

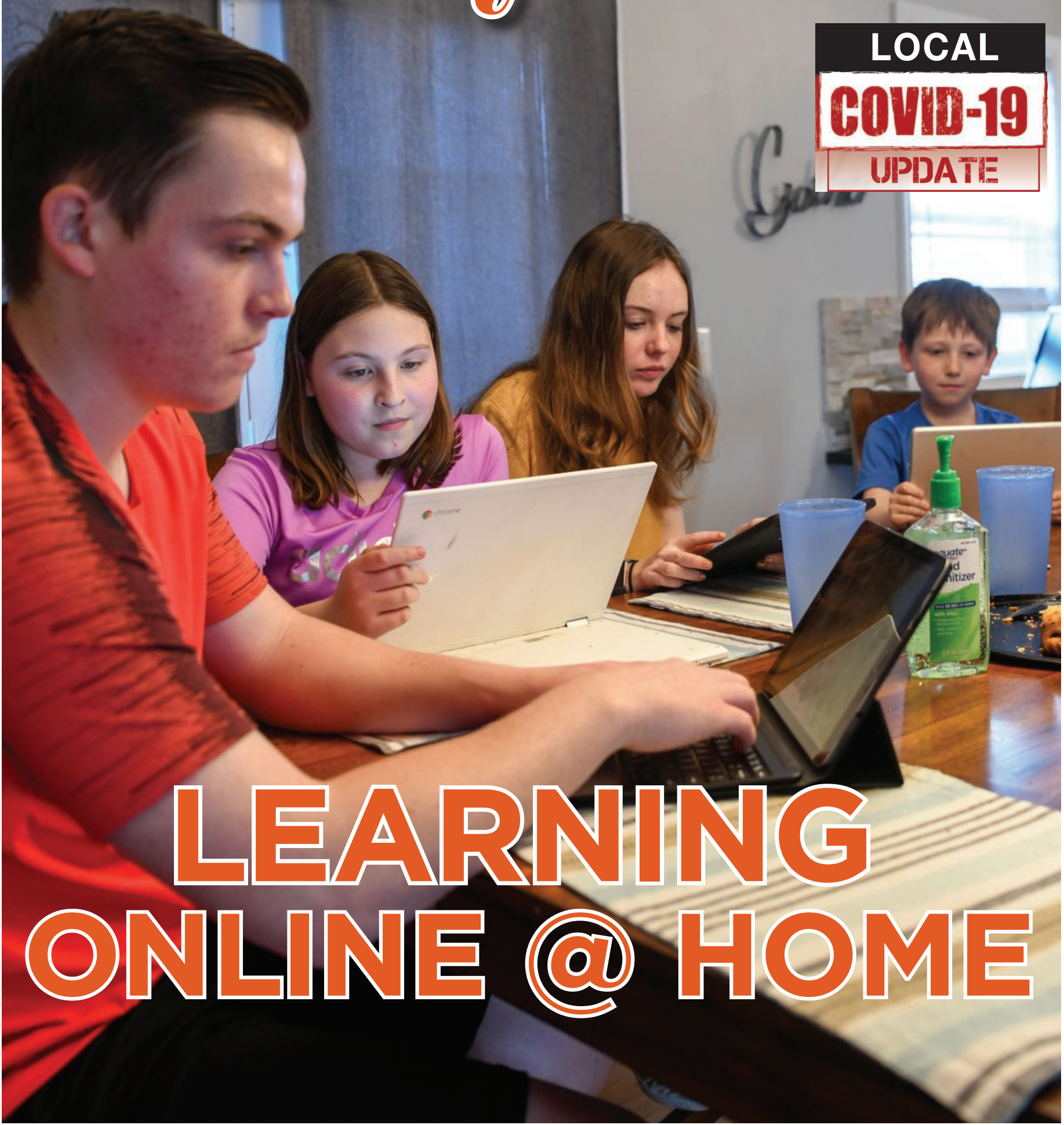
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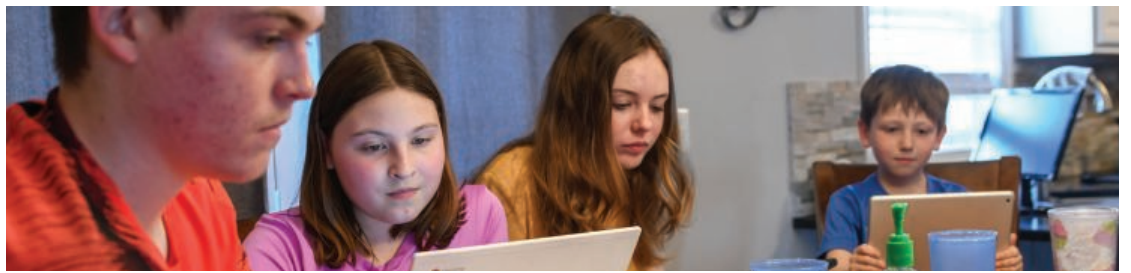
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# Calvert Reports First COVID-19 Death

*Deputy Tests Positive, Hospitalized*



Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies had their morning roll call on April 1 outside CalvertHealth Medical Center in solidarity with their hospitalized colleague and all emergency responders who are working so hard during this time of crisis. Photo from CCSO.

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County has its first fatality due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The only information officials were willing to provide at press deadline was that the victim was a man in his 50's and that he died March 31 at CalvertHealth Medical Center.

"This is a tragic loss and we ask all county residents to join us in sharing our heartfelt condolences and prayers with the family," said Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) President Kelly McConkey. "This brings home the seriousness of the situation we face. In this profoundly difficult time, we call for the entire Calvert County community to stand together – stay informed, take precautions and be good neighbors. We will use every resource available to protect the health of our community and support our health care workers and first responders."

The death was announced in a press release from the BOCC office.

"Our medical team went to extraordinary efforts to care for the patient," said President and CEO of CalvertHealth Medical Center Dean Teague. "We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of this individual. We know this is a challenging time for our community, and we are working tirelessly to protect our staff, our patients and the community."

Calvert County Sheriff's Office also reports that one of their own has tested positive for the coronavirus. The deputy had been hospitalized for flu-like symptoms and was tested positive on March 29, according to spokesperson Kristen Leith.

On April 1 the state reported 18 confirmed cases in Calvert, although the daily map reporting state-wide cases has proven at times to be inaccurate. The health department was reporting 19. The latest release from the Calvert County Health Department on March

29 reported five new cases. The release said:

"The first person had exposures in Ocean City and the Calvert bowling alley on 3/11 (see previous post). This person is currently hospitalized. Due to the anticipated test result, contacts of this person have already been notified. Another person was at the bowling alley on 3/11 and is currently at home recovering. Contacts of this individual who are at potential risk of transmission are being personally notified.

"One of the new cases resulted from travel out of state just prior to the domestic flight restrictions. This person is currently hospitalized. Other than immediate family members, this individual has not had contact with public during the time period of potential transmission.

"Another person has no clear source of infection and no travel out of the county. There is no connection between this person and any other known cases. This is an example of why everyone should limit contact outside of their home to essential needs. This person also has not been in public settings since the period of potential viral transmission began. This person has not required hospitalization and is beginning to recover.

"The remaining individual had previously been notified of contact with a patient diagnosed with coronavirus while he/she was on duty at a hospital OUTSIDE OF CALVERT. Further contact investigation is currently taking place."

The health department has also developed a new website specifically for coronavirus information. You can link to this site through <https://www.calverthealth.org/> (see the link in the top left corner) or directly at <https://www.calvertcountycovid19.com/>. The new site has updates, local, state, and national case counts, links to the CDC and other trusted sources, and an archive of past Calvert Health Department posts.

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# St. Mary's COVID-19 Cases Reach 27

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

As of Wednesday morning, there were 27 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in St. Mary's County, confirming what Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's health officer, has said was likely already here: community transmission of the disease.

This means that normal, every day activities can put residents at some risk of contracting the novel coronavirus, which can cause COVID-19 to develop.

"We've documented community spread," Brewster told The County Times. "The risk to anyone in the community is a little higher."

Brewster said the overall risk of exposure to the virus here is still low to moderate; she said the best way to fight the spread of the virus was to continue practicing social distancing and not to venture out except for essential activities.

"Our focus now is just encouraging people to stay home," Brewster said.

The health department is continuing to conduct public health investigations of individual infection cases, but as the virus spreads it will become more difficult to spend time on such cases, she said.

Brewster said she is continuing to monitor the situation at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, where two residents have been identified as being infected with COVID-19, as well as the other assisted living facilities in St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown

and Chesapeake Shores in Lexington Park maintain restrictions on visitors, she said, while the veterans home remains under a quarantine status.

"They put great measures in ahead of this pandemic," Brewster said of the veterans home. "They are very closely monitoring everyone."

The residents with the virus have been isolated, Brewster said.

The status of the 27 patients is mixed, she said.

"Some are doing well and recovering," said Brewster. "Some are not doing so well."

The health department is now focusing on supporting the local hospital, MedStar St. Mary's, and its plans to expand its capacity in case of a possible patient surge, Brewster said.

Along with plans to expand capacity there, Brewster said the health department is working on improving access to health care professionals by recruiting volunteer providers in the community.

Brewster said she is also continuing to press the state for more personal protection gear for health care professionals to stay safe while treating COVID-19 patients, including face masks.

Brewster said the community has continued to donate all manner of medical equipment after the health department put out the request last week.

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\*The drive-up lunch service will continue from March 30-April 3, 2020, Monday-Friday, at the locations listed below from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Meals will be offered to all children 18 years and younger free of charge.

Parents and children can drive up to these locations and receive meals that they can take home during our current school closures. Additional information will follow regarding the continuity of meal programs for the upcoming weeks.

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# Governor Issues Stay at Home Directive

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan issued a stay-at-home order the morning of March 30 for all Maryland residents, allowing only essential businesses to remain open.

The order was to go into effect by 8p.m. on Monday.

Hogan said at the Annapolis press conference that residents should only go out to perform essential tasks such as getting food, seeking medical aid or fulfilling prescriptions.

Hogan said activities such as going outside for walking pets was acceptable.

"What people should not be doing is going to an event of 100 people at a park," Hogan said, reiterating that residents should use common sense in making judgments.

"No Marylander should be leaving their home except unless it is for an essential job or for an essential reason," Hogan continued.

Essential businesses that remain open must scale down their operations and reduce their staff to only those required, Hogan said, and make telework options available as much as they can.

"No Marylander should be travelling outside the state unless such travel is absolutely necessary," the governor said.

There are now more than 1,900 COVID-19 cases in Maryland, Hogan said, including a one-month old child.

So far, 31 people have died from COVID-19 in Maryland.

In Carroll County, an outbreak of the virus at a Mount Airy nursing home facility has infected more than 60 residents as well as staff there, Hogan said, making it one of the most "frightening" escalations of the disease's spread.

"This virus is spreading rapidly and exponentially," the governor told reporters. "In two-weeks' time... [the region] could look like the New York and tri-state area."

Hogan, who has issued executive orders restricting gatherings of people to more than 10, continued to rail against Marylanders who congregated in large groups that could cause an increase in the spread of the virus.

"Some people are still choosing to ignore these executive orders," Hogan said. "Anyone engaged in this reckless behavior is in violation of state law and is putting the lives of their family,



Maryland Governor  
Larry Hogan

friends and their fellow Marylanders at risk.

"We are no longer asking or suggesting that Marylanders stay home, we are directing them to do so," Hogan said, calling the situation a "deadly public health crisis."

Anyone found in violation of the executive order could face one year in jail, a \$5,000 fine, or both.

A Hughesville man was arrested March 27 by Charles County Sheriff's Office deputies after he held a bonfire party in which more than 50 people were believed to be in attendance.

Charles County sheriff's officials said officers responded to a similar complaint March 22 at the same residence on Luke Lane.

Shawn Marshall Myers, 41, was charged with violating the governor's order, Charles sheriff's officials stated.

Hogan also announced that the state would make available drive-up coronavirus testing at three vehicle emissions stations, one of them located in Waldorf, though the resources for each of them would be limited.

Fran Phillips, deputy state health secretary for public health services, said the testing would only be for Marylanders who exhibited symptoms in keeping with a coronavirus infection and who were considered at-risk due to their age or their pre-existing medical conditions.

"This is not for everyone," Phillips said, who warned that the COVID-19 pandemic would continue for some time.

"We are in this for weeks if not months," Phillips said.

