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# COVID-19

<b>As of July 14</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>53</b>

Information provided by St. Mary's and Calvert Health Departments  
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# St. Mary's Reaches New COVID Testing Goal

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The state announced this week that St. Mary's County was the 18th jurisdiction to reach the 10 percent mark for testing its population for COVID-19.

Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's chief health officer, said the benchmark was significant because the more people who got tested, the better health officials could map the impact of the virus.

This is a reflection of a lot of hard work to increase testing access for our residents by making more testing available, letting residents know where they can go to get tested, and ensuring residents know what should prompt them to get tested," Brewster said. "It also helps us contain disease better as we identify asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic cases of disease and are able to intervene with these individuals and advise that they isolate themselves from others."

In her regular report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Brewster said that cases locally are rising even though records released by the health department show there has only been one death so far in St. Mary's for July.

The total COVID-19 fatality count is 52, with two-thirds of the fatalities at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

The total number of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in St. Mary's is 803.

The increase in cases, Brewster said was due in part to increased contact in general among the population during summer months and travel by residents to state that are experiencing much higher rates of COVID-19 infection.

Each week the state takes a seven-day rolling average of how many tests return positive compared to how many tests are administered and from that comes the positivity rate.

The state has reported, Brewster said, that St. Mary's positivity rate has reached 4 percent, up from 3 percent at Brewster's last report.

However, she said, the county's own analysis of local numbers shows the positivity rate is 5 percent.

The trend was worrisome, she said.

"An increasing population rate of positives and some of the other metrics we are following suggests that infection is spreading more now compared to some weeks ago," Brewster told The County Times.



Dr. Meena Brewster

"We are continuing to monitor but we are concerned about a future surge in cases."

Brewster renewed her calls for residents to practice social distancing, wear face masks and avoid close physical contact such as handshakes or hugs to curb the spread of the disease.

Commissioner Todd Morgan read of a long list of major retailers with a local presence who were now requiring that customers wear face mask inside their stores to protect their workers and customers alike.

"All you guys who want to complain, don't blame the commissioners, and you can't blame the governor [Larry Hogan] on this one," said Morgan. "But the stores have taken this on their own action."

The more health professionals learned about the disease, she said, the more they were realizing it would not disappear with the flu season.

There were even concerns that people who had contracted the disease and recovered from it could contain the virus in their bodies where it could reassert itself.

There was already evidence, she said, that the disease could have long lasting health impacts and that antibodies which fought the disease away initially dissipate in the body.

"We have months ahead of us," Brewster said. "People are stressed and exhausted... this pandemic isn't going away and cases are rising.

"We know children are able to get infected... this is not the time to cast away our masks and socialize in doors."

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# Commissioners: Clean Up Your Masks, Gloves

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Almost as soon as the COVID-19 pandemic started and residents began wearing masks and gloves to guard against infection, personal protective equipment (PPE) could be found on the ground almost everywhere.

From in front of restaurants offering take-out orders to being left in the middle of the road, PPE was being strewn about with apparently little concern for those who would have to clean it up.

Several county commissioners have continually railed against residents improperly disposing of their PPE for months and continued at the July 21 meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

While PPE such as face masks can help stop or slow down the spread of COVID-19, the items themselves can harbor the virus.

"We have a beautiful county," said Commissioner John O'Connor near the end of the Tuesday meeting. "The last thing we want to see is masks and gloves left everywhere.

"We need to be respectful of others." O'Connor lamented the fact that the problem seemed to be getting worse, not better.

"I have been seeing more of the COVID paraphernalia," O'Connor said. "I just don't know what the solution is going to be for people to realize that being considerate to

the next person coming behind you is so important... that you're not leaving some infected piece of equipment."

Even if the PPE was not infected, O'Connor said, it amounted to a new and growing trash problem.

O'Connor specifically warned drivers of pickup trucks who threw the used PPE in the back -without a cover - that they should refrain from that practice.

"That stuff blows out of the back," O'Connor said.

Commissioner Todd Morgan, who has also commented frequently on PPE strewn on the county roads and in places such as parking lots, said residents should look to be more courteous.

"There's no reason to leave your waste behind for someone else to pick up," Morgan said. "COVID's bad... let's be careful out there."

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# Audit: Cost of Management System Higher Than St. Mary's College Reported

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A report released by the state's Office of Legislative Audits shows that St. Mary's College of Maryland did not accurately report to the state the cost of an information management system that would deal with virtually all facets of the institution's operations from admissions and academics to its financial concerns.

According to the report released last week, the college reported that the Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP) cost \$2.4 million, when "the related contract procurement documents reflected costs totaling \$3.4 million."

The vendor of the ERP system is Campus Management Corporation, based in Boca Raton, Fla.

"The college could not readily explain the difference in the amount reported from the actual procurement documentation," the audit stated. "Furthermore, the college could not provide a copy of the winning vendor's best and final offer to support the costs reflected in the contract."

The audit showed the college had changed the contract terms during the procurement phase for the management system from only paying for fixed costs to

a contract that included charges for time, materials and fixed cost components, but could not document its justification for those changes.

The college's policies determined that fixed price contracts are usually in its best interests, according to the audit report and that time and materials contracts are to be used only if the procurement officer at the college deems there is no other alternative.

"There was no such procurement officer determination on file in this case," the audit stated.

The final contract also had problems with the termination clause, the report stated, that held the college liable for five-figure payments each month the next five years.

Under the original contract, the college would only pay costs incurred by the vendor and other "reasonable termination costs."

The changed contract, under the termination for convenience clause, would have the college pay \$22,954 a month for the next five years and "surrender the right to recover certain required advance payments totaling \$409,624.

"College management could not readily explain why the termination for con-

venience clause was modified from the language included in the [request for proposal]," according to the audit.

The audit found several other faults with the college's operational management, including inadequate safeguards of cash receipts before deposit – in one case nine deposits totaling almost \$5 million were deposited three to five days after the college received them.

The Public Safety Office, responsible for deposit pickup, did not always pick them

up daily or deposit them on the same day as the pickup, the audit stated.

In its response to the audit, the college stated it needed to return to the state's Board of Public Works and get permission for the total project cost; it also said it committed an "oversight" and that the procurement office would provide documentation for the time and materials contract rather than a fixed cost one.

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## Hearing Continued on Millstone Landing 7-11

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

For the second time in as many weeks the St. Mary's County Planning Commission has continued a hearing on a proposed 7-11 convenience store and gas station, this time to be situated at the corner of Millstone Landing Road and Route 235, for continued questions over traffic impacts at that heavily travelled intersection.

It would take the place of the now disused Golden Corral Restaurant.

Last week the planning commission continued the hearing on the concept site plan for a 7-11 proposed for Callaway at the intersection of Route 5 and Piney Point Road, also to get more information on the planned entrances to the property and how it would affect traffic.

The one at the corner of Millstone Landing Road is the second such proposed for Lexington Park; the one on Great Mills Road has already been approved by the commission.

The plan calls for a 4,995 square-foot convenience store, a 4,284 square-foot fuel canopy and a 991 square-foot car wash.

The entire project would be on 3.24 acres.

Members of the planning commission said a letter written just days before the July 20 hearing in Leonardtown by the lo-

cal engineer for the State Highway Administration was a key factor in their decision to continue the hearing until September.

The letter wanted from the applicant, Odom Properties LLC, among other items, detailed traffic analyses of the project.

One note in the letter stated that the trips in an out of the site could be 2,498 trips per day instead of the 1,193 listed in the applicant's materials.

Planning Commission Member Joe Van Kirk said he was worried that the 7-11 proposed there, a super convenience store, would cause even more traffic volume and queuing there.

"It's already a failed intersection," Van Kirk said of Route 235 and Millstone Landing Road.

"I don't think this [the applicant's materials] shows me what I need to see."

Board chair Howard Thompson said that when the Golden Corral was open the lot would fill up quickly and once full people would pass by; but the 7-11 would encourage more people to attempt to turn in with its different services, including food and fuel.

"You're going to have many more trips coming in and out of there," Thompson said.

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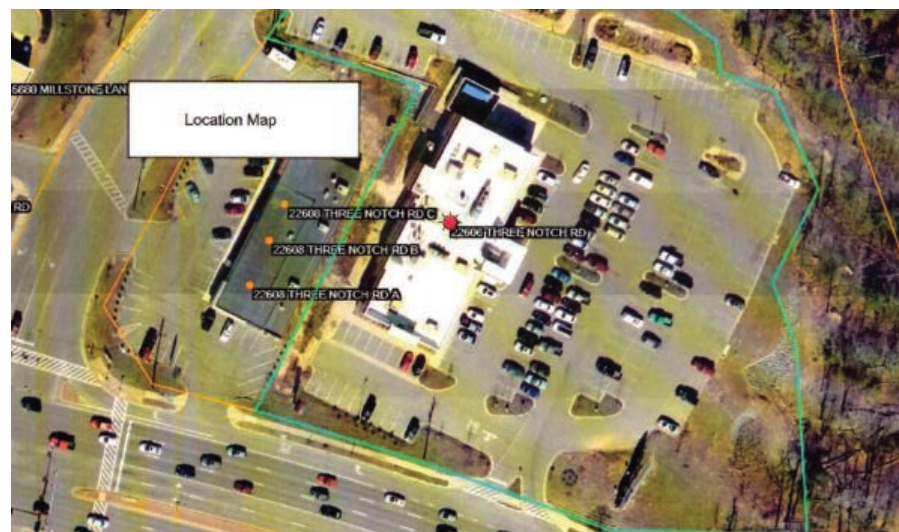
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# Riverboat Meeting Friday

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Leonardtown Town Council will meet this Friday to discuss a contract to purchase a paddlewheel boat currently docked in Havre De Grace.

Earlier this month the town council voted unanimously to allow Mayor Dan Burris and Town Administrator Laschelle McKay to negotiate for the purchase of the vessel; the 111-foot long Black-Eyed Susan.

“Once the contract is signed, we’ll have a month to survey the boat,” said McKay June 22.

If the survey of the vessel shows that it is good condition, she said, the town council may move forward with the final purchase of the vessel.

“I think everything is pretty positive,” McKay said of the contract they would present to the town council by the end of the week.

The vessel can hold up to about 140 passengers and has space for dining, weddings and receptions, cruises and corporate charters as well as other events according to the vessel’s website.

It was constructed in Greenville,

Mississippi in 1986 and was brought to Baltimore in 2000 to replace the Harbor Belle; it was then that she was renamed the Black-Eyed Susan after the Maryland state flower.

The town believes the purchase of the boat could boost their tourism and hospitality profile by providing more dining and event space at the Leonardtown Wharf.

The vessel costs about \$322,000, McKay said, and the town would have to take on the assumable loan attached to it; the town would have to come up with about \$30,000 in cash as well.

Council Member Mary Maday Slade said bringing the Black Eyed Susan to Leonardtown would provide a major attraction to the wharf but allow it to still be open to the general public and preserve parking.

“I think it would be great for the town,” Slade said of the possible purchase. “I think it’s fantastic.”

The responsibility the town would incur, however, would be significant.

“The maintenance will be a concern,” said Slade. “We need to discuss that at the meeting.”

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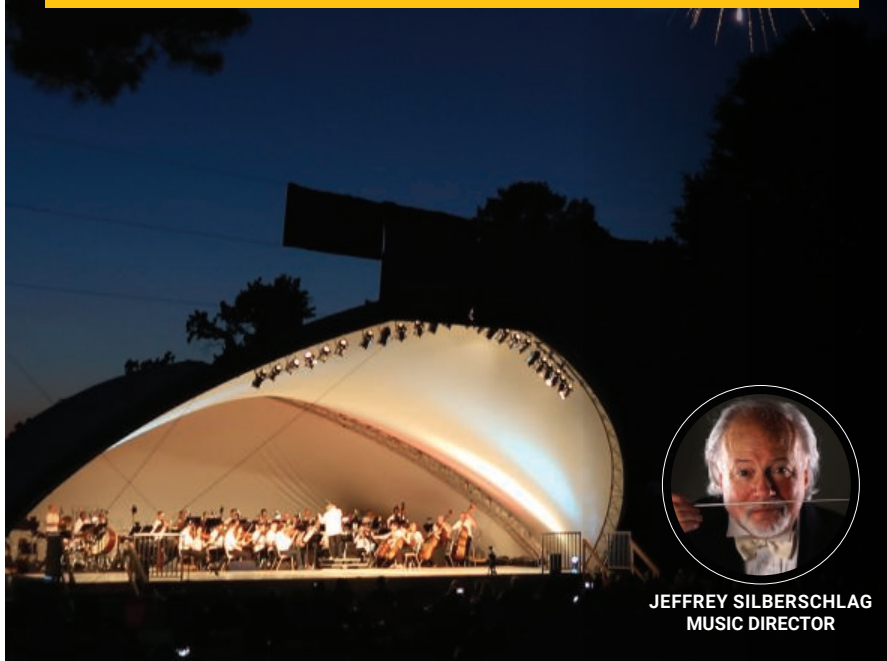
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# Commissioners Authorize Grants to Homeless & Seniors

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County authorized a grant application for the Department of Aging & Human Services for \$200,000 to fund COVID-19 related needs and services for homeless individuals in St. Mary's County during their Tuesday, July 20, meeting. If awarded, the grant from the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development will be provided to the county and passed through to the Three Oaks Center for the Southern Maryland Continuum of Care for this vulnerable population.

