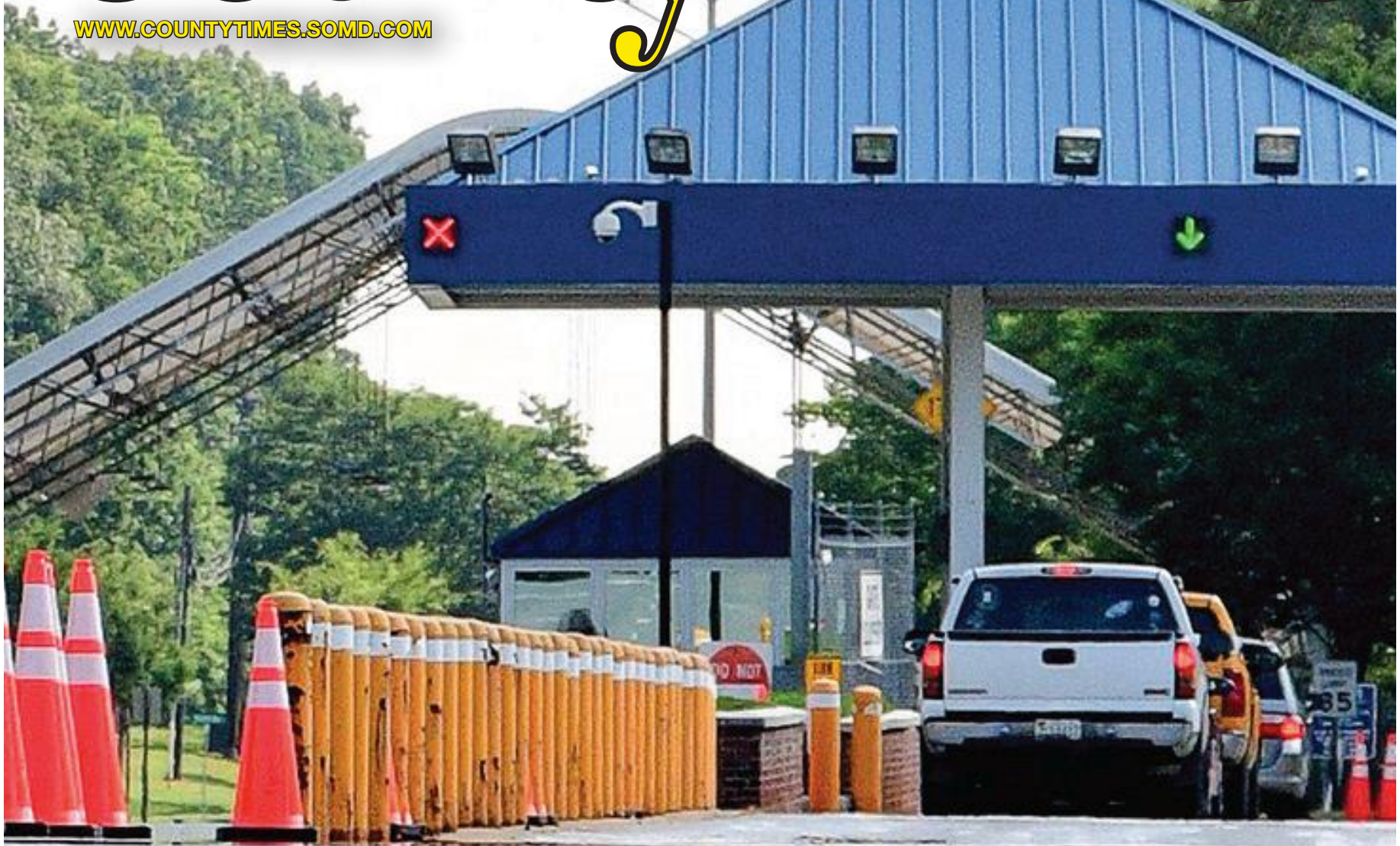


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Sheriffs Meet to Discuss Use of Force Policies

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The three Southern Maryland sheriffs met June 19 in Prince Frederick to ensure their use of force policies were aligned with the best practices of policing; the meeting took place in the wake of weeks of civil unrest and rioting around the nation and protests in the region against police brutality after the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer in May.

St. Mary's Sheriff Timothy Cameron said none of the agencies in Southern Maryland use the infamous maneuver of an officer kneeling on the neck of a suspect to subdue them; this maneuver applied by former officer Derek Chauvin to Floyd is apparently responsible for cutting of Floyd's oxygen supply and killing him.

Charles County Sheriff Troy Berry said the three agencies were aligned when it came to use of force policies, which over the years have evolved to employ tactics to engage suspects with a focus on de-escalation of potentially violent situations.

"We police as a cohesive unit," Berry said in the meeting room at the College of Southern Maryland's campus. "We're making sure we have a

unified use of force policy."

Chokeholds are also no longer used or taught at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy, the sheriff's said, rather deputies are taught how to apply a shoulder pin that involves applying force to only one side of the neck; Cameron said this maneuver ensured that blood was never fully cutoff from the suspect's brain.

Deputies are also taught other techniques to restrain suspects without focusing on their necks.

Even with this type of maneuver, the sheriff's said equipment such as tasers and chemical agents such as OC spray, all non-lethal tools, have helped to reduce the amount of hands-on encounters, as has the policy of talking with suspects to deescalate conflicts.

"In the past seven years the shoulder pin has been rarely used," said Calvert Sheriff Mike Evans.

Just last week Col. Hank Stawinski, chief of the Prince George's County Police Department, resigned after a report surfaced raising allegations of racial bias within the agency; all three sheriffs said they were not aware of any instances of racial bias within their offices.

Evans said there were also no ex-



St. Mary's Sheriff Tim Cameron and Calvert Sheriff Mike Evans

amples of racial bias in how his deputies policed Calvert County, either, as suspects placed under arrest were diverse.

"All you have to do is look at all the releases and website postings and you can see for yourself," Evans said.

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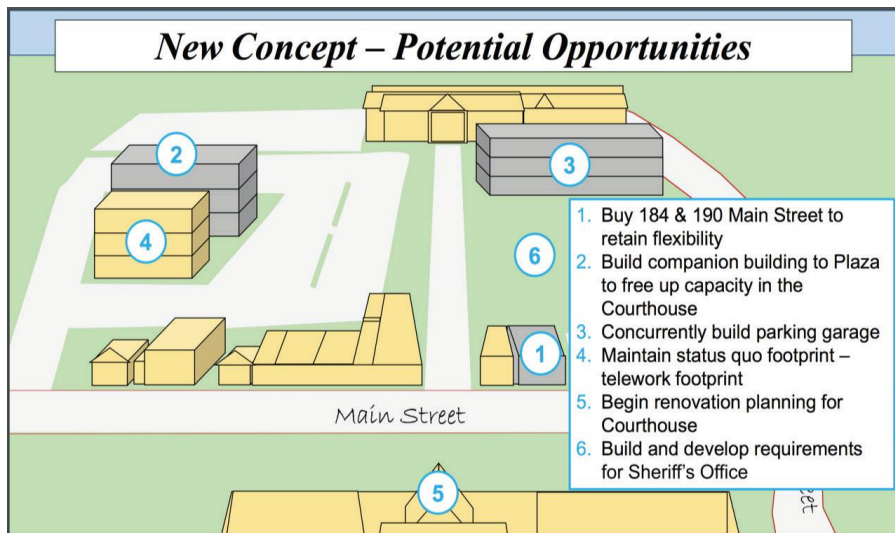
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County Rethinks New Office Building

With Telework, Needs May Change



First phase of Public Works Director Kerry Dull's proposal.

By Dick Myers
Editor

With one-third of the workforce of Calvert County government now working from home, and the success of telework, the county has begun to rethink its plans for a large new county office building.

The idea of a 120,000-square-foot office building at the National Guard Armory site was shelved by the current Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) when they took office, but they put on hold a decision on one of three al-

ternatives somewhere in Old Town Prince Frederick across from the courthouse.

The BOCC got their first look at their June 23 meeting of some ideas from new Director of Public Works Kerry Dull, who had been serving as director of General Services, the agency in charge of coming up with plans for the office building. Dull admitted that since the BOCC last looked at the options, "Things have changed." He asked, "Do we really need a large government building to house everybody?"

The last plans presented to the commissioners would have created a large building in front of the District Court building that would consolidate operations, including what is now in County Services Plaza, and that building would be renovated for a new sheriff's office. Its current office on Church Street would be vacated, with no specific plans for reuse.

The plan presented by Dull would create a new 20,000- to 30,000-square-foot building next to smaller County Services Plaza. Once the new building is complete County Services Plaza staff and everyone in the courthouse would move into it.

County Services Plaza would be renovated, and the courthouse turned over for court use, which the court system has been pressing for.

At the same time, a new parking garage would be built in front of the District Court Building. The plan also calls for the county to purchase two small commercial buildings at 184 and 190 Main Street. One idea floated by Dull would use that space for a new sheriff's headquarters building, although Commissioner Tim Hutchins favored looking for space along Routes 2/4 instead. He said they needed a space needs plan from the sheriff.

Also included in the proposal from Dull is eventually selling the country annex building across the street from the courthouse.

The plan also includes creating a courtyard in front of that new county office and County Services Plaza. County Administrator Mark Willis noted that space could be used for a weekend farmer's market.

Hutchins said the BOCC also needed to decide what to do with the armory once it is vacated by Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, which is using it as their temporary headquarters while their new firehouse is being built.

"We need to stabilize the National Guard Armory," Hutchins said. He would like to see the building used for a veteran's service center, but so far has not garnered support from the other commissioners.

The BOCC seemed receptive to the ideas presented by Dull. Commissioner Steve Weems suggested a quickly scheduled work session and looking to move ahead with the new building as soon as possible so the courthouse can be turned over to the judges for their space needs.

That work session is expected to be scheduled for next month.

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St. Mary's College Prepares for August Reopening



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A top official at St. Mary's College of Maryland told parents and students this week that the institution is looking at an Aug. 17 reopening of classes, though it appears it will not be a full or traditional opening.

The college, like all others around Maryland, were closed quickly in March to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Michael Wick, college Provost and Dean of Faculty said in an e-mail that "St. Mary's College is planning to re-open for the fall semester with a hybrid model of teaching and learning that involves engagement of faculty and students in on-campus and/or off-campus instruction."

A task force of college stakeholders

has been working to find ways to re-open the campus along local, state and federal guidelines concerning the novel coronavirus, Wick said in his e-mail. Its work ranges from teaching and learning to dining and student housing and athletics.

"As recommended by the task force, the college will begin classes on August 17 and end around Thanksgiving," Wick said in his e-mail.

The College of Southern Maryland announced it will continue with remote learning for students.

"CSM will remain in a remote operations or restricted operations mode through August 16, the last day of summer sessions. This time may be extended if it is not yet safe for us to return to our campuses," the school announced.

"Access to CSM's campuses is restricted to pre-approved and authorized personnel.

Potential students can still register for summer and fall classes, the College of Southern Maryland announced.

Summer classes will continue online until Aug. 16; all classes during the fall semester will be taught mostly via distance learning, the college announced.

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Pregnancy and Childbirth in the Pandemic

Lusby Woman Fights Fear of the Unknown



Chris, Summer and Emily Rogers (Left to Right)

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

Emily Rogers and her husband, Chris, of Lusby, didn't know what unique challenges were ahead of them when they found out she was pregnant last September.

When they found out, she said she was "really, really excited." It was her first pregnancy, but her first two trimesters were pretty standard: morning sickness and exhaustion in the first trimester and increased hunger and weight gain in the second trimester. At the beginning of March, she and Chris even took a babymoon trip.

Originally, she thought the third trimester would basically include pregnancy-related symptoms and more frequent prenatal appointments. However, COVID-19 made Rogers' third trimester very different.

"I went to work Monday the 16th [of March], and my boss walked down; and she saw me and asked why I was at work because of how big of a deal it [COVID-19] had started to become," she said. "By March 17th, I was at home teleworking." She hasn't returned to her desk since and is now a fulltime stay-at-home mom.

Rogers was very cautious, saying, "I was pretty concerned about how to protect myself and her [the baby] because, when you're pregnant, you don't really want to get fevers or [get] sick in general. And nobody seemed to know what exactly could happen to the baby or the mom if we were to get it, so I really wanted to limit contact with people just because... nobody knew anything about it at the time."

Initially, one of her worst fears was that she would have to give birth alone. Thankfully, that fear sub-

sided when she realized one person was permitted to accompany her during the birth.

The expected precautions were taken when she had appointments at CalvertHealth Medical Center, such as putting on a mask and having her temperature taken. But she said the rule that no one could accompany her to her appointments starting April 14 was the toughest part of being pregnant and having a child during the pandemic.

She noted that she hated feeling "unprepared for what people were going to ask me about or not being able to talk about it with Chris before we just decided on things."

When her ultrasound at her June 4 appointment projected the baby's weight was approximately 10 pounds, Rogers explained, "Unfortunately, though, Chris was not allowed to go with me to appointments anymore; so, I was at this appointment by myself. I went to that ultrasound by myself, and then I had to sit in a room by myself while they got results."

A decision the couple had made during the third trimester was to use CalvertHealth Medical Center because Rogers and her husband had actually wanted to use a birthing center for their daughter's birth.

"We transferred in March to the birthing center, and then six days afterward I think, [we] got a message that the birthing center was actually closing at the end of May; and they weren't going to take due dates after the 15th," said Rogers. Thus, she resumed her appointments at the hospital and gave birth there.

However, the way her daughter's birth unraveled was unexpected. Though her due date was May 31, she was born via c-section on June 9. Rogers did have an induction scheduled for June 8, but she and her husband decided to just have a c-section the next day instead.