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# Calvert Schools Prepare for Online Learning

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Yesterday (April First, no fooling) was the first day of school in Calvert County. We are talking about the first day of school under the, hopefully temporary, new normal caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Students, at least for the next month, began online learning and teachers began instructing in ways most of them never envisioned.

School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry gave the school board an overview of the preparations at their March 26 meeting. The first challenge, which staff have been working on since students were sent home two weeks ago, was making sure as many students as possible have computers at home and also overcoming the connectivity challenges that many rural parts of the county experience every day.

Curry told the board that the ultimate backup for any student who doesn't have a computer or lives in a home without any internet access, is to do the work the old-fashioned way – with hard copy lessons and paper and pencil homework.

The school system is in the second year of a three-year roll out in which every student, grades 3-12, will have a laptop. So, that means that now one-third of them don't have a school-issued laptop. But many of those students have the technology at home. Still others who have a school-issued laptop also have technology at home, so they can give their laptop to someone who doesn't have one.

Principals were asked to gather that information. Curry said, "Tell us if you don't have com-

puters and if you don't have connectivity. And they gathered that information. Our computer tech specialists have been in every school gathering up laptops that were available at our high schools."

He added, "Others may have some technology at home, but they have several children and they could use more. That distribution has started with the collection, identification and tagging, and distribution to the families."

As to connectivity, he said Comcast has some deals for families with children on free or reduced lunches. They are also working to assist families to establish mobile hot spots.

Curry said of hot spots, "In some remote locations (they work) but other remote locations, they still don't get the job done. So those folks who live in those kinds of locations, they know who they are, and we're not sure what options we can do. We are open to buying more hotspots, but believe me, there is a big backup of orders there."

Several board members, who were all on audio conference call, felt the situation might underscore the broadband connectivity needs in the county. Curry said, "It's amazing that we are the smallest county land wise in Maryland, yet we have lots of areas that are not covered."

Monday and Tuesday, teachers were expected to go through online training. Curry said, "For some this will be stuff that they already know, those who do use technology a lot when they're teaching. For others it will be learning a lot of new things. Schoology is our platform and it'll be about loading assignments into Schoology and students accessing assignments through

Schoology."

"Our goal will be to say, now school starts on April 1st. We've had a team of teachers in virtually every content area and grade level working with district supervisors remotely to prepare activities and lessons for the first two weeks so that those teachers who have not been a part of that will not have to start from scratch. They will be given activities and lessons to use with their students for the first two weeks."

Curry admitted there may be some challenges for fine arts. He noted, "Every subject has an academic content. So there is still academic work to be done, but it's also possible to give assignments to let's say children who are in choir or in band to work on a new piece of music and record it and then send that recording back to their teacher. When it comes to visual arts, it might be a matter of both the academic side and working on particular projects in certain medium and uploading photos of what they're working on to their teacher and getting feedback that way."

Curry said the same principle could also apply to career and technology classes.

He said there is still not a definitive picture on how grading will work. "We don't have a clear answer for that. Superintendents have talked about that across the state. There are issues we have that have to be addressed with some help and support from the MSDE (Maryland State Department of Education), first of all with regard to credits for seniors and whether there needs to be any waiver to bridge projects, a waiver to such things as community service hours."

As for special education students, he said,

"Some of the federal guidance I saw kind of suggested that you can meet IEP (Individual Education Plans) through online learning. But, there is such a wide spectrum of services that children are dependent upon." He added, "A lot has to do with the fragility of some of these children with their health, in the most severe cases. So, now I wish I could tell you exactly what that's going to look like, but it is still a work in progress."

The superintendent said of parents' role in online learning, "We are not looking for children to be on their computer six hours a day, duplicating the school day. We'll be thankful if they can get in a couple of hours a day working on schoolwork, and we hope they also can work on fitness and health and reading and writing, in a very flexible way. We know that there are some parents who are home simultaneously trying to telework and they're going to have to make their own schedule about who gets access to the connectivity within their home. We know other parents are not home and they're still working, and they will be doing their best to help their children when they get home after their work schedules. So, this is a fluid situation."

He observed, "This is new to all of us. It's new, not just to us in Calvert County, but to the state of Maryland and other states." He added, "There's not going to be any one time where we're going to say we've got this, because it's going to be constantly moving and hopefully constantly getting better."

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# On-Line Instruction Begins for St. Mary Schools

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Starting Wednesday, April 1, morning, St. Mary's County public school students should have been able to access the core curriculum remotely from their computers, said Superintendent Scott Smith, though they would have to wait until April 14 to have interaction on-line with their teachers.

For those students who do not have access to a computer with on-line capability, the school system has formulated hard copy lessons to be distributed to them.

Students with on-line capability can log on through the system's Clever gateway; middle and high school students have course work on the Edgenuity platform, while elementary school students have lessons on the Imagine platform.

Specialized lessons for advanced placement, career and technology and physical education are available outside the two main platforms.

"The core courses are going to be there," Smith told The County Times March 31. "It's completely self-paced."

Spring Break begins April 6 and runs until April 13, but school officials have said students are encouraged to continue working on the on-line platforms during that time; when the break is over teachers should be fully trained and able to interface with their students on-line, Smith

said.

"The kids have a week-and-a-half to get started in the platform," the superintendent said.

Moving to the on-line learning, necessitated by the shutdown of classroom instruction because of the COVID-19 outbreak, means that each grade level will be working off the same material; there will essentially be no room for differentiation as there might be from classroom to classroom.

"It's rigorous," Smith said of what awaits students. "You really have to go through and work through the platform."

The school system has a limited number of devices they can distribute to students to allow them to access the on-line platforms if they do not have devices of their own, Smith said, though the distribution details are still being formulated.

The devices will mostly likely be distributed to seniors first, Smith said, because they have a limited time to finish course work for graduation.

"It's most important that they finish the work," Smith said.

Alex Jaffurs, director of Assessments and Accountability for public schools, said about 20 percent of the systems roughly 18,000 students would have to receive hard copy lesson packets to continue with their course work.

Smith said those packets would be tai-

lored to the course needs of individual students.

"It could be more [than 20 percent]," Jaffurs said. "We don't want to underprint."

Jaffurs said that as of Tuesday 7,400 students and 963 teachers were able to successfully access the on-line platform; also the system has reduced the number of log-in failures in recent days from 2,000 to 700.

"We're cutting down those numbers considerably," Jaffurs said.

While the public school system is adjusting into providing on-line instruction on a system-wide scale, the students at St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown have been working remotely since March 18.

Each student at St. Mary's Ryken is required to have an iPad for their normal classroom work and the school has a long-established on-line student portal for course work.

"We get all of our assignments on line now," said Gavin Willis, 17, a biomedical scholarship student there. "The transition was very smooth."

Programs such as Google Meet allow students to have class discussions remotely and listen in on lectures from their teachers.

Willis said the switch to remote learning pushed students to be even more responsible for their education.

"I had to formulate a schedule to stay on track," Willis said. "You force yourself to work in a timely manner."

"It's a full day of learning; it's not a vacation."

Jonathan Smith teaches mathematics and engineering courses at St. Mary's Ryken but also has three young children in the public school system who are adjusting to on-line learning.

From about 4 a.m. to 8 a.m., Smith said, he sets up the lessons and assignments on-line for his students at St. Mary's Ryken and then shifts to overseeing his two elementary-grade and one middle school-level student in the Edgenuity and Imagine platforms.

He said the public school on-line learning was well thought out with much variety for students.

Still, at St. Mary's Ryken, with a student body of just 675, it was easier to provide the on-line experience.

"We've been working with tech... that's far more advanced than any school I've worked with," Smith said.

Catherine Bowes, St. Mary's Ryken principal, said the renewed reliance on distance learning was good preparation for college life.

"We're expecting most of our students to go on to college," Bowes said. "This is part of what they can expect to see there."

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# School Board Requests Additional Funding

*County Asked to Fund More than Formula*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) a proposed \$227 million budget that asks the county to contribute \$778,000 more than their negotiated four-year funding formula calls for. The formula is in its last year and this is the first time a request has been made to increase it.

The complicated funding formula calls for the county to spend \$4.1 million more than the current budget for the schools. Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry built his proposed budget based on that expected revenue. "We had to prioritize," he said.

The school board had been pressured for months by parents and teachers to provide more resources to deal with disruptive students. The board, in response, voted to request nine positions -- six additional kindergarten teachers to lower class sizes and three additional guidance counselors.

The school board unanimously approved the budget with the additional requests at their March 26 meeting. Two days before, Curry explained the budget request at a public hearing on the overall county budget as requested by their staff. The hearing came amidst the uncertain economic atmosphere caused by the coronavirus and warnings from Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden of the unpredictability moving forward of income tax revenue because so many people have been laid off.

The schools' budget has 33 new positions, including those added by the school board. They are (FTE means full-time equivalent):

**Regular Education**

- Increase FTE 6.0 Middle School Teachers
- Increase FTE 1.0 Middle School Behavioral Support Teacher
- Increase of FTE 4.0 Psychologists
- Increase of FTE 4.0 Psychologist Interns
- Increase of FTE 2.0 Guidance Counselors
- Additional Elementary Teachers to reduce class size (BOE Meeting 3/12/20) 6.0 FTE Increase
- Additional Guidance Counselors (BOE Meeting 3/12/20) 3.0 FTE Increase

**Student Services**

- Increase of FTE 2.0 Social Workers
- Operation of Plant**
- Increase of FTE 2.0 for Computer Technicians
  - Increase of FTE 1.0 Network Security Specialist

With the economic uncertainty, Commissioner Buddy Hance warned



School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry

Curry, "We may need to discuss all new positions."

Curry told the BOCC that they are in negotiation for new contracts with their unions. He said, "While final terms of these contracts have not been agreed upon, in order to plan for what may be required, funds are included in this budget to support the negotiated agreements once they are finalized. Depending upon the outcome of negotiations, this budget may need to be amended or aligned."

Hance asked Curry what cost efficiencies he had included in his budget. He said textbook purchases had been reduced and that the school system had been a leader in achieving energy efficiencies.

Curry noted the difficulty in attracting school psychologists, with six of the currently budgeted 15 positions still unfilled. And, he is requesting four additional psychologists and four interns. He noted the school board's suggestion for increased salary levels for psychologists would have to be discussed during the salary negotiations.

Curry said funding from the state for the Kirwan Commission reform initiatives would remain at the same level as this year, with:

- Teacher Salary Incentive Grant \$1,493,954
- Students with Disabilities Grant \$955,841
- Transitional Supplemental Instruction \$271,549
- Mental Health Coordinator \$83,333

He said funding would increase the following year.

Curry agreed with a comment from Commissioner Mike Hart about the changed times that have led to so many complaints about student disruptions. Hart said about handling the situation, "The principal used to do it." Now it takes a cadre of additional support staff.

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# Local Distillery Shifts Production for COVID 19 Fight

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

For the past several years Tobacco Barn Distillery has produced bourbon at its facilities on Hollywood Road but now in the time of the COVID 19 pandemic they have shifted some resources to produce one of the most sought after products the world over: hand sanitizer.

"We're trying to do what we can to help out during this crisis," said owner Scott Sanders. "Everybody here is pitching in."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has put out guidelines on how alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be produced, Sanders said, and using that guidance he has taken the small portion of the alcohol that is the highest proof to make the sanitizer.

The WHO recommends that hand sanitizer have between at least a 75 to 80 percent alcohol content.

Sanders said the bourbon made at Tobacco Barn Distillery does not have that high an alcohol content, hence the operations there can only produce a limited amount of alcohol with a high enough proof to make the

sanitizer.

Hydrogen peroxide, a necessary additive to the hand sanitizer mix, has been in short supply along with other items from panic buying due to COVID-19, Sanders said, but they have received significant donations so they can keep production going.

Sanders said the distillery had recently made its first delivery of about 1,500, four-ounce bottles to the county's Department of Emergency Services.

"We told them we would do what we could, but it won't be enough," Sanders said of the relatively small output of sanitizer. "The demand is too great." Southern Trail Distillery in Mechanicsville has also joined the effort locally, Sanders said, as have distilleries around the state to produce more hand sanitizer.

Washing and disinfecting hands is recognized as one of the simplest and most effective ways to combat the spread of coronavirus.

"If everybody does a little, that really helps," Sanders said.

