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Information provided by St. Mary's Health Department

Fritz and Several Staffers Take 9 Day Ocean City Trip to Cancelled Conference, Tax Payer Funded

Former Office Manager Speaks on State's Attorney Office Controversy

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A recently resigned legal assistant to State's Attorney Richard Fritz claims that former Deputy State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling acted properly when she filed personnel complaints with the county's human resources department, an act for which Fritz demoted Sterling.

Sterling soon after announced her resignation from the office on Sept. 30, claiming also that there were questionable financial and personnel practices occurring in the office, which she said she reported to authorities.

Barbara Rivera, Fritz's former office manager, drew attention to a trip to the Eastern Shore several office personnel went on, that, at least in part, did not happen.

"I find it very perplexing that after some attorneys, Mr. Fritz and [the other employee] went on a nine day 'conference' to Ocean City, paid for by the county, that was actually cancelled, all the nasty behavior and money schemes started to take place."

Regarding "nasty behavior and money schemes" Fritz said he was unaware of what Rivera was referring to but the event, which was a state's attorney's conference, was cancelled.

Fritz said he replaced it with "in-house training" in Ocean City and that "the rooms were already booked."

"Everybody wore masks and socially distanced," Fritz said, noting the trip was open to other personnel there. "It was not limited to anybody."

Rivera, who worked for the state's attorney's office for 21 years, sent a statement to The County Times on Wednesday regarding her resignation Sept. 24 and about money that was allegedly to be taken from the Project Graduation Fund to be given to another employee with whom she was at odds and accused of unprofessional behavior.

"First the \$25,000 yearly 'bonus' that would be going to the 'administrative assistant, who has only been with the office for four years," Rivera claimed. "These funds would have been taken from Project Graduation funds that are donated by the public and used for the high school graduate's graduation party held at Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River to keep them safe on graduation night."

Fritz told The County Times that his request for the money was sent to the county commissioners asking their permission to use the money from Project Graduation for administrative costs.

It was denied.

"End of story," Fritz said. "The other employees would've had the right



State's Attorney Richard Fritz

to put in for it, too."

Fritz has gone on record stating those funds would be used to compensate an employee who was overworked, and who might also work to administer Project Graduation in the coming year.

"To justify giving [the employee] these funds, claims were made that she has the caseload of two employees," Rivera stated. "That is false, she is in a position that a previous employee worked, and that employee was never compensated for extra work that she did; in addition [the employee] is a pay grade level higher than the previous employee in that position."

Fritz reiterated his claim that the employee in question was overwrought with work, often coming in on her own time or taking work home to complete assignments.

Rivera said she brought her concerns to her longtime boss but was rebuffed.

"When I brought my concerns to Mr. Fritz's attention, with examples of numerous employees that have worked in our office for 15, 20 and 30 years, including myself, having increased caseloads throughout our years of service his response to me was 'So[?]'," Rivera wrote.

"Then continuing with my concerns to him, and how I held the position of Office Manager, worked with his case load and another attorney's case load but...was never compensated for my work, his response to me was 'Maybe you should have bitched more.'"

Rivera said she was "taken aback" by Fritz's alleged comment and left for the rest of the working day because of it.

Fritz, in his latest interview, denied using such language towards Rivera.

Rivera said Sterling acted on her behalf in filing an employee grievance against the other coworker.

"Once [the employee] discovered that I knew the \$25,000 was going to her, she made it clear to another staff

member that I should not have said anything and she was not happy that other staff members knew about the scheme to get her salary increased by \$25,000," Rivera claimed. "[The employee] then posted an image online addressed to me and another coworker that was inappropriate and intimidating.

I felt uncomfortable knowing I had to go into the office the following day."

Rivera claimed she felt she was being pushed out of the office.

Fritz denied this claim as well.

"If she claims she resigned because of Rick Fritz, she's absolutely lying," Fritz said. "She and Ms. Sterling are cooking this up."

Rivera claimed: "I was being retaliated against for discussing [the employee's] salary increase, and it was at that time I told Mrs. Sterling to file my complaint. She was the chief of staff, her duties included taking staff complaints. She was following policy and protocol of county government.

"Mr. Fritz came into the office the day after my complaint was filed and

immediately demoted Mrs. Sterling."

Fritz did so by exclaiming it throughout the office, Rivera claimed, and not behind closed doors.

"We absolutely were in my office," Fritz said of Sterling's demotion. "Things got a little loud between her and me."

She also claimed that Fritz told her and the other employee that they had a limited time to file their complaints with him, personally.

Whether the complaints were filed was up to him, Rivera claimed Fritz said.

"I wanted my complaint filed, but obviously Mr. Fritz was not going to follow the proper procedures to do so," stated Rivera. I have never said I [did] not want my complaint filed."

Fritz said he told Rivera and the other employee that he would decide, after his own investigation, whether complaints were founded.

"Then, they could appeal to [the county's Human Resources Department,]" said Fritz.

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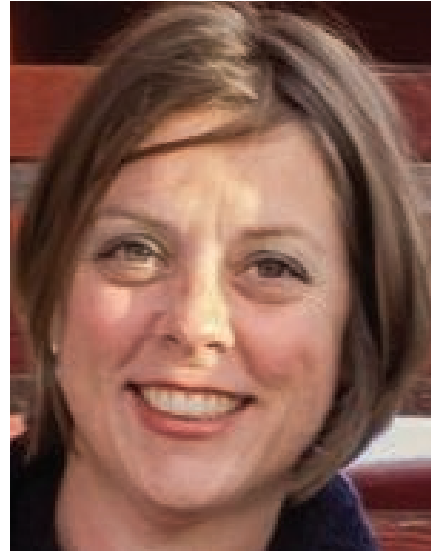
School Board Candidates



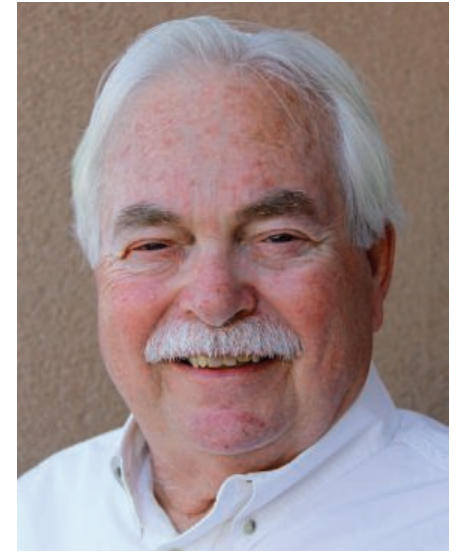
Current Board of Education member Cathy Allen



Board of Education challenging candidate Deforest Rathbone



District 2 Board of Education candidate Heather Earnhart



District 2 Board of Education candidate Jim Davis

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A debate to be held the evening of Oct. 13 for two open school board seats was suddenly cancelled when, according to an announcement from the League of Women Voters of St. Mary's County, one of the participants decided to withdraw.

"Unfortunately, one of the candidates has, at the last minute, declined to participate," a letter written by Kathleen Werner, vice president of the league read. "It is our policy that we cannot have an 'empty chair' forum and as such we have no choice but to cancel it."

In a later interview, Werner said, the league had originally planned to hold the forum for the school board's at large seat and District 2, but Deforest Rathbone, a Leonardtown resident, declined to participate.

"He objected to it being a virtual event," Werner said.

Plans to move ahead with a District 2 school board forum came to a halt when incumbent Jim Davis also declined to participate.

"He did not give a reason [why]," Werner said.

Davis later said he had a personal matter that would not allow him to participate.

Long-time District 4 incumbent Mary Washington is running unopposed.

The league had 30 questions to be asked of all candidates; those questions would be sent to each candidate so their answers could be posted on the league's website.

"We were very disappointed we weren't able to move ahead with any forums this year," Werner said. "It's [the school board race] the only locally contested race."

Earlier this year all of the candidates, save for Davis, responded to questions regarding the school board race from the league back in the spring. The County Times was able to contact Davis and ask him the same questions.

AT LARGE SEAT

Priorities:

Cathy Allen: My priorities are continuing the ongoing work to improve student outcomes with emphasis on students, staff, and programs. In addition, ensuring that we use resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible, safe and orderly schools, and sustainability are significant priorities. Advocating for common sense legislation and the needs of our system is an ongoing priority.

Deforest Rathbone: Implement non-punitive random student health screening for drugs as a health/safety strategy to protect schoolchildren and teachers from the disorder, violence and fear due to the malignant impact of virtually unrestrained use of drugs and alcohol by some students—as documented in the Health Dept. Youth Risk Behavior Surveys.

Budget:

Cathy Allen: In order to meet the growing needs of our students, we need additional staffing. Staff are needed to address class size; special education needs; student mental and behavioral health needs; increasing requests for classes at the Tech Center; transportation needs and staff to care for our facilities to maintain the significant investment we have in them.

Deforest Rathbone: Currently increased expenditures for Security and dealing with behaviorally-challenged students should remain in place until the safer school environment is obtained by the above strategy of early detection and treatment of drug-endangered kids. As fear among students and teachers subsides, security funds can be re-programmed for other purposes.

College Alternatives:

Cathy Allen: A robust series of programs at our Tech Center provides options leading to a wide variety of industry certifications for students who wish to pursue careers outside of a four year college degree. Additional staffing would allow us to accommodate more students in the available programs. All students need to graduate college and

career ready but not all may choose to attend college.

Deforest Rathbone: Traditionally, shop and vocational courses were available to prepare kids who may choose that type of work. Agriculture and Science were combined in my 1943-44 9th grade boys' class in GMHS, and I enjoyed it so much I still have my workbooks from then. My experience in real world craft education could help here.

Funding: The Kerwin Commission

Cathy Allen: It is concerning that the Kirwan Commission went well beyond its mission and timeline and is now expecting quick passage of 172 pages of legislation plus a 62 page fiscal note. Members of the Commission have said that the recommendations will not work unless passed with fidelity since some items are dependent on others to work. Cost alone is the greatest obstacle.

Deforest Rathbone: I read the report and found it too theoretical and unrealistic. Instead of focusing on improving the good parts of our mostly effective education system, the recommendations are massive, costly, and too long-term with it mostly relying on more educational bureaucracy. Gov. Hogan has proclaimed it too expensive. I agree.

DISTRICT 2 SEAT

Priorities

Jim Davis: My highest priority would be to ensure the kids are safe and protected from the coronavirus. I'm also really interested in helping students with [learning] disabilities and lower income kids and bolstering their learning abilities.

Heather Marin Earhart: Helping increase extracurricular and enrichment programs in our schools. I believe we need additional programs to help support our military-connected children as well as special need students. I also believe in taking care of all personnel associated with our student's day-to-day education — from the bus driver to the Principal.

Budget:

Jim Davis: We'd like to increase the budget for after school programs... so

that working students can start classes at 2p.m. and go through to 6p.m. or 7 p.m.

And we need more money for teachers to fill the ranks. We can't recruit enough teachers from Maryland schools, we have to go to Pennsylvania and elsewhere to recruit them.

Heather Marin Earhart: We need to work together as parents and citizens to encourage the Commissioners to support increases to the budget. We need additional counselors in our schools, increases in teachers' salaries, and schools that can accommodate the present and future community — our schools are overcrowded. We need to invest in additional programs for students.

College Alternatives:

Jim Davis: I'm a very strong supporter of community and two-year technical schools. It gives a fresh start to kids who maybe didn't do particularly well in high school and now they realize the need a skill set.

The Clark School of Engineering will accept College of Southern Maryland Students with a 'B' average and the new University of Maryland at Southern Maryland campus offers college courses part time.

Heather Marin Earhart: We need programs that help set our students up for success. In addition to learning a trade, we should present and teach students to explore their potential to start a small business and learn how to run one effectively, learn how to become an apprentice, or pursue a career in the military.

Funding The Kerwin Commission:

Jim Davis: I'm not a proponent of the Kerwin Commission. I supported everything in it but where are you going to get the money? It sounds like a pipe dream. To me, it was just wishful thinking.

Heather Marin Earhart: We need to communicate and share the facts. There is misinformation and confusion regarding the Commission. We need to ensure we provide accurate information about the impacts. I believe the other obstacle is working with the County Commissioners and gaining their support.