"When we got to my room, it didn't seem it was

expected of me to wear my mask; and we were alone for a lot of the time in that room anyway, so I did take off my mask. And I tried to put it on one time, and somebody said, 'Don't worry about it. You don't need to wear that.' The first thing she [the anesthesiologist] noticed was the fact that I wasn't wearing a mask, and she was, like, 'Can you put your mask on?' And I was, like, 'I'm freaking out. Why do I have to wear it?' But, anyway, I did, so," Rogers laughed. She even had to wear a mask during her c-section, with the mask on top of her oxygen.

Despite the extensive precautions and the many changes to their plans due to COVID-19, the Rogers' beautiful and healthy little girl, Summer Christine, was born on June 9.

With the coronavirus' ongoing presence, Rogers hasn't felt comfortable letting visitors hold the baby, except for herself and Chris. Summer is the first grandchild of her parents, but Rogers is cautious about close contact. She stated that Summer "doesn't have an immune system right now, and so to think of her getting sick with something that she can't handle is very scary actually."

Aspects of the pregnancy that she particularly enjoyed were feeling the baby's movement in her womb and being surprised about the baby's gender—so much so that she hopes to be surprised during her next pregnancy. And she loves snuggling and bonding with the new baby.

Though Rogers' baby shower in March was cancelled, she's hopeful that they will eventually get to throw a party for people to meet their new daughter. Likewise, she can't wait to vacation with her family at the beach in a couple months. Laughingly, she noted that she's looking forward to taking Summer to the beach "and have her be a little beach babe."

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Cineplex Plans July Opening



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

R/C Theaters, owners and operators of the 12 screen cineplex in California, has announced that they tentatively plan to reopen for movie goers July 17 after months of being shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Movie theaters were among the first establishments shutdown under Gov. Larry Hogan's order in March to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

R/C Theaters made an announcement on social media, initially saying they would open July 10 but moved the opening back a week.

"At this time, we are anticipating that all R/C Theatres locations will now re-open on July 17," read a corporate announcement.

The date, though, was dependent on the state's approval to reopen theatres, the announcement read, and the schedule for the release of movies to cinemas.

Once the theatre does reopen, according to the corporate release, many COVID-19 protocols will still be in effect.

R/C Theaters will reduce the sale of tickets per auditorium to ensure enough space for social distancing; advanced ticket sales will also be encouraged to reduce the physical contact between customers and staff at the cineplex.

Reserved seating, long a feature at the relatively new movie theatre, will also be discontinued for the near future to allow for continued social distancing indoors, the corporate announcement stated.

Employees will wear facemasks, according to the announcement, but customers will not be made to wear them, though they will be encouraged.

AMC Theatres, which operates a six-screen movie theater in Lexington Park, also remains closed but corporate leadership has stated that most of their facilities will reopen July 15 around the country; the opening date for the local AMC theater remains dependent on government approval, though, according to the corporate website.

Several years ago AMC Theatres invested \$7 million in renovating the aging theatre on FDR Boulevard to bring it into the standard of its other theaters in the region.

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County Approves \$1.7 Million for Valley Lee Firehouse

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After years of planning and controversy in the Valley Lee community the construction of the new 2nd District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squads headquarters may finally begin soon now that the county has authorized a \$1.7 million loan to the company.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved the request for the loan from the leadership of Company 6 at their business meeting June 16.

The funding came from the county's revolving loan fund, which as of the end of May, had about \$1.9 million; the interest on the loan the county's only combined fire and rescue company is set at .5 percent with an estimated monthly payment of just over \$10,000 for the next 15 years.

The complete cost of the new fire and rescue station is estimated at \$13.4 million, according to county figures released during the commissioners meeting with the fire and rescue company already having secured a loan of \$10.5 million from the Community Bank of the Chesapeake.

Other funds for the new station include a \$75,000 grant at nearly \$1.1 million in the company's own building fund.

Over the past several years the construction of a new fire house and rescue squad building has been a divisive issue in the community; some in the fire service wanted the new building for increased space for apparatus, equipment and training, while others believed the expense was too costly.

Some community members also protested moving ahead with a new building as they did not want to pay an increased fire and rescue tax



to help defray the costs of the new facility.

The commissioners approved a fire and rescue tax increase last year for Company 6.

The building is to be constructed behind the old, single story structure located at the intersection of Piney Point Road and Drayden Road.

The loan application was endorsed by the St. Mary's County Fire Board Association, the St. Mary's County Ambulance and Rescue Squad Association and the St. Mary's County Emergency Services Board before getting final approval from county commissioners.

Costs for the new station, which is set to be about 27,000 square feet in size, have risen quickly.

In 2018, the station was estimated to cost just \$8 million and in September of last year the costs had risen to \$10.5 million according to firehouse leadership.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt was pleased that a local contractor would build the new facility.

"I'm glad they've got a local builder," Hewitt said. "I don't know that we've ever built a fire house before."

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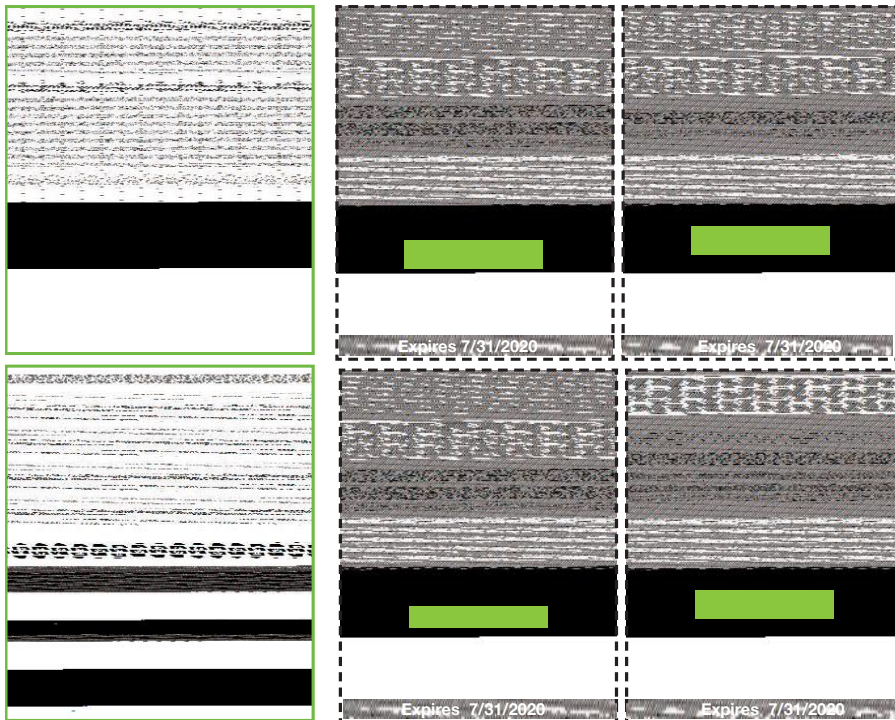
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The Chesapeake Beach Water Park last year.

than getting problems trying to eke out a profit," he said.

The same motion that reopened the water park also included the opening of Bay Front Park, but only for town residents.

After considerable discussion and on a motion from Councilman Greg Morris, both openings included the allowance for guests of the residents. Fink had pressed for a limit on the number of guests per resident, but several of the other council members argued that would be difficult to enforce.

"The goal of the Mayor and Town Council is to provide our residents a safe local place of enjoyment this summer, while providing jobs to our local youth. The Chesapeake Beach Water Park and Bay Front Park have consistently served as an outreach of employment training for our local youth bringing close to 300 employment positions to town and Calvert County residents and it is important to maintain our employment opportunities," stated Mayor Mahoney in a press release issued after the decision.

By Dick Myers
Editor

"It's a nice gift to the citizenry, so I applaud the council," said Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney after action at the June 18 town meeting to reopen the town water park earlier than originally anticipated – on July 1. One of the town's main summer visitor magnets will only be opening for town and Calvert County residents, and only at 25 percent capacity.

The water park is moving into uncharted territory, so the town is uncertain how much revenue will be generated other than from admissions. But town staff is warning of a possible deficit in operations at the 25 percent capacity, which is 350 people at any one time.

But, at the meeting several town council members said that was okay with them because it was giving town residents some recreation at a time when that is sorely needed.

Town Councilman L. Charles "Charlie" Fink said he preferred the "slow and steady approach" to reopening the water park instead of potentially creating health problems for the residents. "We are better off with short-term losses

The release added, "The Chesapeake Beach Water Park staff looks forward to entertaining Town and Calvert County residents and are following all safety guidelines set forth by the MDH on 6-10-2020 in their document, titled 'Amended Directive and Order Regarding Swimming Pools'."

"Providing a safe environment and enjoyable guest experience for you, your family and your guests is our top priority. We can't wait to see you July 1st", stated the General Manager of the Chesapeake Beach Water Park Marilyn VanWagner.

Visit the Chesapeake Beach Water Park website to purchase tickets in advance, view a live countdown to opening day, buy season passes or schedule swim lessons at www.chesapeakebeach-waterpark.com. Residents are asked to have their ID available with a town address or their utility bill showing a town address to gain their discounted access to the Water Park and free access to the beach. For more information regarding Bayfront Park rules and restrictions please visit www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov.

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On June 18, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to Matthew Drive and Hunting Creek Road for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 10:30pm on June 17th and 6:30am on June 18th, an unknown suspect(s) spray painted graduation signs placed in front of the neighborhood. The value of damaged property is \$200.

Damaged Property: 20-31633

On June 18, 2020, Deputy Ostazewski responded to Strathmore Lane in Solomons for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between June 5th and June 7th, an unknown suspect(s) removed the chain from a fence that was installed. Between June 7th and June 18th, an unknown suspect(s) removed the fence's T-posts from the ground and threw them into the water. The value of damaged property is \$175.

Damaged Property: 20-31678

On June 18, 2020, Deputy Gott responded to Lore Pine Lane in Solomons for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 7:00pm on June 13th and 8:00am on June 14th, an unknown suspect(s) cut two banana trees in the backyard. The value of damaged property is \$130.

Mail Tampering: 20-31857

On June 19, 2020, Deputy Keeley responded to Queensberry Drive in Huntingtown for the report of mail tampering and theft. The complainant advised on between April 28th and June 19th, an unknown suspect(s) stole two Amazon packages that were delivered to the residence, and opened an envelope inside the mail box, stealing the check that was inside. The value of stolen property is \$63.

Mail Tampering: 20-31866

On June 19, 2020, Deputy Grierson responded to Cortana Drive in Port Republic for the report of mail tampering and theft. The complainant advised that sometime between May 24th, and 9:00am on May 25th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a card containing a check that was placed in the mail. The value of stolen property is \$50.

Theft: 20-31049

On June 15, 2020, Deputy Beisel responded to Frederick Avenue in North Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 4:23pm and 6:00pm on June 14th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a package containing Hollister shorts that was delivered to the residence. The value of stolen property is \$24.99.

Theft: 20-13215

On June 16, 2020, Deputy Grierson responded to Stagecoach Trail in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between October 2019 and March 2020, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plate from a boat trailer parked on the property. The value of stolen property is \$20.

Theft: 20-31690

On June 18, 2020, Deputy Gott responded to Spring Cove Drive in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 6:00am and 11:00am on June 18th, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plate from a boat trailer while it was parked at Fisherman's Wharf in Solomons. The value of stolen property is \$60.

Theft: 20-31800

On June 19, 2020, Deputy Gough responded to South Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole a package containing a guitar and CD set that was delivered to the residence on April 2nd. The value of stolen property is \$65.

Theft: 20-31821

On June 19, 2020, Deputy Keeley responded to Southern Maryland Boulevard in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between June 9th and June 11th, a black tandem car trailer carrying an orange Kubota ZG23 zero turn lawn mower was stolen from the yard. The total value of stolen property is \$4,500.

Theft: 20-31848

On June 19, 2020, Deputy R. Shrawder responded to Blair Road in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised during the overnight hours of June 18th and June 19th, an unknown suspect(s) stole an 18ft. Seaynph boat and blue trailer from the residence. The value of stolen property is \$2,000.

Theft: 20-31863

On June 19, 2020, Deputy Gough met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office who was reporting a theft that occurred at Giant in Prince Frederick. The complainant advised sometime between 1:00pm and 1:30pm, an unknown suspect(s) stole their wallet containing a Maryland Driver's license as well as credit and debit cards, while shopping in the store. The complainant was advised by their bank that the cards had been used in multiple stores in Prince Frederick and Dunkirk. The total value of loss is \$835.

Arrests:

On June 19, 2020, Deputy Mason and Deputy Barger responded to Mc-

Donald's in Prince Frederick to assist in an Information Exchange following a traffic accident. While on scene, witnesses advised they observed the driver of the striking vehicle, **Kyle Dylan Dishner (27)**, moving items around



Kyle Dishner

inside the vehicle and throwing items out the window into a handicap parking spot and towards the sign. Deputy Barger located a broken glass container in the handicap parking spot as well as three clear capsules containing a white powdery substance suspected to be heroin. Deputy Barger detected the strong odor of marijuana emanating from Dishner's vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in clear capsules containing a white powdery residue suspected to be heroin, three cut straws containing suspected heroin residue, and a torn plastic bag containing multiple small baggies with suspected marijuana residue. Deputies also located a plastic tube, thrown by Dishner, containing three additional capsules of suspected heroin. Dishner was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Nor Marijuana.

On June 20, 2020, Deputy Barger responded to Dunkin Donuts in Prince Frederick for the report of trespassing. Upon arrival, Deputy Barger observed **Dylan Shane Chapman (19)**, walking from the drive thru exit to another sidewalk. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised Deputy W. McDowell had issued Chapman a trespass warning on June 18, 2020. Chapman was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property.