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# Teachers, Parents Brace for Change



Plum Point Middle School Teacher Lynda Hampshire

By Dick Myers  
Editor

As online learning began yesterday (April 1) in Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS), many teachers are dealing with two duties to navigate – as educators and as parents. We reached out to two of those teacher/parents to get their perspective – Lynda Hampshire, a seventh-grade teacher at Plum Point Middle School and Maria Vandervossen, a music teacher at Mutual and Patuxent-Appeal Campus elementary schools.

Hampshire is a 30-year veteran of the school system and has embraced technology throughout her career.

Teachers were given online learning training the two days before it started in earnest. Hampshire said, “I was asked to develop transitional lessons for fourth grade since that is the grade I am most familiar with that I taught for the last 12 years.”

Hampshire explained that the transitional lessons will be those taught online for the first two weeks, “that teachers will be pushing out to students using the Schoology platform. And it slowly gets the teachers and the students comfortable with that learning platform. It uses very minimal and consistent pieces of technology. So, the students become familiar with those and they’re all on Schoology, such as discussion boards, assessments, assignments, making sure they understand those different pieces in Schoology. And then the goal is that over these next two weeks, teachers will utilize the one-line trainings that are being provided by the school system to become better equipped with creating their own material in Schoology. And after these transitional lessons are finished, teachers will then take over creating their own personalized lessons for their students.”

Hampshire said that will differ from regular classroom teaching in that “A lot of what we do in the

classroom is very interactive and we’re able to do a lot more cooperative work. So that will look very different for the students because they will not have that face to face interaction. But there are tools teachers can use where kids can work together, but it’s just getting the students and the teachers familiar with how to navigate those tools, so it works effectively.

Without the social contact there are potential problems. She said, “A lot of training needs to happen on just social etiquette. How do you manage a discussion board? What are the appropriate ways to work collaboratively?”

Instruction won’t be in real time so students can work at their own pace. She said that is perfect for her seventh-grade daughter. “Every child is different, and I find that she likes this system. She likes this distant learning because she is more of an afternoon, nighttime person. So that’s when she’s the most functioning. She’s able to complete things during that time and she doesn’t feel as stressed.”

Hampshire said, “The teacher will provide the materials, they will provide the lesson and then the students will be able to go back, access those materials, access that lesson when they have the time, the resources to do so. And a lot of teachers have already started creating video lessons. They’re using PowerPoint and there’s a feature where you can voice over and you can do a lesson and show the slides that the students can navigate through, stop, pause it, get the information that they need, replay it.”

Vandervossen has almost 25 years of teaching experience, all in Calvert County. Her son is a fifth grader at Mutual Elementary. She like others took the two-day training.

The two-day teacher training, Hampshire said, was a little dumpy. “The internet is not the most reliable.” Whether those bugs can be worked out or whether CCPS will just have to live with it remains to be seen.

Vandervossen agrees. “There have been some issues with the training in terms of the numbers of people trying to connect at one time. This seems to be improving.”

And internet connectivity is a county-wide problem. Hampshire said, “There are pockets of Calvert County where cable is not even an option. It’s an option only if a family chooses to have the line dug to their house, which is extremely expensive.”

Some students without an internet option will have to do their lessons via hard copy, as Superintendent Dr.

Daniel Curry explained in his briefing to the school board (see separate story).

Vandervossen doesn’t anticipate problems: “As music has been using an online platform in our classrooms already, I anticipate fewer issues than in some of the other subjects. In my case, my students are used to logging on to Quaver and completing music activities through that platform. While they will be able to watch instructional videos, play music games, create digital compositions and sing along with videos, they will not be able to work with actual musical instruments.”

Some teachers may not be as technically savvy as Hampshire, but she said the program is not difficult to absorb. “Once you learn the system, it’s very easy to navigate. A lot of the anxiety that teachers are feeling right now is that they have their own children at home who also need to complete the activities. So, not only are they working their eight hours a day because teachers workday will now be 8 to 3:30 we have office hours in the morning and office hours in the afternoon where we need to be on the computer to navigate and address issues.”

She added, “So, teachers right now are feeling a lot of stress, as many families who are at home working as well.”

Vandervossen said, “As the comfort level with technology differs from teacher to teacher and from family to family, different students will receive different experiences during this time. School systems across the country are struggling with the issue of equity as access to devices, internet and at home assistance varies from household to household. Teachers with more experience with technology are better able to communicate with their students and plan on-line and at home activities. To help with this, Calvert County has developed county wide lessons to be used while teachers are learning how to become on-line teachers.”

Hampshire has it better than some, she admits. “I don’t have any little ones that get up early. I am thankful for that, but I do have some colleagues who do and it is very, very stressful for them because they’re trying to maintain that routine of getting up at seven in the morning, going to bed at a decent time. So, you need to have that structure in the day.”

Vandervossen explained, “At my house, we have been using a schedule. My son has a scheduled time to work on math, language arts, music, catechism, taekwondo, Scouts, etc. He has time scheduled to do

chores, spend time outside, play board games etc. His teachers sent home activities to complete during those initial two weeks. He has also been using online platforms such as Khan Academy and Dreambox.”

She said of her son, “He enjoys learning and likes school, so he has not protested too much about working. In fact, his biggest complaint is the outside time. He wants to skip it! He misses his classmates and the special activities that were scheduled for his fifth-grade year. His teachers have been holding Zoom social sessions (they call it on-line recess) and that has helped tremendously. The kids have been able to see the faces of their classmates and teachers, ask questions and talk to each other. We have met many pets through Zoom.”

Hampshire is optimistic, “I do think it’s going to work and I really think that once we get over these next two weeks learning and we all get into a groove, I really think that it is something that is doable. The expectations are not unreasonable on students nor on teachers. And I do think that this is heading in the right direction and actually the way education is heading more toward providing more distant learning opportunities.”

These are trying times, but they are also exciting for someone who has embraced the technology. Hampshire said, “I think this is opening up a great opportunity for education to do a major reform in our pedagogical thinking and just an overhaul of education in general. It opens up avenues for having calendar schedules that can be set. If you can get distance learning in place, they will never really have to have an opportunity to make up days because anytime you have to close school for snow or for another natural event, you can just easily switch to a distant learning environment.”

She added, “Change is hard. It’s not only a change for teachers and their thinking, it’s also a change in society of the way education looks. And we are very traditional in that education system and the way it was first designed. And so, getting a mass change as we’re being forced to do now creates a lot of stress and anxiety when people, but it is exciting because we can use this opportunity to figure out how can we make this work to meet all the needs of students and provide alternative ways. Maybe you can still have your traditional, but what are some other avenues of educational programs that systems can offer to meet the needs of all of their students.

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McKay's is hiring at this time at all locations. Please see our store managers for details

### McKay's Markets

#### Update: Follow up to last week's announcement

To our valued community:

While we continue to experience product shortages, many areas of our stores are beginning to recover. Pricing is fluctuating based upon supply availability. McKay's is NOT adjusting prices other than passing along increases or decreases which we experience from our suppliers. Eggs and other fresh commodities are very volatile. We will continue to do our best to provide quality products at the lowest prices possible.

Our team of associates continue to perform heroically. They are on the front lines every day and they understand they are critical to our community. We are doing what we can to provide them with better resources doing these difficult times so they will be there to serve your needs.

In an effort to respond to the Governor's request, we are once again announcing NEW hours of operation as follows

- 1) New Hours:** Our regular store hours will be from 8 am until 8 pm each day. (Except Tuesday and Thursday, general public hours will begin at 10:30 am on these two days.)
- 2) First Responders and Medical workers:** Special shopping times remain available from 7 am until 8 am Tuesday and Thursday. We appreciate the tremendous job you are doing and wish to extend to you a 5% discount during these times. The stores will open at 10:30 am on these two days for the general public.
- 3) Senior Shopping Time:** Special shopping times remain available from 8 am till 10:30 am Tuesday's and Thursday's. During these hours we offer exclusive access to seniors over the age of 60. Additionally, we will offer a 5% senior discount during these hours. The stores will open at 10:30 am on these two days for the general public.
- 4) Hand Sanitizing:** We are asking that everyone entering our facilities please sanitize your hands. We are striving to provide sanitizer at our front doors as long as supplies are available.

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# Tech Port Helps Develop Face Mask Frame

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Entrepreneurs working out of the Tech Port business incubator at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport have developed a reusable face-mask frame that needs only a pair of rubber bands to be affixed to the user's face.

The project would allow the reuse of protective face gear that is now in short supply due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and the fact that most of the production capacity for such gear is located in China.

The frame can hold any material the user chooses, preferably a medically effective material that can filter out contaminants, and form fit it to the user's face.

The material can be replaced easily by simply removing it from the frame; rubber bands are affixed to either side of the face frame.

Tom Luginbill, director of Tech Port, said one of three interns there, Alec Dobbins, asked what he could do to help the community deal with the spread of coronavirus and he came up with the idea of using a 3-D printer to produce the face-mask frame.

Dobbins, 19, is an engineering student at the College of Southern Maryland and lives in Leonardtown; he is a graduate of Leonardtown High School.

He searched online for a suitable design and began to print it out, Luginbill said.

"He got it on the first try," Luginbill said.

"It wasn't my design," Dobbins told The County Times. "I just wanted to find something that



Alec Dobbins demonstrates a prototype facemask frame he is producing at Tech Port

would make a difference."

The frame material is similar to nylon and Dobbins said he can get the production time per unit down to 42 minutes; they have already donated 20 frames to the county's Department of Emergency Services for distribution.

Luginbill said Dobbins' efforts have sparked the creation of an on-line innovation forum working with Tech Port to design and begin production of face shields and other protective equipment for hospital workers and first responders dealing with COVID-19 cases.

One of the members had formed a non-profit group to accept donations to keep the production line running; all of the products are being given away for free, Luginbill said.

"When a lot of people were paralyzed with fear, he stepped forward to solve the problem we're all faced with," Luginbill said of Dobbins' work.

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# Restricted Access to Calvert Courthouse Extended



The rapidly evolving health emergency regarding the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) requires the Maryland court system to continually review and evaluate contingency planning efforts. The Calvert County Courthouse located at 175 Main St. in Prince Frederick will remain under restricted access through May 1, 2020.

By way of the Administrative Order dated March 25, 2020, all courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, administrative offices, units of the Judiciary, and the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts and the clerks' offices of the District Court continue to be restricted to emergency operations and closed with limited exceptions, as outlined below, through May 1, 2020, pending further order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The following mandatory matters shall continue to be scheduled and heard in the Circuit Court, in keeping with the urgency of those matters and consistent with statutory requirements, either in person or remotely pursuant to the Administrative Order on Remote Electronic Participation in Judicial Proceedings, June 18, 2018, with the court to notify all participants necessary to the proceeding:

- bail reviews/bench warrants
  - arraignments for detained defendants
  - juvenile detention hearings
  - peace order petitions (juvenile respondents)
  - emergency evaluation petitions
  - quarantine and isolation petitions
  - extradition cases
  - body attachments
  - extreme risk protective order appeals
- For all other emergency matters including those listed below, the administrative judge or his or her designee will review the petition, determine whether it must be heard in person, or can be heard with remote electronic participation, or can be scheduled after the emergency period has ended, or can be resolved without a hearing:
- shelter care hearing and/or related adjudications

emergency delinquency hearings  
emergency issues in guardianship matters

domestic violence protective orders  
appeals from peace orders  
family law emergencies  
temporary restraining orders  
criminal competency matters

motions regarding:  
extreme risk protective orders  
domestic violence protective orders  
peace orders  
contempt hearings related to peace or protective orders  
matters involving locally incarcerated defendants

All other matters, including jury trials scheduled to be heard through May 1, 2020, are hereby postponed, unless otherwise scheduled for telephone and/or video hearings when practicable.

Essential court personnel will be available to the public by telephone between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Maryland Electronic Court (MDEC) continues to be available for electronic filing and is required to be used for all MDEC counties. For pleadings not required to be filed electronically, filings will be received by mail and may be received via drop box installed in the rear parking lot of the courthouse.

Any questions or concerns relative to cases or proceedings should be directed to:

Circuit Court: 410-535-1600  
District Court: 443-550-6700

Calvert County Government continues to take precautionary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and limit the number of people infected. Residents, employees and media are encouraged to monitor Calvert County's virtual resource center for updates and information resources: [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus).

Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov), Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](https://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd) and Comcast Channel 6.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

## NOTICE OF LEONARDTOWN ELECTION AND DEADLINE FOR FILING

Election of one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members for the Town of Leonardtown will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that an election of one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members for the Town of Leonardtown shall be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, and that the polls shall be open at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington St., Leonardtown, Maryland, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm, on said date, for voting.

