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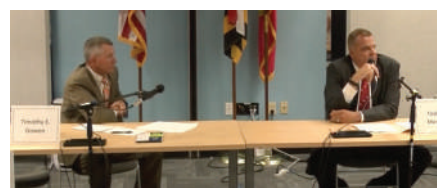
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Commissioners Send Cannabis Ordinance to Public Hearing



Planning Director Bill Hunt and County Attorney John Houser brief commissioners on the new medical cannabis zoning amendment

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A proposed zoning text amendment that would regulate where and under what conditions different kinds of medical cannabis operations could do business has a public hearing set for July 26 after the Commissioners of St. Mary's County unanimously voted to send it to the citizenry.

The county planning commission voted earlier this month to send their proposal to the commissioners, recommending the county's top governing body accept it.

The proposed zoning ordinance amendment comes after much consternation in the Avenue community fomented upon learning about the construction of an industrial-sized medical cannabis growing operation on environmentally sensitive land in the rural preservation district without being taken to public hearing.

The project was given an agricultural designation by land use and planning staff that allowed it to avoid such public scrutiny, causing a public outcry when it was revealed.

The amendment would affect three distinct types of cannabis operations; growers, processors and dispensaries.

There are just one each of growers, dispensaries and processors in St. Mary's County.

One of the key changes made by the planning commission to the draft ordinance was to ensure that a general site plan was required of any of the three kinds of cannabis-related

operations.

The ordinance as originally written kept all three uses as a conditional use, which required any cannabis-related plans to go before the county board of appeals to get a variance before being able to begin work.

This still did not necessarily include the planning commission in the development approval process.

The proposed amendment also keeps any new growing operation in the industrial, limited commercial industrial or high intensity mixed use zones of the county and out of the rural preservation district and town centers.

Setbacks of 500 feet are also required if it is situated near a school, residences, daycare facilities or substance abuse treatment facilities.

Outdoor growth is prohibited under the proposal.

The same requirements exist for cannabis processing facilities.

Dispensaries are allowed to operate in high intensity, medium intensity and low intensity mixed use zones as well as other similar zoning categories.

Operations in rural commercial limited zones and rural service center zones are also permitted.

Setbacks from schools, daycares and substance abuse treatment facilities of 500 feet are also required of dispensaries, according to the proposal.

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A Community Message From Jimmy Hayden



It was sometime around 1982 that a 16 year old me went to my first job interview. I landed that job and who would have known I'd work for that company several times in my life time? That company was McKay's. I started bagging groceries at the Hollywood store. I worked the opening of the Charlotte Hall store around 1984 and later in life helped deliver the first County Times newspaper. All of these firsts I worked right along side the McKay family. The McKays are a hard working family that invest in their communities. I remember as a kid during a blizzard of 1978-79 getting on the back of Mr. Tex Thompson's Willy jeep going to McKay's because the neighborhood was out of food. McKay's were open and staffed by mostly McKays family members because no one else could get out. It was that time that made me remember when I opened the Early Bird to try to open on these snowy days because someone always needed something and if I could get there along with some dedicated employees I was going to open too. Even though these days weren't profitable at all and were a huge headache to open and staff, I like the McKays, thought about those that need help during the difficult times.

Growing up and working a lot of time with the McKays, Tommy was always the front man. He was the planner of new stores and store resets and all in all was and still is a smart business man. He believed in the Southern Maryland communities and invested in them, especially St. Mary's. Tommy hired me for my first job probably like hundreds of other members of the community. I envied the family watching them work side by side mak-

ing a profitable company. And when I say side by side, there were always family members working the stores. Mr. McKay was mopping the Hollywood store floors approximately 2-3 years before he passed. Tommy could always be seen in one of the stores greeting customers, yep they actually did that and still do that when there. How many other grocery owners do that? Oh and they thank you for your business too when checking out and leaving. I also remember customers coming in that couldn't afford groceries and they would write a note and provide the customer with credit until payday. They probably still do that to this day.

So what I'm getting at is that the McKay's stores have been an economic benefit to our area because of all the work the McKay family has put into them. The same holds true for our county government. The leadership, knowledge, and hard work that Tommy McKay has provided has and will be an asset to our County and I strongly support Tommy McKay for County Commission President.



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O'Connor, Alderson Vie for District 3 Commissioner Seat



Commissioner District 3 candidates Elizabeth O'Connor and Mike Alderson square off.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commissioner District 3 will have a new office holder this election after eight years of being held by John O'Connor, who is seeking to become the county's next sheriff.

His wife, Elizabeth O'Connor, recently retired from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, faced off against opponent Mike Alderson at a candidate forum held June 22 by the St. Mary's County League of Women Voters at the Lexington Park Library.

Dawn Murphy, another Republican seeking the seat, did not attend.

Alderson is a county native, Marine Corps veteran and works in Charles County as a manager at a printing facility.

O'Connor served 22 years with the county sheriff's office, working as K-9 handler and as a domestic violence coordinator.

"I am running for county commissioner because it was the best way for me to continue to serve my community," O'Connor said. "That's something I've done my whole life."

Alderson touted his service to the community as a soccer coach; he is also a member of the 7th District Optimist Club.

"Every dad has to do it," Alderson said.

O'Connor said that if she were elected she would not be a politician but a public servant.

"I'm tired of the good old boys," O'Connor said.

Alderson identified the county budget process as the most important job of being county commissioner.

"That's a commissioner's No. 1 priority is budgeting," Alderson said.

O'Connor had a different priority in mind.

"I personally believe that what's very important is that the No. 1 priority would be listening to the

heartbeat of the people," she said. "Yes, there's budgeting; nobody wants to pay more taxes.

"But, you have to listen to your constituents."

O'Connor said she did not believe it would be a conflict of interest for her to serve as a county commissioner if her husband were also serving as sheriff.

"We're not the first married couple to run," she said. "It's been vetted by several ethics committees.

"However, I would obviously recuse myself if it was something involving his salary directly."

"I do support town centers," Alderson said. "Clustered, commercial development makes it a lot easier for people to get to.

"Commercial properties bring in more tax revenue than a household does. With town centers you can maintain the rural heritage of this area."

O'Connor agreed, but she wanted to bring in more public input in the development approval process.

"There has been some outcry over... recent approvals of large businesses that weren't presented to the public," O'Connor said. "I do believe the public has a right to be heard prior to those kinds of things being approved."

She continued by saying providing adequate law enforcement, emergency services and roads were among the most pressing issues the county faced and that she would work to improve first if elected.

"We need to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayers' dollars," she said. "Right now I'd say violent crime is the biggest thing we have to deal with."

Alderson said his biggest concern was the county government living up to its mission statement of being responsive to the citizens.

"Accountability of the county commissioners has gone by the wayside over the years," Alderson said. "It's time to bring that back."

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Morgan, Gowen Face Off In District 29 C Forum

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County's current, longest-serving county commissioner and the commander of Maryland's National Guard took their messages to prospective voters last week to prove that they have the vision to be the next state delegate for District 29C.

Todd Morgan is term limited after 12 years on the commissioner board and Timothy Gowen still serves as Maryland's Adjutant General.

Both men have had careers dealing with Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Morgan as a businessman working in the defense contracting industry and Gowen as an engineer and aviator with the U.S. Army.

They faced each other at the June 22 St. Mary's County League of Women Voters forum at the Lexington Park Library.

"I've worked with budgets," Morgan said. "I understand your checkbooks." "I also understand your struggles."

"Gas, inflation, crime, these are the kitchen table issues people are talking about right now," Morgan continued. "With my background, I can serve the citizens of St. Mary's and Calvert County well."

District 29C also contains a portion of Southern Calvert County.

"I'm an American like most Americans frustrated with poor leadership in government," Gowen said. "Poor leadership is my No. 1 concern."

"Too many of our elected officials lack the competence, character or courage to properly lead in government," Gowen said.

He added that political leaders throw money at problems "and it magically falls into the hands of their supporters."

"When you lack character you tend to make self-serving decisions," said Gowen. "When you lack courage, you tend to be risk averse."

Being able to take risks was critical to making progress, Gowen said.

"I want to replace the Solomons Island Bridge, I want to repair the Police Reform and Accountability Act... I want to ensure our schools are safe, transparent and accountable," said Gowen. "Most of all I want to reduce the cost of living for Marylanders."

Both men saw getting a new bridge across the Patuxent River as a top priority; Gowen said St. Mary's residents were most concerned about crime, whereas in Calvert the major issue was the bridge replacement.

"I will be the point person on it," Gowen said of the bridge project. "This will be my main initiative."

Of the police reform act, Gowen said it was "counterproductive."

"Looking at the rising rate of crime... there's probably a better way of doing things."

Morgan said the bridge replacement, quality of education and taxes were the biggest issues he saw in Calvert Coun-



District 29 C candidates Timothy Gowen, left, and Todd Morgan take questions from prospective voters.

ty, similarly in St. Mary's they were taxes, transportation and education.

Morgan was asked if he would press for a law to aid in homeownership and enforce rent control.

"This is a free market, the marketplace has a right to adjust itself," Morgan said in opposition to rent control.

Morgan supported the idea, though, of finding ways to assist with homeownership, either through specialized loan or grant programs.

On the issue of bringing in state funding to support a YMCA in Lexington Park, Gowen said he "wanted to see a return on investment" to justify spending on the project.

"I supported the YMCA," Morgan said. "I am not in support of tax payer dollars funding it."

"Right now, the [construction] bill is going to be \$17 million to the tax payer."

Both men agreed that construction

of FDR Boulevard had taken too long.

Gowen said he might be able to influence infrastructure priorities in both counties, but ultimately it was a decision for the county commissioner boards to make.

"Once the county decides I'm going to work with them to get the funding necessary to meet their objectives," Gowen said.

Morgan said counties had other options open to them for funding projects besides the state.

"When we need to do something, we put our CIP [Capital Improvement Plan] together and we prioritize them and put a bond bill together and go to Annapolis," Morgan said. "That bond bill is approved at the discretion of the delegation."

"But we can self-fund them through other methods such as pay-go funding."