Crime Decreased in St. Mary's Last Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Violent crime dropped in 2019 compared to 2018, the latest data from the FBI's Uniform Crime Report (UCR) shows.

The UCR is the compilation of all known crimes catalogued by law enforcement throughout the nation each year.

The report showed there were 202 violent crimes reported here in St. Mary's last year with one murder, there were 221 violent crimes in 2018 and two killings.

There have already been five homicides in St. Mary's County this year and Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron still held out hope that most crime statistics, particularly violent crimes, would continue downward.

"I'm guarded about the numbers when we start to compare 2020 to 2019," Cameron told The County Times.

He said he believed the overall recorded drop was indicative of a strong community that was, on the whole, prosperous and peaceful.

"It's a reflection on the economy, of

affordable housing, of jobs, the government really, and the community working together," Cameron said. "It's not just about policing, it's so many other factors."

Instances of rape also decreased with 20 being reported last year compared to 26 in 2018.

The number of robberies sharply declined also; there were 39 reported last year versus 53 in 2018.

Aggravated assaults remained almost unchanged with a slight increase last year with 142; there were 140 reported in 2018, according to the report.

Property crimes decreased, but there were more than 1,600 each year with 1,663 in 2019 versus 1,698 in 2018.

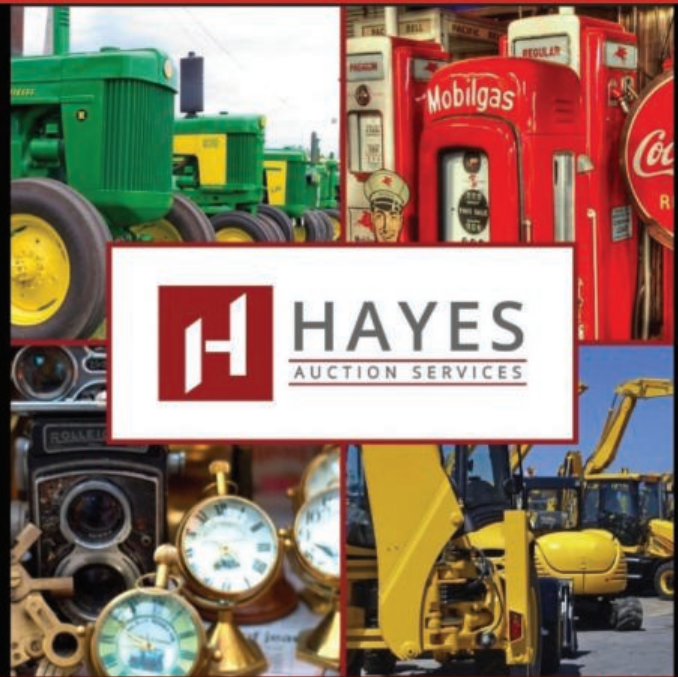
Burglaries saw a significant decrease in 2019, with 301 reported against the 418 law officers dealt with the year prior, the report stated.

Larcenies increased this past year, however, with 1,297 being reported versus 1,217 reported in 2018.

Arsons remained the same and six reported in both years.

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Emergency Director: Contract Medics Coming Soon

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county’s Director of Emergency Management Steve Walker said this week that contract medics would soon be hired, perhaps next week, to assist beleaguered rescue squads throughout St. Mary’s County answer calls for service during the daytime hours.

“We hope to get people out to the rescue squads as quick as we can,” Walker said. “All the rescue chiefs have for assistance.”

The plans for the hiring and dispersal of the contract medics was being finalized this week, Walker said.

“We hope to roll out the assistance next week,” he said.

The vehicles the contract medics would use, Walker said, would be those currently owned by each rescue squad.

So far the Leonardtown squad had asked for two emergency medical technicians (EMTs) for three days a week, Valley Lee had asked for two EMTs five days a week as did the Mechanicsville squad, Walker said.

The Lexington Park rescue squad requested four EMTs to be divided equally between their two stations for five days a week, while Ridge, 7th District and Hollywood all asked for two contract EMTs for four days a week.

Each of the shifts would be during the

day and last for 12 hours, Walker said, which were the most difficult to fill because volunteers were often working during those hours.

The county’s Advanced Life Support Unit (ALS) would also get four paramedics to assist it, but would operate out of the county’s emergency management office instead of the ALS unit adjacent to Med-Star St. Mary’s Hospital.

The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County raised the issue last week at their regular meeting, stating that response times for calls had increased significantly and the county’s all volunteer system was relying heavily on mutual aid from other counties.

Many volunteers are also older and at greater risk of severe consequences if they contract the virus.

The money for hiring the medical personnel comes from CARES Act funding from the federal government to assist local jurisdictions to recover and cope with COVID-19.

Walker said the contract hires were “temporary in nature.”

“When the money (about \$470,000) runs out, hopefully we’ll have our staffing where it needs to be,” Walker said.

He predicted, under the current plan for hiring and deployment, the funding could be for three-to-three-and-a-half months.

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Calvert Gun Shop Takes Deaf, Hard of Hearing to the Range



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

They came from all over Maryland, Virginia and even Ohio to take the National Rifle Association's pistol marksmanship course at J2 Defense in Prince Frederick, some had some experience shooting while others had little.

But one thing they all shared, they were all either deaf or hard of hearing.

"I was curious because it was an opportunity to with interpreters," said Jennifer Herzog from Arnold. "I was looking for a way to do that."

Herzog said she was martial artist, practicing both Tae Kwon Do and Eskrima, and was contemplating buying a handgun.

"I would like to but I haven't decided yet," Herzog said.

Herzog would go on to shoot quite well during the range time near the end of the one-day class.

"I enjoyed it," she said of the class. "The instruction was great."

Jason and Karla Mooney, partners in the business at J2 Defense, took six students through the class which included hours of classroom learning on safety, types of guns, cleaning and maintenance, the fundamentals of shooting and marksmanship.

"Having interpreters in American Sign Language was definitely different," Karla said. "Some of them have been waiting to do something like this for years."

"It's a needful class; they have limitations that we have no idea about."

Jason said that he and his wife teach the course without cutting corners and the students who attend are often motivated to learn.

"These students seem to be just that kind of student," Jason said. "For the first class [of its kind], it went really fine."

Jason Mooney said he wanted to analyze the class and ensure that it can be replicated by other training groups interested in teaching those with special

needs.

The students went through simulated shooting using the MILOS system which involves scenarios played out on a movie screen in which the shooter uses a laser-shooting handgun and decides to either shoot or not.

The computer scores how accurate they were and changes the difficulty of scenarios.

The students then moved out to an open-air range to shoot to qualify to pass the basic pistol class at Level No. 1.

"I want to learn how to defend myself and my family," said Franklyn Ash of Lanham. "I used to box and fight in MMA (mixed martial arts) so I'm not allowed to use my hands to protect myself."

"We live in tumultuous times."

Ash was interested in buying both a handgun and rifle and he praised the volunteer instructors and interpreters who helped teach the class.

"This is a great place for the deaf and hard of hearing to learn," Ash said. "There's a larger deaf community here in Maryland."

Ash grew up in Detroit, and both he and Herzog were deaf, communicating through interpreters at the Oct. 3 class.

Omar Chung, an Upper Marlboro resident who is hard of hearing, helped organize the class through social media; he is a gun enthusiast who is an assistant NRA instructor.

Chung said having interpreters working while instructors were teaching was the most effective way for the deaf and hard of hearing to learn.

"I want to be a full basic pistol instructor," Chung said, noting that the class was aimed at empowering the deaf and hard of hearing as much as it was about learning to shoot.

"It's more about accessibility for the deaf and hard of hearing," Chung said. "I have a lot of respect for gun dealers in the region, but they might not know about deaf culture or the deaf community."

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• Tuesday, October 27, 2020
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Chopticon High School

• Wednesday, October 28, 2020
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Spring Ridge Middle School

• Thursday, October 29, 2020
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The candidates for the 5th Congressional District, Incumbent House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Republican challenger Chris Palombi agreed to answer The County Times' questions about key local and national issues.

District 5 covers all of Southern Maryland.

What will you do to ensure Southern Maryland recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic both in terms of health and economically?

Hoyer: "The two are tied together closely. [Students] need to be back in school and people need to get back to work. I'm supportive of federal investment and propping up our families and our businesses, especially our small businesses."

Hoyer said the federal government needed to find a way to provide more stimulus to avoid either a recession or full depression in the economy.

"We need to make sure we get a deal to give the country another shot in the arm."

Palombi: "I think that's mostly a local and state issue. The PPP program ran out so fast... a lot of big companies had the personnel to process those applications as quickly as possible. [Businesses with just a few employees] missed out on the program."

Palombi said programs like the PPP should be replenished but with a focus on very small businesses and proprietorships.

"The ultimate stimulus though, is reopening," Palombi said, adding that Congress must find a way to provide more stimulus. "It's infuriating that they can't compromise."

Do you favor defunding regional police? What reforms, if any, do you support for law enforcement? Explain.

Hoyer: "Absolutely not, it's a thoughtless sentiment. The vast majority of our police act in a proper way. But if they break the law they need to be held accountable the same way a politician or public official would."

Hoyer said police reform was nec-

essary to avoid excessive use of force and curtail certain procedures that led to tragic deaths.

"We need a system of accountability... and we need to outlaw restraint techniques such as chokeholds. Things such as no-knock warrants can give rise to something like what happened in the Breonna Taylor incident."

Palombi: "I don't. [All the debate over defunding the police] is lowering their manpower. That's not going to solve our problems. We need to find ways to eliminate excessive force at all costs."

Palombi said officers could use more and better training in the use of force but agencies had to work to ensure a work/life balance for officers and that they were ready to face the rigors of the job each day.

Palombi favored "equitable policing" and even potentially "national use of force guidelines."

What are your plans to improve regional/local infrastructure such as the Thomas Johnson Bridge and the intersection at Route 5 and Great Mills Road?

Hoyer: "We need to invest in the Great Mills/Rt. 5 area. I'm committed to that. I'll be working to get additional federal dollars next year in that project particularly."

Hoyer said that federal funding was also needed for the Thomas Johnson Bridge if there was ever to be a replacement.

"I hope to get help there as well," Hoyer said.

Palombi: "Those projects have been a long time coming. We need to make sure we have funding in place for that."

Palombi said federal funds also need to be made available for bridge expansion and to bolster evacuation routes for Southern Maryland.

"We need to find ways to make tax dollars work more efficiently," Palombi said.

What will you do to protect the flow of work opportunities on Pax River NAS

and improve the building infrastructure there?

Hoyer: "We need to work closely with the proponents of the base, including the Navy Alliance so when we have a challenge, we can overcome it. "We need to be making sure that with the expertise at Pax River that we don't have a stovepipe there. We have the capabilities to take in a broad range of work there."

Hoyer said there were often concerns among U.S. Navy leadership that varied kinds of technology work at the base could detract from the main mission there of test and evaluation of aircraft, he believed the base could accomplish both.

"We need to reassure them that we can get our core work done," said Hoyer.

Palombi: "The buildings there are quite aged. We need to ensure the quality and security of the infrastructure at all our military bases."

Palombi said cybersecurity was both a focus of work and a needed security feature at the base as well as the conventional security measures there.

"We need to pursue that and make sure that's secure as well," Palombi said.

He believed the cyber security presence on base could help spark support technical services outside the main gate and boost the local economy.

Will you work to provide federal funding to make working from home easier for both defense sector employees and everyday residents, such as increased broadband access?

Hoyer: "We passed a bill July 1... with a very substantial investment in broadband and it cost \$500 million less than what was required by the President."

Hoyer said that the COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important internet access is and that "everybody has the availability of broadband."

"It's a critically important investment," Hoyer said, adding that the nation's electrical and internet grids

were open to cyberattack. "We need to upgrade our grid substantially."

Palombi: "There would have to be federal funding to assist with that. There are a lot of people in the District who still don't have access to the internet. When my wife and I moved here there was no access and we had to have Comcast lay cable; that helped our neighbors out."

He lamented the lack of competition regionally in providing internet services.

"It stinks when you have a lack of choice."

What are your plans or ideas to specifically help small businesses recover from losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Hoyer: The PPP program provided money to businesses when they lost revenues due to the coronavirus shutdowns and the Heroes Act would do much the same for local and state governments and agencies.