In a separate agenda item, the Commissioners approved a Senior Care

Award of \$124,981 to fund services for residents 65 years or older who may be at risk of nursing home placement. The program allows seniors to live with dignity in their own homes at a lower cost than nursing facility care. St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services has coordinated the Senior Care Program for over 20 years.

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City water, often considered to be safe for consumption, reaches the dental office in potable form. Dental offices, aware of the need for added water quality and safety may even have a water treatment system at the source where the water enters the building.

While this proactive measure helps reduce risk, what most dentists don't realize is that the water that sits in the lines for long periods of time, such as over a weekend, will still grow this dangerous bacterium.

**The Risk:** Microbacterium Abscessus, a bacterium with a distant relation to the ones that cause tuberculosis and leprosy, can cause infections in patients when contaminated water supplies are used to irrigate the mouth. A simple google search of "dental practice, water, illness" will result in many articles about lawsuits and unfortunate outcomes to patients including children in Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia, and California.

**The Solution:** It is not enough to treat the water lines in a dental office as the bacterium can still grow after the fact. Each dental operator must be treated at the instrumentation that is used on the patients to ensure safety. One such company at the forefront

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# Museums Receive Network to Freedom Grant

## For Runaway Slave Exhibit at Old Jail Museum

The Friends of St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums, the nonprofit organization that supports the historic sites overseen by the St. Mary's County Museum Division, was recently awarded a \$2,300 grant from the National Parks Service (NPS) for a new Runaway Slave exhibit at the Old Jail Museum in Historic Leonardtown. The Old Jail Museum, newly acquired by the St. Mary's County Museum Division as its fourth museum and historic site, is only one of three locations in St. Mary's County on the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The Division seeks to update the Old Jail's exhibits and tell more little-known stories of the site, including those freedom-seekers seeking liberty in the North.

According to the St. Mary's County Museum Division, the focus of the exhibits at the Old Jail Museum will be changed from one of the general collections of the St. Mary's County Historical Society to focus in on the history of the building itself and the fascinating stories of the people held there. This project will start that process through research into the history of the building during the pre-Civil War years.

"A great deal of local legend exists about its use as a slave pen and as having housed runaway slaves, but there has been little formal research done," says Karen Stone, Manager for the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "This project will verify these tales and further explain the details of arrests and holdings, making the prisoners come to life as human beings and not just anonymous figures in the distant past." Through this grant, the Museum Division will fill that gap, thereby increasing awareness of the Underground Railroad and the struggles people faced when traveling it.

This grant is part of \$127,000 in funds available for sites on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program (NTF) for 2020. Diane Miller, Ph.D., National Program Manager for the National Underground Railroad Net-

work to Freedom, described the project enthusiastically in the acceptance letter to Ms. Stone: "We found your project to be very exciting and feel that it will advance the goals of preserving the history of the Underground Railroad and informing the public. We commend your creativity in developing the proposal and your dedication to this important part of our heritage."

"We are truly honored that this important project was selected for grant funding," says Dale Springer, President of the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Lighthouse Museums. "These funds will really help our partner organizations bring attention to the stories of freedom seekers and their plight for liberty – stories that happened right here in St. Mary's County and Leonardtown."

Arthur Shepherd, Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks, under whose purview the Museum Division falls, is excited at the Division's constant drive to acquire and improve historic sites and stories around St. Mary's County: "With the Old Jail Museum being the fourth and newest museum and historic site overseen by the St. Mary's County Museum Division, I'm pleased we can continue to

offer county residents and visitors alike these vibrant and diverse stories of St. Mary's County's history as part of our overall recreational options. Our museums are about more than just historical facts – they're about presenting in a fun and interesting way *real* people and *real* places with really interesting lives."

Once fully open, the Old Jail Museum will have expanded hours of operation, a museum shop and be home to the new Leonardtown Visitor Center. It is located at 41625 Court House Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650, right on the grounds of the Courthouse in downtown Leonardtown, a short walk from the Square. For more information, please visit [Facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum).

The Friends of St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums raise funds in order to support historical interpretation, education programs and special needs of the sites managed by the Museum Division of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks. The Friends organization is a 501(c) 3 organization sponsoring events, assisting with acquisitions and supporting efforts to broaden the understanding of our culture and community's heritage.

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# ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

## Theft Suspect Wanted

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 5 pm and again at 8:45 pm, the suspect entered the California CVS store on Three Notch Road and filled a tote basket with Dove body wash products and left the store without paying for them.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Cpl. Michael Worrey at 301-475-4200, ext. 78080 or email michael.worrey@stmarysmd.com. Case # 43533-20

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.

## Deputies Seek Assault Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in an assault investigation. On Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 4:20 pm, the suspect physically assaulted the victim just inside the

entrance of the California Walmart store.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Matthew Beyer at 301-475-4200, ext. 78005 or email matthew.beyer@stmarysmd.com. Case # 40560-20

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Assault Suspect

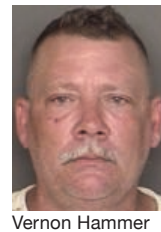
In June of 2020, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Division responded to the scene of a death investigation in which the victim's primary cause of death was the result of an overdose of a controlled dangerous substance. Investigation determined Tyreke Kenyatta Cutchember, 44 of Lexington Park, to be a distributor of controlled dangerous substances. Search warrants were executed on Cutchember's vehicle and residence. During the search warrants, a large quantity of prescription medications, currency and a loaded handgun were recovered. Cutchember was arrested and charged with Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana. Investigation continues pending a review with the State's Attorney Office for St. Mary's County.



Tyreke Cutchember

## Malicious Destruction of Property:

On July 8, 2020, DFC David Lawrence responded to the 48200 block of Wynne Road in Ridge for the report of property destruction. The victim advised that Vernon Frederick Hammer, 47 of Ridge, broke the victim's satellite dish in an ongoing argument over hooking into the system. After the final argument, Hammer was seen by the victim tearing the satellite arm off so it would be inoperable. Hammer was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Reha-

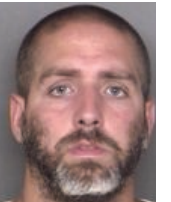


Vernon Hammer

bilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with Malicious Destruction of Property Less than \$1,000 and Failure to Obey Lawful Order.

## Violation of Protective Order:

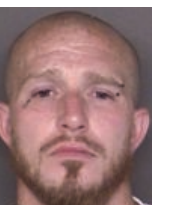
On July 8, 2020, DFC David Lawrence responded to the 46300 block of Columbus Drive in Lexington Park for the reported Violation of a Protective Order where the victim advised that Shane Adam Corcoran, 32 of Mechanicsville, responded to a Facebook post in Violation of a Protective Order. Corcoran was arrested in Mechanicsville, transported to the detention center and charged with Violation of a Protective Order.



Shane Corcoran

## Assault:

On July 12, 2020, Deputy Francis Webb responded to the 15200 block of Point Lookout Road in St. Inigoes for the report of an assault. Cpl. Dale Reppel contacted the victim at a safe residence. The victim advised that Joshua Joseph Yates, 30 of St. Inigoes, threw a can of Raid at the victim's forehead, causing a two-inch cut on the victim's head which was bleeding when officers arrived. Yates was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center where orange pills were found in Yates' shoe. Yates was charged with Second-Degree Assault and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.



Joshua Yates

## Legal Notices

### Commissioners of Leonardtown Notice of Public Hearing

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Office located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing is to present for public review and comment text amendments to the Leonardtown Zoning Ordinance - Ordinance No. 195 for Property Maintenance; Ordinance No. 196 for Vehicle, Removal and Storage; Ordinance No. 197 for Forest Conservation; Ordinance No. 198 for Streets and Sidewalks; Ordinance No. 199 - Chapters 155-4 and 155-48 to set regulations for small wireless facilities; Ordinance No. 200 to amend the Comprehensive Plan for an Annexation; Ordinance No. 202 - Chapter 155-44 to allow assisted living facilities as an allowed use; and Ordinance No. 203 for Chapter 155-23 to allow for a greater percentage of multi-family housing in PUD's.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on August 10, 2020 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority:  
Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

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# Churches of Southern Maryland:

## Lexington Park Baptist Church

By Grace McCreedy  
Contributing Writer

Lexington Park Baptist Church, which is in the heart of Lexington Park, has always focused on evangelism in Southern Maryland.

Pastor Chris McCombs actually grew up in Kentucky. Though his family—from his parents to his great grandparents—all attended church, he strayed from the faith. He admitted, “I was not living like a Christian and [was] definitely living more like the world.”

However, as a 15-year-old, he personally came to faith in Jesus. Even as a teen, he wanted to share his faith with others.

After becoming a pilot in the Army, he attended the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and then pastored a church in Louisiana for several months. McCombs spent the majority of his preaching career in Ohio, but his family moved to Maryland in 2016. He believes the leadership experience he gained in the military has been helpful for his current profession.

Forming in the 1940s, the goal of Lexington Park Baptist Church “was to spread the gospel to Southern Maryland,” said McCombs. By the 1950s, the church had moved to the current building.

He explained that “our mission is to be disciples and make disciples...we just want to be spiritually healthy and just continue to grow in Christ and to reach others as we do that.”

Pre-coronavirus, about 250 people attended the Sunday morning service. The morning started with small group meetings at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary-style service at 10 a.m., with donuts and coffee served in between. Small groups, which are similar to Sunday school, mostly meet on Sundays but some meet on weekdays.

Specifically, the college small group, led by McCombs, meets on Wednesday nights and for special activities. He noted that “we can’t let them leave our church, go off to campus, and then forget about church. The youth group, which is led by Associate Pastor Joseph Fessler, gathers on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, and Wednesday nights.

One particularly busy ministry at Lexington Park Baptist Church, the kids’ ministry, offers children’s church during the adults’ service and Awana during the school year for children to grow in the Bible.

McCombs added that the annual



Lexington Park Baptist Church Pastor Chris McCombs

Fall Fest, occurring near Halloween, has food and activities onsite. There’s also Tract-or-Treat, which involves the children meeting up to wear their costumes and share gospel tracts at the homes where they trick-or-treat. “So, we’re spreading the good news on Halloween,” he stated.

Similarly, church members are encouraged to give an Invite Card with their tip at restaurants. The 3-1-6- model, which comes from John 3:16, is also encouraged. This model means that an individual focuses on reaching three people for one year and has six contacts with them, whether the contact is an invitation to church or a prayer opportunity or a lunch meeting.

Through Operation Christmas Child, a major mission program at Lexington Park Baptist Church, children around the world are introduced to the gospel and receive Christmas gifts. Because the church is a hub, individuals who don’t attend the church can bring their boxes to the church during the drop-off week.

Unfortunately, countless church activities were cancelled due to COVID-19, including summer camp for the youth group, outdoor water day, and vacation Bible school.

McCombs stated, “So I think what has happened in [COVID-19] is the church had to really consider ‘What is essential?’” And he has decided many ministries for the church are essential.

From the Digital Discipleship weekly video chat meetings to the Word of Encouragement casual

livestream teachings to the Hearth and Home home-study materials, Lexington Park Baptist Church has supplied congregants with plenty of online resources.

However, with life returning to normal and people getting tired of digital substitutes, he said the church is “trying to figure out how we’re going to transition now.” Though the level of engagement was initially high, it has since dropped. Grills for Glory, an outdoor tailgating and worship time on Sunday evenings, hasn’t yet brought half of the church’s normal attendance.

“People are just hesitant to come back so we’re preparing ourselves right now,” McCombs shared. “We’re saying, ‘How do we reengage our own people when we get

through this?’ Because people are getting out of the habit of church.”

Lexington Park Baptist Church members, however, have transitioned to online giving during this pandemic. He noted, “And people have really, really, really been faithful. And I’m grateful for that.”

There are several projects in store for the future, including expansion for the church preschool and parking lot. Also, because the sanctuary can only fit 350 people, McCombs hopes to implement two Sunday morning services in the future. He’s also hopeful about the church’s continued relationships with Care Net and The Mission and the Christian Fellowship of St. Mary’s County.

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# Public Health Travel Advisory Issued

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is issuing a Public Health Advisory for anyone returning to St. Mary's County from travel to states with significant or rising community spread of COVID-19.

Individuals returning to live, work or study in St. Mary's County from other countries or from any U.S. domestic area experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases and/or high positivity rates are urged to consider these public health recommendations:

- Self-quarantine for a 14-day period from the last day of travel
- Self-monitor for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested within 24 hours of developing any symptom
- Get tested for COVID-19 after returning to St. Mary's County, even if not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19

Community members are advised to evaluate the COVID-19 case trends at their travel destinations before proceeding with travel. Data may change on a day-to-day basis and vary by jurisdiction within a

state. Based on data available today, some states appear to be experiencing high positivity rates, including but not restricted to those listed below:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Mississippi
- Nevada
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Utah

Additional travel information and public resources for assessing travel risks is available on the SMCHD website at: [www.smchd.org/covid-19-travel](http://www.smchd.org/covid-19-travel).

