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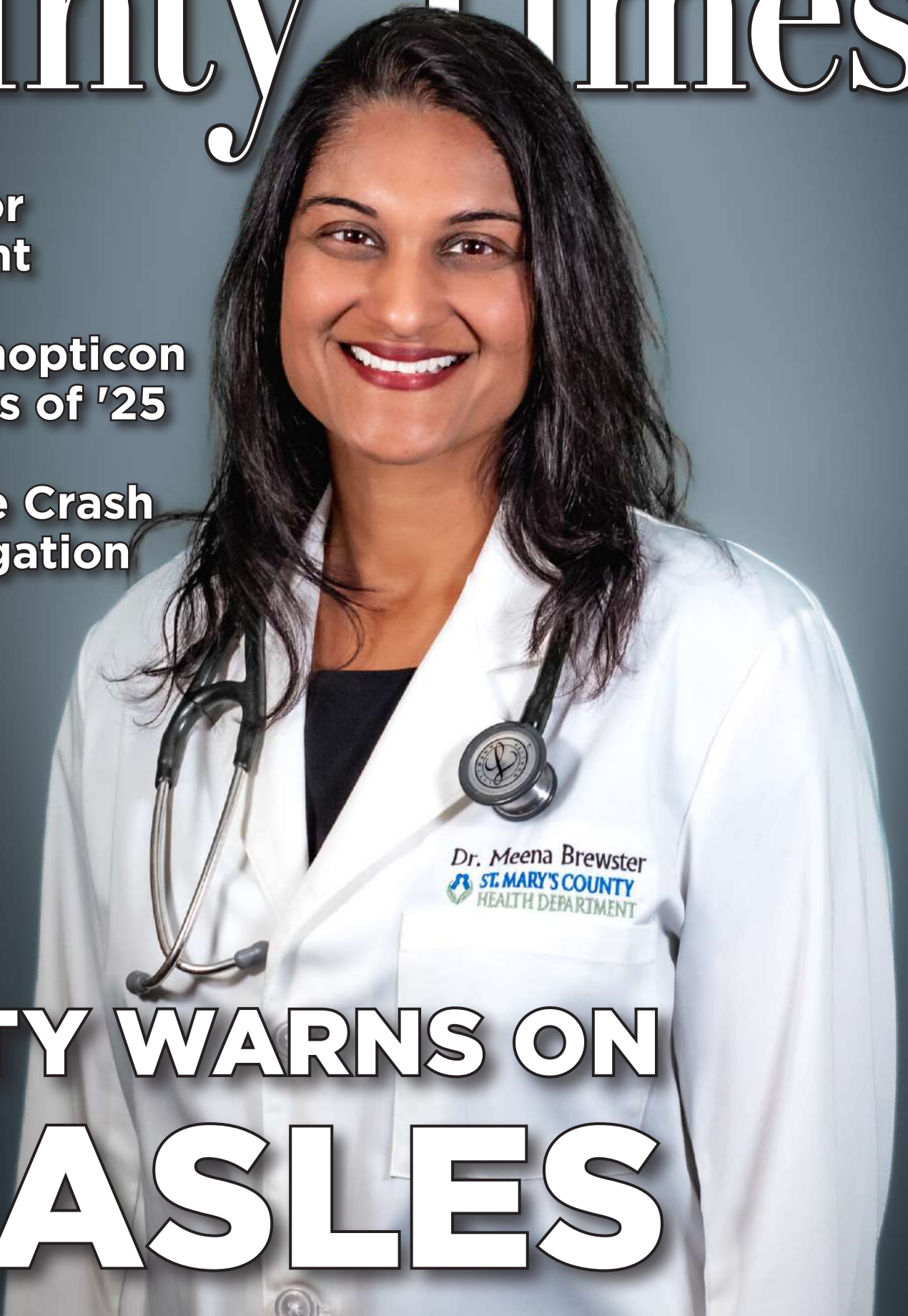
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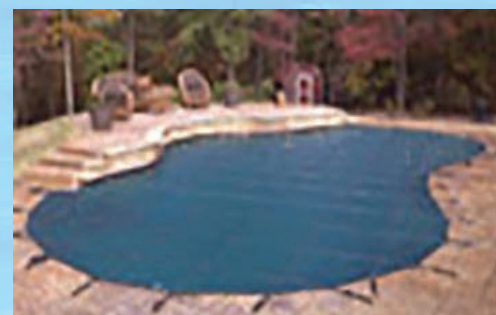
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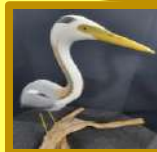
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#### Jazz in the Neighborhood

Kick Off Concert *fea. U.S. Navy Band: The Commodores*

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at St. Clement's Island Museum  
Kick off the 25th anniversary weekend with a FREE family-friendly concert featuring food trucks, vendors and more along the waterside museum lawn.