"It's [the PPP program] made all the difference but it needs to be re-uped," Hoyer said adding that the Senate has not voted on the package and likely would not.

"It's a shame the Senate hasn't taken it up. It's time for us to get an agreement together."

Palombi: "The PPP program needs to be modified for sure [to aid very small businesses]. Small businesses thrive when dollars stay local. I'm a big free market person."

Palombi said he wanted to find ways to incentivize consumers to buy locally and bring back the supply chain from foreign dependency.

"We rely too much on foreign supply lines we need to think about giving tax breaks to get them [companies and industries] to come back here. It can help restore our vanishing middle class. Just bringing that back to the country is a win-win."

Do you favor sanctioning China for its role in the spread of the novel coronavirus?

Hoyer: "I favor sanctioning China... but not particularly for the coro-

MEET THE Candidates



U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5th), a Democrat, has served in Congress for 40 years and is the House Majority Leader. Before serving in Congress he was the President of the Maryland State Senate. He lives in St. Mary's County.



Chris Palombi, the Republican challenger, works as a hockey coach at St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown and is a self-taught web developer and former officer with the U.S. Capitol Police Department. He grew up in Calvert County and resides there with his wife and three children.

navirus. I'm in favor of sanctioning China because of its unfair trade practices, theft of intellectual property and its belligerence in foreign policy."

Palombi: "Yes, they need to be held accountable, but first we need to bring the supply chain back to the U.S. China has stolen our intellectual property, has been caught multiple times hacking our systems and stealing data and also has a horrible human rights crisis going on with their treatment of their citizens, including Uighurs."

The CCP must be held accountable for this, as well as their involvement in the COVID-19 outbreak."

What would you do to reform immigration policy?

Hoyer: "Everybody in Washington,

D.C. knows that current immigration police does not work. "We need immigration, especially so we have the personnel we need to fill jobs. We need border security... but I'm against taking children away from their parents,"

Hoyer has opposed President Trump's border wall project but has pressed for comprehensive border surveillance through technology and efficient use of law enforcement.

Palombi: "It's up to Congress to legislate. Congress needs to act [to provide the country] with the security of our borders."

Congress had to act to reduce the backlog of legal immigration applications, Palombi said, but allowing illegal immigrants to earn money here but not pay taxes was not sustainable, especially when it concerned sanctuary cities and free education.

"We can't continue to support programs with taxpayer dollars for people who come here illegally. We want

people to come here but they need to use the proper channels."

What actions do you favor in health care reform?

Hoyer: Hoyer said the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has helped millions of Americans get health insurance coverage and he continues to support it.

"It's at risk from the Trump Administration."

He said the continued attacks, if successful, would result in millions losing health insurance.

Hoyer said he was in favor of continuing to find ways to expand benefits and continue lowering health care costs.

Palombi: "I'd like to modify it [the Affordable Care Act]. The over regulation has led to skyrocketing premi-

ums. Consumers should have choices in their health care and there needs to be transparency in health care costs. [The mandate to accept pre-existing conditions] is here to stay, it's not going anywhere."

Palombi favored options such as health care savings plans, direct primary care subscriptions refundable health care tax credits.



ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Attempted Robbery in Leonardtown Under Investigation

On October 6, 2020, at approximately 8:50 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the Breton Bay subdivision in Leonardtown for an attempted robbery call. The victim advised deputies she was traveling on Newtowne Neck Road and stopped in the roadway to turn left onto Bull Road. The victim was approached by a white male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. The suspect was armed with a handgun and attempted to gain access to the victim's vehicle via the passenger door. The suspect was unsuccessful gaining access to the vehicle and the victim left the scene in her vehicle and the suspect fled the area on foot. A perimeter was established, and a K-9 track conducted by members of the St. Mary's

County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit which yielded negative results.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact DFC. Dale Smith at (301) 475-4200 extension 78098 or via email at Dale.Smith@stmarysmd.com.

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

For official news and information follow the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on Twitter @firstsheriff.

Robbery in California Under Investigation

On October 8, 2020, the victim responded to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Headquarters in Leonardtown, to report a robbery that occurred earlier in the day at the Wawa located at 23141 Three Notch Road in California. The victim advised at approximately 10:15 a.m. while parked at the Wawa, an unknown male opened the door to her vehicle and asked for money. The victim provided money to the suspect and the suspect left the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'6", and at the time of the robbery he was wearing a black hooded jacket.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to contact Deputy Andrew Burgess at (301) 475-4200 extension 78041 or by email at Andrew.Burgess@stmarysmd.com.

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DIY Projects That Can Conserve Energy



Home renovation projects can pay numerous dividends. Renovations can have a positive effect on resale value, make homes more livable for residents and, in some ways, make homes more affordable.

Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable financial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7° and 10° F for eight hours per day can save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each individual project may not result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.

Project: Install exterior low-e storm windows.

What is it? Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal that improves the window's insulation ability.

How much can I save? Homeowners who install low-e windows can save between 12 and 33 percent on

their annual heating and cooling costs.

Project: Seal uncontrolled air leaks.

What is it? Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

How much can I save? Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling bills.

Project: Plant shade trees.

What is it? If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs.

How much can I save? Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

Project: Insulate the water heater tank

What is it? New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate their tanks with a water heater insulating blanket kit.

How much can I save? Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills.

Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at www.energy.gov.



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Prepare Your Deck For Winter

Homeowners often take steps to winterize the interior of their homes in the weeks before winter's arrival, but such efforts should extend to the outside of a home as well.

Decks make for great gathering places when the weather permits. Decks are where many people spend their free time and eat their meals come spring and summer, when the temperatures climb and the sun sets well into the evening. But as summer turns to fall, homeowners must take measures to protect their decks from potentially harsh winter weather.

- Inspect the deck for problems. Decks tend to be used more often in summer than any other time of year. That makes fall and early winter an ideal time to inspect for wear and tear and any additional issues that may have cropped up throughout the summer. Damaged boards and loose handrails should be fixed before winter arrives, especially for homeowners who plan to use their decks in winter. Fixing such issues in winter and even into spring may be difficult thanks to harsh conditions, so make good use of the relatively calm autumn weather to fix any issues on the deck.

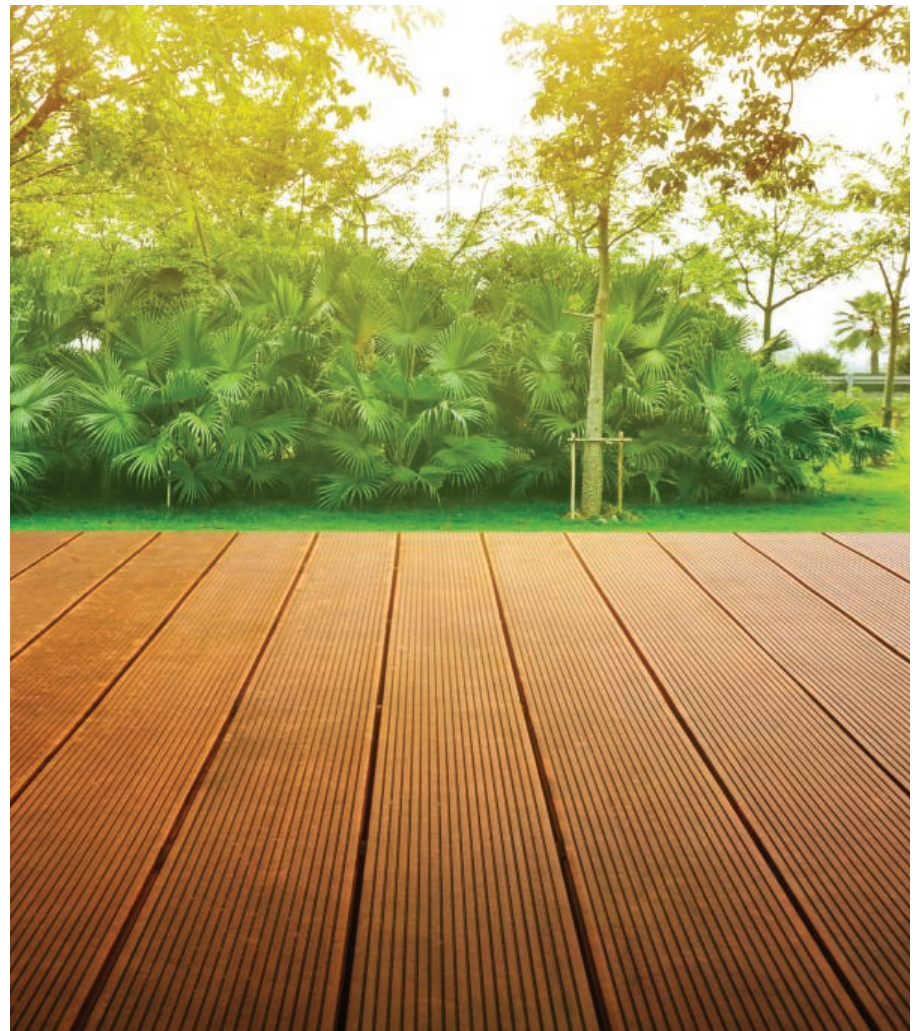
- Clear the deck of potted plants. Even homeowners who intend to use their decks in winter should remove potted

plants from the deck in the fall. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that moisture can get trapped between deck boards and plastic, wood or ceramic containers in cold weather, and that can contribute to mildew, discoloration or decay.

- Store unnecessary furniture. Homeowners who like to sit on their decks in winter will no doubt want to leave some furniture out over the winter. But those with lots of furniture for entertaining guests can likely move the majority of that furniture into a garage or shed for the winter. HGTV notes that doing so will prevent the potential formation of blemishes on the deck that can result from inconsistent weathering.

- Remove snow, but do so carefully. Prolonged contact with snow and ice can damage a deck. As a result, homeowners should clear snow from their decks when accumulation is significant. HGTV recommends using a snow blower on the deck to avoid scarring. If a shovel must be used, push snow with the planks to reduce the risk of damaging the deck.

Homeowners who take steps to protect their decks throughout the winter months can ensure these popular areas are ready once entertaining season returns in the spring.



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What to Know About DIY Insulation



Perhaps due in part to the popularity of home improvement television shows, many homeowners now tackle an assortment of home projects without professional assistance. These weekend warriors embrace the do-it-yourself philosophy to home improvement, saving lots of money along the way.

As rewarding as successful DIY projects can be, it's important that homeowners avoid getting in over their heads. Some projects, such as those that involve plumbing or roofing, tend to be best left to the professionals. But many other projects, including insulation installation, are very DIY-friendly.

Can I install insulation myself?

The Insulation Institute notes

that DIY insulation installation is definitely doable, though typically only when homeowners are installing certain types of insulation. The Institute notes that installing fiberglass or mineral wool insulation can be simple. However, homeowners who prefer spray foam insulation should leave installation to the professionals.

What should I do before beginning the project?

The Insulation Institute advises homeowners who are going to install insulation to determine if vapor retarders, sometimes referred to as "vapor barriers," will need to be installed before they begin the project. Vapor diffusion retarders can reduce the amount of moisture

transferred by air currents, but they are not always necessary. Factors such as climate, cladding type (i.e., brick, stucco, wood, etc.) and the location of the wall being insulated will help homeowners determine if they need vapor diffusion retarders. Homes located in places with mixed climates often need vapor diffusion retarders. DIYers can visit www.insulationinstitute.org to learn more or consult with an insulation or watersealing professional to determine if they need vapor diffusion retarders.

DIYers will need the appropriate tools and attire before beginning an insulation installation project. In addition to the insulation itself, the online resource The Home Im-

provement Web® recommends the following tools:

- Safety glasses
- Dust mask or respirator
- Stapler (electric, standard, or hammer type)
- 3/8" or 1/2" staples
- Protective clothing
- Work light
- Tape measure
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DIYers can access any number of insulation installation tutorials online to determine if they can install insulation without hiring professionals.



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Considerations Before Warming Up The First Fire

A warm fire can make even the coldest winter day more enjoyable. Fireplaces may not get much use in spring or summer, but come late fall and throughout the winter, the fireplace can be a great place for families to gather.

Before fireplace season hits full swing, homeowners might want to brush up on a few fireplace facts so they can safely enjoy nights spent sitting by the crackling flames.