For more information regarding COVID-19 prevention, local data, symptoms and testing, please visit [www.smchd.org/coronavirus](http://www.smchd.org/coronavirus) or call the COVID-19 Community Hotline at 301-475-4911, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

# Riding Club Makes Library Donation

The St. Mary's Riding Club recently donated equestrian materials to the county library. This year's donation features new DVD's and books focused on dressage, training, and showing.

The new materials, along with previous donations, are housed at the Leonardtown library and may be reserved on-line through the library website [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

The following books were donated: It's Not Just About the Ribbons; Ride with Your Mind Essentials; How Good Riders Get Good; Freestyle- Guide to Riding, Training and Competing to Music; and From the Horse's Mouth.

The following DVD's were donated: Riding in your Mind's Eye First Level, Rider Body Language, The Joy of Dressage,

Training the Dressage Horse, Success through Cavaletti Training, Schooling Horses in Hand, Complete Sean Patrick Set, The Secret of a Successful Halt, Gymnastic Patterns with Leslie Webb, and Dressage Movements Revealed.

The club raises funds through its annual horse show at the county fair. While this year's fair is cancelled, the club will hold the show at A Moment in Time Farm in Leonardtown on September 27. The show will be open to pre-registered entries only. To learn more about the event, check the club's website ([stmarysridingclub.wordpress.com](http://stmarysridingclub.wordpress.com)) in August to obtain a copy of the prize list. The club is also on Facebook, St. Mary's Riding Club.

*Press Release from St. Mary's Riding Club*



Each year, the St. Mary's Riding Club donates equestrian books and DVD's to the county library. Participating in this year's donation is Betsy Fritz on her horse Can't Buy Me Love, Kathy Glockner on Mr. Fitz, club president Emily Repenning and representing the Leonardtown Library, Lois Coryell. Photo by Karenan Smart. Point of contact Kathy Glockner [kglockner@md.metrocast.net](mailto:kglockner@md.metrocast.net)

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# Buy Local Week Supports Local Farmers

The Buy Local Challenge (BLC) encourages all Marylanders to show their support for local farmers and ag-related businesses by taking an informal pledge to enjoy one Maryland grown product every day during Buy Local Week now through July 26, 2020.

All of July through BLC week, the BLC website, Facebook page and associated social media are showcasing recipes, farm and market guides, cookery demonstrations, BLC photo-contests and a new series of virtual farm tours that make it easy (and fun!) for consumers to find, explore, shop and enjoy the bounty of Maryland's farms.

Buy Local Week highlights include the "Follow Me To..." video series (airing now on the BLC Facebook page) which takes consumers on a virtual tour across the state to get to know their farmers and discover the exciting selection of specialty products they offer. Featured producers include flower growers, mushroom producers, locally raised meats, orchards and fruit growers, cheese dairies and creameries, and meet the makers of delicious locally produced foods such as garden inspired desserts, locally made kombucha, summer rum cocktails, beer, wine and more. The variety is endless and all available here in Maryland during BLC week and beyond.

"Since the onset of the COVID pandemic, Maryland farms have been working hard to overcome enormous challenges to keep their fields and businesses in production and to ensure our food supply chain is robust and safe," said Shelby Watson-Hampton, SMADC director, "Now more than ever, it's important to show support for your local farms and food producers and pledge to buy local."

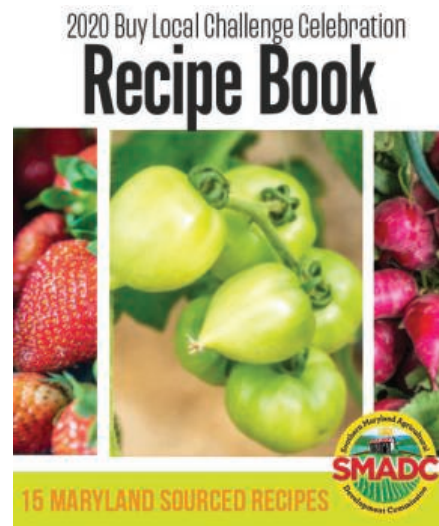
Other BLC 'specials' invite consumers to post photos of their buy

local fun finds using #BuyLocal-Challenge for a chance to win a BLC Bundle Prize Pack. Twenty winning photographs will also be showcased on SMADC's social media pages. And look out for bright orange BLC insulated tote bags, mini hand-sanitizers and Succotash recipe cards (in limited quantities) at participating farmers' markets around the state.

Take the pledge now at [www.buylocalchallenge.com](http://www.buylocalchallenge.com) and find the full inventory of Buy Local Week highlights, competitions, prizes and extensive statewide 'buy local' resources, plus downloadable 'Take the Pledge' certificates. Post and share the challenge on Facebook using the BLC Media Kit, and 'tweet' local with the Buy Local Challenge twitter hashtag #buylocalchallenge.

The Buy Local Challenge is a statewide program created by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, and is promoted in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

*Press Release from SMADC*



# SMECO Contributes to Local Organizations

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) recently received a \$10,000 contribution from CoBank to award to local organizations that SMECO has supported with matching funds. Each of the following will receive \$2,500: the Southern Maryland Food Bank, the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, the Charles County Government Department of Emergency Services, and the St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services.

According to the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, the funds will be used to procure personal protective equipment for fire, rescue, and EMS first responders to assist with maintaining the established safeguards for all essential personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Charles County Emergency Services plans to use the funding to set up a decontamination station at the hospital for first responders to clean their apparatus after transporting COVID-19 patients. The funds will also be used for decontamination kits for each ambulance to use when transporting patients to hospitals where decontamination stations are not available.

The St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services will directly support first responders by using the funds to purchase the solution used to decontaminate

emergency vehicles.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Maryland Food Bank has been providing more than 500 prepacked pantry bags a week to local schools, and they pack and deliver more than 400 bags a week to senior citizens. The Food Bank also provides drive-through hot meals and assists with pop-up resource sites.

"SMECO has provided funding to these local organizations because they support Southern Maryland residents with essential services," said Natalie Cotton, SMECO government affairs and community relations director. "Our cooperative is committed to our community. And we support these organizations, because, in addition to the critical services they provide, they also create a spirit of unity and brotherhood that helps to sustain us through these difficult times."

CoBank's Sharing Success program is a \$5 million fund to benefit cooperatives and the charitable groups they support. As a CoBank customer, SMECO was eligible to receive matching funds to be awarded to organizations it supports. CoBank and its customers have partnered to contribute \$44 million in combined donations since 2012.

*Press Release from SMECO.*

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## Six Nursing Students Awarded Scholarship

### From MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Six local students were recently awarded MedStar St. Mary's Hospital's annual scholarship for 2020. Funded by the efforts of the Philanthropy Committee of the hospital's Board of Directors and committed support from community members, this year's scholarship will benefit recipients who are all pursuing nursing.

#### The 2020 winners are:

- Julia Bowie of Waldorf, attending the College of Southern Maryland and Stevenson University
- Claire Broadhead of California, Maryland, bound for Stevenson University
- Jordan Connelly of Mechanicsville, headed next to Eastern University of Pennsylvania
- Kylah Laird of Hollywood, Maryland, attending Bob Jones University in South Carolina
- Anna Repasi of California, Maryland, enrolling at Ave Maria University in Florida
- Bernalyn Vaznaian of Great Mills,

headed next to the College of Southern Maryland and Stevenson University

"Throughout the COVID-19 emergency, it's more apparent than ever that supporting healthcare workers and ensuring the future of quality local healthcare at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital is so important," said Lea Weaver, chair of this year's scholarship committee. "We spoke with many impressive students and are thrilled to support this year's winners as they become the leaders of tomorrow."

Since 2001, funds raised through the hospital's annual gala have supported 163 scholarships for students pursuing healthcare fields crucial to the care of St. Mary's patients. In exchange for this support, recipients agree to return to MedStar St. Mary's to work for a predetermined length of time after graduation.

Applications are accepted each spring. Visit [MedStarStMarys.org/Scholarships](https://www.MedStarStMarys.org/Scholarships) to learn more.



MedStar St. Mary's - 2020 Scholarship Winners.

## Seniors Nutrition Grant Approved

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved a grant to utilize a \$2430 award designated toward the distribution of booklets of checks for county seniors to use at local farmers markets for the purchase fresh produce.

The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) gives recipients 60 years of age and older, who are residents of St. Mary's County and who are at or below the established federal poverty limit, a booklet of checks to use at recognized farmers markets. The checks

can be used between now and Nov. 30, 2020.

During the regular business meeting Tuesday, July 14, the Commissioners were briefed by Director of Aging & Human Services, Lori Jennings-Harris, who noted that local farmers markets are open with walk-up service. COVID-19 guidance encourages all who visit the farmers markets to wear face coverings.

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

## Vendor Show Cancelled

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department regrets to inform you of the cancellation of another fund-raising event that was planned for this year.

Because of the continuing restrictions caused by the Covid-19 virus, the August Independent Consultants Vendor Show has been cancelled for

2020. We made the decision to cancel the event because we were concerned for the health and safety of everyone involved in the event as well as for the shoppers.

The 2021 Vendor Show is scheduled for August 1, 2021. If you have any questions you may contact the chairman at: [vendorshow@hvfd7.com](mailto:vendorshow@hvfd7.com).

## New Winery Sculpture



Wind Cheer by artist Steve Rands of Forgedweld. Stands 12 feet tall and rotates with the wind. Located at Port of Leonardtown Winery. Funding provided by the Maryland Arts Council, St. Mary's Arts Council, Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District and Port of Leonardtown Winery.



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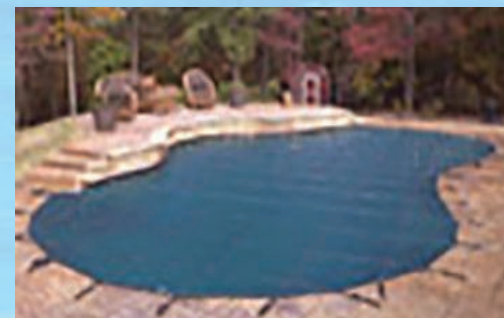
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# REOPENING VIRTUALLY

## Superintendent: School Year Will Start On-Line

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer  
Bri Corley  
Contributing Writer

With the cases of COVID-19 rising locally, Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said Wednesday that the recovery and reopening plan for schools would focus on teaching students on-line, with a change to a hybrid system of in-person and virtual learning allowed only when it was safe to do so.

Smith told the St. Mary's County Board of Education, at its July 22 meeting, that Gov. Larry Hogan and State Superintendent Karen Salmon were set to make an announcement later that day.

Expecting it would have direct impact on school operations in the near future, Smith said, it would be premature to make any decisions about the precise details of reopening county schools in the fall.

"We're going to have to go completely virtual to start with," Smith said. "Health and safety has to be the driving decision maker."

"We are not going to make any decisions today...I have no idea what they are going to say."

Smith reiterated that the final decision on reopening schools was ultimately up to Salmon and the governor.

"The big decisions are not going to be made in this county," Smith said. "We aren't finished with our plan yet and we don't have to be finished until Aug. 14."

Salmon said Wednesday that the state was allowing local flexibility



Vice Chairman of St. Mary's BOE Cathy Allen

for reopening of schools, either in a hybrid model or virtually, provided they adhere to Center for Disease Control guidelines, state and local health department rules on isolation and quarantining of positive COVID cases.

The schools must also follow education guidelines on equity for all students, especially those who may be struggling more during the pandemic to succeed academically.

"The students and staff health and safety must and always be the first priority," Salmon said.

She noted that a total of \$255 mil-



Vice President EASMC Sarah Penrod

lion in federal CARES Act money had been dedicated to supporting education and that \$100 million had been invested for devices and connectivity for students statewide.

\$10 million had also been invested in building rural broadband networks which are especially needful in St. Mary's.

Smith also told parents that the school system would continue to buy and provide devices and connectivity to students throughout the year, but parents should do everything they can to provide internet access for their children.

"High speed internet access will be critical," Smith said. "We're going to have to do an incredible job with virtual instruction."

In a later interview that same day, Smith said the plan also called for teachers to be back in school while students learned from home; the superintendent said accommodations would be made for teachers who have concerns such as health problems or over childcare.

"We may be virtual for the first semester," Smith said. "We're planning to be virtual for the first marking period and evaluate options for in-person learning."

"We'll work with staff who have any compromising issues that might prevent them coming back to work." Teachers back in classrooms, though, was "the preferred option."

Jill Morris, president of the Education Association of St. Mary's County, read a litany of comments from more than 20 teachers who implored the system to use an entirely virtual learning format for the coming semester.

Many were worried about leaving their homes and were concerned that having contact with so many children, even a reduced number under a hybrid plan, could make infections drastically increase.

Others, such as teacher Erin House, were concerned over the cost of child care.

"If we are required to teach from our classrooms in the fall, whether there are students there or not, my teacher's salary barely covers full time care for my three children," House said in her statement read by Morris.

Smith said the requirement for teachers to be in classrooms while students learned at home should help alleviate many concerns of teachers; constant cleaning of schools this fall would make them safer than many stores and shops residents currently visit, he claimed.

