

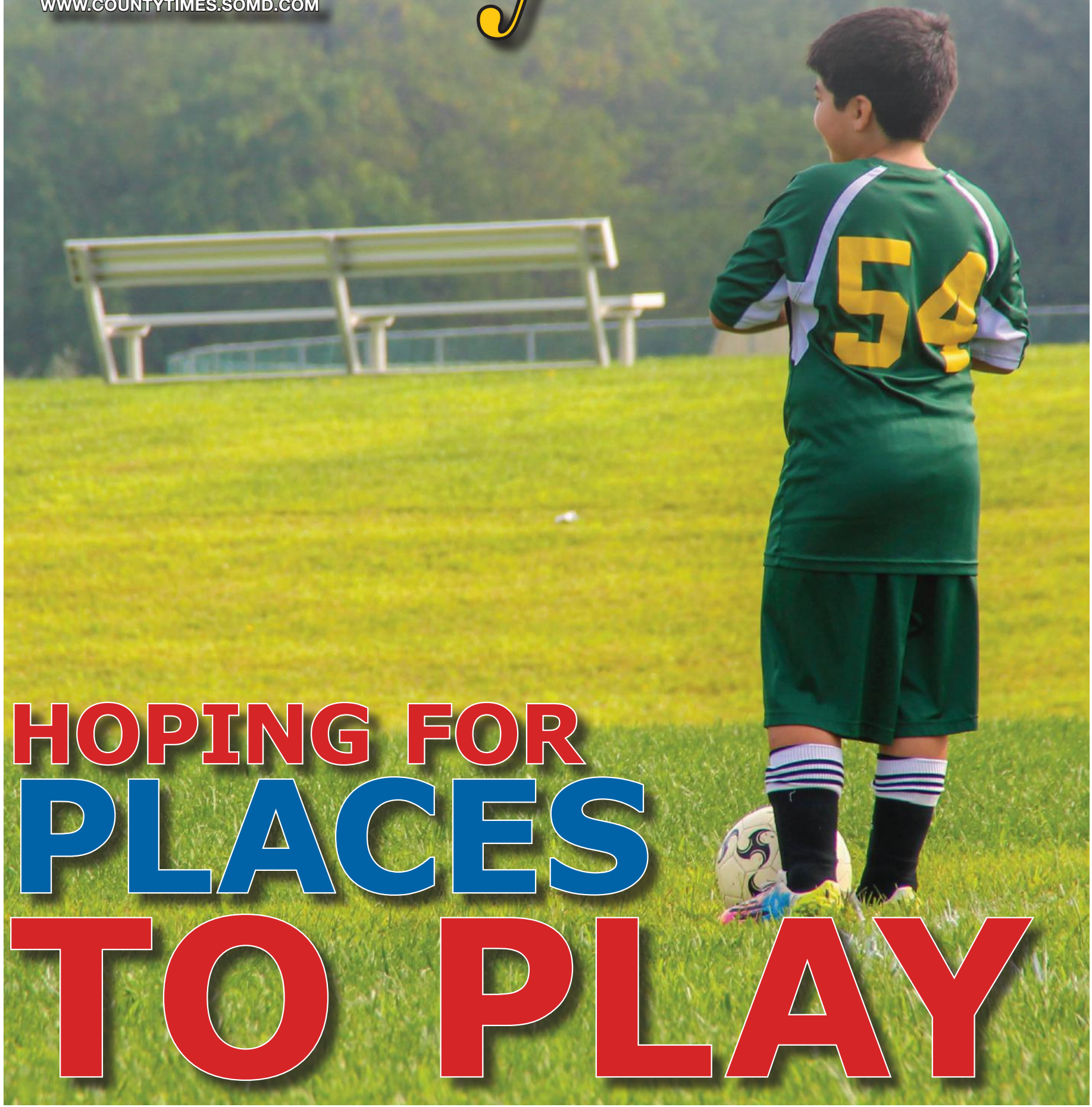
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Sheriff Increases Police Presence in Lexington Park

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In the wake of a violent weekend in Lexington Park in which two men were shot to death the county sheriff's office has put more patrol assets into the community in an effort to prevent further extreme violence.

"We have a number of extra officers from the Special Operations Division out day and night in Lexington Park," said Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron. "They're in marked and unmarked cars and on foot."

Cameron said detectives from his agency and state police are sharing information on crimes, but he was not sure if the homicides were gang related.

"You're open to any possibilities, you have to be," Cameron said. "We've gotten a lot of information citizens but there are people out there who know more that haven't come forward."

Homicides in St. Mary's are rare and to have two in one day, as in the deaths of Antione Jamal Bowman, 21, a Lexington Park native and Dyante Battle, a Prince George's County man, is even more so.

St. Mary's sheriff's detectives are continuing to pursue leads in the Bowman homicide, while Maryland State Police have arrested a suspect, Malachi Aaron Banks, 18, also of Lexington Park, in Battle's killing.

Battle was found suffering from gunshot wounds to his leg behind a fast food restaurant on Great Mills Road; Bowman was gunned down in the area of Ronald Drive.

Elected leaders said they were shocked to see the level of violence in one of the county's oldest urban areas.

"I've always considered myself a Lexington Park guy," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt looking back 50 years in St. Mary's County. "Even though I live in Hollywood now, I still have an affinity for Lexington Park."

"To see what happened with the murders, the shootings, it's disheartening."

Hewitt noted the people doing the



Dynate "Tay" Battler family gather at prayer vigil in Lexington Park.

shooting, and being shot and killed, were young; he also noted that the county had invested millions of dollars into aging neighborhoods in an effort to improve the quality of life.

He said the shootings occurred in close proximity to the new sheriff's Office District 4 substation on Great Mills Road.

"It's just such a waste," Hewitt said of the killing. "Let's just hope it gets better."

Cameron said in the same 24-hour period in which the homicides occurred his deputies also responded to another shooting as well as a stabbing.

"The level of anxiety is up considerably," Cameron said. "I was out there running some calls and everyone I spoke with was talking about [the killings]."

"They're appreciative that we're out there in and around the community."

The violence over the weekend was evidence of a growing problem the sheriff's office has been trying to deal with, Cameron said, which is youth gun crime.

"What I'm worried about is this culture [among young people] where everybody's carrying a gun," Cameron said. "That's the word on the street

and the arrests and traffic stops make it clear that that's happening."

Lexington Park residents held a peace rally at the site of one of the murder victims Monday night; Marvin Briscoe, one of the speakers, was born and raised in that community.

"A lot of families are scared to see what life their kids are going to," Briscoe told The County Times.

He said he believed young people were attracted to life on the streets because there are few resources in their



Photos courtesy of Ceandra Scott

community – educational, vocational, or recreational – for them.

"It's hard to say but some of it's due to a lack of support in Lexington Park," Briscoe said. "They need something, these kids."

"They need something to let them look outside of where they live."

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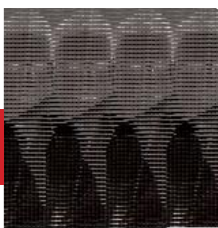
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Active COVID-19 Cases Drop Sharply

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

According to the latest numbers from the St. Mary's County Health Department there are just 145 active cases of COVID-19 among county residents; the number of new cases dropped precipitously this past week to just 33 from 71 the prior week.

The total number of cases of COVID-19 that have been recorded in St. Mary's since March has reached 1,115 but there have been 916 residents who have recovered and been released from isolation.

The fatality count, which has held steady at 52 for weeks now, climbed to 54 by Aug. 25, the latest data show.

Of the 208 resident cases of the novel coronavirus at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, the county's largest hotspot, 146 have recovered as of this week. All nine COVID cases at Chesapeake Shores in Lexington Park, two residents and seven staff, have recovered; at St. Mary's Nursing Center, of the 44 cases almost evenly split between staff and

residents, 12 residents and 15 staff have recovered.

A total of 35 county residents have died at the county's three long-term care facilities.

More than 15 percent of the county's population have been tested for COVID-19, according to the county health department's latest data; 17,815 county residents have seen negative test results.

In the six months since the pandemic began, there have been just 138 hospitalizations of St. Mary's residents for COVID-19.

Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's chief health officer, has said that the nature of the pandemic has shifted to most of the new cases of the disease being seen in younger people, explaining the limited number of hospitalizations.

While the latest numbers show a drop in active COVID-19 cases here, health officials have expressed concern that there could be another surge in cases when the next cold and flu season arrives in the fall and winter.

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Myrtle Point Major Subdivision Plan Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A concept site plan to build 24 additional town homes to the Woods at Myrtle Point community in California got unanimous approval from the county's planning commission at their Aug. 24 meeting.

The planning commission also approved an amendment to the county's comprehensive water and sewer plan that upgrades the water and sewer category for the land where the additional development is proposed.

The amendment would allow placement of water and sewer lines on the property in three to five years as opposed to six to 10 years under its previous classification.

The water and sewer upgrades are to be developer-financed and the proposed homes would comprise the sixth section of the Woods at Myrtle Point community.

This section of the community was originally denied approval by the planning commission, but that ruling was overturned by the Board of Appeals on the condition that the property be downgraded in zoning status to residential low density.

The entire section of development would be contained to just over six acres of land, located on Myrtle Point Road, according to documents from the Department of Land Use and Growth Management.

A report from land used Director Bill Hunt to the planning commission showed that the 24 homes would not negatively impact public facilities such as schools, public water and sewer and fire and rescue services.

There was no public opposition to the project during the commission meeting Monday night.

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County Still Trying to Open Storm Damaged Roads

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Three weeks ago, Tropical Storm Isaias battered St. Mary's County badly causing heavy flood damage to homes and businesses and initially leaving thousands without electricity. But there are still two county-maintained roads that are closed as well as two-state maintained roads that are out.

Busy Corner Road between Colton Point and Point Lookout roads is still closed as is Manor Road between Lori Lane and Hurry Road.

The Point Lookout Road, which the state maintains, is out between Godrick Lane and Hills Hide A Way as is New Market Turner Road between Trent Hall and Parlett Morgan roads.

John Deatrick, director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation said it would take "a couple of months" to repair the county-maintained roads as Isaias' flooding washed out the bridges on both roads.

"Those are both severe washouts," Deatrick told The County Times. "There is just nothing left of the old bridges."

"They were in pretty good shape until this storm hit them."

The bridges were built back in the 1930s, Deatrick said.

The county has opened nine roads since the storm passed, many of which



A local road washed out following Isaias

had either drainage problems or were blocked by fallen trees.

Doctor Johnson Road in Clements has recently been reopened.

"That was a mess," Deatrick said of storm damage from Isaias. "The pavement was literally washed off the road."

"But it's been repaved and reopened."

The county is now preparing for the next storm, Hurricane Laura, which is set to hit the Gulf Coast this week.

Deatrick said the storm's arc would take it towards Kentucky, where it was predicted to turn east and dump rain and winds in Southern Maryland and Virginia.

Winds were predicted to be in the range of 30 miles per hour, Deatrick said, which was not hurricane force but could still be damaging.

The county was distributing sandbags to residents willing to pick them

up in anticipation of flooding.

"The ground is so saturated it doesn't have the capacity to soak up more rain," the public works chief said. "Anyone who wants sandbags should get them by Friday, after that it will too late."

The latest storm is expected to hit between the night of Aug. 29 and Aug. 30, Deatrick said.

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Lexington Park Man Charged in Weekend Murder

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An 18-year-old local man has been charged with both first-and-second-degree murder in the slaying of a Prince George's County man Aug. 22.

Malachi Aaron Banks remains incarcerated at the county's adult detention center without bail.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed in county District Court by Maryland State Police investigators, police first developed Banks as a suspect when a witness said Banks had gone to a residence on Hillary Court and confessed to shooting someone that evening.

The defendant's girlfriend, identified as Amanda Green, said Banks had come to see her to get her help in disposing of gun used in the slaying of Dyante Lee Butler.

Butler was found lying behind the Wendy's restaurant on Great Mills Road, court papers stated, suffering from at least three gunshot wounds to his left leg and thigh area.

He was taken to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Green denied helping Banks dispose of the weapon, charging papers read.

At the site of the shooting police found multiple spent casings from firearms, including .380, 9mm and .40-caliber handguns.



Malachi Aaron Banks

When detectives interviewed Banks' family members, they said Banks and they, including one other person, had been in the backyard of their home on Hancock Drive shooting guns days before the murder.

Those same family members said Banks was not at home at the time frame of the murder, which contradicted the story the defendant told law officers, court papers read.