The deadline for candidate filing is Monday, April 20, 2020 at 4:30 pm. Candidates may file at the Town Office, 22670 Washington St., Leonardtown, Maryland.

In order to hold elective or appointive office as Mayor/Council Member, one must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Town for at least one year, and at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Property ownership alone does not qualify for election or appointment as a Mayor/Council Member.

### VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify to vote in a Town Election one must be registered. To register, one must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen (18) years of age, and have resided in the Town for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.

### VOTING REGISTRATION

Deadline for registration to vote is Friday, April 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Registration shall be at the St. Mary's County Board of Election Monday through Friday, between the normal business hours of 8:00 am through 5:00 pm, located at 41650 Tudor Hall Road, Leonardtown, MD.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT: TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 AT THE TOWN OFFICE BY 4:30 PM.**

**DEADLINE FOR OBTAINING EMERGENCY BALLOT: TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020 AT THE TOWN OFFICE BY 7:00 pm.**

Emergency ballots are for any voter who, becomes unable to go personally to the polls because of illness or infirmity or condition of employment that occurred after the deadline for submittal of application for Absentee Ballot, (April 28, 2020).

To obtain forms or for any questions, please call 301-475-9791 or email [leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov](mailto:leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov).

# Funding Increased for Digital Library Collections

*Library Facilities Remain Closed*



As regional businesses and organizations remain closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association (SMRLA) is helping increase access to online library materials by boosting funding for digital platforms. The funding will help support 24/7 access to e-books, audiobooks, streaming movies, TV shows and more while libraries are closed and library customers follow government guidance on social distancing.

The funding will go toward the digital services Overdrive and Hoopla. Overdrive allows library customers to borrow and read free e-books, audiobooks and magazines using a phone or a tablet. Each county library system curates a custom collection of titles developed specifically for the community. Through Hoopla, customers can borrow movies, music, audiobooks, e-books, comics and TV shows to enjoy on a computer, tablet or phone.

The library systems of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties are vital sources

of information and inspiration during this unprecedented pause in normal routines. Libraries have increased the number of digital items that can be checked out at one time, delayed the due dates of materials and extended renewals of library cards.

New customers can get 90-day temporary e-library cards to use for digital materials/resources through a "Get a Card" link on library websites. Many sites also offer free WiFi access from their parking lots. Library websites include lists of local resources ranging from health information and employment assistance to free virtual activities to help regional residents manage in these tough times.

Learn more online:

Calvert Library – <https://calvertlibrary.info>

Charles County Public Library – <https://www.ccplonline.org/>

St. Mary's County Library – <https://www.stmalib.org/>

*Press Release from SMRLA.*

# St. Mary's County Library Expands Access to Digital Materials and Online Resources

In order to help address current COVID-19 health concerns, temporary cards will now be valid for 90 days to access all Library ebooks, audiobooks, downloadable movies, TV shows, music, and online resources.

March 16, 2020 – Leonardtown, Md. – The St. Mary's County Library offers an option for all citizens to sign up for a free Library Card through the St. Mary's County Library website, [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org). Simply click on 'Get a Library Card' under 'Library Services' on the homepage. When you apply online, you will receive a temporary Library Card number that can be used to access the Library's online resources and digital materials which include thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines, downloadable movies, TV shows, music and more.

The Library has extended all temporary cards to be valid for 90 days. Once the Library is open again, you can come in to verify your address and receive your permanent physical Library Card.

Browse thousands of digital items available for free without ever leaving your home! Find easy to use instructions on accessing items on the Library website [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) under 'Read, Listen, Watch.'

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Mango Languages courses are offered in 71 languages, including 20 ESL courses and specialty courses focused on specific subjects. You can try Mango as a guest, but to save your progress, create a profile with your email address, a password, and your St. Mary's County Library card number.

## Lynda.com

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We are pleased to offer our library cardholders access to lynda.com's library of instructional videos. Normally, using lynda.com requires a paid subscription, but as a St. Mary's County Library cardholder you can access Lynda.com content from any computer with an Internet connection simply by visiting the library's lynda.com site and entering your library card number and password/PIN (usually the last four digits of your telephone number).

## Kids InfoBits

<https://galesupport.com/sailorgeo?loc=stmaryscentyl&db=itke>

Provides authoritative, age-appropriate, curriculum-aligned digital content covering a broad range of educational topics including Animals, Arts, Geography Literature, Social Studies, Technology, and more. With a modern design and simple navigation, Kids InfoBits makes it easy for young users to explore content and gain comfort with database searching.

# Town Closes Railway Trail, Tot Lot



In response to COVID-19 concerns, the Town of Chesapeake Beach will close the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail and the Kellam's field tot lot, effective Friday, March 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm. While we recognize that citizens have enjoyed the use of the railway trail and playground during these times of quarantine, these amenities also attract guests from outside the Town posing an immediate increase in danger to the over 2,500 Town citizens that connect to the trail. It is imperative that we reduce any known risk of spread of COVID-19.

Don't panic but be smart. We have to take measures that may appear drastic, but that are vitally necessary. Call a neighbor to check on them, especially the elderly, stay home as much as possible and follow preventive guidelines. We will get through this together.» Mayor Pat «Irish» Mahoney.

*Press Release from Town of Chesapeake Beach*

## ST. MARY'S SHERIFFS OFFICE CRIME REPORT

**Violation of Protective Order-** On March 25 Dep. Burgess responded to the 23500 block of Black Oak Court in California, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined Samuel Lee Craddock, age 45 of California, violated a valid court order by having contact with the two victims which was prevented by the active order. When Dep. Burgess arrived on scene Craddock was in the presence of both protected parties/victims. Craddock was arrested and charged with two counts of Violate Protective Order.



Samuel Craddock

**Assault-** On March 25 Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 23500 block of Black Oak Court in California, for the reported disturbance. It was determined during a verbal altercation, Stephanie Lynn Edwards, age 65 of California, bit the victim on the arm causing visible injury to the victim. Edwards was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Stephanine Edwards

**Violation of Protective Order-** On March 26 Cpl. Flerlage responded to the 26500 block of Loveville Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined Ashley Nicole Barber, age 31 of Mechanicsville, violated an active court order by making repeated telephone calls to the victim. Barber was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



Ashley Barber

**Robbery/Assault-** On March 21, Dep. M. Graves responded to the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined the victim made contact with Leroy Christopher Neal, age 44 of Mechanicsville, to purchase an item. While the victim was counting money, Neal and another subject began assaulting the victim, and stole property from the victim. The victim fled the scene and contacted law enforcement. Neal was arrested and charged with Robbery, Assault 2nd Degree and Theft.



Leroy Neal

**Assault/Disorderly/Resisting Arrest-** On March 22 Cpl. Graves responded to the 21600 block of Liberty Street in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. While deputies were standing by to allow one party to gather items and leave the residence, Stephen Alfonzo Banks Jr., age 26 of Lexington Park, stood in the doorway and began yelling. Deputies gave Banks orders to cease his behavior, however Banks continued creating a disturbance causing many neighbors to come outside. Deputies attempted to take Banks into custody, at which time he slammed the door striking a deputy. Banks was taken into custody and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct, Fail to Obey a Lawful Order, and Resisting Arrest.



Stephen Banks

## Detectives Seek Assistance in Locating Person of Interest



Elijah Mark Elliott.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating Elijah Mark Elliott. On the evening of March 24, 2020, units from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police responded to an address in Lusby for a reported stabbing.

Through investigation Elliott was developed as a person of interest, however, numerous attempts to locate him have been unsuccessful. Elliott is a juvenile and is currently wanted for 1st Degree Assault and will be charged as an adult. He is considered armed and dangerous. Citizens are urged to use caution if they encounter him and call 911.

Anyone with information regarding Elliott's whereabouts or the stabbing incident is asked to please contact Det. Mudd at (410) 535-2800 ext. 2469.

For official news and information, download the new Calvert County Sheriff's Office mobile app available free of charge from both the iOS and Google Play (Android) app stores. Search Calvert County Sheriff's Office or use link: <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a39520678>. Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/CalvertSheriff/> and on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/CalvertSheriff>

Press Release from CCSO.

## CALVERT SHERIFFS OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of March 23 – March 29 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,008 calls for service throughout the community.

### Burglary: 20-16905

On March 28, 2020, Deputy Gough responded to Cove Point Road in Lusby for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised that around 9:30pm, an unknown suspect(s) attempted to steal a four-wheeler and a dirt bike sitting outside their shed, but when the complainant approached the shed, the suspect fled on foot into Cove Point Park.

### Damaged Property: 20-16551

On March 26, 2020 Deputy Plant responded to Main Street in Prince Frederick for a burglary in progress. The complainant advised that they heard glass breaking in the residence next door, and then observed two male suspects flee the area through the woods. Deputy Plant observed several broken windows to the side and rear of the residence. The value of damaged property is \$500.

### Theft: 20-16044

On March 23, 2020, Deputy W. McDowell took a report of a theft that occurred on Silver Rock Road in Lusby. The complainant advised that sometime between 6:00pm on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 12:30am on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole their Ambrose Disposable garbage can from the driveway. The value of stolen property is \$75.

### Theft: 20-16113

On March 23, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski took a report of a theft that occurred at Weis Market in Lusby. The complainant advised that sometime between 4:00am and 8:30am on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole the rear tag from their work van while it was parked in the parking lot. The value of stolen property is \$25.

### Arrests:

On March 24, 2020, Deputy Gough responded to Roy Roger's in Solomons for the report of a suspicious person. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised a male suspect was at the restaurant yelling at and harassing customers in the drive thru. Upon arrival, Deputies made contact with **Dennis Marvin Erich, Jr (51)**, who immediately became disorderly and began yelling profanities at the Deputies on scene. Deputies detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from Erich's breath and person and placed him under arrest. Erich was then transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Intoxicated Public Disturbance, Disorderly Conduct, and Assault- Second Degree.



Dennis Marvin Erich Jr

On March 25, 2020, Deputy W. McDowell assisted Deputy Deleon in a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road at Cove Point Road in Lusby. Upon making contact with the driver of the vehicle, **Diandre Jhavan Harrison (26)**, Deputies detected the strong odor of marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. Harrison was removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in two plastic torn off baggies containing suspected marijuana, an additional small bag containing a suspected marijuana, a green mason jar containing several small glassine baggies of suspected marijuana, as well as a separate glassine baggie containing a pill suspected to be Alprazolam. Harrison was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.



Diandre Jhavan Harrison

On March 27, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski responded to North Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown to assist Deputy Ward with a disorderly subject. Complainants advised that **Leigh Anne Bauer (34)** was on their property and was refusing to leave. Upon making contact with Bauer, Deputies detected a strong odor of alcohol emanating from her person. Deputies advised Bauer she was not allowed to be on the property and gave multiple commands to leave which Bauer refused. Bauer was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Trespass: Private Property, and Disorderly Conduct.



Leigh Anne Bauer

# Calvert Sheriff Announces Mobile App

Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans announces the release of a new mobile app for the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. The app is available as a free download from the iPhone and Android app stores.

The new app will provide up-to-the-minute alerts, news, and resources for Calvert County citizens and businesses.

This app includes two important COVID-19 resources:

Sign up for CDC COVID-19 alerts from Settings/Notifications

Access a COVID-19 feature with links to social media, travel notices, FAQs, and alerts

The Submit a Tip feature enables you to submit a crime tip directly to the Sheriff's Office. Your tip - sent anonymously or with your contact information, along with photos - is confidential. App users are asked to submit tips regarding ongoing investigations. However, you should call 911 in the case of an emergency.

Scroll through the list of Calvert County's Most Wanted fugitives; photos, details, and charges are listed. If you encounter any of these fugitives, do not attempt to apprehend them; instead use the app's Submit a Tip feature to send anonymous tips to the Sheriff's Office.

Under Inmate Information, find the Inmate Search, correctional facility visitation schedule and rules, inmate mail and phone information, commissary account deposits, and VINE/Victim Notification.

Other important features include Programs and Services, and information on Sheriff's Office careers.

Read and share social media posts from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office via the Facebook and Twitter news.

"The mission of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office is to make our community a safe and enjoyable place to live and work," said Sheriff Evans. "I encourage you to down-

**Most Wanted**  
Search: Calvert County Sheriff



load our free app and share it with your family, friends, and neighbors so that they can receive our important news and alerts - especially in this very difficult time."