Dylan Chapman

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Man Wanted for Stalking

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Wayne Joseph Brooks, age 28 of Leonardtown. Brooks is a white male, 6'4" and weighs 190 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes. Brooks has active warrants for the following charges:



Wayne Joseph Brooks

Stalking

Violation of Protective Order

Violation of Probation/False Statement to Officer

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Wayne Joseph Brooks is asked to contact Detective Elizabeth O'Connor at (301) 475-4200 extension 78075 or by email at Elizabeth.OConnor@stmarysmd.com. For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

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.



Sara Zetty

Assault/Resist Arrest/Disorderly Conduct- On June 3, 2020, Dep. Edwards responded to 45900 block of Fox Chase Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Dep. Edwards arrived on scene, and observed Sara Wagner Zetty, age 35 of no fixed address, actively assaulting the victim, yelling, and causing a disturbance. A second victim advised Dep. Edwards Zetty had also assaulted them by scratching the victim on the

chest, shoulders, arms and stomach. The victim has numerous scratches as a result of the assault. Zetty was placed under arrest at which time she tensed up and actively attempted to pull away from Dep. Edwards. Zetty also kicked Dep. Edwards. Zetty was charged with three counts of Assault 2nd Degree, Resist/Interfere with Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.

Robbery- On June 4, 2020, Dep. Wilhelmi was in the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, when he observed the victim trying to get his attention. Contact was made with the victim, and inside the victim's vehicle was Sara Wagner Zetty, age 35 of no fixed address. Investigation determined the victim provided Zetty with a ride, and Zetty began demanding money from the victim and began threatening the victim. The victim provided Zetty with money, however Zetty began demanding additional money, and refused to exit the victim's vehicle. Zetty was arrested and charged with Robbery.

CDS Possession: On June 17, 2020, Dep. Forbes was conducting community traffic enforcement in the area of St. Andrew's Church Road and Three Notch Road when he observed a silver Ford Ranger exceeding the speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and one of the occupants inside gave a false name and all occupants were removed and detained for the deputy's safety. Upon a search, a glass pipe containing suspected cocaine residue was found on Carleen Marie Hinebaugh, 40 of Port Republic. She was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and CDS Possession: Cocaine. e.

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Carleen Hinebaugh

Police Investigate Fatal Sunderland Motor Vehicle Crash

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team on June 17 at approximately 1:34 p.m., responded to a single vehicle crash on MD Rt. 2 in the area of Wayside Drive in Sunderland, MD.

Upon arrival, units located a gray 1987 Dodge pickup truck off the roadway against a tree with a single occupant.

Preliminary investigation revealed the Dodge Ram pickup truck was traveling northbound on MD Rt. 2 north of Wayside Drive when the truck left the roadway for unknown reasons and struck a tree. The

driver of the vehicle was identified as Louis William Parks, 74 of Deale. Parks was transported to CalvertHealth Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

DFC. W. Beisel of the Crash Reconstruction Team is conducting the investigation into the events leading up to the crash. Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact DFC. Beisel at (410) 535-2800 or via email; william.beisel@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from CCSO.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE CRIME REPORT

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

Accident / DUI / CDS - Not Marijuana - On June 10, 2020, Trooper First Class Rutkoski responded to the area of Route 2 and Fowler Road, Owings for the report of a vehicle that struck a guardrail and was traveling on the shoulder of the road. Upon arriving on scene Trooper First Class Rutkoski located the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Rex William Barmby (02/27/94). Barmby was subsequently arrested for DUI and a search of the vehicle revealed suspected Adderall, Suboxone, and Xanax. Barmby was taken to the Calvert County Detention Center, where he was changed accordingly. All CDS was processed and packaged at the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack.

Accident / DUI / CDS - Not Marijuana - On June 11, 2020, Trooper Fraser responded to the area of Rousby Hall Road and Johnson Road, Lusby, for the report of a vehicle that struck a pole. Upon arriving on scene Trooper Fraser made contact with the driver, Steven Ray McArthur (10/18/93), who subsequently was arrested for DUI. A search of the vehicle revealed a pill containing suspected Heroin and a used syringe cap. McArthur was charged accordingly and all CDS was packaged and processed at the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack.

Trespassing / CDS - Not Marijuana - On June 15, 2020, Trooper First Class Marsch responded to the 1800 block of Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick, for the trespassing report. Once on scene Trooper First Class Marsch made contact with Erica Justine Cox (02/03/93),

June 23, 2020

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Disorderly / Warrant Service / CDS - Not Marijuana - On June 17th, 2020, Trooper First Class Rutkoski responded to the 2000 block of Boyds Turn road, Owings, for the report of disorderly conduct. Once on scene, Trooper First Class Rutkoski made contact with two subjects walking down the street away from the initial address. The subjects were identified as Pricilla Glee Brown (03/09/82) and Stephan Jamal Bailey (01/16/89). After making contact with the subjects, and local checks being conducted, Brown was shown to have an active warrant (FTA - Failure to Pay Fine) through Maryland Transportation Authority. A search of Brown prior to arrest revealed suspected Heroin. Brown was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged accordingly. All CDS was processed and packaged at the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack.

Warrant Service - On June 17, 2020, Trooper Brown responded to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office in reference to a subject turning himself in for an active warrant. Once on scene, Trooper Brown made contact with Christopher Kosmas (09/21/94), who had an active warrant (VOP - CDS - Not Marijuana) through the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack. Kosmas was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where the warrant was served without incident.

Traffic Stop / Concealed Weapon /

who was refusing to leave the address with her boyfriend. Cox had an active no trespassing order for the residence and was arrested for trespassing. A search of Cox revealed suspected PCP. Cox was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where she was charged accordingly. All CDS was processed and packaged at the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack.

Traffic Arrest - On June 15, 2020, Trooper Brown conducted a traffic stop on Main Street and Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick. Upon approaching the vehicle, Trooper Brown made contact with the driver, Elisabetta Robey (12/10/71), who was showing a suspended license through MVA. Trooper Brown noticed that Robey had been stopped two times that same week for driving on a suspended license. Robey was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where she was charged accordingly.

Theft / Warrant Service - On June 16, 2020, Trooper First Class Rutkoski responded to 150 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, for the report of a theft. Once on scene, Trooper First Class Rutkoski made contact with Eljae Ja Vaughn Sutton (11/04/99), who was on foot and in possession of the stolen shopping cart. Sutton was also showing an active warrant (Unlawful Motor Vehicle Taking) through Calvert County Sheriff's Office. Sutton was transported to Calvert County Detention Center, where the warrant was served and was charged accordingly.

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DUI - On June 20, 2020, Trooper White conducted a traffic stop in the area of Route 4 and Chaney Road, Dunkirk, for traffic violations. Upon approaching the vehicle, Trooper White made contact with the operator, Shawn Maurice Deneal (12/08/92). A search of Deneal revealed brass knuckles being concealed in his rear pocket. Deneal was then put through Field Sobriety and subsequently arrested for DUI. Deneal was transported to the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack, prior to being transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where he was charged accordingly. The brass knuckles were processed and packaged at the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack.

Traffic Stop / K9 Scan / Vehicle Search / CDS - Suboxone - On June 21, 2020, Trooper First Class Costello conducted a traffic stop in the area of 11655 HG Trueman Road, Lusby, for traffic violations. Once on scene, Trooper First Class Costello made contact with the operator, Craig Michael Ringler (12/27/81). A K9 was requested, and once on scene, the K9 had a positive alert on the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and revealed CDS - Suboxone. Ringler was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where he was charged accordingly. All CDS was processed and packaged at the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack.

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*Hollywood Volunteer Fire
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Private Air Strip in Avenue Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Board of Appeals approved a conditional use variance last week to allow a property owner in Avenue to build and operate a private air strip and helicopter landing site, citing the county's newly amended zoning ordinance that allowed such a use.

The June 17 appeals board meeting, which lasted more than three hours, most of which was for the landing strip case, also had remote phone testimony from neighbors of the applicant who opposed it based on safety concerns as well as what the project would do to what they described as a small, peaceful community.

The project is located in the 39000 block of Hodges Road off of Oakley Road and is in the county's Resource Conservation Area/Critical Area Overlay zone, part of the Rural Preservation District.

The applicant George Hall proposes the landing strip on 36.88 acres, which includes a residence and other structures; the landing strip would be 20-foot wide by 1,600 feet long to include a hangar.

The proposal is still being examined by the county health department, land use department, public works department and Soil Conservation District.

The project would be constructed near St. Clements Bay and be bounded by two creeks; it would be a grass runway rather than one constructed of asphalt, according to Hall's attorney Christopher Longmore.

Longmore told the appeals board the airstrip would be for private use only and not as an airport; there would be no refueling station and there would be no commercial uses as they were not allowed.

There is no helipad proposed in the project and night flying would be prohibited.

Both Hall and Longmore said there were two other private air strips between one to two miles from his property and neither had proven to be a safety hazard.

"We believe this shows this is a compatible use for this area," Longmore said, who also argued that the impacts of his client's project would be less intensive because of the relatively low population in the community.

This type of use was already allowed in more densely populated areas of the county, Longmore said.

"There would be no fuel on site," Hall said in response to a question from board member Rich Richardson "I don't want any fuel stored on the premises."

Hall said his aircraft had a capacity of 92 gallons and that he would refuel at another airport, such as the St. Mary's County Airport, rather than at his home.

Hall explained he would take off and land from the strip based on the direction the wind was blowing, heading into it.

Depending on the direction of the wind he would either take off and land over Oakley Road or St. Clements Bay, Hall said.

Board Chair George Hayden asked Hall why he needed this airstrip as he already had a hangar at the local public airport.

"It would be convenient for me," Hall said, noting his dream to become a pilot and this would be a furtherance of that.

Hayden disagreed with Hall's assertion that there was little to no danger to the community or surrounding infrastructure such as power lines.

"I imagine sitting in your position you wouldn't see it, but in my seat, I do," Hayden said to Hall. "Is there any way that [airstrip] could be realigned?"

Hall said the airstrip was at its "best" alignment and couldn't be moved.

Jacqueline Wilson, a neighborhood resident, questioned the project.

"Mr. Hall already has a commercial use on his property," Wilson said. "My ability to trust what's being said here is somewhat compromised."

Hall responded that his operations there would be strictly recreational and would not reach into the commercial.

Wilson echoed the concerns of several neighbors who either wrote letters to the appeals board or testified that night that wildlife, such as deer, migratory birds and three pair of nesting American eagles and utility poles would be endangered by the project.

"I will look out my front door and see a landing strip," Wilson said. "It seems in the staff report you dismissed all the real concerns of those affected by this landing strip and hangar."

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Base Moving Slowly On Bringing Back Employees



By Guy Leonard Staff Writer
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As the state and local governments are moving at a brisk pace to reopen businesses and get the economy moving in the face of COVID-19, the county's biggest employer and economic engine, Patuxent River Naval Air Station is taking its time and local entrepreneurs and elected leaders are anxiously awaiting its reopening.

Since the advent of the novel coronavirus pandemic in March, most personnel on the base have continued to work from home telecommuting with some essential personnel such as pilots, mechanics, scientists and laboratory technicians coming on board to

continue the critical research, development, testing and evaluation work of naval aviation.

St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan, who is also a senior defense contractor, said the glacial traffic during morning and evening peak commuting hours may have abated, but less traffic came at a cost.

"You have to remember there are businesses who depend on that base traffic," Morgan said.

Linda Palchinsky, owner and operator of Linda's Café at Tulagi Place just outside Gate No. 2, said outdoor seating and the recent opening by Gov. Larry Hogan of restaurants to 50 percent seating, have helped her business to recover some of her losses since March.

But the loss of base-centered traffic has taken its toll.

"I used to be packed in the mornings with military," Palchinsky said. "Since this all started, I haven't had any military at all.

"It was fantastic; I really miss that."

Customers have still been supportive of her business, Palchinsky said, taking advantage of her curbside service, but she'll be able to recover more when the base fully reopens.

"We don't have our groups from the base," Palchinsky said. "I don't have a feel for people coming back in.

"It'll take months to get back to where we were."

Sabrina Hecht, community planning liaison officer on base, said the different commands are actively working to determine which employees they will recall to the base and when.

"There is a plan to bring people back gradually," Hecht said. "Each of the commands are putting together lists of who they will bring back first."

Officials at Patuxent River NAS released a statement June 19 that signaled businesses which depend on traffic coming on and off the installation would still have to wait for relief.

"Naval Air Station Patuxent River continues its preparations to move into the second stage of reopening..." the statement reads. "While the State of Maryland may be moving quickly through the reopening phases, we as a naval installation will remain at a slower pace."

County economic development officials are beginning to watch closely the effect on local businesses the continued focus on telecommuting to the base will have.

"That's something we're starting to think about," said Chris Kasele-

mis, director of the Department of Economic Development. "We know there's going to be an impact on the economy.

"If you're a retailer serving lunch of another service like a dry cleaner you definitely don't want that number [base traffic] to go down; but this may also benefit other businesses closer to people's homes because they're going to them instead."

Morgan said telecommuting would likely be the work paradigm for the majority of base workers in the near future.

"I think we're going to have to get used to the new world order," Morgan said.

Reactions to telecommuting among base employees is mixed, according to one engineer who asked not to be named.

"Some people love it," the engineer said. "Others don't like it at all.

"They miss the teamwork and the social interaction."

Dale Fedderson of Great Mills graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School in late 1995 and has been testing planes at Pax River ever since. Testing aircraft is one of those jobs that doesn't lend itself very well to telecommuting.