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Public Speaks on Snow Hill Master Plan

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Citizens told county commissioners Tuesday night they were concerned that plans to improve the Snow Hill Park in Mechanicsville could present traffic and rural impact problems that elected leaders should address before approving the proposal.

Peter Neus, a member of the Friends of Snow Hill, said the boat ramp and parking areas under consideration would forever change the rural character of the site.

“Whether it’s going to be used or not it’s going to be altered indefinitely,” Neus said.

Neus said beachgoers at Snow Hill had expressed concern to him about increased boat traffic there encroaching on their recreation there including noise and possible fuel spills.

Neus also said the traffic potential for trucks with boat trailers coming in and out of the park entrance at the same time would be dangerous, especially for any traffic taking the blind turn on South Sandgates Road.

“I can only see problems with that that need to be addressed,” Neus said.

Neus is one of several citizens who have said the plan to improve the park did not adequately address concerns about parking and traffic as well as rural impacts.

Phil Shire, a Mechanicsville resident and former director of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management, said he was concerned, as was Neus, about the possible disturbance of terrapin nesting grounds as well as for several species of birds.

“But those areas seem to be pretty well taken care of by this plan,” Shire said.

Snow Hill Park is 163 acres purchased by the county in 2017 at a cost of \$1.8 million in state and local funds.

Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation Arthur Shepherd said the master plan brought before commissioners was a softer approach to provide amenities than one that would have laid down more asphalt or sports fields.

“Amenities priorities are a boat ramp and kayak launch at this time,” Shepherd said.

He continued by saying that so-called active recreation amenities such as golf courses or multipurpose athletic fields could be included in the improvement plan for Snow Hill Park but could only account for 50 percent of the amenities allowed there.

Part of the improvement plan also includes demolishing a vacant and aging single family home that has been deemed to have to significant historical value.

Kyle Mundy, environmental assessment consultant hired by the county to survey the park site, said a significant portion of Snow Hill Park still has active farming leases upon it, about 35 acres.

“When formulating the master plan we kept in mind that we should attempt to keep as many active agricultural fields as possible,” Mundy said at the June 28 public hearing in Leonardtown.

The park land is also home to wetlands and waterways throughout, making any serious, intensive development difficult and ill-advised.

“Tree removal should be avoided within their boundaries as well,” Mundy said.

Minimizing impacts to the forested areas of the site, which made most of its area, was also important, she said, as it was a large bird habitat.

Mundy said the community chose a master plan to develop the site that included more passive recreation opportunities to preserve the rural nature of the site, including the view shed of the Patuxent River that can be viewed from the long park entrance.

Natural playgrounds, a hammock grove and reuse of existing barns as well educational agricultural areas were examples of the some of the more passive amenities planned or recommended for the park in the master plan.

There would be about 70 parking spaces laid down in the park, Mundy said.

The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department has put its support behind a boat ramp at the park so it could have a site to launch any waterborne rescue operations.

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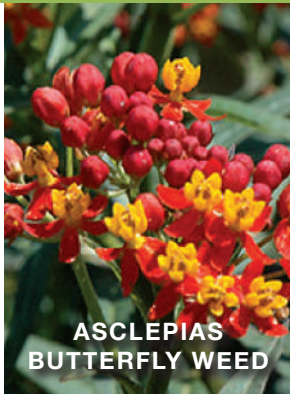


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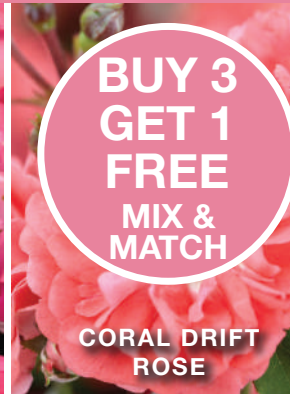


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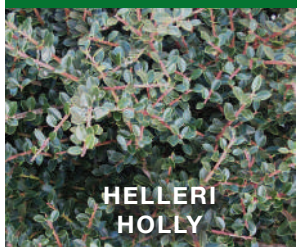
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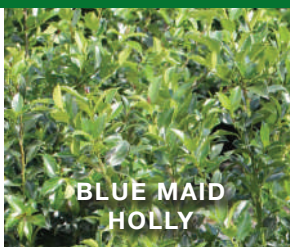
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Golden Beach Fireworks A Go

Hollywood will not hold fireworks display this year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dale Antosh, president of the Golden Beach/Patuxent Knolls Civic Association says this weekend's planned celebration observing July 4 will feature fireworks; it could be the only organized fireworks display in St. Mary's.

"We're planning on it and we hope to have it," Antosh told The County Times. "We're just waiting on the word from the fire marshal."

On top of permits and the cost of putting on the show, the fire marshal must give final approval based on weather conditions, Antosh said.

The fireworks display, which is preceded earlier in the afternoon by a parade down Golden Beach Road of fire engines, golf carts and custom cars, is set for July 2 at about 9p.m.

The show should last about an hour, Antosh said, and costs about \$10,000.

"We have a professional team come down from Pennsylvania to handle it for us," Antosh said. "We raise funds all year for it."

"It's a big deal up here."

For years the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department has provided a public fireworks show, but this year is bowing



out, according to company president Bill Mattingly.

"The fireworks became a lot of work for a one day project," Mattingly said. "I lost my chairman and no one has stepped up to do it." Permitting for the performance was critical, he said, as was getting the coordination and cooperation of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office to manage traffic.

Also the cost of fireworks for fire companies had become prohibitive in many cases, said Mattingly.

"We're not saying we'll never do it again, but we have no plan to have them in the near future," Mattingly said.

The fire company's summer carnival is still on, though, Mattingly said, which runs from July 14 through July 17 and July 21 through July 24.

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Supreme Court Rulings Will Affect Maryland Elections

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last week was one of the most monumental in the recent history of the Supreme Court when majorities of justices eliminated 50 years of nationwide abortion rights by reversing the iconic *Roe vs. Wade* decision while in almost the same stroke knocking down a strict New York statute that required citizens who wanted a permit to carry a concealed weapon to provide a substantial reason to the government as to why they should be able to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights.

Neither long standing practice was constitutional, the High Court ruled.

A local political science professor said both rulings by the court would have far reaching affects in Maryland, particularly in the rapidly approaching primary and general elections.

"It was an eventful week," said Todd Eberly, at St. Mary's College of Maryland. "Maryland is clearly a state that protects abortion rights."

"The question now is if Maryland becomes a state where women can come if their state bans abortion."

The likelihood that lawmakers will move to expand abortion rights and services in Maryland is a strong one, political observers have said, and the ruling will probably motivate Democrats to vote this elections season more so than they would have normally.

"Democratic candidates will be on the offensive" to press for more abortion rights and services, Eberly said. "That's a conversation that no Republican wants to have."

This is important for the supposed Republican front runner to succeed Gov. Larry Hogan, Kelly Shulz, as she has said she supports existing state law on abortion but is unlikely to go on record in support of expanding those rights, which would run afoul of many in her party's base.

State Delegate Dan Cox, however, who Eberly said is the insurgent Republican candidate in the governor's race, could benefit in the primary with his much more conservative stance against abortion.

The decision overturning *Roe vs. Wade* makes the political situation for Shulz more difficult to take the governorship, Eberly said, than it was before the ruling.

"Cox could win the primary," Eberly said. "It's even odds for either one to win the primary now."

"But Cox is not going to win the general election."

The High Court decision in favor of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association would have the same affect for Maryland as it does for the state involved in the case.

Maryland also has a "good and substantial reason" clause to successfully apply for a concealed carry permit and is among the most restrictive in the nation.

The court's latest ruling was "at odds with where most Maryland lawmakers are and where most Maryland residents are," Eberly said.

"But the law is going to have to be challenged or overturned; the court has ruled."

Politicians on both sides of the aisle have taken to social media over the rulings.

Attorney General Brian Frosh said the gun ruling was a step backwards for Maryland.

"If the norm is that people can carry firearms, our neighborhoods, our streets and other public places will become more dangerous," Frosh said. "It will make the lives of law enforcement more difficult and more perilous."

"The epidemic of gun violence sweeping our nation demonstrates daily the folly of introducing more guns into this boiling cauldron."

Frosh added that Maryland laws on guns had been effective.

"Maryland, like many other states, has enacted common sense gun laws that place the lives and safety of our residents first," Frosh said. "They have been proven to reduce gun violence."

"We will examine [the] ruling to determine its impact in our state, and we will continue to fight to protect the safety of Marylanders."

St. Mary's Delegate Matt Morgan said the ruling would benefit law-abiding citizens who wanted to protect themselves.

"Maryland has only issued 24,000 concealed carry permits," Morgan said in a statement. "Virginia has issued 718,000 permits, and neighboring Pennsylvania has given a whopping 1.49 million concealed carry."

"Yet their murder rates are significantly lower, and the disparity can especially be seen clearly in areas like Baltimore City."

The ruling would help equalize the situation in favor of law-abiding citizens, Morgan said.

"Criminals do not care if they break the law," said Morgan. "Conceal carry permit holders are trying to protect themselves from those criminals."

U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5th) decried the ruling overturning *Roe vs. Wade* decision.

"This is a dark day for Americans and a frightening time for many," Hoyer said. "For nearly 50 years, *Roe v. Wade* has withstood its constitutional challenges, consistently affirming to women in our country that they have a right to make their own reproductive health care decisions."

"Today, a generation of young women and girls -- especially in Republican states hellbent on rescinding abortion access -- will grow up facing extremist barriers when pursuing health care. The harmful ramifications of this ruling are broad and will be particularly dire to women of color and low-income women who already



must deal with health care inequities on a daily basis."

Hoyer said Congress must make *Roe vs. Wade* a law rather than a court decision.

"Maryland must elect leadership on July 19 that will uphold the legacy of *Roe v. Wade* and America must vote to expand our Democratic majority in Congress to codify *Roe* into federal law," Hoyer said. "I will do every-

thing in my power to reach that goal."

Either way, Eberly said, the GOP face political headwinds in Maryland because of Supreme Court decisions they laud.

"Both of these decisions hurt any Republican candidate statewide in Maryland," Eberly said.