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office mobile app is created by TheSheriffApp.com, a division of OCV, LLC, which specializes in mobile app development for sheriff's offices, health departments, and public safety. With more 500 apps in the app stores, OCV designs and develops custom apps for state, county, and local government agencies. "Mobile apps offer public safety and other government agencies a better way to alert, inform, and resource the public," said Suzy Keenan, communications strategist with OCV. "Mobile apps and social media are the trends for grassroots sharing of information today."

Search the [Calvert County Sheriff's Office](https://www.calvertcountysheriff.com) website or download the mobile app onto your smartphone or tablet. It is available free of charge from the iOS and Google Play (Android) app stores.

For more information, contact the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Kristen Leitch at (443) 624-8404.

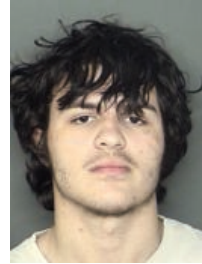
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# Sheriff's Office Seeks Identity of Robbery Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured whose nickname is "Cali," as a possible suspect in a robbery that occurred on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 1 pm, at an apartment at the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Michael Graves at 301-475-4200, ext. 78101 or email [michael.graves@stmarysmd.com](mailto:michael.graves@stmarysmd.com). Case # 17257-20

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



Devon Lee

# Arson Suspect Faces Robbery Charge

On March 24, 2020, at approximately 6:40 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported robbery in the 20800 block of Callaway Village Way. Investigation determined an unknown male wearing a hooded jacket, entered the business and brandished a knife. The suspect assaulted the victim and stole currency from the cash register and fled the scene in a black vehicle.

During the robbery investigation, deputies were notified of an assault involving a similar vehicle, in the 45600 block of Buckshot Way in Lexington Park. Investigation determined the suspect, later identified as Devon Tyler Lee, age 18 of Great Mills, was operating a black Tahoe and repeatedly rammed the victim's occupied vehicle. When deputies arrived on scene the Tahoe was located abandoned. It was later determined the Tahoe had been reported stolen several days prior to the robbery and assault. Through the course of the investigation it was determined Lee was the suspect in the robbery and the stolen vehicle had been used to flee the robbery scene.

On March 27, 2020, Lee was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center. Lee was charged with the following:

- Robbery
- Dangerous Weapon-Conceal
- Dangerous Weapon-Intent/Injure
- Assault First Degree
- Assault Second Degree
- Theft
- Motor Vehicle-Unlawful Taking

Lee remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no bond status. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Detective Trevor Teague at (301) 475-4200 extension 78128 or by email at [Trevor.Teague@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Trevor.Teague@stmarysmd.com).


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

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## St. Mary's County Woman Wins Top Prize Playing Rose Gold Game

A Leonardtown woman reports having no thoughts of buying a Maryland Lottery scratch-off when she pulled into the gas pumps at a Sheetz store in California last week.

However, she quickly remembered that she had a winning instant ticket in her purse to cash. The loyal scratch-off player entered the store and reinvested her prize in the purchase of three more scratch-offs. One of those, a \$10 Rose Gold game, would soon provide her with \$100,000 worth of shock and joy.

Scratching her instant tickets later that evening did not put her in the best of moods. "The first two games were complete misses, not even close to a win on either," said the 47-year-old. "Then, I picked up Rose Gold."

The self-employed St. Mary's County resident tells us that she watches for new scratch-off games. "I chose Rose Gold because it was new and, boy, am I glad I did."

The Southern Maryland winner started yelling as soon as she saw the \$100,000 prize on her instant ticket. "I couldn't believe my eyes. Even as I was shouting, I was checking and rechecking the ticket, just to be sure."

Anxious to share her good news, she picked up the phone to call her husband. He was traveling for work and didn't answer. She reached out next to her mom and got the answering machine. "I had to tell someone but nobody was answering!" Happily, both husband and mother soon called back. After some convincing that she hadn't dreamed up the big win, her husband and mom celebrated the family's luck with her.

The husband and wife, who chose the nickname "J & T" for Lottery publicity, plan to spend part of the prize on a new car and put the remainder of the \$100,000 win into savings.

Sheetz #292 at 22711 Three Notch Road will receive a \$1,000 bonus from the Lottery for selling the top-prize winning ticket in the game. The lucky retailer also sold a top-prize winning 2020 Cash scratch-off earlier this year, which gave some happy player a \$20,200 prize.

Our lucky lady left plenty of prizes remaining in the Rose Gold game, which hit Lottery retailer shelves in late February. Players can search for seven more \$100,000 prizes as well as 28 \$10,000 winners and thousands of others ranging from \$10 to \$1,000.

## 'One Maryland, One Book' Selection Announced

*Statewide Program Enters Thirteenth Year*

Maryland Humanities announces the selection of *The Island of Sea Women: A Novel* by Lisa See for the 2020 One Maryland One Book program. The novel follows the decades-long friendship of two haenyeo (female divers) from Jeju Island in Korea. The book was chosen by a committee of librarians, educators, authors, and bibliophiles in February from more than 165 titles suggested last fall by readers across the state for the theme, "Friendship." In 2019, *The Island of Sea Women* made the New York Times' list of best sellers.

"For the past 12 years, One Maryland One Book has generated frank conversations about urgent issues explored through literature—including refugees and migrants, conflicts with police, and most recently the Flint water crisis," says Aaron Heinsman, Acting Executive Director at Maryland Humanities. "I'm excited to see what new perspectives Lisa See's novel surfaces for readers."

As our One Maryland One Book programming takes place in the fall, we do not as yet anticipate any impact from the COVID-19 pandemic.

### About the Book

*The Island of Sea Women* by New York Times bestselling author Lisa See chronicles the lives and friendship between Young-sook and Mi-ja, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju. They become the closest of friends. However, their differences are impossible to ignore: Young-sook was born into a long line of haenyeo and will inherit her mother's position of leading the divers; whereas Mi-ja is the daughter of a Japanese collaborator and will forever carry that mark. From the Japanese occupation of the 1930s and 1940s to World War II to the Korean War, events will push their seemingly unbreakable bond to its breaking point. This beautifully written and thoughtful novel shines a light on the remarkable haenyeo culture and two women who are a part of it. Readers won't soon forget the journey of Young-sook and Mi-ja's friendship.

### About the Author

In her beloved New York Times bestsellers, which include *Snow Flower* and *The Secret Fan*, *Peony in Love*, *Shanghai Girls*, *Dreams of Joy*, *China Dolls*, and *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, Lisa See brilliantly illuminates the immigrant experience and the indissoluble bonds between women. Her newest novel is a story of family secrets and female friendship on a



Novelist Lisa See

remote Korean island. *The Island of Sea Women* introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable women divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives. Her first book, the national bestseller and New York Times Notable Book, *On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family*, traces the journey of her great-grandfather, Fong See, who overcame obstacles at every step to become the 100-year-old godfather of Los Angeles's Chinatown and the patriarch of a sprawling family. See was the Publishers Weekly West Coast correspondent for thirteen years, and her articles have appeared in *Vogue*, *Self*, and *More*.

### About One Maryland One Book

When we read a great book, we can't wait to share the experience and talk about it with others. That's one of the joys of reading.

In that spirit, through our Maryland Center for the Book program, Maryland Humanities created One Maryland One Book (OMOB) to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book. We invite readers to participate in book-centered discussions and related programs at public libraries, high schools, colleges, museums, bookstores, and community and senior centers around the state.

OMOB programs, including an author tour, take place each year in the fall. A calendar of free public events—including the Author Tour—will be available online beginning this summer.

One Maryland One Book is presented in partnership with Enoch Pratt Free Library and is sponsored by The Institute of Museum and Library Services via the Maryland State Library as well as PNC Foundation and BGE, with additional support from M&T Bank, an anonymous donor, and the Citizens of Baltimore County.

*Press Release from Maryland Humanities.*

## Pet OF THE WEEK MEET ALOHA



Shelter pets are unexplored treasures. K-9 Nosework. What is it? A fun pet oriented activity for pets and their owners that even offers national competitions! Find out more at [www.nacsw.net](http://www.nacsw.net).

Hello, my name is Aloha and I'm a SWEET, AFFECTIONATE Coonhound girl who loves EXPLORING, getting BELLY RUBS, and giving KISSES. My friends here at TCAS say I'm VERY SMART and would be GREAT at NOSEWORK since I just LOVE to sniff everything! I'm only 2 YEARS OLD and like other dogs. So track your way on down to TCAS to come meet me and BE MY MIRACLE! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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And remember if there is room in the heart, there is room in the house.

Come meet me and the wonderful gang at Tri-County Animal Shelter (6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville) or call 301-932-1713. To meet more of my amazing friends available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD.

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## COVID-19 Ag Resource Portal Launched



The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, has announced the launch of a COVID-19 information 'Resource' portal for regional farms and consumers.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in line with SMADC's core mission to support farms and the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland, the new Resource portal provides a 'one-stop-shop' of compiled links to information gathered from local, state and federal organizations regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the agricultural community in Maryland.

"As we deal with the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves, the SMADC team is working hard to keep you informed and updated, as news and resources pertaining to the agricultural community surface," commented Shelby Watson-Hampton, SMADC's director. "We have created a page on our website for both farmers and consumers to find relevant information and resources, and we hope it's many links and connections will be useful."

The 'Resource' portal can now be accessed on the SMADC website home page at [SMADC.com](https://smadc.com). Resource links are organized into key support categories that will be updated frequently as new information is released including general business and farm labor, small business relief programs, Maryland horse industry updates, food safety information, farmers' market and CSA guidelines and Maryland Farm Bureau COVID-19 resources.

Additional resources offer information for consumers to help them find fresh, locally produced foods in Southern Maryland and around the Chesapeake Bay region. The SMADC portal links to a new interactive map, developed by Future Harvest and the Maryland Farmers Market Association, which highlights more than 500 farm destinations (on-farm stores, farm stands, markets and more) that have been designated as places to purchase local food and beverage items during the COVID-19 emergency.

The SMADC office is closed to the public at this time. SMADC staff continues to work remotely to assist agricultural producers in their essential role as members of the food supply chain. All inquiries and additional agribusiness-related resources should be sent to [info@smadc.com](mailto:info@smadc.com). For more information and timely updates 'follow' the SMADC Facebook Page and visit [SMADC.com](https://smadc.com).

View the COVID-19 Resource Portal here: <https://smadc.com/covid19/>

*Press Release from SMADC.*

## Senior Call Check Program

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to support a program through the Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA) called Maryland Senior Call Check. Maryland is the first state in the country to start a FREE, opt-in, telephonic service to check on Maryland's older residents across the state.

This program is for seniors living alone to check on them daily. This free service will place an automated daily call to the participant at a regularly scheduled time. If the call is not picked up after three attempts, the service will call an alternate person on your behalf to check on you. If your alternate does not pick up or you do not have an alternate, the local authorities will be contacted to perform a wellness check.

MDoA recommends all seniors use the program as a resource during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Senior Call Check phone lines are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- The verification and enrollment process can be completed within 24 hours Monday-Saturday.
- MDoA will provide messages and updates regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

For more information, call 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560) or register online at [www.aging.maryland.gov](http://www.aging.maryland.gov).

## Drive Under Way for Medical Supplies

Calvert County and CalvertHealth Medical Center (CHMC) are actively working together to ensure the health and safety of its residents. While CHMC currently has the supplies needed to care for its patients and protect its staff, the county and the medical center are looking to increase supplies and take proactive measures for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community members and local businesses can assist by donating the following medical materials and supplies:

- Unopened containers of hand sanitizer
- Unopened bleach wipes
- Unopened boxes of surgical masks
- Unopened boxes of N95 masks
- Unopened boxes of exam gloves
- Unopened boxes of isolation or procedure gown

If you have supplies to donate, please contact CHMC's Director of Patient, Family and Volunteer Services Susan Stevens at [susan.stevens@calverthealthmed.org](mailto:susan.stevens@calverthealthmed.org) so that arrangements can be made to collect the donations. Please note that all items must be unopened materials.

The hospital is also accepting donations of homemade gowns and masks. The Centers for Disease Control has provided clinical guidance for these

masks which can be used for patients and healthcare workers who have a low-risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Give the gift of blood. Those who are healthy and asymptomatic (no fever, cough, sore throat, etc.) can schedule an appointment to give blood through the American Red Cross at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). The Red Cross is anticipating critical blood shortages throughout this crisis and one donation has the potential to save up to three lives.