The Chimney Safety Institute of America advises homeowners with fireplaces to hire a CSIA-certified chimney sweep to clean their fireplaces. After a lengthy period of non-use, various issues could be affecting the chimney, many of which might not be noticeable to an untrained eye. Professional, certified chimney sweeps have extensive knowledge of fireplaces, making them valuable resources who can let homeowners know if any safety issues developed since fireplaces were last used. The National Protection Agency recommends that chimneys be swept at least once per year.

A full inspection of the chimney might be in order as well. Chimney service technicians will conduct thorough examinations of readily accessible portions of the chimney exterior and interior and accessible portions of the

appliance and the chimney connection. The CSIA recommends that homeowners who plan to use their chimneys as they have in the past request a Level 1 inspection, which will examine the soundness of the chimney structure and flue as well as the basic appliance installation and connections. Technicians also will verify if the chimney is free of obstruction and combustible deposits.

Homeowners also should inspect their chimney dampers before lighting their first fires of the season. Dampers should open and close smoothly. If not, a service technician can help fix or replace the damper.

Firewood is another thing homeowners must consider before lighting their first fires of the season. The CSIA says that well-seasoned firewood works best, noting that wood that is not well-seasoned will produce more smoke than heat. In addition, the home improvement resource This Old House recommends using dense wood that's been split and stored in a high and dry place for at least six months. Oak is an example of dense wood that, when stored properly, can make for an enjoyable fireplace experience. Avoid softwoods like pine. Pine can produce a lot of creosote, which is a byprod-



uct of wood combustion. Creosote is highly flammable, and as it builds up in a chimney, the risk for a chimney fire increases. Choosing the right wood, making sure it's well-seasoned and having a chimney professionally cleaned can reduce the risk of a creosote-related chimney fire. A Level 1 inspection

should determine if there are potentially dangerous levels of creosote deposits in the chimney.

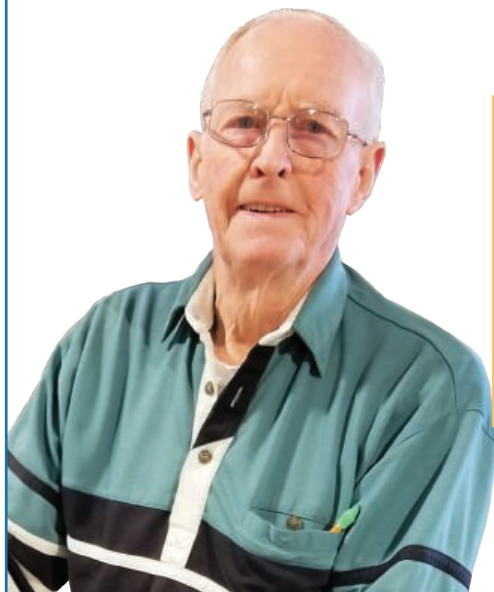
Before nestling up to a fireplace this winter, homeowners should consider a host of factors and safety measures to ensure their fireplaces are safe and ready for the season ahead.

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12 Ways to Maximize Vertical Space

Who hasn't, at one point in their lives, lamented a lack of space and organization at home? A lifetime's worth of items have to be kept somewhere, and without the right organizational strategy, clutter can quickly take over.

The home improvement site Home Therapy says that, when square footage is limited, tapping vertical walls is the fastest way to maximize and multiply the space available. Hooks, rods, shelving, built-ins ... the sky is the limit when it comes to finding additional storage and adding a bit of personality to tight quarters. Even homes that may have adequate space can benefit from vertical solutions.

Here are some ideas to put vertical and other less-utilized areas to work for you.

1. Hang wire or plastic file organizers on the inside of kitchen cabinets to easily store cookie sheets, trays and cutting boards.

2. Save on counter or cabinet space with hanging spice racks. These can be hung directly on walls or on the inside of cabinet doors.

3. Stack all the stuff you can, including washers and dryers, beds (with storage drawers underneath) and even stacking nesting tables.

4. Choose furniture that is tall rather than wide. This can mean swapping out a dresser in a bedroom for an armoire or

vertical chest of drawers.

5. Canvas bags hung on a towel bar on a wall can keep dirty clothes wrangled until it's time to wash them. This also eliminates clothes hampers on the floor.

6. Add a second rod or shelving to the inside of closets to create more space for clothing and other items.

7. Take kitchen cabinets all the way to the ceiling. Store lesser used items on the uppermost shelves and the items you use each on the most accessible shelves.

8. Install a shelf over the entryway to a room to utilize this seldom-used space. Shelves also can be custom cut and placed in oddly shaped areas, such as in attic rooms under the eaves or on slanted walls.

9. Dowels or curtain rods and some fabric can be used to fabricate slings to hold books or magazines.

10. Invest in some magnetic boards that can hold keys or notes by the front door or store knives on a kitchen wall.

11. Install two towel bars parallel to one another on the wall of a bathroom. These can hold extra toilet tissue or rolled hand towels.

12. Use rope plant hangers to store potatoes or onions near prep areas. The same plant hangers can wrangle stuffed animals and small toys in kids' rooms.

Utilizing vertical areas in a home is a great way to increase storage capacity and keep rooms more organized.



Shelving can corral items and keep rooms more organized.

Did You Know?



Investing in a home renovation project not only requires money, but also time and patience. While contractors, architects and designers can estimate how long a project may take, it is impossible to anticipate all of the scenarios that can affect that estimated timeline. Information from the real estate firm Keller Williams indicates an average kitchen remodel involving installation of new countertops, cabinets, appliances, and floors can take three to six months. But if

ductwork, plumbing or wiring must be addressed, the job may take longer. A midline bathroom remodel may take two to three months. Adding a room to a house can take a month or two. The home improvement resource Renovation Junkies offers similar estimates, with the average home renovation taking between four and eight months. Homeowners need to consider time when planning their home projects.



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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

“Blackjacks,” Navy’s Rotary Wing Developmental Test Squadron, Change Command

Cdr. Daniel Short took command of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 during a ceremony at NAS Patuxent River on Thursday, Oct. 9.

Short took over from Lt. Col. John Ennis, who served as the squadron’s commanding officer since April 2019 and who is retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps.

Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Masiello, Program Executive Officer for Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault & Special Mission Programs, presided over the change of command ceremony.

“There’s a lot going on, and we’re glad you’re at the helm,” Masiello said to Short. “To the family, you know what he’s getting into. Thank you for sharing him for another lap in the pattern.”

Masiello praised Ennis for what he described as his “outstanding” leadership of the squadron and reminisced about working with Ennis during his tenure as a V-22 test pilot, singling him out as a “calm, compassionate, and caring leader” who was “engaged not just in the program but in the human element.”

“This is important work, and it’s important for the entire nation and for people who have no idea that you exist,” Masiello said to the women and men of HX-21 present at the ceremony. “I thank you for that.”

Prior to joining HX-21 as Chief Test Pilot, Short served at the Pentagon on the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air Programs. At HX-21, Short has also served the Government Flight Test Director (GFTD) for both the MH-60 and CH-53K programs. On the former program, he led developmental test efforts on the U.S. Navy MH-60R/S, HH-60H, and FMS H-60s, including the helmet display and tracker system, rocket and 20 mm weapons systems, and the first flight of the Spanish SH-60F. On the latter program, he led the structural envelope expansion, fly-by-wire flight control law development, and performance flight test. During this tour, Short became the first Navy pilot to fly the CH-53K.

A 2008 graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Short has over 2,950 hours in 52 different types, models, and series of aircraft. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal.

“This is the third job in a row I’ve taken over from you,” Short said to En-

nis during the ceremony. “We’ve worked together many times over the last 12 years and I can certainly say that this is your crowning achievement. You’ve led the squadron ... with your characteristic calm demeanor, reason, and logic. I’ve learned much from you over the years, but maybe never as much as over the last six months.”

“HX-21 has always been a family and a close-knit team,” Short said, praising the command for maintaining its operational tempo amid the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. “Now, we’re a well-oiled, disciplined machine that knows how to operate in this new environment, and do it safely, better than anyone in the world.”

Ennis was previously the GFTD for the CH-53K test program in West Palm Beach, Florida. He served as the deputy FOPSO/V-22 planner for 2d MAW(FWD) and deployed to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan in 2013. Prior to that, Ennis served as Executive Officer of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 266. The first fleet-trained V-22 developmental test pilot, Ennis conducted flight tests involving ship-board dynamic interface, vehicle management software, cold-weather hover performance, and defensive weapons, among other accomplishments.

Of his 24 year career flying a wide variety of aircraft including the MV-22, Ennis said, “I couldn’t have asked for anything better.”

The 2009 MCAA John Glenn squadron Test Pilot of the Year, Ennis’ personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star.

In his remarks thanking HX-21 personnel for their support and hard work during his tenure, Ennis specifically addressed the squadron’s maintainers.

“I appreciate everything you do,” Ennis said. “It’s not an easy job. You guys certainly have done a fantastic job, and I appreciate you guys.”

The ceremony began with a ceremonial airborne passing of command in which Short, flying an H-60, symbolically passed Ennis, flying an MV-22, as they flew over the assembled friends and families. Following his landing, Ennis was doused with water by his son and squadron mates. During the ceremony,

Col. Richard E. Marigliano, Commodore of Naval Test Wing Atlantic, awarded Ennis the Gold Star in lieu of his third award to his Meritorious Service Medal. Ennis also received gifts celebrating his tour in command from the First Class Petty Officers’ Association, the Chief Petty Officers’ Association, and the wardroom.

Nicknamed the “Blackjacks,” HX-21 provides developmental flight test and evaluation of rotary-wing and tilt-rotor aircraft and their associated airborne systems in support of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps training, combat, and combat support missions. The squadron can trace its roots at NAS Patuxent River back to 1949, when the then-Naval Air

Test Center first established a rotary-wing test division. Today, HX-21 teams are engaged in testing six families of aircraft, including the CH-53E/K, the C/MV-22, the H-1Y/Z, MH-60R/S, the Presidential helicopter fleet.

HX-21 is a component of Naval Test Wing Atlantic, test wing under Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. With facilities in Patuxent River, Maryland; Lakehurst, New Jersey; and Orlando, Florida NAWCAD advances capability and operational readiness for naval aviation.

For more information about NAWCAD, please go to www.navair.navy.mil or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MyNAWCAD/>.



Cdr. Daniel Short delivers remarks during the change of command ceremony for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 on Oct. 9, 2020. Short, who previously served as HX-21’s chief test pilot, assumed command.

Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Tropical depression Delta came into our weekend giving us rain on Sunday and both rain and wind on Monday. Before the storm arrived we had some extreme low tides that tangled up the fishing patterns and shortened the bite times. The front passing through changed all that and brought the water back to high levels overnight. So, now the fish will be in some new pattern of feeding that will make us all pioneers when we can get out Tuesday when the sun returns.

Rockfish are the prime target now with good catches just about everywhere for trollers in bay, Potomac and Patuxent. They love the smaller Hard Head Custom Bait umbrella rigs, tandem bucktail rigs, bucktails, jigs, and spoons.

There was good success in the Patuxent from the mouth of St. Leonard Creek to Sheridan Point for early morning trollers. The bite was short, about twenty minutes at day break. Late comers got skunked. The tide was low and lower making the shallow water fishermen's life miserable. The flood tide on the storm's back will change all that making lure casters from the shore reap a bonanza of feeding fish.

The Potomac has seen most of the action on the Virginia side in about thirty feet of water from Dolly Parton to Ragged Point. Now, there will be good catches made on both shorelines as the frothy water surges in with bait fish. This week will be some of the best fishing all season. With the Potomac's lenient two fish per day and 20 inch minimum, there

will be plenty to make dinners for the winter. Spot are still in both creeks and rivers and act like they may want to take up permanent residence. The stripers eat them like candy and they will be hungry to feed up before the cold.

White perch will take this high water to invade the shallows of the creeks, Bait fishermen and lure casters will be very successful. Once the water cools and the water clears, the perch will school up and retreat to the rivers in 30 to 90 feet depending on the cold.

Occasional sea trout and weakfish are mixed with rockfish in the salt islands. Reports of a flounder or two are trickling in. Swimming lures like Bomber Wind Cheaters will produce plenty of strikes.

