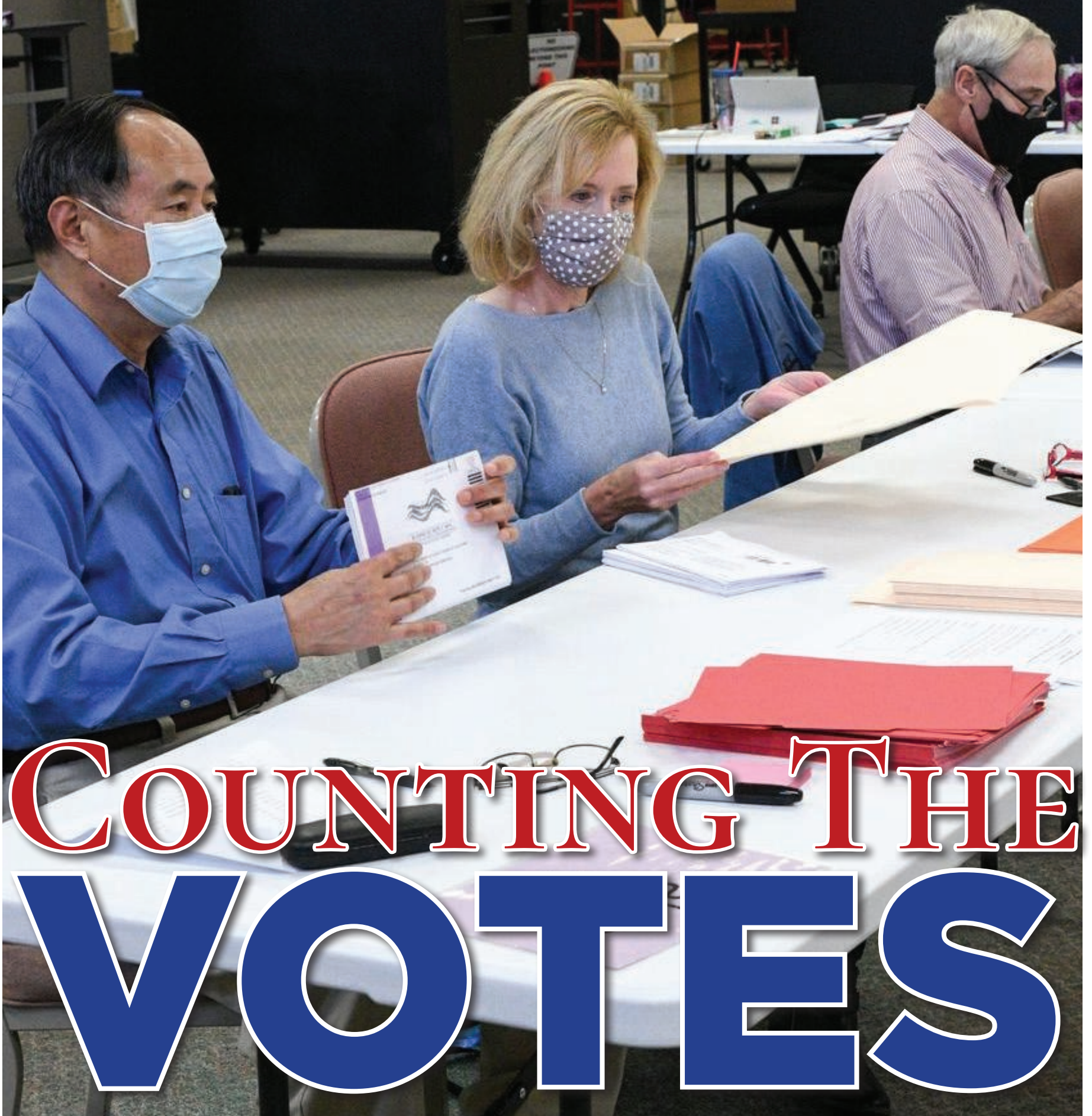


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County Times Endorses Chris Palombi

Steny Hoyer is the majority leader of the United States House of Representatives. We are proud here in the 5th Congressional District of Maryland to have our congressman achieve such a lofty level of leadership. We sometimes take it personal, and sometimes are selfish as we hope his leadership position will provide our community with benefits, we may not get with just a “regular congressman”.

Some like to think he provides a higher level of protection for the programs and assets related to Patuxent River Naval Air Station as well as other federal assets throughout the 5th Congressional District. Maybe he does.

Hoyer most likely will win yet another term in this upcoming election. His gerrymandered district is built to protect him even more than he protects us.

We believe through most of his political career Hoyer, while we may not agree with his policy decisions, has been an honorable public servant who has worked for his district. Deep inside, in the past we have been proud to have the majority leader hail from our hometown.

This election however is not about Steny Hoyer, this election is about America. Steny Hoyer and the Democratic Party have spent the past 12 years attempting to embolden the radical left wing of the Democratic Party and now, they are in control of the Democratic Party.

Actions by the democratic party over the past four years, along with recent statements by Nancy Pelosi and Adam Schiff are shameful and appalling. She and her leadership team are a disgrace to our nation, and by his own choosing, this includes Hoyer.

Four years ago, America elected a new kind of president, one who promised to bring back the American pride, the American ingenuity, the American strength, the American worker. The leadership of the Democratic Party (and many in the Republican Party) were pressured by the international community of large businesses, banks, and governments to stop Trump at all costs.

The Obama “American Apology Tour” which took place immediately after his election was now being threatened. Trump would make no apologies for America; in fact, he would demand a more level playing field. He had to be stopped, at all costs.

Yet Trump did exactly what he said he would do, and America was

the economic and military envy of the world once again. Nations taking economic advantage of the United States were having to compete honestly, with China paying the highest price.

Nations that were threatening global peace were sanctioned and pressured to create new peace alliances and restraint against aggression.

Meanwhile Pelosi, Hoyer, Schiff, Nadler and the entire Democratic Party in Washington would spend the next four years with one political distraction after another. First a phony investigation into Trump collusion with Russia; there was no evidence that it ever happened, the collusion was with the Clinton campaign. They all knew it, but Trump had to be stopped.

Next was the phony impeachment. Another hoax yet an extraordinary effort to disrupt Trump using the most powerful tool they had, corruptly. The Democrats were going to destroy the elected President of the United States no matter the cost to our nation.

While Pelosi, Hoyer, Schiff, Nadler and the entire Democratic Party were busy keeping Trump in the middle of distraction after distraction, our enemies were busy preparing for the final take down.

A cabal against freedom, led by George Soros, was raising money, recruiting people, and providing the roadmap for an outbreak of riots across America.

At the same time, while not in concert with Soros, China’s President Xi Jinping was preparing a most barbaric act. Knowing full well his vision of a new world order lead by China had been set back by the US President who was under attack at home, he would take his own actions.

Xi Jinping could not challenge the US with a military fight, he would lose even more. However, as America was consumed with a phony impeachment trial bought on by the Democrat’s leadership and supported by the entire rank and file of the Democratic Party, Xi Jinping saw an opportunity and he took advantage of it.

He released upon the world, including his own people, a virus that would bring the world economy, including the United States economy to its knees. It was just the perfect bioweapon, not enough to cause uncontrolled death among most people, but enough to create a worldwide panic.

Xi Jinping was aware of the lethal threat to the elderly and others with certain respiratory illnesses, but that would be a rather small price to pay, at least among his own people as those were the least productive and most costly. The Chinese people are exceptionally good people; the Xi Jinping regime is barbaric. He was able to take America down without firing a single bullet.

America will recover, and the course Trump laid out will return, and China will pay a huge economic price for their actions. And our cities that have been destroyed by the rioters will be largely rebuilt, although not all as some Democratic mayors and councils will be left holding the bag for their loyalty to the rogue democratic establishment rather than the people they were elected to serve.

Pelosi, Hoyer, Schiff, Nadler, Schumer, they all will continue their efforts to stop Trump at all costs. We would like to think Hoyer is the one who would put his country ahead

of himself. We would like to think Hoyer would go back to Washington and stand up against the radical left wing of his party. We would like to think Hoyer would bring common sense back to the Democratic Party.

We would like to think Hoyer would speak out against Supreme Court packing and phony Russia investigations. That he would be an advocate for integrity on both sides of the isle. That he would speak out against stoking the flame of racial divide and speak up for all Americans.

But he will not. And that is why we are endorsing Chris Palombi for Congress.

Palombi is a man of high integrity. A former police officer, a high school coach and a well-rounded energetic individual. What he would bring to the job may not be exactly what the 5th Congressional District may need right now, what he brings to the job is exactly what our nation needs right now, common sense and America first.

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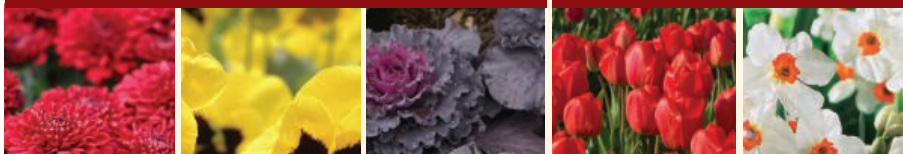
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Rescue Assistance Funding Sparks Talk of EMS Billing



Emergency Management Director Steve Walker briefs commissioners on plans to support rescue squads.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The CARES Act funding that will pay for contract medical assistance for all the county's rescue squads will last through the end of the year but once that money runs out, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County began to look for other revenue sources to keep the contract personnel in place.

Emergency medical services billing could be one of those sources, something never before instituted in St. Mary's.

The commissioners authorized the use of \$550,000 in CARES Act funding to pay for the contract medics as well as the purchase of an additional ambulance that will operate out of the county's Department of Emergency Services.

That ambulance will be staffed and driven by qualified emergency medical technicians (EMTs) stationed at the emergency department to fill any gaps in service, Walker said.

This funding will also pay for four contract paramedics to support the county's Advanced Life Support Unit.

COVID-19 has caused many volunteers in the seven rescue squads locally to stop running call for fear of contracting the virus; many of the most stalwart volunteers are in higher risk groups because of their age.

Steve Walker, director of the emergency services department, said the problem with getting enough volunteers to answer calls during the day predated COVID-19, but the virus had exacerbated the problem.

"We're having a very tough time," Walker said. "Since January 1, 1,400 of our calls [for EMS services] have gone over 15 minutes."

Years ago, 14 minutes was established as a baseline by the county for an acceptable response time, though Walker admitted it was not ideal.

"Many of those calls are over 20 minutes, over 30 minutes," Walker said. "Some are over an hour."

EMS billing was a solution emergency services was considering.

"This is a short-term fix," Walker

said. "What happens in December? I don't know that yet, we'll figure that out. We're looking at EMS billing to assist."

The current assistance plan will cost about \$110,000 a month, Walker said.

"That'll take us into February... EMS billing is an important part of this," he said.

That could mean hiring a contractor to do the billing work, according to Walker, or hire a coordinator to track billing.

"Will it pay for everything? I don't know that," Walker told commissioners. "We're trying to come up with some solutions if that need is still there."

Commissioner Eric Colvin sounded his support for some kind of EMS billing in the future.

"EMS billing... we've to move forward with that to make this work in the future," Colvin said.

The current solution costs \$40,000 a week, Colvin said, noting just how much the volunteer first responders saved the county in costs.

"If we come to have some kind of paid service, we can never do without them," Walker said of volunteers. "It just can't happen."

Commissioner John O'Connor said a meeting of the county's Emergency Services Board last week had pointed discussions about the situation, one of them was to assure volunteers that what the county was doing was necessary.

"We're addressing it now as a stop gap," O'Connor said. "What we stressed is that no matter what, the county is here to support the volunteer system that's in place, not to control the system, not to intercede."

"It's the same relationship we've always had."

The objective, O'Connor said, was to get volunteers back into ambulances so the county would not have to provide career assistance in the long term.

"That is the eventual goal," O'Connor said.

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State's Attorney's Staff Training Trip Cost Thousands

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

It cost more than \$11,000 to send seven staff members, including State's Attorney Richard Fritz, to Ocean City for what the county's chief law enforcement officer called "in-house training," even though the events for which the money had originally been set aside, had been cancelled.

Each year the Maryland State Bar Association and the Maryland State's Attorney's Association hold conferences and both were set to take place in Ocean City between the dates of June 9 and June 17.

Both events were cancelled in April due to concerns over COVID-19.

When asked if he had considered cancelling the trip to the Eastern Shore Fritz said: "Why?"

He defended his decision saying that at the time the court house was closed due to COVID-19 and that the time was advantageous to engage in training of his staff, attorneys and investigators.

"It [the money] would've been expended if the two conferences had

been held," Fritz said, declining to go into specific details about the kind of training offered at the meeting.

"We were training, that should be sufficient," Fritz said. "I think it's sufficient to say we were training in the law."

"The money was all authorized, we went there for training and that's what we did."

According to county finance records obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests made by The County Times, the entire cost of the trip was \$11,567.36

The seven members of the staff who attended the in-house training, according to Fritz, in lieu of the conferences were Fritz, Dena Womack, office manager, Andrew Cusick, chief investigator, Philip Joseph, investigator, John Pleisse, Michael Kane and Sarah Proctor, all assistant state's attorneys.

County records show that Fritz booked a three-bedroom condominium-type suite at the Marigot Beach Suites from June 9 through June 17 at a cost of \$3,402; he also received trav-

el expenses from county government in the amount of \$204, plus meals at \$561 and \$4 for bridge tolls.

The total county assistance Fritz received for those three categories of expenses was \$769.70, the same as Womack and Cusick.

Joseph's full expense total was \$565, while each of the three attorneys' total expenses, including accommodations were \$1,129

County records show they made their requests to the county finance office in March for expense assistance and were approved in anticipation of the two conferences moving ahead.

Neither Cusick nor Joseph drew any accommodation expenses but shared living space with Fritz, records show. The other staff members stayed at a nearby Clarion Resort.

Womack's accommodations expenses totaled \$1,902.60, finance records show, and both she and Fritz attended the training sessions from June 9 to June 17, while the three state's attorneys attended from June 14 to June 17.

Cusick and Joseph were in Ocean



The Clarion Resort, Ocean City, MD

City from June 10 to June 17, records show.

The trip to Ocean City by Fritz and his staff came to light last week, when a former employee who had recently resigned claimed that she had suffered from a hostile work environment; Barbara Rivera, a former office manager referenced the trip in her statement.