#### Artful Harmonies: A Plein Air Celebration

5:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (All Day) at St. Clement's Island Museum  
Attention artists: Bring your art materials and capture the vibrant energy of the festival's setup and the gorgeous riverside landscape. Fee: \$10/artist.

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12  
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12 p.m. - 7 p.m. at St. Clement's Island Museum Grounds  
Enjoy live jazz performances by **Casual Groove, Rebecca Jade, Andréa Lisa, and Chelsey Green**, as well as a variety of seafood vendors and activities. Tickets: \$75 General Admission/\$95 VIP.

JULY  
13  
SUN



#### Jazz Brunch and Golf at Wicomico Shores

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Riverview Restaurant at Wicomico Shores Golf Course  
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# Health Department Intensifies Measles Monitoring

## No Cases but Positive Wastewater Sample

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

With measles outbreaks in other parts of the country, and three deaths in Texas, the St. Mary's County Health Department continues to be vigilant in monitoring the situation in the county. St. Mary's County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster gave a status report on June 3 to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County when then held their semi-annual meeting with her as they were sitting as the County Board of Health.

Brewster reported no measles cases in the county, but as part of a new wastewater treatment plant monitoring project, one positive test was indicated. The health department talked about that in a press release issued the same day.

The release said, "New testing for measles virus in St. Mary's County wastewater was launched in May as part of WastewaterSCAN, a national pilot study of Stanford University in partnership with Emory University, to test wastewater samples across the country. A person with an infection can shed virus in their urine or feces. Monitoring wastewater is a tool for early detection of emerging illness in a community and allows healthcare providers and public health agencies time to prepare before cases may be known or disease spreads.

"The WastewaterSCAN pilot study began testing wastewater samples for different infectious agents in early 2023 and added measles virus in May 2025. Data from this national study is now available to the public on their data dashboard.

"Thus far, five wastewater samples collected from the Marlay Taylor Water Reclamation Facility (in Lexington Park) have been tested for measles virus markers. The first sample on May 16 detected measles virus; subsequent testing on multiple days from the same facility did not detect measles virus."

The release went on to say, "St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) reminds the community to stay aware of measles signs and symptoms and keep up to date with measles vaccination. Measles vaccine is the best protection for preventing measles infection. SMCHD encourages all community members to speak with their healthcare provider about their immune status and need for measles vaccine.

"SMCHD offers measles vaccines to all St. Mary's County community members, regardless of ability to pay. During June and July, community members may contact the St. Mary's County Health Department Health Clinic at 301-475-4330 to schedule an appointment for a vaccine. Additionally, measles vaccine for all community members will be available at the back-to-school immunization clinics currently scheduled as below:

### Spring Ridge and Margaret Brent School-Based Health Centers

- Every Tuesday and Thursday from July 29 – August 14, 2025, from 9:00am – 12:00 pm
- Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 9:00am – 1:00 pm
- Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 9:00am – 1:00 pm

### Main Health Department in Leonardtown

- Friday, September 5, 2025, from 9:00am – 12:00 pm
- Friday, September 12, 2025, from 9:00am – 12:00 pm
- Friday, September 19, 2025, from 9:00am – 12:00 pm

According to the health department, "Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease (in the lungs and breathing tubes) that causes a rash and fever and spreads through coughing and sneezing. An infected person can spread the virus for up to four days before becoming symptomatic.

Measles signs and symptoms:

#### 7 – 14 days after infection:

- Fever greater than 101 degrees
- Runny nose
- Red/watery eyes
- Cough

#### 2 – 3 days later:

- Tiny white spots may appear inside the mouth

#### 3 – 5 days later:

- A rash of flat red spots begins to appear on the face and spreads downward over the entire body
- Small red bumps can develop on top of the flat red spots
- Red spots may join together to form larger red areas

The health department says, "If you notice the symptoms of measles, immediately limit your exposure to others. Individuals who are concerned about possible exposure to or infection with measles should call their primary health care provider before visiting the office in order to receive appropriate guidance and take precautions ahead of a visit."