There are still plenty of bluefish for lure casters, trollers and shore fishermen. Surf casters at Point Lokout caught spot, perch, rockfish and blues this week.



Gatton Family Celebrate 5 Generations



(Left to right) Great, great grandmother: Margaret Gatton (Hollywood), great grandmother: Janet Gatton Norton (White Plains), grandmother: Christina Norton Goshorn (White Plains), mother: Megan Goshorn Ferriter (La Plata), and son: Michael Grayson Ferriter (La Plata).

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Bernice "Berni" Owens

Bernice "Berni" Owens, 91, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on October 8, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on May 29, 1929 in St. Inigoes, MD and was the daughter of the late Howard R. Britton, Sr. and Gertrude B. Bouwmans Britton. Berni was the loving wife of the late Harold N. "Shorty" Owens whom she married on January 16, 1962 in Lexington Park, MD and who preceded her in death on May 12, 2020. Berni is survived by her children Nicholas Boszko (Linda) of Wesley Chapel, FL, Dave Boszko (Karen) of Mechanicsville, MD and Victoria "Vikki" Owens of Mechanicsville, MD, 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and her brother Howard R. Britton, Jr. of Valley Lee, MD. She was preceded in death by her siblings Doris Miles, Joan Porter, and Gerard Britton.

Berni graduated from Great Mills High School in 1948. She was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident. Berni was a homemaker. She loved to cook and bake, some of her specialties included spaghetti, pizza, chicken and dumplings, and various cakes.

Contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center 21585 Pea-

body Street Leonardtown, MD 20650.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time

Patricia Ann "Patsy" Graves Lorence

Patricia Ann "Patsy" Graves Lorence, 80, of Hollywood, MD, gained her angel wings on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Patsy was born January 1, 1940 by a midwife in Mount Victoria to the late James Edwin Graves and Bessie Marie Ryce Graves. She was the sixth born of nine children and spent her childhood living on the family tobacco farm with her siblings. She would proudly tell you that her morning chore was to collect the eggs from the chickens and make the giant stove pot of breakfast oatmeal.

Patsy graduated from Archbishop Neale School in 1957 in LaPlata, MD. In her earlier years, Patsy spent many hours volunteering at St. Michael's School and was a member of both The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and The Children and Youth of Leonardtown, MD. Her first job was working for Physicians Memorial Hospital in LaPlata, MD, where she gained experience for patient care. She later moved to Wash-

ington, DC to be a Candy Stripper for Blue Cross Blue Shield, generously taking care of the sick. Her final job was as a baker for St. Mary's College of Maryland's Cafeteria. She found happiness in making countless tasty sweets and treats for the college's hardworking students.

Patsy married the love of her life, Jacob Robert Lorence on February 14, 1959 at St. Mary's Church in Newport, MD. They happily resided in St. Inigoes, MD and then moved to Hollywood, MD in 2001 after building a perfect forever home in their own piece of woodsy paradise. Here, they spent time together feeding loved ones, enjoying the outdoor wildlife, and worshipping God.

Patsy loved God and was very active in the Catholic Church. She especially loved her family and her dog, Annabelle. She was known for being giving and selfless. Her favorite things to do were to laugh, make others laugh, go crabbing with chicken necks, and scope out the best yard sales around St. Mary's County. She enjoyed cooking large meals that could feed an army, which always consisted of homemade stuffed ham and all kinds of delicious crab dishes.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jacob Robert Lorence, and her siblings; James W. Graves, Doris E. Williams, Alvin L. Graves, John E. Graves, Theresa L. Milbrook, and Vernon R. Graves. She is survived by her daughters, Cindy Michele Dooley (Bill) and Elizabeth Gail Johnson (Bill) in addition to her grandchildren Brittney Dooley, Jarrett Dooley, and Julie Call. She is also survived by twenty-five nieces and nephews, as well as her sisters, Mary E. Still and Sandra L. Lawson.

Contributions can be made to St. Mary's Hospice, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Thomas Floyd Quade, Sr.

Thomas Floyd Quade, Sr., 82 of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away at his residence on October 7, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Born February 11, 1938 in Clements, MD. He was the son of the late Elizabeth Ann Pilkerton Quade and Philip C. Quade.

Thomas was the devoted husband of Margaret Ann Quade, whom he married on June 25, 1960 in Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville, MD.

He is also survived by his children: Thomas (Melissa) Quade, Jr. of King George, VA, Timmy (Debbie) Quade of Mechanicsville, MD and Tammy (Paul) Connelly of Hollywood, MD, 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and brother Everett Quade.

Thomas was preceded in death by his siblings: Dorothy Knott, Rhodie Quade, Richard Quade, Mary Esther Pilkerton, Calvin Quade, Cecil

Quade, and Benjamin Quade.

He was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. Thomas was a Service Technician for Suburban Propane for 45 years he was a member of the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge, and Loved fishing, gardening, playing cards, dancing and spending time with the family and grandkids.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 9:00AM to 10:00AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD where a Service will be held at 10:00AM with Father Michael Tietjen officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Gardens, Waldorf, MD.

Pallbearers will be Timothy Quade, Jr., Justin Quade, Daniel Connelly, William Connelly, David Collins and Patrick Hill.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church P.O. box 166 Mechanicsville, MD 20659, Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and ACTS (A Community That Shares) P.O. Box 54 Bushwood, MD 20618.

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

Mark Floyd Eversberg

Mark Floyd Eversberg, 65, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on October 8, 2020 at his home in Leonardtown, MD. Born on September 2, 1955 in Washington, DC. Mark was the loving son of the

late Doris Elsie Dawson Eversberg and Frederick Alfred Eversberg. Mark was the loving husband of Rita Mary Eversberg, whom he married on November 7, 1976 in Leonardtown, MD. He is survived by his daughter Beverly Newman (Mark) of Leonardtown, MD, and grandchildren Joshua Mark Newman and Jenna Katheryn Newman, his siblings Michael Eversberg of Hollywood, MD, Matthew Eversberg of Leonardtown, MD, Michelle Cutler of Chaptico, MD, Daniel Eversberg of La Plata, MD, and Denise Rau of Waldorf, MD.

Mark graduated from Chopticon High School in 1974 and earned an Associate's Degree from the College of Sothern Maryland. He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on June 16, 1974 and was honorably discharged on December 28, 1976. While in the USMC, Mark earned a Rifle Marksman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, and the Meritorious Mast Award. Mark is a lifelong member of DAV. He then became a copier technician for Konica.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 16, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Chapel in Leonardtown, MD. A Funeral Service will follow at 10:30 AM in the Funeral

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Home Chapel with Charlie Wharton officiating. Interment will be private.

Catherine Susan Pielmeier



Catherine Susan Pielmeier (nee Hanlein), 68, passed away on October 7, 2020 after fighting a valiant battle against esophageal cancer. Cathy died peacefully in her sleep at home with family at her side.

Cathy graduated from St. Mary's College and began a 32-year career teaching elementary art in St. Mary's County Public Schools, primarily at Piney Point Elementary School. She took great pride in designing art projects that were original, educational, and enjoyable to her students.

An avid outdoors person, Cathy enjoyed spending time bicycling, hiking, skiing, swimming, boating, and wind-surfing. She was an adventurer at heart that delighted doing zip-lining, parasailing, and taking rides in helicopters. Cathy went on many ocean cruises and loved vacationing at the beach and collecting sea shells and sea glass.

Cathy is survived by her husband Mark Pielmeier, her mother Mary Jane Hanlein of Silver Spring, MD, her brother Alvin Hanlein II of Silver Spring, MD, her sisters Carole Hanlein of Asheville, NC, and Claire Hanlein of Silver Spring, MD. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Adele Biancareli of Silver Spring, MD, five nephews, and her step-daughter Sara Piddington of Midland, VA. Cathy is pre-deceased by her father Alvin Hanlein and her brothers Christopher Hanlein and Charles Hanlein.

Funeral services will be private with a Life Celebration to be scheduled at a later date.

Thomas Gene Dillon



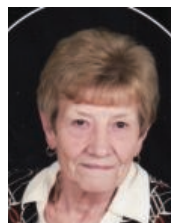
Thomas Gene Dillon, "Matt", 87, of Hollywood, MD passed away on October 6, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. He was born on May 1, 1933 in Nebraska. Thomas was the lov-

ing son of the late Veva Carson Dillon and Thomas Dillon. Thomas was the loving husband of Judy Dillon whom he married on January 20, 1998 in Leonardtown, MD. He is survived by his children, Dawn Roe, Chris Cox, FL, Clay Cox, MD, Nathan (Debbie) Cox, Port Republic, MD, and Crystal (Steve) Swaney, California, MD, grandchildren, Shawn Wood, Jessica Wood, and Alex Cox, niece, Roxy Case and nephew, Steve (Carolyn) Lorensen. He was preceded in death by his siblings Darleen Case and Demaris Odland.

Thomas graduated from Pilger High School in 1950. He served in the United States Navy for 27 years, retiring as a Senior Chief on November 15,

1979. While enlisted he was stationed in San Diego, CA, Hutchinson, KS, Whidbey Island, WA, Moffett Field, CA, Oceana, VA, Miramar, Ca, Rota, Spain, and Pax River, MD.

Lola Mae Shoemake



Lola Mae Shoemake, 78, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Whitacre, VA passed away on October 4, 2020. She was born on September 9, 1942 in Whitacre, VA and was the daughter of the late Goldie Virginia Holliday, and Theodore Holliday of Whitacre, Va. Lola was the loving wife of the late Otho "Bud" Shoemake whom she married on December 10, 1964 in Hattiesburg, MS and who preceded her in death on November 22, 2009. Lola is survived by her daughters Natalie Shauberg of Jefferson, OH, and Sheila Shoemake of California, MD, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Along with her sister Faye Holliday of Winchester, VA. She was preceded in death by her siblings; Janie Dick, Herbert Holliday, Evelyn Stotler, and Earl Holliday all of Winchester, VA.

She graduated from James Wood High School and moved from Norfolk, VA to St. Mary's County, MD in 1968. Lola was a supervisor for Direct Mail, retiring in May, 2000.

Lola enjoyed attending auctions, collecting and working in the garden.

Joseph Earl "Fuzzy" Knott



Joseph Earl "Fuzzy" Knott, 73, of Valley Lee MD passed away on October 9th, 2020 at MedStar St. Marys Hospital surrounded by his family.

He was born on December 17th, 1946 in Valley Lee, MD to the late James Harvey Knott Sr and Donnie Marie Slade.

Survived by his loving wife, Patricia Ann of 50 years whom he married on June 20, 1970 at Holy Face Church, Great Mills MD. He is also survived by his three daughters: Cindy Bowes (Matt) of Valley Lee, MD; Lori Norris (Mike) of Valley Lee, MD; and Tina "Lee Lee" Guy (Steve) of Leonardtown, MD; 10 grandchildren: Matt Bowes Jr. (Molly), Laci Patterson (Wesley), Olivia Ford, Carly Bowes, Connor Ford, Trevor Bowes, Steven Guy, Nathan Guy, Owen Norris, and Justin Guy; and his siblings: Charles Irving Knott and Thomas Frederick Knott of Valley Lee, MD. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings: James Harvey Knott Jr, John Gonzie Knott, Arthy Guetter, Lucy Perkins, and Mary Lucille Ulry.

A husband, dad, pop pop, brother and friend that will never be forgot-

ten. A community smile that will be truly missed. No words can express the heart break this man leaves. No words can express what we will miss.

As a young man Fuzzy started his carpentry career at Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship. Then went on to being a member of the Carpenters Local Union 132 for 35 years. Later on Fuzzy pursued his own adventures as a carpenter. He spent many years building, fixing, and constructing in our county. He quickly became a well-known man for his talent and desire to help anyone he came in contact with.

A man of many treasures; if you needed it he had it, if he had it you were welcome to it. He always loved a good sale, whether a yard sale or auction you would see him there. On most Saturdays his girls knew he was going to show up with a great deal he found them.