"The program that I was on was in the middle of a huge push to get aircraft out to the fleet for testing there. So, we really didn't skip a beat," Fedderson said about his post-COVID life. Still he has been working at home about 60 percent of the time.

Early on it was a challenge. He said, "The first experience was how are we going to do this with a multitude of people having to communicate, but not be in the same location at the same time?" They had the ability to access their work from home,



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-Sabrina Hecht, Community Planning Liaison Officer

“but there were only a limited number of available slots basically that could do that. So, folks were looking at trying to dial in early or late at night in order to communicate because most things are done via email. So, for the first few weeks it was a little rough because you couldn’t trust that you could get in and see your email.”

The Navy beefed up its infrastructure to handle that excess demand.

Fedderson added, “The other thing that happened is all of our meetings became teleconferences. So, we had anywhere from 10 to 30 people on a teleconference. People had to get used to communicating in that way and just not interrupting people while they were talking. Some of that normal stuff that happens during a meeting, you can’t see a person, you can’t read the body language. A lot of learning went on and I think still is going on to some extent, as people learn how to work remotely when they can’t see someone in person.”

Some aspects of collaboration suffered, but that has improved. For instance, he said, “They started a separate entity where you can share your desktop, whether that’s a Power Point or something else that you’re looking at, which helped tremendously.”

Will the increased at-home work continue? He said, “I think the difference we’re going to see is one, we’re going to rely more on the teleconferences for meetings.” He added, “Traveling came to an absolute stop. We didn’t even go to what I call fairly short (trips). I would go to Quantico every once in a while, to do things. We didn’t even go there.”

Fedderson said, “I think we’re going to see more people telecommuting on a regular basis, which would mean to me, right now, if I’m not flying or I don’t have something that I have to do

in the hangar, I’m at home and all the engineers, if they’re not testing on the aircraft, they’re at home.”

Through it all they are still functioning at a high level: “We just made it through a huge program milestone during this whole COVID crisis. We had to figure out new ways to communicate. Texting and cell phone were important, because things kind of have to happen right now.” Fedderson added, “We had to get better at proactively communicating to make sure that people knew what was going on.”

As to that 60 percent of the time at home, he said, “I think that’s going to stay the same for the foreseeable future, at least through the summer until folks see what’s happening. I haven’t heard of any plans right now that would change that.”

Fedderson’s long-time friend Brian Hoerning is now working 100 percent from his Lusby home. He explained, “I support testing and evaluation for P-3 aircraft for foreign military sales right now, engineering support, training support, and test and evaluation of weapons systems and missile systems.”

He works for Naval Air Systems Command, normally out of the Integrated Product Team building. Things have changed drastically for him since COVID-19 hit.

It all happened at once. “They just said don’t come in, work from home from now on, take your government computer home and log in from home.”

So, from that time forward it’s been audio teleconferencing “with some video, if someone’s going to do a presentation.”

He deals with about 20 other people regularly, from Pax River and Jacksonville. He explained “I have plenty

of work to do. I review contract deliverable documents and provide comments and review training material.”

He is involved in sales to foreign countries, which usually means travel to those countries to train their pilots and other personnel on their new aircraft.

With travel stopped, he admits it interferes with his ability to do his job. Taiwan is one of those countries.

“They want engineering support for the aircraft. And they also want the training support, which we can develop the training material and everything here, but in order to deliver it, we actually have to go to Taiwan to do it.”

He said trips have been scheduled but, “We keep postponing them, kicking the football down the field. We had trips planned for June, and now that’s going to get postponed until whenever we can travel again.”

As to attempting to predict the future, Hoerning said, “From what I understand where I work, we work in cubicles, so they’ll probably have a 50 percent manning. So, every other day you could work from home. And then when you’re in a common area, wear masks and clean your hands, clean your terminals, and then eventually I think it’ll come back, but I don’t think it’ll come back until we get some kind of positive treatment or some kind of vaccine.”

Jewel Kuntz, a recent college graduate has enjoyed not commuting an hour one-way to the Patuxent River Naval Air Station from Huntingtown.

As an electrical engineer who started as an intern, her work includes a variety of things—from troubleshooting to designing to integrating hardware.

Right after her college spring break, she began teleworking. From

that point in March, she worked full-time while finishing her last semester online.

“We are working our way towards a rotation schedule where, basically, we have three people a week who will go in one day a week...I will be starting to go in sometime within the next few weeks but not very much,” said Kuntz.

Another base employee, Matt Mueller, has enjoyed the same schedule flexibility from teleworking from his home in Lusby. “I might have a little bit of a break here and there, depending on what the family’s doing that day,” he stated.

Besides the hour—or more—that he saves daily by not commuting to the base, he also appreciates that employees are more flexible about their days off because they can respond to important messages and emails from home.

But Mueller has experienced the frustration of issues taking longer to solve at home, such as when the IT team must install new computer software remotely, which is more complex.

For the next several months, a transition period of discerning which employees can successfully keep teleworking will occur. “So, I do foresee us to have an increased remote teleworking presence after this,” noted Mueller.

He said he expects to be working about 50 percent at home and on base; he is the branch head for Manned Flight Simulators.

He hasn’t gone to the base at all, except for one day when he was preparing the facility for more employees to start returning there.

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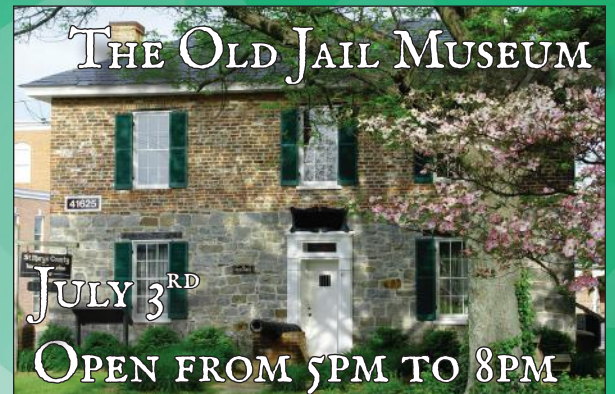
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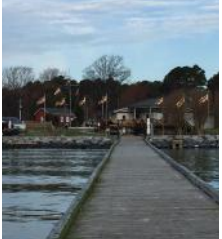
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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Churches of Southern Maryland

SouthPoint Church, Lusby and Leonardtown

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

With laidback services in a public-school setting, SouthPoint Church is quite unique. The two campuses, one at Patuxent High School in Lusby and the other at Leonardtown High School, offer a place where visitors can gather freely.

The lead pastor of SouthPoint Church, Matt Hall, advocates that type of experience. For him, the church's vibe is important. He noted how carefree the environment is and how much people enjoy coming. He stated, "SouthPoint is a place for you, regardless of where you've been or what's happened or why you might show up."

From the informal dress to chats over coffee, the casual church atmosphere is perhaps unusual, but Hall was drawn to the concept as a teenager. When he was nine years old, his mother committed suicide, which forced him into foster care.

He said, "I was in the juvenile justice system by the age of 12 1/2... in Fairfax County (Virginia). I was one of the youngest kids to be incarcerated." As a 16-year-old, he was taken in by a youth pastor couple, whose church changed his life.

The nondenominational church gathered inside a school. The church's attitude was that an individual's love for Jesus Christ and other people meant more than how he or she looked in church. "And it was a lot like the church that we have now," Hall stated.

Though he had a professional career for a while and even worked with a student ministry called Young Life, he decided to plant a church. SouthPoint Church, which launched in 2005, originally met in a higher education center but moved to Leonardtown High School. The campus at Patuxent High School formed after it was realized that several people who attended in Leonardtown were driving all the way from Lusby.

Currently, about 900 people attend SouthPoint Church, including the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services at Leonardtown High School and the 10:30 a.m. service at Patuxent High School. Except for having a live message in Leonardtown and a virtual message in Lusby, the two campuses have comparable services.

From infancy to young adulthood, there's a place for children at SouthPoint Church. Hall stressed age-appropriate church activities for different age groups. "We work really hard to engage the whole family," he mentioned. By providing resources to parents and having a mixture of small and large groups for children to learn, kids can feel like they belong in church.

The main ministry for adults, small groups, have signups at two points during the year. While 30-40 groups usually meet, that number has decreased to about 20 groups, which meet using Zoom.

Because so many people attend SouthPoint Church, fellowship in small groups is invaluable. Hall explained, "And so, really, our small groups are about relationship and



Pastor Matt Hall of SouthPoint Church

growing and being able to do life together."

He's also passionate about the Launching a Legacy Pledge, which is for building the very first permanent campus of SouthPoint Church. Though Hall emphasized that the church isn't confined to a building, he added, "Our first permanent building isn't about our comfort or convenience. It's about launching Jesus-led life change into our communities for generations to come."

The transition to having services and ministries online wasn't too difficult for SouthPoint Church, especially because it had already been using Facebook and YouTube and Instagram. Services are livestreamed, but Hall also believes that frequently posting faith-related content on social media is a "necessary strategy to help people win."

He asserted, "The transition that I'm more proud of is that we are able to continue to be the church." One way that SouthPoint Church has done this during COVID-19 is by providing meals to people, including hospital employees. Likewise, the church bought laptop computers and internet access for several students who couldn't participate in online school. Through the church's ministry at the Hope Center in Lexington Park, they were able to buy groceries for the community there.

Likewise, Hall has recently seen exciting things in the Stephen Ministry, through which individuals receive training to help people who are facing various challenges. Several former Stephen ministers actually returned when the coronavirus hit to offer their support digitally if people needed it.

SouthPoint church isn't in a rush to resume indoor services, however. In a YouTube video, Hall outlined four principles for SouthPoint Church's future. The first principle is that the church has always been open. The second principle is that "SouthPoint services stink under strict social guidelines," as Matt stated, because social guidelines restrict the church's identity. The third principle is that the church won't return if it means people will think badly of God or the church. Finally, the fourth principle, said Hall, is that "we reserve the right to be flexible because everything's changing on a daily basis."

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Discovering Leonardtown is unique in that it is hosted by local residents, business owners, and employees who guide viewers on an intimate tour of the Town. The show can be seen at www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/discoveringleonardtown and also on the "Town of Leonardtown" Facebook page. The pilot episode, which is available for viewing on VisitLeonardtownMD.com, featured the first part of a culinary tour of a number of the local restaurants including Old Towne Pub, The Rex, Sweetbay and the Slice House.

This Friday, June 26th, the regular series premieres with Part 2 of the Culinary

Tour, which highlights more of the world class restaurants including the Front Porch, Botanic Coffee Deli & Café in Shepherd's Old Field Market and the Brudergarten Beer Garden, which is also located in the Market.

Future episodes in development include a hunt for hidden treasures - exciting attractions and businesses that are off the beaten track that are well worth seeking, a full week of Leonardtown's Arts & Entertainment scene, a look back at the rich history of the Town and a look forward to what's to come, and more!

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Press Release from Town of Leonardtown.



Calvert Celebrates Juneteenth



Senator Mike Miller



Juneteenth organizer Kevin Jackson, Jr.

By Dick Myers
Editor

"It's not just a black holiday. It's an American holiday" is the way Kevin Jackson, Jr. described Juneteenth. Jackson, a Calvert County resident currently attending Temple University, organized the county's Juneteenth ceremony this year. Several hundred people attended the peaceful celebration on June 19 on the parking lot of Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick.

There's been a renewed call this year for Juneteenth to be declared a national holiday, what with the national focus on demonstrations and riots in the wake of the death of George Floyd and the charging of a Minneapolis policeman with that alleged murder.

Juneteenth remembers the black citizens of Galveston, Texas being told they were free more than two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. At the Prince Frederick celebration, Calvert NAACP President, author, and historian Michael Kent said the Emancipation Proclamation didn't have much impact on Calvert County because the proclamation only covered slaves in Confederate states.

Kent said black Calvert countians remained close to home because families were torn apart by slavery and the mothers and fathers vowed to be reunited with their children by giving them a place to return to.

Kent said it was first the black churches and then the black schools that kept the community united and allowed for progress in the face of continued suppression.

Jackson, the son of educators, said

his parents instilled in him the desire to serve the community. His father told the audience that when his son approached him on the idea of putting on the local celebration, he couldn't refuse in light of what he had taught his son growing up about community service.

Jackson said he was helped in putting on the event by Mt. Olive Pastor Dana Jones, the NAACP, and the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County. He also praised the sheriff's office for their assistance. Officers helped direct traffic into and out of Fairgrounds Road.

Juneteenth is normally celebrated in Calvert with an NAACP family day at Jefferson Patterson Park but that had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus. Attendees at this year's ad hoc event wore masks and maintained social distancing.

The Black Lives Matters movement was an extension of this year's Juneteenth celebrations around the country. Jackson said, "For black lives to matter," then black health care, black education, black economy, and black jobs must also matter. And he added, "For black lives to matter we also must address the systemic injustice."

Tamara Brown, a student at Fisk University, told of that injustice locally by having the "N" word hurled at her on two separate occasions by white boys in Calvert schools. She boasted how her mother insisted that the school administrators reprimand the perpetrators.

Senator Mike Miller was one of the speakers. About the achievement of social justice, he said, "It has to happen. It will happen."

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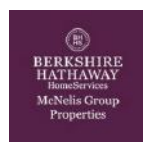
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Vassallo Appointed Deputy County Administrator

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has announced the appointment of Linda Vassallo as the new deputy county administrator, effective July 1.

"Linda is a staple in this community and has done tremendous work during her many years of service with Calvert County Government," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "She has a proven track record of excellent public service and we look forward to working with her as she transitions into this new leadership role."

"Linda's 24 years of service with Calvert County Government, combined with her vision, judgment, and ability to communicate make her a perfect fit for this job," said County Administrator Mark Willis. "Linda's experience and leadership qualities gives her a unique perspective that will serve this community well. I look forward to working more closely with her in this new role."