Dr. Brewster said at the June 3 meeting, "The majority of these (nationwide) cases are in individuals who are either unvaccinated or where their vaccination status is not known. In Maryland, we've had three measles cases that have been associated with international travel, not the West Texas outbreak. Those were earlier this year."

She was asked who was the most susceptible. She said, "Those individuals who are non-immune. So typically individuals who are not vaccinated for measles. Measles vaccination is the best protection we have in preventing measles. And vaccination with

measles can be up to 97 percent protective against infection."

She observed, "In this day and age, not a lot of people have seen measles because it was largely eradicated...several decades ago from the US at least. We've seen periodic cases pop up associated with travel and so forth. But more recently we've been seeing more and more associated with locally transmitted measles here in the US amongst primarily individuals who are not vaccinated."

She was asked if citizens should be concerned about that one positive wastewater test.

She responded, "Absolutely! A wastewater sign of it is definitely something for us to tune into, which is why we are communicating with our public and getting our local healthcare providers in the know, getting them ready, and we continue to advocate for prevention."

Regarding the Marlay Taylor test, she said, "We had one positive sample, and then we retested and the retests were negative on subsequent days. That makes us less concerned about an ongoing presence of measles, at least in the distribution for that wastewater treatment facility."

Brewster noted that in Sacramento, California there "was another one that was



County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster

identified as having a positive wastewater sample in the past couple of weeks as part of this national study. They have had multiple positive tests with an escalating load of measles virus in their sample. So, for them, they're much more concerned about measles being an ongoing transmission in their communities."

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# Hearing Set for 1,000-Unit Housing Project

## Stewart's Grant Requests School Capacity Allocation

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) will hold an evening public hearing on June 24 to consider a request to modify the agreements for the planned unit development (PUD) in Lexington Park called Stewart's Grant. Included in the request is the setting aside of school capacity for the more than 1,000 units in the development.

Assistant County Attorney John Houser, at the commissioners' June 3 meeting, gave the background on the project. He explained, "A Planned Unit Development is essentially a zoning layer, kind of a floating layer that sits atop the base zoning that allows for certain flexibility or kind of innovative, unique approaches that can be taken within the confines of that floating layer."

Houser said, "Stewart's Grant consists of just under 400 acres in Great Mills, right near George Washington Carver Elementary. It has some vintage to it. The original proposal was applied for in the planning Commission in 1992. It was approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County in 1997 with a major amendment to the PUD in 2004 to facilitate the transfer of the land that George Washington Carver would be built on. Since 2004, there has not been a major amendment at the commissioner level."

Houser added, "Obviously the project, which is a mix of predominantly residential, but with the commercial component as well, never was built. The development team will say that there were attempts to try here and there over the years, but for one reason or another, issues with the property, issues with the current use of the property, the underlying market never got off the ground. What has happened though in the last three years is a new development team has been making concerted effort with the development plan to get it going this time around."

Houser explained, "The planning commission approved in 2023 a concept site plan for a reduced number of residential units. Originally proposed were 1,622 residential units. That number, first reduced down to 1,125, is now 1,084 proposed dwelling units. Fifty percent will be townhomes and the remaining half split, more or less equally, between apartment units and single-family dwellings."

Houser said, "Last year has been spent by the development team making sure that they are in fact ready to go forward at this time and that we're not passing a major amendment, not going through this hurdle just for it to die on the vine after we go through all the trouble with it."

Houser said the project required a large amount of upfront infrastructure work



Proposed layout of Stewart's Grant

before the July 2027 home construction can commence. For lenders to support the project, they needed assurances that it would be allowed to proceed by the county, hence the desire to get classroom space locked in before the ten-year buildout of the project.

He explained, "We have 539 available high school seats, 808 available middle school seats, 785 available south elementary school seats. What are required for Stewart's Grant are 165 high school seats, 116 middle school seats, 233 elementary school seats. The balance that leaves us are 372 high school seats, 692 countywide middle school seats 552 seats in the south elementary school system. And, on average since 2021 to 2024, we have been allocating 13 and a quarter high school seats every year, nine and a quarter middle school seats, and 1.75 south elementary school seats, because elementary school development for one reason or another is going into the north side of the county, not in the south."