Give the gift of hope. Share words of gratitude and encouragement with the CalvertHealth team by dropping a line in the submission form located on the website. Leave a kind word, inspiring message or upload an image or document.

For more ways the community can assist, visit CHMC online at <https://www.calverthealthmedicine.org/Ways-You-Can-Help>.

Visit [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus) for further updates, guidance and resources. Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov), Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](http://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd) and Comcast Channel 6.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

The County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to [guyleonard@countytimes.net](mailto:guyleonard@countytimes.net) after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

## In Remembrance

### Robert W. (Bob) Elliott



Robert W. Elliot of Solomons Island, Maryland passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020. Born on October 19, 1924, to the late Martin and Elizabeth Elliott in Quincy, Massachusetts; brother of the late Rita, the late Madeline, the late Viola, the late Margaret, and the late Leo. Devoted husband of the late Betty Elliott and survived by children, Robert, Jim (Brooke), and Susan Allison (Dale); and grandchildren, Steven, Mackenzie, Elizabeth, and Margaret. In WWII, Bob flew 31 combat missions including one where the crew had to bail out behind enemy lines and returned after 30 days missing in action. He lived in Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania for most of his life where he enjoyed a successful

career in real estate sales. He is remembered fondly by so many friends and relatives for his unmatched humor, his comradery on the golf course, and for his music as a self-taught jazz pianist. He will be interred in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies when his family can travel. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, 44724 Hospice Ln, Callaway, MD 20620 or online at <https://www.hospiceofstmarys.org/ways-to-give/>. Arrangements: Brinsfield Funeral Home.

### Florence Marie "Sis" Battenfield



Florence Marie "Sis" Battenfield, 94, of Colton's Point, MD passed away peacefully at the Hospice House of Charles County, on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

Sis was born on December 7, 1925 in Baltimore, MD to the late Aloysius Hammond and Lillian (Nugent) Hammond.

She met her best friend and forever love, Joseph R. Battenfield and they spent over fifty (50) blissful years together, before his passing in October 2000. Together their love produced four children, which grew to a family with seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Sis was a kind, generous, caring and just truly wonderful. She was a bright light in the lives of so many. Always ready for a trip to play the slots, she was a gambler at heart and loved to play BINGO. If she was sitting around the house, you could almost guarantee an old western was playing on the television with a word search book sitting within arm's reach. A die-hard Washington Redskins fan, she never missed watching a game. Her bright smile and quick wit will be dearly missed. Memories of her inherent joy will last a lifetime for her family.

Whether you knew her as Florence, Sis, Mom, or Grandma, you had the honor of knowing an angel on earth. Although she has left us for a while, she is never far. Her spirit and soul are in the hearts of all those who love her.

Sis is survived by her children, Patricia Battenfield of Waldorf MD, Robert Battenfield (Linda) of Mechanicsville, MD, Linda King (Mark) of Stafford, VA and Richard Battenfield, of Hollywood, MD; seven (7) grandchildren; thirteen (13) great-grandchildren and siblings, Aloysius Hammond of Pasadena, MD, Lillian Beccio Of Catonsville, MD, Elizabeth Patricia Roeder, of Homosassa, FL, and Mary Jane Cumor of Catonsville, MD. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Joseph Battenfield, and sister, Margaret Fifer.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

### Colton Trent Perry



On Thursday, March 26, 2020, Colton Trent Perry, aka Coltman, loving father of Annalee Rae Perry, 10 months, passed away at the age of 24, in an automobile accident on Burnt Store Road in Hughesville, MD.

Born on March 29, 1995, he had a great childhood thanks to the love from parents, Jean Marie Perry and Earl Lewis Perry. He grew up on the Buckler Farm with his 3 brothers, Kelsey Hahn Perry, Garret Royce Perry and Riggins Bennett Perry, nothing was better than seeing these 4 together.

Colton was a true family man and had a kind soul. He had found his soulmate in Katie Hammonds and they have a beautiful little girl together, Annalee Rae Perry (10 months). Colton had a passion for hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and spending time with his best friends, Justin Miller and Evan Charles. He was extraordinary and nothing meant more to him than spending time with his family and friends.

It was hard to find a day when you did not see a big smile on his face, with that big dimple shining through. He made everyone's day better just with his presence and it truly shows how much he meant to everyone.

Colton was preceded in death by his grandparents, Norma and Vincent Buckler and James and Joan Perry, his uncle Buck Johnston, uncle Charlie Perry, aunt Pearl Ciampo, and uncle Kenny Sorenson. He is survived by his parents Earl and Jeannie Perry, 3 brothers, Kelsey, Garret and Riggins, many aunts and uncles, cousins, soulmate, Katie Hammonds, daughter Annalee Rae Perry, sister-in-law Ashley Perry and nephew Brycen Perry.

Due to COVID-19, a funeral will not be taking place. A Life Celebration will be held later in the summer.

This obituary was lovingly written in Colton's honor by his brother, Kelsey.

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

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

### Macy Ann Briscoe



Macy Ann Briscoe, 81, of Lexington Park, MD entered into eternal rest on March 26, 2020 at Chesapeake Shores

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Nursing Center in Lexington Park, MD. She was born on August 17, 1938 in Leonardtown, MD to Roger Curtis and Annie Evangeline Hebb of Leonardtown, MD.

Macy was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. Macy had the brightest smile she loved joking around and dancing. She was very loved and will be missed by her family.

In addition to her parents and her husband, William C. Briscoe, Macy was preceded in death by her two daughters, Barbara G. Curtis, Rose M. Briscoe and son Joseph "Frankie" Barber, her two sisters, Mary Saxon, Hilda Johnson and granddaughter Kimberly Briscoe.

Macy leaves to celebrate her memory three children: Charles Curtis (Brenda) of Baltimore, MD, Shirley M. Briscoe of Lexington Park, MD and William C. Briscoe Lexington Park, MD; her sister, Edith Curtis of Lexington Park, MD and her brother George Curtis of Baltimore, MD; grandchildren; Vicky Brooks (Carlos), Shaquita McGhee (Jonathan), Tassia Hill, Francis Hill, April Briscoe, Charles Curtis (Tyrise), Justin Curtis (Nene); great-grandchildren; Parren Barnes, Maxwell Brooks, Tevonna Briscoe, Laquisha Briscoe, Michael Briscoe, Tiqueona Briscoe, Shontae Waul, Kayson McGhee, Jay'zeon Jackson, and Junia Curtis; great-great grandchildren Tahara Briscoe, Talaya Miles, Semaj Knott, Jozirrah Gray, Ka'variate Gray and many extended family and friends.

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions imposed by the Maryland State Governor Larry Hogan, there will not be a Funeral Service.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Carol Lee Halstead



Carol Lee Halstead, 86, of Hollywood, MD died peacefully on March 27, 2020 at her home with her loving family at her side.

She was born on December 24, 1933 in Virginia Beach, VA to the late John Strange and May Lee Joynes Strange.

On November 30, 1952, Carol married her beloved husband, Kenneth Allen Halstead. Together they celebrated over 61 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in January 2014. She was a devoted

wife supporting her husband throughout his Naval career and loving mother and grandmother. She and her husband enjoyed taking family vacations to Maine. She was an excellent cook and was most famous for her delicious fried chicken and delicious brownie sundaes for dessert. As her children got older, she enjoyed having family meals to get everyone together and to celebrate all the holidays. She enjoyed fishing and traveling to Maine with her husband; and once her husband passed, vacations at the beach with her children and their spouses. Carol was an avid reader and enjoyed word search challenges. Her favorite pastime (and do not disturb time) was watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

Carol is survived by her children: John Kenneth Halstead (Cindy) of Palestine, WV, Frank Allen Halstead (Sally) of LaPlata, MD, Linda Carol Schrader (Samuel) of Hollywood, MD, Patricia Lee Litten (Steve) of Hollywood, MD, Charlene May Halstead (Wayne) of Canon City, CO, and Kathleen Frances McWilliams (George) of Palestine, WV; her siblings: John "Sonny" Strange (Alice), Robert "Bobby" Strange, William "Bill" Strange (Marion), Michael Strange (Rosemary), and Edith Katherine Whiteside (Bryce); 14 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and devoted and loving caretakers of 8 years, Tameika Thomas and Kim Morgan; and many extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Marie DiBartolo and her husband, Tony and her brother, Clifford Strange.

A public service will be held at a later date.

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

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Joseph, "Joe", Albert Dean, Jr



Joseph, "Joe", Albert Dean, Jr, 76, of Hollywood, MD passed away on March 27, 2020 in Stafford, VA. He was born on June 10, 1943, and was the son of the late Amanda Jones Dean and Joseph Dean,

Sr. Joe was the loving husband of the late Suzanne Kemmer Dean whom he married on November 22, 1963 in Hollywood, MD and who preceded him in death on April 14, 2019. Joe is survived by his daughter Debra Lloyd (Todd) of Stafford, VA, 3 grandchildren Amanda Lloyd, Rachel Lloyd, and Sarah Lloyd. Siblings Marjorie Sandidge of California, MD, Gary Dean of Myrtle Beach, SC, Dale Dean of Hollywood, MD, Marlene Freeman of Hollywood, MD and LeRoy Jones of Mechanicsville, MD. He was preceded in death by his son Joseph Dean and his brother Clifton Dean.

Joe was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. He was a van operator for Hilldrup Moving and Storage for 50 years, retiring in Nov, 2017.

Joe enjoyed yard work and spending time with family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

### Angelina Magpuri



Angelina Magpuri of Hollywood, MD passed away at age 88, 2:00am on Friday March 20, 2020. Angelina de Guzman Magpuri was born on December 27, 1931 at Hagonoy Bulacan, Philippines and grew up there until her family moved to Makati. She was one of six children to Basilio de Guzman and Martha Felipe de Guzman. After graduating college with a Pre-Law Degree, she entered the work force where she met her

soon-to-be husband, Victor Magpuri Jr., a U.S. Navy Sailor. She primarily became a dedicated housewife after getting married. They were stationed at U.S. Naval Station Subic Bay, Olongapo, Philippines where their first son, Edward, was born. A little more than a year later their daughter, Elizabeth, was born in Monterrey, California and then after two years their youngest child, Glenn, was born in Long Beach, California.

Demands of the military brought the family to also live in Japan, the Philippines and afterwards at MCAS Cherry Point Havelock, North Carolina. As a U.S. Navy housewife, she dependably kept the family together and in the right direction, especially during the long ship deployments of her husband. Finally, they settled down in San Diego, California where Angelina started working for Kyocera International in the early 70's. As a Quality Assurance Inspector, she really enjoyed her job position, so much so, her tenure lasted till she turned 70 years old. Her strong desire to seek better living standards - mainly for improved schools and less crime - for her family caused numerous relocations within San Diego. Those locations started at Imperial Beach, Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, and ended in Scripps Ranch. During her younger years she took great pleasure in sightseeing, vacationing in the Philippines to visit relatives, and cooking her favorite dish - spareribs pork adobo.

Unfortunately, she had a debilitating stroke three years ago and her loving husband became her primary caregiver.

When her husband later experienced a stroke as well and due to her bedridden condition and battle with dementia, she was relocated in March 2019 and spent her final year in Hollywood, Maryland under the care of her eldest son and family.

Angelina was a widow since April 24, 2019 upon the passing of her devoted husband and is survived by her loving children - Edward and wife, Luzelle; Elizabeth and husband, Timothy; Glenn and wife, Cecilia. She has a total of nine grandchildren - Linden; Lindsey; Nicole and husband, Rodney; Jaquelyn and wife,

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## In Remembrance

Chelsea; Bobbie and husband, Joseph; Holly; Christopher; Kristen and husband, Nick; and Christian. In addition, she has three great grandchildren - Sara, Emma, and Mia.

Angelina will always be remembered as the solid foundation of her family. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a woman of great strength, dedication, and straight forwardness. She will forever be loved and cherished. With God's grace, may she rest in peace with her husband at MCAS Miramar Cemetery San Diego, California.

### Donna Lynn Eckert



Donna Lynn Eckert, 55, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2020 at her home in Lothian, MD. Donna was born on March 10, 1965 in Clinton, MD to Darrell Ray Hensley and Laura Mae Buchannan. She grew up in Capital Heights, MD, and married Robert L. Eckert on August 6, 2004. Donna was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins, and also enjoyed swimming, playing softball, bowling, and horseshoes. She was a particularly excellent cook, among her many talents. Donna is survived by her husband, Robert Eckert, her children Jennifer Stanley and her husband Kenneth of Zebulon, NC, John "JD" Hannabass and his wife Alora of Raleigh, NC, Justin Hannabass of Jacksonville, FL, her granddaughter Alaina Hannabass of Raleigh, NC, her mother Laura Hensley of Saltville, VA, her sisters Carol Albany of Mechanicsville, VA, Darla Bullard of North Beach, MD, and Drema Hensley of Marion, VA. Donna was preceded in death by her father, Darrell Hensley, and her brothers Kenneth and Danny Hensley.