"We're creating the safest possible environment for them to work in," Smith said. "It's one teacher, one classroom"

"It's the one place I can guarantee they'll have the camera, the internet bandwidth and the technical support they need."

Sarah Penrod, EASMC Vice President said teachers still wanted the telework option, noting that the governor has constantly stressed that those who can work at home should do so.

"It's EASMC's position that it's still a problem," Penrod said of Smith's proposal to have teachers in classrooms to teach remotely. "We still run the chance of coming in contact with COVID-19 even without kids there."

"We can get it from shared equipment or touching doorknobs; some teachers share classrooms."

Marc Pirner, principal at Chopticon High School, said the system's purchase of the Schoology on-line platform was far superior to the older system, known as Edgenuity and would make virtual learning much more effective.

"The online platform that we used for the fourth quarter was far from ideal," Pirner said. "Specifically, the 100 percent asynchronous learning and the lack of student-teacher, face-to-face instruction simply does not compare to real time interaction."

"SMCPS is also working hard to ensure all students have access to a laptop and high-speed internet."

School Board Member Cathy Allen said the county needed to proceed with great caution in reopening schools due to the "extreme contagious nature of this virus."

Allen has also worked as a critical care nurse.

"I don't know when we're ever going to get back to normal the way it was," said Allen. "We're just going to have to take baby steps, truly."

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## CSM Bestows Faculty Excellence Award

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) honored Biology Professor Dr. Tracey Stuller with the college's Faculty Excellence Award. The award honors faculty for outstanding achievement in classroom teaching, contributions both to their department and the college, professional development and community commitment. Stuller has distinguished herself among the science and engineering division through her engagement with her students and her service to the college.

"Dr Stuller is one of those faculty members that every college needs," said CSM Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Eileen Abel. "She is an excellent teacher. She is passionate about helping students. She commits to her work with let's-get-it-done attitude. She is an excellent colleague and she just represents the best of CSM faculty. Dr Stuller deserves this award and we thank her for her years of dedication to educating the students of CSM."

"I was thrilled to be nominated and doubly thrilled to be chosen," Stuller shared. "Over the years, I have watched the caliber of professors who have been selected for this award and I am so honored to be among them."

"As a teacher she consistently earns high praise and recognition from her students," said Science and Engineering Division Chair Jean Russ. "She is regarded as approachable and knowledgeable as well as an excellent instructor. She provides thoughtful input during division-wide discussions and is among the most productive members of the division in service to the college and her students. She displays passion for her subject, genuine support for her students and a commitment to the mission of the college."

Stuller teaches anatomy at the Leonardtown Campus where she also participated in the effort to restore that campus' nature trail and advance the efforts to make CSM the first Bee Campus in Maryland. According to Russ, Stuller's "work and results stand as rich and substantive testimony to her profes-



Dr. Tracey Stuller receives CSM's Faculty Excellence Award.

sionalism and commitment to the college, her students and the very concept of giving."

Stuller has worked for the college for more than 20 years and was awarded tenure in October 2019. The Charlotte Hall resident is a licensed veterinarian and shares her talent and expertise at the local humane society as a visiting vet.

"Students need to know that course information has relevance otherwise it is hard for them to see the value in it," she said of her teaching philosophy. "When possible, I tie current events and even advertisements back to my courses. Additionally, I pull from my experience as a practicing veterinarian and use cases that I have seen to illustrate key points and to highlight the concept of "One Health" which emphasizes the value in cross-collaboration among disciplines and encourages students to take a more global view of the concepts they are learning."

Stuller said she also likes to take her classes on the road to infuse interest and experience. "Today's students are juggling so much," she added. "Being reasonable and flexible with policies, acknowledges students' diverse challenges and emphasizes that above all things, I value the learning."

*Press Release from CSM.*

## Hogan Appoints New CSM Board Trustee

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan appointed Kenneth Abell of St. Mary's County to serve the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) as trustee, effective July 1, 2020 through 2025.

Abell is currently the director of the Strategic Education Office at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) at Patuxent River Naval Air Station where his team engages in education outreach and training throughout Southern Maryland spanning kindergarten to entry-level NAWCAD permanent employees. He has an extensive 35-year career with U.S. Department of Defense.

Among his many assignments, he served at the Navy Primary Standards Laboratory maintaining precision research and development standards in conjunction with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and he served at Naval Sea Systems Command in support of Fleet Metrology and Calibration, audit and training activities. He also served at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren as director of the Metrology and Calibration Division. Abell has held leadership positions at NAWCAD in business and finance for the Research and Engineering Group and the Test and Evaluation Group in support of rotary and fixed wing aircraft; and a lead implementer of the Mechanical Engineering Program to support a continuum of Research and Education Partnerships in Southern Maryland.

"I am very humbled by this appointment and would like to express my sincere thanks to Senator Bailey for the nomination, and Governor Hogan for the appointment," said Abell. "I look forward to this opportunity to contribute to the continued successes of CSM."

Abell is a graduate of Ryken High School and holds a bachelor's of science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.



Kenneth Abell

CSM's trustees also include, Jay Webster, Samuel C. Jones and Christy Lombardi of Calvert County; Shawn Coates, Jose Gonzalez and Cordelia Postell of Charles County; and Dr. John W. Roache and Sonja Cox of St. Mary's County. Serving as secretary/treasurer to the board is CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy and as Senior Executive Associate to the board is Larisa Pfeiffer. For information about the college's leadership, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/about/leadership/>.

CSM's Board of Trustees is the governing body providing leadership and oversight of the college's mission and policies. Members are appointed by the governor for five-year terms. The board consists of nine members, with Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties equally represented. The chair and vice chair are selected by the trustees among themselves annually.

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# CSM Trustees Approve Budget, Freeze Tuition

The College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees at its June 18 meeting approved the college's Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget of \$60,556,232, which reflects an 8.6 percent decrease from FY 2020 based on projected tuition, and approved funding by the state and by Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties' boards of county commissioners.

In approving the budget, the trustees held tuition and course fees at 2019 levels. Tuition for residents of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties will remain at \$131 per credit, and the combined fee remains at 25 percent of tuition. All online/web course fees have been waived for the year.

CSM's operating budget is supported by funding from the state, the three counties within Southern Maryland, and tuition and fees. Approximately, 33 percent of this budget is tuition and fees, 31 percent county appropriations, 29 percent state appropriations and 7 percent from other sources. Those percentages may change as CSM learns more about the economic impact of COVID-19.

"The reality is we do not really know yet what the financial impact of the pandemic will be on our students or our institution," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "The state of Maryland and our three counties have kept us mostly whole in their budgets, but they may have to do mid-year adjustments, if tax revenues don't materialize. Likewise, our enrollment is uncertain."

CSM leadership began taking steps to prepare for a dip in the budget when it announced in April it was bracing for the hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, CSM instituted a soft hiring freeze; offered employees with 20 years or more of service a voluntary separation incentive; and offered all employees a voluntary workload reduction. Those actions are still underway.

"I suspect we will be making mid-year budget adjustments, depending

upon state and county allocations and enrollment," Murphy added. "We remain committed to helping students find ways to complete their education at CSM. We have several initiatives underway to assist with retention and will be announcing additional financial support for students in the near future."

Students may participate in CSM's Tuition Payment Plan that allows tuition and fees be paid over four months. Since this is a deferred payment plan, there is no debt, no credit search and no interest. There is a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$50 per semester. For information on the payment plan, contact the Bursar's Office at [paymentplan@csmd.edu](mailto:paymentplan@csmd.edu) or 301-934-7712. To enroll in the plan, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/tuition-and-fees/Tuition-Payment-Plan/>.

Various resources are available for students regarding financial aid, grants, loans, veterans benefits or student employment. For information on financial assistance and the types of aid available to attend college, please visit <http://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/>.

Additionally, the college offers an online application that helps students to easily identify and apply for potential scholarships. The CSM Scholarship Finder is a quick, easy and free service that helps Southern Maryland students match their backgrounds and financial needs against more than 200 scholarships in a wide variety of academic programs. Every student must submit their FAFSA in order to apply for scholarships. To learn more, visit online at <http://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/scholarships/scholarship-finder/>.

For information on scholarships and financial aid assistance at CSM, call 301-934-7531 or visit <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/>.

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# Student Library S.M.A.R.T Cards Launched

## St. Mary's Schools, Library Form Partnership

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) and St. Mary's County Library are excited to announce the launch of new student library cards called St. Mary's Access to Research & Technology, or S.M.A.R.T cards. S.M.A.R.T cards will be issued to all students currently enrolled in St. Mary's County Public Schools.

S.M.A.R.T cards are digital St. Mary's County Library cards that give access to all of the St. Mary's County Library's online resources, digital materials (including ebooks, digital audio books, emagazines, research databases and online homework help), in addition to working as a regular library card at any St. Mary's County Library location. S.M.A.R.T cards have a checkout limit of 5 physical items and there are no fees or fines.

SMCPS Supervisor of Library Media Heather Wysokinski stated, "The public library and the school library serve the same purpose: to create opportunities for patrons to access information and to promote reading. A public library partnership with our public schools strengthens our community relationships. The public library's

online digital resources are relevant to the current needs of our students. The S.M.A.R.T card will expand literacy and learning opportunities."

St. Mary's County Library Director Michael Blackwell, said, "In surveys about public library services, one of the most frequently mentioned requests is for libraries and schools to work together more closely for the good of the students. We are delighted to partner with SMCPS to expand reading and research opportunities. This partnership also represents good stewardship of public funds: without spending any additional money, we are expanding the reach of our many excellent digital resources, providing high-quality and trustworthy information and carefully selected reading and study materials. Our county's commitment to its young minds is already outstanding, and this partnership deepens that commitment!"

If you have any questions about the new S.M.A.R.T card initiative, please visit [www.smcps.org](http://www.smcps.org). Click on "Students", then select "S.M.A.R.T Card" under General Resources.

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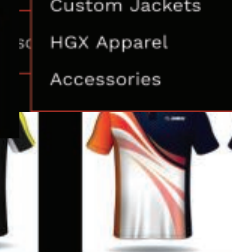
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# St. Mary's College Suspends Fall Sports

St. Mary's College of Maryland announced, that fall 2020 varsity athletics and club sports competition will be suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recommendation was made by President Tuajuanda C. Jordan and approved by the Board of Trustees during a special Board meeting July 15.

"The safety of the St. Mary's College campus community is our top priority and we simply do not believe we can create and maintain an environment for varsity athletics and club sports competition that meets our requirements for safety and acceptable levels of risk," said Jordan.

"To our Seahawk family and community, while it is certainly disheartening and difficult to announce the decision of the cancelation of fall competitions, it is with the ultimate health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, support staff and community at the forefront," said Crystal Gibson, director of athletics and recreation. "We will work together through this point in history and come out stronger as a team, community and college."

St. Mary's College's fall varsity athletics programs compete within four NCAA conferences/associations: Capital Athletic Conference (men's and women's cross country, women's volleyball, men's and women's soccer); Atlantic East Conference (field hockey); Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference (men's and women's rowing); and Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (coed and women's sailing).

Last week, the NCAA passed a waiver that will allow all student-athletes affected by COVID-19 competition suspension the ability to receive two additional semesters to complete their 4-year on-campus athletic experience. This will give students the opportunity to choose to add additional academic courses of study while also completing their eligibility in sport.

Student-athletes were originally asked to return to campus August 10 but should now follow the fall 2020 student move in schedule found here: <https://www.smcm.edu/reopening-smcm/housing/>

"The College is committed to doing more for our student-athletes. As means to that end, the athletics director and the coaches are working to develop robust conditioning and intramural programs to sharpen the athletics skills and conditioning in a public health-appropriate manner as well as enhance the leadership and citizenship skills of our student-athletes," said Jordan.

New for the fall, the athletic department will implement public health-guided enhancements to the intramural sports program that can help

fill the role played by varsity athletic competition and club sports in the lives of all SMCM students. The College regularly offers intramural sports based on popularity each semester, but plans to offer additional programming for the fall, including floor hockey as the first of five confirmed programs.

"Students will be able to sign up for and enjoy more enhanced intramural programming than in previous years," said Gibson.

Gibson is devising a plan to phase in activity that would include first practicing in groups of 10 people or less, with groups growing in size to full team inter-squad competitions, dependent upon NCAA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, as well as the campus environment.

Safety protocols would include prohibiting the sharing of water bottles among team members, regular health screenings, sanitizing balls and equipment before and after play, and use of hand sanitizer.

Coaches will continue to be academic mentors to their student-athletes, while also conducting virtual team meetings throughout the semester, as they have throughout the summer months, to maintain team structure and engagement.

"We will continue providing a top-notch experience for our student-athletes, committing to increased focus on academic support, leadership development, and mental health awareness programming," said Gibson.

"At a time like this, we are especially fortunate to have spectacular waterfront facilities in the heart of our campus. We intend to provide opportunities for on-the-water, safe social distancing experiences where students can experience freedom and adventure on the Chesapeake. Despite the lull in competitive action, the varsity sailors and rowers will continue honing their craft with the coaching staff," said Adam Werblow, director of the waterfront/ head sailing coach.