Additional video surveillance of the crime scene showed five suspects fleeing in dark clothing the night of the killing, court papers stated, with one of them leaving a .45 caliber handgun behind.

A search warrant served on Banks' home found a 9mm pistol, two rounds of .380 ammunition and many other loose rounds of ammunition, police stated.

Having previously denied being at the crime scene, Banks changed his story to police stating he was in the vicinity and saw some people running from the scene of the shooting.

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Defendant in Attempted Tavern Robbery Gets 20 Years

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Lexington Park man who attempted to rob a tavern in Callaway was sentenced to 20 years in jail Aug. 21 in St. Mary's County Circuit Court.

Rex Douglas Reece was accused of trying to rob employees at the Abell's Tavern on Piney Point Road Dec. 21 at knifepoint, but he took no cash in the attempt according to charging documents.

Court papers state the suspect in the attempted robbery, later identified as Reece, came into the establishment with a white cloth or shirt draped over his head to conceal his identity and demanded money of the two employees behind the counter — Caprice Stewart and Jaspal Kaur.

Kaur yelled when confronted by the suspect, court papers said, and witness John Butler was alerted.

The defendant went around the counter in an apparent attempt to gain access to money, brandishing what appeared to be a knife, court papers stated, but fled the scene when Butler approached and shouted to Stewart.

Police later found Reece in a red SUV on Great Mills Road near the public pool; surveillance camera footage from a home doorbell camera close to the crime scene showed him pull into a driveway on Buck Redman Road before getting out and donning the cloth to conceal his identity.



Rex Douglas Reece

The same footage showed him move off in the direction of Abell's Tavern and return to his SUV quickly, which was covered in a significant amount of mud.

This helped police to identify him as the suspect, police reported.

The surveillance footage showed him dressed in a plaid coat, dark jeans and wearing no shoes, which matched the description given by the victims to police.

When detectives interviewed Reece, he said he had been in the vicinity of the crime because he had been attempting to get money from automated tellers via credit card given to him by a friend.

He told detectives while he was out, he saw his estranged girlfriend with another man and wanted to catch them both driving together.

When confronted with the surveillance footage, Reece denied being the person getting out of the vehicle and asked for his lawyer.

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Woman Sentenced in Two Bank Robberies

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Calvert County woman, Angela Fitzhugh-Hill, 41, was found guilty of two counts of armed robbery for her participation in two separate February bank robberies in Charlotte Hall and California, State's Attorney Richard Fritz's Office announced Wednesday.

She was sentenced to serve 12 years of active incarceration in prison for her involvement in the bank robbery cases.

State's Attorney Richard Fritz prosecuted both matters.

According to charging documents filed by St. Mary's law officers earlier this year Fitzhugh-Hill handed a note to bank employees in each incident threatening to detonate a bomb if they did not comply with her demands for money.

She took about \$3,590 in the first robbery, police said, and about \$1,500 in the second; in the first robbery the defendant allegedly concealed her appearance but did not in the second.

Police reviewed surveillance footage from the first robbery that showed her fleeing the scene in a red Volkswagen Beetle, which police later found had been rented from the Avis car lot in Lexington Park.

In the second robbery surveillance footage revealed the alleged suspect fled in a four-door Nissan that later turned out to



Angela-Fitzhugh-Hill

have North Carolina license plates, court papers stated.

Police also found that the Volkswagen had been rented by a "male witness" according to charging documents on Feb. 5, just three days before the first robbery, with a rental extension on Feb. 10.

Fitzhugh-Hill has been charged with robbing banks by threatening employees with a bomb at least once before.

In 2011 she was charged with robbing two credit unions in Virginia by threatening employees that she had an explosive device.

The robberies in Virginia also took place about one week apart as in St. Mary's.

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Great Mills Man Arrested for CDS & Firearms Possession

Alleged Narcotics Dealer Arrested

On August 22 detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Division, with the assistance of the Emergency Services Team (EST), K-9 Unit, and Patrol Division, executed a search and seizure warrant on a residence in the 20200 block of Flat Iron Road in Great Mills. Terrance Marquis Savoy, age 28 of Great Mills, was identified as a distributor of narcotics. Savoy was found to be in possession of two handguns and a quantity of Fentanyl. One of the handguns recovered was determined to be stolen.

Savoy is currently on supervised probation as a result of a felony burglary conviction. Savoy was arrested and charged with the following:

- Firearm-Possession with Felony Conviction
- Regulated Firearm: Stolen/Sell
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For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works & Transportation at 301-475-4200, ext. 3527.



Feed St. Mary's Food Bank Receives Grant



Feed St. Mary's, the local food bank for St. Mary's County, has received an allocation award from the Maryland Food Bank to assist in the local battle against food insecurity. According to Feed St. Mary's Board President, Dr. Linda Lyman, the grant is designed to provide food resources and increase access to food as a part of the State of Maryland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant, in excess of \$20,000 allows Feed St. Mary's to increase the amount of food coming into St. Mary's County and being distributed by local food pantries and soup kitchens through the summer months. The grant permits Feed St. Mary's to supplement immediate orders for food placed by local pantries and soup kitchens, and to store additional food for future distribution. The allocation not only provides short-term relief, it also ensures that local entities will be able to set aside some of their own funding for use in the future. The non-profit is extreme-

ly pleased to be able to offer such enormous support to local pantries and soup kitchens.

Feed St. Mary's Food Bank, located in Lexington Park, is an integral part of a partnership between the Maryland Food Bank and the grassroots organizations that provide food directly to those in need. Feed St. Mary's warehouse operations began in March 2020. While the pandemic has slowed Feed St. Mary's growth plans within the community, the food bank continues to work with partner pantries to bring food into the county so that it can be distributed to those with immediate needs for supplemental food.

If you would like to learn more about how you or your organization can partner with Feed St. Mary's in ending hunger in St. Mary's County, please visit the website: feedstmarys.org, email: feedstmarys@gmail.com or call (240) 237-8197.

Press Release from Feed St. Mary's.

Library Updates Commissioners

The Commissioners received their semiannual St. Mary's County Library brief Tuesday, Aug. 25, from Director Michael Blackwell. Director Blackwell provided an operational update on county library facilities, which have recently reopened following lengthy COVID-19 closures. He also gave the Commissioners a virtual tour of the new Leonardtown Library. Construction of the library was a Commissioner approved Capital Improvement Project and had been scheduled to open to the public in April, but pandemic related precautions kept it closed until mid-August with limited operations.

During the presentation, Director Blackwell also showcased new and improve library products and ser-

vices, including an electric vehicle charging station and a library e-reader app. Lastly, the Commissioners heard an update on plans for the gradual restoration of services impacted by COVID-19.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County is Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020. Commissioner agendas can be found on the county website each Friday before the Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Meetings may be viewed live Tuesday mornings on SMCG Channel 95 or as a replay Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the St. Mary's County Government YouTube Channel

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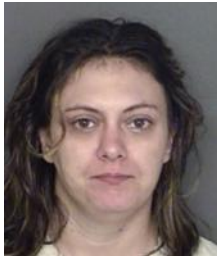
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On View Arrests

Disorderly Conduct- On August 5, 2020, Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 45200 block of Take it Easy Ranch Road in Callaway, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Nichole Corine Underwood**, age 29 of no fixed address, created a disturbance at the residence by yelling at the occupants and refusing to leave. Underwood was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Nicole Underwood

Assault- On August 5, 2020, Dep. Myers responded to the 36700 block of Morning Dove Court in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined

Robert Edward Lawrence, age 34 of Mechanicsville, threw the victim to the ground and grabbed the victim by the neck, causing visible injury. Lawrence was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Robert Lawrence

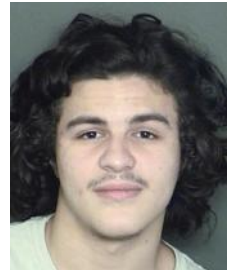
Assault- On August 11, 2020, Cpl. Tirpak responded to the 21700 block of Suwanne Place in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Travis Dimitri Smoot**, age 35 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by pushing the victim into objects,



Dimitri Smoot

strangling the victim, and grabbing the victim's arm. Visible injury was observed to the victim and Smoot was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Property Destruction- On August 12, 2020, Dep. Webb responded to St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported property destruction. Investigation determined **Devon Tyler Lee**, age 18 of Great Mills, repeatedly kicked his cell door, shattering the window. Lee was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property.



Devon Lee

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

Fatal Collision in Chaptico Under Investigation

On Sunday, Aug. 23 at 9:12 p.m., officers from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Budds Creek Road in the area of Mechanicsville Road in Chaptico. CPR was initiated on one of the drivers of the three vehicles involved and members of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team were contacted due to the severity of the injuries.

Preliminary investigation determined a 2008 Infiniti QX56, operated by Jennifer Lynn Hanbury, age 46 of Bushwood, was traveling on Mechanicsville Road toward Budds Creek Road. Hanbury approached the intersection and failed to stop and yield right of way to traffic on Budds Creek Road.

As the Infiniti turned east onto Budds Creek Road it was struck by a 2006 GMC Yukon Denali, operated by Marcos Antonio Alvarez, age 43 of Mechanicsville, and occupied by Catherine Mary Alvarez, age 44 of Mechanicsville. The Infiniti left the roadway and

struck a telephone pole.

After striking the Infiniti, the Denali then crossed the center line of the roadway and struck a 1998 Toyota Camry operated by Cynthia Renee Wise, age 59 of Hustle, VA, and occupied by James Larry Wise, age 66 of Hustle, VA.

Marcos and Catherine Alvarez were transported by ambulance to Medstar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, where James Wise was also transported via ambulance.

Cynthia Wise was taken by ambulance to Chaptico Park in anticipation for a Medevac helicopter, however her condition deteriorated. CPR was initiated and Wise succumbed to her injuries a short time later.

At this time, alcohol and drugs do not appear to be a factor in this collision.

Anyone with any additional information on the collision is asked to contact Cpl. Christopher Beyer at 301-475-4200 78004 or email christopher.beyer@stmarysmd.com.

Tropical Storm Yard Debris Collection Continues


Through Sunday, Aug. 16, residents may continue to take storm-related yard debris, including leaves, limbs and other organic materials to the following two sites for burning:

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For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works & Transportation at 301-475-4200, ext. 3527, or visit the website at www.stmarysmd.com/dpw.




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Emergency Services Launches Text-to-911 Messaging



The St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services has launched the Text-to-911 emergency notification system.

Available statewide, this service provides an additional way for residents to reach emergency services. Text-to-911 messaging may be used by those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or have a speech disability.

Additionally, the service can be used by people who may be in situations where it is unsafe to place a voice call or are experiencing a medical emergency and are unable to speak. To use the service, enter 911 in the "to" line of a text message, include a brief message describing your location, the emergency and type

of service needed, and hit send. 911 dispatchers will respond and gather additional information as needed and dispatch appropriate emergency responders.

Emergency Services Director Stephen Walker said, "Text-to-911 is supported by AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon and is another invaluable tool we can use to provide the safest, most efficient response to emergencies in St. Mary's County."

For more information, contact the Department of Emergency Services at 301-475-4200, ext. 2110 or visit the Emergency Services webpage.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.

Hollywood VFD Receives Federal Funding



U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and Representative Steny Hoyer (all D-Md.) on Aug. 25 y announced an award of \$576,562.77 in federal funding for firefighters and first responders in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, including the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

"In the midst of this public health crisis, Maryland's brave firefighters and first responders are being asked to do more with less," said Senator Cardin. "I'm proud that Team Maryland was able to secure more federal funds for first responders in Southern Maryland to ensure that they are always equipped with the tools and resources necessary to protect their safety and the safety of those they serve."

"Maryland's firefighters risk life and limb for our local communities. This funding means Southern Maryland firefighters can buy equipment to better protect themselves and the communities they serve," said Senator Van Hollen. "I will keep fighting to ensure that Maryland's first responders have the resources they need to do their job safely."

"I'm pleased our first responders in Southern Maryland will receive this key funding," said Congressman Hoyer. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our firefighters and first

responders have put their safety on the line to protect our communities. It is critically important that we ensure they have the resources they need to protect themselves and Maryland families."

The award recipients are as follows:
Hollywood VFD – Hollywood, Md.: \$262,380.95

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - La Plata, Md.: \$232,363.64

Calvert County Government: \$81,818.18

The funding was awarded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters program. The AFG program provides grants directly to fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and state fire training academies to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first responder personnel.