Fritz has denied her claims that she was treated unfairly or disrespectfully. guyleonard@countytimes.net

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Controversial Hollywood Development Site Up For Sale

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Once slated for a major town center development that would include a gas station, convenience store and fast food services as well as a car dealership, the 22.4-acre piece of land nestled in Hollywood is now up for sale.

The land bounded by Three Notch Road, Sotterley Road and Old Three Notch Road was to be built out as the Hollywood Commercial Center but earlier this year the applicants for the project, known as Hollywood Partners LLP, formally withdrew their plans for the project back in February, William Hunt, director of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management, confirmed.

The commercial real estate corporation KLNb is listing the property for \$3.7 million.

The property is still zoned as a mixed-use property and available for development, the KLNb website stated.

The last time a project related to the commercial center, the adjacent car dealership to be placed on the same parcel, came before the county's planning board was in March of 2018 when that portion of the project was approved.

The commercial center proposal got its start in 2015 and continued through the planning process for more than two years;



it was rejected by the planning commission largely over traffic issues and access to the site.

At one time, the traffic study predicted as many as 10,000 additional vehicle trips a day in the community in and out of the site, to include tractor trailer traffic.

The project was broadly opposed in the community on those grounds, especially since the intersection of Sotterley Road and Old Three Notch Road was considered a safety hazard because of speeding traffic and poor sight lines due to its so-called "lazy x" formation.

However, the county's zoning appeals board overruled the planning commission's objections and approved the project.

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Brewster: Trade Costume Masks for Face Coverings



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Halloween is still on and Dr. Mee-na Brewster, county health officer, says children and parents alike can enjoy the festivities but she had some words of caution before they venture out trick or treating.

"Please use face coverings, not costume masks," Brewster said Oct. 20, speaking to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County sitting as the Board of Health. "Costume masks aren't built to obstruct [respiration] from the nose and mouth."

Brewster has long been a proponent of wearing face masks to help stem the spread of COVID-19 and has said scientific evidence continues to show that it can reduce respiration and respiratory droplets coming from infected persons.

Halloween-style costume masks, however, often have vent holes and gaps cut in them that are not adequate in providing the same protection as a form fitting face covering.

She also warned against wearing a face mask under a costume mask as it was too restrictive against breathing.

"You can decorate your face cov-

erings, make them spooky," Brewster said. "Please avoid the costume masks this year, though."

"It [costume masks] doesn't really prevent the virus from coming out."

Commissioner Todd Morgan was pleased that the county health department had not decided to try to forestall Halloween festivities.

"So, face coverings, but [Halloween's] not cancelled as far as your concerned," Morgan said.

Brewster said her office was encouraging residents to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on how to safely enjoy Halloween.

"People can do bagged goodies instead of individual pieces of candy," Brewster said. "We encourage our families to avoid going out in large groups."

She said homeowners who expect trick-or-treaters can preset treats for children so they can come by and pick them up to avoid personal contact and maintain social distancing.

"So, if they practice safe and precautionary measures, please have fun trick or treating," Morgan said.

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Residents Press County On Flooding Problems

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Repeated complaints and pleas for help from residents living in areas of the county susceptible to flooding, notably on Maypole Road in Leonardtown, near McIntosh Run as well as in Clements and Chaptico have the county looking for ways to aid residents there.

But, said public works chief John Deatrick, there is little that can be done to alleviate the fact that many of the homes on Maypole Road are built in a flood plain.

"There's nothing that can be done; it's in a flood plain," Deatrick said of the flooding. "We're not going to build flood walls.

"We keep a constant watch on Maypole Road and we keep the ditches and drain pipes clean."

Normal maintenance can handle most drainage problems there, Deatrick said, but the type of rains that deluged the area Aug. 4 when Tropical Storm Isaias hit, and then subsequent heavy rains days later, were a different matter.

McIntosh Run, Chaptico Creek and St. Clements Creek all experienced catastrophic levels of flooding.

"There were water levels that were way over anything previously experienced," Deatrick said.

Many of the homes built on Maypole



Maypole Road flooded out during Tropical Storm Isaias.

Road, were, to Deatrick's knowledge, built in the floodplain before there were requirements in law to build three feet above the predicted 100-year flood level.

One home, he said, was built in the flood way well before the law was written forbidding such construction.

The only solutions for such homes were to have them raised or for homeowners to take a buyout, Deatrick said.

At the Oct. 20 public forum before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, resident George Kalnasy, who lives on Maypole Road, said the serious storms and rain fall have increased since Hurricane Floyd slammed the area in 1999.

"And none of the flooding issues have been addressed by the county commis-

sioners," Kalnasy said. "We're all waiting for the county to address the known stream flow problems and blockages, which are contributing to the flooding.

"It is unbelievable the amount of grants which the county has sought over the last few months, but none of them are aimed at fixing the basic infrastructure of the watersheds."

In a letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation dated Oct. 20, the county requested the state make a targeted effort to mitigate the flooding on Route 243 in Leonardtown, which is directly across from Maypole Road astride Route 5.

McIntosh Run flooded that area in August and is also eroding the stream

bank there, according to the missive.

"From preliminary observations a project by [State Highway Administration] to rebuild the stream bank combined with minor stream restoration and raising the roadway level in that targeted area could solve multiple problems and keep the roadway open and avoid loss of that facility in the stream," the letter reads.

Earlier that same day, at the commissioners' meeting in Leonardtown, Commissioner Mike Hewitt warned residents that any assistance available from the state often took years to get to those in need.

"We know there are a lot of people upset, a lot of property damage," Hewitt said, noting that state agencies had grant programs available to offer as much as 75 percent of the costs to have a property owner's land purchased.

"There is something out there, but I use the term 'We need to manage expectations,'" Hewitt continued.

He said federal and state emergency agencies took as long as two years, after an application for assistance was set in, to get an answer to those seeking assistance, and it could be several more years before they got any relief.

"Unacceptable," Hewitt said.

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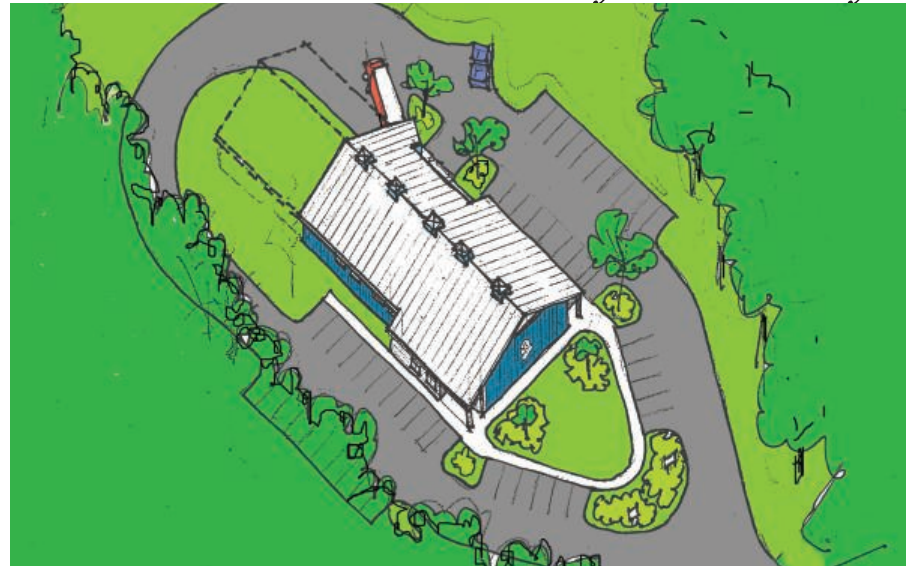
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Extra Funds Added for Agricultural Center

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By Dick Myers, Editor and
Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland has agreed to provide St. Mary's County with an additional \$500,000 for construction of the Regional Agriculture Center (RAC) in New Market next to the county transfer station.

St. Mary's County won the bid for the location of the regional center in their county and Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) provided \$1 million to the county to construct the building which will then be operated by SMADC on behalf of the five counties it serves (Charles, Calvert, Anne Arundel and Prince George's, in addition to St. Mary's).

According to SMADC Director Shelby Watson-Hampton, they originally had \$2 million in tobacco restitution monies for the project, with \$1 million set aside to furnish and operate the facility.

She told The County Times that cost overruns for the construction were not unexpected, due to the pandemic and increased building costs. She told the council at their Oct. 15 virtual meeting that getting the long-discussed and much-anticipated building constructed was important and thus the providing of the extra \$500,000 was justified. "Getting it built would be the first priority," she said.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development, said SMADC had planned to seek extra funding for the project beyond the \$1 million initial award to St. Mary's.

"It's not a lot of money for a project like that," Kaselemis said. "We're refining what it's going to look like."

Also, the land upon which the regional agricultural center is to be built does not have water or sewer running to it, Kaselemis said, and the county is still assessing those costs.

"There are no issues with it," Kaselemis said of the land next to the convenience center near the Lettie Marshal Dent Elementary School.

Kaselemis said the county could look elsewhere for a site to place the RAC, but only if it's found to be a better site.

"That's still our primary site," Kaselemis said of the current piece of land.

The council, on a motion by Commissioner Todd Morgan and a second by Commissioner Eric Colvin voted to provide the extra \$500,000 to St. Mary's contingent on the county absorbing any other cost overruns. That prompted Sen. Jack Bailey (R: St. Mary's, Calvert) to observe, "This is not just a St. Mary's County issue." He suggested that the other counties be asked to contribute to help St. Mary's if extra monies are needed.

Charles County Commissioner President Rueben Collins said of the possible need for extra funding, "This is the first I've heard of it." He said he would have to take any such proposal to his board.

Watson-Hampton said emails would be going out to the other four counties bringing up the subject.

She said the need to find extra monies if there are additional cost overruns is related to the fact that her budget was cut 25 percent because of COVID-19 state fiscal belt tightening.

She said they operate frugally and have not needed to cut any staff or programs as the result of that budget reduction.

According to SMADC, the RAC "will be a public/private partnership providing a set of complementary services with the capability of adding value and profitability to products from Southern Maryland farmers."

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Prioritizes Frontline First Responders, Healthcare Workers, and Nursing Homes

Governor Larry Hogan announced Oct. 20 the release of the State of Maryland's initial draft COVID-19 mass vaccination plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week. Read the draft plan.

"In anticipation of a COVID-19 vaccine, Maryland stands ready to order, distribute, and administer it effectively and rapidly as soon as a vaccine becomes available," said Governor Hogan. "The State of Maryland's plan for this historic undertaking will immediately make the vaccine available to Marylanders at highest risk of developing complications from COVID-19 as well as our critical frontline health care workers and essential workers in public safety and education."

"The Maryland Department of Health has worked collaboratively with our many partners in both the public and private sectors to develop a draft plan that will ensure the swift, safe, and equitable administration of a life-saving COVID-19 vaccine," said Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Secretary Robert R. Neall. "We stand ready to take additional action and operationalize this effort as soon as a vaccine becomes available."

"As we learn more, our plan will continue to evolve—but our focus will always be on the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine to prevent the spread of the disease among Marylanders," said MDH Acting Deputy Secretary of Public Health Dr. Jinlene Chan. "From provider recruitment and enrollment to vaccine storage and reminders about second doses, MDH has taken a very calculated approach to ensure the logistics, operations, and execution of this plan are thorough and efficient."

Governor Hogan recently toured the headquarters of Novavax, Inc. in Gaithersburg—one of nearly 40 Maryland companies that are working on developing and manufacturing COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics, improving

diagnostic tests, and providing clinical research and technological support to ensure safe and effective health care delivery.

In April, state health officials began multi-agency operational discussions in preparation for a COVID-19 vaccine. That preparation included reviewing lessons learned from previous pandemics and outbreaks—including the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic—as well as previous influenza vaccination campaigns.

Safe and Phased Plan for Vaccination Distribution

Maryland's draft COVID-19 vaccination plan focuses on two major phases of vaccine availability and distribution. Phase 1 will focus on priority groups to receive vaccination, and Phase 2 will have wide-scale vaccine availability for the general population. Additionally, vaccine supply is expected to rapidly increase once distribution begins, alleviating the need to limit vaccine administration.

Phase 1: Vaccination of Critical Populations. Initial COVID-19 vaccination efforts will target those at highest risk of developing complications from COVID-19 and those in critical industries:

- Frontline first responders and health care workers evaluating and caring for COVID-19 patients;
- Staff and residents of nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and assisted living facilities; and
- Essential workers, including public safety, education, and staff in congregate living facilities.

Specific vaccination metrics will be utilized to assess Phase 1 vaccination progress and determine where additional effort is needed. These metrics may include:

- Percent of Phase 1 population vaccinated;
- Percent and number of residents and staff at long-term care facilities vaccinated;
- Determination of an equitable distri-

bution of COVID-19 vaccine throughout the state for the Phase 1 population; and

- Percent and number of Phase 1 population pre-registered.

Phase 2: Vaccination of General Public. Determination of the beginning of Phase 2 will be influenced by a number of factors:

- Availability of COVID-19 vaccine;
- Notification by CDC and state authorities that the general public Phase 2 can begin due to sufficient supply; and/or
- Achievement of targeted metrics for vaccination of high priority Phase 1 groups.

Primary Components of Maryland's Draft COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Provider Recruitment and Enrollment. MDH is in the process of actively recruiting and enrolling health care providers, local health departments, employee occupational health providers, and pharmacists in Maryland's Vaccine Program Immunization Information System (ImmuNet) to ensure that there will be sufficient vaccinators to meet local needs. ImmuNet is where providers register to order COVID-19 vaccines, track delivery of vaccines, report doses administered, and determine when second doses are due.

Vaccine Allocation, Ordering, Distribution, and Inventory Management. MDH will require pre-registration of Phase 1 vaccine sites and registration of priority vaccine candidates at each site. Vaccine orders will be placed in ImmuNet, which will then be uploaded to the CDC VTrckS vaccine ordering system for shipping directly to the hospital or work site.

Vaccine Storage and Handling. COVID-19 vaccine products are temperature sensitive and will need to be stored and handled correctly to ensure vaccine viability prior to administration to a patient. The CDC is currently developing storage and handling guidelines for COVID-19 vaccines.