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic all services will be private. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Charles Butler "Bucky" Johnston

Charles Butler "Bucky" Johnston, 95, of Tracy's Landing passed away March 25, 2020. Born August 4, 1924 in Washington, D.C., one of eight children, to Charles W. and Virgie (Butler) Johnston. Bucky attended Eastern High School and left during his senior year to join the United



States Army Air Corps during World War II. While in the service Bucky ran 50 bombing missions and survived two crash landings. He was honorably discharged as Staff Sergeant on September 15, 1945. Bucky was employed as a firefighter with the D.C. Fire Department from January 7, 1946 until November 1, 1971, retiring as Lieutenant. He married Audrey Mae Perry on August 24, 1947. He was a member of the American Legion, the Elks Club, and the GMA Golf Club. Bucky was an avid golfer and had 5 hole-in-one's during his lifetime. He also enjoyed playing cards and horses. Bucky was a true gentleman and will be missed by all.

Bucky was preceded in death by his wife Audrey on June 12, 1990. He is survived by his sister Mary Jane Beamer and numerous devoted nieces, nephews, and great friends, especially Hamilton "Ham" Smith and John Jaynes.

In lieu of flowers it is requested that donations in Bucky's name be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, John and Cathy Belcher Campus, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, D 21122.

Given the Coronavirus pandemic, services and burial is limited to family only. A celebration of life will be held at a time and place to be determined after the health crisis is over. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Alice Marguerite Sweeney



Alice Marguerite Sweeney, 89, of Chestertown passed away March 23, 2020 at her home. She was born January 13, 1931 in Leeland, MD in Prince George's County to William Joshua and Amy Isabell (Simpson) Dean. Alice was raised in Upper Marlboro and attended public schools. She married Joseph M. Sweeney on July 10, 1954 and they lived in Upper Marl-

boro. Alice was employed as a grocery cashier with A&P, which later became Super Fresh, retiring in 1994. Later that year, Alice and Joseph retired to Pennsylvania. Mr. Sweeney passed away in 1996 and Alice moved back to Maryland in 2004. Alice was a member of Local 400 Grocery Workers Union and loved working as a cashier. She enjoyed baking, gardening, canning, music, and time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Sweeney and 12 siblings. She is survived by her children Ellen M. Ward and husband Don of Weeki Wachee, FL, Michael Sweeney and wife Ann Howes of Chesapeake Beach, and Laurie Cunningham and husband Richard of Chestertown. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Due to current regulations, services for Alice will be strictly limited to immediate family members and are by invitation only. A celebration of Alice's life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy in Alice's name may be made to the Compass Regional Hospice of Centreville, MD, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617;

Link: <http://www.compassregional-hospice.org/> or American Heart Association, 217 E. Redwood Street, 11th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; Link: <https://www.heart.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Sally Ann Plusch



Sally Ann Plusch, 82, of Huntingtown, MD passed away March 20, 2020 at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital. Sally was born November 11, 1937 in Washington, D.C. to Gertrude Elizabeth (Lucas) and Harry W. Osterfeld. She was raised in the District and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, and also attended nursing school. She married Almerin "Al" Plusch on February 21, 1957 and they lived in Hyattsville until moving to Huntingtown in 1972. Sally was a devoted homemaker and mother, and a substitute teacher, and also operated home based businesses including Avon and Longaberger baskets. She was founding member of the First Lutheran Church of Calvert County where she was a choir member and Past Presi-

dent of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and served as First Lutheran's representative at church retreats. She was a Northern High School Band Booster, and enjoyed camping, crafts, playing bridge, and spending time with family and friends. She was also an avid fan of the Washington Redskins.

Sally was preceded in death by a daughter Laurie Ann Harmon. She is survived by her husband Al, a daughter Catherine Lee Hall of Olathe, KS, sons Allen J. Plusch and wife Kimberly of Middletown, DE and William R. "Will" Plusch and wife Kelli of Richmond, VA, grandchildren Shayne Gifford, Jordan Werre, Huston Hall, Gillian Doll, and Kelsie, Jamie, and Kyle Plusch, and great-grandchildren Taylor, Jason, Thomas, Lillian, Beau, Kian, and Archer.

A memorial service and celebration of Sally's life will take place at a later date at First Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in Sally's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102; Link: <https://alz.org/nca>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Paul William Barton



Paul William Barton, 60, of Lusby, Maryland, passed away on March 21, 2020. Born September 6, 1959 in North Carolina, he was the son of the late Charles Barton and late Margaret Barton. Paul served as caretaker for his parents for the past ten years.

Paul was preceded in death by his loving wife, Tania Barton-Vaal. He is survived by his children, Jonathan Barton (married to Aloysha Barton), Shannon Barton, and Jeremy Barton. His sisters, Diana Newman (married to Glenn Newman), and Beverly Fitzgerald (widow of Bucky Fitzgerald) and nephews, Bucky Jr. Fitzgerald and Kyle Newman. A celebration of his life will take place at a later time. Details will be announced when they become available. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to SMILE, P.O. Box 1725, Lusby, MD 20657.

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

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

## **The Thinks I Think**

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.

It has been just over three weeks – three very slow weeks - since the NBA cancelled a game between the Utah Jazz and Houston Rockets, a decision that triggered the rapid shuddering of the sports world.

Baseball's opening day was scheduled for March 26; it was to be the first since 1925 with the Washington D.C. team as the reigning World Series champions.

April 4 was the Capitals' scheduled regular season finale. Was another Stanley Cup possible had the season not been put on...errr...ice?

The Final Four for the men's and women's basketball tournaments would have been played this weekend. Would both Terrapins teams have been participants?

Questions that will forever lack answers.

Instead of March Madness buzzer-beaters, welcoming back baseball and preparing for the Stanley Cup playoffs, sports fans have been left with various retro-programming and riveting social media posts of athletes doing golf trick shots, hitting merciless backyard home runs off their kids using Little Tikes gear and claiming to be staying in shape – yeah...aren't we all - with questionable workout videos.

It's cute. Funny at times. And yet so inadequate.

The NFL is oddly continuing to operate largely as if COVID-19 is, in fact, a hoax or something a miracle will sweep away at any moment, as some have suggested. The football news is welcomed but the optic of multi-million dollar free agent contracts being handed out while millions file for unemployment and worry about complete economic upheaval is...interesting. It gets weirder. Commissioner Roger Goodell recently affirmed that the April 23-25 NFL Draft, a time when the difficult realities of COVID-19 spread will almost certainly be far worse than today, will proceed (in some alternate form) as scheduled. Goodell followed up with teams – many of whom had expressed their displeasure to the league office – by issuing a memo that warned them to refrain from discussing (read: criticizing) the decision or risk disciplinary action. I'll stop there, lest Goodell extend his tyranny to neighborhood

sportswriters.

Needless to say, these are unprecedented times. Many things are missed. Many things will be experienced with far greater gratitude when this ends - whenever we arrive in that seemingly far off realm. For the foreseeable future, life will march on without athletic competition. That makes me want to direct very vulgar language that my mom would be ashamed of at this damn virus. What I wouldn't give to resume watching Alexander Ovechkin's assault on the NHL's goals scored list. Or to stand and applaud – and probably cry...again – as our World Series champion Nats took to the diamond. Or to lament my busted March Madness bracket and await the crowning of the 2020 champs. Or to wonder if Tiger Woods could make magic again at The Masters. Or...

I can almost develop a bit of a victim complex. But then I watch the news or follow Twitter or just reset my brain and sit in quiet reflection like Pooh Bear in his thoughtful – or thotful, per his sign - spot with a jar full of honey. Oh the thinks you can think when you think about Seuss...and the real victims and the real tragedy and the enormity of this shared crisis.

Those more thoughtful thinks go immediately to those around the world who have lost their lives to this sinister virus and those fighting it – both the ill and the heroic medical professionals who bravely stare down this enemy daily, often without adequate equipment for biological war. After that, my thinks go to those whose jobs have been lost or whose livelihoods are threatened. Then my thinks consider those in high risk categories and the anxiety sowed by the consequences of contracting an invisible threat that could hide anywhere.

Somewhere way down the list of thinks, I eventually get to sports and lament the absence of the games we love. But it hardly matters at that point, not with a raw, sobering social perspective. I just want to turn on the television and see a game again, not because I miss sports, but because it will mean we have started to heal and life is returning to something near normal.

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## **IT'S TIME FOR A CHECK-UP**

Contributing Writer:  
*Lynda J. Striegel*

When you visited your doctor last time, did the doctor tell you he or she wanted to see you in 6 months or a year for a “check-up”? Probably, and you probably understood that a check-up of your health was important. Why is it then that many people seem to not understand the importance of an estate planning check-up?

Have you changed over the past 20, 10 or even 5 years? What about your loved ones? Have their circumstances changed over time? Yes, you have a Will so can feel comfortable that you have at least expressed your intentions in writing. But, when was the last time you actually looked at your Will, or Power of Attorney, or Living Will, or Trust? Not surprisingly, most people who actually review their older estate planning documents are shocked by what they find—beneficiaries who have died, executors who are no longer able to serve in such a position, no mention of younger generations of loved ones, continued mention of long-divorced or even deceased spouses, etc. And, keep in mind that it isn't only the will or trust you need to keep up to date. It is, in fact, every beneficiary designation you have made on retirement plans, investment accounts, bank accounts, insurance policies, etc. For a married couple, that means times two.

Does updating your estate planning documents really matter? If you want to leave peace and harmony in your family when you go, the answer is yes. If you want to precipitate a war among loved ones and family members, there is no better way to do it than to have fights over the meaning of language you have left behind. “Everything to my spouse, if she survives and, if not, in equal shares to my children.” Sound good? It is, unless you take into account that the creator of this language was divorced with two children he has not seen for twenty years; remarried to a woman who died but had children and has been rearing his step-children (whom he never adopted) as his own for twenty years. Under the language, the step-children are cut out of the will entirely.

Or, suppose you went to the trouble of protecting your loved ones by creating a Revocable Living Trust. The concept of the Trust is to avoid the probate process. To do that, you retitled your property into the name of your Trust so that you would not die holding property in your sole name. Holding property in your sole name means your loved ones have to go

through the probate process to take possession of the property. To create a Trust and not check it periodically just defeats the purpose of the Trust. Suppose, for example, that you inherited a house after you created your Trust and you did not update the Trust to include it. When you die, that house will have to go through the probate process to get to your loved ones—the very thing you created the trust to avoid. Updating a Trust is critically important and you should be meeting with your estate planning attorney to do that every couple of years.

Let's not forget the critical Power of Attorney document or your Living Will. The person you might have appointed in your Power of Attorney years ago may no longer be capable or even willing to serve in that capacity. Most attorneys advise clients to name at least two fall-back persons who can act as Power of Attorney in the event the named person doesn't survive. If you have not yet done that, make sure you do. And, if you have not reviewed your “no life-sustaining procedures” requests made under your Living Will, make sure you still agree with what you said. Keep in mind—with all estate planning documents, the latest dated document counts.

What about those beneficiaries you designated to receive your retirement amount or insurance proceeds when you die? When was the last time you checked those? You need to know that a Will or a Trust will NOT override the beneficiaries you have named to receive insurance or retirement proceeds. So, make sure those beneficiaries match what you want to do in your Will or Trust. Have you left your retirement savings to an ex-spouse? Or your life insurance proceeds to your deceased parents? Updating beneficiary designations is one of the most important tasks you can complete to ensure you have protected yourself and your loved ones.

Updating your estate documents is not a difficult task. Many firms, including mine, offer document review at no charge. Even if you have changes you want to make, amending your documents is not a costly proposition. Give yourself the gift of peace of mind by regularly reviewing what you have and keeping all your estate planning documents up to date.

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# Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann  
Contributing Writer



## “Navigating Each Day”

I am thinking of taking a shower today.

I don't want to do it too soon, number one, because I am not motivated to do so and number two, because this will most likely be the excitement for today other than the mail coming, and then I will be left with nothing but finishing washing all the windows and curtains in the basement. Though a convenience center run is vying for the title of excitement for the day as well.