The Members worked to secure \$355 million for the AFG program for Fiscal Year 2020 as well as \$100 million for the Fiscal Year 2020 AFG-S program, and continue to work towards robust funding for the program – including by urging FEMA Administrator Gaynor to increase federal support for firefighters as the COVID-19 crisis devastates state and local budgets.

Legal Notice

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

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The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Resolution No. 2-20 request for Annexation of three (3) parcels consisting of 23.1805 acres +/- . More particularly described as the BENNETT PROPERTY (1), Tax Map 41, Parcel 0002, containing +20.4825 acres and BENNETT PROPERTY (2), Tax Map 41, Parcel 221, containing 0.5490 acres and the VALLI INVESTMENTS, LLC PROPERTY, 42120 St. Andrews Church Road, Tax Map 41, Parcel 0057, containing 2.147 acres.

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By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

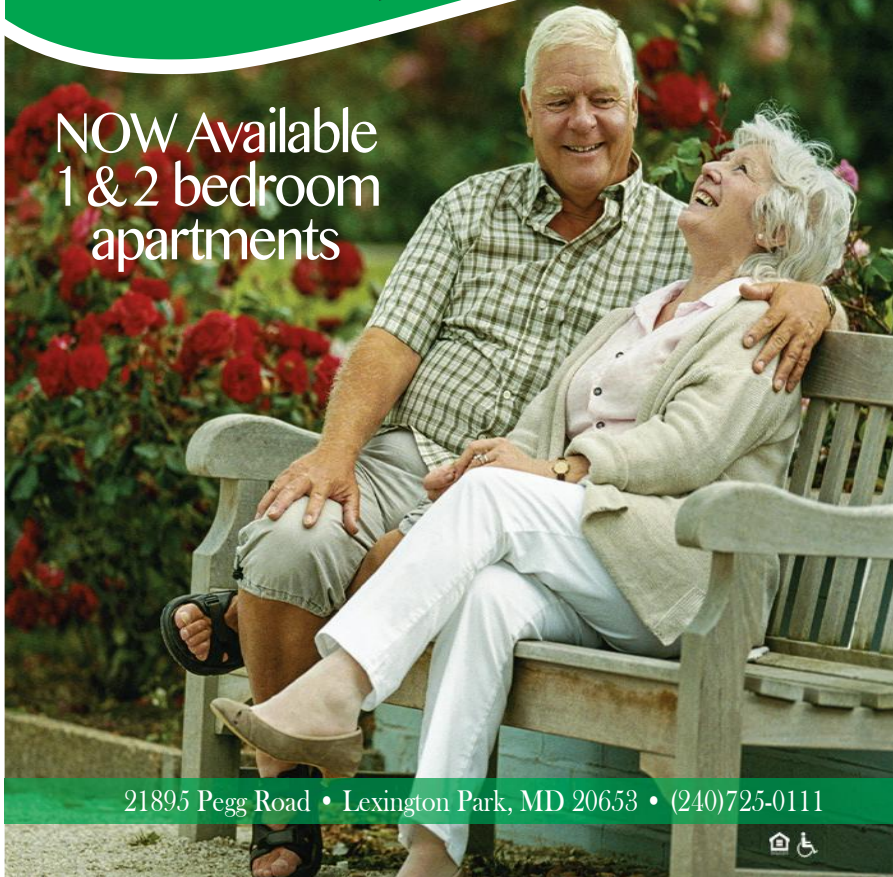
Public Notice

Charles Memorial Gardens Cemetery Clean Up

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

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Bay Restoration Efforts Deemed in Jeopardy

Report Assesses States' Progress, Future Plans.



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A new Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) report examining the state of the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint found promising signs of progress, but serious red flags remain that threaten to derail the restoration effort.

While Maryland and Virginia are on track today, achieving the 2025 pollution reduction goals will require both states to accelerate pollution reductions from agriculture and urban and suburban runoff. Pennsylvania, however, is far off track. It accounts for the largest share of pollution in the watershed, has never met its nitrogen reduction targets, and has identified actions that achieve just three-quarters of the reductions necessary to meet its 2025 goal.

Together, the three major Bay states are responsible for roughly 90 percent of the pollution damaging the Chesapeake Bay.

"After 30 years of unfulfilled promises to restore this national treasure, the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint is our last, best chance to demonstrate that science can guide actions to save the Bay. We have seen some progress, but success is now in jeopardy," said CBF President William C. Baker. "Maryland and Virginia have plans in place that will achieve their commitments, if implemented. Pennsylvania's elected officials, however, have failed. The commitments they have made will not get the job done, putting their neighbors downstream in jeopardy, and failing to clean up their own waters.

The most recent assessment of Pennsylvania's rivers and streams shows more than 25,800 miles of impaired waterways, a distance comparable to the circumference of the Earth. That's

an increase of 5,500 miles since 2016.

To assess the state of the Blueprint, CBF used EPA's scientific model to estimate pollution reductions made between 2009 and 2019. For each state, we assessed both the total pollution reductions made statewide, as well as the reductions made by each sector (i.e., agriculture, wastewater, etc.) to determine if current trends put them on track to meet the 2025 Blueprint goals.

CBF says that is an important distinction. While significant progress in one sector may put a state on track to meet its total 2025 goals today, without progress in all sectors, states risk becoming off track in the future.

CBF also looked at how well the states implemented the practices and programs outlined in their two-year milestone goals for the 2018-2019 period—in other words, the specific actions they committed to take to get the job done.

"Overall, the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint is showing water quality improvement. Polluted runoff in many areas is decreasing along with summer dead zones in the Bay. But the road to finishing the job is steep. Climate change and federal regulatory rollbacks impede progress. Critically, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has failed to hold states accountable to their Blueprint commitments. This is the final and most important phase of the clean-up effort. The Bay jurisdictions and EPA must take action now if we are going to leave a legacy of clean water to future generations," Baker added.


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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

All-Electronic Tolling in Effect at MDTA Facilities

Includes Nice/Middleton Bridge



Governor Larry Hogan on Aug. 6 announced that full-time all-electronic (cashless) tolling is now permanent across Maryland, including at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95), Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95), Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (I-895), and Nice/Middleton Bridge (US 301). With all-electronic tolling, drivers do not stop to pay tolls. Instead, tolls are collected through E-ZPass and video tolling. The system provides convenience for motorists, less engine idling for better fuel efficiency and reduced emissions, decreased congestion, and increased safety.

"In addition to historic toll relief and record-breaking progress on critical infrastructure updates, permanent all-electronic tolling is the latest step we have taken to save motorists time and money," said Governor Hogan. "By combining innovation, safety, and savings, this truly is a win-win for the state government and for everyone who travels in our great state."

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) implemented temporary all-electronic tolling statewide in March as part of its COVID-19 response and made all-electronic tolling permanent at the Bay Bridge in May with the installation of a new tolling gantry. Other MDTA facilities, including the Intercounty Connector (ICC)/MD 200, I-95 Express Toll Lanes in Baltimore, and the Key (I-695) and Hatem (US 40) bridges, already operate under all-electronic tolling.

"During the COVID-19 emergency, all-electronic tolling has been an operational success and has helped us protect our toll collection employees and the traveling public," said MDTA Executive Director Jim Ports. "With this system now permanent, stopping to pay tolls in Maryland is a part of history."

Under all-electronic tolling, motorists who previously paid with cash at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, Fort McHenry Tunnel, Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, and the Nice/

Middleton Bridge are currently assessed via video tolling at the cash rate. That temporary practice began in response to Maryland's COVID-19 state of emergency, and standard video toll rates will be restored at a date yet to be determined.

Motorists are urged to join the nearly 1.4 million drivers who pay the lowest tolls with E-ZPass Maryland. Transponders are free, and sign-up is available 24/7 at ezpassmd.com. Motorists also can get E-ZPass On-the-Go transponders at participating Giant Food and Weis Markets. The transponder comes with \$25 in pre-paid tolls for immediate use, then users can sign up online for E-ZPass service. A full list of retail locations is available at ezpassmd.com/en/onthego/locations.shtml.

Drivers will soon also have the option to register their vehicle for a new Pay-By-Plate method that allows tolls to be automatically billed to credit cards at the same rate as cash toll rates for all facilities, except the Intercounty Connector and I-95 Express Toll Lanes (ETL). For the ICC and ETL, customers using Pay-By-Plate will still save at least 20% on their tolls compared to the video toll rate. Pay-By-Plate benefits infrequent toll customers as well as those who do not have an E-ZPass account.

Since 2017, the MDTA has undertaken major training and career development initiatives to support permanent toll collection employees as they transition into other positions. These employees are currently assisting the MDTA in new ways, including as screeners at MDTA building entry points.

The MDTA E-ZPass Customer Service Centers located at toll facilities are operating at limited capacity during the COVID-19 state of emergency. To learn more about MDTA measures to assist customers during the COVID-19 emergency, go to mdta.maryland.gov/covid-19-response.

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County Limits Play on Public Fields

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Leaders of youth sports leagues such as soccer and field hockey are continuing to negotiate with the county government to relieve some of the restrictions placed on them which prevent them from competitive team play on county fields but the county, so far, is maintaining its position.

The county health department provided input to the county's Recreation and Parks Department in promulgating the new rules that allow certain sports to participate in conditioning, practice and skills clinics but not team play.

Sports such as baseball, softball and kickball can still play in county parks, though there are still mask requirements for certain players.

Recreation and Parks Director Arthur Shepherd told The County Times Wednesday that changes could come soon, based on new data and metrics regarding COVID-19 here.

"There will most likely be some revisions made regarding face coverings, gatherings and games clinics following discussions with the [Commissioners of St. Mary's County] on Tuesday [Sept. 1.]

Officials with St. Mary's Soccer, a prominent youth soccer organization here, still want the chance for team play but have been taking their travel teams to other jurisdictions to give their children game time.

"We've been working closely with them," said Rick Watts, president of St. Mary's Soccer on their partnership with county government. "Things are proceeding... just maybe not as fast as we would like."

"We're looking for something that's going to let kids play... in a safe and healthy environment."

Watts said health department and recreation and parks officials have agreed to continually reevaluate the situation regarding the spread of COVID-19 to see when team play might once again be allowed for their sport.

Watts said St. Mary's Soccer had formulated its own plan based on best health practices to guard against children getting infected while playing with the novel coronavirus but was not sure

if the health department had considered their efforts.

The kind of restrictions placed on them were somewhat unexpected, Watts said.

"We were a little surprised at the level of restrictions," Watts said. "It was a little bit of a step back."

If the conditions regarding COVID-19 abate and restrictions are relaxed, Watts said, they will try to get as many young people on the field as possible.

"We'll push that envelope to the maximum limit allowable," Watts said. "Right now, I just want to get kids out in any capacity possible."

Cynthia Lisa, president of the St. Mary's Girls Lacrosse League, said the surge in cases in COVID-19 back in July informed the more stringent restrictions on certain sports now.

Lacrosse is a spring sport, but it is one that would be restricted from team competitive play if the restrictions continue locally.

One of the restrictions that has raised the ire of parents is that only one of them may attend either games or clinics under the new guidelines.

Lisa said that travel teams that have gone to other jurisdictions have had to abide by the same parental restrictions there and that was one of her lesser worries.

"I think the frustration lies in that athletes of St. Mary's County are going elsewhere," Lisa said. "We're trying to get kids outside and active and we're trying to do this before the next flu and COVID-19 season comes."

Young people will be starting school soon, Lisa said, but they will be doing so remotely and likely with limited indoor activities to keep them healthy.

Her own lacrosse organization has followed best health practices over the summer, limited to clinics and practices and travel team games, and have avoided any COVID-19 infections, she said.

"We've had a successful summer and we were very strict about COVID-19 protocols," Lisa said.

But the girls' lacrosse players had to go without team play, she said, as the pandemic struck just as their season was



beginning.

"We lost our season and it was devastating," Lisa said.

There are 12 different youth sports in St. Mary's County that play on county property; there are about 10,000 children involved in youth sports throughout the county.

Shepherd, in speaking to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their Aug. 18 meeting, said that U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines showed that team-based practice and skills clinics presented a lower level of infection risk than outright team competitive play where the chance of contact between players was much higher.

"The highest risk is full competition from teams playing from different geographic areas," Shepherd said.

Restricting team competitive play and allowing clinics and practices still provided young people with their exercise and strength building as well as adult mentoring opportunities and overall youth development," he said.

Shepherd also said getting parents or other spectators to abide completely with requirements to wear masks as they were watching youth sports was problematic.