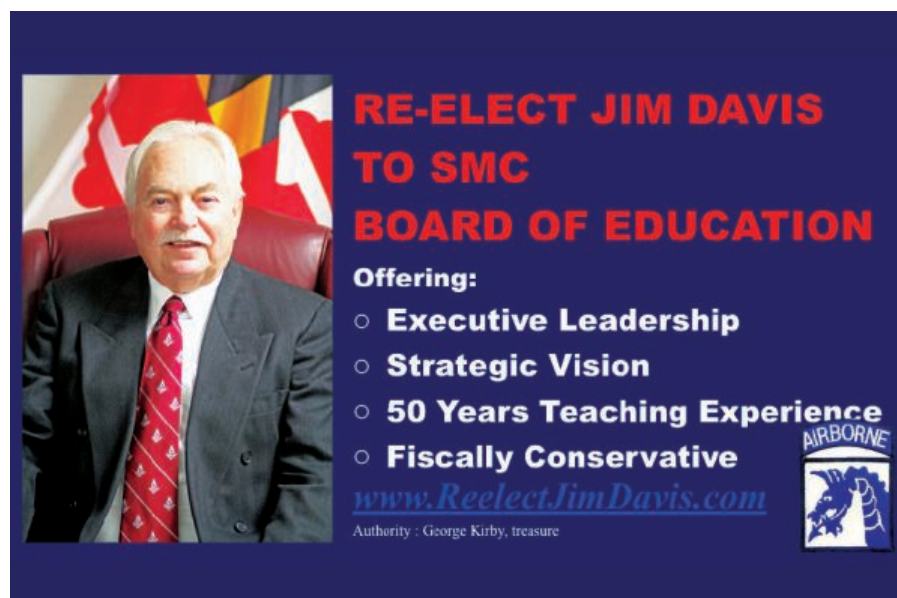
Vaccine Safety Monitoring. With the rapid development and licensing

of COVID-19 vaccines, vaccine safety monitoring is a high priority to establish and maintain confidence in the vaccine. CDC and the FDA continuously monitor the safety of vaccines. Three main systems are used to monitor the safety of vaccines: MDH participates in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD), and Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment Project.

Vaccination Program Metrics. Monitoring of the COVID-19 vaccination program will be critical to the program's success, and several online dashboards are currently under development. The weekly flu vaccination dashboard and the COVID-19 vaccination response dashboard will use data related to flu and COVID-19 vaccination that are collected from various sources. MDH will also have Maryland-specific dashboards based on information collected in ImmuNet.

Vaccination Second Dose Reminders. For most COVID-19 vaccines, two doses of vaccine will be required separated by >21 or >28 days. Second dose reminders will be provided to patients in several ways. Marylanders may choose to receive reminders through PrepMod, an online resource that will be used to schedule clinics, track equipment needs, and report vaccination activity. Alternatively, patients may be scheduled for second doses from the provider-based systems. Maryland also has a dedicated consumer vaccination portal, Maryland MyIR, which allows registered users to obtain their current vaccination records from ImmuNet, and can also be used to issue reminder messages if two doses are required.

Public Health Campaign. MDH will coordinate with trusted community partners, priority group representatives, and representatives of vulnerable populations, along with a marketing vendor, to execute a public health campaign focused on the safety and efficacy of a vaccine.





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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

An Act of Kindness



On October 5, 2020, Cpl. Maloy stopped traffic on Golden Beach Road in Mechanicsville, to assist an individual in a wheelchair that was attempting to cross Golden Beach Road. Cpl. Maloy assisted the individual safely across the roadway and then continued to push him to his destination

Theft Suspect Wanted

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 at 6 pm, the suspect entered the Old Navy store in California and filled up a bookbag with clothing and then left the store without paying. The next day on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 at 10:10 am, the suspect returned, loaded up more clothing and left the store without paying. The suspect is described as a tall, heavy set black man.



causing a disturbance at the hospital. Edger was told to leave by employees and instead remained outside and tried to provoke an altercation with two others. Cpl. Pesante ordered Edger to cease his behavior and leave the area. Edger continued to cause a disturbance and was arrested. Edger was charged with Trespass: Private Property and Disorderly Conduct.



Wayne Edger

Theft/Assault/Resisting Arrest

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Thomas Snyder at 301-475-4200 ext. 78068 or email thomas.snyder@stmarysmd.com for Case # 63132-20 or call Deputy Benjamin Luffey at 301-475-4200, ext. 72235 or email benjamin.luffey@stmarysmd.com for Case # 63301-20

On Oct. 7, 2020, Cpl. Alvin Beishline responded to the 17600 block of Owensville Way in St. Inigoes, to assist the victim in obtaining belongings. The victim obtained property and was in a vehicle leaving the residence when **Kenneth Floyd Dodson**, age 28 of St. Inigoes, forced his way into the victim's vehicle and attempted to remove the keys, assaulting the victim while trying to get the keys. Deputies on scene advised Dodson he was under arrest, at which time Dodson resisted deputies and would not allow himself to be handcuffed. At the time of arrest, the victim's cellphone was located in Dodson's pants pocket. Dodson was arrested and charged with Theft, Assault 2nd Degree, Resisting Arrest and Fail to Obey a Reasonable/Lawful Order.



Kenneth Dodson

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.

Disorderly Conduct/Trespassing

On Oct. 2, 2020, Cpl. Milton Pesante responded to the 25500 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Wayne Bradley Edger**, age 51 of Avenue, became upset and began

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Board of Public Works Approves Green Initiatives

St. Mary's Project Included

The Board of Public Works has approved funding for two Resiliency through Restoration projects and one Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund grant, to help Maryland's communities enhance their ability to withstand the impacts of climate change, erosion, flooding and extreme weather.

Under the program, DNR will support the design of living shorelines in St. Mary's and Anne Arundel counties to protect infrastructure and park access while enhancing habitat and water quality. These approved project were selected through a competitive solicitation and restoration targeting:

St. Mary's County will design a living shoreline with climate-resilient features to address erosion, coastal storms and sea level rise impacts at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park while preserving beach access.

These living shorelines comple-

ment a suite of pilot projects underway across the state to demonstrate how natural features like wetlands, forests, and dunes can help communities adapt to climate change.

"Under the Governor's leadership, we are able to provide multiple grant programs to enhance our resiliency through green infrastructure and nature-based solutions," Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "Coastal storms, erosion, and flooding all affect Maryland, so these projects are extremely important for protecting our communities and our infrastructure."

Enhanced resilience also saves money, as research shows that taxpayers save an average of \$6 for every \$1 spent on mitigation.

Project partners will also address monitoring, adaptive management and community outreach at each project site to ensure long term success.

Press Release from MD DNR.

Karbstein Captures Art Walk 1st Place



Aicy Karbstein. Photo provided by artist.

St. Mary's County Arts Council's Art Walk contest looked just a little bit different this year but was still deemed a great success! Due to the pandemic the party was minus the big band and much of the fanfare but they still had 29 beautiful, locally-created art pieces featured at host businesses.

They are beyond grateful for the wonderful turnout of people who came out to vote for their favorite artwork during the month of September, despite the current climate of many challenges that 2020 has presented.

St. Mary's County Arts Council is pleased to announce that by popular vote the First Place Winner of this year's Art Walk Contest is Aicy Karbstein for her painting "King Street, Old Town Alexandria." This stunningly intricate painting was inspired by the charm of historic Old Town Alexandria, VA, where tourists and residents alike stroll the streets and visit the sites and restaurants. It is based on an early spring scene, with some people wearing the "Capitals Hockey" team shirts, walking their pets, riding motorcycles, and sailing on the Potomac River. In the foreground, we see the "Ramsay House" Visitors Center on the left, and the "Burke & Herbert Bank" on the right.

It is the second in the "Old Town Alexandria" series. Aicy Karbstein is a Brazilian-born contemporary artist who now resides in Leonardtown. Her paintings express moments in time when there are feelings of bliss or freedom, of which she skillfully freezes onto canvas for a lifetime of apprecia-

tion. "I rely on my heart and mind to achieve harmony, and I am very fond of historic and scenic places as sources of inspiration," she said.

Aicy's most current projects are representational paintings, although she still paints whatever inspires her at the moment, thus her techniques may vary. She enjoys applying lively acrylic colors on canvas as her favorite medium, using as many details that she can see to bring her artwork to life and brighten someone's day. To learn more about Aicy Karbstein see links of interest: <https://www.karbstein.com> www.facebook.com/karbstein <https://www.instagram.com/aicy.karbstein/>

Be sure to visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com to see the gallery of all entries for this year's event, including work by Ann Preston (2nd Place for "Buoys on Fence") and Donna Carley Tizol (3rd Place for "Gently Down the Stream").

The St. Mary's County Arts Council would like to extend a big thank you to all of the artists, host businesses, Town of Leonardtown, and the many who came to vote and submitted ballots. Our annual contest is part of the celebration of Leonardtown's anniversary as an officially designated Arts & Entertainment District of the State of Maryland. Artists interested in participating in next year's event may sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at www.stmarysartscouncil.com where announcements will be made re: the submission period for 2021.

Press Release by St. Mary's County Arts Council.

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET BENZY

There's nothing like coming home to a loved one and hearing them meow!



Howdy folks, my name is Benzy.

The wonderful gang here at TCAS say I'm VERY HANDSOME in my new bow tie! I'm a shy, somewhat old-fashioned boy who likes to take it slow with my relationships. I really enjoy ear scratches, laser pointers, and soft blankets. I'm only 9 MONTHS OLD and ready to find a FAMILY that I can belong to FOREVER! I just know I can be a BRIGHT SPOT in your life! So please take a minute to email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to come meet me ASAP. BE MY MIRACLE and PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Essay Contest Winners See How Government Works



Students interested in government have a perfect opportunity to witness it first-hand.

It's called the Congressional Seminar Essay Contest for High School Students. This essay contest is a major project of The National Society of Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA) held under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation, a private nonprofit educational program in American government for high school students.

Winners receive full tuition, including seminar materials, university campus housing, and two meals daily, for a week of citizenship education about the national government, plus fun, new friends, and tours of sites in our nation's capital.

The contest is open to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students, according to Calvert County resident Grace Mary

Brady, who was formerly St. Mary's County's historic district planner. Brady is chair of NSCDA's Patriotic Service Committee, which has the contest as one of its responsibilities.

Brady feels that this year's essay contest topic is very topical: "The Electoral College was established in the U.S. Constitution as the election process for the President and Vice President. Support retaining the Electoral College or propose and support another system to operate in its place."

Brady said, "What a perfect topic for this election year and I like the suggestion of what would you replace the Electoral College with if you don't like how it operates now."

Information about how to enter the contest can be found on the NSCDA website: <https://nscda.org>

Happy 100th Birthday Thomas E. Goodwine

Happy 100th Birthday to our Dad Thomas E. Goodwine. Thanks for the gift of love you have shared for 10 decades.

You are loved by all. Enjoy this milestone. May God's Blessings continually be on you. Love your Kids, Family & Friends



Health Department Offers Free Flu Shots Sites

Beginning October 26, 2020, the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will offer free flu vaccine to children (ages 3 – 18 years) at its SMCHD COVID-19 Testing Sites, during testing hours listed below:

- SMCHD Main 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 Harm Reduction Office:**
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - 46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)
 - For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 862-1680

Advance registration to receive the flu vaccine is required at www.marylandvax.org in order to ensure adequate vaccine supply. No advanced registration is required for COVID-19 testing.

"We really need everyone six months and older to get the flu vac-



cine unless they have a medical contraindication to it," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "Decreasing the amount of flu transmission in our community relieves stress on our healthcare system, helps keep kids in school, and means less people get quarantined for their COVID-like flu symptoms."

Additionally, SMCHD is partnering with St. Mary's County Public Schools and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital to offer drive-thru flu vaccine clinics for child and adult community members. Click here for more information on dates, times and locations.

For more information about the flu, including prevention tips and key differences from COVID-19, please visit: www.smchd.org/flu.

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Naval Air Museum Hosts Car Show

More than 60 cars were on display Oct. 19 at a car show at Patuxent River Naval Air Museum.



Photos by Weston Kilgore.

St. Mary's College Featured in Princeton Review

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

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

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

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

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

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

Press Release from SMCM.

Input Sought for Healthy Relationships Survey

Each year, the St. Mary's County Commission for Women (CFW) hosts a healthy relationship awareness event for young people in our county. While that may not be possible this year due to COVID-19, the CFW remains committed to their focus on dating violence prevention for teens and young adults. In an effort to collect information to better target future events, they have created a survey regarding the experiences of individuals ages 13-25 as it relates to healthy relationships.

To take the survey, visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqqomEmNSba6shaqAM4VzccX-scNlqn11351ijOI_VNPIKw/viewform.

All responses are confidential and will provide the CFW with vital information as they continue to work toward a safer and healthier St. Mary's County.

For more information about the CFW, please visit <https://www.stmarysmc.com/boards/> or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1680.

Press Release from St. Mary's County government.

Plans Announced First School-Based Health Centers

The St. Mary's County Equity Task Force is pleased to announce plans to establish the first two school-based health centers in St. Mary's County in order to promote equity in education, health and public safety. The school-based health centers are under construction at Spring Ridge Middle School in Lexington Park and at Margaret Brent Middle School in Helen, and will launch with certain services by December 2020.

The school-based health centers will initially offer school nursing, behavioral health services, preventive care and health education programming. Future plans for the school-based health centers include specific primary care services, key to improving health outcomes for students who face barriers to accessing health care. Spring Ridge Middle School is located in a federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for both primary care and mental health services. Margaret Brent Middle School is located in a HPSA for mental health services.

"Lack of consistent health care and

accessible mental health services can create barriers to regular school attendance," said Dr. Scott Smith, Superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools. "School Based Health Centers and our proactive partnership with the St. Mary's County Health Department can address this need."

"School-based health centers play a critical role in promoting access to health care services and preventive programming for all students, including those who may be the most vulnerable to poor health outcomes," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "During a time of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, these sites will also be utilized for community testing and mass vaccination efforts."

"Coupled with our School Resource Officers at these locations, this initiative provides increased behavioral health services and improved substance abuse prevention for our youth, helping them build better foundations for adulthood," Sheriff Tim Cameron added.

Pax River Drill Hall Closed for Cleaning Oct. 20-25

Physical Therapy Clinic Remains Open



NAS Patuxent River's Drill Hall will be closed, with the exception of the Physical Therapy Clinic, for cleaning Oct. 20-Oct. 25 following a report that two staff members who have since tested positive for COVID were in the Drill Hall in the days prior to exhibiting symptoms. While there is no indication that infection occurred during their shifts, the command is performing a deep cleaning

of Drill Hall of spaces in an abundance of caution. The exercise, indoor pool, and Bowling Center spaces will be closed during this time.

Personnel are reminded to practice CDC- and DoD-directed COVID safety measures of wearing a face covering, frequent hand washing, and maintaining physical distancing when possible, and to stay home if they feel ill.