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, although he supported the public hearing, had some reservations. He said it didn't seem fair to tie up another potential development by setting aside school capacity for Stewart's Grant.

But the large amount of school capacity even with Stewart's Grant counted, was noted by other commissioners.

The school system is getting ready to launch a redistricting process and perhaps close some schools because of the large number of vacant seats.

In addition to accommodating school capacity, there are three other PUD changes, including reducing the width of two roads in the subdivision.

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# Health Department Warns of Tickborne Red Meat Allergies

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

With the wet weather, tick season is in full swing in St. Mary's County.

One type of tickborne disease is called Alpha-gal syndrome or better known as "Red Meat Allergy."

According to the Mayo Clinic, "Alpha-gal syndrome is a type of food allergy. It makes people allergic to red meat and other products made from mammals. In the United States, the condition usually begins with the bite of the Lone Star tick. The bite transfers a sugar molecule called alpha-gal into the body. In some people, this triggers a reaction from the body's defenses, also called the immune system. It causes mild to severe allergic reactions to red meat, such as beef, pork, or lamb. It also can cause reactions to other foods that come from mammals, such as dairy products or gelatins."

St. Mary's Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster talked about Red Meat Allergy at the June 3 meeting with the county commissioners, sitting as the Board of Health.

The health officer said, "Typically within two to six hours of consuming red meat, they might get some severe allergy symptoms. The allergy symptoms that can happen when you ingest food that is causing the allergy, include severe stomach cramping or pain. There may be a rash or hives starting on their body. They could have nausea, diarrhea."

She added, "If individuals start noticing that they're having these symptoms, and it can vary from person to person, the severity can vary. Some people may even be at risk for anaphylaxis when they consume red meat, but it does vary from person to person how much of an allergy response they have."

Brewster said there's a video on the allergy on the health department's website.

She said, "It's difficult to manage when it has such an impact on your lifestyle. This is why we're concerned about it, and we're encouraging St. Mary's community mem-



Lone Star tick

bers to be mindful of tick bites. We've typically associated Alpha-Gal syndrome with the Lone Star tick, the one that has a little white star on its back, but more recent findings suggest that actually the deer legged tick may also be carrying what's causing Alpha-gal syndrome."

Regarding recovery, she said, "Some people do improve. We've definitely seen that. We've had it now for some years or at least known about it for some years. We've definitely seen people where their symptoms have improved over time or lessened in severity. And some people have even begun tolerating certain types of red meat products like dairy, for example. But this varies from person to person, how their body responds to it."

She said there is no treatment, although "it's relatively new, so I'm sure that's something that we'll start to hear more about in the years ahead."

Although there have been no reports of the avian flu (H5N1) in St. Mary's County, Brewster urged individual with backyard flocks to monitor them and report any anomalies to the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 410-841-5810.

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# Great Mills High School Holds 96<sup>th</sup> Graduation



Photos by Ceandra Scott



By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

Great Mills High School, St. Mary's County's oldest public high school, celebrated its 96<sup>th</sup> commencement on May 29. It was held indoors because of the weather.

Valedictorian Mark Hoffman said, "*The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss is a book my English class read on the first and last day of school this year. Dr. Seuss writes, 'You're off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is high. So, get on your way.'

"And today is our day. We've spent the last four years climbing through late nights and early mornings, wins and losses, friendships and obstacles and everything in between. We've been moving upward, step by step, leading us to this exact moment. And now we've reached a summit, not the final one, but an important one.

"Graduation is a finish line, but it's also a launchpad. From here, our paths begin to split. Some of us will pursue college, other careers, the military, or time to simply just figure it all out. And that's okay. Forward doesn't look the same for everyone. It just has to be forward.

"The truth is the future is uncertain. It asks for something different from each of us. It demands courage, resilience, and honesty. We'll face setbacks, we'll make mistakes.

We might even feel lost, but as Dr. Seuss reminds us, you'll come to a place where the streets are not marked. Some windows are lighted, but mostly they're dark. When that happens, keep going. Set your own path if you have to.

"What we've learned here in classrooms, on courts and fields, on stages and in everyday moments isn't just knowledge, it's direction. What we carry with us isn't a perfect plan. It's something better. It's the mindset that got us through high school, the ability to adapt and grow even when we're in a situation that's uncomfortable.