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10 a.m. – 7 p.m. The Old Jail Museum & Visitor's Center will be open with extended hours for First Friday – facebook.com/theoldjailmuseum

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pax Adventure Center - Canoe & Kayak rentals at Leonardtown Wharf or McIntosh Run First Pick Up 10am Last Pick Up 4pm - pacpaddle.com

10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Shepherd's Old Field Market specials throughout the Market - shepherdsoldfield.com

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Leonard Hall Friday - Friday Skate – facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation

4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Ye Olde Town Café – new evening hours at the Café on Thursday, Friday & Saturday - (301) 475-5151

5 p.m. – 8 p.m. St. Mary's County Arts Council – Jazzy Community Art Show Opening Reception – stmarysartscouncil.com

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. North End Gallery - Art & Date Wine Night, show theme is "The Heat is On"- northendgallery.com

5 p.m. to 10 p.m. FREE Trolley Rides from Patuxent Transportation - visitleonardtownmd.com/leonardtownrolley

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Board & Brush - First Friday Make & Take – boardandbrush.com/leonardtown

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Port of Leonardtown Winery - Justin Allen Food by Calvert Crabs & Seafood – facebook.com/portoftownwine

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. St. Mary's County Arts Council - Drum Circle in the grass outside the Arts Council Building - stmarysartscouncil.com

6 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Yellow Line Studio - First Friday Art Studio at Yellow Line Studio - Create a musical jazzy collage (this activity is open to all ages) - theyellowline.co

6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. eliv8 – "Jazzy" First Friday cycling event - facebook.com/eliv8somid

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Wine & Design - Kids Open Studio - wineanddesign.com

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- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Port of Leonardtown Winery** - Live Music at POL Winery featuring Billy Breslin, food provided by K’s Lunchbox food truck (Mexican cuisine) - polwinery.com
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Ye Olde Town Café** – new evening hours at the Café - (301) 475-5151
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wine & Design** - Field of Fireworks Sip & Paint Class - facebook.com/wndstmaryscountymd
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Reckless Endangerment in Hollywood Under Investigation

On June 25, 2022, at 10:46 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 24400 block of Mervell Dean Road in Hollywood, for the reported shooting. Upon arrival, an 18-year-old male victim was located suffering from a gunshot wound to his leg. The victim was transported by helicopter to an area trauma center for treatment. Detectives and Crime Lab Personnel from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing and at this time the shooting appears accidental. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Carl Ball at (301) 475-4200 extension 78131 or by email at Carl.Ball@stmarysmd.com.

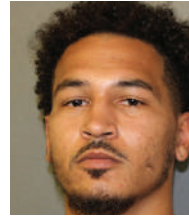
Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest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

Arrests

Obstructing and Hindering

On June 16, 2022, Cpl. Holdsworth responded to the 21600 block of FDR Boulevard in Lexington Park, for the reported

trespassing. While conducting the investigation **Tyrese Xavier Briscoe**, age 23 of Lexington Park, arrived on scene and interrupted the investigation and attempted to remove the individual speaking with Cpl. Holdsworth. Briscoe then stood between Cpl. Holdsworth and the other party, preventing Cpl. Holdsworth from conducting the investigation. Briscoe was advised he was under arrest and resisted by pulling away and not allowing himself to be handcuffed. Briscoe was charged with Obstructing and Hindering and Resisting Arrest.



Tyler Xavier Briscoe

Trespassing-

On June 17, 2022, Dep. Budd responded to the 22700 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported trespassing. Investigation determined **Blake Edwin Sahr**, age 21 of Ohio, was previously served a notice not to trespass for the establishment. Sahr was located on scene and arrested. Sahr was charged with Trespass: Private Property.



Blake Edwin Sahr

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV21-000103

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Plaintiff

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all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

*Unassigned, Lot 21 Block 52, Plat 1/91, Longview Beach A/C 07-014716,

Defendants

AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, sold by the Collector of Taxes for St. Mary's County to the Plaintiff:

*Unassigned, Lot 21 Block 52, Plat 1/91, Longview Beach also known as Account Number: 07-014716

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 13th day of June, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 13th day of August, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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STATE'S ATTORNEY RACE FRITZ VS. STERLING



Richard Fritz



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WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MEET IT?

FRITZ

The backlog of cases created by the COVID shutdown. These cases must be dealt with promptly.

Gun violence in the area of Lexington Park. Violators must be prosecuted, and violators must be jailed.

Heroin and fentanyl drug dealers must be targeted and removed from our community.

STERLING

Our community lacks trust with the current State's Attorney because he selectively enforces the laws and mismanages taxpayer funds to serve his own self-interests. I will restore integrity to the office and work with law enforcement to make our communities safer. I have a reputation as an honest, hard-working, and ethical prosecutor. That is why our local police (FOP) endorsed me to be your next State's Attorney over the incumbent who has lost their faith. This county's citizens can trust me to put their concerns and well-being first. Integrity ALWAYS comes first.

HOW CAN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IMPROVE IN DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS?

FRITZ

Our prosecutors must remain prepared to meet the challenges and needs of our community. Public Safety must remain as our prime focus.

STERLING

Justice must be available to all who seek it, fairly and impartially. Justice should never be for sale or purchase. To start, I will serve all members of the public and treat everyone fairly and equally. I pledge to keep both law enforcement officers and our attorneys updated and informed on the law through regular training and education programs. I will listen and respond to the concerns of the community so they'll have confidence that law enforcement is keeping them safe. We deserve a State's Attorney who demands accountability and I am the person to do that for our County.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR POLICY IN PROSECUTING DRUG OFFENSES?

FRITZ

Those that distribute heroin and fentanyl must be removed from our community. Those addicted to drugs must be treated by medical professionals.

STERLING

All cases must be prosecuted individually and fairly based upon the particularized facts and evidence surrounding each case. Every family in every corner of this County is directly affected by the drug problem. Addiction is not the crime – it's the dealers who prey upon the vulnerable. I support treatment opportunities and assistance programs for individuals struggling with addiction, such as recovery and mental health courts offered throughout the State. However, we must stop the dangerous and fatal drugs being brought into our County. Those who sell drugs in our community will be prosecuted and held accountable.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO PROSECUTE GUN CRIMES?

FRITZ

Any person using a gun in a crime must be jailed and removed from our community.

STERLING

We must zealously prosecute all violent crimes committed in our community – especially when these crimes are committed with a gun. Generally, additional or enhanced penalties already apply when the crime involves a firearm in the commission of a felony or the use of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime. Additionally, when a burglary is committed with the sole intent to steal firearms, I will not allow these cases to be plea-bargained down to misdemeanors.

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS OPEN AND TRANSPARENT ENOUGH TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY?

FRITZ

The concept of open trials and public records is one of the hallmarks of our constitution. Victim/witness coordination with prosecutors fosters transparency and is practiced always.

STERLING

The current State's Attorney is neither transparent nor open. In 2020, he wasted taxpayer money to fund a vacation to Ocean City for himself and a female employee -- when exposed, called it "training" although the conference was canceled by authorities. He then di-

rected \$25,000 from Project Graduation for that same female employee. I want to restore the trust of our community and police. It's why our local police endorsed me, because they know change is needed to create trust. I pledge to be transparent with our community about the operations of the office and will never waste taxpayers' money.

DO YOU BELIEVE LOW LEVEL CRIMES ARE A GATEWAY TO A LIFE OF MORE SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY? IF SO, CAN YOU DO MORE TO CHANGE THIS PATTERN?

FRITZ

Many young people can make a single mistake, and it always depends upon the type of violation. For the most part, a single violation does not mean a young person will engage in a life of crime. Diversionary programs and community service may be appropriate in some cases.

STERLING

No, not all low level crimes are a gateway to more serious criminal activity. How the State's Attorney's Office deals with the offender and the crime may determine future criminal behavior. I believe that with treatment, deterrence and accountability for their actions, young men and women can often be helped to change their lives and walk on a different path. Early intervention prevents recidivism. However, when you have a policy of issuing a "get out of jail free card" like the current State's Attorney does, those young people aren't given the chance to rehabilitate themselves and no lessons are learned.

COUNTY SHERIFF RACE

HALL, O'CONNOR, FLEENOR FACE-OFF



Steve Hall



John O'Connor



Todd Fleenor

IF ELECTED, HOW WOULD YOU CURB THE INCREASE IN VIOLENCE IN THE LEXINGTON PARK COMMUNITY?

HALL

Violent crime reduction strategies require both an intelligence-based and investigative-lead approach that targets specific individuals or groups rather than an entire neighborhood or community. To accomplish this strategy, I will continue to support the team of investigators who have been tasked with identifying and investigating offenders who terrorize our community. I will also support enforcement strategies that place police officers in your neighborhoods to engage in purposeful, proactive policing that will help our officers intercept, detect, and deter crime before it occurs. These same strategies will also present opportunities for officers to build relationships with residents and business owners.

O'CONNOR

I will use every available resource inside and outside the Sheriff's office, directing deputies to extinguish the violent crime. I will then work relentlessly pushing our State's Attorney to ensure the criminals are prosecuted, convicted, and incarcerated, eliminating them from our streets and communities. I will not rest until we take our communities back from the violent crime. I will also hold the district court commissioners responsible for their horrible judgements on bonding out these violent criminals and releasing them back into our community just so they can victimize our communities again.

IF ELECTED, HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE THE AGENCY COULD RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE BEST DEPUTIES AVAILABLE?

HALL

During my 28 years of working in the Sheriff's Office, I have come to believe our best recruiters, and gatekeepers of the profession, are our personnel. By creating a culture of excellence, I believe our per-

sonnel will actively seek to recruit well-qualified candidates to work alongside them. Moreover, I would endeavor to create a mentoring program which would serve to acclimate new officers to the nuances of being a professional police officer. I would also seek to increase pay incentives/bonuses for new hires, as well as assistance with housing costs, and providing a stipend for childcare for our young officer families who otherwise struggle to find affordable childcare options.