Sheriff's deputies, working with the health department, have been performing compliance checks at local bars and restaurants with bars, on COVID-19 rules and Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said his office could perform the same kinds of checks at youth sports events.

But there was a preferred option before law enforcement became involved, he said.

"The preferred method is to get voluntary compliance and that's best administered by leagues playing on the field," Cameron told The County Times. "That would be the best approach."

The county commissioners have scheduled more discussion time about the youth sports guidelines at their Sept. 1 meeting, attempting to get more input on the impact of the rules.

County Health Officer Dr. Meena

Brewster told commissioners last week that sports could be divided along levels of contact from minimal all the way to high contact.

"Moderate contact sports do include baseball and softball with conditions, and activities like soccer," Brewster said. "Whereas sports like football and wrestling there is sustained close contact."

But baseball and softball could be turned into lower risk contact sports with precautions such as face masks for infielders, who she said were not as vigorously active as other players as the county now requires.

County Commissioner Mike Hewitt said he was worried that the mandates for youth players breached the boundaries of what should be parental authority.

"Sometimes I worry about overreaching your bounds, honestly," Hewitt said. "I'm being respectful."

Brewster said her office was constantly monitoring the virus and made public health decisions based on the best scientific data they had.

"What we're suggesting here is very consistent with science," Brewster said. "We are constantly... learning about this virus and adjusting as we go as new information comes out."

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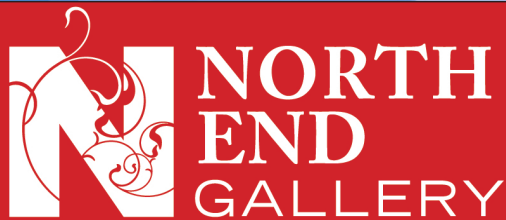
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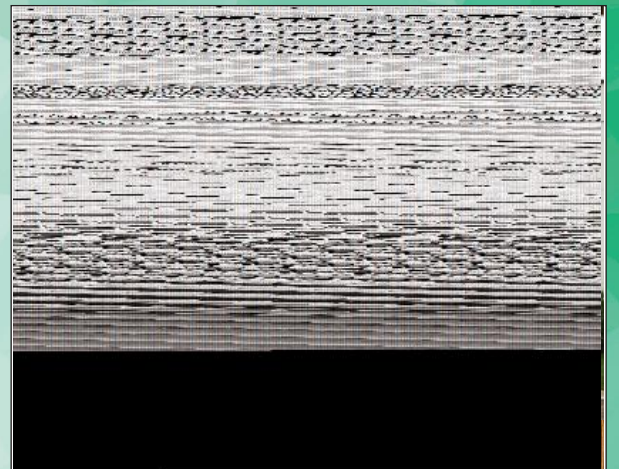
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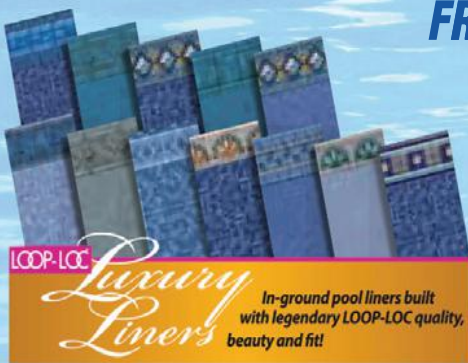


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Environmental Service, Calls for Bipartisan Legislative Reforms

Governor Larry Hogan has issued the following statement:

"It has recently come to light that the Maryland Environmental Service has a longstanding practice of paying large bonuses, expense reimbursements, and severance packages to its top executives. This is something no normal state-operated agency should or would ever grant.

"To be clear, I did not approve, recommend, or have any involvement whatsoever in any of these decisions made by the board of directors of MES with respect to the former director Roy McGrath or any other individual.

"The new acting director Charles Glass, who has been leading MES since June, has committed to conducting a top-to-bottom review of this entity's operations, and has already taken steps to begin to address many of these structural problems.

"While it is the legislature's responsibility to do audits of MES, today I have directed the Department of Budget and Management to also immediately conduct its own audit of this independent agency.

"The current operating and oversight structure of MES was established by the



Maryland Governor Larry Hogan

General Assembly in 1993. Our intention is to work with the legislature in a bipartisan way on legislation to reform the governance and operations of MES in order to provide for stronger oversight by both the executive and legislative branches."

St. Mary's County Health Department Reopens

For Appointment-Based Services

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will reopen select services by appointment beginning September 1, 2020. Vital Records, Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), and the Environmental Health Division will be the first to provide in-person assistance, by appointment only. Community members may also continue to receive assistance relating to these and other programs online and via telephone.

Community members may schedule appointments in advance via phone, details for each program are outlined below. Upon arrival for appointments, customers will be asked to stay in their vehicles and to call the office so that a staff member can meet them at the appropriate entrance. All incoming customers will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, including temperature check, and will be required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing while in the building.

Vital Records

• To schedule an appointment, call: 301-475-4330

• Appointments available: Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Services available:

- Birth Certificates*
- Death Certificates*

*Community members are encouraged to complete the application forms provided on the SMCHD website prior to their appointment for reduced processing time.

Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)

• To schedule an appointment, call: 301-475-4330

• Appointments available: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Services available:

• Eligibility determination and application assistance for community members needing health insurance.

Environmental Health Division

The Environmental Health Division has maintained operations throughout the COVID-19 closure and will continue to provide services primarily via phone, email, and other online tools. In-person appointments will be provided in cases where online services aren't possible, and can be scheduled by calling the Environmental Health Division at 301-475-4321.

COVID-19 Testing will continue to be available without an appointment. For more information on local testing options, please visit: www.smchd.org/covid-19-testing.

For more information about the St. Mary's County Health Department, please visit www.smchd.org.

Historic Sotterley Holds Friendly Friday Market

Rediscovering Your Roots!

August 28th, 4pm—8pm

Historic Sotterley will be hosting a brand-new series of community marketplace events celebrating and supporting our local businesses during these challenging times! Friendly Friday Markets not only will showcase a variety of local vendors each week, but will also have special demos or activities tailored to the theme of the week. These three Friday markets lead up to our biggest event "The Riverside Community Marketplace" taking place on October 3rd and 4th.

First up: Rediscovering Your Roots! Southern Maryland has its roots in farming, local waterways, historic trades, and more. On the first week of Sotterley's Friendly Friday Markets, celebrate and learn about these traditions with us at Historic Sotterley. Aside from the regular kaleidoscope of local businesses and vendors who will be on-site with their wares, there will be exhibits, demos and activities which allow us to connect us with the past. Please check the Sotterley web-

site as we get closer to the event for a full listing of vendors and activities for the day.

NEW ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY MARKETS:

To provide additional support our community, Historic Sotterley will gratefully accept donations of non-perishable food and produce from your garden or farm at the Markets. Sotterley currently donates produce grown on site to help those in need through its Growing for Good program. Your generous donations will help us make a greater impact together! This week's recipient will be St. Mary's Caring.

While it is easy to social distance at Historic Sotterley, we require that masks be worn for the safety of our guests, vendors, staff and volunteers.

Join us to celebrate what makes our community such a special place!

For more information, or updates due to inclement weather, go to www.sotterley.org or Historic Sotterley's Facebook or Instagram page!

CSM Positioned to Award Financial Aid

Helps Students Finish Their Education



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is positioned to award in excess of \$9 million in financial assistance in 2020 to students through a mix of federal and state grants, scholarships and monies raised by the CSM Foundation.

Under the CARES Act Student Emergency Aid, the U.S. Department of Education granted the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) \$1,289,511 to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus and an additional \$1,289,511 to provide emergency financial aid directly to students for expenses related to the disruption of on-campus operations or job loss due to the pandemic.

“By the end of July, CSM had already distributed \$1,289,511 to 2,141 eligible students,” said Acting Executive Director of Financial Assistance and Advocacy Christian Zimmermann. “In addition, CSM has decided to award up to \$900,000 of the CARES Act funding that was earmarked for our institution to our students who were enrolled in the spring and plan to return in the fall.” So far, Zimmermann said, 1,100 students have received funds to continue this fall.

“It is so important to everyone at CSM that our students complete their learning,” said Zimmermann. “We know our students are struggling because of this pandemic and we are doing all we can to help them financially.”

In fact, CSM announced in April that it was taking several steps to help students brace for ongoing hardships caused by COVID-19 including canceling summer and fall tuition increases and waiving summer and fall course fees.

In addition to the federal grant monies, the CSM Foundation has earmarked \$250,000 through the CSM Foundation Help a Hawk fund to support CSM students. The Help a Hawk fund will provide nearly \$500 to eligible students which can cover the cost of one three-credit class to returning students who were enrolled in the spring and plan to return in the fall.

The CSM Foundation has been

awarded \$25,000 in grants to fund this initiative, dedicated to assisting CSM students whose college aspirations are in jeopardy due to hardships stemming from COVID-19. This support is possible thanks to grants from:

Chaney Enterprises Foundation through the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (\$20,000)

WesBanco Community Relief Fund (\$2,500)

Charles County Charitable Trust COVID-19 Emergency Fund, Round 2 (\$2,500).

To date, more than \$73,000 has been awarded to 149 students from the Help a Hawk effort.

“We are very proud that the CSM Foundation awarded more than \$40,000 through the student emergency fund last spring and is looking to award \$250,000 more this fall to returning students,” said Acting Executive Director of the CSM Foundation Chelsea Clute. “This year has been so difficult on our students – and we are more committed than ever to ensure our students stay enrolled and finish their education with us.”

“The bottom line is that we have funds available to help our students who are taking credit and non-credit classes,” explained Zimmermann. “Our financial aid is not all need-based and it is never too late to apply for funding.”

Zimmermann said he strongly encourages new and existing CSM students fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year to apply for all federal student and parent loan programs, need-based grants, the Federal Work-study program, and CSM Foundation scholarships. CARES Act funds will automatically be disbursed to students who have a FAFSA on file, are enrolled in a Title IV eligible program of study, and satisfy all other eligibility requirements of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

For additional information credit and non-credit costs and aid, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/>, call Financial Assistance Department at 301-934-7531 or email finaid@csmd.edu.

Press Release from CSM.

Southern Maryland Studies Center Receives Award

To Be Used to Transcribe Local History

The Southern Maryland Studies Center (SMSC) at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) received \$25,500 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support the center’s “Stories of Southern Maryland Oral History Transcription Project” – an effort involving the transcription of 40 oral interviews documenting the history and culture of Southern Maryland.

CSM was one of 317 recipients of NEH’s Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization grant that is providing more than \$40 million to support essential operations at cultural institutions across the country. NEH received 2,300 eligible applications requesting more than \$370 million to sustain projects through December 2020. CSM was among the 14 percent of applicants who were funded, according to the federal agency.

“Over the past few months we have witnessed tremendous financial distress at cultural organizations across the country, which have been compelled to furlough staff, cancel programs, and reduce operations to make up for revenue shortfalls caused by the pandemic,” said NEH Chairman Jon Parrish Peede in a press release issued earlier this summer. “NEH is pleased to provide \$40 million to preserve thousands of jobs at museums, archives, historic sites, and colleges and universities that are vital to our nation’s cultural life and economy.”

At CSM, the \$25,500 will provide continued employment for an archives assistant who has already begun the work to collect and transcribe select oral histories that give voice to minorities and speak of their lives in Southern Maryland during times of segregation, the influenza epidemic and The Great Depression in Southern Maryland.

“We are honored to receive this funding,” said SMSC Archivist Maria Leighton. “This project supports CSM’s commitment to accessibility and diversity through the creation of materials readily available to the public and at no cost, through ADA compliant online pdf files that will be used in course content, research, cultural enrichment and community inclusion. Without this funding, our work would have come to a standstill.”

So far, 11 transcripts with stories dating back to 1926 originating from Julia Hyde

Posey, William Diggs, Gertrude Wright McWilliams, Lillian Parks and Julia Mudd Cox Totten – to name a few – have been completed and posted to the SMSC website. The transcripts will continue to be posted on the center’s website as they are completed.

The mission of SMSC is to store, preserve, and connect individual elements, in order to give a voice to all present and past residents of Southern Maryland and create a strong base of historical evidence that reflects the events, decisions and outcomes that have shaped local history and culture. SMSC is located at CSM’s La Plata Campus and provides a central location for researching and sharing historical materials that document Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s counties, along with the southern portions of Anne Arundel and Prince George’s counties. Founded in 1976, the archive houses hundreds of unique collections that provide valuable insight into the economic, social and political currents that have shaped this region. The center’s work focuses on continuous collection and processing to ensure ease of access and use of the history it stores.