"So, dream big, but stay grounded. Be kind when it's hardest and when you face doubt because you will remember that courage isn't about knowing what comes next. It's about showing up.

"Anyway, this diploma isn't just a piece of paper, it's your passport to the world beyond this stage."

Principal BeeJay Dothard reminded the graduates they are Hornets forever. "As long as you remain that Hornet, you can overcome any obstacle that comes your way.

"Here we have a Hornet acronym. 'H' is for honest. Always be honest and no matter the circumstances, honesty in your actions with your friends, with your relatives, and most importantly, honesty with yourself will keep you grounded and humble.

"(And) 'O', open-minded. Keep an open mind as you meet new people and try and explore new places. Make an effort to understand other people's perspectives. Open-minded means trying to understand things that are different. The best way to understand differences is to actually talk to people. So, did you know that conversation is an essential soft skill, that employers are actively looking for people that can collaborate and solve problems together?

"R' is for respect. Treat everyone with the respect that you wish to have. Remember, life has a unique way of sending back the same energy that you put out. We don't have to match their energy because that can change the energy that you receive back in your time of need. By treating others as if they're the most important person in the room, creates a ripple effect. And that comes back to you.

"And 'N,' strive for nobility in all that you do. Take pride in your work and uphold high moral standards for your work, your body and your mind. Let your words be loud and your actions resonate louder than your words.

"Showcasing your commitment to excellence. 'E' is for excellence. Cultivate excellence in every aspect of your life. Excellence is a habit as you begin this road called adulthood. Commit to building habits that will shape your future into what you want it to

be. Strive for excellence even when those around you are not being excellent.

"Finally, 'T' is for team player. Understand that success is rarely achieved alone. The captain of the team understands that sometimes you have to take one for the team to be successful. The captain plays an instrumental role in uplifting others in difficult times and helping others feel confident. Be the example on a team that makes others feel like they need to work harder because they don't want to let you down."

"As you leave this stadium, a graduate of Great Mills High School, remember that you're not just a graduate. You are a Hornet. Embrace the virtues of being a Hornet and let them guide you towards success in whatever path your heart chooses.

"I was the first person in my family to graduate from college, and I was not an education major. I followed my heart, capitalized on opportunities that were offered to me. When I look back over my life, I've been living by these same Hornet virtues. So, I am living proof that it works. I didn't initially set out to be a teacher, but I believe I am right where I'm supposed to be, right here with you. So, continue to be Hornets. Listen to your heart. Success will follow."

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# Chopticon High School Holds 60<sup>th</sup> Graduation

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

With the weather finally cooperating, Chopticon High School held its 60<sup>th</sup> graduation outside on May 30.

Valedictorian Marie Cable said, "My fellow classmates, we made it from the first day of kindergarten to our final day of high school. We have all accomplished great things and come a long way from struggling to prove a triangle is a triangle in geometry to becoming academic warriors at the end of the quarters, getting those final grades done, to dealing with broken AC units and bathrooms that never seemed to be fixed, to those hard-fought battles on the athletic field, winning games that no one thought we could. Bringing home those SMAC regional and state titles. We have all overcome the obstacles put in our way and proved the doubters wrong as we sit here today eagerly waiting to walk across this stage and receive our diplomas and leave high school in the dust.

"Remember the obstacles you have overcome. So yet here are all the wonderful things you have accomplished and the memories made along the way. Do not forget the people who have helped you along your journey, shaping you into the person you are today. As we leave here today, we approach the end of a massive chapter in our lives, but with laughter, sorrow, joy, and more.

"We might still have three months with our families and friends, but those will go by in a flash and sooner than later fall will be approaching. But instead of coming to school with all of our classmates we have spent the past 13 years of our lives with, we will begin the next chapter of our extraordinary lives. Whether it's remaining in St. Mary's County to begin classes at CSM, join a trade or leave the county lines in the dust, we all have a bright future ahead of us, ready for us to conquer.

"So to sum up, in case you zoned out, never forget the obstacles you have overcome, the memories made along the way and the bright future you have ahead of you.

"I leave you with this quote by Paul Brent: 'Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there's footprints on the moon'."

Principal Marc Pirner told the graduates, "No matter where you go, I hope you take this message with you. Please remember that every life comes with adversity, but it's how you respond to that adversity that will determine the quality of your life.

"You have two choices when facing life's challenges. You can respond thoughtfully

with awareness and ownership, and therefore take responsibility for your life. Or you can react impulsively, emotionally and hand that responsibility over to your circumstances.