Gibson said the athletics department also plans for an increased focus on diversity and inclusion efforts similar to the program she previously ran at Susquehanna University. "We want to provide a platform and hold conversations about experiences here and at home with student-athletes," said Gibson. "And then provide outside speakers who can virtually have conversations with our community to increase those efforts so our students can be active change-agents on campus."

Additional information regarding the College's reopening plan can be found here: <https://www.smcm.edu/reopening-smcm/>

*Press Release from SMCM.*

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

### **LIGHTS PLEASE**

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Bi-weekly status check: it has been 134 days since the NBA shut down, but its Orlando bubble restart begins July 30. MLB opening day is a week earlier – July 23, the day this screed goes to press. The NFL is charging along, business as usual, toward a full season in the fall. Meanwhile, college football is gradually scaling back its pending season. I suppose it is harder on the conscience to expose amateur athletes who don't have union representation to a potentially vicious pathogen than it is nudge well-compensated professional athletes into the viral playground of close contact and heavy breathing. Our dual realities continue to coexist. Nevertheless, let us hope – with prayers, rabbit feet, crossed fingers, horseshoes, four-leaf clovers and whatever other good luck sorcery you subscribed to – that this all goes well.

No amount of luck can overcome the organizational buffoonery of D.C.'s now nameless football team. As if a begrudging re-brand wasn't embarrassing enough, The Washington Post came off the top rope with a lethal finishing move last week: a shocking piece by Will Hobson and Liz Clarke alleging long-term and uncontrolled sexual and verbal harassment of female employees by male co-workers. The timeline for the allegations was lengthy – 2006 to 2019 – the number of sources citing misconduct was startling – 15 former female staff members – and several high-ranking members of the organization were allegedly involved, including Larry Michael, the team's suddenly retired radio voice, and Alex Santos, the now former director of pro personnel.

The Post's piece reads like something from 1960s corporate America or a documentary on outrageous fraternity behavior. The women reported salacious texts, inappropriate touching, men on lower floors looking up glass staircases as women descended, requests that female employees wear tighter clothes and office pools over whether female colleagues had had breast augmentation.

How is this possible??? What kind of clown show is Dan Snyder running? I thought this team was just

awful on the field; it is worse off of it. If the world of professional sports was a municipality, the Washington football club would be the sewer. I applaud Sean McVay, Kirk Cousins, Kyle Shanahan, Trent Williams and every other player or coach who escaped this awful institution with their dignity and careers intact.

Three questions – ones that often apply in life's ethical and moral crises – will decide Snyder's future as owner: what did he know, when did he know it and what did he do about it? At best he truly didn't have a clue. If that's the case, he is stunningly incompetent. If he had even a hint something was up, then he's complicit and should be forced to sell the team and live with the stain of this sordid episode on his already dreadful reputation. So, which is it? The King of Incompetence or The Complicit CEO. Place your bets. I know where I'm laying my chips.

In addition to the women who courageously shared their stories, the other power-player in this is The Washington Post. Hobson and Clarke gave 15 women the outlet they never had within Snyder's perverse organization. Dogged, relentless journalism exposed this story. The recently mocked, maligned and vilified free press – an "enemy of the state" some have said – put the spotlight on a corrupt boys club that had existed in darkness for over a decade.

If you doubt the importance of a free press, watch the movie "Spotlight" or "All the President's Men." Or consider these words from late Senator John McCain, "Journalists play a major role in the promotion and protection of democracy and our unalienable rights, and they must be able to do their jobs freely." Or these from then outgoing President Barack Obama when urged the press to maintain its tenacity, "...to do the hard work of getting to the bottom of stories...and to push those of us in power to be the best version of ourselves and to push this country to be the best version of itself." Or better yet, just pull up The Washington Post's online addition and read the heading: "Democracy Dies in Darkness."

Today Dan Snyder is staring into a blinding light.

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# Anderson Hits Pay Dirt in Late Models

## Pilkerton Doubles in RUSH Crates

Bunker Hill, West Virginia's Andy Anderson broke Derick Quade's two-race win streak with his victory in the July 17, 20-lap Limited Late Model headliner at Potomac Speedway. The win for Anderson, steering his Bruce Kane owned Rocket no.15K, would be his second win at the track this season with his other a Late Model score back on July 3rd.

In his first ever Limited Late Model start Jonathan Raley shot from the pole to take the lead as the field drove off turn two. Raley would pace the event for three circuits before second starting Andy Anderson took the lead on the 4th lap. As Anderson lead 8th starting Derick Quade drove through the field and arrived in second on the 7th lap. Quade's charge would end at second as Anderson was on a rail and would take the win by six car lengths at the finish. "We seem to be on a roll right now and I hope we can keep it going." Anderson stated post race. "Bruce and all the guys on this team work real hard and I'm the fortunate one that gets to drive." Tyler Emory, Brandon Long and Jonathan Raley trailed at the finish. Heats went to Raley and Emory.

Current point leader Jeremy Pilkerton became the first repeat winner of the season with his victory in the 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. Pilkerton drew the pole for the start and made the most of his good fortune as he would turn it in to a flag to flag feature win aboard his Rocket no.8. "I never really liked racing on a wide open track but we had such a good car it made my job pretty easy tonight." Mike Raleigh, Megan Mann, Chuck Bowie and Timmy Booth rounded out the top-five.

In support class action, PJ Hatcher scored his first win of the season and career 9th in the 16-lap Street Stock feature, defending champion Mikey Latham tallied his 2nd of the season and career 14th in the 20-lap Hobby Stock

event, current point leader Justin Knight captured his first U-Car win of 2020 with rookie Cody Stamp collecting his first career division feature win in the nightcap 15-lap Strictly Stock main.

### Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Andy Anderson 2. Derick Quade 3. Tyler Emory 4. Brandon Long 5. Jonathan Raley 6. Sam Archer 7. Billy Tucker 8. Wayne Bryant 9. Todd Plummer 10. Danny Garrett 11. Dale Murphy 12. Kurt Zimmerman

### RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Jeremy Pilkerton 2. Mike Raleigh 3. Megan Mann 4. Chuck Bowie 5. Timmy Booth 6. Matt Quade 7. Brian Coe Jr. 8. Brian Hankins 9. Ed Pope Jr.

### Street Stock feature finish

1. PJ Hatcher 2. Dylan Rutherford 3. Deuce Wright 4. Bobby Miexsall 5. Ben Pirner 6. Hank Stonestreet 7. Steve Hilgenberg 8. Dalton Tankersley

### Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Mikey Latham 2. Dave Adams 3. Buddy Dunagan 4. Colin Long 5. Hilton Pickeral 6. Austin Lathroum 7. Wyatt Hanson 8. James Rainey 9. Brittany Fowler 10. Matt Randall 11. Erik Hanson 12. Mason Hanson 13. Blake Jacobs DNS- Cole Johnston, Greg Morgan

### U-Car feature finish

1. Justin Knight 2. Dominic King 3. Ryan Quade 4. Owen Lacey 5. Brian Johnson 6. Seth Hood 7. Mackenzie Smith 8. Kristy Whitehouse 9. Joey Suite 10. Faith Lacey 11. Stephanie Homberg 12. Jace Williams 13. Ryan Clatterbuck 14. Joseph Beard

### Strictly Stock feature finish

Cody Stamp 2. John Hardesty 3. Justin Hatcher 4. Johnny Hardesty 5. Casey Sheckles 6. James Stone Jr. 7. Nabil Guffey 8. Daniel Knodle 9. Greg Mattingly 10. Stephen Suite 11. Bob Todd 12. Bryan Allen 13. Stormy Stamp 14. Travis Dye 15. Jimmy Suite

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway

# The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

It has been dry, and it's been hot, turning our bay into a sea of hot, salty brine.

### So, who likes these conditions?

In order: sea nettles (you have to go back to 1992 to find them this numerous), Norfolk spot (they are everywhere), speckled trout (huge run now and will increase until October), puppy drum (feeding heavily in the creeks), their big brothers bull redfish (they are frothing the water in the bay), spanish mackerel (fodder for the bull reds) cobia, bluefish, and crabs (huge and plentiful).

### Who doesn't like these conditions?

Rockfish (they seek the deep for the cool, and feed in the shallows in the early morning leaving before the sun gets too high), catfish (they have retreated up the rivers seeking fresh water), perch (they get finicky feeding in deeper areas at dusk and dawn, when they seek the shade).

There was a big break of bull reds this week with many caught by lure

casters below the Target Ship. We hope this continues and can be an attainable goal for sight casters, chummers, and trollers, well into the fall.

Cobia can be found around schools of rays (skate) and by chunkers, chummers, and trollers. These fish can be tough to find on any given day.

Spanish mackerel and blues are now breaking into schools of bait fish as far north as Hooper's Island Light.

Last year they went all the way north to Baltimore Harbor. We can hope they do the same in 2020.

Fresh water fishing is excellent.

Bloodworms are in short supply.

Fishing tackle, rods, reels, line, bottom rigs, hooks, lures are sold out across the board most everywhere as manufacturing and shipping has been slowed by conditions beyond our control. Big shipments will be arriving to alleviate shortages soon.



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# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## First Japanese V-22 arrives at Kisarazu Air Field

The first international variant of the V-22 Osprey aircraft flew from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni to the Kisarazu Air Field July 10, where the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) will now operate, train with, and maintain the aircraft.

Since 2016, pilots, crew chiefs and maintainers with the JGSDF have been training with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron (VMMT) 204 and Navy Aviation Technical Training Unit at MCAS New River.

The JGSDF procured the V-22 in 2015 through foreign military sales (FMS) to modernize its transport fleet and support its defense and special mission needs. The V-22s will enhance their humanitarian and disaster relief capabilities and support amphibious operations.

“This is an exciting moment in our partnership with the JGSDF; we have had the pleasure of working with them state-side to produce, develop, train and maintain their initial fleet of aircraft,” said Marine Corps Col. Matthew Kelly, program manager for the V-22 Joint Program Office (PMA-275). “This arrival marks a key step in standing up its V-22 fleet, and more importantly, the continued collaboration between our nations.”

The V-22 is the world’s first tiltrotor aircraft in production, combining the vertical takeoff, hover and vertical landing qualities of a helicopter with the long-range, fuel efficiency and speed characteristics of a turboprop aircraft.

The Japanese V-22 is the first of the two aircraft transported from the U.S. to Iwakuni via ship in May. The

second aircraft is expected to ferry to Kisarazu soon.

In addition to the JGSDF, the V-22 is critical to three U.S. branches of military, the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. For the U.S. Special Operations Forces, the CV-22 supports long-range infiltration, exfiltration and resupply missions. The Marine Corps’ MV-22B provides assault support transport of combat troops, supplies and equipment during expeditionary, joint or combined operations. The CMV-22B is the Navy’s carrier onboard delivery replacement aircraft, currently in flight test.

PMA-275 manages the cradle to grave procurement, development, fielding, sustainment and disposal of the tiltrotor program for the DoD and the JGSDF.



Col. Kelly serves as the program manager for the V-22 Joint Program Office (PMA-275) at the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md.



A V-22 Osprey aircraft bound for the Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) based at Camp Kisarazu departs Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan, July 10, 2020.





# Letters TO THE Editor

## Dolphins: 'Beautiful Gift' in a Gift of a Place



To the Editor:

This past Saturday (July 18) my 23-year-old son was out in the Potomac River near Jefferson island. He called me when he realized that dolphins were passing through. He came to pick us up in our creek so we could get to see this beautiful gift too. Once we made it out of Muddy Creek, we headed towards St. Clements island where we sawn other boaters following alongside these amazing animals. We were so excited we could hardly stand it.

Dustin jumped over first, then me next, then my nine-year-old son Wyatt ("Whipper"short for Whipper snapper) who fears nothing..... of course with his life preserver on. They were everywhere.

Wyatt, my nine-year-old son, got to touch one! I will never forget the excitement in his voice and magic in his eyes.

My son also pulled me for a ways on the back of the boat slowly in a tube while these beautiful animals swam all around me. I have grown up on the Potomac all my life and are so blessed to be raising my children here in Colton's Point. These waters are a gift. It's where we find so much joy and peace together with family and friends! In all the years growing up on this river this was a first for me! What a gift it was to experience this with my children!

I am a volunteer Youth Minister for the Catholic church and have been working with a core team of local community members and organizations the past two years to plan a high school youth pilgrimage to St. Clements island in September called "The Journey." Unfortunately, with the situation at hand like so many other

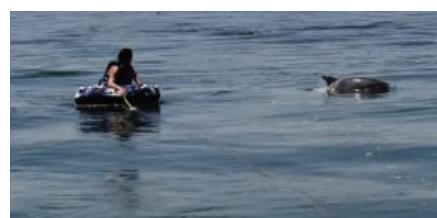
events who had to cancel we had to postpone to a later date.

This is an island that holds so much history for us all where religious freedom began. I have so many memories of my summers spent on the island as a child and now with my children. To work towards a special event such as "The Journey" for our youth has been a great honor and humbling experience to do the work. We live in an incredible community with extraordinary people! It is our hope that one day our youth will love and work hard to preserve this island and its history and to care for these waters as much as so many of us do today.