O'CONNOR

A robust recruitment and retention program. The current program is failing. The bonuses are prehistoric, and the methods used are antiquated. I will immediately bring recruiting and retention into the 21st century, bolstering our recruiters' reach and success. The hiring process needs to be expedited, new bonus structures, and home buying incentives will be put into effect. Single day compressed hiring will be implemented, allowing for the beginning of the process to be completed efficiently. All while maintaining the high standards for candidates for the Sheriff's Office. I will showcase why people should want to be in law enforcement in a time when it's tough to be in law enforcement, and why St Mary's County should be their first choice.

IF ELECTED, WHAT STRATEGIES WOULD YOU IMPLEMENT TO CURB THE DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOIDS/FENTANYL IN THE COUNTY?

HALL

Recognizing that solutions to the opioid epidemic do not rest solely on the shoulders of law enforcement, I believe a combination of mental health and enforcement strategies are the most effective means to address the drug problem in our County. Effective enforcement strategies will require leveraging additional personnel and resources from your Sheriff's Office, and allied law enforcement agencies, to aggressively investigate and incarcerate those who distribute

drugs, while also working to dismantle drug distribution networks operating in and around St. Mary's County. Additionally, your Sheriff's Office will endeavor to leverage civil asset forfeiture laws to seize the assets of drug dealers.

O'CONNOR

I will stop the drugs from coming into our county with all resources available to me. Starting with a small team focusing on the entry points to the county. I will not give the drug dealers and drug runners room to breathe. When we find them and arrest them, I will ensure that they pay the price through incarceration. If someone died because of their drugs, I will seek murder charges with the States Attorney. If someone overdoses, I will pursue attempted murder charges on the drug dealer. I will not rest until every one of them is jailed, and our community is safe from the opioid epidemic.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR STRATEGIES REGARDING TRAFFIC/SPEED ENFORCEMENT IN THE COUNTY?

HALL

Reducing traffic fatalities and accidents is a top priority for me. By providing additional resources and personnel to the traffic safety unit, I believe vehicle crashes can be reduced significantly. Also, effective traffic enforcement creates opportunities to interdict criminal activity as it occurs. Meaningful traffic/speed enforcement requires a data-driven strategy that serves to target specific areas where aggressive driving and vehicle collisions most frequently occur. I would support the use of red light and speed cameras to deter aggressive and speeding drivers. However, I would only support their use in locations near schools and with a commitment from the Commissioners that all revenue would be allocated to St. Mary's County non-profits.

O'CONNOR

I am going to direct deputies to concentrate on driving-related of-

fenses that lead to injuries and fatalities on our roadways. This will immediately improve roadway safety in our county. Every deputy will be radar certified and will have the equipment to enforce the speed limit and traffic laws.

WHAT OTHER POLICY ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE?

HALL

I support a review of our promotional process to the extent that the current policy does not take into account an employee's annual performance evaluation. By adding a component that accounts for one's past performance, qualified candidates would receive credit for their demonstrated leadership competencies. Currently, the existing promotional process ranks candidates' suitability based on an aggregated score that excludes past performance factors which is insufficient in assessing one's future potential as a leader. By incorporating this change in the promotional process, both the deputies and the community will be better served by having high quality supervision leading the way and creating a culture of excellence in your Sheriff's Office.

O'CONNOR

The department's policies are redundant, creating an unnecessary bureaucracy. These policies need to be changed to allow deputies to do their job without fear. They are overburdened with over-reporting and mundane tasks that take away from your safety. All policy is not written; it's a culture. The phrase "I don't know, this is just the way we have always done it", without a doubt must change immediately, and is a sign of a dying organization, it's unacceptable. Most importantly every policy that has allowed traffic fatalities to grow and the violent crime in our county to skyrocket needs to be changed immediately.

Todd Fleenor did not respond to the request for answers to the voter's guide questions.



Brian Crosby

DISTRICT 29 B RACE CROSBY VS. SWARINGER



Valarie Swaringer

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO ASSURE YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE A RELEVANT VOICE IN ANNAPOLIS?

CROSBY

As Vice Chair of the Economic Matters Committee, which I will retain if re-elected, I am confident that my voice will not only be relevant, but will be heard in Annapolis. As your delegate, I will continue to handle concerns in various ways: personal and team memberships on work groups and boards in the community, regular meetings with community leaders, town hall meetings that are open to the public, and answering constituent concerns daily via email or phone. I will continue to come home with results, bringing one of the highest numbers of dollars per capita back to my district.

SWARINGER

Honestly, just being elected would assure that my constituents have a relevant voice in Annapolis. As a daughter of St. Mary's county and district 29b I have the advantage of being personally connected not just to the history but also to the concerns and future development of my district.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES?

CROSBY

My transportation priority will continue to be the MD-Route 5 and Great Mills Road intersection. I have gotten money flowing to and action on this project for the first time in more than a decade, and

I intend to do everything in my power to continue progress on that project. I am also concerned with several other projects, including the intersection of Buck Hewitt/Rue Purchase Roads and Route 235 and Hermanville Rd. The Governor has not allocated a penny of the \$6B of federal transportation funds to a single project. We need to ensure St. Mary's County gets its fair share.

SWARINGER

If elected my local infrastructure priorities would be the rehabilitation of Lexington Park, starting with the repurposing of unused structures and commercial spaces. I would also like to extend the time that local public transportation runs as well as add covered bus stops to the existing routes.

IF ELECTED, HOW WOULD YOU BEST SERVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS OUTSIDE OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION?

CROSBY

After four years, I know that the real work of learning constituent needs, understanding concerns in the community, and figuring out helpful legislation takes place when I am not in session. The nine months of the year that I am not in Annapolis are spent meeting with various work groups— the Navy Alliance, The Patuxent Partnership, my Great Mills/Lexington Park work group, and the Community Development Corporation— to learn the needs of the community. I also have coffee with community members regularly, continue to answer questions via email and phone, and attend events.

SWARINGER

I would best serve my constituents outside of the Maryland General Assembly Session by remaining present and accessible. It is my job to represent the interests of my constituents, I can not properly do that if they do not have access to me. You can not represent well what you refuse to catch the heart of, and you can only do that by being present, available and accessible.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR POLICY BE TOWARDS WORKING WITH LOCAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS?

CROSBY

In my first term, working with the BOCC to move the Rte. 5/Great Mills Road project to the number one transportation priority allowed us to finally see progress for that intersection. I have also been happy to have a bi-partisan relationship with our Senator, Jack Bailey. As a pair, we have worked across parties and legislative bodies to bring funding home for major County initiatives, and we will continue to do so. My hope is that the commissioners realize the benefit that my leadership position in Annapolis brings, and I look forward to other opportunities to collaborate.

SWARINGER

My policy for working with local county commissioners and municipal governments is to be actively and consistently engaged. Our local government and local government officials have a finger on the pulse of our county and it would be my

responsibility to ensure that all concerns, plans and desires are properly voiced in Annapolis

WHAT OTHER POLICY ISSUES ARE THERE THAT YOU FEEL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED?

CROSBY

Every Marylander deserves a fair shot at participating in our rich and varied economy. I currently serve on the Rural Broadband Task Force, which aims to provide more high speed internet access in Maryland. Lack of internet access causes disparities in access to jobs, information, and as we saw during the pandemic, even education. Additionally, the wealth disparity in Maryland creates opportunity gaps that need to be addressed with policy around affordable housing, transportation, access to basic services, and resources for the homeless population.

SWARINGER

Gun violence in my district, mental health and the cost of healthcare and medication for our seniors are a few of the issues that I intend to tackle. I don't believe that stricter gun laws are the answer but the enforcement of the laws that are already in place and mandatory sentencing for those who violate those laws. Mental health in my district needs to be taken more seriously. I want to work with whoever has solutions for how we can tackle this crisis at the local level. I want to see Maryland seniors have the same access to affordable healthcare and medication as those viewed as the most financially vulnerable because the truth is they are the most financially vulnerable.



Debbie Burch

COUNTY CLERK CANDIDATES BURCH VS. WHEELER



Faye Wheeler

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE?

BURCH

My vision for the clerk's office is to continue to be available for our customers and providing them with the necessary resources needed to facilitate the best possible experience when visiting the courthouse.

WHEELER

As a new Clerk, I have ideas that will financially benefit and offer convenience to our citizens. I, along with an empowered staff, will make it a priority to implement credit cards as a payment option; ensure all employees and customers are treated with the absolute utmost respect; and

ensure all personnel are trained and cross trained to provide better access to the court justice system.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE OFFICE?

BURCH

To continue to provide customers with the best customer service experience possible.

WHEELER

I will work hard to empower staff, rebuild morale, and address the high turnover rate within the Clerk's office, which in turn, will allow us to better serve the

fine citizens of St. Mary's County. We will make a user-friendly office by ensuring all paperwork that you as a customer need is readily available within the Clerk's office.

WHAT NEW RESOURCE, IF ANY, DOES THE CLERK'S OFFICE NEED?

BURCH

The new resource would be to continue working towards finalizing our credit card payment system.

WHEELER

The credit card reader as a payment option. Pamphlets with the services provided by the Clerk's office to both the public and the courts, as well as filing and pro-

cessing of all case types for citizens without computer access. Establishing a wedding ceremony room for a more personal able wedding experience.

WHAT OTHER POLICY ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE?

BURCH

I am unaware of any policy issues or changes that need to be addressed in the clerk's office.

WHEELER

Policies are set by the Maryland Judiciary. Ensure that employees are aware any of updates to the policies and procedures.



Todd Morgan



Timothy Gowen

DISTRICT 29C RACE TODD MORGAN VS. TIMOTHY GOWEN

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO ASSURE YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE A RELEVANT VOICE IN ANNAPOLIS?

MORGAN

Making the voice of the people relevant is the most important job of a Delegate. This is why am running for this office. For 3 consecutive terms the citizens of St. Mary's County have elected me to be their voice at the commissioners table because I listen, am responsive and trustworthy. My intention is to work within the committee structures of Annapolis, to ensure the voices of Calvert and St. Mary's are relevant and impact every discussion.