The center holds business records, family and individual collections that offer a wealth of photographs, compiled research notes, news clippings, maps, inventories, surveys, architectural drawings, genealogy and more.

You can contribute by sharing your historical legacy with SMSC through journals, letters, diaries, illustrations, photos, documents, short videos, audio recordings and oral histories or creative writings.

SMSC is committed to sharing the evidence of Southern Maryland’s history and culture through activities such as teaching, organizing cultural events, supporting local historical preservation efforts, and ensuring physical and digital access to its collections for students and faculty, researchers, historians, genealogists and all members of the public.

The public can follow the “Stories of Southern Maryland” project online at <https://www.csmd.edu/community/southern-maryland-studies-center/transcripts/>.

To contact SMSC, call 301-934-7606; email SMSC@csmd.edu or visit us online at <https://www.csmd.edu/smsc>.

Press Release from CSM.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Commissioners Approve Grants

Over \$1.5 Million for Board of Education

The Commissioner of St. Mary's County approved requests from the Board of Education for three grants totaling \$1,572,159 million during their Aug. 25 Meeting.

The Commissioners approved three grants to provide funding for an infant and toddlers' program, iPads and Otterboxes for the Judy Center and Early Childhood Education Classrooms, and a Coronavirus Relief Funds Tutoring Grant.

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future grant of \$35, 876 will support county infant and toddlers programs by providing a contracted therapist to support the implementation of the Primary Service Provider Model standards.

The Judy Center Early Learning Hub Grants of \$160,000 will go toward the purchase of 160 iPads and protective Otterbox cases for four half-day, pre-K classes at George Washington Carver and Green Holly schools. The technology will support remote instruction and Judy Center fam-

ily engagement activities. Funds will also provide four temporary hourly aides when students return to the buildings.

CARES Act funding of \$1,376,286 for the Coronavirus Relief Funds Tutoring Grant was approved and will give county students assistance with distance learning challenges. Funds are for Schoology, Google Meets, Zoom education, Special Education tutoring, Foundation kits for K-5th grade, and multiple other virtual learning tools and services.

The Commissioners also approved a budget amendment to shift \$500,000 from Food Services Fixed Charges to Unrestricted Funds to cover the costs of the 2020-2021 school year Grab & Go Meal Service.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County is Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020. Commissioner agendas can be found on the county website each Friday before the Commissioner Meeting.

St. Mary's College Now a Regional Folklife Center

St. Mary's College of Maryland was recently awarded a Maryland State Arts Council Folklife Network grant totaling \$40,500 to represent Southern Maryland as a Maryland Regional Folklife Center in the Maryland State Arts Council's Folklife Network. Regional folklife centers serve to continue "programmatic or educational efforts made by an organization to support folklife, or community-based living cultural traditions handed down by example or word of mouth."

The College will create a Southern Maryland Folklife Summer Institute as the key feature of the Regional Folklife Center. The annual summer institute will be held at St. Mary's College and will add unique opportunities to the rich and vibrant array of folklife events already operating in the region by celebrating and supporting community-based living cultural traditions of Southern Maryland (St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles Counties). The institute will achieve this goal by offering a raft of workshops centered around broad folklife activities and their Southern Maryland components. Some proposed workshops will be specific to Southern Maryland (genealogy, cuisines such as stuffed ham and soul food), while others will reflect activities of Marylanders (landscape painting, beekeeping, oral history), while broader workshops will focus on the Mid-Atlantic region (bluegrass folk music, small farm entrepreneurship).

In preparing the grant, the team collaborated with the arts councils and organizations of the tri-county region in a community survey to learn about regional folklife needs and the kind of programming the community would like represented in a folklife institute.

The institute will pilot in June of 2021 with two days of exciting workshops and

will close with a public exhibition and celebration event in the SMCM Boyden Gallery (pandemic permitting). The gallery event will allow participants to display their work and efforts learned in the workshops and may include such elements as short readings of oral histories, displays of family genealogies, landscape paintings, live folk music, and samples of culinary dishes. Campus residential housing will be available to participants. The institute will dovetail with the widely popular, community-centered Southern Maryland River Concert Series that draws thousands of people from the region for weekly outdoor summer concerts and the prestigious Chesapeake Writers' Conference, therefore providing additional visibility and extra-curricular activities for participants.

In addition to the College's Boyden Gallery, the SlackWater Center will also be a key participant in the folklife center as the institute's activities will be featured in, and may also produce content for, the SlackWater journal. In addition to the journal, the SlackWater Center also provides students and community members with opportunities to conduct oral histories, hundreds of which are transcribed and available online on the Archive's website as the SlackWater Oral History Collection. The activities of the institute may produce writing features, images (art and photography), oral history interviews, genealogies, and recordings of lectures that will then be added to the SMCM Archive.

Over the coming years, the College aims to incrementally build upon annual institute offerings and community engagement, by soliciting candid assessment and suggestions from all participants of the pilot and subsequent institutes.

Press Release from SMCM.

St. Mary's Featured in "Best 386 Colleges" Guide

St. Mary's College of Maryland is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduates to earn their college degree, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company profiles and recommends St. Mary's College in the 2021 edition of its annual college guide, "The Best 386 Colleges."

The Princeton Review also includes St. Mary's College in the following lists within the guide: Best Northeastern, Best Value Colleges, Green Colleges, and ranked the College #5 in the Top 50 Green Colleges.

According to the guide, "Students fortunate enough to attend St. Mary's College of Maryland receive a "top tier education" wherein they have ample "opportunity to try new things and explore their interests." That extends beyond the applauded "research-based curriculum" to the environment—"the campus is absolutely gorgeous"—and even the food in the "great dining hall." Where St. Mary's shines most, however, is in its academic offerings, which "reflect

the challenges that [students] will face in the workplace," particularly for those in the STEM field who "can really get a leg up by doing publishable work even prior to grad school."

Only about 13 percent of America's 3,000 four-year colleges are profiled in the book, which is one of The Princeton Review's most popular publications. The company chooses colleges for the book based on data it annually collects from administrators at hundreds of colleges about their institution's academic offerings. The Princeton Review also considers data it gathers from its surveys of college students who rate and report on various aspects of their campus and community experiences for this project.

The Princeton Review's school profiles and ranking in "The Best 386 Colleges" are posted at <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges> where they can be searched for free with site registration.

Press Release from SMCM.





PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Patuxent River Sailor Completes Submarine Tour

Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 (CSS-15) held a change of command ceremony at Konetzni Hall, July 31. After serving over two years as commodore of CSS-15, Capt. Tim Poe, a Patuxent River, Maryland native, turned over command to Capt. Bret Grabbe. During his time with CSS-15, Poe oversaw four Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines in Guam as not only the commodore, but also in his prior assignment as squadron deputy commander for mission readiness.

“As deputy, I was able to see the intricacies of Guam operations and the forward-deployed units on the waterfront,” said Poe, a native of Patuxent River, Maryland. “I applied what I learned as deputy to my role as commodore and focused the squadron’s mission on manning, training and equipping our units, resulting in the deployment of all of our submarines in the past year. We’re here to assure our warfighting units are ready and capable of heeding the nation’s call at

a moment’s notice.”

Many of CSS-15’s major accomplishments under Poe’s leadership include transitioning USS Asheville (SSN 758) from a shipyard unit to a deployed unit, maintaining support to four submarines and deployed units, strengthening partnerships with the community through volunteer work, and supporting the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) through Hotel Task Force.

“I am very proud of what my team has accomplished during my time here,” said Poe. “They’ve shown what it means to be a Sailor through countless hours supporting our boats by maintaining mission readiness, and they’ve thrived as shipmates by taking care of Theodore Roosevelt Sailors after a COVID-19 outbreak impacted their ship. The squadron staff and boats are the heart of what it means to be ‘Ready in all Respects.’”

Poe was properly relieved by Grabbe in the commodore’s office at Konetzni Hall.

Grabbe looks forward to taking on the new role as commodore of CSS-15.

“The most rewarding jobs for me are always the ones where I get to interact with Sailors and shipmates on a regular basis,” said Grabbe, a native of Kansas City, Kansas. “I am most looking forward to engaging with the crews of our submarines and all of the ashore personnel that support our mission here in Guam.”

Grabbe emphasized the importance of the Navy’s only forward-deployed submarine force.

“I want to continue the efforts already in motion to ensure warfighting readiness meets national security demands,” he said. “This is important for the submarine force, but our geographic proximity is what adds emphasis for CSS-15. This is not limited to the submarines conducting operations; it extends to every member stationed here in Guam that supports our submarines and submariners in any way.”

CSS-15 is located at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam in Piti, Guam, and consists of four Los Angeles-class fast attack submarines. The squadron staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support to these commands. Also based out of Naval Base Guam are submarine tenders USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and USS Emory S. Land (AS 39). The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy’s forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements.

For more news from Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, visit our official CSS-15 website at <http://www.csp.navy.mil/css15> and our official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SubmarineSquadron15/>.

Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelsey Hockenberger, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15



Capt. Tim Poe, outgoing commodore of Commander, Submarine Squadron (CSS) 15, from Patuxent River, Maryland, poses for a photo in front of Konetzni Hall. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelsey J. Hockenberger)

Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons Set to Begin

Mourning Dove Season Opens Sept. 1



Photo by Larry Hindman

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced the state's 2020-2021 migratory game bird hunting seasons. Bag limits, season dates, and shooting hours can be found in the 2020-2021 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

"The early migratory game bird seasons give Maryland's hunters an exciting way to kick off the season," Wildlife and Heritage Director Paul Peditto said. "With all the excellent hunting opportunities Maryland has to offer, we'd like to encourage our sportsmen and women to introduce a young person to the experience of a day afield."

Season dates are as follows. Except where otherwise noted, shooting hours begin 30 minutes before sunrise and end at sunset for all early migratory game bird hunting seasons:

- Dove, split season
 - First Season: Sept. 1 – Oct. 17
 - Second Season: Oct. 24 – Nov. 27
 - Third Season: Dec. 19 – Jan. 9, 2021
- During the first season segment only, shooting hours are from noon to sunset
- Woodcock, split season
 - First Season: Oct. 21 – Nov. 27
 - Second Season: Jan. 11–23, 2021
- Early resident Canada goose season
 - Eastern zone: Sept. 1–15
 - Western zone: Sept. 1–25

Hunters are allowed to use shotguns capable of holding more than three shot shells. Shooting hours are extended to a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Teal, September season
Sept. 16–30

Shooting hours will be a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is six.

All migratory bird hunters, including landowners who are license-exempt, must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp/Harvest Information Program Permit and possess the printed receipt while hunting. All waterfowl hunters, ages 16 and older, must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Licenses, permits, and stamps can be purchased online, by phone at 855-855-3906, by appointment at a department service center, or at any of Maryland's 250 sport license agents.

Hunters are encouraged to report banded migratory game birds online. After reporting the banded bird, hunters will receive a certificate of appreciation that includes all known biological information on the bird they harvested.

Anyone with questions may contact the department at 410-260-8540.

Press Release from MD DNR.

St. Mary's Swimming to Join Conference



Commissioner Jessica Huntley and the Atlantic East Conference announce another affiliate addition to the league, welcoming St. Mary's College of Maryland as an associate member in men's and women's swimming, effective Fall 2020.

"We are excited to welcome St. Mary's to the Atlantic East as an affiliate member in men's and women's swimming," said Huntley. "This partnership solidifies and advances the sport within the Atlantic East Conference and provides for an enhanced championship experience for our student athletes."

St. Mary's College, currently a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) will join Cabrini University, Immaculata University, Marymount University, Marywood University, Cedar Crest College and Gallaudet University as participating members in men's and women's swimming. The Seahawks will be immediately eligible for all-conference awards and the conference's swimming championships.

"The Atlantic East Conference presented an excellent opportunity for our men's and women's swimming programs to challenge themselves by growing and competing at a tre-

mendously high level," said Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College director of athletics and recreation. "The St. Mary's College of Maryland athletic department is committed to providing a high-quality student-athlete experience for all our student-athletes and this partnership with the AEC exemplifies this charge."

The Seahawks' swimming programs both placed third in last year's CAC championships. St. Mary's College head coach Casey Brandt has been at the helm of the program since 2016 and has coached 16 All-CAC selections. Additionally, the St. Mary's College swimming programs have collected 14 College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Team awards under the leadership of Brandt.

"We are really happy our men's and women's swimming teams were able to find a home with the AEC," stated St. Mary's College Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach, Casey Brandt. "I'm excited to work with the excellent group of coaches there and look forward to the time we can compete as well."