Gardening was a huge part of his life. To call the gardens a garden was a mere understatement. To have only 1 garden was unheard of. Many lessons taught to the grandkids in the dirt and on a tractor. Monday night oyster club was his favorite winter time get together. He greatly enjoyed getting together with those dear friends for cards and oysters. He loved a good card game. Whether it was his Saturday nights with family and friends or his Sunday afternoon card games, he enjoyed all of them. He loved to socialize and had a very kind heart. He wasn't the guy that sat home, he needed all his family and friends. Fuzzy loved to dance. Let him find you standing idol during a dance and you were swept up and swung around the dance floor. He dearly treasured a good time, and he absolutely had many of them. He loved being on the water. Whether it was trot lining or trying for the big rockfish. And when not summertime you could always find him in a snow plow. At the hint of snow in the forecast he was getting his plows ready.

His daughters were his biggest pride. He knew they could help with just about anything he needed and he in turn was their biggest hero. He made a lot of days brighter, a lot of days happier and knew what to do for us on the not so bright days.

He was a very proud Pop Pop of 10 grandchildren. He loved nothing more than having them around to play, work or just give a hard time. He was a role model and great teacher to his grandchildren; they have many fond memories and laughs to treasure.

He gave his heart and soul to being a lifetime member of the 2nd District Volunteer Fire Dept & Rescue Squad. He joined in 1964 and til his last days held it close to his heart. He was inducted into the Southern Maryland Fire Association Hall of Fame in 2014. He was always a top responder for the SDVFDERS. He spent many days and many nights running calls no matter what he was doing.

Fuzzy was a "Everything's fine" kinda man and our hearts and community will truly miss him.

Family will receive friends for Fuzzy's Life Celebration on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a prayer service and Firemen's prayers at 7:00 p.m., at Valley Lee Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Paul Nguyen at 11:00 a.m. at St. George's Catholic Church, 19199 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692. Interment will follow at St. George's Episcopal Church, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Matt Bowes Jr., Connor Ford, Trevor Bowes, Steven Guy, Nathan Guy, Owen Norris, Justin Guy, Austin Ulry, and Wesley Patterson. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Second District Volunteer Fire, Rescue, Auxiliary.

Memorial contributions may be made to Second District Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

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

Alice Marie Schulte



Alice Marie Schulte, 83, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2020 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC, surrounded by her

loving family.

Born on June 15, 1937 in Redwood Falls, MN, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Lloyd Dale Cherry and B. Irene (Lord) Cherry Torrance.

Alice married her forever love, Christian Raymond Schulte in 1959. They celebrated over thirty-six (36) years of marriage before his passing in 1996. Alice carried on knowing she would eventually be reunited with her husband and now they are celebrating her homecoming.

A classy woman with a heart of gold, Alice was a bright light in her family. She was the matriarch that everyone reached out to for comfort, love and advice. A Godly woman, she was an active member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Mechanicsville, MD, and was proud of her fifty (50) plus years of devotion. She was a long-time usher and offering counter during Church services. As a member of Sarah's Circle at the Church, Alice enjoyed supporting the Church community through volunteering in the Church kitchen, providing many funeral luncheons, taking part in the Church dinners and annual dinner theater productions. Many parishioners, family and friends have fond memories of her delicious cinnamon rolls she would contribute to every Church event, especially at the yearly Christmas Bazaar! She enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading and play-

ing the piano and especially cooking. Her homemade rolls were the best and were at every family Holiday gathering. She loved collecting various things including bells, Santa ornaments, coins. If you were blessed to spend any time with Alice, you know she was always ready for the next adventure - camping, traveling and volunteering.

Nothing meant more to Alice than family. She was proud of being a homemaker and providing a wonderful life and home for her family. She felt blessed to spend her children's youth with them and then when she became a grandmother and great-grandmother she was over the moon with love. Her favorite place to be was surrounded by her family and friends. She especially enjoyed her 80th birthday celebration at the Church with over 100 family and friends in attendance.

Outside of Church and family, Alice was an active volunteer of many organizations including: Lifetime Member of the Girl Scouts of the USA, St. Mary's County Girl Scout Leader and Cookie Depot Coordinator; life-time member of the National Parks Conservation Association; as well as volunteer and past President of the Ladies Auxiliary for Benedict Volunteer Fire Department, where she learned how to cook fried oysters during the annual fire house oyster dinners. This recipe became a long time Christmas Eve tradition and family favorite.

Later in life Alice and her husband Chris enjoyed taking summer long trips out West, camping and volunteering at several National Parks including: Smokey the Bear National Park in Capitan, New Mexico and Lewis and Clark National Park at Lolo Pass, in Missoula, Montana.

A mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and amazing woman has left a beautiful gift of happiness and love. Her family will miss her deeply. As you look into the eyes of her family, you will see the spirit of a strong woman who has passed on a legacy of kindness, courage and beauty. May you hold your family tight and know that Alice would have encouraged you to be happy and follow your dreams.

A bell has been rung; an angel given her wings.

Alice is survived by her children, Julia Ann Dent (Mark) of Prince Frederick, MD, Jeffrey Lance Schulte (LeeAnn) of Wetumpka, AL, Jay Preston Schulte (Christina) of Goose Creek, SC and Justin Durand Schulte (Trish) of Phoenix City, AL; ten (10) grandchildren, Cole Milton Major, Donald Schulte (Brandie), Victoria Alice Major (Matthew), Tupelo Schulte (Karla), Dale Schulte, Cameron Alexander Dent, Ruth Irene Dent (Nicholas), Sean Schulte, Allen Schulte and Jacob Rea Dent; and five (5) great-grandchildren, Brandon, Oliver, Charlotte, Kyle and Kalynn. She is also survived by her siblings, Darlene Rompa (Bill) of Corvallis, OR, Vivian Clevenger (David) of Highland, MD and David Cherry (Suzie) of Bak-

er City, OR, and Sister-In-Law Anita Schulte Faulhaber, of Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Christian Raymond Schulte and parents, Lloyd Dale Cherry and B. Irene (Lord) Cherry.

At this time all services are pending.

Donations may be made in Alice's name to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 or by PayPal: <https://www.paypal.com/us/for-you/transfer-money/send-money>

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

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

Perla Johnson Manalo



Perla Johnson Manalo, 85, of Great Mills, MD passed away on October 4, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Lubao Pampanga, Philippines to the late Peter Johnson and Tranquilina Morales. She arrived in Maryland in April 1989.

Perla married her husband, Severino Manalo on July 15, 1955. They were married for 56 years before his passing in January 2012.

She was the first grandchild of George and Rufina Johnson. She was the apple of her Grandma Rufina's eye. She was raised by her mother and grandmother. Perla was an obedient granddaughter, virtuous daughter, good wife, and an excellent mother to her 7 children. One of Perla's best qualities was her generous heart. Perla was also an excellent cook. She enjoyed making her family happy by cooking their favorite dishes.

She was a remarkable woman and an exquisite beauty. In her youth, she often turned a lot of heads. She had the most beautiful hands. She loved her children unconditionally. During periods of financial hardship when food was scarce, though breastfeeding or pregnant, she would willingly give her children the last morsel of bread meant for her. She was a skilled self-taught seamstress that sewed clothes of her own design for her children, and often completed alterations and repairs. No matter the weather, Perla would walk quite a distance beneath her worn-out umbrella to the open market and purchase fresh food for her family. She loved bright colors and created her own recipes.

God must have known her delight was in her family and graced her with seven beautiful children, eight grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Even when she was sick towards the end of her life, the evidence of her considerable character was exhibited by her humble and gentle spirit. Very seldom did she complain about her pain. Her genuine love, her kind-hearted spirit, and sense of humor made it easy for her daughters and family to care for her during her de-

clining years.

Perla was blessed with the gift of good humor. According to her eldest daughter, taking care of her Mom was a delight because she always had some hilarious remark to say about everyday life. She was incredibly courageous, she fought a good fight, trusting and resting in God throughout her illness. She was confident in God's love and never lost faith in His healing power. Perla's kind and giving heart, her deep love for God, rich sense of humor, enduring strength, and patience are a legacy that her family will treasure forever. Jesus truly developed the fruit of the Holy Spirit in her.

Her family consider it a privilege to have known a beautiful soul such as hers. She will always live in their hearts. She will be missed by them immensely, but they know that she is well taken care of now, dancing and laughing in God's heaven without the need of a wheel chair or walker. This world was never meant to be a final home for one so beautiful as Perla. By faith, because of Jesus's wondrous love, they will be reunited with her again.

Perla is survived by her children: Terry Curry (Jim) of Lexington Park, MD, Ron Manalo of Falls Church, MD, Bernie Manalo of Great Mills, MD, Gerry Manalo of Great Mills, MD, Leni Manalo of Great Mills, MD and Noemi Manalo of Lexington Park, MD. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her son, Noel Manalo and grandson, Patrick Manalo.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mary's Hospice, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or the Cancer Care Infusion Services (CCIS), P.O. Box 527, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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Betty Lou Stone



Betty Lou Stone, 89, of California, MD passed away on October 5, 2020 at Asbury Nursing Center in Solomons, MD.

She was born on July 18, 1931 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Bernard Mattingly and Veronica Goldsborough Mattingly Hutchins. Her father passed away shortly after her birth and she was raised by her mother and step-father, Webster Hutchins.

Betty was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and attended Leonardtown and Great Mills High School. She spent most of her life in Tall Timbers, MD from 1959 to 2015. On September 6, 1952 she married her beloved husband, Joseph Vernon Stone, Sr., in Piney Point, MD. Together they celebrated over 45 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in October 1997. She was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother. Her hobbies

included crabbing, picking crabs for crab cakes, going to yard sales, and refinishing antiques. She enjoyed get-togethers with friends playing PITCH. She loved her pet dogs, especially Angel and Oliver. She was a devout Catholic and was a long time member of St. Georges Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD. She volunteered at many of the church dinners and the Valley Lee Volunteer Fire Department dinners.

A private graveside service will be celebrated by Reverend Kenneth J. Gill at Our Lady's Catholic Church Cemetery, 41410 Medleys Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Memorial contributions may be made to Valley Lee Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

Betty is survived by her children, Laura Stone Barnhart (Thomas) of California, MD and Joseph Vernon Stone, Jr. (Mary Lynn) of California, MD; her granddaughter, Devin Stone Fox (Kevin) of Wayne, PA; her great grandson, Jack Joseph Fox; her sister-in-law, Anne Gorman Mattingly of Annapolis, MD; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband she is also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jenna Stone and her brother, Bernard Francis Mattingly.

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Luz Aldave Frias



Luz Aldave Frias, 87, of California, MD, passed away on October 8, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Tondo Manila, Philippines to the late Gre-

gorio Aldave and Estrella De Guzman Aldave.

Luz was happily married to her late husband, Leandro Banaag Frias for over 68 years before his passing in 2018. She was vivacious and a socialite. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed watching action movies.

Luz is survived by her children: Ferdinand Frias (Cathy) of Virginia Beach, VA, Margarita Dela Rosa (Rogelio) of the Philippines, Veronica Manuel (Ismael) of California, MD, Dion Frias (Rochelle) of San Diego, CA, Nenita Vinluan Rodolfo of the Philippines, Maria Luisa Frias (Sonny) of the Philippines, Filipinas Manalo (Gener) of the Philippines and Janine Frias of California, MD; her siblings Corazon Aldave and Marivic Aldave; her 20 grandchildren: Lucy Robinson, Kris Manuel, Roi Frias, Dianne Jones, Dean Manuel, Charlene Frias, Kimberly Wilkerson, Ryan Vinluan, Ralph Vinluan, Raymart Vinluan, Denise Vinluan, Danette Vinluan, Mikka Manalo-Quintana, Madel Manalo-Gueco, Jules Bote, July Bote, Jude Boa, El John Val-

derama, Erika Bonafe and Janarra Anderson. 13 great grandchildren: Camden Robinson, Samantha Robinson, Amaya Jones, Trayvell Jones, Brynlee Dempsey, Kellen Dempsey, Madison Wilkerson, Ryleigh Wilkerson, Arie Anderson, Malia Anderson, Dante Anderson II, Clyde Bonafe, Claire Bonafe and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Leandro Banaag Frias and her parents, Gregorio Aldave and Estrella De Guzman Aldave.

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Mary Margellen Howard Moran



Mary Margellen Howard Moran, 65 of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Alexandria, VA passed away on October 1, 2020 after a battle with cancer with her family by

her side.

Mary was born on May 4, 1955 in North Hollywood, CA to the late John Wayne "Jack" Howard and Gloria Ruth Parker Koehler.