It truly was a Journey Saturday, a moment none of us who had the great privilege to witness mother nature at its best will ever forget and it happened to be right there by my favorite island! A true blessing!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for the opportunity to share our experience! God bless!

*Theresa Friess  
Colton's Point*



## Silence is not an option

To the Editor

By now we've all seen the video of the murder of George Floyd, an African American, by a white policeman in Minneapolis. At times like this we're compelled to make our voices of outrage heard. Silence is not an option.

America is in crisis. Our country is in the grip of a worldwide pandemic, 40 million people are jobless, facing income insecurity and an uncertain future, and now our cities are convulsed with rage at yet another incident of racial injustice with fatal consequences.

After 400 years we're still confronted on a regular basis with the news of black lives cut short by the violent criminal acts of white racists. And too many of these crimes are being committed by officers of the law who have betrayed their oath "to protect and to serve."

History is a stern taskmaster. We know from the past that the crises we're facing today could be a recipe for civil disorder and violence, the breakdown of social cohesion, democratic institutions, and the rule of law—and even a catalyst for revolution. In our country, rare and exceptional leaders have stepped forward at crucial moments like this to keep us on the path of unity and justice—even moving our society closer to the realization of our founding ideals and principles.

When I was a young man in the 1960's I participated in the civil rights movement. During one demonstration organized by the SCLC in southern Georgia on February 22, 1969, I was walking next to an elderly black man when a jeering white mob spewed racial epithets at us from the roadside, raced cars through our line of march, and threw dead animals and even smashed beehives in our path. Suddenly my friend was overcome by the stress of this onslaught and collapsed on the street at my feet. I can still see his face, contorted with pain. In that time and place there was no police protection for a peaceful protest. The march organizers, knowing that no ambulance would ever answer their call, loaded my friend into the back of a station wagon and drove him to the hospital.

The Atlanta newspapers confirmed his death the next day. Racism had claimed another victim. His name was Willie J. Simmons. There are no monuments to him, but I will always remember his final moments. He was a casualty of the struggle for equal justice—a struggle that continues to this day.

In my youth, I had hoped this dark chapter of our history would end, but the murder of George Floyd proves that after another half century it has not ended.

In the months ahead, we will be choosing new leaders—a President, members of Congress, and other officials. This is an important election, not only because the current occupant of the White House is unfit for the office and needs to be replaced, but because leaders of the government of the United States have proven themselves to be incompetent, corrupt and unresponsive to the needs of all our people.

In this year's election, we need to make a personal commitment to choose leaders who are driven by the mission of service, not the selfish pursuit of money, power or celebrity. We need leaders of character and integrity, now more than ever. We need truth-tellers and truth-seekers. We need to elect workhorses, not showhorses. We need leaders who are ready to step up and tackle the nation's legacy of racism, and eradicate it from our institutions, including law enforcement. It's time for an age of reform in America.

In 1969 when I was a 19-year old college student, I could never have imagined that in 2020 we would still be living in a racially divided, separate and unequal nation of haves and have nots. Yet here we are. It's up to each of us to do our duty as citizens to bring this chapter of our history to a close, and begin a new one.

**Gary V. Hodge**

*President, Regional Policy Advisors  
Charles County Commissioner  
(2006-2010)*

*Executive Director, Tri-County  
Council for Southern Maryland  
(1980-1998)*

*White Plains, MD*





# Letters TO THE Editor

## 'Face Coverings Required?'

To the Editor:  
Governor Larry Hogan, through his Phase One and Phase Two Executive Orders 20-04-15-01 and most recently 20-06-03-01, has done an outstanding job of implementing direction and support to keep us as healthy and safe as possible during this COVID19 pandemic.

Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer of St. Mary's County has supported this with her Public Health Directive and Order for Enhanced Consumer and Employee Safety statement. The Health Department (SMCHD) has also provided signage for stores to post at entrances. It states, "Face Covering Required" and shows a mask that covers the face from over the nose to underneath the chin. It also states "For any person entering over the age of two. Cloth face covering or other masks acceptable."

As I shop in the community however, I see that there are some customers and employees not complying with the mandate to wear a face mask while in

the stores. They are either wearing a mask but not covering their nose, wearing one covering their neck only or not wearing a mask at all. We can all do our part to help keep us safe by gently asking our fellow shoppers and store employees to please cover their mouth and nose or put a mask on (thereby following the SMCHD directive that is posted on the entrance door.)

Unfortunately, one exception to stores adhering to the directive is BJ's. Management stated she cannot enforce (the Governor's and SMCHD directives) due to the corporate office's decision. BJ's signage indicates masks must be worn unless you are unable to due to health reasons. I have contacted Environmental Health at 301-475-4321 and asked that they resolve this as the County enforce agency. Hopefully, they will soon. The email address to SMCHD is smchd.healthdept@maryland.gov

*Janet Andrews  
California, MD*

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# In Remembrance

## Jannette Proffitt Norris



Jannette Proffitt Norris, "Jan", 72, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on July 13, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on September 2, 1947 in Leonardtown, MD and was

the daughter of the late Ruth Rebecca Proffitt and Oscar Wayne Proffitt. Jan was the loving wife of J. Harry "Chip" Norris III, whom she married on January 18, 1969 in St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD. Jan is survived by her children Kelly Loveless (William) of Loveville, MD, Kristin Caton (Charles) of Leonardtown, MD, and Jay Norris of Leonardtown, MD, sister Patricia Meisowitz of Smithport, PA, and 3 grandchildren.

She was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. Jan graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1965. She worked for the St. Mary's County Treasurer's Office for 36 years, retiring in January of 2015.

All Funeral Services will be Private.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be

made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association ([www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)) and Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

## Marie Virginia Beck Oliver



Marie Virginia Beck Oliver, 97, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on July 12, 2020 at Solomon's Nursing Center Solomon's, MD. She was born on June 4, 1923 in Washington,

DC, and was the daughter of the late John and Marie Beck of Washington, DC. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Berry Oliver on July 3, 1991, her brothers Joseph Beck of Forestville, MD, Russell Beck of Little River, SC, John Beck of District Heights, MD and her sister Mary Theresa Howard of Little River, SC. She is survived by her son, Joseph B. Oliver, Jr., wife Susan and her two granddaughters Kaylee and Kelcee Oliver, all of Hollywood, MD.

She attended Holy Name School in Washington, DC. Later she attended Sacred Heart School and Sacred Heart High School in La

Plata, MD. She attended Maryland University and worked at the National Press Building for several years. She married Joseph Berry Oliver on April 26, 1943 in La Plata, MD and lived in Waldorf, MD for ten years. There she attended St. Peter's Catholic Church and was First Grand Regent of Court St. Peters Catholic Daughters. They moved to Lexington Park, MD in 1953. There she attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and worked with the Building Fund Committee for the Church in the round. She moved to Mechanicsville, MD in 1960 and taught second grade at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown, MD until the birth of her son Joseph B. Oliver, Jr. 1967. She then took a four year leave of absence during which time she did tutoring, taught CCD and taught second grade at Mother Catherine Spalding School. She returned to Father Andrew White School and taught third grade until retirement in 1985. She became active in local prayers groups having led a group for ten years at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. After her husband's death in 1991, she became active as Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist to the Nursing Homes, to the Hospital and to shut-ins for eleven years. She was secretary of the Parish Council for seventeen years, led Renew Programs in Parish, trained for Cardinal's Appeal, attended dinners annually for teachers of parish, hostess for the church dinners, worked on surveys on Catholic Education, and always attended daily mass. She was recommended by her Pastor to do pastoral work in other parishes and was the contact person for the pastoral center for training programs. She also taught the sacramental program in parochial school and taught CCD Confirmation class. She was an Associate of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth since 1970, a member of the Serra Club since 2000 and was a Carmelite in the secular order since 1997.

Pontiac Tempest; and hoped to own a GTO in the future. He enjoyed family vacations to Ocean City, enjoyed playing BINGO and going to the slots at Dover and Atlantic City. He was an avid fan of the Baltimore Ravens and enjoyed fishing. He played a mean game of Pitch and enjoyed going to breakfast with his friends at Friendly Tavern. He was famous for his stuffed ham during the holiday dinners. He had a well-manicured yard and beautiful flower gardens. His family was his pride and joy, including his dog, Luther who loved McDonalds French fries. He enjoyed spending his time with them, especially his grandchildren.

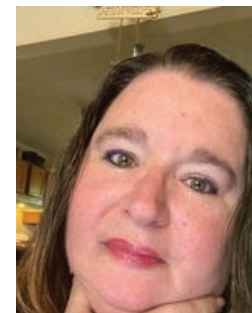
In addition to his beloved wife, Carol; he is also survived by his daughters, Cynthia Dawn Johnson (Mike) of Lusby, MD and Karen Ann Johnson of Valley Lee, MD; his siblings: Patsy Sweitzer of Great Mills, MD, Polly Quade of Piney Point, MD, Mary Nestegard of California, MD, Debbie Condos of Sheridan, WY, Dottie Joy of Lusby, MD, Bonnie Johnson of Lexington Park, MD, Ruth Schumacher of Lusby, MD; his grandchildren: Michael Weeks, Meagan Beavers, Kyle Kidwell, Brooke Dean; his great-grandson, Christopher Hobbs; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Anna Mae Johnson, and his siblings: Sarah Johnson, Peter Johnson, Anna Marie Johnson, and Betty Lou Poe.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. George's Catholic Church, 19199 St. George Church Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

## Dana Lee Marconi



Dana Lee Marconi, 50, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 13, 2020 at her home.

She was born on May 16, 1970 in Cheverly,

MD to the James Craycraft of Myrtle Beach, SC and Gloria Saloky of Gettysburg, PA.

Dana met the love of her life, Robert "Bobby" Lee Marconi when she was a young girl. She went on to marry another, but her heart never forgot Bobby. A few years later after Dana made many life changes, she met Bobby again and rekindled their forever love. They were married for over eighteen (18) years before his passing in May, 2018.

Dana was a caring and giving person especially when it came to family. She held a strong bond with her parents and especially her mother, whom she talked with every night. She worked as a Budget Analyst for the Census Bureau for most of her career. She made many wonderful friends she con-

## James Alvin Johnson, Jr.,



James Alvin Johnson, Jr., 69, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on July 16, 2020 at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

He was born on September 14, 1950 in Leonardtown, MD to the late James Alvin Johnson, Sr. and Anna Mae Unkle Johnson.

He attended Little Flower Catholic School and graduated from Great Mills High School in 1968. On July 17, 1971 he married his beloved wife Carol Jean Johnson at St. George's Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD. Together they celebrated 49 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed by Winters Sheet Metal and later Boothe's Heating and Air as a dedicated and skilled sheet metal mechanic. He enjoyed classic cars and going to car shows. Particularly with his



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sidered family.

Dana was an avid animal activist and she adored her precious cats. They brought her great joy and comfort on the best and worst of days. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends and her beloved fur babies.

Dana is survived by her parents, James Craycraft of Myrtle Beach, SC and Gloria Saloky of Gettysburg, PA and step-father, Bernard Saloky; brother, Mark Saloky (Roxanne) of Fredrick, Maryland. Dana was preceded in death by her loving husband, Bobby.

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

### Charles "Chuck" Paul Beining



Charles "Chuck" Paul Beining, 82 of Drayden, MD passed away on July 12, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 8, 1938 in McKeys, PA

to the late Edward Beining and Gertrude (Atkinson) Beining.

On July 28, 1955, Chuck married his beloved wife, Mary Agnes Bean Beining at Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills, MD. Together they celebrated over 65 wonderful years of marriage. He spent his entire career in the construction industry as a skilled carpenter for many years with P & P Construction and he owned and operated his own company. He was also employed by Walter Blair and Joe Weiner taking care of the maintenance for their businesses. He was a beautiful dancer, and especially loved doing the "twist." He was an avid camper with his family taking many trips to Westmoreland and the Shenandoah. He was a grill master, famous for his pork barbeque sauce and homemade beef-a-roni. He was a long time member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 495, Mechanicsville, MD. He most enjoyed spending time with his family, whom he loved very much.

In addition to his beloved wife, Mary, Chuck is also survived by his children: James Larry Wise (Cindy) of Hustle, VA, Debra Gragan (Steve) of Leonardtown, MD, Rose Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Brenda Dooley of Lexington Park, MD, Joyce Tippet (Bill) of Great Mills, MD, and Carolyn Haney (Scott) of Shickshinny, PA; his siblings: Marie Peifer of Pittsburgh, PA, Henry Beining of Pittsburgh, PA, Nancy Shampel of Zanesville, OH, Joe Beining of Jacksonville, FL, and Tom Beining of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 13 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was

also preceded in death by his siblings: Jack, Jimmy, and Jerry Beining, and Eva Face-mire, and son-in-law, Robert Allen Dooley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Lee Fire Department and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### Barney Christopher Dean



Barney Christopher Dean, 46 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on July 9, 2020 at his home.

Barney was born on March 16, 1974 in Prince George's County, Mary-

land to Lillie Mae Green of Lexington Park, MD and the late James Michael Dean.