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Commissioners Approve Grant for Sheriff's Office



The Commissioners approved an award of \$100,000 for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office to fund youth gun violence prevention in the community. The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Youth Gun Violence Reduction Initiative Grant will purchase software technology and educational materials.

Sheriff Tim Cameron described the PredPol software to the Commissioners at their Tuesday, Oct. 20 meeting as a data-driven predictive technology that identifies crime related public security and safety concerns in the county and allows for more efficient use of ex-

isting resources.

Educational materials purchased by the award include audio, video and print materials to promote awareness and education about firearm safety to youth.

Commissioner decisions and related public documents are available on the county government website in BoardDocs. St. Mary's County Commissioner Meetings may be viewed live Tuesday mornings on SMC Channel 95 or as a replay Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the St. Mary's County Government YouTube Channel.

Leadership Class Experiences Energy & Environment



Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2020 on Oct. 8-9 participated in the last of nine educational sessions for LSM's 2019-20 Executive Program - Energy and Environment.

The two-day event began at St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's Marlay-Taylor Water Reclamation Facility where the class received an overview of Metcom's operations, learned about the wastewater treatment process, and toured the on-site lab which conducts water quality testing and analysis. The afternoon portion of the session was conducted virtually, allowing class members to hear from representatives of Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO). These presentations provided an overview of energy production in the region and gave the class insight into the organizations' leadership structures.

The second day began with a visit to the Loveville Produce Auction, allowing the participants to experience "commerce in action" while observing interaction of the Mennonite and Amish agricultural community with local restaurateurs, grocers, and individuals who purchased from their

harvests. Several class members got in on the bidding action, taking home pumpkins, floral arrangements, and other seasonal produce. The participants then traveled to Farming 4 Hunger where they had an opportunity to learn about the farm's origin story, mission, and daily operations. The class also participated in several team-building activities to help them gain a fuller understanding of the impact of the organization and its programs on a larger scale.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a nine-month, tuition-based program and is designed and dedicated to educate and inspire a diverse group of current and emerging leaders to create collaborations and partnerships to impact the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and incorporates a cross-section of the region to include diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, and gender.

For more information, please contact Denise Foster, Executive Director Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-SOMD, via email denise@leadershipsomd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org.

Press Release from LSM.

Historic St. Mary's City Receives Grant

Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) is pleased to announce the reception of the Save America's Treasures grant from the National Park Services and the Institute of Museums and Library Services. The awarded amount of \$121,500, 45 percent of the total project cost, from the federal government will allow HSMC to hire a conservation assistant for two years.

The \$267,500 conservation project is dedicated to completing conservation of high priority archaeological finds uncovered between 1988 and 2002. The project is being directed by conservator Stephanie Whitehead and will begin fall 2020.

Historic St. Mary's City wishes to

thank the awarding organizations for their support of continued endeavors at HSMC to preserve history and share stories of the past for many years to come.

For more information about the awarding organization, you may visit their website at www.imls.gov.

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland's first capital in beautiful, tidewater Southern Maryland. For more information about the museum contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, 800-SMC-1634, or info@DigsHistory.org.

Press Release from HSMC.

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Local Elections Board Battles Misinformation, Rumors

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As Election Day draws closer the local Board of Elections is busy not only preparing to ensure the smooth collection of ballots during the nation's most difficult time in recent memory but helping voters with constant questions about the shape voting opportunities will take this year.

This year, registered voters can either vote by a mail-in ballot, vote at the county's single early voting center in Hollywood, drop their ballots in a safe box, vote in person on election day or they can go to the Board of Elections and cast their ballot there at any time.

But erroneous or incomplete information about how voters can cast their ballot still abounds, the election board staff says.

"People think the ballot boxes are locked," said Wendy Adkins, the director of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections. "There is a flap there to protect the ballots, they just need to push on the flap."

"They're all unlocked 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The ballot boxes are under surveillance by St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office deputies to ensure ballot security.

"We empty them twice a day," said Susan Julian, deputy election supervisor.

The challenges facing the small staff at the elections board have been significant, Adkins said.

There are just six full time employees and four temporary ones, Adkins said, to oversee 510 election judges.

The staff continues to canvass ballots, along with a bipartisan team, at their new headquarters in Leonardtown that once housed the library.

The last day for a resident to send in a mail-in ballot is Nov. 3, Election Day, and it must be postmarked by that date.

"Or they can hand deliver it by 8p.m. to us or at any of the drop boxes," Adkins said.

But they warned those with mail-in ballots that they must either use them or take extra pains.

"If they received a mail-in ballot they can't vote using a regular in-person ballot," Julian said. "They'd have to use a provisional ballot."

This process is instilled to ensure that no one can cast a ballot twice; it is assumed that those who requested a mail-in ballot would use it.

If not, they can only vote via a provisional ballot that must be examined and confirmed to be legitimate by the board of elections.

"It's not a problem," Adkins told The County Times. "But it's a lot more work on the voter than necessary."

It's also extra work for the elections staff.

"We have to research everyone," Julian said.



Canvassing ballots that come in either by mail, in-person or from the secure boxes is a daily job.

"It's very challenging," Adkins said. "But we're on it."

"Whatever mail we get in, we process it."

Ballots sent in and canvassed before Election Day are counted immediately.

"The sooner they get them to us, the sooner they'll be counted," Adkins said. "And they can come in here anytime and cast their vote during our normal business hours."

There are 11 ballot boxes set out throughout the county and they appear to be more popular than the U.S. Mail among residents.

"More people are using the drop boxes," Julian said. "They're not trusting the mail."

There are still questions about ballot signatures, which are required, but they do not have to exactly match those found on voter registrations, elections board staff said.

It's one of the many questions they field in confusing times, another is why voters can't use their normal polling place on Election Day and instead must travel to one of seven in St. Mary's designated for that use.

The succinct answer is that COVID-19 fears closed many of the available places that could have been used to host a polling station, Julian said, and there likely would not be enough election judges to staff every one if they were.

"The buildings just weren't open," Julian said. "And a lot of our election judges were older and at risk."

Adkins said the board's usual volunteers weren't signing up to volunteer.

"Election judges were dropping out," said Adkins.

Despite continuing confusion, the election staff say that there are even more options to allow for voting now than ever before.

"The options are out there," Adkins said. "We're running two kinds of elections: a mail-in and an in-person one."

Voter enthusiasm appears strong this

election.

The board has sent out 21,060 mail-in ballots as of Oct. 16, according to the elections board, and 8,229 had been returned by that same date.

Early voting begins Oct. 26 and runs through Nov. 2; the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department is the county's only early voting site and has been for years.

There were efforts this year championed by Del. Brian Crosby and William Hall, head of the local NAACP chapter, to have additional voting sites placed in the southern portion of the county.

Crosby alleged that having only one such polling place was an act of voter suppression, but his efforts failed this year.

Del. Matt Morgan responded to Crosby's allegations by saying that voters in the northern section of the county were not alleging voter suppression and they also had a significant distance to travel to vote early.

"We've always had one," Adkins said of the single early voting site. "By law, that is all required of us."

Residents can also register to vote the same day they cast a ballot on Election Day or during early voting, but a valid Maryland drivers license is required as well as official information on their current address.

Barring that, a valid state identification card and a form such as a utility bill or paycheck confirming residency will allow a same-day register to vote on a provisional ballot.

For now, the staff there are continuing to take questions from residents leading up to Nov. 3.

"There are so many rumors on social media that it makes our job harder," Julian said.

Phone lines are always open, Adkins said.

"We're here on the phone lines all day long," Adkins said. "If residents have questions they can call us."

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St. Mary's County Board of Elections
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St. Mary's County 2020 Election Vote Centers & Drop Box Locations

Early Voting

October 26th through November 2nd
7:00 am to 8:00 pm everyday (including Saturday & Sunday).

- **Hollywood Firehouse**
24801 Three Notch Road Hollywood

Election Day Voting Centers November 3rd 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

- **Hollywood Firehouse**
24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood
- **Great Mills High School**
21130 Great Mills Road, Great Mills
- **Leonardtown High School**
23995 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown
- **Margaret Brent Middle School**
29675 Point Lookout Road, Mechanicsville
- **Lexington Park Elem School**
46763 S. Shangri-La Drive, Lexington Park
- **Spring Ridge Middle School**
19856 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park
- **Lettie Marshall Dent Elem School**
37840 New Market Turner Road, Mechanicsville

Ballot Drop Boxes

- **Lexington Park Library**
21677 F D R Blvd Lexington Park
- **Hollywood Firehouse**
24801 Three Notch Road Hollywood
- **Great Mills High School**
21130 Great Mills Road Great Mills
- **Board of Elections (old office)**
41650 Tudor Hall Road Leonardtown
- **Charlotte Hall Library**
37600 New Market Road Charlotte Hall
- **Board of Elections (new office)**
23250 Hollywood Road Leonardtown
- **Leonardtown High School**
23995 Point Lookout Road Leonardtown
- **Margaret Brent Middle School**
29675 Point Lookout Road Mechanicsville
- **Lexington Park Elem School**
46763 S. Shangri-La Drive Lexington Park

The following ballot drop boxes will be available during the week of Oct. 22nd – Oct. 24th (exact date of installation not known yet) The box will be open 24/7 thru November 3, 2020 until 8:00 pm:

- **Spring Ridge Middle School**
19856 Three Notch Road Lexington Park
- **Lettie Marshall Dent Elem School**
37840 New Market Turner Rd Mechanicsville

St. Mary's College Approves Neuroscience Major



St. Mary's College of Maryland's Board of Trustees met virtually Friday, October 16, beginning at 4:50 p.m. The Board acted on several items including approving the curriculum for the College's 25th major in neuroscience.

The Academic Affairs Committee endorsed the new major at the suggestion of faculty and staff challenged with recommending new college programming. According to the committee, the major received a favorable market analysis from an external research firm. Research found that neuroscience has been one of the most popular student-designed majors within the College's core market, increasing in number by 86 percent between 2014 and 2018. The College's minor in neuroscience, currently with 49 students, makes it the third largest minor on campus.

The new major in neuroscience will support the core mission of the College in providing a liberal arts and sciences education in an environment that fosters scholarship and intellectual integrity through close relationships with faculty in classes, laboratories, and the community. The major is particularly suited to this mission because of its interdisciplinary focus, with students learning to approach complex problems from multiple perspectives.

According to President Tuajunda C. Jordan in her remarks to the Board, "key to our efforts to sustain the College's viability is enrollment management."

Vice President for Enrollment David Hautanen Jr. presented and enrollment update to the Board. about this year's success. According to Hautanen, for the fall 2020 entering class, the College received 2,604 first-time,

first-year (FTFY) applications - an increase of 62 percent compared to the previous year. It is the second largest number of FTFY applications in the history of the College. Enrollment for the fall 2020 semester includes 1,491 undergraduate students and 22 graduate students. While this figure is level with fall 2019, there are 12 more part-time undergraduate students and the proportion of new students has increased from 27 percent to 31 percent.

Jordan also stated that the College was "enhancing Admission staffing" and "providing the tools needed to attract, recruit, and admit sufficient numbers of students with the potential and capacity to succeed in this rigorous academic environment."

Among those tools is the marketing of the new National Public Honors College that assists the Office of Admission reach its goals. This year alone, the College's Integrated Marketing department has won nine awards for successfully branding and marketing the College: four in the Educational Advertising Awards; two in the Collegiate Advertising Awards; two in the APEX Awards for Publication Excellence; and one award in the Circle of Excellence Awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The schedule for the spring 2021 semester was also discussed. The spring semester will begin on January 19, 2021, and conclude on April 27, 2021. The 2021 class commencement will be held on May 8, 2021, allowing for the semester to end one week earlier than normal. Spring Break will be replaced by two mid-semester "mental health" breaks every six weeks during the semester.

Nursing Students Inducted into Honor Society

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) inducted 13 nursing students into Alpha Omega, CSM's chapter of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society on Sept. 30. It was a virtual celebration that not only highlighted the students' perseverance in their pursuit of academic excellence, but also put them on notice.

"Those of us being inducted tonight not only 'survived' CSM's rigorous nursing program, but we are getting ready to graduate at the top of our class, during a global pandemic, under unprecedented circumstances," shared student speaker Katie Klotz. "Being inducted into this honor society, especially in 2020, is an amazing accomplishment and shows just how much we can achieve if we just keep working hard and encourage each other along the way."

To be inducted into CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter, nursing students must first become provisional members in their third semester of the program. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA, earn a B or higher in all courses required for the nursing program with no previous nursing course failures and reflect sound moral and ethical values with professionalism and integrity of the highest caliber. Additionally, the new inductees complete a scholarly learning project and reflect on that project.

Klotz went on to point out to her fellow inductees that "maybe Florence Nightingale was onto something" when she said in 1870 that it would take 150 years for nursing to become all she [Nightingale] envisioned it to be.

"For those a little slow on math, like myself - that would be 2020," laughed Klotz. "So, here we are. The nurses of 2020: Those envisioned by Ms. Nightingale, herself. We are the future of nursing. We are intelligent, compassionate, honorable students who persevered when it would have been so easy to quit. As Florence Nightingale said, 'I attribute my success to this - I never gave or took an excuse.' Neither did we."

During closing remarks, Acting Dean of the School of Science and Health Dr. Laura Polk shared a timeline of important legal decisions that led to the significant academic and professional gains for nursing students.

"In the 1970's, a simple lawyer named Ruth Bader Ginsburg argued a series of cases before the Supreme Court that focused on the issue of equity," Polk began. "Jump forward with me a few years to 1982 when Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the Supreme Court's majority opinion on a case that resulted in an order for an all-female nursing school to admit men. Jump forward with me again to 1996 when Ruth Bader Ginsburg, now a Supreme Court Justice herself wrote the majority opinion on another college case, this time the result was an order that women be admitted to an all-male school, Virginia Military Institute."

Polk then explained that these historical moments were examples of how "top individuals in their field built upon each other's work over time for the good of their profes-



Student Katie Klotz, of Pomfret, addressed her fellow inductees as the student speaker at CSM's Alpha Omega Honor Society induction ceremony.

sion, but more importantly for the good of public." Justice O'Connor used Ruth Bader Ginsburg's work from the 1970's to support her opinion in the nursing school case, Polk pointed out. And then Justice Ginsburg used Justice O'Connor's work from the 1980's to formulate her opinion in the 1990's VMI case.

"As the brightest we have at CSM, and as future leaders in nursing, I hope you'll use this as an example throughout your career," Polk said. "Look at the nursing role models from Florence Nightingale to current leaders. And build on their work as you create your own future in profession."