GOWEN

If elected, I will provide the constituents of 29C my full attention to their needs and concerns. I will personally meet regularly with any constituent to hear their concerns and endeavor to put Maryland government to work to resolve their problems. I will set up weekly office times (or meet for a cup of coffee) in both Calvert and St. Mary's County. I'll make sure I completely understand their issues, gather the information pertaining to the problem, create courses of action, work with the constituent to find the best solution, then, go to work to get them the help they need.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES?

MORGAN

My major priorities would be the new Thomas Johnson bridge and the Great Mills Rd (Rt. 246) and Rt. 5 intersection. I will support highway safety initiatives including Rt. 235 and Rt. 231. I would advocate for funding for our regional parks including Dominion Park and greater waterfront access for our citizens.

GOWEN

The number one transportation priority in District 29C is addressing the bottlenecks that occur in both directions due to the unnecessarily high and narrow, 2-lane, Thomas Johnson Bridge. As Delegate, securing a new bridge would be my number one priority! As I have done many times throughout my career, I will lead the effort for a team of stakeholders to include members of Congress, the Governor's office, the Maryland Department of Transportation, County Commissioners (both counties), local business leaders, and interested constituents to secure the funding, develop a plan, and ensure execution of that plan.

IF ELECTED, HOW WOULD YOU BEST SERVED YOUR CONSTITUENTS OUTSIDE OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION?

MORGAN

I will open a local district office and hire a legislative assistant where constituent services is our

highest priority. I would have regular office hours and be accessible to them as I have been for 12 years.

GOWEN

If elected, my job as Delegate doesn't end when the session ends. In the period of April through January, I will meet regularly with constituents through in-person and virtual town halls to hear the concerns and to educate the voters on the issues at hand. Out of session, my goal is to gather input from key stakeholders regarding the important issues to Southern Maryland. If solving those problems call for new legislation, I will use that time to gather the data to make informed decisions and to present a strong case to the General Assembly to garner their support.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOUR POLICY BE TOWARDS WORKING WITH LOCAL COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS?

MORGAN

My experience as a county commissioner has taught me the importance of a strong relationship between the Delegation and County Commissioners. Therefore my policy will be to promote these relationships to ensure the best outcomes for the citizens of Calvert and St. Mary's County.

GOWEN

County Commissioners, members of municipal governments, and members of the Maryland Gen-

eral Assembly cannot successfully represent their constituents unless they all work together to govern effectively and efficiently. My policy is to be open minded, helpful, and a servant to their needs in Annapolis.

WHAT OTHER POLICY ISSUES ARE THERE THAT YOU FEEL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED?

MORGAN

I am especially interested in policies as they effect the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. I will continue to be the liaison between the leadership of the base, the contractors and our community. I will work diligently focusing on job creation (high tech and trades), lowering taxes, promoting small businesses and supporting our law enforcement officers and first responders.

GOWEN

According to feedback I have received from the constituents of District 29C, the issues that need to be addressed are 1.) cost of living 2.) traffic problems associated with Pax River, Thomas Johnson Bridge, and specific bottle necks (e.g., Route 5 & Great Mills Road) 3.) Rising crime rates due to gangs and drugs and the counterproductive police accountability act 4.) Poor leadership in government.

Next week's voter's guide will feature St. Mary's County Board of Education candidates.

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Solomons Fireworks Coming Monday July 4th

Enjoy Fireworks in Solomons

By Dick Myers
Editor

The fireworks tradition is continuing in Solomons this 4th of July weekend and returning to Chesapeake Beach after a COVID hiatus.

Last year the fireworks in Solomons had been cancelled only to be resuscitated with the single-handed resolve of businessman Kyle Webber. He was able to raise enough money to pull off the tradition that had been going on for more than 30 years.

"I got involved last year because I really liked the fireworks at Solomons. I grew up on the other side of the river in St. Mary's County and I watched them every year. It was always a real treat and I just thought they needed some help, and I could maybe chip in," he said.

Webber joined the Solomons Business Association (SBA) last year and partnered with them for the event that SBA has run for years.

About last year, Webber said, "I would say it was amazing, but I think I'm partial. We were able to get the fireworks back. Not only that, we did musical performances, we had a shuttle and offsite parking."

This year Webber is organizing things along with other SBA members.

Vandy Young, SBA president, said compared to previous events, this year "in fact it'll be slightly higher in the sense that the fireworks will be the same, but there'll be a lot more facilities on the island, which we haven't been able to fund before, that we can now."

The fireworks display alone costs \$4,000. A number of sponsors, in addition to an annual contribution from the county, enable SBA to put on the event for the area that pulls people into Solomons not only for the fireworks, but to spend the day shopping and eating at the island's restaurants.

The event has in the past drawn more than 10,000 attendees.

For the first time it will have hospitality tents. "That's for anybody to pass by if they need a little bit of shade, if they need some sanitizer, if they need to sit down for a minute. There's water to be had. It's just a way of making sure that people don't become overheated and over exhausted," Young said.

Webber said things get underway on July 4 at 10 a.m. with a flag racing ceremony at the watermen's monument. That will be followed by a prayer walk organized by the SBA in conjunction with Southern Calvert Baptist Church and local leaders. It will end at the Pier Restaurant where "there will be a small reception with light refreshments and it's open to the



public; it's free."

Webber said the walk "is just a chance for us to commemorate people who have perished as a result of suicide or drug abuse or mental health issues, to kind of have public discourse about something that is a very difficult subject."

That will be followed at noon with a boat parade

From noon to 4 p.m., Webber said, "We are going to have a really cool thing for kids. They can go on a secret mission. We've got some reenactors who are going to be at the Calvert Marine Museum, and the kids will be able to go to them to get a secret mission. They're going to have to visit three businesses on the island and give them a pass phrase. And then once they give the pass phrase, they'll receive a pass phrase back, and then they bring those pass phrases back to the reenactors who will give them a, a gold coin."

The island also will be alive with the sound of music. "The whole north half of the boardwalk will be wired for sound," he said.

"We have all local performers," Webber said, with "Stormy in the Blue Skies" starting things off at 7:30 p.m. They will be followed by "Uncolored Day," and then two solo artists, Bethany Yeh and Janet Allen, who will sing the National Anthem right before the fireworks go off at dusk.

The fireworks will be handled by the same company that has entertained the viewers in the past.

Parking will be at two locations, Anne Marie Garden and Glascock field. A bus will shuttle people to Patuxent Plaza from 4 to 8. And a trolley will run from there and stop at Glascock Field and other locations. The trolley will also run from 10 to midnight to bring people back.

For those who park at Anne Marie Garden, it is recommended they take the shuttle back at 8 and watch the fireworks either from Patuxent Plaza or Anne Marie Garden.

Questions can be emailed to solomonfireworks@gmail.com.

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Commissioner Candidate Elizabeth O'Connor

'It Absolutely a Hundred Percent My Decision'

By Dick Myers
Editor

Elizabeth O'Connor of Mechanicsville is seeking the 3rd District commissioner seat currently held by her husband John, who is running for sheriff. She is competing with Mike Alderson, Jr. of Colton's Point and Dawn Murphy of Avenue in the July 19 Republican primary.



Elizabeth O'Connor

Elizabeth O'Connor filed for the 3rd District race on the filing deadline day just after her husband switched from being a candidate for re-election to commissioner to running for sheriff.

Was her husband involved in her decision? She said, "I am very strong willed. I am very opinionated. You can ask my mom and dad. Raising me was a challenge. I don't like to be told what to do. So, it absolutely a hundred percent was my decision, honestly. When people have asked why I chose to run, of course I wouldn't have run if John didn't decide to run for sheriff because I'm not going to run against my husband. That's just silly."

O'Connor, who grew up in Charles County, retired on April 1st of this year after a 22-year career in law enforcement with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. That included road patrol, the dive team, K-9 handler (the agency's first female in that position), and as domestic violence coordinator in the Criminal Investigations Division.

In that final assignment, she said, "It just showed me a different side of working with the community. And I enjoyed what I did. And I also worked with a lot of non-law enforcement entities."

"I enjoyed helping the community," she said, "So when John decided to run for sheriff and his position was going to be available...I was like, you know, this is a cool way that I

can continue to serve the community, continue to help the community and continue to make a difference without still being a police officer."

She feels that qualifies her to be commissioner. "As a law enforcement officer, you obviously, have to have the ability to communicate well. And you have to have the ability to deal with people from all backgrounds and all walks of life, demographics, education, etc."

She added, "I think that knowing the county, from Scotland to Charlotte Hall, is a benefit as well, knowing the ins and outs. Obviously, Pax River's very important to this county."

"Just knowing their people gives me a head start over someone else that may not have had that type of experience," she explained.

What if her husband is elected sheriff and she commissioner? Would there be the potential of a conflict of interest? She responded, "We've actually already had it pretty much vetted by several ethics type committees."

She added, "If there was something involving John's salary directly, I would recuse myself. But if it's something that's affecting the sheriff's office as a whole, and it's not financially just affecting John, then the consensus from the ethics boards have been that it's not a conflict of interest, but we'd be willing to present it to the state ethics board for a final decision just to make everybody else feel more comfortable."

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The Way We Were...

History and Stories of St Mary's County from long-ago to just yesterday

The Diary of Charles Warren Hutt

Residents of St. Mary's County are familiar with the Point Lookout Prison Camp for Confederate Soldiers. Located at the end of Route 5 as one approaches Point Lookout State Park, the notorious camp which was built to house 10,000 men counted as many as 20,000 excluding guards, troops, horses and contrabands.

In May and June 1970, the Chronicles of St. Mary's published the diary of Charles Warren Hutt, a private in the Confederate service in Company "K" of the 40th Infantry, Virginia Volunteers, C.S.A. He participated in many of the bloody battles of the War until his capture on July 5, 1863, during the battle of Gettysburg, eventually being moved to the prison camp at Point Lookout.

Hutt's diary contains his day-by-day account of life at the camp. Through the diaries, he tells of the condition in the "hell hole" that was Point Lookout and his burning desire to be reunited with his family across the Potomac River in Westmoreland County, VA. A sampling of the entries:

Tuesday, January 5, 1864.

Very cold, the horizon is covered with thick clouds, Abe's amnesty proclamation is posted all over camp for the benefit of those who wish to swallow the pill. My dinner consisted of one cup of soup.