"Please understand that a happy and meaningful life doesn't come from avoiding hardship, but from becoming the kind of person who can face hardship head on and with appreciation. The most powerful thing you can do with your mind is cultivate a consistent mindset of gratitude no matter what life throws at you.

"With gratitude, adversity becomes an opportunity for growth. Mistakes become steppingstones to success, and failure becomes your greatest teacher.

"I know it may seem strange to be thankful for adversity.

Cultivating this mindset will require discipline to stay present in the moment, and discipline to redirect your mind. When you find yourself blaming or complaining without that discipline, it's easy to fall into a victim mindset, always anxious, always offended and stuck in a small comfort zone, stuck in the illusion that life just happens to you rather than understanding the reality that your mindset determines the quality of your life.

"So, I'm asking you now, what is your mindset? And is that who you want to be? I'm happy to say that for the vast majority of you, this is a message to keep doing what you're doing. But let's be honest, for some of you, this is a wake-up call to start taking ownership because we need you. This world needs you. Everyone here today and everyone out there, we're all in this together.

"And while you aren't responsible for other people, you will have a profound impact on other people. So, take care of yourself, so your impact on others is positive.

"I know each and every one of you is capable of what I'm asking because I've seen the evidence. I've seen your hard work in these classrooms. Your teamwork on these fields and your performances on stage, and I've seen the state championships, not just me, everyone in the stands here sees it too.

"We are proud of you, and we believe in you. So, as you walk across this stage today, be present in this moment, and as you move into the next chapter of your life, continue to practice that presence, practice gratitude, and take responsibility. If you remember one thing from today, let it be these four words: Be present and appreciate. At each new moment in life, be present and appreciate."

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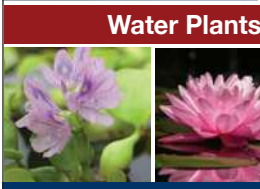


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## Routine Health Fee Increases Rejected

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County have rejected a request by the health department for environmental health fee increases every two years based on an inflation adjustment.

Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster, at the June 3 Board of Health meeting, said doing regular increases would soften the blow as compared to doing larger increases less regularly. But Commissioner Eric Colvin said, "I can't vote in favor of this. I don't approve of automatic increases to any kind of fee. I think they should come back before a board to be approved in two years' time, or whenever there's a need for it."

Commissioner President Randy Guy added, "And it should be a public hearing for it."

Brewster explained, "The idea really behind making it automated based on inflation on a biennial basis is to decrease

the impact to the person paying the fees. Typically, we've come before this board every five to 10 years. And so, the change in the fee may be a bit larger. If you do this it is actually based on a model that Calvert County adopted. Several other counties, including Carroll County, have gone to this automated adjustment process. And it, the reason for it is to make it an adjustment based on inflation to minimize the change in fee."

But Guy observed that a biennial adjustment may not be called for. "Sometimes you have to look at your performance of how you do this. With all this AI (artificial intelligence) stuff that may be coming on, it's going to be probably cheaper than we're doing it right now."

The commissioners did unanimously reject the biennial increase, although they did approve an environmental health fee increases for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

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## Community Input Needed for 'St. Mary's 2050' Plan

St. Mary's County Government's Department of Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM) continues to seek input from the community as the county's Comprehensive Plan, "St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow" is updated. By completing a short survey, members of the community can provide targeted feedback on certain topics shared during the Community Visioning Sessions and activities held earlier this year.

LUGM staff will be attending events across the county to engage community members and encourage participation. Hard copies of the surveys will be available. Please stop by and visit the Project team at the following events in June:

- Saturday, June 7, 2025 (12 – 6 p.m.): UCAC Juneteenth Freedom Celebration at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds located at 42455 Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown.
- Saturday, June 7, 2025 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.): St. Clement's Island Heritage Day at St. Clement's Island located at 38370 Point Breeze Road in Coltons Point.
- Saturday, June 14, 2025 (11 a.m. – 7 p.m.): St. Mary's County Crab Festival at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds located at 42455 Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown.
- Saturday, June 14, 2025 (6 – 8 p.m.): Flag Day Celebration on the St. Mary's County Governmental Center Lawn located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown.
- Sunday, June 15, 2025 (11 a.m. – 6

p.m.): Lavender Days Festival at Dixon Family Farm located at 27075 S Sandgates Road in Mechanicsville.