And then Polk put the college's top nursing students on notice.

"The second reason I wanted to share this story with you this evening is because of the concept of equity," she said. "The 1982 nursing school case emphasized access to nursing education for men and women. For the nursing profession, this is especially important. Research tells us that our patient's health outcomes are impacted by the diversity of the nursing profession. The more diverse we are as a profession (not just with gender, but with other attributes as well) and the more that the members of our profession mirror the diversity of the population as a whole, the better the health outcomes for the public.

"I want to put you on notice tonight as future nursing leaders," Polk continued. "We know there is an equity problem in health care. We are seeing it daily in the data on the effects of COVID-19 on people of color. As future leaders in nursing, you have an obligation to position yourself to promote access to nursing education for all, to challenge stereotyped beliefs about abilities, and to work diligently to decrease the impact of inequity on the health of the population."

Nursing students inducted into CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Delta Nu include: Faidat Yetunde Amolegbe, Brian Ansell, April Ann Bautista, Charlene English, Grace Kim, Katie Klotz, Tamara Magda, C'Jia Mayfield, Michelle Mejias, Sarah Miller, Alexandra Myers, Brianna Reid and Kaitlyn Willoughby.

For more information on CSM's nursing program, visit www.csm.edu/nursing.

Press Release from CSM.

Memorial Scholarship to Aid CSM Adult Part-Time Students

Sisters Carolina and Oda Solms have honored their mother Melissa Ann Solms-Baruth by establishing a memorial scholarship fund in her name. The scholarship will financially assist College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students in all fields of study.

Solms-Baruth, who passed away in 2014, was a dedicated mother and wife, as well as an avid photographer and waterfront real estate professional. In 2007, she began publishing Southern Maryland Woman magazine with her eldest daughter. The community magazine remains in publication today. Solms-Baruth was an equestrian who enjoyed traveling and jewelry making. She was also an active CASA volunteer and supported the St. Mary's Mediation Center.

"Our mother was a life-long learner. She was curious about everything and constantly developed new interests. She was a true believer in the power of education to transform one's circumstances and we had discussed creating a scholarship at CSM with her many times," said Oda Solms. "This seemed like a very natural way to remember our mother and honor her legacy."

At the time of her passing, then CSM Foundation Member Jay Lilly laid a memorial brick in Solms-Baruth's memory at the CSM Leonardtown Campus in front of the cam-

pus' Wellness and Aquatics Center (Building D).

"A brick has been laid in memory of Melissa Solms-Baruth by CSM Foundation Board member Jay Lilly who is here with us today," the program read. "Kind and generous, she devoted her life to her family and friends."

The Melissa Ann Solms-Baruth Memorial Scholarship Fund was established with a \$1,000 pledge and a promise of subsequent gifts added over time. It will provide financial assistance for tuition, fees, books and other related supplies to CSM students. To be eligible, students must be a resident of Southern Maryland; possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; possess and maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average; be attending part-time (at least six credits) at CSM; and be a returning adult student (at least 25 years of age). Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need and to students who are underrepresented minorities in their chosen field of study. Applicants must also submit an essay describing any hardships or obstacles they have faced and how this scholarship will help them achieve their goals.

Students may begin applying now for this scholarship through CSM's Scholarship Finder.

Press Release from CSM.

St. Mary's County Library Launches Mobile App

October 19, 2020 – Leonardtown, Md. – St. Mary's County Library is pleased to announce the launch of a mobile app available now for Android and iOS. The St. Mary's County Library app allows customers to search the collection, place holds, and manage their Library account from their mobile device.

The app also includes a self-checkout function. Customers inside the Library can use their own mobile device to check out materials as they browse. This feature is not only convenient, it also decreases touch points within the Library for customers who wish to avoid the self-checkout machines or staff interactions due to COVID-19 concerns.

Features of the St. Mary's County Library app include:

- The ability to save your Library card in the app so you don't need to bring your physical card to the Library.
- A searchable collection, with the ability to place holds and manage "My Account"
- Physical and digital titles available in

searches and "My Account"

- Nearest libraries feature – find directions and contact information for the nearest Library
- Self-checkout of materials
- Learn about upcoming events at the Library
- Scan an ISBN barcode to see if the Library has a copy of an item

Sara Stephenson, Virtual Services Coordinator, said "We are excited to launch the app as a way for our customers to take the Library on the go. Almost one quarter of visits to the Library's website in the last year were from a mobile device. We want to provide Library services in ways that are accessible for our customers, and this app is another step toward that goal."

The app was funded through the CARES initiative from the State of Maryland.

Please call or visit any Library location for assistance downloading the app or with any questions about its use and features.



★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Read Woke Challenge

St. Mary's County Library invites community members of all ages to join the Read Woke Challenge, running through May 2021! Register on the Beanstack Tracker app or on the Beanstack website and then choose a book to match each month's badge. You'll read books by Asian-Americans, Indigenous authors, Women, LG-BTQ+ authors, and more! November's badge is African-American Voices. See more information and register at www.stmalib.org/read-woke. This reading challenge is part of the Community Conversations on Race series.

Feel Good & Live Better with root SUP & Fitness: Building Strength

Join Jenn Houck and Cathy Pierce of root

SUP & Fitness for a virtual session focusing on the importance of Heart/Bone Health. As we age it is important to care for our heart and bones properly. Different ages require different exercises, guidelines, etc. Do you know what you should be doing at your age for maximum heart/bone strength? It is never too late to start and you may be surprised at how "easy" it can be. Register at www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the virtual event taking place Monday, November 2 at 1 p.m.

Story and a Song

Join Ms. Sue and Ms. Erin for a lively story and silly sing-a-long song on Wednesday, November 4 at 10 a.m. at www.facebook.com/stmaryslibrary! A new Story and a Song will be released every other Wednesday. Check out previous



videos at www.stmalib.org!

The Importance of History

Paul Rose, a Research Historian at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will discuss the importance of history and how it can shape our understanding of today. Register at www.stmalib.org, then join us online on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairy Tale STEAM

Explore the science behind classic tales using easily accessible household objects! Why did Goldilocks prefer the temperature of only one bowl of porridge? Could Hansel and Gretel

have made a compass? View the latest video on Thursday, November 5 at 6 p.m. at www.facebook.com/stmaryslibrary. Find all the videos on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/c/StMarysCountyLibrary.

YA First Chapter Friday

Every Friday at noon, listen to the first chapter of a great book recommended for teens and tweens by Library staff. We hope you get hooked and want to read the rest! View the latest video on Friday, November 6 at 12 p.m. at www.facebook.com/stmaryslibrary. Find all the videos on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/c/StMarysCountyLibrary.

Marrick Properties Donates Welding Equipment

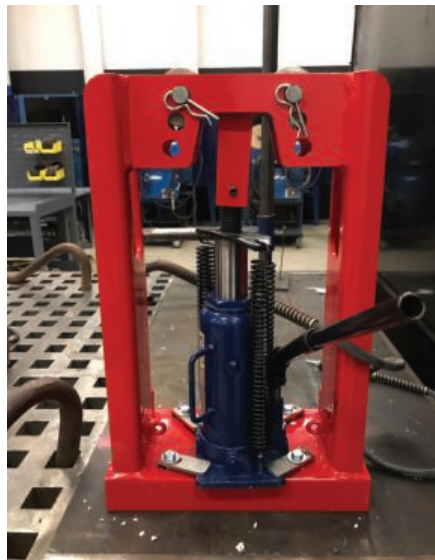
Helps Trade Students Perfect Their Skills

Marrick Properties recently donated a weld test bender that will give College of Southern Maryland (CSM) welding students an opportunity to evaluate the strength and integrity of their welds. The \$1,316 piece of equipment is used by inspectors to bend weld specimens and provides immediate feedback to students as they perfect their skills. The equipment also allows instructors and students to see if there are weak points in welds.

"This donation is a game changer for our welding program," said CSM Director I, Master Trainer, Accredited Training Sponsor Representative Michael Langton. "Adding a weld bender – which literally bends a cross-cut section of metal to test the strength of the weld – to our welding lab is a tremendous asset for our trade students."

The equipment was purchased through a donation from the Marrick Properties Inc. Endowed Fund which was established to enhance the college's trade programs and provide scholarships for CSM students.

"We are grateful to Marrick Properties for providing our students with this equipment," said Langton. "Marrick Properties' support of CSM through the years has been immeasurable. They are truly our partners in education."



The Center for Trade and Energy Training (CTET) at the Regional Hughesville Campus offers a 30,000-square-foot building containing multiple state-of-the-art labs for students to receive hands-on training in several trades including:

- A Welding Lab fitted with 20 welding booths

- A Carpentry Lab outfitted with tools, materials and equipment

- A fully-equipped Electrical Lab with structural building mock-up

- An HVAC Lab complete with operational HVAC systems

- A Plumbing Lab with resources that imitate both residential and commercial plumbing systems

- A Core Lab, featuring basic hand and power tools for a proper introduction to a career in trades

- A CAD lab with color plotter

- 4 classrooms for instructional use;

- A computer lab with 20 computer stations and 1 conference room

CTET provides residents direct access to specialized training in career fields that have remained essential throughout the global pandemic and continue to have substantial growth potential. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the following projections are made for job growth between 2012 and 2022:

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Commercial Refrigeration (HVAC): Employment of HVAC mechanics and installers is projected to grow 21 percent, faster than the average for all occupations. Job opportunities for HVAC technicians are expected to be excellent, particularly for those who have completed training at an accredited technical school or through an apprenticeship.

Electrical: Employment of electricians is projected to grow 20 percent.

With greater efficiency and reliability of newer manufacturing plants, demand for electricians in manufacturing should increase as more electricians are needed to install and maintain systems.

Construction: Overall employment of construction laborers and helpers is projected to grow 25 percent, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Plumbing: Demand for plumbers is projected to grow 21 percent. Job opportunities are expected to be good, as some employers continue to report difficulty finding qualified workers.

Welding: Employment for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers is projected to grow 3 percent from 2019 to 2029, about as fast as the average for all occupations. The nation's aging infrastructure will require the expertise of welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers to help rebuild bridges, highways, and buildings.

For more information on how CSM is taking precautions to safeguard our students, please consult our webpage: <https://ready.csmd.edu/covid-19/>.

Learn more about CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus online <https://www.csmd.edu/about/locations/regional-campus/>

Press Release from CSM.

FROM ABSENCE TO PRESENCE

THE VIRTUAL DEDICATION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE TO ENSLAVED PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Saturday, November 21, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.

The Commemorative is an immersive art experience that honors the story of resilience, persistence, and creative problem solving that defined the lives of the enslaved individuals that lived in St. Mary's City between 1750 and 1815. Constructed on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus, the Commemorative provides visitors with the space to acknowledge and learn from the lives of those who once toiled there, while providing a place for reflection and introspection about the nature of slavery and its connections to modern society.

This virtual dedication will feature a keynote message by nationally-known writer Jelani Cobb. This artistic construction being erected near the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium features commissioned work by artists Norman Lee and Shane Allbritton of RE:Site and poet Quenton Baker.

TO EXPERIENCE THE VIRTUAL DEDICATION, VISIT:
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CSM Chief of Staff Elected to National Group Will Represent Northeast Region

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces that Chief of Staff Larisa Pfeiffer has been elected the Northeast Region Representative and Member-at-large for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Professional Board Staff Network (PBSN). In this capacity, Pfeiffer will provide leadership, facilitate communication and develop programs for the annual ACCT Congress.

ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern more than 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges in the United States and beyond. Located in Washington, D.C., ACCT is a major voice of community college trustees to the presidential administration, U.S. Congress, the Departments of Education and Labor and more. The Northeast Region includes Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

In her CSM position as the college's first chief of staff, Pfeiffer relies on peers serving in similar roles in community colleges and four-year institutions to understand higher education and governance trends and policies; and to create a shared knowledge network.

In addition to being elected to the PBSN, Pfeiffer received a membership grant for the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education this July. This furthers Pfeiffer's network and access to information resources that aid in her service to presidential leadership at CSM.

"Larisa's support of CSM's Board of Trustees and our senior leadership team is exceptional," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "Her new role with ACCT is an extension of her widely known commitment to the success of all community colleges as well as her passion for transforming lives through lifelong learning and service."

Prior to serving as CSM's chief of staff, Pfeiffer spent four years as the institution's lead community engagement coordinator and five years as the college's business and information technology coordinator for CSM Workforce Development division. She has also served as an adjunct professor of Communication.



CSM Chief of Staff Larisa Pfeiffer

"CSM helped me enter the world of higher education as a student and then as a professional," said Pfeiffer. "My family and I have all enjoyed personal enrichment, workforce development, and academic courses through CSM. The college is an extension of our family and our ability to contribute meaningfully to our community is a direct result of our relationship with CSM."

Pfeiffer holds an associate degree in Arts and Sciences from CSM; a bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Maryland, a master's in Communication from Southern New Hampshire University, and is currently a doctoral candidate of the Community College Leadership program at Ferris State University. She was recently published in the April 2020 Vol. 10 Issue 1 of AT ISSUE "Building the Community College Leadership Pipeline: Prioritizing Succession Planning". Pfeiffer's dissertation research is focused on onboarding and education practices of new trustees appointed to community college board governance.

"I consider myself a helper," she shared. "My experience and educational attainment align deeply with my commitment to ensure the mission of the community college continues to serve the needs of our community and that CSM leadership is fully supported to ensure this important work gets done."

Press Release from CSM.



Letters TO THE Editor

A Day in the Life of a High School Senior During COVID19

To the Editor

As you know, education in the age of COVID19 is a moving target. It goes from virtual on-line only, to in class and on-line, to all in class.

Schools open then close. According to Tawnell Hobbs, "A growing number of schools nationwide are closing temporarily or longer term just days after reopening as the coronavirus pandemic threatens to upend another school year."

My granddaughter, Blake Bahr, suggested I write "A Day in the life of a Leonardtown Senior During COVID19." She thought that that would give the public a feeling of virtual learning from a student's perspective

I took her to lunch and took notes as she attempted to bring on-line learning to my level of understanding.

Blake has a Monday/Wednesday schedule and a Tuesday/Thursday schedule. On both Monday and Wednesday she has periods 1,2,7,and 8.

Using the learning platform Google Meet, content is presented live from the teacher at school to the students at home using various devices. The classes are 45 minutes long and the students can ask questions. Class size is between 15-35 students.

On Tuesday and Thursday, 3, 4, and 5th period lessons are live on Google Meet. At that time they can do homework and classwork.