Barney was employed as a Warehouse Manager for Northeastern Supply Company. He married Sheila Ann Dean on May 8, 1995 in Leonardtown, MD. He was a skilled mechanic, grill master, and family man. If he wasn't working on his truck he was cooking on the grill, watching Chip Foose, Grease Monkey, or house flipping shows. He was all about living a good, clean, healthy life. He was blessed to raise his daughter, Jessica. She was his world; he was dedicated to making sure she received the best of everything including the education she dreamed of. Barney never left the house without his family in tow and cherished every moment they spent together.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila, his daughter, Jessica Dean of Lexington Park, MD, his step-son, Dale Russell, Jr. (Sarah), his grandson, Theodore "Teddy Bear" Russell, and his siblings, James Dean, Jr. (Billie Jo), Bradley Dean (Frances), Edna Marie Stokes (Nathan), and Thomas Edward Dean (Amber). He was preceded in death by his father, James.

All services will be private.

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

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### Anita Louise Peacock



Anita Louise Peacock, 52 of Ridge, MD passed away unexpectedly on July 13, 2020 at her home in Ridge, MD.

Anita was born on November 20, 1967 in

Calvert County, MD to the late James Lawrence Peacock, Sr. and Anita Louise Walton.

She has taken care of her long-time companion, Daniel Mark "Donnie" Thompson Sr. whom she's been with for over 33 wonderful years. She enjoys spending time with her kids, grandkids, family & friends! She also loved going to MIR to watch the old muscle cars and enjoys riding on four wheelers and outdoor activities with Donnie. She enjoyed going fishing and crabbing because that's what Donnie loved, anything he wanted to do she did. Some of her favorite shows to watch were Street Outlaws, Pass Time, wrestling, Criminal Minds and NCIS. Her favorite football team was the Cowboys and she loved all animals, especially Dolphins. She loved spending time with her family, and playing with grandkids. She was good at everything she did, was extremely kind-hearted and loved her children endlessly. She was the mother that always made something out of nothing!

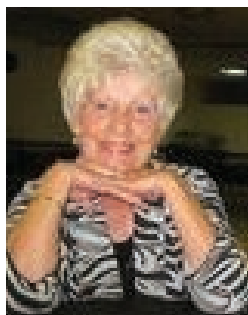
In addition to her long term companion Daniel, Anita is also survived by her children: Kelly Peacock of MD, Kimberly Frazier of FL, Crystal Smith (Melvin) of Bryans Road, MD, Heather Thompson (Daniel Shirriell-Proctor) of Fort Washington, MD, Daniel Thompson, Jr. of Bryans Road, MD; Michael Thompson of Charlotte Hall, MD; David Thompson (Brooke) of Ridge, MD, Amanda Thompson of Charlotte Hall, MD; and Devon Thompson of Owings, MD; 18 grandchildren; her brother, Robert "Bobby" Peacock (Jaci) of Lothian, MD and sister, Christine Peacock of Florida. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, James "Junior" Peacock, Jr.

All services will be private.

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### Lillian Yvonne (Eve) Mills Alderson



Lillian Yvonne (Eve) Mills Alderson, 84, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away on July 15, 2020 at her home.

Born on February 8, 1936 in Washington, DC she was

the daughter of the late Lillian Evon Mills (Ryan) and Kemper Lee Mills.

On July 22, 1989 she married her beloved husband, James Alderson. The two spent 31 years together in love and marriage. Between them they had 8 children.

Eve graduated from Anacostia High School and had a very successful Government career as a Personnel Specialist for the Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service where she earned numerous accolades for her superior performance.

Eve was very creative and enjoyed crafting, playing cards and gambling at the casinos. Vacations at the beach were always a favorite. Her greatest treasure in life was her family and the times they shared together. Eve had a big family with eight (8) children, eighteen (18) grandchildren and twenty-eight (28) great grandchildren. She was always happiest when she was surrounded by her family and was so proud to watch her family grow.

In addition to her husband, Eve is survived by her children: Dawn Nevitt (Chris) of LaPlata, MD, Diana Shorter (Steve) of Mechanicsville, MD, James Harrison, Jr. (Debbie) of Sumter, SC, Michael Harrison (Amy) of Owings, MD, Cathy Richards (Joel) of Mechanicsville, MD, Kelly Raley (Bill) of Mechanicsville, MD, James Alderson, Jr. (Nancy) of Gaffney, SC and Steven Alderson (Lynne) of Manchester, MD; her sister, Carole Williams of Ormond Beach, FL, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her siblings: Kemper Mills, Jr., James Robert Mills and Georgia Cranford.

Family will receive friends for a Life Celebration Memorial Gathering on Thursday July 23, 2020 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am with a Memorial Service celebrated at 11:00 am at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### Harry Austin Lewis Bowen



Harry Austin Lewis Bowen, infant, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on July 9, 2020. Born July 9, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of Joshua Aaron Bowen and Megan Hol-

lie Caroline Lewis.

Harry is survived by his parents, Joshua Aaron Bowen and Megan Hollie Caroline Lewis of Mechanicsville, MD; siblings, Paige Bowen, Piper Bowen and Oliver Bowen of Mechanicsville, MD; and grandparents, Karl Bowen of Lusby, MD, Terry and Andy Van Den Huevel of North East, MD, Alistair and Maggi Campbell-Keith of Aylesbury, UK, and Timothy and Carole Rose Lewis of Bovey Tracey, UK.

We will love you and miss you forever.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home



# Hundreds Fed



The Hands That Feed Ministry of Gospel Tabernacle of Prayer held a "Drive-Up Style" Food Giveaway Saturday July 18. Bishop Lee Roy McDuffie, Overseer Ann McDuffie, Pastor Kevin Gross, First Lady Dana Gross, Loving Church Members enjoyed every moment of giving. Photos by Ceandra Scott

## RENTING VS. BUYING A HOME

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

While home ownership still represents the American Dream, there are times when it makes little sense to own a home. Recently, I met with two different women and we had the same conversation about home ownership. One of the women was approaching retirement and afraid she could not meet the mortgage payments on her home with a reduced income. The other woman was young, soon to be married and concerned she would not have the income with her new husband to buy a home. My advice to both of them was to rent, not buy a home. Why?

Home ownership means (1) using cash resources to make a down payment; (2) taking on significant additional debt for the thirty year life of a mortgage; (3) becoming responsible for all maintenance, repairs, property taxes, water bills, etc.; and (4) restricting your ability to move. Unless you are prepared to make a commitment to become a home owner, you are better off renting. Home ownership is great for families that know they want to live in the same place for at least five years. Otherwise, renting makes sense financially.

Beyond the numbers, renting makes the most sense when approaching or in retirement or if your spouse has died. In retirement or living alone, your goals and your life expectancy have changed. This is a time when you may want disposable income to provide money for travel or other pursuits. Renting offers flexibility, additional disposable income and, for many, peace of mind. Following retirement or the death of a spouse, you may be confused about what you want. Your plans for the future can suddenly be thrown into the air. Eventually, you will find your path again. But, in the meantime, why not match your lifestyle uncertainty with premises that leave you the maximum flexibility. That's clearly where renting makes more sense.

What about the woman in my example who knows she will not be able to afford the mortgage payments on her home after she retires. Must she sell? Not necessarily. She could sell, but, if she is uncertain about what she wants to do, she could place her home up for rent and rent a smaller, less expensive home for herself while she figures things out. She has choices.

Renting also provides a means for young couples to save money so that the large 20% down payment they will be expected to make on a home doesn't adversely affect their lifestyles.

Make sure when you rent that you investigate the landlord. You want a landlord responsive to your needs—if the washing machine breaks, you want someone who will immediately take steps to fix it. If the landlord doesn't have that reputation (and you can find out by checking with prior tenants), seek another place to rent. The goal of renting is to make your life easier,

so do spend time investigating before you rent.

Home ownership does provide the mortgage interest deduction and that is a critical benefit to you; however, think about the fact that most mortgages will cover thirty years and a lot can happen with the mortgage interest deduction in that timeframe, particularly when the government finds itself in need of more money. It is estimated that homeowners save about \$70 billion a year by writing off their mortgage interest—that's a lot of money and a temptation to governments to reduce or even eliminate the deduction. Canada, for example, does not offer a mortgage interest deduction to its taxpayers.

It is worthwhile to think about the true costs of home ownership. Suppose you buy a home for \$200,000 today. If you estimate that the value of the home will increase 3.5% annually, that would mean your home would be worth \$237,000 in five years. Sounds like a good return. But, if you factor in the closing costs you paid of \$8,000 and you spend \$6,000 a year in property maintenance, your profit is reduced to zero. Further, if you need to sell the property for a business move, for example, you could lose a lot more on the sale, including your payment of 5% in realtor fees.

All of this is to say that before you leap into home ownership, work the numbers, scout the location of the property trying to look at it objectively (I know, that's the hard part when you fall in love with a property), figure out whether your family dynamics will fit into the location of the new property for at least five years and make sure you can afford the property in good times and bad.

My mother's advice was to always invest in real property and, for her generation, that made sense. A house she and my dad bought forty years ago for \$20,000 has gained substantially in value. Today, however, we face different challenges. We travel a lot, move many times in changing careers and cannot count on the steady price appreciation of the past years.

I know that owning a home means so much more than the financials. There are clearly times in life when home ownership is warranted and most people will still purchase a home at some point during their lives if they can. But, the stigma of renting versus owning a home has gone. This means you have a choice and, at different times during your life, the choice of renting makes much more sense. Whatever you decide, take comfort in the fact that you have choices.

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



# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, July 23

### Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

Texas Roadhouse; noon - 9 p.m.

The RVSRA will receive 10% of each total food purchase for dine-in or carry-out. Please let staff know you are there to support RVSRA. Thank you for your continued support!

## Friday, July 24

### Steamed Shrimp Drive-Through

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

\$15.00 per dinner which includes 1 pound of steamed shrimp, french fries, coleslaw, roll, and dessert. For more information please call Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695.

### Free River Concert Series Online Performance

7 p.m.

Pianist Brian Ganz will perform a selection of nine Chopin etudes including the "Revolutionary Etude" as part of a virtual performance for St. Mary's College of Maryland's River Concert Series. "The Sheer Virtuosity" free concert will also feature mezzo-soprano Olivia Vote and The Chesapeake Orchestra Strings. The concerts will be available online at St. Mary's College website - <http://www.smcm.edu/river-concert/>

### Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

## Saturday, July 25

### Drive-Through Carry-Out Spaghetti Dinner

2nd District Firehouse and Rescue Squad; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garden salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00 per dinner. For more info call: 301-994-9999. Due to COVID-19, customers will not be allowed inside the firehouse. All breakfasts must be picked up at the kitchen entrance behind the firehouse. One way access from the parking lot to the right side of the building.

### Christmas in July Indoor Yard Sale

7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary; 7 a.m. - noon

Outside space is also available for \$20.00 for those who wish to bring their

own table. Please practice safe social distancing and masks are required by all. For further information, contact Trisha at 301-769-3214. Come and bring your family and friends to see a variety of yard sale items that we will have on display. The Auxiliary thanks you for your support of our fundraiser.

## Sunday, July 26

### Family Skate

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

Come inside to cool off, bring your own skates or pay to rent. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2.50 for skate rental. All entering the facility, must participate and pay the fee. If you are accompanying your child, but not skating, you must still pay and only one adult per child is allowed - no spectators at this time. Social distancing and max capacity limits are being enforced. Reservations are required to attend. You can reserve multiple Sundays through August using our online registration system. Simply choose the date you would like to register and do so for each person in your family who will be attending. If you choose not to show up for your reservation, you forfeit your payment. Refunds will not be issued. All guests will be required to wear a mask while entering and moving through the facility. Masks will not be required while you are roller skating. Additional cleaning and sanitation practices are being implemented to ensure a clean space for your family to enjoy roller skating this summer. Please be sure to bring your own water bottle as water fountains will not be available. Food and vending machines will not be available for use. Consuming food is prohibited in the facility.

## Monday, July 27

### LVRSA Bake Off Virtual Auction Fundraiser

Viewing starts: July 26, 7p.m.; Bidding: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.;

Virtual Event is on the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Facebook Page. Winners will be announced online at 10 p.m. Winners will pick up their items on July 28th from 10:30 - 11 a.m. at the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Building. Cash or check made out to LVRSA only. Please join us to support the LVRSA and to win some delicious homemade desserts!

## Ongoing

### COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

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

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

### CSM Chautauqua Series: Mary Church Terrell

July 20 - 26

Chautauqua stage goes virtual as Maryland Humanities raises the voices of four notable women who took action to secure their right to vote. The series will highlight the unique story of each of these historic figures as they fought for their rights. The first president of the National Association for Colored Women's Clubs (NACWC), Mary Church Terrell, will be portrayed in the third presentation of the series. Maryland Humanities website, Facebook page and YouTube channel will host a video of each performance that will be posted for one week. This series will also feature a performance and a live Q&A which will give attendees the chance to engage with the performers and ask questions about each of these remarkable women. Free. <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/chautauqua/>.