Vassallo replaces Wilson H. Parran, who will continue to serve as the deputy county administrator through June 30.

"Wilson's wide range of business and government expertise and leadership experiences have helped Calvert County Government grow as an organization, and his thoughtfulness and ability to connect with people will be a standard for future leaders to follow," said Willis. "As Wilson transitions, we must pause and say thank you for his many years of dedicated and loyal service. I will miss his counsel very much."

Vassallo is currently director of the Calvert County Department of Communications & Media Relations (CMR). Hired as the county's first marketing and communications specialist in 1996, she quickly rose through the ranks to become the director of Economic Development in 1999 and was the first female economic development director in the tri-county area.

She transitioned to her current role in 2017, where

she stood up the county's first CMR department. She assembled a high-performing team of professionals that leads the county's public outreach efforts today. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has led her team by providing internal and external emergency communications, and by sending timely and important information to Calvert County citizens.

Vassallo also spearheaded two of the county's most important economic legacies: local coordination of the two Dominion Cove Point LNG expansions and worked to build an economic base that played a part in Calvert County Government earning its first triple-A rating from all three rating agencies.

"I have been incredibly fortunate to work for this organization and the extremely talented county government employees these past 24 years," Vassallo said. "The opportunity to stand up a new department was one of the most challenging and rewarding tasks of my career, and I will miss working and leading the CMR professionals on a daily basis. However, I look forward to this exciting new opportunity and I would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator for their support and confidence."

Vassallo also held several public information, public affairs and marketing positions prior to joining county government in 1996. She worked with several organizations such as the United States Enrichment Corporation, Science Applications International Corporation and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Vassallo earned her bachelor's degree in Mass Communication from Towson University. She is currently a board member of The Patuxent Partnership and Leadership Southern Maryland Leadership Council, and is a 2007 graduate of Leadership Maryland.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Chesapeake Beach Logs in on 'Social Justice'



Chesapeake Beach Councilman Keith Pardieck

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Town of Chesapeake Beach has joined its neighbor North Beach in taking a public stand promoting racial justice.

At its June 18 meeting the town issued a proclamation on "social justice," that says:

"WHEREAS, the Town of Chesapeake Beach stands up against bigotry and hate-based violence of all kinds and declares that no one shall be discriminated against because of race, faith, ethnicity, gender, age, disability or any other real or perceived difference; and

"WHEREAS, discrimination creates structural barriers when it comes to securing quality housing, health care, employment, and education, which fuels inequities and injustices; and

"WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council's mission is to provide services to Town residents through a lens of equity, inclusion, transparency and objective examination; and

"WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council are committed to creating, and maintaining, a community where everyone can flourish in a safe environment; and

"WHEREAS, the Town of Chesapeake Beach supports the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and the Twin Beach Deputies in their efforts to continue to improve upon their community policing strategy providing fair and transparent response in the Town; and

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL of the Town of Chesapeake Beach, do hereby proclaim our intention to listen, to learn, to be willing to experience discomfort, to collaborate with community

partners, and to protect the Constitutional and human rights of every person who lives, works and visits our Town."

Councilman Larry Jaworski said, "What it means is that we are supporting people's rights to peacefully protest injustice. And I think that's an important fact as we go forward."

Councilman Greg Morris, in an emotional statement, said, "I think in part the proclamation confronts me and addresses some fundamental concerns that have precipitated current riots across the globe. Small steps are solid, too. I'm not sure what it's like to be one of today's national politicians. I say that in a very extreme, negative way because I've always felt like I represented all town businesses and all town residents in conducting and advancing town business. I've never once thought, well, did they vote for me? Do they support me? That thought never comes into my mind. ever. I've always felt like I represented everybody, but we have an individual responsibility to one another. That's a fundamental, easy thing that we all can wrap our hands around."

Morris added, "The town code in no uncertain terms states the mayor and town council are responsible for all matters pertaining to the town. And with this in mind, we're stepping forward together."

Councilman Keith Pardieck noted that Father's Day was approaching. The father of two said, "When they became of age to drive and they got their driver's license, I spoke to them about what to do if they were pulled over by a police officer and I said, stay calm, pull over, have your registration and license ready, do what you're told. You might get a ticket, you might get a warning, it'll be okay. We'll deal with it."

Pardieck went on to say, "Not once did I ever think to say, if you don't behave, you might not make it out of that encounter. I'm not saying we have a problem here in Calvert County or anything with police officers; we have a great crew. But, we have people of color who live here, especially who've traveled to Baltimore, who travel to D C, who traveled to New York. They do tell their children: you have to do these things because one outcome could be your death. I've never said that to my kids, never. And for somebody in our country to have to say that to their kids is just abhorrent to me. And I think that's why people are protesting. And that's why I'm very glad that the town has taken a stand."

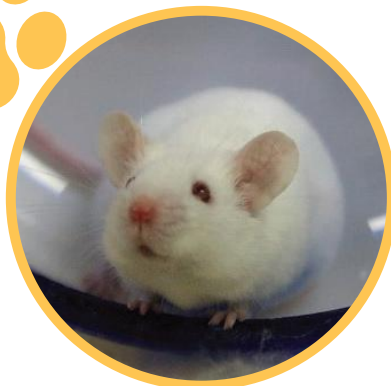
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The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Vincent Poole landed a 50 inch Cobia chumming out of Pt. Lookout

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

We have spot and perch in the Patuxent for bottom fishermen in the mouth of Cuckold's Creek, Kingston Hollow, Sandy Point, Drum Point, Green Holly and at The "O" club. The surfcasters off

the pier under the Solomons Bridge are now getting some good catches at dawn and sunset. Moving tides are best. The pier and rocks at Point Lookout State Park are now producing spot and perch in respectable numbers. There were some pompano caught off the Pier

last week. Stipers and blues are also venturing close enough to the pier to result a catch or two.

Trollers using tandems on the oyster bars and drop offs in the Patuxent are doing well. Keepers and throwbacks are about half and half. There are big catfish around the Chalk Point Power Plant and at Benedict.

The Potomac has plenty of rockfish in the 20 to 28 inch size from Ragged Point to Port Tobbaco mixed with some big catfish that will take your trolled buck-tail just like a striper.

The St. Mary's River has rockfish, trout and perch all mixed along the edges for trollers and lure casters.

Some redfish are now being caught all around. The shallows of the salt islands that separate Tangier sound from the bay has rockfish, trout and redfish for lure casters who can find clean water. The storms of last week muddied up vast regions, but the tides are cleaning up the water quickly now.

The rock pile at the Cedar Point Lighthouse has fine rockfish up to 28 inches for early morning casters of surface poppers. You pretty much have to be the first kid on the block to get them. If you wait for sunrise, the early birds will have cleaned them out before you get your boat in the water. The fish may return anytime during the day and at sunset, but these is a lot of fishing pressure there.

Cedar Point Hollow has some break-

ing blues and rockfish mixed now. Many of these are small but you never know when some really good sized stripers can be jigged up beneath the surface activity.

Cobia are now being caught below Smith Point. Chummers setting up chum lines and chunking cut alewife got some very nice catches. Some are using live eels in the chum lines with great success. We expect these big fish on the Middle Grounds and Mud Leads at any time.

Spanish mackerel are expected along with bluefish anytime at buoy 72 and 72A.



Zack Romer displays white perch from the Patuxent.

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In Remembrance

Mark Allen Bernhardt



Mark Allen Bernhardt, 61, of Princess Anne, MD passed away June 20, 2020. He was born September 16, 1958 in Washington, D.C., to Ernest Ludwig and Dolores Jean (Stewart) Bernhardt. Mark

was raised in Waldorf and graduated from Thomas Stone High School. He was employed as a painter for many years, working for himself as well as numerous construction companies. Mark loved dogs and will be remembered as a happy and generous person who would do anything for anyone at any time.

Mark is survived by his sister Rita M. Metro of Owings and brothers Michael J. Bernhardt and wife Julie of Shady Side, Ernest Paul Bernhardt and wife Vickie of Port Charlotte, FL, Richard V. Bernhardt of Princess Anne, MD, David E. Bernhardt and wife Lisa of Ashburn, VA, and Donald W. Bernhardt of Ashburn, VA.

A service and celebration of Mark's life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Willard Ryon Entwisle



Willard Ryon Entwisle of Solomons, MD, formerly of Forestville, MD died on June 19, 2020. He leaves his beloved wife, Elaine Johnson Entwisle, daughter, Lynn Entwisle Markert of Cody, Wyoming, son, Mark Entwisle, and grandchildren, Laurel and Neil Markert.

His parents were Eugene U. and Edna Ryon Entwisle. He graduated from Maryland Park High School in 1944, and attended George Washington University and Strayer College. He always worked at Entwisle Block, Inc. in Forestville and was President when it closed in 1996. Willard was a devoted stamp collector. He always loved history, and was a member of many local historical organizations. Frequently he presented a slide show of old pictures on structures and homes located in Forestville. He was a member of Centennial Lodge No. 174 since 1951 and Marlboro Eastern Star No. 61. Willard was a lifetime member of Forest Memorial Methodist Church. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at Asbury Solomons Retirement Community in Solomons, MD.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Stacy L. Farnese



Stacy L. Farnese, 50, of Port Republic, Maryland passed away June 18, 2020 surrounded by her family at her home. Stacy was born on October 9, 1969 in Washington D.C. to Robert and Shirley Waddell. After graduating from High School, Stacy went on to get her Nursing Degree and went to work as a home health care nurse for many years. Stacy was a very charitable person who would crochet and make quilts for "Quilts of Valor", an organization who donates quilts to Veterans. She was all heart and never wanted to be the center of attention.

Stacy is survived by her husband, Neil Farnese, children; Rachel and Timothy Hull, Christopher Farnese and Hana Farnese. She is also survived by a granddaughter, Natalie Hull and her parents Robert and Shirley Waddell. Stacy is preceded in death by her brother, Robert D. Waddell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org>.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

tary and Southern High School in Lothian where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America, graduating in 1964. Butch worked as a farmer, and also worked with his father at his family owned restaurant and tavern in Deale. He later opened Parks Liquors and Parks Steamed Crabs, and also worked as a self-employed dump truck operator. He married Pam Whittington April 18, 1981 and they lived and raised their family in Deale. Butch was a charter member of the Deale Elks Lodge 2528, and a member of the Shady Side Moose Lodge. Butch enjoyed farming, boating, cutting grass, antique vehicles, and listening to country music, especially Vince Gill.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Robert Parks. He is survived by his wife Pam, a son Louis W. Parks, Jr. and daughter Laura M. Parks, both of Deale, and a daughter Lucille M. Parks (Tommy Pearson) of Shady Side. He is also survived by grandchildren Louis W. Parks III, Cassie Parks, Jacob Parks, Joseph Fox, Andrew Fox, Luke Fox, Maggie Pearson, and Virginia Pearson, and a great-granddaughter Savannah Parks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Deale Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 114, 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Janet Mae Conrad Roush



Janet Mae Conrad Roush brought joy to those around her for 88 plus years. This elegant woman touched many lives in a truly graceful, caring manner. Even in her last few weeks of life she told

strangers and family alike how beautiful they were or that she loved them. During her final days, her daughter Terri and her family were granted visitation in person. Janet's three grandchildren made incredible treks during COVID-19 to be with her. She then passed peacefully in the presence of her daughter Kimberly via Skype on June 15, 2020.

Janet Mae Conrad, was born in Rochester, PA on March 12, 1932. She was the youngest of Loretta Fern McKinnon Conrad and Clarence John Conrad's three children. Janet was Rochester High School's May Queen, graduating in 1950. She attended Edinboro State Teachers College, graduating in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. As a freshman at Edinboro, Janet Conrad was chosen Queen of the Sweetheart Ball. Upon graduation, she taught at Five Points School in Hopewell Township. Janet Conrad married US Navy Ensign Harold "Bud" Elmer Roush on November 26, 1954. They had two daughters, Kimberly Dawn, b. 1956, and Terri Lynn, b. 1959. They moved from Lancaster, PA to Santa Clara, CA in the early 1960's. In Santa Clara Janet C. Roush was selected from over 300 applicants for a very coveted teaching position. She turned down this position to devote her time to raising their two daughters. The Roush family moved to Cherry Hill, NJ in 1966.

Janet loved to spend her time with family, friends and our collies. She enjoyed painting, visiting art museums, golfing and bible study. Janet was a devout Christian. She also played a wicked game of cards. She was a great

Edmund Wells Morton



Edmund Morton was born in Washington DC on February 19, 1935 and died at home in Deale, MD. on June 18, 2020 in the early morning hours. Ed left behind a rather large family of 6 Children,

10 Grandchildren, 4 Great-Grandchildren and his wife of 52 years. Ed was an Army Veteran who's one tour of service put him in Germany at the same time as Elvis Presley. He was a member of the American Legion Post 226 and a former Charter member of the Elks Lodge in Broadneck, MD.

Before his retirement in 1997 from Giant Food Inc. he worked for the Evening Star for approximately six years. Ed's interests were doing Sudoku, reading; and before his health decline, liked working in the yard. He will be sorely missed by his family and our two dogs, mostly Taffy who you could always find sitting in his lap day and night.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Louis W. "Butch" Parks, Sr.



Louis W. "Butch" Parks, Sr., 74, a lifelong resident of Deale, MD passed away June 17, 2020. Butch was born October 17, 1945 in Baltimore, MD to Virginia Bates and Alvin S. Parks, and was

raised in Deale. He attended Deale Elemen-



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sport about camping and boating with Bud and the girls. No matter where she lived, she developed lifelong friendships. Janet always dressed beautifully and created a lovely home in Cherry Hill which she maintained, even after Bud's devastating early death in 1992, until 2016. As the severity of Janet's vascular dementia due to congestive heart failure increased, Terri and Steve Waller graciously cared for her in their home in Broomes Island, MD until 2019. Since the summer of 2019 she lived in assisted living then nursing care where she continued to delight people with her lovely and gentle spirit.