Friday, during "Office Hours," each teacher opens on-line for one hour. The teacher sits and waits for a student to join and ask questions.

To give a better understanding of

Blake's day, her schedule follows:

- Period 1. Physics 1
2. AP Psychology
3. American Foreign Policy
4. AP Spanish 5
5. AP Calculus 2
6. Lunch- runs clubs
7. AP American History
8. AP Literature

Please note that textbooks are available for each class.

Blake is active in many organizations. Some include, President of the Key Club, Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society, Member of the National Honor Society, and others. During the entire year she does Freshman Orientation. Blake rounds out her very busy day on the Leonardtown Hockey Team.

Since Blake is a senior, she is making decisions about college.

Paramount in this is the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Leonardtown has a college and career counselor. Students must be self-motivated

to reach out to the counselor. The counselor sends out information about

scholarships. The guidance counselor assists with applications, recommendations and transcripts.

Blake is one among 435 other seniors. As a retired Board of Education member, I know that this county has every reason to be so proud of all of its students. May God Bless America!

Blake Bahr senior, Leonardtown
High School
Marilyn Crosby Retired Board of
Education Member

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Sotterley Hosts Ghostly Days & Haunted Nights

The year 2020 has been a year of change for everyone, and since we are unable to hold our Ghosts of Sotterley event due to COVID, we are making certain that fall activities and ghostly fun are still to be had at Sotterley! Two weekends of fun will be taking place, with both in-person and virtual offerings!

On the weekends of October 23 - 25, and October 30 - November 1, Sotterley will have two weekends of family and ghostly fun. First, join us at Sotterley for "Ghostly Days," during our normal visitation hours each Friday through Sunday to enjoy the beautiful site with some added family fun. Kids (and adults!) are encouraged to wear their costumes, and there will be a scavenger hunt that takes you around the site.

Fill in your sheet and then turn it in for a bag of treats before you leave! Take a photo of yourself in costume and link it to Sotterley's Facebook page while you are here - you will then be entered into a contest to win a prize. There will be a haybale kid's area on the front field plus farm equipment will be on display. Normal visitation fees apply. In addition, you can buy

a pumpkin grown in Sotterley's own pumpkin patch! Pick your own pumpkin in the field, then pay for it in the Visitor Center.

And for those of you who miss the ghostly fun of our annual Ghosts of Sotterley event, join us for "HAUNTED NIGHTS" - four Virtual spooky stories created by some of your favorite Ghosts of Sotterley actors! On each of the Friday and Saturday evenings of both weekends (October 23, 24, 30 & 31), we will post a video of a ghostly story on Sotterley's Facebook, our website, and YouTube channel. Four evenings with four different stories of Twisted Tall Tales of Southern Maryland - bringing a little of our Ghosts of Sotterley into your home.

While there will be no cost to view these videos, in a year when Sotterley has been unable to hold any of its normal fundraisers, please know that we will gratefully accept on-line donations or would love to welcome you as a new member!

For more information visit www.sotterley.org, Sotterley's Facebook page, or call 301-373-2280.

Press Release from Sotterley.





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“Blackjacks” Test MV-22s on LPD-Class Ship

A team of pilots and engineers from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 recently joined colleagues from other Navy and Marine Corps commands to conduct MV-22 Osprey landing and ship compatibility tests aboard the amphibious transport dock USS New York (LPD 21). The testing also included the first shipboard landings for the Navy’s new CMV-22B Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) variant of the Osprey.

Over the course of the 10-day detachment in July, the test team flew 180 shipboard approaches and landings, totaling just under 45 hours of flight testing, to develop a better understanding of how pilots can successfully avoid the effects of a phenomenon called “recirculation” when flying to and from ships. Recirculation occurs when the downwash from the aircraft’s rotors is reflected off a ship’s deck back into the rotors’ rotation arc, causing the aircraft to suddenly lose lift.

The team performed low-power-margin testing, and developed procedures for day and night approaches that would minimize the effects of recirculation. The outcome of this testing was to identify better control limits for the aircraft, and develop guidance and procedures that will improve safety for the MV-22 fleet. The testing clearly demonstrated the value of developmental testing.

“We hit 100% of the high priority test points,” said Marine Corps Maj. Na-

thaniel Ross, HX-21’s operations officer. “And even with a whole lot of smart people working on our test plan to help us understand the interactions between the ship and the aircraft, when we actually got out to the ship and began flying the test points, we still found things (Issues) that we weren’t necessarily looking for, or expecting to find. But, we were able to adjust our test plan quickly, to account for them, which allowed us to make recommendations to the class desk for envelope adjustments.”

Teamwork was crucial to the success of the mission, Ross said. Most of the people on the test team, which numbered 50 pilots and engineers at its peak, had served together on a previous detachment, so they had already learned to work together. The test program involved members of Marine Helicopter Squadron (HMX) 1 based at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 464 based at Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C., and Expeditionary Strike Group 2 based in Norfolk, Va.

Ross identified the leadership and crew of the New York for particular praise. “From the captain all the way down to the people pulling the chocks and chains, everyone understood the importance of this test and how the lessons learned from it will save lives,” Ross said. “The whole crew understood and embraced that. It

was pretty amazing to watch.”

During the detachment HX-21’s CMV-22B COD aircraft made two delivery trips to the New York, ferrying maintainers and their supplies. Normally a test team and their equipment would be loaded aboard a ship pier-side; but because the New York was underway at the outset, everything for the tests had to be flown to and from the ship.

“The CMV-22B is a great choice for that mission,” said Navy Lt. Gavin Kurey, a test pilot and project officer at HX-21 who flew the first of the two COD trips to the New York with the squadron’s then-commanding officer, Lt. Col. John Ennis, and crew chief Brian Neseth. “As we were planning the test detachment on-load missions, we realized that the Navy aircraft was going to be a viable resource for helping our team to accomplish its goals. And the aircraft just plugged right into its intended role perfectly.”

Kurey said that although the ferry flight was strictly business, everyone on board was aware that they were making history. “The crew was certainly excited, and so were all the passengers, who knew that they were the first people to be ferried out to a ship at sea in the new COD Osprey,” Kurey recalled. “Everyone was buzzing with positive energy the whole flight and the crew of the New York was excited that their ship was going to be the first to have a Navy Osprey land on it.”

The CMV-22B is designed to carry up to 6,000 pounds of cargo and/or personnel and operate up to a range of 1,150 nautical miles. The aircraft will replace the venerable C-2A Greyhound, which has been fulfilling the COD role since 1966.

Ross said that in addition to providing valuable data to engineers and designers about the performance envelope of the Osprey family of tilt-rotor aircraft when operating aboard LPD-class ships, the detachment also provided valuable lessons in teamwork for the squadron that will benefit future test activities. “Everyone was at the right place at the right time to make the mission a success, and that was due to the professionalism of everyone involved,” Ross said.

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-53K King Stallion, the MV-22 and CMV-22B Osprey, and the Presidential helicopter fleet.



An MV-22 Osprey attached to the Blackjacks of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 lands on the flight deck of the amphibious transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21) on July 20, 2020.

Lear Closes Potomac Season with Nationals Win

Kyle Lear drove to his second win of the season in last Saturday night's 35-lap "Kevin Cooke Memorial" Limited Late Model event at Potomac Speedway. The win for Lear, behind the wheel of his trusty Rocket no.151, was worth \$2,222 and it would mark his 23rd career victory in the division.

Willie Milliken and Kyle Lear shared the front row for the start of the event with Milliken surging into the top-spot as the field entered turn one. Milliken appeared to have the fastest car as he lead until the 18th lap, until he tangled with a lapped car, sending him to the rear and Lear into the lead. Lear would eventually pace the remaining circuits but would have to fend off a pesky Andy Fries to preserve the win. "Willie got us there at the start but we went with a harder tire and I think we'd of had something for him if he hadn't gone to the rear." Lear stated in victory lane. "We've struggled the past few weeks and a big thanks to all the crew and sponsors who've stuck behind me." Tyler Emory, Dale Murphy (in a career best finish) and Milliken, who came from the rear of the field, completed the top-five. Heats went to 2020 track champion Derick Quade, Milliken and Lear.

Matt Hill blasted from his second starting spot to collect his first Potomac win of the season in the 30-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. As Hill lead, Dale Hollidge and 2020 track champion Jeremy Pilkerton swapped second until Pilkerton took it for good on the 27th lap. In the end, Hill would lead all 30 circuits aboard his Longhorn no.84 for his 5th career Potomac feature win and the \$1500 top prize. "I love this race track and we love coming here." a Jubilant hill said afterward. "This has been such a crazy season and to get a win down

here tonight is awesome." Hollidge, Walker Arthur and Matt Quade would round out the top-five. Heats went to Pilkerton and Hill.

In the 30-lap «Dale Reamy Sr. Memorial» Street Stock event, PJ Hatcher continued his incredible season as he took his 7th straight Potomac feature win. Hatcher charged into the race lead at the drop of the green and was never challenged en route to his 15th career division feature win and the \$1056 pay day steering his ARC Race Cars built no.777. "I just don't know what to say." An emotional Hatcher quipped in victory lane. "We have so many great people and sponsors who support us, this is just an incredible feeling." Dylan Rutherford, Walter Crouch, Kory Sites and Ben Hamilton trailed at the finish. Heats went to Hatcher and Crouch.

Mikey Latham tallied his 5th win of the season in the 25-lap Hobby Stock main. Latham and Mason Hanson each shared the lead until Latham took it for good on the 23rd lap to score his 17th career division win and the \$600 winners check. "There's nothing like winning the nationals." Latham stated. "We had a good car all weekend and this is a big win for my mom and dad and everyone who supports us." Jason Wilkins was solid in second with 2020 track champion Buddy Dunagan, Dylan Rutherford and Robert Tyree completing the top-five. Heats went to Latham, Wilkins and Hanson.

In support class action, Joey Suite and Shawn Payne split the two U-Car features with Cody Stamp and former division champion Nabil Guffey taking Strictly stock events. Suite's U-Car triumph was his career first with Payne collecting his 6th checkered of the season. Class rookie Stamp's victory was his 3rd of the

season with Guffey tallying his 2nd of 2020. Jamie Eicholz (Modified) and Art Workman (Sportsman) took wins in the Southern Delaware Vintage Club events.

Limited Late Model feature finish (24)

Kyle Lear, Andy Fries, Tyler Emory, Dale Murphy, Willie Milliken, Bruce Kane, Derick Quade, Jonathan Raley, Michael Alderman, Samuel Bryant, Sam Archer, DJ Groft, Danny Garrett, Scott Wilson, Wayne Bryant, Kurt Zimmerman, Jamie Lathroum, Walker Arthur, Danny Zechman, Austin Stover, Billy Tucker, Kirk Evans, Eric Groah DNS-Chuck Cox

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish (20)

Matt Hill, Jeremy Pilkerton, Dale Hollidge, Walker Arthur, Matt Quade, Megan Mann, Ronnie Martin Jr., Timmy Booth, Corey Almond, Joey Love, Mike Raleigh, Will Pritchard, Brian Coe Jr., Ed Pope Jr., Brad Rigdon, Ben Scott, Chuck Bowie, Carl Vaughn, Tommy Armel DNS-Vaughn Haywood

Street Stock feature finish (18)

PJ Hatcher, Dylan Rutherford, Walter Crouch, Kory Sites, Ben Hamilton, Scotty Nelson, Randy Zechman, Zach Myers, Mike Grady Jr., Dylan Welsh, Ben Pirner, Deuce Wright, Earl Brooks Jr., Russell Fox, Bryan Kerns, Walter Staub Jr. DNS-Ronnie Dennis, Hank Stonestreet

Hobby Stock feature finish (21)

Mikey Latham, Jason Wilkins, Buddy Dunagan, Dylan Rutherford, Robert Tyree, Wes Givens, Hilton Pickeral, Brian Maxey, Mike DeBeers, Colin Long, Trent Clemmons, Wyatt Hanson, Troy Kassiris, Paige Vasallo, Austin Lathroum, Blake Jacobs, Cole Johnston DNS- Billy Crouse, Stevie Gingery, Rusty Hanbury

Strictly Stock feature finish (Fri-



day) (11)

Cody Stamp, John Hardesty, Daniel Knodle, Bryan Allen, Brian Johnson, Bob Todd, Stephen Suite, Casey Sheckles, Nabil Guffey, Ray Hutchins, Travis Dye

Strictly Stock feature finish (Saturday) (12)

Nabil Guffey, Cody Stamp, Bryan Allen, Ray Hutchins, Stephen Suite, Bob Todd, Casey Sheckles, John Hardesty, Brian Johnson, Travis Dye, Johnny Hardesty, Daniel Knodle

U-Car feature finish (Friday) (15)

Joey Suite, Tim Steele, Owen Lacey, Faith Lacey, Mackenzie Smith, Seth Hood, John Burch, Brooke Bowles, Ryan Quade, Allen Griffith, Stephen Suite, Shawn Payne, Robert Wilson DQ- Ryan Clatterbuck, Dominic King

U-Car feature finish (Saturday) (14)

Shawn Payne, Ryan Clatterbuck, Dominic King, Tim Steele, Kristy Whitehouse, Faith Lacey, Bailey Tolson, Mackenzie Smith, Lonnie Hobbday, Owen Lacey, Brooke Bowles, Stephen Suite, Joey Suite, Robert Wilson,

Southern Delaware Vintage (10)

Jamie Eicholz (Modified), Roscoe Clough, Art Workman (Sportsman), David Tucker, Terry Chaney, David Tucker II, Robert Packowski, Harold Sylvester, Robert Blann DNS-Todd Miller

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In Remembrance

Constance "Connie" R. Goddard



Constance "Connie" R. Goddard, 86 of Leonardtown, Maryland formerly of Piney Point, Maryland passed away October 12, 2020 at Medstar St. Mary's Hospital.

Born on February 5, 1934 at Providence Hospital, Washington, DC., she was the daughter of the late Ethel Chesser Rice and Charles Noble Rice of St. George Island.

She is survived by the father of her children Francis R. Goddard, sons Wayne (Lisa) Goddard of Valley Lee, MD, Douglas (Sandy) Goddard of Middleburg, FL, and daughters Katherine (Hugh) Carithers of Jacksonville, FL, Pamela (Bill) Johnson of Weston, FL, and Cindy (Kenny) Watts of Mechanicsville, MD, eleven grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her daughter, Judith Goddard, sister Virginia Pearson, and brothers Donald and Francis Rice.