Sunday, January 24, 1864.

Clear and warm. The weather is like that of spring, how forcibly I am reminded of by-gone days. I shall hope on hope even the darkest cloud always disappears before aurora's advent.

Monday, February 8, 1864.

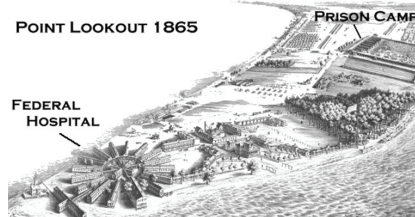
Clear and pleasant. The mortality among the prisoners is great and many of the South's sons are passing from life to death.

Wednesday, February 17, 1864.

Cloudy and cold. I never experienced colder weather. we bought two sticks of wood for which we paid six dollars. We had a small piece of fresh beef for dinner and carrot soup.

Friday, February 19, 1864.

Very cold and we have no fire as the Yankees will not give us our



wood. Truly do we suffer in every way.

Sunday, February 21, 1864.

Clear and cold. Beast Butler arrived this morning and was saluted with thirteen guns. He has ridden through camp. [Benjamin Franklin "Beast" Butler was a notoriously incompetent and mean-spirited Union General.]

Charles Warren Hutt was a descendant of David and Temperance (Gerard) Hutt. Temperance was a daughter of Dr. Thomas Gerard and his wife Susannah (Snowe) Gerard. Dr. Gerard was the Lord of St. Clement's Manor and had other large land holdings in St. Mary's County.

Hutt refused many times to take the oath that would have secured his parole. Finally, on May 5, 1865, he was paroled. After the War, he established a retail wine and ardent spirits business on in Warrenville, VA, eventually becoming Commissioner of Revenue and Postmaster of Neenah, VA, named for his daughter and derived from a Native American language meaning "pure".

Charles Warren Hutt died on September 4, 1906 and is buried with his wife, Bettie, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Nomini Grove, VA, which is largely a Hutt Family chapel.

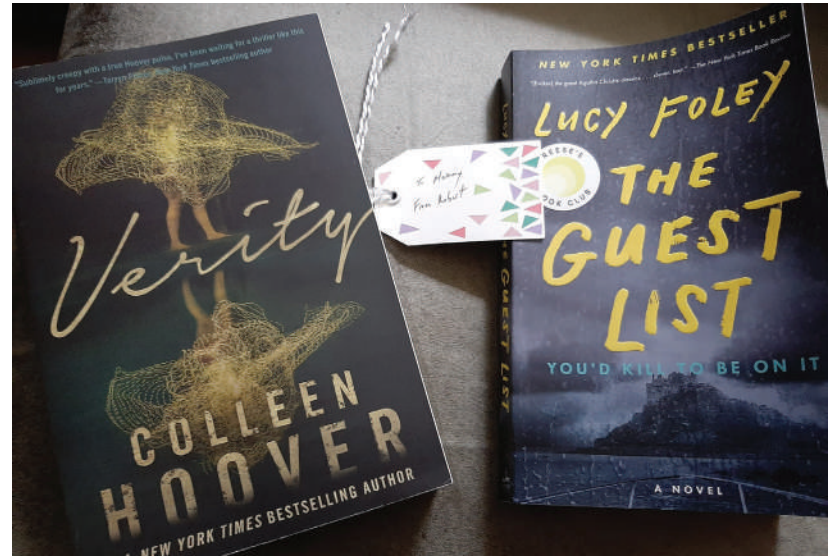
If you'd like to learn more about Hutt's diary or the Point Lookout Prison Camp, you can contact the St Mary's County Historical Society at research@stmayrhistory.org.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



BEACH READS



Hope everyone is enjoying this first week of summer, even though here in St. Mary's County summer truly begins in May when the humidity begins and when the mosquitos come out. I really have enjoyed the occasional breezy days we've had that have keep the bugs from landing on me too long.

We are looking forward to some beach time soon, even though if you've seen me, you know I am not a beach girl. I will happily lounge under a tent, listening to the waves, and reading a good mystery. My oldest son gave me two books for my birthday; The Guest List by Lucy Foley, which I just finished and Verity by Colleen Hoover. Both are NY Times bestselling authors. I am trying hard to hold off reading Verity until beach time, so I will throw in a cozy mystery book or two instead. A sweet lady in one of my online cozy mystery book groups, who is also member of the subgroup Book Angels, sent me a huge box of books in February to read while at hospital visits. I am only halfway through the box and am grateful every day to know there are people that will do this for strangers.

I used to read all sorts of books, but some of the heavy duty thriller/suspense books seem to bother me more now, maybe it is because more of what is in these books actually happens in real life...a lot and too frequently. I pretty much stick to cozies and old classic mysteries, and occasionally go back to thrillers.

The book The Guest List was formatted similarly to the Agatha Christie novel, And Then There Were None where "an anonymous killer gathers a collection of strangers on Soldier Island to murder them as punishment for their past crimes." The Guest List is set on Cormorant Island, an island of granite rising out

of the Atlantic Ocean off Ireland with the ruins of ancient buildings, an old, now restored, folly, and a mysterious graveyard which is slowly sinking into the treacherous island peat bogs. In The Guest List however, the setting is a wildly extravagant wedding with 100 or so guests plus the bridal party. The unusual formatting I referred to is how each of the main characters gets their own short chapter, and you really have to look at the chapter headings since the time settings switch back and for the between "now", "the day before", and "day of wedding". But once you get the hang of it, it reads well.

A big difference between the old classic mystery novels, and the younger authors of today's "classically styled" mystery novels is, of course, the coarser language used, the references to social media and the tragic effects it sometimes has, and the more graphic nature of the deaths and relationships in books. At times it's a bit jarring after reading cozies most of the time. Some curse words have become so commonplace in this day and age that they are just considered part of normal conversation no matter where you are. Oops, getting preachy there, and its not that I don't say them here and there myself.

Anyway, I ma looking forward to the next book, Verity, which the NY Times states is "a standalone romantic thriller". Sounds good, hopefully it isn't too scary or gory, so just in case, I will take those cozies and maybe a magazine or two to read in the sand. Or maybe, I will just start Verity now just to make sure...yes, we all know where that will lead...a finished book.

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What to Expect From a Financial Advisor

If you know how important it is to invest for your future, but you're unsure of the road to follow, you may want to get some guidance and direction from a financial professional. But if you've never worked with one before, what can you expect?

Here are some things to look for:

• Assessment

A financial advisor will assess your current financial situation – assets, income, debts and so on – but that's just the start. These days, advisors recognize the need to view their clients' lives holistically. Consequently, you will see questions like this: What are your feelings about investing? How would you judge your risk tolerance? What are your individual financial goals? What hopes and dreams do you have for your family?

• Recommendations

Only after fully understanding your needs, goals and preferences will a financial advisor recommend any investment moves. There are no "one-size-fits-all" solutions. You may want to steer clear of individuals claiming to be financial advisors who "guarantee" big returns with no risk. In the investment world, there are few guarantees, and every investment carries some type of risk.

• Communications

Financial professionals communicate with their clients in different ways, but you should always feel free to reach out to an advisor with any questions or concerns. Most financial advisors will want to meet with clients at least once a year, either in person or through an online platform, to review their investment portfolios. During the review, the financial advisor will help you determine if any changes are needed. But financial advisors won't wait a full year to contact clients to discuss a particular investment move that might

need to be made. Also, depending on the firm you choose, you should be able to go online to review your portfolio at your convenience.

• Technology

A financial advisor can employ a variety of software programs to help clients. For example, a financial advisor can determine the rate of return you might need to attain specific goals, helping shape your investment strategy. But there are also a lot of "what ifs" in anyone's life, so an advisor can use hypothetical illustrations to show you where you might end up if you take different paths, such as retiring earlier (or later) than you had planned or putting in more (or less) money toward a specific goal, such as education for your children. Anyone's plans can change, so the ability to view different potential scenarios can prove valuable.

Above all, a financial advisor can help you feel more confident as you pursue your goals. Among investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a survey conducted in 2020 by Age Wave and Edward Jones. And during times of market turbulence, such as we've experienced this year, a financial advisor can help you avoid overreacting to downturns. When unexpected events crop up, such as a lapse in employment, a financial advisor can suggest moves that may enable you to avoid major disruptions to your financial strategy. Conversely, when a new opportunity emerges, perhaps from an inheritance or some other windfall, your financial advisor can help you take advantage of it.

Navigating the investment landscape can be challenging – but the journey can be a lot smoother if you've got the right guide.

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In Remembrance

LuAnn Libert Miller



The midwife predicted the baby girl born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with a caul on April 6, 1938 would be gifted with clairvoyance. She may or may not have

had "the gift," but LuAnn Libert Miller did live a blessed and charmed life. Her mother, Eleanor Sutton Libert, was delighted to spoil her only daughter. Her two older brothers, Don Libert of Columbus, Ohio and Jack Libert of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, tormented her and protected her in equal measures. Her father, Bernard Joseph Libert, stressed the importance of education and encouraged LuAnn to work before marrying to prove to herself that she could make it on her own, which was unheard of in 1960. She graduated from Trinity College and worked as a teacher. Her brothers' wives, Jo Libert (wife of Don) and Ronnie Libert (wife of Jack) became good friends and like sisters. She outlived her brothers and Jo, passing away June 20, 2022 in Leonardtown, Maryland with Ronnie now carrying the torch for their generation.

Her entire world changed one day in 1959 with a terrible blind date. He was a cadet from the Naval Academy who cared more about the football game than he did his attractive date. She agreed to a second date only because her girlfriend begged her to. Charles Perry (Chuck) Miller III was much more attentive without a football game to watch and successfully captured LuAnn's heart. They dated for two years before marrying on September 16, 1961 in Washington DC, but had spent only a handful of days together due to his deployments for the Navy. Thus, started her life as a Navy wife, a life very different from what she expected, but found the strength to embrace and ultimately love. Their love story spanned 60 years and took them to over 10 states ranging from Connecticut to Hawaii before retiring in their beloved Dolphin House on Breton Bay in Maryland.

