Helen was fun-loving, and a bright light in everyone's life. She was always willing to lend a helping hand. A beautiful woman and an angel among us. Helen will be greatly missed and her memory will live on for generations.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Stephenie Goble; grandchildren, Jimi (Kristen) and Jesse Goble; four (4) great-granddaughters, Anna, Jade, Trinity and Kennedy Goble and step great-grandsons, Dylan McNey and Jordan Oliver.

We all love her and will miss her every day.

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

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

Carol Alethea Mason





Carol Alethea Mason, 71, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 17, 2020 at her home with her loving family at her side.

She was born on March 5, 1949 in Baltimore, MD to the late Vernon Harris and Frances Armstrong.

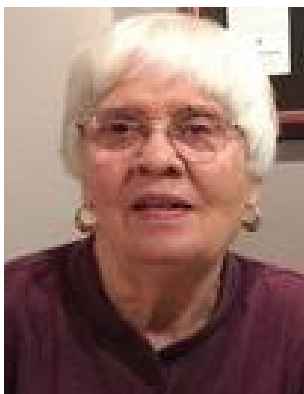
On September 16, 1996 she married her husband, James Sidney Mason, Jr. Together they celebrated over 20 years of marriage. She was employed many dedicated years at St. Mary's Nursing Center until her retirement in 2008.

In addition to her husband, Carol is also survived by her children: Tisha Ann Hemsley (Kenny) of Waldorf, MD, Angela Savoy (Troy) of Indian Head, MD, and Carina M. Contee of Brandywine, MD; her siblings: Vincent Harris of Baltimore, MD, Kelvin Armstrong of Clements, MD, Phillip Armstrong of Mechanicsville, MD and Roderrick Armstrong of Arizona, four grandchildren; one great grandchild; and extended family and friends.

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Ernestine Gatton



Ernestine Gatton, 83, of Hollywood, MD passed away on May 19, 2020 at Burnett Calvert Hospice House in Prince Frederick, MD with her son lovingly holding her hand and comforting her with many warm memories of her wonderful life.

She was born on November 10, 1936 in Mainz, Germany to the late Franz Loos and Barbara Amalia Maria (Seibert Loos). Growing up in Germany during World War II was difficult but she was strong and endured those painful times.

In the 1950's Ernestine met an American soldier and fell in love. That soldier was John William Gatton. They married on June 11, 1955 in Mainz Germany. Together they celebrated 57 wonderful years

of marriage before his passing in April of 2013. After getting married they left for the U.S. to Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia. Soon after their daughter Barbara was born. Ernestine learned to speak English, cook and care for her daughter with the help of other military wives while her husband was briefly deployed. Later she and her husband would make trips to St. Mary's County, MD where her husband's family lived. She had wonderful times with them. Several years later her husband received orders to go back to Germany. She was excited to go back to see her parents, brother and friends who she missed dearly. During that time in Germany there son Robert was born in Wiesbaden. Her husband was reassigned back to the U.S. to Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois where they remained until he retired in 1970. They returned to St. Mary's County, MD and resided in Hollywood where she spent the rest of her life.

She was a meticulous homemaker, gardener and birdwatcher. She was a dedicated wife and loving mother. Her life revolved around taking care of and spending time with her family and friends. She loved holidays especially Christmas. She made many delicious traditional German desserts including her Christmas Stollen, German butter cookies and Black Forest cake. Her husband and children loved her baked goods especially her pound cakes and coconut cakes.

Ernestine and her husband and family enjoyed traveling to Italy, Florida and the Outer Banks of North Carolina. She enjoyed the beaches, swimming and collecting shells especially on Sanibel Island, Florida. She also enjoyed her trips to Germany to see her family and their trips to the U.S. to see her. She loved her brother Wolfgang and his wife Barbara very much and her nieces and nephews Katrin, Alexander and Nadine Loos and their children. When she became ill she especially loved her many phone calls from her brother Wolfgang and his wife Barbara, her sister-in-law Hilda Mae Gatton, and other members of the family. Family and her home were her greatest joys. She was always there if you needed her. She loved her husband and her children Barbara and Robert and enjoyed spending time with them. She also loved her cat Tabby who was great comfort to her after her husband passed and

she became ill. During her years of illness her caregivers were special to her. They would watch many Hallmark movies together and westerns. They became part of the family and will always be. They were kind, nurturing and loving to her in her final years.