Her grandchildren called her "Blue Grandma" because she frequently wore blue. She is survived by Kimberly Dawn Roush & spouse Scott D. Lewis, Terri Lynn Roush Waller & spouse Stephen Waller, Grandson Lieutenant Commander Brian Waller (USCG) & spouse Angela Waller, Grandson Richard Waller & spouse Sabina Waller, Granddaughter Kristin Waller & fiancé Thomas Staskowski. She is also survived by sister-in-law Carolyn V. Conrad, niece Loretta Rooney & spouse Tim Rooney, niece Cindy Brigham & spouse Ronn Brigham, grand-niece Jaymie Brigham & fiancé Jared Linscombe, niece Judy Nail & spouse Bill Nail. She was preceded in death by her brother Clarence Conrad Jr, a WW II bomber pilot, and sister Dawna C. Radtke. Janet was preceded in death by her husband Harold Elmer Roush (b. Oct 10, 1931/d. Jan 7, 1992). Janet's body will be buried next to Bud's in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Due to COVID-19 we are not conducting a memorial and will not be gathering at the grave site. In lieu of a gathering to celebrate the life and beautiful spirit of Janet Roush, we ask instead that every day you carry forward Janet's gift of telling someone they are beautiful or you love them.

Donations in memory of Janet C. Roush can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Link: <https://www.stjude.org/> or Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, Medford, NJ.

Nelson Kyle Eaton



Nelson Kyle Eaton, born on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, 1988 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland, lost his battle of survival on Sunday, June 14th, 2020 in Calvert County, Maryland. He is the son of Theresa Minton McNeely and Paul "Buddy" Eaton Jr. Nelson is survived by his mother and father, stepmother: Joanne Styers, daughter: Gracie Rose, stepson: Jacob, sisters: Natalie "Niki" Hudson (spouse: Preston), Alaina Mendez (spouse: Greg), and Jenny Styers, brothers: Richard Mullen (spouse: Teressa), and Ryan Mullen. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins from both sides of his family. Nelson is preceded in death by his brother: Bobby Styers. He is also preceded in death by Laura McCauley, the love of his life and the mother of his children. Nelson lived in Calvert County Maryland and worked as a Flooring Mechanic side by side with his brother Richie for several years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding, four wheeling, and listening to music of all genres and sang and dance like nobody was watching.

He may have even enjoyed having tea parties complete with make-up and tiaras with his little girls. Nelson has a beautiful smile and a contagious laugh that would light up a room. His favorite thing in the world was spending quality time with his loved ones. Nelson was affectionally known as "Nelly" or even "Uncle Babe" you may have even heard "SWAP" a time or two. He will be missed deeply and cherished for eternity.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jacob Andrew Urnosky



Jacob Andrew Urnosky, went to his heavenly home on June 18, 2020, at the age of 23, after a short, valiant battle with testicular cancer. Jacob was the beloved first-born son of Daryl and Patricia Urnosky. He was born March 20th, 1997 on a snowy first day of Spring, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he lived for the first 8 years of his life. From the moment he entered the world Jacob brought joy to everyone who encountered him. His parents often described him as their "sunshiny boy." In 2005, Jacob moved with his mom and dad and younger brother, Nathan, to Lusby. One of his proudest moments was graduating in the top 25 percent of his class from Patuxent High School in 2015. He was also extremely proud of everything his "little" brother Nathan did. Jacob loved life and lived every moment to the fullest. He was a lover of all things Nintendo and he especially loved Mario. His favorite pass time was to play his games and he was a master of most of them. Jacob loved amusement parks and he and his family visited them often. He had no fear of any roller coaster and there was no ride that he wouldn't ride at least once. Over the years Jacob enjoyed playing the trumpet, playing tennis and bowling. He made the most of every experience.

Jacob was an intelligent, generous and loving soul who gave the world so much more than he took. He inspired many, both young and old, to be their true selves, no matter what others thought. Jacob never let his autism diagnosis and the challenges it presented, prevent him from trying new things. He was recently baptized, and we believe that he is now serving the Lord's purpose in Heaven. Jacob was a bright light in the world for far too short a time. We were all blessed to share our lives with him, and we look forward to the day we will hear his sweet voice again.

Along with his parents and brother, Jacob is survived by his maternal grandmother, Dottie Shelton, of Virginia, his Uncle David Shelton and his cousin Maddi Shelton, both of Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Billy Shelton, who he adored, and his paternal grandparents, Andrew and Caroline Urnosky.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of life for Jacob will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jacob's name to: <https://www.testicularcancerawarenessfoundation.org/donate> ; Testicular Cancer Awareness Foundation, 202 North Ave #305, Grand Junction, CO 81501 or <https://www.autism-society.org/> ; Autism Society, 6110 Executive Blvd, Suite 305, Rockville, MD 20852.

Condolences to the family may be made at

www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Joyce Lorraine Rimmel



Joyce Lorraine Rimmel, 88, formerly of Hollywood, Maryland died June 12, 2020 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Gayle Rimmel Bonasorte and Joe Bonasorte, in Parrish, Florida.

Joyce was under the home care of Tidewell Hospice for complications from dementia. Born March 30, 1932 in Washington, DC she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Lena Joy. She was the loving wife of the late Robert "Bob" Rimmel, whom she married on June 11, 1950 in the Hollywood United Methodist Church. In addition to being survived by her daughter and son-in-law, she is also survived by her son, Barry Nelson Rimmel of Ponce deLeon, Florida, her sister, Juanita Buchanan of Hollywood, Maryland, her brothers, Elwood Joy (Marge) of Hollywood, Maryland and Arnold Joy (Loretta) of Williamsport, Maryland. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Lois Windham of Spring, Texas, Austin Rimmel of Mt. Washington, Maryland, Rebecca Windsor (Joey) of Dameron, Maryland, Corey Bonasorte (Stephanie) of Belmont, California, Leah Burke (Sean) of Woodstock, Maryland and Douglas Rimmel of Ponce deLeon, Florida, as well as great-grandchildren Amaya Rimmel, Lilly Rimmel, MacKenzie Windsor, Alexander Tink, Joshua Tink, Alexandra Burke and Grace Burke, and many nieces and nephews. Joyce was preceded in death by her sisters Eunice Gatton and Mildred Crichfield, and her brothers Herbert Joy, Marion Joy and Marvin Joy. A long-time resident of Hollywood, Maryland, Joyce was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and dear friend. But she also had a profound impact on the lives of hundreds of students in the St. Mary's County Public School System as a Food Services Teacher at the St. Mary's County Technical Center. In all, she spent 50 years working in the school system and built a lasting legacy as an extraordinary mentor to so many who went on to successful careers in food service. Not a restaurant or store visit would go by, almost anywhere in St. Mary's County, without a happy reunion with one of her former students. After 21 years teaching food service

full time, she continued to teach as a substitute for another 19 years until 2010 when she retired for good. She turned her attention to the joys of her family, many friends, dear neighbors, love of gardening and genealogy, and her precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was known for her famous cream puffs and always had people lining up at the annual Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department dinner. Joyce was a life-long member of the Hollywood United Methodist Church and a volunteer for numerous church activities. She was also a member of the Julia Halla Chapter #107, Order of the Eastern Star. Because of the unfortunate concerns caused by the Covid 19 Coronavirus, regular memorial services are impossible at this time. A celebration of life service at the Hollywood United Methodist will be coordinated in the future by Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home of Leonardtown, Maryland as soon as we can confidently determine that it is safe for everyone to attend.

Patsy Ann Peck



Patsy Ann Peck, 81, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Cumberland, MD passed away on June 11, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on April 24, 1939 in Parkersburg, WV, she was the loving daughter of the late Marie Wolfe Ritchie and Glenn Richie. Patsy was the loving wife of the late Robert Lloyd Peck, Sr. who preceded her in death on October 2, 1981. Patsy is survived by her sons Frank Peck of Swansboro, NC, Chris Peck of Mount Airy, MD, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Robert Lloyd Peck, Jr, siblings Frank Ritchie and Doris Coulter. Patsy will be buried in a private graveside burial at Hillcrest Burial Park in Cumberland, MD.

Sandra Black

Sandra "Sandy" (Teears) Black age 78, of Washburn, MO, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at

The Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville, MO.

She was born October 6, 1941 in the radio station at Zarephath, NJ. She was the daugh-

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In Remembrance



ter of Elmer Daniel and Maxine (Hibler) Smith. On August 12, 2000 in Lexington Park, MD, she was united in marriage to Ronnie Black, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Mark Tears (Karen) of Greensboro, NC;

two daughters, Colleen Coombs (Dale) of Great Mills, MD and Cynthia Tears of Lexington Park, MD; four grandchildren, Christy Coombs, Jamey Coombs (Victoria), Sarah Cohen and Zachariah Cohen, three step-grandchildren, Michael, Ashley & Shane Roa, two great grandchildren, Nathan and Nicholas, and five step-great grandchildren, Kellen, Aryahna, Cory, Ava and Mia. Preceding her in death were her parents and brother, Danny Smith.

As a young child she lived in "Lexington Manor" (which was known as "The Flattops") until they moved into the house "her Daddy" built in Great Mills, MD. She lived in Southern Maryland most of her life. In 1959, Sandy graduated from Great Mills High School. She then received her Associates Degree from St. Mary's College of Maryland. She married Thomas Russell Tears and stayed at home as a wonderful wife and mother until her children were in school.

Some of her favorite pastimes were traveling, camping, cooking, and music. She played the piano, loved Elvis and could often be seen happily driving around in one of her cute sports cars (including her "PINK" Mustang). Sandy was very active at the Lexington Park United Methodist Church for many years. She sang in the choir, served in various positions in the United Methodist Women's Group, taught Sunday School, and loved the fellowship there. She also attended SAYSF Bible Church and the Lexington Park Baptist Church.

She worked as a receptionist for Dr. Kaplan in St. Mary's County once her children began elementary school and served as the church secretary for Lexington Park Baptist Church. She was a dedicated U.S. Government (DOD) employee at Crystal City, VA and at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, MD until her retirement.

After her marriage to Ronnie Black in 2000, she moved to Washburn, MO and made it her home. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Cassville, MO, where she was very active in the Woman's Group. She loved traveling with Ronnie and her time on the farm. She was a great friend to many and was a fun-loving Mother and Grandma.

There will be a Funeral Service on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, 20850 Langley Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Interment will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery, 22340 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, MD 20634.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Maryland, 10665 Stanhaven Place, Suite 205D, White Plains, MD 20695.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Pauline Henry Dziewit

Pauline Henry Dziewit, 82, of Lexington Park, MD passed away June 18, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on December 31, 1937, in Milford Township, Juniata County, PA to the late Lee Roy Henry and Margaret Ellen Armstrong Henry. She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers: Charles, Frank, Robert, and Roy, and survived by siblings Mable, Mary, and David.

On September 27, 1958, Pauline married her beloved husband, Joseph Stanley Dziewit, Jr., in Philadelphia, PA. Together they celebrated over 61 wonderful years of marriage. While they were married, they moved many times for various Navy assignments, including New Jersey, Hawaii, Tennessee, and Maryland. For many years she worked as a beautician where she made many lifelong friends. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of Maryland. For many years she was a Girl Scout troop leader. Pauline hiked the 2,190-mile Appalachian Trail twice, first in 1983 and again in 1997. She enjoyed playing softball and was inducted to the St. Mary's Softball Hall of Fame in 1989. She was an avid genealogy researcher, published a book of her family history, and helped many others find their roots.

In addition to her beloved husband, Joseph, Pauline is also survived by her children, Laura Kennedy (Michael) of Moyock, NC, Clarissa Dziewit of Lexington Park, MD, Joseph Dziewit, III (Brenda) of Destin, FL, and Paul Dziewit (Peggy) of Valley Lee, MD; four grandchildren, Kristi (Kennedy) Sinclair (Robert), Christopher Kennedy (Ashley), Matthew Petit (Kimberly), and Elizabeth Petit; two great-grandchildren, Kennedy and Robert Sinclair; and more extended family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 26, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Paul J. Karcsh Funeral Home, 164 Cotton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127. Interment will follow at Westminster Cemetery, 701 Belmont Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD and Appalachian Trail Conservancy, P.O. Box 649, Hartford, VT 05047.

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

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Ethel Marie "Sissy" Garner



Ethel Marie "Sissy" Garner, 79, of California, MD passed away June 15, 2020 surrounded by her loving family at home.

She was born on October 22, 1940 in Baltimore, MD to the late James Vernon "Captain

George" Clements and Jean Gwynette Tucker Clements.

Sissy was raised by her late father and late grandmother, Lillian Tucker and was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She was a 1959 graduate of St. Mary's Academy. On December 5, 1959, she married her beloved husband, Robert (Bobby) Ignatius Garner, Jr. at St. John Francis Regis Church in Hollywood, MD. She was employed as a dedicated and professional real estate agent until her retirement at Century 21. She also assisted her husband with his business, Garner Construction, for many years. She was a 23 year breast cancer survivor. She enjoyed camping

with her children as they were growing up, going all over the place, including Fort Wilderness in Disney World. Her hobbies included playing BINGO and the slot machines in Harrington, DE. She and her husband often travelled to their condo in Myrtle Beach, SC where she loved to shop at the outlets and seek out good deals. She was a delicious cook and hosted all the holiday and family dinners. She loved her family and spending time with them, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who she is affectionately known as "Ommie." She was a life-long member of St. John's Catholic Church.