Connie was an avid reader and had a love of history. She was an excellent cook and seamstress and will be remembered for her famous "oyster pie" and handmade gifts she made for family and friends. She was a graduate of Great Mills High School Class of 1952 and cherished her classmates and their reunions.

All services are private.

Contributions in Connie's memory may be made to the St. Mary's County Historical Society P.O. Box 212 Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Francis Anthony "Butch" Bailey

Francis Anthony "Butch" Bailey, 75, of Leonardtown, MD passed away September 20, 2020 at Med-



Star St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born on July 30, 1945 in West Branch, Michigan and lived most of his life in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Butch enlisted into the Air Force on October 19, 1962. After his Honorable Discharge, he started his work as a draftsman for Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill, Inc. in Lexington Park, Maryland and for the past 50 years has provided property related services to thousands of St. Mary's County residents, working for Larry Day & Associates, Nokleby Surveying and most recently VARC. LLC. Butch married his lovely wife Ellen (Tinsley) in Leonardtown in December of 1979. He loved playing golf at the Breton Bay Golf Course, and was one of the original Blitz members, #5. When he was not out golfing, he enjoyed playing pitch with his friends and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved attending the Washington Nationals games and recorded every televised game so he could watch it multiple times – especially Game 7 of last year's World Series – by far his favorite game ever! He loved spending time on the boat riding around with family and friends; it reminded him of his childhood growing up on the river in Tall Timbers. He loved holidays and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Ellen Bailey of Leonardtown, MD, his children Jason Bailey (Christina) of Leonardtown, MD and Tiffany Bailey (Steve) of South Carolina; his eight grandchildren and one great grandchild and his siblings, Agatha Lakin, Versha (Bootsy) Osburn and Randy Bailey. He is preceded in death by his parents (Bonnie and Leonard Cochran).

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

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Theresa Marie Meinert



Theresa Marie Meinert, 60, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away peacefully at her home on October 15, 2020.

Theresa was born on March 25, 1960, in Washington, D.C., to Alfred G. Asero and Dolores (Candelieri) Asero.

Theresa attended the University of Maryland in College Park, MD,

where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She spent several years as a teacher at Father Andrew White Catholic School in Leonardtown, first as a Pre-K aide and later as a second grade teacher. In later years, she was employed by David's Flowers before moving to her job as an administrative assistant for the Facilities Department at Asbury Solomons.

Theresa married Joseph Meinert on November 6, 1988, at St. Pius X in Bowie, MD. Together, they were blessed to raise two children, Monica and Lia. Theresa's home and family were her greatest joys. She cherished being a stay-at-home mom to her children for several years and devoted her time and care to making her house a home—from decorating for each season to tending her flower garden. Theresa was very creative; she made her daughters' Halloween costumes and crafted beautiful scrapbooks in her spare time. She was a fantastic cook and made the best chicken and pasta dishes, in addition to hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner for her family.

She loved the beach and enjoyed traveling over the years to Ocean City, MD, Cape May, NJ, and Punta



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Cana in the Dominican Republic.

Theresa is survived by her husband, Joseph; her children, Monica Meinert of Washington, DC, and Lia Neice (Derek) of Nashville, TN; her parents; her siblings, Joseph Asero (Sally) of Arnold, MD, Anthony Asero (Eileen) of Gambrills, MD, and Christine Asero of Bowie, MD; and her nephews, Michael and Thomas Asero.

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

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Jean Lauria Fontaine



Jean Lauria Fontaine, 86, formerly of Springfield, MA, recently residing in Callaway, MD, passed away on October 13, 2020 at Hospice of St. Mary's surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts to the late George Arthur Bedard and Leah Marlowe.

Jean served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1954 when she was honor-

ably discharged. Later on Jean was hired by the A & P Grocery Store as their Accounts Payable Clerk for over 20 years of employment. She enjoyed going to play Bingo, cross stitching and watching old game shows. She loved spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

Jean is survived by her children, Daniel McConaha of Tenaha, TX; Doreen Marie Boucher (Arnie Akin) of Callaway, MD; Donna Jean Davis of Ruskin, FL; and Debra Ellen Lusnier (Phil) of Monroe, NC; 8 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sons David Robert McConaha and Dennis McConaha and her siblings Donald Bedard, Albert Bedard, Lorraine Bouchard and Lucille Romanych and a grandchild Scott Akin.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Hospice of St Mary's PO Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 2050.

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Jim (Wapi) Hedrick



Jim (Wapi) Hedrick passed away on October 16, 2020, at 91 years of age, at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Born on September 2, 1929, in Fort Worth, Texas, Jim was a graduate of Texas A&M University (Gig 'em Aggies) and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Jim was a world traveler who lived in Africa for over 30 years. He travelled around the world with his wife and three children, seeing many wonders of the world like the Great Pyramids, the Taj Mahal, the Parthenon, the floating markets in Thailand and Taiwan, to name a few. He climbed to the base camp of the Himalayas, climbed Mount Kenya and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro twice.

While in Africa, working as part of many U.S. AID programs, Jim helped areas in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and South Africa, with agricultural techniques to improve both crop and livestock yields. Jim was also a photographer for National Geographic, providing incredible photographs of African wildlife. He was an avid hunter and Safari Guide.

Jim is predeceased by his wife Loretta Mae Colleps Hedrick, his mother, Nannie Hedrick and father, Carl Hedrick. He is survived by his three children and son-in-law, Robert Hedrick, Jamie McClellan and her husband Dan McClellan, Michael Hedrick, and 10 Grandchildren.

An interment service will be held at a later date at the family's private cemetery.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall, MD

James Cowell "Jim" Russell



ETCM James Cowell "Jim" Russell, USN (Ret.), 82, of Great Mills,

MD passed away on October 11, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

He was born on October 3, 1938 in Norwich England to the late James Walker Russell and Elsie Cowell Russell.

In May of 1955, Jim and his family immigrated to the United States of America at the age of 16 and became a naturalized U.S. Citizen of which he was extremely proud. He resided in Detroit, Michigan until enlisting in the United States Navy in January 1957 and proudly served his country as active duty military for 23 years until his retirement in 1978. During his service he earned the position of Master Chief Petty Officer. He served aboard the nuclear submarines the USS Nathaniel Greene, USS Trout and USS James Madison as well as other Submarine groups. In 1967, he married the love of his life, his beloved wife, Sharon Louise Russell in Charleston, S.C. Together they celebrated over 37 wonderful years of marriage raising a family and traveling and enjoying many adventures. After retiring from the Navy, he worked as a Civil Servant for the United States Army as well as multiple Contractors. His work accomplishments included the Air Force One Presidential Pilot Program, supporting the Pentagon, the Army Cryptological Operations and at NSA as a dedicated Program Manager for many years.

Jim was a person who enjoyed learning and earned a Master's Degree as well as multiple Bachelor of Science Degrees. He was an avid classical music enthusiast and wine connoisseur and particularly enjoyed a good red wine, Single Malt Scotch and watching classic James Bond and John Wayne movies and football. He enjoyed grilling and traveling around the globe in his younger years. He travelled throughout the world, but particularly loved trips to Germany and travelling down the Rhine River. He loved the ocean air and being by the water of any kind. His love of God, his family and his Country were the cornerstone of his life. He took great joy in his grandchildren and supported and encouraged them in all their accomplishments.

He was a member of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church and a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 7914; Lifetime Member of Elks Lodge 2092, American Legion, Lifetime Member of VFW and past member of the Moose Lodge.

Jim is survived by his children: Kellie L. Daniel (Bruce) of Hollywood, MD, Scott C. Russell (Melissa) of California, MD, and Pamela L. Riley (Kevin) of Prince Frederick, MD; his grandchildren: Brent



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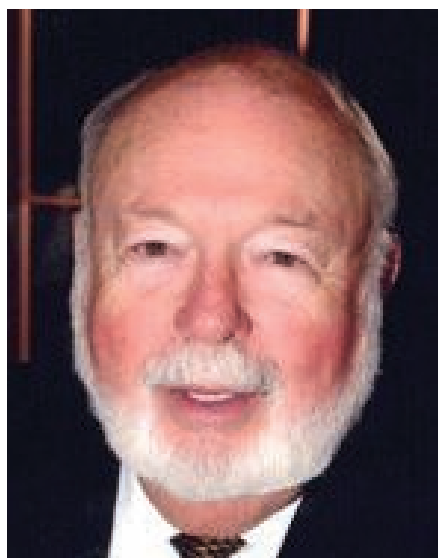
Russell Daniel (Michelle), Dana Kathleen Daniel, Shelby Colleen Daniel, William Alexander Russell, and Kelly Megan Riley; his companion of ten years, Joan Caruthers; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his wife and his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings, Judith Harrington and John Russell, and his beloved sister-in-law, Patricia Lumsden.

Memorial contributions may be made to ACTS, P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618.

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Rex Eagan



It is with great sadness that the family of Rex Eagan announces his passing on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the age of 77.

Rex will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Frances (Francy) Eagan; children, Patrick Eagan and Jeffrey Eagan; grandchildren, Breanne Harris, 1 LT Kevin Harris, US Army, Nicholas Harris, Matthew Eagan, and Connor Eagan; brother, John (Jack) Eagan; sister, Carol Hubicsak; numerous nieces and nephews, along with other family members and friends. Rex's daughter Cynthia Harris-Sola passed away on January 25, 2019.

Rex was born in Charleston, West Virginia in 1943 to Windsor and Helen Eagan. Rex was the youngest of seven children. He attended Marshall University, in Huntington, West Virginia, on an academic scholarship and graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. While attending Marshall, Rex was an active member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Social Fraternity.

Shortly after graduating, Rex joined the US Navy and commissioned as an officer. In April of 1965, he arrived in country, Da Nang, Vietnam, where he met his

ship, the USS Bayfield APA-33. He participated in the first US offensive campaign in the Vietnam War (1965 Operation Starlite), and was thereby proudly a Vietnam Combat Veteran. Rex eventually retired with the rank of Commander, US Naval Reserve.

While completing his active duty service at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Rex met Francy, and they married in 1969. The couple moved to Huntington, West Virginia where Rex received his Master's of Business Administration (with concentrations in Accounting and Management) from Marshall University in 1971. He was selected as the first graduate assistant for the School of Business, and was an active member of the American Business Club.

It was there that Rex also began a storied teaching career that would span across decades and include teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels for Marshall University, University of Maryland, and Florida Institute of Technology, in addition to providing hundreds of courses for the US Navy. While teaching at Marshall, Rex, was given the honor of Teacher of the Year by the student body within the School of Business.

Shortly after receiving his MBA, Rex moved with his family to St. Mary's County where he embarked on an illustrious career in the field of Department of Defense contracting spanning 45 years.

After heading the Booz Allen and Hamilton office that directly supported the Naval Air Test Center, Rex co-founded, Eagan, McAllister Associates Inc. ("EMA") in 1984. With amazing colleagues, EMA grew from 2 employees to over 1,000 in fourteen states when Rex left the company in 2000.

Later in his career, Rex owned and managed other successful government contracting companies including Compendium Federal Technology LLC, J. Aguinaldo Group, Inc., and the Sienna Group, LLC. He was also a mergers and acquisitions advisor with Cortland Advisors, LLC.

Rex particularly enjoyed the lifelong friendships and partnerships that he made during his professional career. Moreover, he was proud that his companies supported the US military and its warfighters.

In his spare time, Rex enjoyed traveling the world with his wife and family, shooting pool, hunting, golfing, and making people laugh. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, American Legion, the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce, Patuxent Partnership, Southern Maryland Navy Alliance, in Rotary International, and was a supporter and benefactor for a number of charitable organizations and community

efforts. In addition, he was a proud member of the National Rifle Association (NRA). Rex was a mentor to many and some had the pleasure of calling him Coach.

In his private life, he was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He cherished his family and was so appreciative of his friends and neighbors. Rex was honest, fair, and a wonderful person.

Rex was predeceased by his parents, Windsor and Helen Eagan; daughter, Cynthia Harris-Sola; siblings, Betty Jarrell, Eileen Wentworth, Windsor Eagan, and Helen Pushkin.

In honor of Rex Eagan, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Foundation, the local VFW, American Legion, and the 7th District Fire and Rescue Squad.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

Rose Marie Goldsborough



Rose Marie Goldsborough, 58, of Mechanicsville, MD departed this life on Friday, October 9, 2020 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC.

She was born on July 4, 1962 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Benjamin Samuel Goddard and Mary Louise (Hewitt) Goddard.

Rose met and married her first husband, Graham Irvin in 1980. They were married until his untimely passing. When Rose met and fell in love with Thomas Edward Goldsborough in 1986, she knew immediately she found her forever love. Together they made a wonderful couple and shared 34 years of wedded bliss.

Rose and Tom worked side-by-side in their construction company, TEG Custom Homes. He considered her the brains and him the brawn. Together they made a great team and

loving partnership. You never saw one without the other. They would go out every evening for a drive or to pick-up dinner from their daughter, Leslie and spoil their grandson, Bricen. Rose knew how much Bricen enjoyed apples so she always made sure to stop by the Amish to get him some. She loved to hear all about his day and listen to his stories.

Rose was a wonderful woman who always had a bright smile, a strong will and caring heart. She adored her family above all. She was an avid reader, but was never far from her iPad. When she wasn't checking her Facebook to check-in on family and friends, she enjoyed crossword puzzles. A woman with a heart of gold and sunny disposition, Rose struggled for many years with health issues, but she never let her spirit fail. You would always find her with a smile on her face and laughter in the air.

She was a sassy woman with a backbone of steel. She prided herself on being a woman of strength and confidence. Family was everything to Rose and if you knew her, you were family. Rose cherished all of her relationships, especially the bonds she had with her grandchildren. She wanted to do nothing more than spoil them and hold them close. She kept in constant contact with her family via telephone.

A great woman has made her way to heaven. She will be missed by many, but none as much as her family.

Rose is survived by her husband, Thomas Edward Goldsborough of Mechanicsville, MD; daughters, Leslie Renee Montgomery (Steven) of Mechanicsville, MD and Jennifer Marie Butler (Chris) of Davidsonville, MD; step-children, Joyce Hill (Mickey) of Mechanicsville, MD, Diane Ritchie (John) of Orange, VA, Gerald Irvin (Joan) of VA, Stewart Irvin of NC and Craig Goldsborough (Barbara) of Great Mills, MD; and three (3) grandchildren; Bricen Riley Montgomery, Emmett Charles Butler, and Ophelia Grace Butler. She is also survived by her sisters, Josephine Ann Scully of Leonardtown, MD, Mary Louise McDaniel of Leonardtown, MD and Agnes Elizabeth Birch of Piney Point, MD. She was preceded in death by her parents, and first husband, Graham Irvin.