Ernestine is survived by her children, Barbara Ann Beard of Leonardtown, MD, Robert Francis Gatton and Steven Berns of Lusby, MD, her brother Wolfgang and Barbara Loos of Germany, and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband John.

Family will receive friends on Friday, May 29, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service celebrated by Reverend Raymond Schmidt at 1:00 P.M. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. at 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at Our Lady's Catholic Cemetery in Medley's Neck, Leonardtown, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to Burnett Calvert Hospice House, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79, Hollywood, MD 20636 and the Alzheimer's/Dementia Association 10665 Stanhaven Place, Suite 205D, White Plains, MD 20695.

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Donald Peter Howd Jr.



Donald Peter Howd, Jr., age 54, crossed over the Rainbow Bridge (as he would say) suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Don was born on July 12, 1965 to the late Don Howd, Sr. and Jean (Frick) Howd and was raised in New Jersey. Don was the oldest of four children and he loved his family with all his heart.

Don was an honorable man who

loved serving his country in the Navy. He was proud to serve his country and maintained his patriotism until the end; how fitting that his watch ended on Memorial Day weekend. Don made many lifelong friendships along the way as he was a part of the commissioning of the USS Harry S Truman (CVN-75) twenty-one years ago.

Don leaves behind his cherished, beloved wife, Juliet. His sons Don Howd, III of Hollywood, MD; G.J. Dawson (Brianna) of Cambridge, MD; Tyler Todd (Jessica) of Hurlock, MD. Don's grandchildren-Destni, Ian, and Jaxsen. Don's siblings- Steven Howd (Toni) of Hawaii; Karen Cook (Kevin) of Middleboro, Massachusetts; Kristina McGowan (Christopher) of Salem, Massachusetts. Also, Don leaves behind a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Don married the love of his life, Juliet on October 19, 2007. He loved always calling her his Bride as the love that they shared was immeasurable. Together they had made a beautiful family; looking forward to their retirement years together; making more memories with each other as well as with family and friends.

Don was an incredibly talented guitar player and loved to listen to music and enjoy time with family and friends celebrating life and freedom itself. Music was certainly a passion of his. Also, he enjoyed cooking for his family and friends.

Don was a man who did not know a stranger. His personality would keep you on edge because he had a dry wit and good-natured sarcasm with his Jersey sense of humor and honesty, which we all cherished. He was an extraordinary friend that would be there for you in best of times and the worst of times in life as he truly had a heart of gold. Don made such a positive difference in each and every life that he touched.

Fair winds and following seas until we meet again, Sailor.

Well done Sailor and we now have the watch so may you Rest in Eternal Peace.

Services will be private as Don will be honorably laid to rest at Cheltenham Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Don to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD.

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Letters TO THE Editor

Bad Data, Bad Shutdown Rules

Friday, June 5

Drive Thru Pizza Night
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

We will be making our "Famous Carnival Pizza" for you to enjoy. Cheese \$10 and Pepperoni \$12. Uncooked pizzas only. Pizzas can be picked up at the main entrance of the fire department. Call 301-373-2695 for info.

Saturday, June 6

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue New Volunteer Orientation

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Looking for people to join our am or pm feed shifts as well as many of our 'behind the scenes' opportunities. No experience necessary. At the orientation, volunteers will learn our specific feed shift routine, how to groom a horse as well as the importance of safety and awareness when working around horses. The orientation is hands on. Open to all. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. For information contact freedom.hill.org@gmail.com.

Open House and Tack Sale
Freedom Hill Horse Rescue; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Open to all. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free. No signup is required. Meet and greet our horses. Have a pony ride (\$5), enjoy a game or activity. Take a tour of the farm. We will also be holding a mini tack sale. For information contact freedom.hill.org@gmail.com

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June 10 - July 5

CalvART clay artists explore a diversity of approaches to expressing their creativity in two and three dimensions. Marie Bundy Estabrook (show Chairperson), Randy Estabrook, Denise Breitburg, Ray Bogle and Richard Preston are hosting a virtual exhibit during the month of June, where their art and their stories will be highlighted. Please join us for this celebration of the creative mind as seen through the hands of these talented artists. View the artwork on Facebook or on CalvART's NEW ONLINE STORE via <https://squareup.com/store/calvart-gallery> and <https://www.facebook.com/www.calvartgallery.org/> or visit us in June at the Gallery as we will be there Friday thru Sunday, three days a week 11 to 5pm starting June 5th.