While her husband Chuck was frequently away at sea on a nuclear submarine, LuAnn was birthing and raising six babies. She managed a home filled with headstrong, intelligent, and very independent children – alone – as a woman – in the 60s; quite the feat and a testament to her perseverance despite constantly encountering "what does your husband think" comments. Meanwhile, she worked as an elementary school teacher, a Montessori teacher, and then many years managing the Public Affairs Department of George Mason University.

She raised her children to be individuals, pursuing their own personal interests with a love of God and deep compassion for others. The oldest, Charles "Chip" Miller IV (Hampton, VA) pursued computers before computers were cool and married the most intelligent and focused woman he ever met, Carol Miller. Maura

Genaro (Cape May, NJ) was the most athletic of the bunch, and together with her husband Tony Genaro, owned a fitness center before settling into careers of X-ray technology and Law Enforcement, respectively. Malia Pappas (Lewisberry, PA) had the pleasure of working with LuAnn at George Mason University before launching her own technical career at Bloomberg and marrying her soulmate, Steve Pappas, retired from the US Air Force. Misty Decker (Rhinebeck, NY) was known as the smart one, leaving a future in mathematics to pursue a career in mainframes at IBM and now Micro Focus, picking up her brilliant husband Mark Decker at IBM along the way. Megan Miller (Sterling, VA) always stood out as the most creative, choosing to use her powers for good in a career in the arts as a performer and marketer/web developer for National Wildlife Federation, with her partner, William Bauman, who works as a stagehand for IATSE. Christopher Miller (Yorktown, VA) decided to enlist in the Army, serving as a tank gunner before pursuing a career in the live events industry, married a teacher, Courtney Miller, who has a knack for touching the lives of children with autism and special needs.

LuAnn was very proud of her many grandchildren, noting how different they all were. Chip and Carol's children came first: Charles "Perry" Miller V (carrying the family name), Gwendolyn Mae Miller (helped LuAnn on her last European vacation) and Collin Andrew Miller (lived with LuAnn for a summer). Maura and Tony's children followed their "Big Daddy's" military path: Tony Genaro (graduate of United States Military Academy at West Point) and Troy Genaro (attending Marion Military Institute). Misty and Mark's children took the academic route: Marian Decker (studying microbiology at Cornell University) and Mason Decker (entering high school with an interest in technology and golf). Chris and Courtney's children are the youngest: Gulianna Venturato (a very energetic 8-year-old) and Cecellia Miller (a funny and loving 5-year-old).

There are many things that we will miss about LuAnn - her gifted storytelling, her strong intellect, and her loving heart. She could turn even the smallest event into an entertaining story and her back scratches were legendary. Her vocabulary was so good, the "hard" cross-words were too easy for her, and she knew most of the answers on Jeopardy. She looked like Mrs. Claus, with a quick smile and a mischievous twinkle to her blue eyes. Her faith in the Lord and her love for her family were always the most important things in her life.

She will be interred with her husband in Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, VA, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, we chose two organizations for donations that represent who she was. St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, MD (SaintAloysiusChurch.org) for her deeply held Catholic faith and

the Navy Wives Club (NavyWivesClub-sofAmerica.org) that supported her as a Navy wife and where she helped run their scholarship program.

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

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Joseph Carroll Ellis



Joseph Carroll Ellis, "Joe", 85, of Bushwood, MD, passed away on June 20, 2022, in Leonardtown, MD. Born on September 18, 1936, in Washington, DC,

he was the son of the late Elizabeth Ellis and the late Joseph Ellis. Joe was the loving husband of the late Mary Catherine Lowry Ellis, "Bitsy" whom he married on October 5, 1958, in Greenville, MS and who preceded him in death on March 15, 2016. Joe is survived by his children Beth Ellis D'Ovido of Bow, NH, and Joseph Ellis of Bushwood, MD, four grandchildren, Tara Ryan of Durham, NH, Kelly Ryan Fuscaldolo of Greenwich, CT, Christopher Ellis of Bushwood, MD, and Laynie Ellis of Bushwood, MD, and his

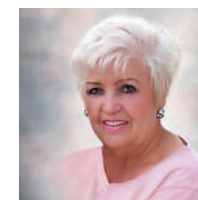
sister Pattie Powers of Rockville, MD.

Joe graduated from Gonzaga High School in 1954 and Strayer Business College in 1958 with a Degree in Business Administration. He moved from Arlington, VA to St. Mary's County, MD in 1970. Joe was a credit director with Southern Maryland Electric Co-op for 38 years, until his retirement in 1994.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish, in Bushwood, MD, and he enjoyed gardening and historical research.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Gonzaga College High School 19 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, or Sacred Heart Catholic Church, P.O. Box 37 Bushwood, MD 20618.

Fern Rose Ellen Marconi



Fern Rose Ellen Marconi, 82, of Tappahannock, VA passed away peacefully on June 17, 2022, in Mechanicsville, MD with her loving family at her

side.

Born February 28, 1940, in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Maurice Riley and Katherine Lightner.

In 1964, Fern married the love of her

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In Remembrance

life, Robert Lee Marconi, Sr. Together they celebrated over 57 wonderful years of marriage before his passing on October 30, 2021. Robert & Fern Marconi moved from Baltimore MD to their first purchased home together in 1966 to Waldorf, MD, in a community called Country Club South. After many wonderful years together in 1996, they moved to their dream home in Surfside Beach, SC next to Myrtle Beach for 10 wonderful years, they then decided after spending time away from their children & grandchildren to move back to the area in 2006 to their final home in Tappahannock, VA where they lived for the past 16 years. She was a licensed cosmetologist and gave the best home haircuts to her children, friends, and neighbors as an additional income business at home. She worked for over 20 dedicated years as an accountant for Embassy Dairy before retiring. Prior to that, she worked as a bookkeeper for many years for various companies. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend to many. She was extremely social and made friends easily. She and her husband enjoyed hosting card gatherings, pool parties, and dinners at their home. She was an amazing cook and made the best authentic Italian spaghetti sauce. She especially loved the beach and taking vacations to Myrtle Beach SC. She enjoyed swimming, water skiing, square dancing, singing, and playing the Organ for family and friends. She was a member of the Sweet Adeline's singing group and the Henley Hens neighborhood group. Her family was her pride and joy and she especially loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband,

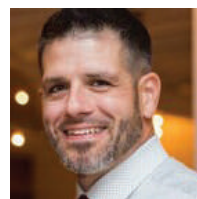
Robert Lee Marconi, Sr., her sons, Herbert Zampini, Jr. and Robert Lee Marconi, Jr., and her brothers, Maurice Riley, Jr., and Donald Riley.

She is survived by her children, Ronald Lee Marconi (April) of Mechanicsville MD, Rondi "Dee Dee" Benac (Jeff) of Lovettsville, VA and her sister, June Knight of Baltimore, MD; her grandchildren: Justin Benac, Kayla Benac/Kefauver (Phil), Madison Marconi, Savannah Marconi, Ricky Stillwell, and Ryan Stillwell; and extended family and friends.

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

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Ernest Lee Sigmon III



Ernest Lee Sigmon III, 44, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on December 29, 2021, from a tragic boating accident in Dares Beach, MD.

He was born on October 2, 1977, in Washington D.C. to Ernest Lee "Spanky" Sigmon, Jr. of King George, VA, and Audrey Boelke Sigmon of Myrtle Beach, SC.

Ernie is a lifelong resident of Southern Maryland. He is a 1995 graduate of Chopticon High School, where he was on the wrestling team as well as the varsity football team. He continued sharing his passion for wrestling by coaching The Rampage Wrestling Team and St. Mary's Hawkeyes. He also coached the St. Mary's Braves club football team and the LaPlata Blue Knights. He coached throughout his son's playing career for both sports.

After high school, Ernie began his career in the flooring industry. He was extremely skilled and owned and operated Ernest Sigmon, LC Flooring Company. He was the first installer certified for gymnasium floors on the Eastern Shore and traveled throughout the US teaching and training people on how to properly install these specialized floors.

Ernie was an outdoorsman and had a great affinity for the water. An avid boater and fisherman, he especially loved catching Rockfish. He even had a built-in salt-water fish tank where he proudly displayed the fish he was raising. He passed his love of the water to his children and enjoyed jet skiing with them and having dinner on the boat. He was an exceptional cook with his specialty being

breakfast which included the best breakfast potatoes with light & fluffy cheesy scrambled eggs. He was also a grill master extraordinaire with steaks. Everyone was always welcome to join him for breakfast or dinner, always inviting friends to eat with him and his children. Ernie was also an avid hunter, hunting deer, geese, and ducks. In the winter, he would take his children to Massanutten, Seven Springs, and other local ski resorts where they would spend time skiing. He was a diehard fan/season ticket holder of the Washington Redskins.

Ernie was a man of many hats and had a terrific sense of humor. He loved being with people, and his personality attracted many people to him. He had an open-door policy where no one was ever a stranger. He loved his family and enjoyed spending his time with them, especially his children.

In addition to his beloved parents, he is also survived by his step-mother, Mary Helen Sigmon, his children, Ernest Lee "Ernie" Sigmon, IV and Isabella Renee "Bella" Sigmon, both of Mechanicsville, MD; his siblings: Christina Ann Sigmon Jones (Dwight) of Waldorf, MD, Anthony Russell Sigmon (Nikki) of King George, VA, Brian Lee Sigmon of King George, VA, Frank James Sigmon (Kara) of Midlothian, VA, and Nicole Danielle Sigmon of King George, VA; his girlfriend, Eryn Kyser of LaPlata, MD and her son, Andrew Gautier, of LaPlata, MD; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ernie's name may be made to Save the Bay, Attention: Membership Dept., 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403 or www.cbf.org/donation.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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

Arrangements were made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. in Charlotte Hall, MD.

Robert Lee Owens

Robert Lee Owens, 91, of St. Inigoes, MD passed away on June 20, 2022, at



MedStar Health: Hospice at St. Mary's, Callaway, Maryland. Robert Lee was born May 19, 1931, in Leonardtown, MD to the late Robert Warren

Owens and Myrtle McKay Owens.