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In Remembrance

George Joseph Drank



George Joseph Drank of Wilkes Barre, PA, passed away on Thursday, 30 July 2020 in Collierville, TN.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Josephine Barbagallo Drank, his parents, and two siblings. He is survived by his sister Mary Kazin; daughters Janet McCormick and Karen Shipman and their husbands; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

After graduation from high school, George applied for a position with the War Department and was assigned to

Newark, NJ where he met his future wife, Josie in 1942. He was drafted into the Navy and finished in the top 10 percent of his class for the Aviation Radio School. He then proceeded to FL for Naval Air Gunnery School and then to flight operational training in the Grumman Torpedo Bomber (TBF). After serving as a radioman during WWII with Composite Squadron VC6, George continued his Government service at Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center, MD, from 1945-1975 and retired as a Senior Electrical Engineering Technician.

In retirement, George and Josie enjoyed traveling and spent their time between McKay's Beach, MD and Haines City, FL, eventually settling in Haines City, FL. Following Josie's passing, George moved to Collierville, TN, to be near family and spent the past three years in a wonderful community.

George showed tireless care and love for his family, his friends, his country, and his community. He was active in many community organizations during his life. He served as a Boy Scout troop leader, a life-time member and Exalted Ruler for Elks Lodge 2092 in MD, and was a life member of the American Legion and the Lions Club. He also enjoyed gar-

dening and was considered the expert picker of Maryland blue crabs among family and friends.

A memorial service and inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a remembrance can be made in George's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN.

Debra Dea Hall



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

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

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

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

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

Debra is survived by her loving husband, John William Hall, II; daughter: Jane Hall (Joel Sorli); sons: Josh (Tracy) Hall; Justin (Cristina Baltazar) Hall and Jesse Hall; four grandchil-

dren: Jennifer Alvey, Jessica Alvey, Lilian Hall, and Brendan Hall; great-grandson Jordan Morgan; father: W.D. Angus, brothers John (Shelly) Angus, and Gary Angus; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Debra is preceded in death by her mother.

Interment will be private.

Joseph "Glenn" Mattingly



Joseph "Glenn" Mattingly, 63, of Mechanicsville, MD formerly from Clinton, MD passed away peacefully at home on August 14, 2020. He was born on February 14, 1957 in Leonardtown, MD and was the son of the late Patricia Ann Mattingly and Joseph Herman Mattingly. Glenn is survived by the love of his life Cheri Ann Alderson of Mechanicsville, MD. His children; Jennifer Irizarry (Luis) of Indian Head, MD, step children Ashlee Higgs of Mechanicsville, MD, Shane Alderson of Bushwood, MD, Mikie Alderson of Manassas, VA, and four grandchildren, who called him "PaPa Joe". He is survived by his brother Robert Dale Mattingly of Colton's Point, MD. He attended Surrattsville High School.

Glenn shared his father's love of fast cars and the family tradition of being a professional truck driver. After 45 years of dedication to his profession, he retired from Mattingly Trucking in 2017.

In his free time, Glenn enjoyed watching various sports. His favorites included NASCAR, Redskins football and the Washington Nationals. Finally, after many years, he was able to experience the excitement of the World Series Championship win by the Nationals. Though Glenn was an avid sports lover, he was the biggest (and loudest) fan when watching his grandson play baseball. Aside from sports, one of his simple pleasures was cutting the grass! Glenn also took pride in detailing his vehicles and parading around town showing off his hard work. Glenn had a sincere love and appreciation for all genres of music, but his favorite of all was Elvis Presley.

Glenn would often reminisce of the memories made throughout the years.



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Mary Helen Copsey



Mary Helen Copsey, 72, of Mechanicsville, Maryland passed away peacefully at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

Mary Helen was born on January 24, 1948, to the late William C. Sponsler and Helen C. (Goldsmith) Sponsler.

She was married to Thomas Eugene Copsey, Jr. for over twenty-five (25) years before his untimely passing in 1993. She went on to form a loving and kindred relationship with David Farrell and he is left to mourn her passing.

A hard-working woman, Mary Helen worked for over forty (40) years as a manager of the part department of several automotive dealerships. She began her career working for Sponsler Auto Sales and then worked at Ken Dixon, Pohanka Nissan and Southern Oldsmobile.

She loved spending time with her family and her close bond with daughter, Helen, was clear to anyone who knew them. The life of the party, with an infectious laugh and smile that could brighten any room, Mary Helen loved to dance and listen to music. She could shoot pool with the best of them and run the table so fast you never knew what happened. The competitive spirit ran deep and she loved to go bowling and knock down the pins. On a beautiful afternoon, you could find her willing to drop a line in the pond and soak up the sunshine on the banks while fishing.

Mary Helen was dearly loved by everyone but she loved no one more than her family. Whether you knew her as Mary Helen, Mom, Grandma or Great-grandma you knew she loved you deeply. She never met a stranger. A truly kind and loving woman has left us. We were blessed to know her, honored to call her friend and loved beyond measure just by being in her world.

Mary Helen is survived by her mother, Helen C. Sponsler of Bendict, MD; daughter, Helen Marie Copsey of Mechanicsville, MD; companion, David Farrell of Mechanicsville, MD; two (2) grandchildren, Tyler Copsey and John M. Quade, III; and one (1) great-daughter, Tiffany Marie Copsey. She is also survived by her siblings, Shirley Ann Townshend of Bendict, MD and William C. Sponsler of Bendict, MD; niece, Dawn M. Davis of Lothian, MD and great nephew, Jordan Davis. Along with her husband, Mary Helen is preceded in death by her father, and son, Edward "Eddie" Copsey.

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

All arrangements have been made a Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

Robert Walter Bartlett



Robert Walter Bartlett, 81 of Leonardtown, MD (Formerly of Hollywood, MD) died August 11, 2020 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD.

He was born February 5, 1939 to the late Mervin Walter Bartlett and Marian Teresa Burke Bartlett.

In 1957, Robert enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1962. He spent his career as a maintenance manager with the United States Postal Service for over 27 dedicated years until his retirement in 1991. He was an avid reader and enjoyed watching football and baseball. He could often be found tinkering in his yard. He loved his family and his pet dogs.

Robert is survived by his granddaughter, Karen Lynn Dale; his great-grandchildren, Alec B. Dale, Warren T. Dale, Destiney S. Dale, and Mia Lynn Hobbs; and extended family and friends. In addition to his parents and beloved wife, Peggy, he is also preceded in death by his daughters, Karen Lee Bartlett and Robin Lynn Bartlett..

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

Charlotte Edwards



Charlotte Edwards, 94, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2020.

She was born in Hughesville, Maryland on June 20, 1926, she was the daughter of John Marshall Huntington and Eva McDella (Hill).

Charlotte married the love of her life Raymond Maphies Edwards. Together they spent forty-two (42) wonderful years of marriage together before his passing in 1987.

She worked as a Proofer for documents at the National Bank of Washington for over twenty (20) years before she retired, to take care of her husband and children.

Charlotte was a devout Catholic and found peace in conversing with the Lord during her daily prayers. She was a deeply spiritual woman. She enjoyed working her word-find puzzles and complaining about the Young and Restless soap opera. Above all, Charlotte was a devoted to her family and she absolutely adored spending time with her friends and family. A great woman has left to be with the Lord, but she has left behind wonderful memories.

Charlotte is survived by her children: Stanley Edwards of Mechanicsville, MD, John Edwards (Joyce) of Churchton, MD, Dale Ferriter (John

of Mechanicsville, MD, and Harold Edwards of Oak Hill, FL; six (6) grandchildren; thirteen (13) great-grandchildren; and twelve (12) great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings, Alice Anderson, Magdalen Curtin, Harry Huntington, Lewis Huntington and Eleanor Castle. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, daughter-in-law, Sherry Edwards and grandson, Steven Edwards; and several siblings.

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Thomas George Serb



Whether it was the smell of the moist salt air, or the line that blurs between sea and sky, Tom was in his element when he was on a boat. He was always looking for an opportunity to be away from the cares of the world with his family and many friends, using the lure of the water for relaxation and adventure.

On August 18, 2020, Thomas George Serb, a loving, devoted husband and father of two children, passed away in his home at the age of 73. Tom was born on November 12, 1946, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Robert James and Charlotte Doll Serb. He spent his boyhood on the shores of Lake Erie-



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In Remembrance

boating and fishing; and helping out with the family businesses: a gas station, bait shop, Ice-cream shack and finally a family-run motel. In 1968 he received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University of Ohio and completed Naval Flight Officer Training in Pensacola, Florida. He went on to complete a Master of Science in Management from Central Michigan University in 1988.

Tom served his country in the U.S. Navy for 24 years. He spent 10 years on active duty as a Naval Flight Officer on the A-3 and the P-3, with tours of duty in Atsugi, Japan; Rota, Spain; and Patuxent River, Maryland. He spent another 14 years in the reserves, retiring as a Commander in the Naval Reserve in October 1992.

Tom married Carol, his wife of 46 years, in March of 1974. Everyone who knew Tom would agree that he was devoted to his family. Tom did not just teach his children, Heather and Andy, his Christian faith, he lived it as an example to them and all in his sphere of influence. Involvement in church, youth, military ministries, bible studies and mission trips were a normal part of family life. Tom was also devoted to the importance of family vacations and trips together. Many family camping trips, ski vacations and even some international travel were a regular part of family life, both when the children were young and then with the spouses and grandchildren as they grew. In his retirement, Tom and Carol traveled extensively, trekking across the globe, up and down the Chesapeake Bay, and down the Intracoastal Waterway in their sailboat.

One of Tom's most enduring qualities was his love for people. He loved to socialize-whether it be with a neighbor, the grocery store clerk, or with a friend on a fishing trip. Even more was his love for helping others. Tom valued those in need or in challenging situations and openly shared his resources, his home and himself with others. He invested his life, his wisdom and his time into leading others into a deeper relationship with God. He encouraged all he knew to be better versions of themselves. He was a mentor, an encourager and a true friend.

Tom will be remembered by his family and friends for sailing and fishing, Russian pancakes, hikes in the woods, lessons about engines and how to take care of things so that they last, woodworking, his impeccable memory of gas stations and restaurants on the turnpike, tinkering, trips to Ohio, and collecting things, especially old cars, bits and bobs, and spare parts. Anything you might need could be found in "Gramps' Hardware Store". He loved happy hour, hot tubs, cherry pie and waxing his boats. He was romantic and loved to get Carol flowers. He never turned down an offer to go out to eat.

Tom was industrious, patient and soft-spoken. He was deliberate and a do-it-yourself kind of guy. Tom left a legacy of commitment and love that will not be forgotten.

Tom is survived by his wife, Carol; his children, Heather and Andy (Samantha); his grandchildren Eric, Bay and Leah; his brothers Bob (Anne) and John, his sister, Connie (Skip) and several close nieces and nephews.

Interment will happen at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Donations may be sent to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650, Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, P.O. Box 17029, Baltimore, MD 21297-1029, and The Navigators, P.O. Box 6000, Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6000.

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Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Jared Lee Mansfield



Jared Lee Mansfield, 32, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on August 14, 2020.

Jared was born on June 2, 1988 in Brunswick, Maine and was the son of Frederick Mansfield, Jr., and Noreen Mansfield.

After graduating from high school, Jared developed a lifelong bond with Chef and business owner Rob Plant. Rob mentored Jared in the field of culinary arts and was always there to support Jared through the years.

Jared also enjoyed being outside working in landscaping and on custom boulder projects with his Dad.

Jared had a very kind heart, was always willing to help others. He had a close relationship with Carolyn Cullison, Executive Director of On Our Own of St. Mary's County. He was a dedicated speaker at the Southern Maryland Crisis Intervention Team Coalition Training which provides intensive, hands-on training to deputies, correctional officers, and emergency

communications 911 dispatchers. The program is to teach crisis teams how to assist persons experiencing a mental health crisis with an efficient, respectful, and compassionate approach.

In addition to his loving parents, Jared is survived by his step-mother, Patti Mansfield, his grandparents, Frederick and Charlene Mansfield of Gambrills, MD and John and Sylvia Lewis of Tyrone, PA, his step-brothers, Joshua and Jason Decker, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. Jared will be missed immensely by his family.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to National Alliance on Mental Illness DC, 422 8th St SE 2nd Fl, Washington, DC 20003-2832, or On Our Own of St. Mary's County at P.O. Box 1245 Leonardtown, MD. 20650.