In addition to her beloved husband, Bobby, Sissy is also survived by her children, Robin Marie Wendler (James) of Hollywood, MD, Kimberly Ann Hartley (Matthew) of Leonardtown, MD and Robert Ignatius Garner, III (April) of Hollywood, MD; 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her brother, James Arthur "Floogie" Clements, her daughter, Dorothy Jean Boyce, and her grandson, James Wiant Wendler, Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD and St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 43950 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

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Barry Thomas Hurst



Barry Thomas Hurst, 75 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on June 14, 2020 at his home.

Barry was born on December 29, 1944 in Abington, PA to the late Marriott Hurst and Mae (Tither) Hurst.

Barry joined the United States Navy in 1963 where he served for 20 years. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He was employed by the Federal Government for 20 years working as an Electronics Technician and Project Manager. He married Nina Sue Long on September 12, 1970 in Fairless Hills, PA. They eventually settled down in St. Mary's County where they lived for 28 years. Together they enjoyed woodworking and building projects for their children and grandchildren where they became skilled in creating pieces including doll houses, tables, coat racks, and storage benches.

Barry is survived by his wife, Nina; children, Kimberly Hardcastle (Fitz) of Baltimore, MD and Kevin Hurst (Amy) of Columbia, MD; six grandchildren, Quinn, Declan, Charlotte, Michael, Amayah, and Lucy. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Edward and Robert Hurst.

The family is having private services.

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

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Charles Vaselee Freeman, Sr.

Charles Vaselee Freeman, Sr., 60 of Lexington Park, MD passed away suddenly on June 13, 2020 at his home.



Charles was born on February 24, 1960 in Baltimore, MD to the late Vaselee Freeman and Janice Carter.

Charles was in the Army National Guard for years until he was honorably discharged on December 9, 1987.

While in the Army he met and married his first wife Mary Freeman whom he was married to for 6 years and together they had 2 kids. Later on the two divorced and remained friends. He then met Joyce Freeman, the love of his life and married her on January 17, 1987, in Great Mills, MD. Together they have celebrated over 33 wonderful years of marriage. He is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He was a member of the local Optimist Club. He enjoyed working on cars and doing different carpentry projects. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his brothers and teaching his children how to fish when they went camping. He loved to go square dancing with his wife and playing in the local pool league with his friends. He was a family man and enjoyed hanging out with his family and friends. Most of all he really enjoyed playing with his grandkids.

In addition to his beloved wife, Joyce, he is also survived by his children, Shirley Freeman of Lexington Park, MD; Charles Freeman Jr. of Lexington Park, MD; Kayla Freeman "Kevin" of Lexington Park, MD and Charles "Chuck" Lorence (Alicia) of Baltimore, MD; his brothers, Mark Proctor, Leonard Freeman and Janus Freeman.; his grandchildren Russell Randall, Mark Holt, Jr., Markese Young, Jazzmine Barnes, Tatiana Young, Brennan Lorence, Bryce Lorence, Brett Lorence, Katrina Mills and Amber Cutchember and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and his son Michael Freeman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Ste. 120, Baltimore, MD 21220.

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Shelvadeane "Peggy"

Krasnokutsky



Shelvadeane "Peggy" Krasnokutsky, 82, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2020 at Hospice House of St. Mary's in Callaway, MD.

She was born on November 7, 1937 in Lynchburg, Virginia to the late Earnest Coleman and Cecil

Mason Coleman.

Peggy graduated from Southern High School, Baltimore, MD. She married the love of her life, Onisim Krasnokutsky in June of 1957 in Baltimore, MD. She and her husband moved to Leonardtown in 1995 where she very much enjoyed her new town and neighbors. She was a kind, caring person who adored spending her time with her family and was blessed to raise a son, Victor. She had a



kind word and a smile for everyone she met. Her home was one that was always welcoming to all- filled with laughter and good times. She spent 25 years providing exceptional care for her mother-in-law when she became disabled. She had a special bond with animals and over the years provided a loving home to over 20 dogs and cats that were in need of a home. In her spare time she volunteered many hours at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, and the St. Mary's County Health Department.

Shelvadeane is survived by her son, Victor Krasnokutsky (Phyllis) of Leonardtown, MD and a grandson, Alexander Krasnokutsky. She is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, Ronald Coleman and Roseland Praybe, and her husband, Onisim.

All services will be private.

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Lawrence "Larry" Hatton



Lawrence (Larry) Hatton of Great Mills, Maryland was called to eternal rest on June 11, 2020 to sit in God's presence and look upon his face. He was born in Washington, D.C. to the late James Robert Hatton and the late Elizabeth Gaines Hatton Carroll.

Larry was educated in the Charles County Public School System. He graduated on June 5, 1963 from Pomonkey High School. After graduation, he worked for Jones Construction until he started his first career working at the Naval Ordnance Station in Indian Head, Maryland. He transferred to Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland until his retirement from Ground Electronics in October 1998 after thirty-three years of service to the federal government. He also worked several contracting jobs, the Navy Exchange and Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Then he began working for St. Mary's County Public schools and retired ending his second career in August 2012.

Larry was the father of Lawrence Hatton Jr. (Tawana), E. DeAngelo Hatton, Eric Antonio Hatton, and Maggie Marie Hatton and grandfather of nine grandchildren; Alonzo Hatton, DeShawn Hatton, Marques Hatton (Tammany), Malik Hatton, DeAngelo Thompson, Sieanna Hatton, Ethan Hatton, Emerson Hatton and Wynter Hatton.

Every Sunday Larry could be found at Zion United Methodist Church in Lexington Park, Maryland, where he was a faithful and dedicated member. Larry was a Prince Hall Affiliated Mason, where he served as past Master of the Joseph A. Eagan Lodge No.104 and a Sublime Prince of James A. Mingo Consistory No.334.

He loved traveling with good friends and singing with the Zion Methodist Men spreading the gospel in song for over twenty-five years. He loved sporty cars, fancy trucks, going to car shows and winning many trophies. Being a member of The "Smokin'" Wheels car club was his fun thing to do.

When Larry finally decided to enjoy his retirement, he really enjoyed being at home watching movies on television (especially westerns) and anything that had to do with sports. His favorite team was the Washing-

ton Redskins. He was an excellent cook and it showed in the meals that he prepared. He loved decorating the house at Christmas and always kept a well-manicured lawn.

Larry was predeceased by his brothers, William Sylvester Hatton, and Elmer Carroll, Jr.; stepfather, Elmer Carroll, Sr. and sister-in-law, Fonda Carroll.

He leaves to cherish his memory Dorothy A. Wise, his children, his brothers, James R. Hatton (Shirley), Ronald I. Carroll (Brenda), Carlton Carroll (Barbara), Stanley J. Hatton (Sandra), Clifton Carroll (Doris), David Carroll, Marvin L. Carroll (Paulette), Allen T. Carroll (Sylvia), Alonzo Carroll (Calathia); sisters, Emma Jean Wright, Loleta D. Carroll, Marcella E. Carroll and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Larry will be also lovingly remembered by Tayvon M. Yates, Andrea E. Young, Thomas C. Biscoe, Tanya N. Biscoe and "the girls", as he affectionately called them, Tavyona, Reanna and Zyniah.

Larry was a kind man, a gentle man, a well-loved man and we all will miss him wholeheartedly.

Thanks for the memories Larry.

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John Francis Briscoe III



John and Ann celebrated 57 years of marriage. Ann departed this earthly life on April 14, 2020 and John departed on June 12, 2020. We now celebrate the Homegoing for both; just as they were united in life; we celebrate them united in death.

John's Journey

John Francis Briscoe, III, 80 of Mechanicsville, MD, departed this life on June 12, 2020 at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, DC. He was born on June 4, 1940 in Chaptico, MD to the late John Francis Briscoe, II and Pauline Briscoe.

He was raised and lived in Chaptico, MD, was educated in the St. Mary's County Public School system, where he met and married the love of his life, Mary Ann Briscoe (Yorkshire).

In his early years he worked as a Postal Carrier for the United States Postal Service. Later he pursued a career in construction, where he held various positions. To officially end his work career, his 70th birthday present to himself was retirement from Scheibel Construction.

He was known by many nicknames, such as...Junior, Turkey, JB, Ugly, Fuzzy, Pop-Pop and some simply called him John Briscoe.

He was a self-taught mechanic. You could call on him morning, noon or night and no matter the weather he never failed to respond. There weren't many things that he couldn't fix. He was a regular "McGuyver". He loved to be outside working around the house. In addition to his own, he spent many, many hours over the years mowing the lawns of family and friends on Harper's Corner Rd.

In his younger days, he liked to hit the highway on his motorcycle, and liked to play his guitar and sing. A pastime of his retirement was a daily run to Wawa to get a cup of coffee. He faithfully watched Morning Joe and the Reverend Al Sharpton on MSNBC.

He enjoyed chatting with family and neighbors while sitting under a shade tree, and taking care of his dog, Candy.

He had a servant's heart. He was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever there was an event and he was normally one of last to leave after cleaning up. He loved to talk to everyone. Whenever he met a stranger, you can bet by the end of the day he would know them.

He loved the Lord with all his heart and faithfully attended Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville, MD. He was known to say "Stand back and let the Lord do his work."

His family was the most important thing in the world. He was always present at family activities. He never ended a conversation or phone call without saying "Tell everybody I said hi and I luv'em."

John was preceded in death by his wife and love of over 60 years, Mary "Ann" Briscoe; daughter, Angela Denise Briscoe; parents, John Briscoe and Pauline Briscoe; sister, Margaret Hebb, and brother, Hezekiah Briscoe.

He leaves to cherish sweet memories, his daughter, Beverly M. Briscoe; sons, Jonathan, William (Sandra), Kevin (Eleanor), and Terrance (Michelle) Briscoe; sister, Mary Briscoe; brothers, Francis, John, James, and Charles Briscoe, 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other extended family, Theresa "Tinnie" Jacobs, Bernice King, who went above and beyond in helping provide care for Dad during his final months, as well as niece and nephew, Jean King, and Anthony "Darnell" King (Joyce), whom he raised as his own and they also called him "Daddy."

He was a hero, role model, mentor and father figure to many people. He will be truly missed and his legacy will live on in those he touched.

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Mary Catherine Hickson



Sister Mary Catherine Hickson was born to the late William Irvin Shuebrooks and Marie Lee Clayton on August 14, 1930 in St. Inigo, Maryland. She was called to eternal rest on June 07, 2020. She accepted Christ in her

life at an early age and was baptized into the Roman Catholic faith. She later converted her faith to become Baptist and joined First Missionary Baptist Church, where she continued her faith journey alongside her husband of almost 40 years, Harry Hickson, Jr.

Sister Mary was employed with the Great Mills Dry Cleaning for several years before she moved on to work with the St. Mary's County Government for the Office on Aging, retiring after 30 years of service.

Sister Mary loved spending time eating out with her daughters and going shopping. In her younger days, she enjoyed canning vegetables and making pear and jelly preserves for her children, and talking on the phone to her friends and family. She loved hearing music by Sam Cooke (Bring It on Home to Me) with the hope that one day she would meet him.

Sister Mary was preceded in death by her parents Marie Lee Clayton and William Irvin Shuebrooks, her husband Harry C.

Hickson Jr, her siblings; Albert Clayton and Mary Edna Clayton, her children; Thomas Butler, June Butler and Judy Perrine.

Sister Mary leaves to cherish her memories, her children; Eugene (Debra), Glenn (Bob), Donald (Deborah), James, John (Jackie), William (Faye), Avis, Benita and Patrick (Michelle), and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

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Gail Ann Connor Rochester



Gail Ann Connor Rochester, 70, of California, MD passed away on May 15, 2020 with her loving family at her side.

She was born on May 11, 1950 in Boston, MA to the late Elmer Connor, Jr. and Beverly Stewart. She was

raised by her late grandparents, Elmer and Lillie Mae Connor.

Gail is a 1968 graduate of Great Mills High School. On June 16, 1972, she married her beloved husband, Lewis Samuel Rochester, Jr. at Assembly of God Church in Lexington Park, MD. Together they celebrated over 47 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed for many years as a caring substitute teacher for the Board of Education, St. Mary's County until her retirement. She was also employed as an administrative assistant with the Dept. of Social Services. She had a beautiful voice and often sang solo at the church. She was a Sunday school teacher for many dedicated years, starting when she was just a teenager. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed cooking for her family. She was known for her sausage dressing. She also was a talented crafter, enjoying stamping and scrapbooking, needlepoint and crocheting. She found joy bowling in the Senior Leagues with her husband. Family was her greatest love, especially spending time travelling to North Carolina to see her family, and time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her beloved husband, Lewis, she is also survived by her children: Ora-Mae Sikorski (Ian) of Leonardtown, MD, Gail "Michelle" Tefft (Richard) of Great Mills, MD, and Sherry Welch (Charles) of Callaway, MD; her siblings: Angie Chapman (Gary) of Baltimore, MD, Tracy Connor (Lisa) of Glasgow, Kentucky, Lynda Connor-Lopez (Al) of Mount Airy, MD, and Jay Connor (Paula) of Crofton, MD; her grandchildren: Mark Stephen "MJ", Matthew Christian, and Luke Samuel Marshall, Nicole Ann Welch; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Dynamite, 1100 Savannah St, SE, Washington, D.C. 20032, Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Acts of Southern Maryland, P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618.

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LEGAL PLANNING FOR YOUR ELDERLY PARENTS

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

If you are in your 40s, your parents are probably in their 60s and 70s. As painful as it is to think that your parents may one day be unable to drive, climb stairs, feed themselves or change their own clothes, the time to face these issues is right now when your parents are relatively healthy and, most importantly, able to understand what they are signing. You and your siblings need to have “the talk” with your parents while there is still time to protect them.