Robert Lee married Mary Agnes (Aggie) Owens on January 18, 1986, at First Friendship Church, Ridge, MD. They enjoyed traveling in the winter to Florida and his favorite pastime was cheering on the Washington Nationals. He loved his John Deere tractors and continued farming the family farm after his father's passing. He also owned Owens Electric and RLO Construction before he retired. His enjoyment was an occasional cigar and sharing Crown Royal with the guys.

Robert Lee was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church, Ridge MD. He was active with the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department where he served as President, Vice President, and Board of Directors for several years. He received the Certificate of Service award in 2021 for 50 years of service and dedication as a firefighter. In 1999, he was inducted into the Southern Maryland Volunteer Fireman's Association Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. He served as President in the Leonardtown Lions Club and 22-C District Governor.

Robert Lee is survived by his children, Connie Owens Phillips (Karl) of Frederick, MD, Rebecca (Becky) Owens Wathen (Johnny) of St. Inigoes, MD, Bradley Owens of Lexington Park, MD, Roberta Rubala, of New Bern NC, and his step-children, Phyllis Delores (Lorie) Clarke (Ken) of St. Inigoes, MD, and Patrick Anthony (Tony) Wilkinson (Marcia) of Mechanicsville, MD. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Agnes (Aggie) Owens, his sister, Helen Morris, his stepbrother, Thomas Wilfred Owens, his children Karen (Kay) Owens and Carroll Owens.

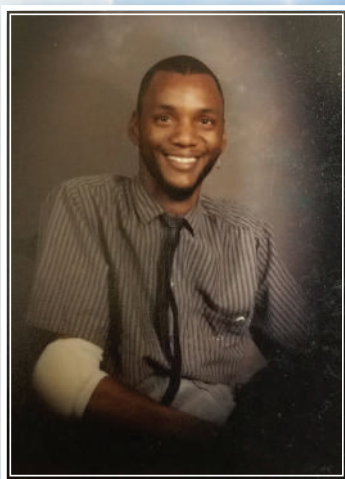
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Lee's Life Celebration on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 5:00 with prayers at 7:00 p.m., followed by Fire Department prayers at St. Michael's Church, 16566 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on June 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Church. Interment of ashes will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Cody Owens, J. W. Wathen, Ronnie Ridgell and Philip (Heavy) Ridgell. Honorary pallbearers will be Caroll Phillips and the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P O Box 520, Ridge MD 20680 or MedStar Health: Hospice at St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Bruce Melvin Lyons

Bruce Melvin Lyons, 79, of Mechanicsville, MD, peacefully passed away on June 5, 2022.

Bruce was born on January 18, 1943, to the late James and Edna Lyons in the bustling city of Augusta, GA.



Bruce served his country in the United States Air Force for 25 years and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

In 1969, he met Sandra Lyons in Augusta, GA. Bruce and Sandra went on to have one child, Christopher Lyons (Nicole) of Mechanicsville, MD.

Bruce retired in 2000 after 25 years in the field. While retired, Bruce had time to pursue his love of playing golf and enjoyed listening to music.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents, James and Edna Lyons. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Lyons of Mechanicsville, MD, his son, Christopher Lyons of Mechanicsville, MD, and his sister, Dwala Walker of Augusta, GA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lupus Foundation or the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

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

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Bruce was predeceased by his parents,

James and Edna Lyons. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Lyons of Mechanicsville, MD, his son, Christopher Lyons of Mechanicsville, MD, and his sister, Dwala Walker of Augusta, GA.

On June 24, 2022, the family will receive friends for the Memorial Gathering from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with the Memorial Service beginning at 2:00 pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. at 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lupus Foundation or the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

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John Francis Flanagan



John Francis Flanagan, 78, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at University of Maryland

Charles Regional Medical Center. He was born September 22, 1943, in Fairmont, WV, son of the late John Joseph Flanagan and Mary Jean Bradford Graham.

John worked as a Staking Engineer for SMECO (Southern Maryland Electric Company) for 38 years.

John is survived by his son John Michael Flanagan (Romy Muller), grandson Christopher Hauser

Flanagan, two granddaughters, Ashley Meagan Flanagan, and Katelyn Elizabeth Flanagan, and his great

granddaughter, Bella Rose Kleinert Flanagan.

In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his son, James Vincent Flanagan, brother Michael

David Flanagan, and maternal grandparents, Francis A. and Jessie G. Bradford.

A graveside service will be held at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Grafton, WV, at 11:00 AM Saturday, July

2, 2022. Online condolences can be sent to the Flanagan family at www.bartlettfuneralhomewv.com.

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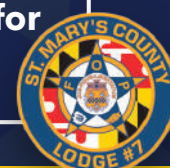
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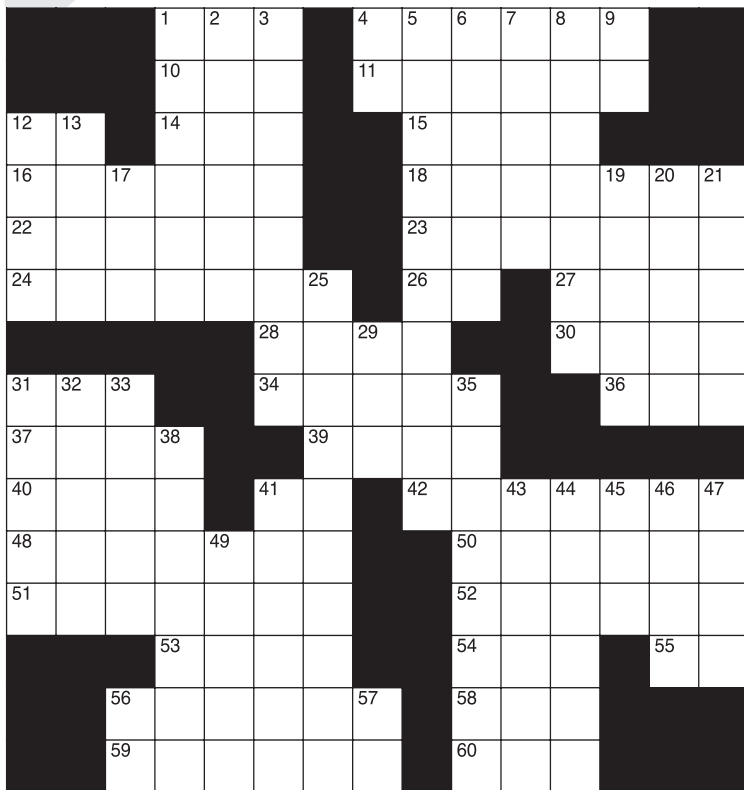
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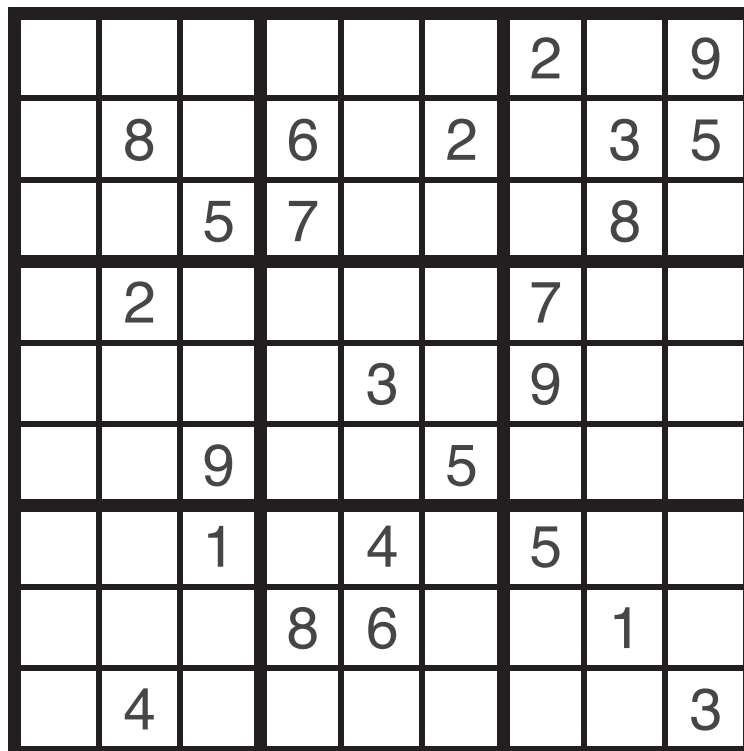
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- 12. Expresses surprise
- 14. Trigraph
- 15. A small stream
- 16. Dissimilar
- 18. Promote
- 22. Gives a boost
- 23. Lawmaker
- 24. Orthodox Jews
- 26. Actor Harris
- 27. Wild cherry
- 28. Participate in democracy
- 30. Opposite of begins
- 31. A Brit's mother
- 34. Set of moral principles
- 36. Very fast airplane
- 37. Czech river
- 39. Private school in New York
- 40. Israeli dance
- 41. Electron volt
- 42. Adjusting

- 48. Duct by the bladder
- 50. Small burger
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Unstuck
- 53. Jai __, sport
- 54. Get free of
- 55. For instance
- 56. Hotel chain
- 58. A team's best pitcher
- 59. Extracts from various sources
- 60. Indefinite period of time

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- 1. St. Francis of __
- 2. Supported
- 3. United in working
- 4. It cools your home
- 5. Predicting
- 6. Irritated
- 7. Popular talk show host
- 8. Fabric edge
- 9. A resource for employees
- 12. Broadway's Jackman
- 13. Small water buffalo
- 17. City of Angels: __ Angeles

- 19. Asteroids
- 20. Tailless amphibians
- 21. German expressionist painter
- 25. What drives you
- 29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- 31. Gold coin used in British India
- 32. Have deep affection for
- 33. Ponds
- 35. Breaks between words
- 38. Hairstyle
- 41. Print errors
- 43. Family of iron alloys
- 44. Sidelined in bed
- 45. Many couples say it
- 46. Brazilian hoopster
- 47. Allman Brothers late frontman
- 49. German city
- 56. One hundred grams (abbr.)
- 57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)



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