Mary moved to St. Mary's County, MD in 2000, and she called Leonardtown her home for the past 15 years. She was an avid gardener and loved spending time creating beauty outdoors during her free time. Mary had an insatiable passion for learning. She was a frequent patron of used bookstores, and she earned a Bachelor's degree and double Master's degree from University of Maryland. Mary retired in June from the General Services Administration (GSA) as a Contracting Officer after a remarkable career in the Federal Government that ultimately led to her receiving with an unlimited warrant.

Mary served as Regent and Treasurer of the Major William Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was indefatigable genealogist, discovering she had ancestors in the Mayflower colonists, patriots of the American Revolution, Union Army Civil War Veterans. She shared this passion for history as a member of many Historical Societies.

Mary lived a spiritual life, finding heaven on earth through her travels and time in nature. She was baptized in 2005 at Christ Church in Chaptico, Md.

Mary is survived by her children, Patrick Moran of Alexandria, VA, Dorothy Moran of Leonardtown, MD, Michael Howard of Corpus Christi, TX; her grandchildren, Mariella Moran of Alexandria, VA, Keira Howard, of Corpus Christi, TX, and Kortlynn Jo Howard, of Corpus Christi,

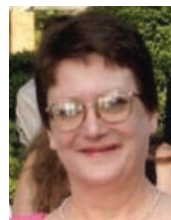
TX; her sister, Laurie Kuwazaki, of Wasilla, AK; and her partner of seven years, Michael Hallett. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Mary will be laid to rest at Charles Memorial Gardens.

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

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Olivia Ann "Libby" Wood



Olivia Ann "Libby" Wood, 61, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on October 5, 2020, at her home, with her family at her side.

She was born on March 2, 1959 in Leonardtown, MD

to the late Robert Wathen and Olivia Ann Somervell Camalier.

Libby was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and graduated from St. Mary's Academy. On March 17, 1980 she married her beloved husband, James Kent Wood. Together, they celebrated over 40 wonderful years of marriage. Libby lived for her children and grandchildren. She loved being a daughter, wife, mother, sister and grandmother. When her children were growing up she was very active in the school's PTA. She made sure her kids attended all of the major events taking place around the county; including fairs, carnivals, parades, PRAD, Christmas in the Square, etc. She loved the holidays and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed Christmas and all the family traditions they celebrated. She was an excellent cook and was known for her lasagna and her spaghetti meatloaf. Once her children were grown, she was employed by Linda's Café until she was no longer able to work. Some of her favorite pastimes included putting together puzzles, doing crossword puzzles, and watching episodes of Judge Judy.

In addition to her beloved husband, Libby is also survived by her children: Kent Wood (Shannon) of Lexington Park, MD, Ben Wood (Jenn) of Hollywood, MD, and Leslie Wood of Lexington Park, MD; her siblings: Leslie Roberts (Shawn) of Leonardtown, MD, Wade Wathen of Lexington Park, MD, Faith Wathen (Mike) of California, MD and Colin Wathen (April) of California, MD; her grandchildren: Lily Wood, Aiden Wood, Tyson Wood, Sydney Wood, Hope Honsowitz, Jax Honsowitz, and Summer Honsowitz. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her grandson, Blake Honsowitz.

All Services will be private.

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

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IF YOU HAVE A LIVING TRUST, PLEASE READ THIS

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their attorneys

should do that work for the clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

A View From The **BLEACHERS**

The Curious Case of Edward Patrick

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Edward Patrick, Eddie for short, hails from the San Francisco Bay Area. Growing up in the 1980s and early 1990s, Eddie had the good fortune of experiencing the heyday of 49ers teams coached by Hall of Famer Bill Walsh and, his successor, George Seifert.

Walsh was the mastermind behind the then innovative West Coast offense and built the 49ers into an absolute juggernaut. Between 1981 and 1994, the 49ers won five Super Bowls and were NFL darlings. Aside from the strike-shortened 1982 season, San Francisco never won less than ten games between 1981 and 1998. That is...ridiculous. The Washington Football Team hasn't won more than 10 games in any season since 1991!

The 49ers players from that era are an embarrassment of talent – Ronnie Lott, Steve Young, Dwight Clarke, John Taylor, Ricky Watters, Roger Craig, Fred Dean, Charles Haley, Brent Jones, Randy Cross, Deion Sanders and, maybe the best overall player in NFL history, Jerry freaking Rice.

The trained eye likely caught an omission. Eddie's favorite all-time 49er was QB Joe Montana. How could a kid not love number 16? Montana was elegant and a cold-blooded slayer under pressure. No ordinary Joe, Montana was 4-0 in Super Bowls and never threw an interception on the game's biggest stage. He outdueled Dan Marino in San Francisco's Super Bowl XIX win over Miami, authored a last minute, game-winning touchdown drive to beat the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII and routed an over-matched Denver Broncos team 55-10 in a signature performance in Super Bowl XIV.

Eddie proudly rocked a number 16 49ers jersey in the 80s and likely re-enacted Montana's most amazing plays in his backyard, as did most Bay Area kids. But for Eddie this was no transient childhood fascination. He so idolized Montana that he became a youth quarterback of some consequence himself. Eddie made it way all the way to big-time college football, carving out a solid, if not spectacular career at a blueblood program.

Eddie wasn't athletically gifted, but he had a mind for the game and, most importantly, a competitive

drive of rare intensity. Passed over many times on draft day, he still scratched and clawed his way onto an NFL roster. In a modern-day Wally Pipp-Lou Gehrig moment, injury offered Eddie a shot to start in the league, an opportunity he seized and never relinquished. He won a bunch of Super Bowls himself, defied father Time and grew into an icon of the sport.

Eddie's legacy is a complicated one, though. He never completely harnessed the competitive drive that buoyed his success. Eddie was demonstrative on the field, frequently berated teammates, would bend the truth about his shortcomings and spin stories about the tricks he would pull to maintain a competitive edge. Suggesting that he was a bad teammate or compromised the integrity of the sport might be a stretch, but the accusation wouldn't be completely unfounded.

There is an argument that Eddie is the best ever; the back of his football card would almost certainly lead to the conclusion that his accomplishments have surpassed that his idol, Joe Montana. But there are off-flavors to his bowl of chili. Neither he nor his organization always did things the right way, and once doubt is created, questions seep into character and integrity cracks.

The sports sleuths have likely identified Edward Patrick. He is Thomas Edward Patrick Brady. Or just Tom Brady. He has won six Super Bowls and might be the greatest player of all time. But equally as real as the Super Bowls are his frequent, theatric lashings of failing teammates, "Deflategate" and his mysteriously destroyed cell phone, and his curious relationship with trainer Alex Guerrero and his unprecedented longevity.

Which is okay, I think. Short of blatant cheating or some other egregious personal transgression, athletes, especially football players, are ultimately judged on wins and losses. But it is good Eddie...errr... Brady found his way in sports and in football, particularly. Deflecting blame, random petulance, a lack of transparency, occasional dishonesty and bullying tendencies are unacceptable leadership traits in most other walks of life.

Or at least they used to be.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind
by Shelby Oppermann



A FRIENDSHIP TO TREASURE

Good friends are such a treasure. I have been blessed to have many good friends, though some friends become more than that; they are the friends who are there for you in your hours, weeks, and months of need. Those that make a commitment to share your good times in life as well as the most painful.

This morning, I heard of the passing of Sandra Christensen from her daughter Christine. Sandra was one of my dearest friends. We first met when we were selling our art and crafting wares at The Christmas Country Store (now known as The Craft Guild Shop of St. Mary's) in the old Cecil's General Store in Great Mills. Sandra did pencil drawings of all the Southern Maryland landmarks, schools, and businesses you still see everywhere. At that time, Sandra and her husband Chris lived in Clinton (my hometown as well). Sandra and Chris were quite a selling team. You could always see the pride in Chris's eyes when he spoke of Sandra's artwork. They set-up, sold, and broke down at all the craft shows in the Southern Maryland region together – always together. Chris was a retired navy ship commander who enjoyed his years of supervising men in the navy but was perfectly happy helping and following Sandra's art career in his retirement. Chris passed many years ago.

We always signed up for arts and crafts shows together, with my two sons helping both of us with everything at all shows. My oldest son even did one of their shows by himself from set-up to break down. My sons knew all there was to know about the craft show circuit and life from the three of us. The main rule was, "we only eat at a show if we make money over and above the cost to be there." But I am pretty sure Sandra and Chris made sure the boys always had something to eat.

Sandra and Chris were about 20 years older than me, and gradually became my second set of parents. My mother wasn't the easiest to get along with, so it was always nice to have Sandra as someone whom I could share anything with at any time. I believe Sandra was one of only two people that my mother ever let hug her. Sandra just had that gentle, compassionate way about her that people could not resist.

When my mother was dying and I moved from Lexington Park to Clinton in order to stay at my mother's house to care for all her dogs, and



visit her in all the different hospitals she was in from Clinton, to Cheverly, and to two in DC, Sandra and Chris would make sure I had a hot dinner every night that was possible at their house before going to my mother's. No, not make sure, they insisted I stop by each night out of their love and caring. I also had to call them every night when I got home to my mother's house. I am not a phone-calling or checking-in type of person, so it was something I had to learn quickly. They were upset if I didn't call, and would be calling me if they didn't hear from me by 10 p.m. It was strange at first since I was 39 at the time, but I understood that they cared about me as much as I cared about them.

Sandra beat cancer twice but had been going through other health issues since spring. Several years ago, she moved back to Indiana where she was originally from. It meant that Sandra would only be 30 minutes from her daughter and other relatives, and a few hours from her son. When Sandra called me earlier this year to say she was again having health problems, I wanted to go out to Indiana and stay. Of course, with the pandemic, and especially at that time, travel was nonexistent. My husband and I thought it through and realized if I was able to get a plane out there, I would still have a 14 day quarantine once I got there, then probably not even be able to see Sandra at all during her hospital stays, and then would have a 14 day quarantine upon arriving back in Maryland due to my own health things. The "what ifs and why didn't I's" start then. Now, of course, I wish I had gone, even if it were just to see her through a window. We all lose so many friends and family as the years go by and it is heartbreaking, but yet it is something we all know is inevitable. I will treasure all my friends even more now.

To each new day and it's treasures, Shelby

Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook

St. Mary's Community Calendar

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.

Thursday, October 15

One Village: A Samaritan Village Fundraiser to Raise Support for Local Sex Trafficking Survivors
Online; 7 p.m.

Bringing a community of leaders and survivors in a one-time, live streaming event and uniting our village around the fight against trafficking. Our first-ever virtual fundraiser, One Village, is an hour-long, docu-style presentation where you'll hear from survivors, local government officials, healthcare workers, and advocates on how human trafficking is affecting our Central Florida community. This event is focused on shedding light on the horrific realities of sex trafficking, and to raise support for local sex trafficking survivors. More at <https://www.samaritanvillage.net/onevillage>

Resources for Non-Profits During COVID-19
Online; 1:30 p.m.

The Nonprofit Institute is here for nonprofit leaders and staff should you need assistance no matter how big or small. We are working remotely and available for consultation. We've curated a list of free webinars, tools, articles, links to helpful websites, and more. These resources offer immediate assistance to nonprofits. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/NonprofitInstituteCOVID19Resources>.

Friday, October 16

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.

Saturday, October 17

Community Yard Sale
Golden Beach/Patuxent Knolls; 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Multi-family yard sales; Do all your yard sale shopping in one morning. Various items: books, kitchen items, china, appliances, games, toys, videos, exercise equipment, garden items, and much more. Maps available at the Golden Beach/Patuxent Knolls sign. Questions: 301-643-5471 or sherry.antosh@comcast.net

Tuesday, October 20

Tobacco Cessation Program
Online; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The Tobacco Cessation Program is free and that takes place over the course of 8 weeks (weekly 1 hour ses-

sions). Participants learn behavioral modifications, stress management, and other techniques to help them quit using tobacco products. Learn more or register at www.smchd.org/tobacco.

Grief Support Group
Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The support group meets weekly. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. For more information call the church office and leave a message 301-645-0660 or email us at admin@ccsomd.com.

Science for Citizens Seminar.
Online; 7 p.m.