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

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Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Sullivan



Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Sullivan, 92, of Leonardtown, MD (Formerly of Middletown, RI) passed away on August 20, 2020 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD.

She was the only child born to the late Albert Green and Elizabeth Herbert Green on April 11, 1928 in Newport, RI.

Betty was a native Newporter, born and raised there. She married the love of her life, Paul J. Sullivan, in Newport, RI. Together they celebrated over 42 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in August 1993. She retired from the federal government as a telephone operator supervisor at the Newport Naval Base.

She was actively involved for many years with First Presbyterian Church in Newport, RI. She was a Deacon, assisting in the soup kitchen and wherever else she was needed. Her hobbies included knitting, in which she made many hats for newborn infants at the

local hospital, and for her family. She made her granddaughter's entire college basketball team hats. She enjoyed vacationing with her family to the White Mountains. She had many travel destinations to include Ireland, Portugal and London. She loved the beaches and spent many summers taking her children to the beach daily. She enjoyed taking walks on Second Beach. She was health conscious and continued to exercise by going to swim classes and water aerobics. Family was very important to her and she enjoyed spending time with them, especially her grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her children, Christopher Sullivan (Roseanne) of Middletown, RI and Elizabeth "Beth" Stauff of California, MD; her grandchildren: Meghan Quigley (Luke) of Franklin, MA, Sean Sullivan of Portsmouth, NH, Kelsey Guthrie (Travis) of Severna Park, MD, and Kristen Deason (Jake) of Pooler, GA; her great-grandchildren: Neave Quigley, Neila Quigley, and Patrick Quigley; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

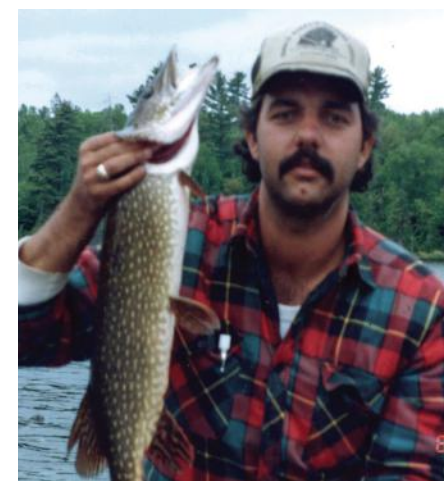
Family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Broadway Street, Newport, RI 02840, with a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 4 Everett Street, Newport, RI. Interment will follow at Middletown Four Corners Cemetery, Middletown, RI.

Serving as pallbearers will be Sean Sullivan, Luke Quigley, Jake Deason, and Travis Guthrie.

Condolences may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

John Wayne Wheeler



John Wayne Wheeler, 60, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on August 20, 2020 at his home.

He was born on May 7, 1960 to the late Wayne Arthur Spruce and Marguerite Daras.

On June 23, 1980, he married his beloved wife, Alice Grace Wheeler. Together they celebrated over 40 wonderful years of marriage. He was a skilled builder and worked many years in the construction industry. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and scuba diving. He especially loved his family and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his beloved wife, John is also survived by his children: Aryana Treweak (Tim) of Easton, PA; Amber Sandberg (Kevin) of Palm Bay, FL and Tiffany Wheeler (QueShaun) of Great Mills, MD; his sibling: Harry Wheeler, James Wheeler, Janice Carswell-Stewart; and ten grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings, Lewis Wheeler, Jr. and Connie Merindino.

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

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John Pinkney Young, Sr.



John Pinkney Young, Sr., beloved son of the late William Pinkney Young and Agnes Marie (Yorkshire) Young was born on March 4, 1925 in Chaptico, Maryland. He departed this life on August 20, 2020, at the blessed age of 95 years "young".

He attended the local schools in St. Mary's County and graduated from Banneker High School in 1943. He was united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony to Agnes Lillian Thomas on October 1, 1945, at Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico, Maryland. This union was blessed with 12 children (9 boys and 3 girls). On October 1, 2020, they would have celebrated 75 years of wedded bliss.

John was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Morganza, Maryland. John held various jobs and worked as a farmer, construction worker, truck driver, and was self-employed owning his own dump truck. He had employment stints with

the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. John retired in 1987 with 41 years of service and was an active member of the Teamsters Local Union 639. For many years during his off-hours he drove the Mennonites/Amish to their doctor's appointments and transported their goods to and from their place of need.

John's favorite pastime included watching a variety of TV sports games, especially baseball. He enjoyed attending local baseball/softball games and frequent them often. One of his highlights was attending a minor league baseball game to see the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs at the Regency Stadium in Waldorf. He enjoyed watching the Judge Judy Show, playing pool, doing Sudoku puzzles and maintaining his lawn. His other pastime was enjoying his favorite foods, which included fried oysters, stuffed ham, and stewed tomatoes, that his wife Lillian prepared for him.

John leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Agnes Lillian, his children, John Pinkney, Jr. Young (Brunetta-deceased), Jerome Young, Joseph Young (Cheryl), Paul Young (Angie), George Young (Debbie), Charles Young (Rita), Ida Goodwin (Joseph), David Young (Jacqueline), Brenda Dade (Jessie), Nellie Herbert (Charles), Robert Young (Meschelle), Devon Young, his sibling Mary (Young) Haighler, grandchildren (30), great-grandchildren (12), great-great-grandchild (1), a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents William Pinkney Young and Agnes Marie (Yorkshire) Young, his siblings Annie (Young) Hill, Francis Young, Alice (Young) Young, Veronica (Young) Ware, Loretta (Young) Shields, and Timothy Bowman, and his grandson George Derrick Gross.

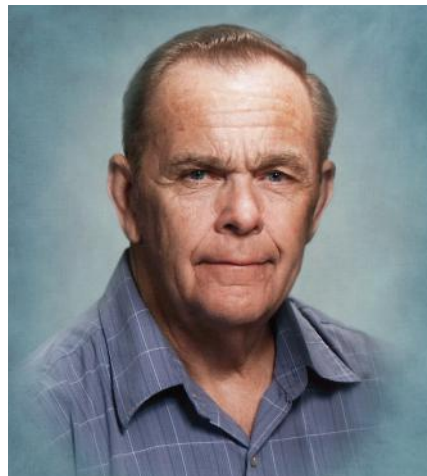
Public visitation will begin at 10 am until Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am on Friday, August 28, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 28297 Old Village Rd, Mechanicsville, MD. Interment to follow at Queen of Peace Cemetery, (Helen) Mechanicsville, MD. The mass and interment will be private to the immediate family by invitation only.

You may view the Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Immaculate Conception Church website: (Please click on the link below, then scroll down on the Home page "To view Live Streamed Weekend Masses", then click the blue "Here" tab. <https://www.immaculate-conceptionmd.com/>)

You may also listen to the Mass of Christian Burial at the above time on your radio at 98.1 FM while in your car in the church parking lot.

Funeral services entrusted to Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home, P.A. (<https://www.briscoe-tonicfuneralhome.com/>).

John Parran "JP" Connelly



John Parran "JP" Connelly, Jr, 80 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on August 21, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. He was born on February 2, 1940 in Leonardtown, MD and was the son of the late Mary Ethel Connelly and John Parran Connelly, Sr. JP was the loving husband of Sharon Lea Connelly whom he married on May 22, 1975 in Leonardtown, MD. JP is survived by his children Robert C Pilkerton of Hollywood, MD, William R. Pilkerton of Leonardtown, MD, Timothy W. Pilkerton of Orange Park, FL, Geneda R. Vice of Orange Park, FL, Joanne P. Connelly of California, MD, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. As well as his siblings M. Joan Mattingly of Leonardtown, MD and Bette Poe of Valley Lee, MD.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1958. He served with the National Guard for 8 years. JP was a facility Coordinator for the U.S. Federal Government for 35 years, retiring in March, 2014.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 27, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in St. Francis Xavier

Catholic Church Leonardtown, MD; where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM with Father Rob Maro officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Dennis Mattingly, Allen Mattingly, Bobby Pilkerton, Billy Pilkerton, Timmy Pilkerton, and Bobby Pilkerton, III. Honorary Pallbearers will be Thomas Herring, Reed Pilkerton and Jacob Vice.

Contributions may be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 21370 Newtowne Neck Road Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Nancy Kaye (Knott) George

Nancy Kaye (Knott) George of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully on Monday evening, August 24, 2020 in Silver Spring, MD. She was born on March 2, 1972 in Leonardtown to Joseph Knott, Sr, and Maude (Tippett) Knott.

She attended Father Andrew White School and graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1991. Later she earned her cosmetology degree from Blades School of Hair Design. She worked for many years as a hair stylist at Unique Chic, Bernie's Hair Salon, and Walmart.

Nancy will be forever remembered by her son Hunter George of Lexington Park; brother Joseph Knott, Jr (Nancy) of Compton; sister Janet Williams (Danny) of Lexington Park; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents.

All funeral services will be private. Arrangements provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



CLEMENTS CUTIES TIME!

Good morning on this fine morning that I am writing...with my wandering mind. As the readers of wanderings of an aimless mind, you know that one of the charities that I help with besides recipients of the Christ Church Strawberry Festival is The Clements Cuties Foundation to help the families of local children fighting cancer. Normally, by now, like all other charities we would have had lots of in-person fundraising events culminating with the great event of the Clements Cuties vs. the Women's Over 30 All Stars softball game with all sorts of crazy antics, brown bag auction, live music, and hours of crazy fun by lots of good-hearted, hard-working people. But we all know that this year is different, and there can't be any large events. More information can be found on our website: www.clements-cuties-foundation.org

Last year, we raised over \$70,000 to help Peyton Greer and Max Long and their families with expenses associated with living with cancer, plus allowing them much-needed family vacations. The Clements Cuties Foundation also funded The Nolan Scully Memorial Scholarship for Public Service: 3-\$1500.00 Awards to:

Kylah Laird (Leonardtown HS). She will be attending: Undecided. Intended Career: Nursing.

Donald Litteral (Chopticon HS). He will be attending: Mount St. Mary's University. Intended Career: Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement.

Dana Schwalbe (Leonardtown HS). She will be attending: University of Virginia. Intended Career: Medical Researcher.

And the Clements Cuties Foundation also funded The Danny Ryce Memorial Scholarship for Music: 1-\$1000.00 Award to: Sydney Bokenhagen (Leonardtown HS). She will be attending: Eastern Michigan University. Intended Career: Instrumental Music Instructor.

This year, we realize it will be harder to raise as large an amount, but we are still hoping for great donations to help the children we are raising funds for, and this year's recipients are: 3 year old AJ Davis, who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. AJ loves to dance in elevators, loves dinosaurs, Ninja Turtles, Paw Patrol, and Nascar, and anything with wheels. Charlotte Dalton, who is 11 years old, and has a rare form of Ovarian Cancer. Charlotte is so sweet that she asked to cut her hair and donate it to

Wigs for Kids when she realized she would be losing her own hair to chemo. Charlotte is a Junior Girl Scout and loves archery and camping. Super Gabe aka Gabriel Sanchez, is 5 years old and was diagnosed with a rare genetic disease, ABCA3 Deficiency. In 2015, Gabriel received a double lung-transplant. The beach is where Gabriel is happiest, and he loves The Wiggles, Thomas The Train, and anything Disney.

So, all this leads up to our event this Friday and Saturday At Seabreeze Restaurant on Sandgates Road in Mechanicsville. You can stay for just a little bit to see many of the Clements Cuties in their Cuties attire, see and bid on the auction items, or stay awhile and bid, eat great seafood, plus listen to the bands; Nightcap on Friday night and Never 2 Late on Saturday night. Masks must be worn of course. We were there last Saturday and saw Jeff Quade and his staff armed and ready with sanitizers for everything, and very strict on mask usage. Here is info about our event for this weekend from Michelle Bowles and our Clements Cuties Foundation: "Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, August 28 and 29, Seabreeze will be hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Clements Cuties!!! They will be having a Chinese Auction and raffling off a HUGE Cooler of Cheer and a set of Cornhole Boards! They have received lots of great auction prizes for you to enter to win! Chinese Auction tickets will be sold from 5PM Friday the 28th through Saturday evening. You can purchase as many tickets as you want and select the items you are interested in. They will be selling raffle tickets for the cooler of cheer and the cornhole boards for \$5.00 each. You do not need to be present to win. All item winners will be announced the evening of August 29. There may be a special appearance of a couple cuties there also.. THANK YOU Seabreeze Restaurant & Tiki Bar for your support of the Clements Cuties and our recipients." My husband and I will be there, with my husband in his famous/infamous 'Roberta persona and his official "Hon" wig from Baltimore.