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To the Editor

The 5/14/20 The County Times article by Dick Myers, "Testing Up, Numbers Up, Percentages Down" cited Calvert Co. Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky's statement that some of their Coronavirus stats do not reflect actual deaths. The article quoted him as saying, "The state COVID website now attributes 12 deaths to Calvert County. The actual number of deaths is 3." See their Health Dept. report providing that documentation at link: <https://www.calverthealth.org/healththreats/diseases/cviro.htm>

Since statistics such as these are the basis for Gov. Larry Hogan's health-based restrictions on personal freedoms, we Citizens need to find out if similar erroneous statistics prevail in St. Mary's Co. Or in the rest of the state. Accurate Coronavirus statistics inform and induce extremely consequential public policy decisions on appropriate Coronavirus prevention and cure. The problem is scary enough with accurate data, but overestimates can generate debilitating fear among some citizens torn between weighing personal safety vs. personal Liberty.

Current disruptive public policies dictated by the Governor without General Assembly "advice and consent," have produced Unconstitutional violations of basic rights of the Citizens. Such as Constitutionally guaranteed rights to assemble to petition government to redress grievances, to freely worship together, to conduct businesses without overbearing restraints that cause unemployment and wide-ranging damage to major industries like real estate, banking, transportation, recreational, food service and small mom and pop specialty service stores—and lost newspaper advertising revenues negatively impacting freedom of the press.

While the Governor has partially reversed the severest restrictions on churches and some other activities, the rules are still far too conflicting and destructive with draconian one-size-fits-all edicts not based on scientific facts. Such as allowing virtually unlimited access to box stores while restricting other business, government and professional offices—and restaurants and bars—

to the unjustifiable, unworkable and economically destructive 10-person occupancy limit instead of relaxing that limit to a more flexible limit of say 50 on the way towards restarting the recovery of normal life in reasonably safe areas such as Southern Maryland.

A far more dangerous contributor to the Coronavirus pandemic than inadequate social spacing, was recently revealed in a review of studies by public health experts citing scientific evidence as publicized in The Washington Times 5/13/20 article, "WHO: Smokers more likely to develop, die from COVID-19" see at link: <https://www.washington-times.com/news/2020/may/12/world-health-organization-smokers-more-likely-deve/>

From the article: In late April, the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General issued an advisory warning that smoking and vaping could make COVID-19 infections worse, damage lungs, weaken the immune system, and increase the spread of the disease due to hand-to-mouth contact when using smoking and vaping products...

Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said in a blog post, "Because it attacks the lungs, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 could be an especially serious threat to those who smoke tobacco or marijuana or who vape." Emerging evidence suggests that exposure to e-cigarette aerosols can harm lung cells and diminish the body's ability to fight infections, Dr. Volkow said...

Thus, in light of the above documented scientific evidence of their vicious contribution to the deadly Coronavirus pandemic in Maryland, Gov. Hogan's declaration of marijuana, tobacco and vaping businesses in Maryland as "essential," should immediately be rescinded. And in light of St. Mary's County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster's well documented case against use of those lung-damaging and behavior-impairing substances, all SMC officials should strongly endorse rescinding the preposterous "essential" designation for such damaging addictive substances.