The Patuxent River estuary has been changing for centuries, but we have relatively detailed information on the ecology of the river for only the most recent decades. In annual reports of the overall 'health' of the River, the Patuxent consistently receives poor grades, despite extensive restoration efforts. During this seminar, discover how recent monitoring in the Patuxent and its many small tributary companions has helped to reveal some of the mysteries of this river estuary to better inform its restoration. <http://www.usmf.org/scienceforcitizens/>

Wednesday, October 21

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)

Thursday, October 22

Liberty and Justice for All? The History of Voting Rights in America

Online; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
College of Southern Maryland Professor of History and Humanities and Social Sciences Department Chair Dr. Christine Arnold-Lourie travel through history to discover the evolution of American voting rights: How certain populations were denied the right to vote, the hard-fought battles to gain suffrage and discriminatory voting practices that still exist today. Hosted by CSM's Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leader-

ship, Student Life Department and Equity and Inclusive Diversity Office, and St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) Center for the Study of Democracy and SMCM's Student Activities Department, registration is required for this free Zoom event. Register here: <https://csmd.zoom.us/j/67435648638>

Ongoing

Scott Verbic Golf Tournament
October 15- 16

Normally the Scott Verbic Golf Tournament is held annually to support the St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks Scholarship Fund. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and challenges, the department and Verbic family felt it would be best to return better than ever in 2021 with the 25th Anniversary celebratory tournament. Instead for this year, we are dedicating an entire week to golfing and bringing awareness to the Scholarship Fund which allows children and families to attend recreation programs and summer camps at a discounted rate. Join us during the week to donate to this fund and learn how you can participate and support next year's tournament through sponsorship, team registration and community support.

Stuffed Ham Sale

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department; Until Sold Out

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Get your Thanksgiving ham for \$13 per pound. Only selling 200 pounds total, so place your order. Must pre-order by calling Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695. Pick up will be November 23 from 4-7 p.m. at the main entrance.

Virtual Gift Basket and Containers Auction

Bidding starts October 22 at 6 p.m. and ends October 24 at 1 p.m.

Join the Auxiliary on their Facebook page for a live auction preview of great items at 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 22 and bidding will start at 6:00 pm at \$25.00 per item with increments of \$5.00. Bids can be placed in "Comment" under the picture of items. Bidding will end Saturday, October 24 at 1:00 pm. Winners will be notified by Facebook, and items can be picked up at the firehouse on Saturday, October 24, from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

Health Department Drive-Thru Flu Vaccine Clinics

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is partnering with St. Mary's County Public Schools to offer free drive-thru flu vaccine clinics for children (ages 3 - 18 years) at the locations listed

below. Children must be residents of St. Mary's County though they do not need to be enrolled in the public school system. Advance registration is required at www.marylandvax.org in order to ensure adequate vaccine supply:

Great Mills High School
Monday, October 26, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Leonardtown High School
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Chopticon High School
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Spring Ridge Middle School
Thursday, October 29, 2020
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SMCHD is also partnering with MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for additional drive-thru flu vaccine clinics for both children and adults as outlined below:

Medstar St. Mary's Hospital
Outpatient Pavilion in Leonardtown: Saturday, October 17, 2020
East Run Center in Lexington Park: Friday, October 23, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Children ages 3 - 18 are free (funded through SMCHD)

Adults over the age of 18 are requested to provide a \$10 donation
Participants receiving vaccine are asked to please:

Follow directional signage
Stay in your vehicle - Clinic staff will come to you

Wear a cloth face covering or mask when interacting with clinic staff
Advanced registration is required at www.marylandvax.org.

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Lexington Park Office:
Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 862-1680

Leonardtown Office:
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown
For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 475-4330

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:
Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free
No doctor's order needed
Free of Charge (no out-of-pocket cost, co-payment, co-insurance, etc.)

Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible - Uninsured community members are welcome

HUGE YARD SALE

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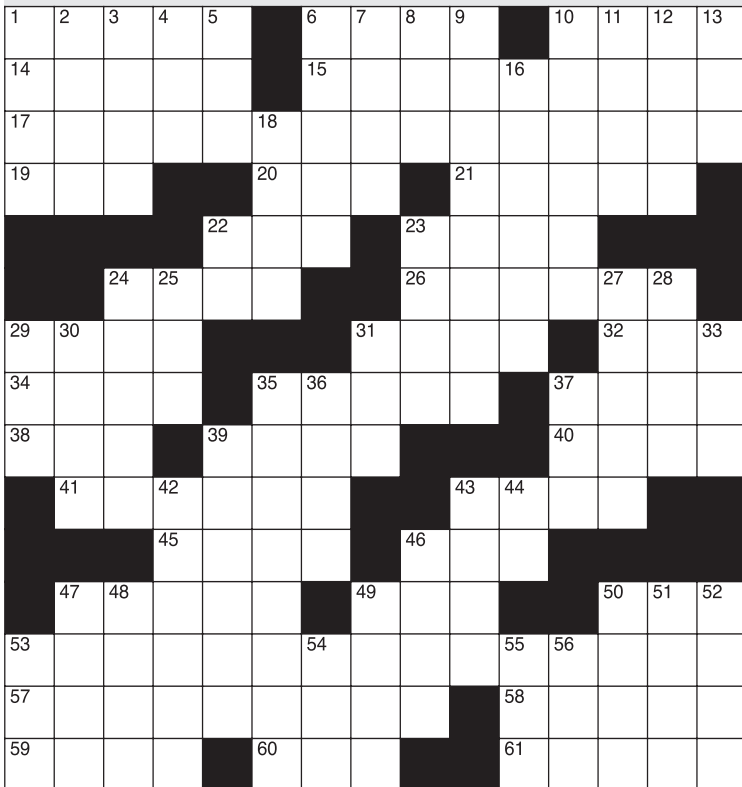
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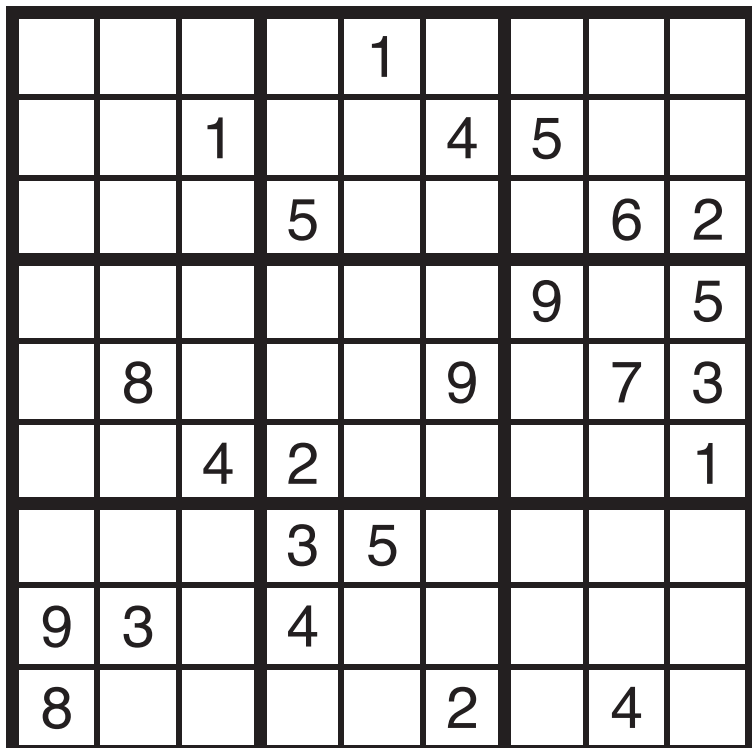
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Battered corners: dog-__
- 6. __ Mater: one's school
- 10. National capital
- 14. Frogs and toads order
- 15. Bathrooms (French)
- 17. Praise
- 19. Witch
- 20. Consume
- 21. Pork and lamb are two types
- 22. Rocky peak
- 23. Women's undergarments
- 24. From end to end
- 26. Bed sheets
- 29. South Sudanese king
- 31. Dislike immensely
- 32. Diving seabird
- 34. Breathe noisily
- 35. Full of roots
- 37. Inside
- 38. Small island in a river
- 39. Tear into pieces
- 40. "CSI" actor George
- 41. Make less dense
- 43. Derogatory term for a country native
- 45. Pike and pickerel genus

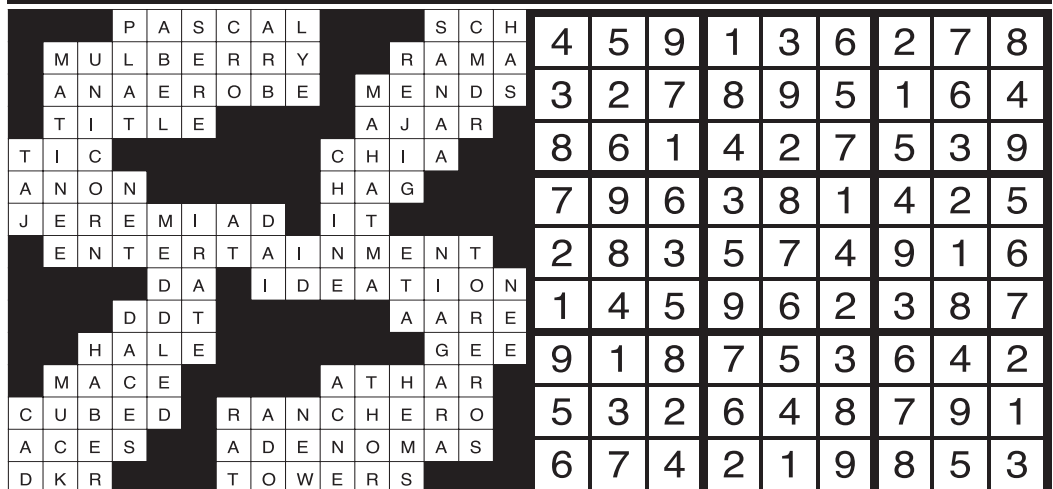
- 46. Important in respiration and other biochemical reactions (abbr.)
- 47. Belgian city
- 49. "The Joy Luck Club" author
- 50. Essence of "Aloha"
- 53. Suggestions
- 57. One who overindulges
- 58. Expression
- 59. Maize dough
- 60. Make into leather
- 61. British noblemen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One of two or more people or things
- 2. Small, deerlike water buffalo
- 3. Part of a ladder
- 4. Unit of work
- 5. Patriotic women
- 6. Fragrant essential oil
- 7. Aggressive, uncouth man
- 8. One thousandth of an inch
- 9. Brisk and cheerful readiness
- 10. Serving no practical purpose
- 11. Prevent from going forward
- 12. Camera part
- 13. Former CIA
- 16. Colorless, odorless gas
- 18. Long division of time
- 22. Atomic #73
- 23. Make a bleating sound
- 24. The kids love him
- 25. Female condition prior to menstrual period
- 27. Founder of Sikhism
- 28. Sudanese swamp
- 29. He/she can help with your finances
- 30. Part of the human body
- 31. Mortar trough
- 33. Greek island
- 35. Change pagination
- 36. Queens hip hop group
- 37. Precursor to the EU
- 39. A way to go on
- 42. Slender marine fish
- 43. Georgetown's mascot
- 44. Farm state
- 46. Military leader (abbr.)
- 47. Russian river
- 48. Teams' best pitchers
- 49. In a more positive way
- 50. Long French river
- 51. Reactive structures in organic chemistry
- 52. Distinctive practices
- 53. Male gypsy
- 54. When you hope to get there
- 55. Men's fashion accessory
- 56. Journalist Tarbell



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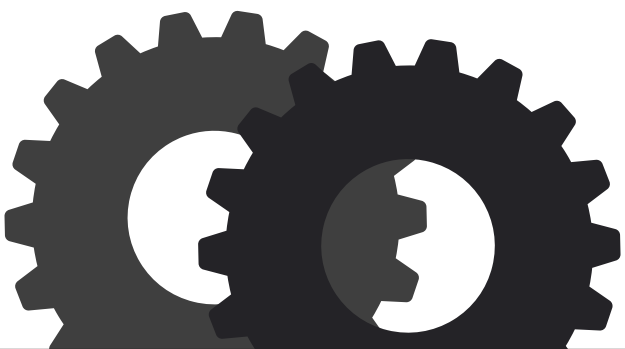


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