In lieu of flowers of the family would like donations to be made in Rose's name to the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Post Office Box 15, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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

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Caregivers Must Also Care (Financially) for Themselves

If you're a caregiver, possibly for a loved one dealing with an illness such as Alzheimer's disease, you're probably already facing some significant emotional and physical challenges – so you don't need any financial ones as well. Yet, they are difficult to avoid. What steps can you take to deal with them?

First of all, you may be interested in knowing the scale of the problem.

Consider these numbers from the Alzheimer's Association: About 5.8 million Americans ages 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and in 2019, caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias contributed more than 18 billion hours of unpaid care – worth about \$244 billion in services. Furthermore, about two-thirds of caregivers are women, and one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters.

But whatever your gender or relationship to the individuals for whom you're providing care, you can take some steps to protect your own financial future. Here are a few suggestions:

- Evaluate your employment options. If you have to take time away from work – or even leave employment altogether – to be a caregiver, you will lose not only income but also the opportunity to contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or other employersponsored retirement plan. But you may have some options, such as working remotely, or at least working part time. Either arrangement can give you flexibility in juggling your employment with your caregiving responsibilities.

- Explore payment possibilities for caregiving. Depending on your circumstances, and those of the loved ones for whom you're providing care, you might be able to work out an arrangement in which you can get paid something for

your services. And as long as you are earning income, you can contribute to an IRA to keep building resources for your own retirement.

- Protect your financial interests – and those of your loved ones. You may well want to discuss legal matters with the individual for whom you are a caregiver before Alzheimer's robs them of the ability to think clearly. It may be beneficial to work with a legal professional to establish a financial power of attorney – a document that names someone to make financial decisions and pay bills when the person with Alzheimer's no longer can. And whether you or someone else has financial power of attorney, the very existence of this document may help you avoid getting your personal finances entangled with those of the individual for whom you're caring.

- Keep making the right financial moves. As long as you're successful at keeping your own finances separate from those of your loved one, you may be able to continue making the financial moves that can help you make progress toward your own goals. For example, avoid taking on more debts than you can handle. Also, try to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Of course, these tasks will be much easier if you can maintain some type of employment or get paid for your caregiving services.

There's nothing easy about being a caregiver. But by making the right moves, you may be able, at the least, to reduce your potential financial burden and brighten your outlook. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



A SWEET TIME AT SWEETBAY



You know I like to wander around and try new places. My sense of culinary adventures has been curtailed somewhat like everyone's during this crazy time, but my husband and I still try to support all the local businesses we can and stay safe while doing so. Restaurants have thought of lots of creative ways to keep their doors open and customers coming in.

So last Friday evening on Date Night #1 we started out early, not sure where we were going to end up or what we were in the mood to have for dinner. We drove down south on 235 from Mechanicsville with not a clue. I really wanted to try somewhere we had not been yet. Then as we were nearing St. Andrew's Church Road I said to my husband, "What about Sweetbay Restaurant in Leonardtown?" I called to see if they had space, was told yes, and off we went. Several of our friends had told us how good the food was and how great the service was. That old excitement started to come back to me on trying a new place.

First, I must say how beautiful Leonardtown looks on a Friday night with warm lights glowing from all the businesses. And Sweetbay Restaurant and Bar was one of those glowing businesses that had a welcoming glow and the aroma of great food being prepared. We already knew that the booths and tables were filled for a while with reservations, so we opted to sit at the bar, and we were greeted with a smile from our bartender Jack Fleury – that's him in the photo. Our menus showed lots of creative cocktails on the back along with wine and beer offerings - of course I would look on the back first, since I love a restaurant that creates unusual cocktails. The first thing I normally ask is what unusual drinks do you offer. I didn't have to do that at Sweetbay because the cocktails definitely fit my criteria. Some were made with fig preserves, hot apple cider, watermelon-habanero puree, and guava habanero syrup just to name a few. I was in the mood for Bourbon-based drinks; ordering the Root of Kentucky cocktail first which was made with Basil Hayden bourbon, Giffard's ginger liqueur, strawberry, basil, lemon, and simple syrup – very pleasing.

For our meal we went with the NY Strip specials served over homemade, yes, homemade mashed potatoes and grilled asparagus. The grilled steaks had a delicious reduction sauce that I mixed in with the mashed potatoes. My husband couldn't believe it when I finished every last piece of the steak. It was wonderful.

I think we went with the special because there were so many entrée choices, we just couldn't decide. Next time though, I am going to try their shrimp and grits with sautéed jumbo shrimp, andouille sausage, white stone grits, boursin garlic and herb cheese, and Charleston sauce...or maybe the Sweetbay duck breast with roasted potatoes, spinach with pancetta and shitake mushrooms, red wine reduction, or maybe the...

After dinner, I was in food and drink Nirvana, so it only took a split second after Jack asked if we would like another drink for me to say yes, and move down the list to my next cocktail called the Tobacco Barn Sour made with local Tobacco Barn Bourbon, lemon juice, Pineapple ginger syrup, egg white, and bitters. Since my go to cocktail is normally a Bourbon sweet and sour with a bit of OJ, I had to try this. I have also been wanting to try a cocktail with the egg white froth. The cocktail proved to be a smooth rendition of a sour and was fairly quickly dispatched. My husband said he was in the mood for a beer when we arrived and after his cold Stella, he moved on to a Buffalo Trace Bourbon to enjoy slowly.

While I was sitting at the bar, I began to get a little misty-eyed remembering the times I had sat at this exact spot at the old Bailey's Restaurant bar 37 and 33 years ago during my pregnancies with my two sons. I always treated myself to a cup of tea and a piece of pie from under the glass domes after I would visit Drs. Mulford and Bowes for my check-ups. I loved to just sit there and observe the clockwork precision of the busy cooks and waitresses near the grills and running around to the booths. I went there at other times too, but it was just a special place to think about what my visits had been like, and to think about how my children were would turn out and what their lives would like. It's a good thing I didn't burst into tears right there at Sweetbay's bar.

Well, of course if you are going to go all in once in a while, that's exactly what we did, and ordered Crème Brulee with two spoons - though I wish I had my own. And if all that wasn't enough, Jack concocted some type of espresso shots for all of us at the bar. That was a sweet touch to end our delightful evening at Sweetbay.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
Please send your comments or ideas to:
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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 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 Leadership, 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/9123456789>

Friday, October 23

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 24

Mobile Food Drive

Church of the Ascension; 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Food will be available at this time. Thank you to everyone working to feed St. Mary's!

Fall Family Fun Day

Historic St. Mary's City
Legends and Lore tour at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., which discusses superstitions of the 17th century; corn husk crafts to take home; snap a photo at the selfie station located in the Margaret Brent boxwood garden; and a museum scavenger hunt. Younger guests will receive a goody bag, on their way out, from The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary. Families and guests are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy the weather. For the safety of HSMC staff and guests, those attending will be expected to follow CDC health guidelines, including mask-wearing and social distancing. General admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for youth, and children 5 and younger are free. Discounted admission is available through the IMLS program, Museums For All. To view museums associated with the program, or to find out more information about Museums For All, visit Museums4All.org.

org. For more information, about Fall Family Fun Day, contact 240-895-4980 or email Groups@DigsHistory.org

Sunday, October 25

Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner

Hollywood Fire Department Main Entrance; 11 a.m. until sold out

\$12 includes chicken, coleslaw, parsley potatoes, roll, and dessert. Cash, check, ATM available.

Tuesday, October 27

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 sessions). 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.

CSM Night of Engineering

Online; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Night of Engineering is an opportunity to get information about CSM's mechanical engineering and electrical engineering degree programs and how they transfer to the University of Maryland College Park and provide opportunities at Patuxent River Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. <https://csmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789>

Science for Citizens Seminar.

Online; 7 p.m.

We're all used to single-use plastic, but some of it ends up in our streams, rivers, the Chesapeake Bay, and ultimately the ocean, harming the wildlife and sealife. CBL scientists partnered with restaurants on Solomons Island and with the Calvert and St. Mary's County Public Middle Schools to work together on reducing plastic waste and pollution. In this talk, Dr. Bailey will explain how businesses are "making the switch" from common single-use, petroleum-based plastics to alternative products, how scientists are working with schools, and how YOU can help! <http://www.usmf.org/scienceforcitizens/>

Wednesday, October 28

LVRSA Fundraiser

Kevin's Corner Kafe: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary is hosting a fundraiser at the Kevin's Corner Kafe in Leonardtown MD. Also visit Kevin on Facebook for family pack deals. You can call ahead at (301) 997-1260 or come by for dine-in or carry-out for some delicious food and support our fundraiser. Please be sure to let the server/cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so we can get credit for your purchase.

Wayback Wednesdays

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

Thursday, October 29

Food Truck Night

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Linda's On the Go, Days Off Deli, Pizza Hotline, Cold Stone Creamery. Limited outside seating. Practice safe distancing. Bring your favorite lawn or camp chair to do some tailgating. Enjoy the evening.

Ongoing

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. Pickup 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 nd 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 of-

fer 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 Med-Star 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:

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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

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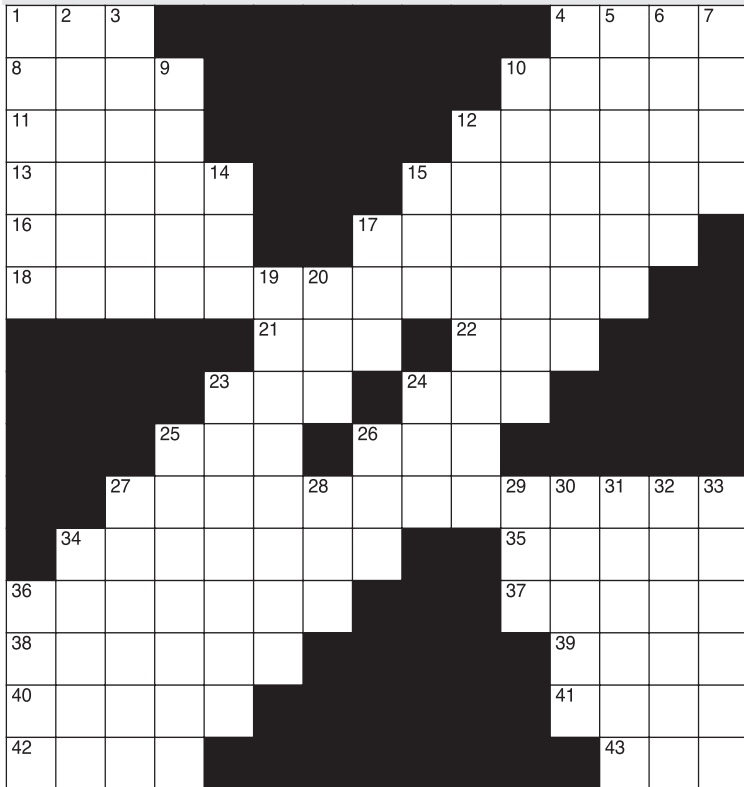
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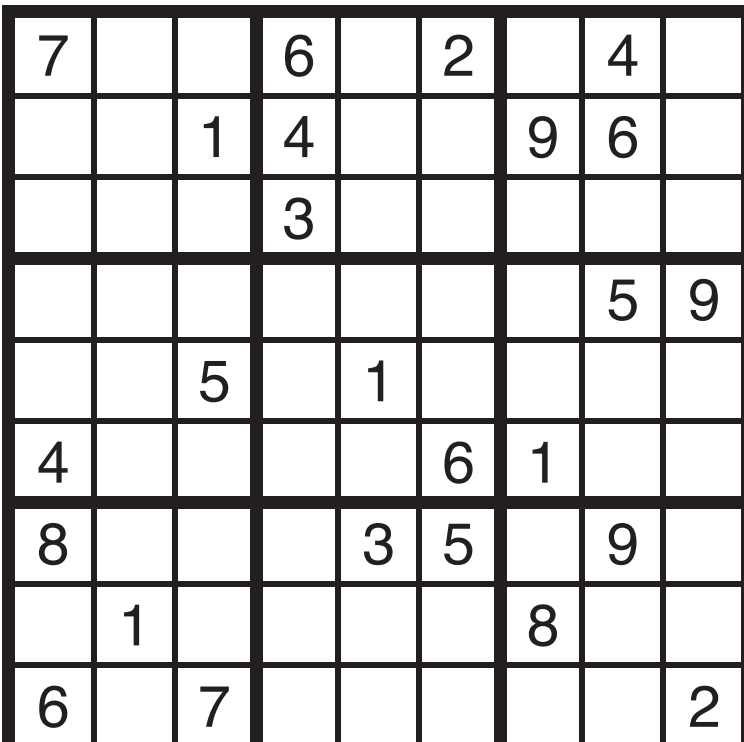
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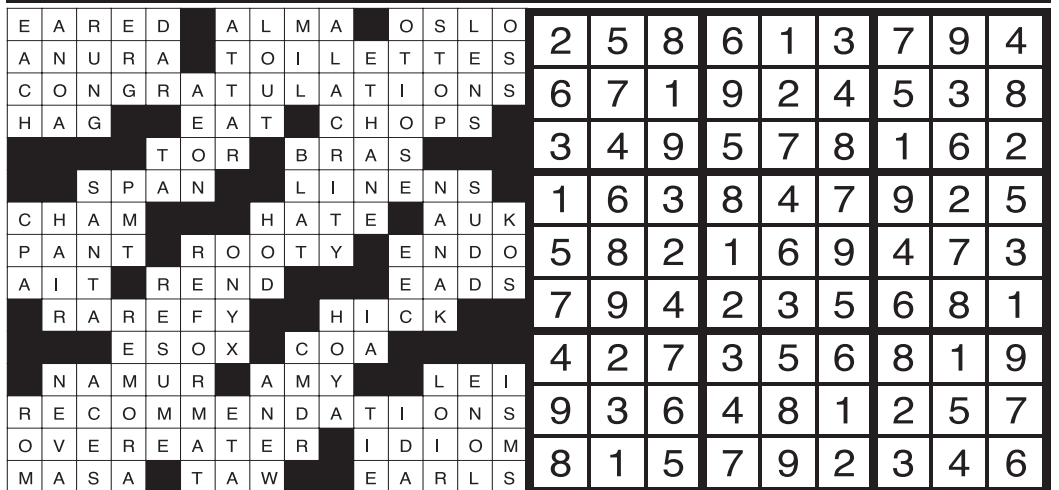
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