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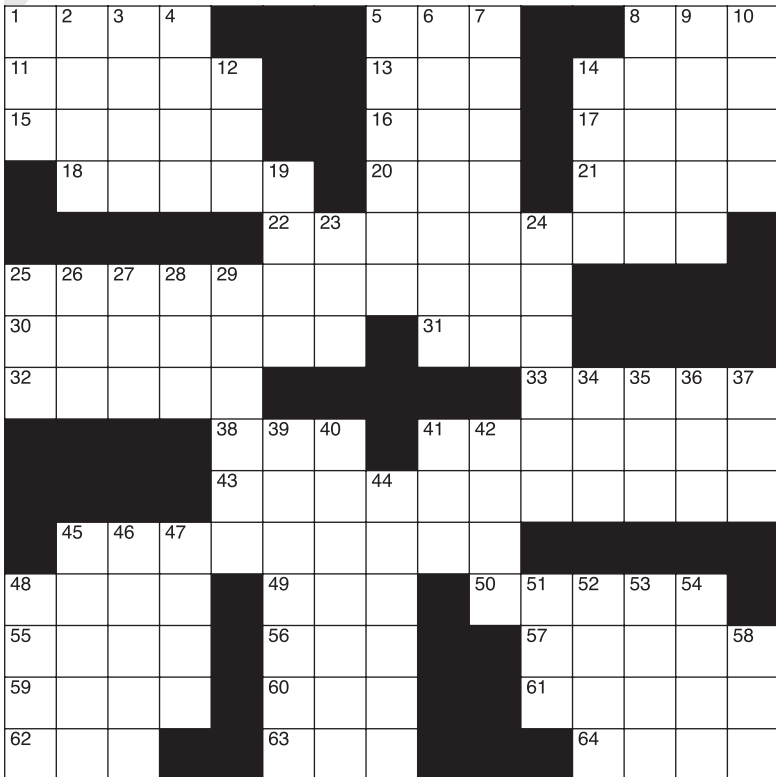
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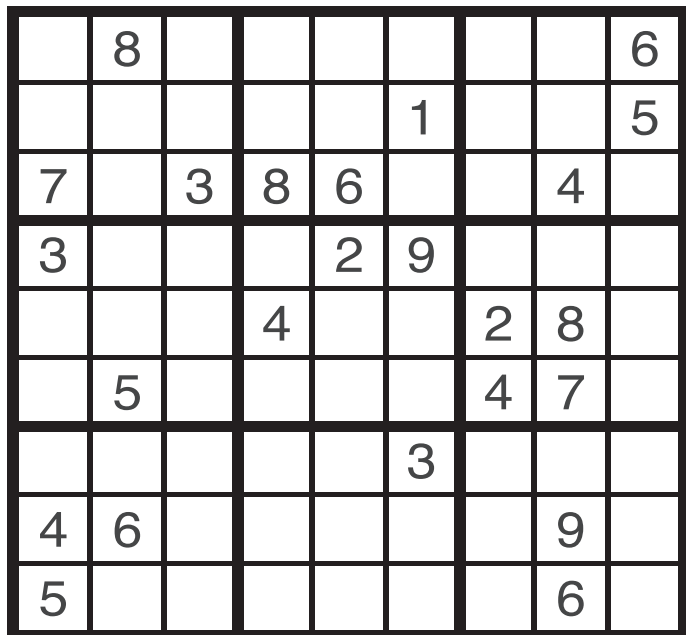
- 1. Swiss shoe company
- 5. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 8. ___ and flow
- 11. Horsecfly
- 13. Egyptian pharaoh
- 14. African nation
- 15. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 16. Initial public offering
- 17. Long-winding ridge
- 18. Guinea peoples
- 20. Fellow
- 21. About aviation
- 22. Able to make amends
- 25. Easy to perceive
- 30. Cut off
- 31. Northeast Thai language
- 32. Earthy pigment
- 33. Water nymphs
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Those who deal
- 43. Apply a new fabric
- 45. Confusions
- 48. "To ___ his own"
- 49. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 50. Heavy cavalry sword

- 55. Partner to pain
- 56. A type of savings account
- 57. In a way, felt pain
- 59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- 60. Consume
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Body part
- 63. Midway between south and southeast
- 64. Cheek

- 12. Large, dark antelope
- 14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 19. Exhausts
- 23. ___-bo: exercise system
- 24. Not written in any key or mode
- 25. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 27. Powdery, post-burning residue
- 28. Company that rings receipts
- 29. Rugged mountain range
- 34. Commercials
- 35. NY football player
- 36. A form of be
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Kindnesses
- 40. Natural electrical phenomenons
- 41. Your
- 42. Diana ___, singer
- 44. Upper surface of the mouth
- 45. National capital
- 46. Fluid in Greek mythology
- 47. Renowned jazz trumpeter
- 48. Freedom from difficulty
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Revolutionaries
- 58. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Central American lizard
- 4. Muslim military commanders
- 5. One who takes to the seas
- 6. Select jury
- 7. Parts of the small intestine
- 8. Painter's accessory
- 9. Honk
- 10. Ballpoint pen



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