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St. Mary's Community

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

Friday, August 28

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Latrice Carr at Generations Vineyard

Generations Vineyard; 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Latrice will be back at Generations for a great show of soulful, eclectic tunes! Come join in on the fun for an evening of live music.

Saturday, August 29

2nd District VFDRS Virtual Bake Auction

Sat., Aug. 29th starting at 7:00 p.m. thru Sun, Aug. 30th at 5:00 p.m., Delicious Homemade Desserts, Go to: SD-VFDRS Auxiliary Facebook page. On Sat., Aug. 29th after 7:00 p.m, items will be available for virtual viewing, After all baked goods have been posted, bidding will begin online thru Sun., Aug. 30th until 5:00 p.m.. WINNERS will be posted online, Sun., August 30th, after 5:00 p.m. ALL WINNERS will pick-up their items on Sun.,

August 30th, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the 2nd District Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, (aka Company 6 / Valley Lee), 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692, Cash or check accepted (Make checks payable to 2nd Dist. VFD & RS Aux.), For more info contact: Robin at 240-577-0270.

Sunday, August 30

Family Skate

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

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

to ensure a clean space for your family to enjoy roller skating this summer. Please be sure to bring your own water bottle as water fountains will not be available. Food and vending machines will not be available for use. Consuming food is prohibited in the facility.

Wednesday, September 2

Ledos LVRSA Fundraiser

Ledos Pizza Leonardtown; 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please enjoy some delicious food, dine-in or carry out, to support the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary. Be sure to let your server or cashier know that you are here to support the LVRSA fundraiser so we can get credit for your purchase!

Wayback Wednesdays

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

Ongoing

Enchanted Summer

Annmarie Garden and Arts Center; August 1 - September 7

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

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

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

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

St. Mary's Library Summer Reading 2020

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

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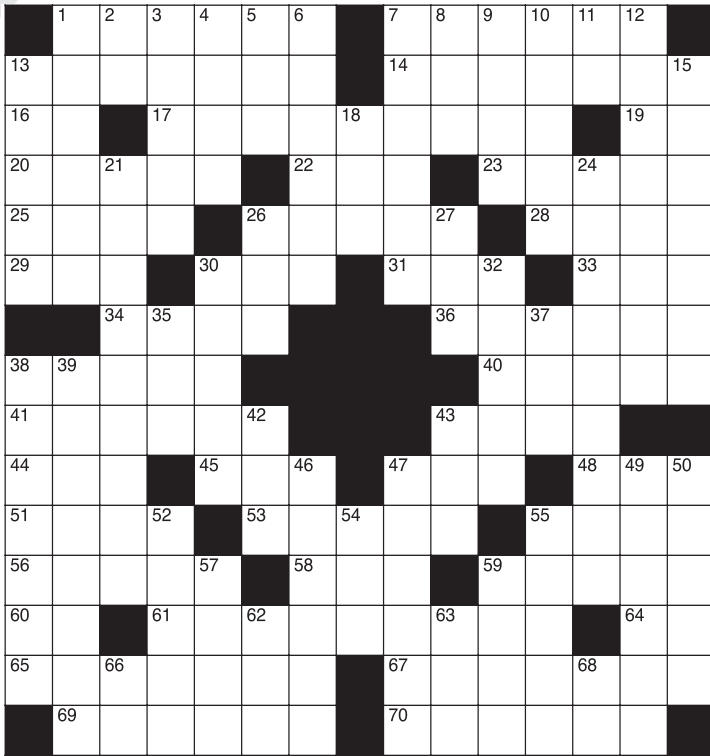
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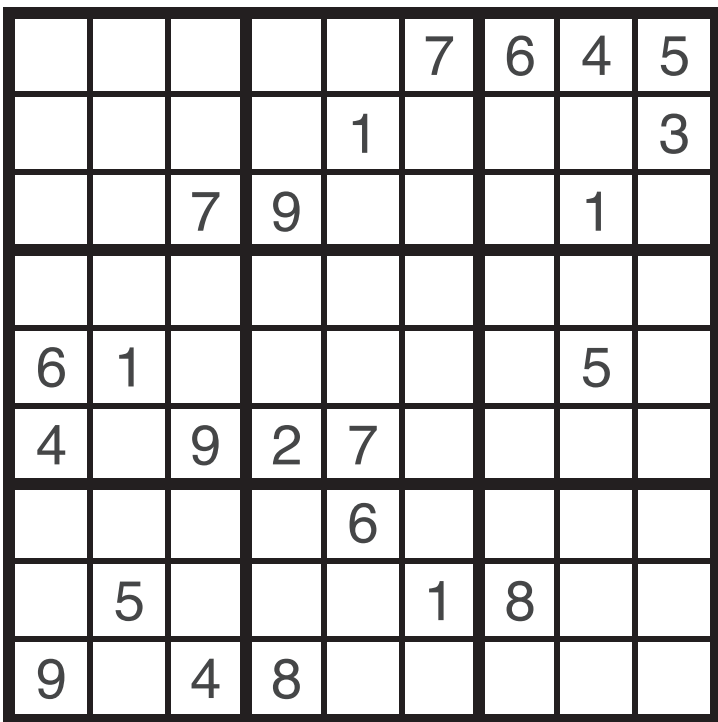
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Slopes
- 7. Attacks
- 13. One who has left prison
- 14. Goes against
- 16. Atomic #37
- 17. Home of The Beatles
- 19. Mac alternative
- 20. A common boundary with
- 22. Fluid in a plant
- 23. Genus that includes scads
- 25. Longer of the forearm bones
- 26. Gradually disappears
- 28. AI risk assessor
- 29. Type of whale
- 30. Jaws of a voracious animal
- 31. Patriotic women (abbr.)
- 33. Ancient Egyptian God
- 34. Obsessed with one's appearance
- 36. Erase
- 38. A type of smartie
- 40. Nostrils
- 41. Influential French thinker
- 43. Popular K-pop singer
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Payroll company
- 47. Moved quickly on foot

- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Rhythmic patterns
- 58. Scatter
- 59. Belongs to bottom layer
- 60. Impulsive part of the mind
- 61. Carousel
- 64. Type of degree
- 65. Ornamental molding
- 67. Locks in again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

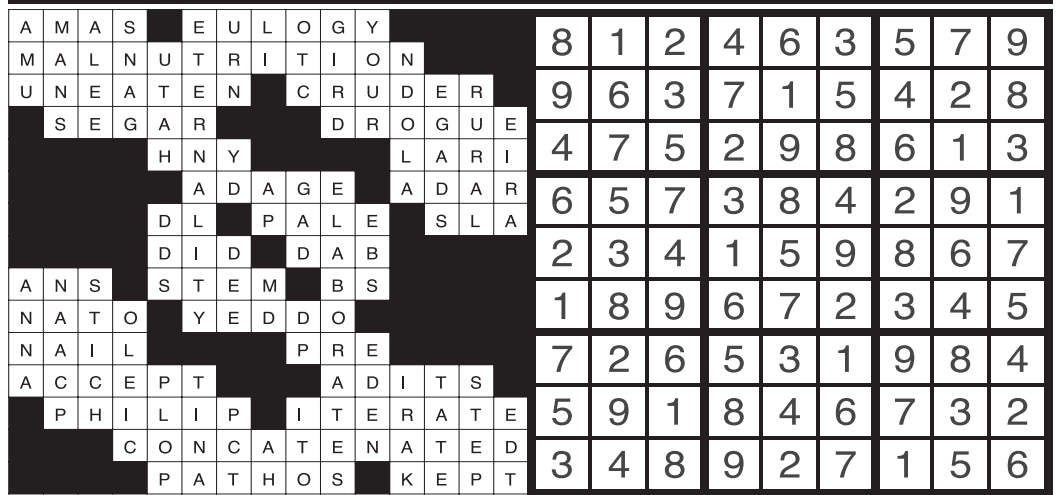
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Speak rapidly
- 2. Trauma center
- 3. River in W. Africa
- 4. Ancient Greek district
- 5. Bulgaria's monetary unit
- 6. Children's ride
- 7. Absorbed liquid
- 8. Markets term
- 9. Retail term recording sales
- 10. Automaton
- 11. Spanish form of "be"
- 12. Divide
- 13. Malaysian sailing boat
- 15. Writers
- 18. Cool!
- 21. Popular tourist attraction studio
- 24. Sets free
- 26. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- 27. Unhappy
- 30. Alternate term for Holy Scripture
- 32. Influential French scholar
- 35. What thespians do
- 37. Local area network
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Coastal region of Canada
- 42. Sun up in New York
- 43. High schoolers' exam
- 46. Fathers
- 47. Call it a career
- 49. Suitable for growing crops
- 50. Rose-red variety of spinel
- 52. Orange-brown in color
- 54. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT sportscaster
- 57. A way to wedge
- 59. Cold, dry Swiss wind
- 62. Hockey players need it
- 63. Something highly prized
- 66. Atomic #45
- 68. Top lawyer



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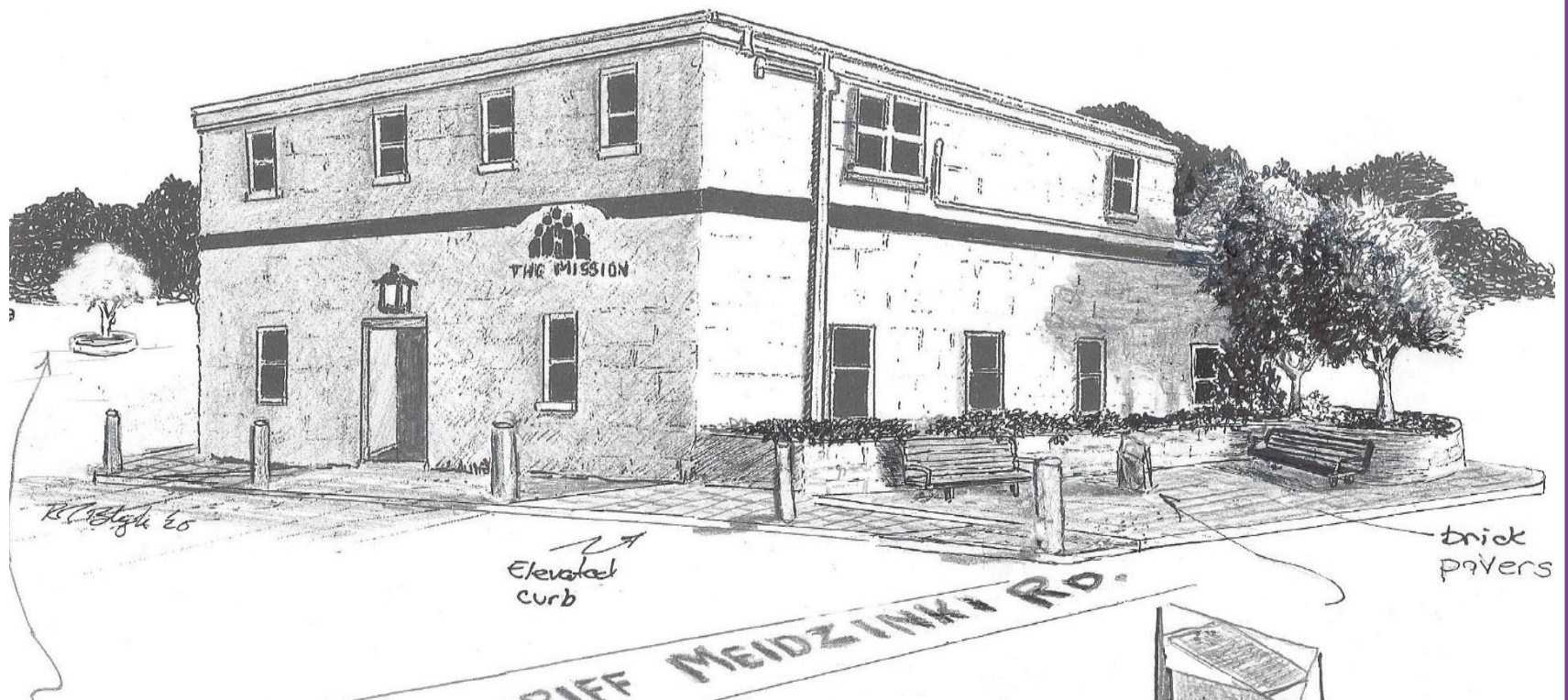
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