Clearly, “the talk” will extend far beyond the legal documents that your parents need to put into place. However, no matter what else you discuss, your parents need the protection that the following legal documents will give them:

1. Power of Attorney. This document gives power to a person each of your parents designates to make decisions for them if they are unable to do so. Your parents need to understand that they are NOT giving up their power to make decisions for themselves. All they are doing is appointing someone to make those decisions if and only if they cannot do so.

In most cases of married couples, the spouses appoint each other as the power of attorney and, if the other cannot serve, appoint a child or other loved one. Each one of your parents needs their own power of attorney.

The form of Power of Attorney I prefer covers medical care, financial care and guardianship. On the medical side, keep in mind that the HIPPA law gives people privacy for their medical records, but has a flaw. If one of your parents were to have a stroke and be unable to verbally consent to you obtaining their medical records, you could not get them. The only way to correct this is to give the power of attorney to you to get the medical records no matter what shape your parent is in.

Guardianship is also a critical point. You would think that your father or mother would have the right to sign the paperwork to institutionalize the other if they had to. They do not have that power. Either parent would have to go to court to be declared the guardian of the other before they could sign the paperwork. That court process takes time and costs legal fees. Instead, the power of attorney form should make it clear that the person appointed as power of attorney is also the guardian.

Some attorneys will use an Advance Directive and a separate Financial Power of Attorney. Same result, more forms. No matter—the critical issue is whether your elderly parent has the capacity to sign the forms.

In order to sign a Power of Attorney,

your parents must be able to understand what they are signing. If your elderly parent has dementia in its later stages and cannot understand what they are doing, they cannot sign legal documents, including the power of attorney. I can't tell you how many times I get calls from children of an elderly parent with dementia seeking a power of attorney to help their parent. Unfortunately, if the parent has dementia and cannot understand what they are signing, I cannot help them.

Everyone needs the protection that a Power of Attorney offers. Make sure your parents put that protection in place now when they can.

2. Will or Trust. Your parents need to obtain a Will or a Revocable Living Trust to ensure that their assets will be distributed to their loved ones the way they want it done. A Will is only applicable after the person dies. With a Will or without one, if the person dies with assets in their sole name, those assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones. The revocable living trust avoids the probate process and works while you are still alive. It is especially effective if one of your parents is incapacitated. If that happens, the other parent ordinarily becomes the sole trustee of the family trust and uses the assets of the trust to take care of the incapacitated Trustee. If both your parents are incapacitated, they will have appointed a successor trustee under the family trust who can manage the assets in the trust on their behalf.

3. Living Will. Your parents should make their own end of life decisions, specifically whether they want life-saving procedures, in a Living Will. Forms for living wills are found in doctor's offices, at hospitals and online.

4. MOLST FORM. This is a relatively new form in Maryland. Technically, it is called a “Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment” form, or MOLST. This is a form your parents can obtain from their doctors or online. The form is signed by your parent and their doctor—it goes into some detail about exactly what your parent may want in terms of life-sustaining treatment.

No matter how you approach these topics with your parents, they need to be discussed. Family harmony is the critical issue—don't let messes happen. Encourage your parents to take control and protect themselves and the family.

Join us for a no-charge seminar on estate planning on July 15th. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot. We are taking all necessary precautions to keep you safe.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



WHEN I AM OLD...



It's funny how some things stay with you from when you were young. Yesterday, I had to get two sets of bloodwork done at different labs of course. So I was getting ready to leave in my nice Tractor Supply cargo shorts (Oh my gosh, these are the best, softest shorts ever) when I stopped short and remembered a large sign that stood in the waiting room of Dr. Dobson's old Brandywine Medical Clinic. It read “No shorts allowed” and may have been even more specific that no shorts were to be worn on women. Maybe someone remembers the wording. But I bet that not a one of you who went there will ever forget Dr. Dobson examining you with the ever-present cigarette dangling from his lips. Not sure how much ash was dropped on patients either.

Anyway, I was standing there at the top of the steps, having an internal fight of whether to keep those comfy, cool shorts on or put on a pair of capris. Silly, right? Yes, it is, but I could still see that sign in my mind from 50 something years ago. I suppose that in the late 60s and 70s it was simply not done. Women were at a crossroads of still wearing traditional skirts and blouses or day dresses to leave the house. Yet they were seeing that the new generation was spending their day in hot pants and mini-skirts. I guess Dr. Dobson was not quite ready to have women in the new risqué clothes in his clinic. I bet you couldn't put a sign out today that told you no shorts, not sure if there is a dress code for most things now, other than the workplace. I definitely have no nice dress code with being home all the time now. I wear grunge clothes for working in the workshop and in the yard. I do try and dress a bit nicer for errands.

So, what did I end up doing about whether to wear shorts or capris? Of course, I went with the capris, since I couldn't get that sign out of my head.

You may wonder why it is even a big deal to me to wear shorts at all. It was a big deal for me because I have just gotten to “When I am old, I shall wear red with a purple hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me” phase of life. You might remember that opening line of the famous poem Warning by Jenny Joseph. She wrote it in 1961, perfect for me, since that was the year I was born.

Maybe it is because I turned 59 this past Monday and I am beginning to be more accepting of myself now. There have been a few jokes over the years about my pale legs and skin, and you know how those words can stick with you even though you know it was meant in fun, and even when I think they are funny too. To make things worse my knees and ankles are huge with inflammation and maybe because I am “just a touch overweight :)”, so there is even more for me to be self-conscious about, but strangely now, I finally feel like, “You know what, this is how I look, how I am”. I have so been looking forward to feeling this way and was looking forward to the magic age of 60 when I thought that that was when I would suddenly accept myself and dress and feel anyway I like. Well, what a gift I have been given to feel all of this at 59, a year earlier than I thought I would.

I have even taken to paring down my time-honored former Mary Kay and Avon lady make-up routine to just some mascara and concealer most days, which I never thought would happen. How amazingly freeing. Though I do still like the full made-up, feel like a princess, days and always will.

So I am pale, big deal. Have imperfect skin, so what? Lumpy and bumpy, it's just me, and I have earned every lump and bump through my career, time with my children, then time with grandkids, and just life. Yes, every bit of it is a gift in this life, and I will try and remember that as the joints continue to do their own thing and I grow paler, and shorter, through the years. All of this is getting me prepared for the future, or as Jenny Joseph's poem ends, “But maybe I ought to practise a little now? So, people who know me are not too shocked and surprised when suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.”

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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Letters TO THE Editor

Making Calvert History?

To the Editor

The old adage “all good things come to those that wait” is still pertinent! Calvert Citizens United, Inc. (CCU) waited patiently for County Administrator (Mark) Willis to publicly lay bare his agenda with Commissioners and its coalition with local builder/developers Small Business Interest Group (SBIG).

How dare CCU make this claim? Quite simply, SBIG minutes and “backroom agenda” were acquired through a Freedom of Information Request. After numerous denials from county administrators, CCU obtained years of meeting minutes, which were purported to be non-existent. (Why all the furious note taking by county staffers to memorialize SBIG demands?)

For context, in 2015, 11-14 SBIG members met with Mark Willis, Cmsnr. Hejl (now Hutchins) and 12-15 county administrators and staffers in ‘backroom meetings’ on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. every two months in the same county office. Hardworking citizens were unaware a Quasi-Government entity existed which would control the buildout and forever change the ‘INTENT’ of our Comp Plan. “A thing only lasts when its original purpose stays in tact.” Further, court rulings state “Backroom Meetings must be considered to contain nefarious intent”.

Unbelievably, with all his years in government, Willis neglected to mention Calvert Citizens United filed two lawsuits against the BOCC; a motion for summary judgment and motion for temporary and permanent injunction. At age 60, Willis intends to “write seven new master plans during the next ten years.” That’s a bold prediction as we begin discovery as to who changed what and who colluded with whom. County Attorney Mattingly filed a Motion to Dismiss the citizen’s Lawsuit. During lockdown the circuit court denied Mattingly’s motion.

Everyone is aware Commissioner McConkey did not recuse himself from voting his Huntingtown properties into Town Center. He voted for the Comp Plan by a 3-2 margin. In doing so, we believe McConkey violated state and county Ethics’ Commission laws.

Minutes before plan approval, Willis, County Attorney John Norris and three commissioners manipulated final resolution language without benefit of a citizen public hearing. The 20-year plan will no

longer be visited at the 10-year mark mandated by state rules. The commissioners manipulated language to revisit the plan every two years promoting carte blanche changes while eliminating citizen participation.

For clarification, SBIG, BOCC and Willis during a 2017 SBIG Meeting, and Rodney Gertz, Quality Built Homes insisted “developers need flexibility ...but documents such as the Comp Plan should be as flexible and simple as possible to allow our projects to come forward”. Gertz added “for a developer, obtaining more square footage allows for more stores and more tenants.” Gertz quoted stats from Charlotte, NC. Willis assured SBIG “flexibility and simplicity are built in the new plan...times are changing! Clearly, through your “backroom” conniving, Mr. Willis.

Citizens from Dunkirk to Solomons and Twin Beaches to Benedict Bridge, attended every meeting, forum, consultant presentation, wrote well over a thousand letters, filled out the reply/suggestion cards, publicly presented empirical evidence missing from consultant data at the same time pleading for moderation and lessening traffic.

Yet, the Willis’ theory is “there will always be traffic.” No kidding! The citizen/taxpayers are talking about congestion and gridlock through unrestricted buildout made all the more available with Independent Sewer Systems which have a high fail rate. At a 2017 SBIG meeting, Anthony Williams clarified failing sewer systems stating “Yeah, us builders install them but when they fail citizens are the ones to bail them out”.

CCU has possession of 100 pages of SBIG Minutes, and throughout any concerns for citizen/taxpayers was flagrantly non-existent. Willis mistakenly thinks he is powerful enough to finish the SBIG agenda. Upcoming are the under-oath Depositions and Interrogatories demanding specificity which he will find time consuming and possibly threatening. Take heart neighbors, when the courts set aside the Comp Plan, the Plan and subsequent Master Plans, etc. will be fruit of the poisonous tree and become moot! This is a Precedent Setting lawsuit. At the end, together we can ecstatically proclaim: “We made Calvert history!”

Myra Gowans
Huntingtown

A View From The BLEACHERS

Going Through Something

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Bi-weekly status check: it has been 106 long and bizarre days since the NBA suspended its season. We should be celebrating recently crowned NHL (maybe the Caps?) and NBA champions (definitely not the Wizards) and enjoying Serena Williams’s attempts at the French Open and Wimbledon to tie Margaret Court’s record 24 major tennis championships. Instead, the NHL and NBA are planning frantic championship sprints in bubble cities, MLB is struggling to salvage a season and the NFL is pondering helmets retrofitted with anti-COVID face shields. Meanwhile, the viral culprit of all of this is re-energizing in new hot spots around the country.

In the immortal words of Vince Lombardi, “What the hell’s going on out here?” Good question, sir. I saw a dude wearing an “Occupy Mars” shirt the other day. It feels like we already have.

On, then, to good and rather important news. In some ways this article is long overdue; in others - as we battle a pandemic and social injustice - discussing psychological health feels timely. Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love started talking about “it,” specifically anxiety and depression, in 2017. And he didn’t address either generically, as part of his foundation or in the context of loved ones struggling with mental health. No, Kevin Wesley Love - a big, strong and classically masculine professional athlete, and one whose middle name is an homage to former Bullet Wes Unseld, another rugged man among men - talked to the world about his personal struggles and the panic attack he had...on the court...during an NBA game.

The psychological freight train arrived, unannounced, in November 2017. He couldn’t catch his breath. His heart was racing. Death seemed imminent. The game went on, coaches drew up plays during timeouts, but Love, lost in the death spiral of his mind, was disconnected from this familiar basketball reality. Ultimately, he couldn’t physically bring himself to re-enter the game and fled to the locker room in an attempt to escape the inferno raging inside him.

Love survived and even returned

to play in the Cavaliers’ next game, but the episode left him confused and searching to determine what happened and why.

Love had had a panic attack. Why it happened was - as it often is for anyone with such experiences - a complex trip into his mental make-up, scars acquired through his life and a series of recent triggers. Instead of shrugging off the episode and moving on, Love took the difficult journey into understanding and controlling the beast within him. More courageously even than facing it for himself, he did so publicly. In March 2018, he penned a raw, personal account of the attack and his recovery in *The Players Tribune* (a highly recommended read) and has continued his mental health advocacy in the years since.

ESPN gives the Arthur Ashe Award at the ESPYS each year to the athlete reflecting “the spirit of Arthur Ashe, possessing strength in the face of adversity, courage in the face of peril and the willingness to stand up for their beliefs no matter what the cost” (as an aside, Ashe’s memoir “Days of Grace,” a gripping farewell to life and his family, is another suggested read). Last Sunday, Love received the award for his bravery in discussing his struggles and on-going efforts to raise awareness of mental health. Since 2018, Love has turned a spotlight on a pervasive and invisible affliction that, due to lingering social stigmas, is still misunderstood and for which proactive treatment remains inconsistent - especially for prideful men.

While physically just a trophy, the Arthur Ashe Award represents an official “thank you” from Love’s peers in the world of sports; unofficially, it expresses gratitude from anyone struggling directly or indirectly with mental health. As Love said in his *Player’s Tribune* piece, “Everyone is going through something we can’t see” - encouraging words as we tote around our burdens and a reminder when encountering others carrying theirs. Elvis Costello once sang, “What’s so funny about peace, love and understanding?” Nothing. The truth is everyone needs more of each as we seek to find and maintain health of mind, body and spirit.

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