Last week I did the hair trim and realize now that even going on the dump run will show people how badly I accomplished my task. Let's just say that my bangs are no longer a problem in front of my eyes, and I suddenly have a much higher forehead. If anyone wants my hair-cutting shears (vintage I might add) and my thinning scissors I can leave them in our paper box to remove the temptation for me to “straighten things up a little”.

While I have been typing, Google keeps annoyingly popping up on the side saying, “You have no events today.” Enough already!! You have been popping up every day telling me this. You don't think I realize that all winery events have been cancelled! Thank goodness the wine cabinet is stocked and will hopefully last through this crisis. Friends must be sensing my desperation since all the wine and alcohol related memes are starting to show up on my Facebook page again. That's it, keep her happy and calm.

Some of my cleaning supplies have started to get a little low. I ran out of my Spray and Wash stain remover but found out that Urine B Gone and Nature's Miracle work just as well on clothing stains as they did on “spots” when Mindy was a puppy. Glad I saved those bottles. I don't normally have a lot of stains on my clothes but one fire pit dinner night, I probably shouldn't have had that second glass of wine while shoveling in the boiling hot ham, bean, kale and leftover veggie soup into my mouth in the dark.

Another annoying thing I have

noticed (yup, too much togetherness in this house I think) is seeing these toilet paper commercials over and over that make toilet paper seem sexy. I don't know about you, but I am starting to wonder if they inserted subliminal advertising blips of people screaming as they reached the last sheet of toilet paper on the roll. Did they cause the toilet paper hysteria themselves? A TP conspiracy. Hmm...I think I need to get outside in the fresh air more and clear my brain.

On a personal note, our family on my late mother's side, is having to deal with the conundrum of what to do when someone dies. How do you pay your respects or have a funeral now? My cousin Race passed away sometime in the middle of the night Tuesday up in Odenton, Maryland. Our late mothers were sisters. Race was my favorite cousin, just a few years older than me, and the one I was closest to growing up – he was always sensitive and loving. He is the third of four brothers and their mother and father to die in about a 10 year span, and unfortunately the last brother has lung cancer related to working around asbestos aboard ship during the Vietnam War – he never smoked. Race had been ill with congestive heart failure, diabetes, and other issues for many years, though, no one knows for sure yet how he died. Race and I had been messaging back and forth in the last three weeks because his father just passed away. I will also miss all the funny and sweet pictures he sent all the time. Now his daughter and son have to navigate how to accomplish some sort of funeral, like many, many others right now, in the midst of social distancing and fear.

But, on a brighter note, the sun is shining, the sky is getting bluer as I write, and the world has not stopped completely. I think its time for that shower now.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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



## Letters TO THE Editor

### Library Continues to Serve

Dear Calvert Community,

On behalf of the Board of Library Trustees, I want to take this opportunity to highlight the excellent work and dedication of Calvert Library's exemplary staff. Even though Governor Hogan has ordered buildings like the library closed to the public, the Calvert Board of Library Trustees--the governing body of the library-- took a different management and leadership approach and asked the Calvert Library staff to find ways to continue to serve the community. At the Trustees' request, while many organizations are paying staff to hunker down and ride out this crisis, the Calvert Library staff are doing an admirable job of working remotely to support the community in this time of need.

The Library has adapted its phone system to take messages via our main line at 410-535-0291 for information/research questions. Staff are checking it regularly and responding to community questions.

Librarians are responding to getanswers@calvertlibrary.info email regularly to answer all variety of questions.

Online programming is being developed to entertain, educate and connect customers to information and one another. These classes and events will begin Monday, March 30.

Librarians are helping community organizations and non-profits look for grants and other relief.

Our social media posts, newsletters and website continue to provide resources that customers are asking for such as:

How to educate children at home

How to not feel isolated during isolation

Trustworthy sources for information about COVID-19

How to apply for unemployment during this period

What resources are available for small businesses impacted by this crisis

Staff are reaching out directly to partners, community organizations and businesses to offer information help, training resources for telecommuting and more.

The Executive Director has shifted funds from print collections into digital online collections with additional financial support from the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association. This will enable Calvert citizens have free access to more downloadable and streaming materials from home.

All of the library's hotspots are currently checked out and librarians are asking customers who don't need them for students or telework to return them for redistribution during this crisis.

Monthly limits on Hoopla and Kanopy (digital ebooks, audiobooks, movies and TV shows) from six to eight items per library card per month.

Library cards are available from CalvertLibrary.info without customers needing to visit a physical branch.

As indicated by the many activities mentioned above, the Calvert Library staff is passionate about serving our community and they have responded to the Trustees' requests to continue to do so with alacrity and enthusiasm. The Board of Library Trustees is proud of the Calvert library staff and we would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge the work they are already doing and the work they continue to do as they actively partner with government and local organizations to get everyone through this challenging time and beyond.

Sincerely,

Carolyn McHugh, President

Board of Library Trustees, Calvert Library

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The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services' (DAHS) Northern, Garvey, and Loffler Senior Activity Centers remain closed until further notice, but that does not mean we have ceased operations! On Monday, March 30, DAHS staff delivered shelf stable meal kits to Home-Delivered Meals recipients. For Senior Activity Center participants who are missing regularly scheduled fitness classes and other social activities, DAHS staff and our regular fitness instructors are developing videos to be posted on the Department's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SMCDAHS](http://www.facebook.com/SMCDAHS)) and the St. Mary's County YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/StMarysCoMDGov](http://www.youtube.com/StMarysCoMDGov)). Additionally, the Department will utilize Facebook Live on Friday, April 3, for our first virtual BINGO game. While we are notable to welcome participants at the Senior Activity Centers at this time, we remain dedicated to promoting the health and wellness of our community.

For more information and updates, visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging), [www.facebook.com/SMCDAHS](http://www.facebook.com/SMCDAHS), or call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

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# St. Mary's & Calvert

## Community Calendar

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

### Saturday, April 4

#### Annmarie Springtime Market Online

The Maker's Market is THE place to find handmade, homemade, or homegrown products...crafts, hanging baskets, organic skincare products, farm fresh produce, cut flowers, baked goods, batik and fleece clothing, handmade soaps and candles, herbal teas, ornaments, folk art, handmade gifts, and more! Delight in the local treasures to be found here! Please visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org) for more information.

### Sunday, April 5

#### American Legion Post 238 Concert Cancelled

The last concert of the season scheduled for April 5 with Seth Mulder and Midnight Run. There will not be a postponement date at this time. Anyone who has purchased a ticket will be refunded in full soon.

### Ongoing

**She: An Expression of Womanhood**  
Annmarie Garden; Exhibit  
Temporarily Closed

**CalvArt Gallery**  
Temporarily Closed

**ArtWorks@7th**  
Temporarily Closed

**Calvert Marine Museum Closing**  
The museum will be closed until further notice in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to keep the community safe. While the museum is unable to serve you in person, we hope you will enjoy our collections and exhibitions online at [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com) and on social media. The CMM family looks forward to welcoming guests back to the museum soon and will continue to provide updates as they become available.

#### Calvert County Government Closings

Calvert County will be closing some public spaces due to the spreading of COVID-19 throughout Maryland. Notices are as follows:

- Water fountains at all county-operated facilities, including dog parks, have been taken out of service.

**Department of Parks & Recreation**  
All community centers are closed.  
Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center is

closed

- County parks will remain open for passive activities until further notice.

- Organized sporting events at county-owned parks are canceled.

- Indoor and outdoor recreational programs and activities at county parks and facilities are canceled until further notice. This includes sports, special events, aquatics, community center programs and rentals.

- All large special events and gatherings of 250 people or more, including private events, are canceled.

- All Parks & Recreation programs at school facilities are canceled.

- All Parks & Recreation events scheduled through April 30 are canceled.

- Breezy Point Blast-Off scheduled for May 16 is postponed until September.

- A flexible refund and cancellation policy has been enacted for Parks & Recreation programs and services.

#### Office on Aging

- All senior centers are closed.
- Meals on Wheels deliveries will continue. Congregate meal participants may request meal delivery through the Office on Aging at 410-535-4606 or [OOAmailbox@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:OOAmailbox@calvertcountymd.gov).

#### Public Transportation

- Regular route service will continue until further notice.

- Specialized service appointments are limited to medical or nutritional trips only.

#### Calvert Library

- All branches will close to the public beginning Monday, March 16, but limited services will continue.

#### Planning and Zoning

- Inspections of occupied residential dwellings will be suspended until further notice.

#### St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission Notice

The health of everyone in our community is of paramount concern to us. In an effort to help prevent the further spread of COVID-19, protect the health and safety of our employees, customers, and the citizens, the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission would like the public to be aware of the following additional measures being implemented:

As a part of the phased scaling back of operations, effective Monday March 23, 2020, construction inspection, plan / plat review services, and non-emergency Miss Utility locates will be discontinued until further notice.

Unless determined to be mission critical, all capital construction projects will be handled under a force majeure event and work may be suspended.

Septage hauling operations at Marlay Taylor Water Reclamation Facility will be discontinued at noon, daily. In the event of an emergency, haulers may contact our Wastewater Superintendent at 240.298.4451.

We will maintain all our core critical functions at our treatment and water distribution facilities, labs and in our field maintenance operations, with social gathering and distancing protocols. Our field professionals remain available and are always on stand-by to address emergencies 24/7. For emergencies, please contact us at 301.737.7400.

#### St. Mary's Government Meetings Notices

All St. Mary's County Government meeting spaces are closed until further notice. St. Mary's County Government and St. Mary's County Health Department have partnered to open a COVID-19 information call center. Community members can call the center Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to speak with staff, obtain information about the disease, or get their questions answered: 301-475-4911. For more information, visit the St. Mary's County Government website.

#### St. Mary's City Notices

Due to ongoing concerns about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) will delay the planned March 17 opening to March 31. As a state agency, HSMC must follow the orders from Maryland Governor Hogan who directed "the Department of Budget and Management to implement a period of mandatory telework. This includes HSMC staff. All Historic St. Mary's City events and programs also are canceled until further notice. Historic St. Mary's City walking trails remain open. Please check the Maryland Department of Health website and HSMC social media accounts for additional updates.

#### St. Mary's Court Notices

The Circuit Court of St. Mary's County is open. All jury trials, both civil and criminal scheduled between March 16 - April 3 are canceled. All nonessential judicial activities have also been postponed. For more information, <https://www.stmarysmd.com/circuit-court/> or call 301-475-4200, ext. 74163.

#### St. Mary's Recreation and Parks Notices

All recreation programs and events are cancelled and all facilities are closed until further notice. This includes Margaret Brent, Leonard Hall, Hollywood and Carver Recreation Centers. This also includes the Great Mills Swimming Pool, St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy and Chancellors Run Regional Park indoor facilities. All organized practices and games are cancelled in St. Mary's County parks until further notice. Maryland Day event at the St. Clement's Island Museum on March 25 has been cancelled. The St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum are closed and events are cancelled until further notice. The Wicomico Shores Golf Course Pro Shop is open for golf from 8:00am-4:00pm Wednesday-Friday until further notice. The Riverview Restaurant will be closed. County parks, open spaces and the Three Notch Trail continue to be accessible to the public for passive recreational use. Please practice proper social distancing guidelines provided by the CDC for outdoor recreation. For complete St. Mary's County information related to the COVID-19 Operational Status, please review the latest press releases at [www.stmarysmd.com](http://www.stmarysmd.com).

#### St. Mary's Transit System Notices

St. Mary's County STS Bus System will implement service reductions on all parts of the STS System modes effective Monday, March 23, 2020.

Local Fixed Route Bus - to minimize operator contact, passengers must place fare or ticket in the fare box or show their monthly pass or daily pass while boarding the bus.

No more than 10 passengers are allowed on the bus at a time, passengers must wait until the following hour to ride the bus, first responders and medical service workers will be given priority boarding.

Saturday service schedule will be followed plus the supplemental schedule:

Rt. 3 Great Mills Route (Supplemental) Tulagi Place to Callaway and return Every hour 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (see attached)

Rt. 6 Northern Route - Every other odd hour 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Rt. 7 Southern Route - Every other odd hour. 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Rt. 11 Great Mills/California Route - Every hour, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Rt. 12 Leonardtown Route - Every hour, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Rt. 14 County Span Route - NB/SB Every other even hour. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Sunday Service

Rt. 11 Great Mills/California Route - 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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