### CSM Chautauqua Series: Fannie Lou Hamer

July 27 - August 1

Chautauqua stage goes virtual as Maryland Humanities raises the voices of four notable women who took action to secure their right to vote. The series will highlight the unique story of each of these historic figures as they fought for their rights. The co-founder of the Mississippi Freedom Party, Fannie Lou Hamer, will be portrayed in the fourth presentation of the series. Maryland Humanities website, Facebook page and YouTube channel will host a video of each performance that will be posted for one week. This series will also feature a performance and a live Q&A which will give attendees the chance to engage with the performers and ask questions about each of these remarkable women. Free. <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/chautauqua/>.

### St. Mary's Library Summer Reading 2020

Summer Reading for ages 0-99 is virtual this year! Download the Beanstack app or visit [stmalib.beanstack.org](http://stmalib.beanstack.org) to participate.

Complete activities to earn badges and entries into our end-of-summer grand prize drawings! If you're unable to use Beanstack, you can download a list of activities on our website and, starting June 22, call us at 301-475-2846 to report your progress.

### Boys Lacrosse Camp

Leonard Hall; July 27 - 30

(Ages 8-14) Learn the basic fundamentals such as catching and passing the ball, scooping and cradling the ball. Learn how to handle ground balls and to shoot properly. Goalie work will also be covered.

9:00am-12:00pm

Cost \$100

<https://recreation.stmarysmd.com/wbws/wbtrac.wsc/search.html?module=AR&category=SPORT>

## Upcoming

### Girls Lacrosse Camp

Leonard Hall; August 3 - 6

(Ages 7-14) This camp is designed for girls of all skill levels who are interested in improving their lacrosse skills and knowledge of the sport. Drills, games, and concepts will all be a part of the fun filled week. Erin McDonnell, head coach at St. Mary's College, is the director.

9:00am-12:00pm

Cost \$90

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### Baseball Camp

Chancellor's Run; August 3 - 6

(Ages 8-13) Campers will learn hitting, position play such as corners-middle-infield-outfield-pitcher and catcher. Also bunting and throwing. Chip Gateau is the camp director.

9:00am-12:00pm

Cost \$70

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### Girls Softball Camp

Chancellor's Run; August 3 - 6

(Ages 8-13) This summer softball camp brings together top local High School softball coaches and an intensive program to allow softball players to improve their softball skills in a fun environment. Daily softball training includes offensive and defensive training such as batting practice, defensive drills and position work.

9:00am-12:00pm

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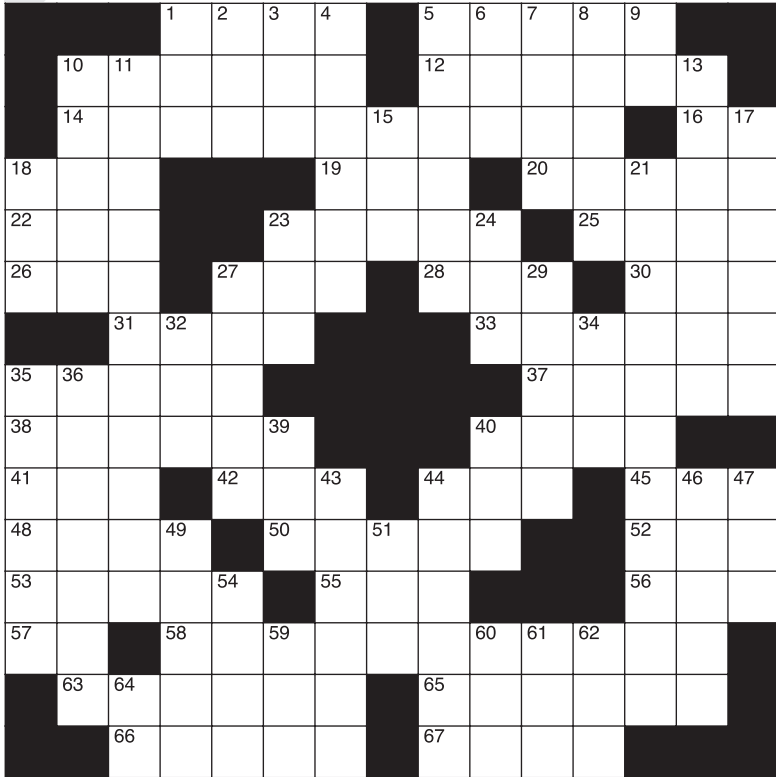
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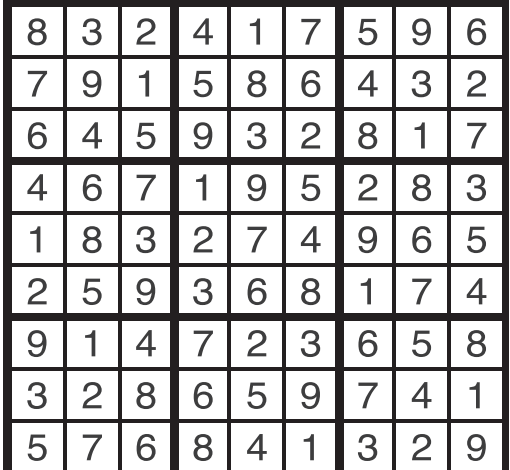
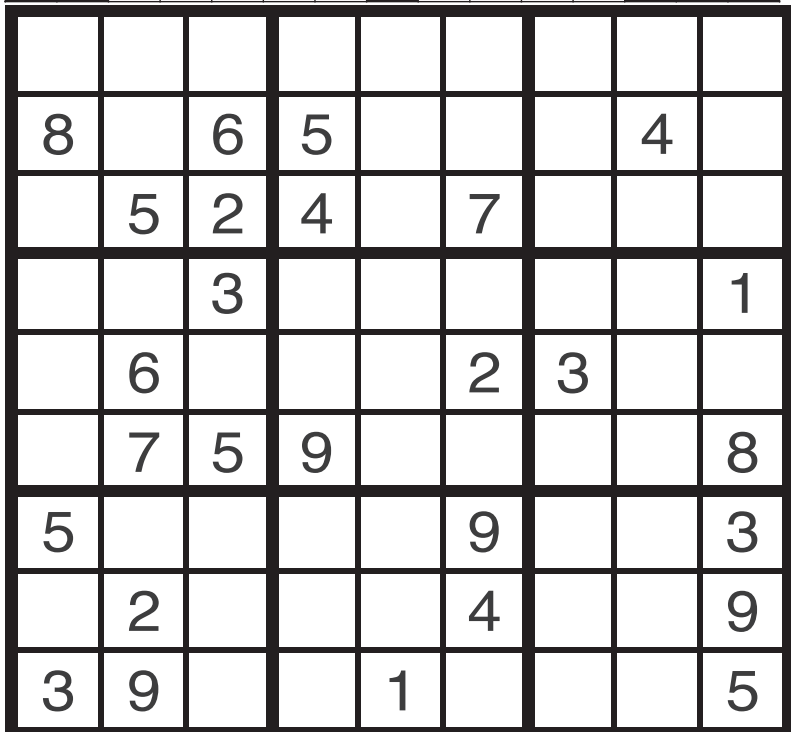
1. One-time world power
5. Central Florida city
10. Winged nut
12. Elevate spiritually
14. Creative
16. It cools your home
18. Woman (French)
19. "60 Minutes" network
20. Old World lizard
22. Swiss river
23. Ethnic group of Cambodians
25. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
26. Tire measurement
27. Affirmative
28. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
30. One point north of due east
31. A type of "pet"
33. Tech giant
35. European nation
37. Fencing swords
38. Acquired
40. Origin
41. Cashless payment interface (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Peter's last name
45. Inclined

48. Palestinian territory \_\_\_ Strip
50. A type of syrup
52. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
53. Weather Underground activist
55. Run batted in
56. Frozen water
57. Sodium
58. Philly specialty
63. Cuts the wool off
65. Rules
66. Icelandic literary works
67. Tattled

### CLUES DOWN

1. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
2. Actors' organization
3. Conscientious investment approach (abbr.)
4. Ranch (Spanish)
5. Beginning
6. Index
7. Portuguese wine
8. A feudal superior
9. Military brach (abbr.)
10. Lithuanian given name
11. A way to become different
13. Able to be domesticated
15. Defensive nuclear weapon
17. Hosts film festival

18. Shows you how to get there
21. Arranged alphabetically
23. S. Thai isthmus
24. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Woods
29. Make yourself attractive
32. Concealed
34. Large primate
35. A favorite saying of a sect or political group
36. Tropical fruits
39. Obstruct
40. Car mechanics group
43. Stroke gently
44. They're in your toolbox
46. Throngs
47. One and only
49. In a way, bent
51. "Downton Abbey" broadcaster
54. Herring-like fish
59. A major division of geological time
60. Vast body of water
61. Cannister
62. Encourage
64. The man



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The Mission volunteers and staff would like to thank the countless folks in our local community who have Blessed The Mission with such an outpouring of support.

## **NEW PROPERTY PURCHASE FUNDRAISER UPDATE:**

In February of this year The Mission began a campaign to raise \$105,525 which represented the down payment and closing cost required to purchase the property located at 21606 Sheriff Miedzinski Way, in Lexington Park, which is a 2 minute walk to the new Sheriff's station on Great Mills Road. On June 1st we reached our goal. THANK YOU!!!

The Mission's new home is a two-story, 4,600 sq. building, 3,600 sq. feet bigger than our current location and is located on 1.7 acres with floor space for a day room, chapel, counseling offices, as well as ample indoor and outdoor storage to expand. After the down payment, the mortgage will be around \$1,400, which is less expensive than renting a comparable property.

## **REHAB FUNDRAISER BEGINS:**

On 02 June we started raising funding for the rehab of the current property. As of this update The Mission has raised \$36,556 towards the rehab cost which we estimate and have set a goal of \$80,000.

PLEASE join The Mission in securing the remaining funding necessary to complete this good work of bringing a fully 100% Community-funded, Christ-centered ministry dedicated to meeting the needs of the homeless and working poor of our community.

## **WE ARE ONLY \$43,444 AWAY FROM REACHING OUR GOAL.**

As many might not know, The Mission is blessed with many organizations and businesses that give us special pricing or donate their time, so every dollar we raise for rehab goes a long way.

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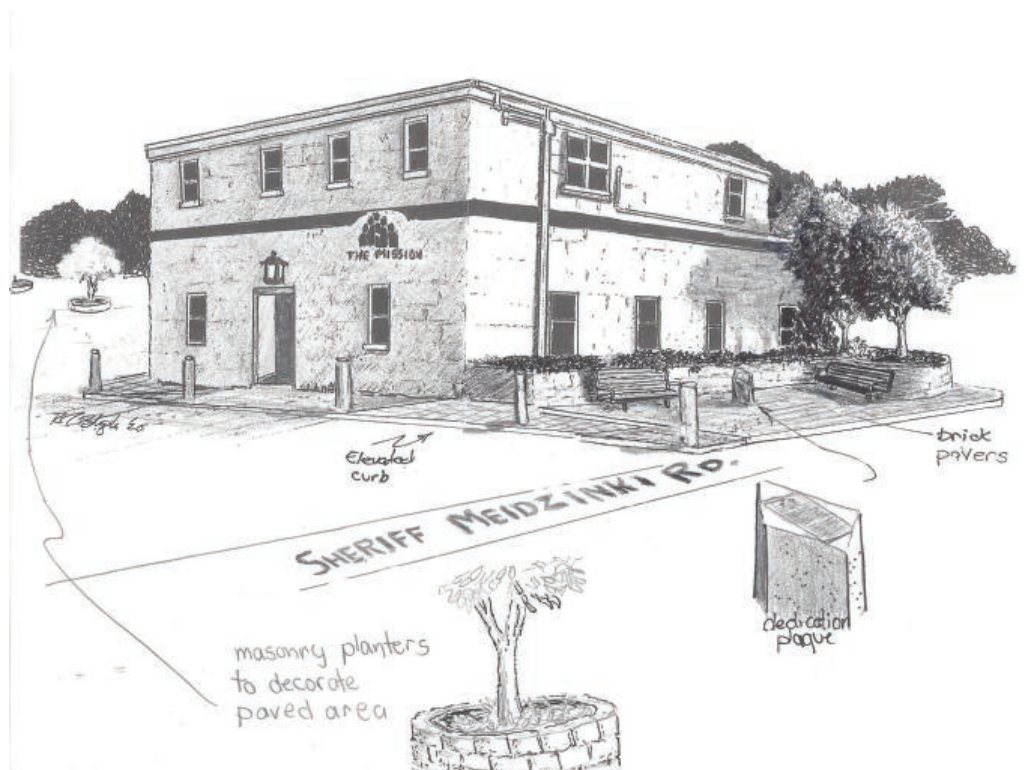
If you are a business, organization or individual who wishes to help donate your time, materials, or expertise in rehabbing our new facility please reach out to The Mission by calling Richard Myers @ 562-822-8752, or Email: Richard@seekingshelter.com

## **SETTLEMENT DATE:**

The Mission hopes to be in settlement in the next 7 days. **THANK YOU**

Lastly, we would like to thank the hundreds of individuals and organization who have reached out to make this happen. We would like to give a special thanks to Cedar Point Federal Credit Union for making this such an enjoyable process and supporting us 100%.

**Robert Myers- Pastor**



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