- Saturday, June 21, 2025 (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.): Barns at New Market Farmers Market located at 29133 Thompson Corner Road in Mechanicsville.
- Saturday, June 28, 2025 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.): Community, Culture, and Cuisine event at Lexington Manor Passive Park located at 21675 S Coral Drive in Lexington Park.
- Saturday, June 28, 2025 (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.): Home Grown Farm Market located at 21078 Three Notch Road in Lexington Park.

Please visit [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/StMarys2050](http://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/StMarys2050) to get more information and to stay updated as more events are announced. This online survey will remain available on the Project website through Monday, June 30, 2025.

*St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow* is an update to the County's existing Comprehensive Plan, which will guide future land use in the County through 2050 and beyond. *St. Mary's 2050* will chart the course for ensuring St. Mary's County continues to be a great place to live, work, and play. Visit [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/StMarys2050](http://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/StMarys2050) today to learn more, stay engaged, and add your voice in shaping the future of St. Mary's County.

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# Chaptico Woman Dies in Two-Vehicle Crash

Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded on Friday, May 30 at approximately 1:15 p.m., to a report of a two-vehicle collision in the 25000 block of Mechanicsville Road.

Upon arrival, deputies determined that a 2018 Toyota Highlander, operated by Marjorie Swann Boyers, 79, of Chaptico, collided head-on with a 2013 Chrysler 200, operated by Megan Nicole Rowley, 31, of Mechanicsville. A juvenile passenger was also in the Chrysler at the time of the crash.

Boyers was pronounced deceased at the scene. Rowley and the juvenile were transported by air to an area trauma center and remain in critical condition.

Due to the severity of the incident, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision

Reconstruction Unit was requested and has since assumed the investigation.

Preliminary findings indicate that Boyers was traveling south on Mechanicsville Road when, for unknown reasons, her vehicle crossed the center line and entered the path of Rowley's vehicle.

At this time, speed and driver impairment are not believed to be contributing factors.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has video footage of the incident or events leading up to it, and has not yet provided a statement, is asked to contact Corporal Vincent Pontorno at 301-475-4200, ext. 2337, or by email at Vincent.Pontorno@stmaryscountymd.gov.

*Press Release from SMCSO*

## Legal Notices

### COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance No. 230

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing will be to present for public review and receive public comment regarding revisions to Chapter 155, Zoning. Copies of the documents are available for public review at the Leonardtown Town Office or on the Town website at <https://leonardtown.somd.com/> under the news section.

The public is invited to attend and/or send written comments to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650 to be received no later than June 9th, at 3:00 p.m. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

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Interested bidders should obtain bid materials from the Town office, located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD, or by calling 301-475-9791, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown reserve the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

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# Two Arrested on Drug Distribution Charges



James Perry Bond



Amanda Lynn Cantrell

Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office arrested two individuals on multiple drug-related charges after recovering suspected fentanyl and cocaine during a traffic stop in Lexington Park.

On Sunday, June 1, 2025, at approximately 7:40 a.m., patrol deputies conducted a traffic stop on a Hyundai Sonata near the intersection of Three Notch Road and Lei Drive for an equipment violation. The driver, identified as James Perry Bond, 34, of Lexington Park, was known to deputies as an unlicensed individual.

During the stop, deputies observed suspected controlled dangerous substance (CDS) paraphernalia in the vehicle. A subsequent search of the driver, the front-seat passenger, identified as Amanda Lynn Cantrell, 40, of California, MD, and the car led to the discovery of approximately 40 grams of suspected fentanyl, 36 grams of suspected cocaine, and 34 grams of suspected crack cocaine.

Bond was arrested and charged with eight counts, including:

- Two counts of CDS – possession with intent to distribute
- Two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance

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- Possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a large amount
- Two counts of conspiracy to possess a controlled dangerous substance
- One count conspiracy to possess a controlled dangerous substance in a large amount

Cantrell was arrested and charged with nine counts, including:

- Two counts of CDS – possession with intent to distribute
- Two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance
- Possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a large amount
- Possession – CDS paraphernalia
- Two counts of conspiracy to possess a controlled dangerous substance
- One count conspiracy to possess a controlled dangerous substance in a large amount

Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown to await bond hearings.

*Press release from SMCSO*

## Escapee Apprehended in Mechanicsville

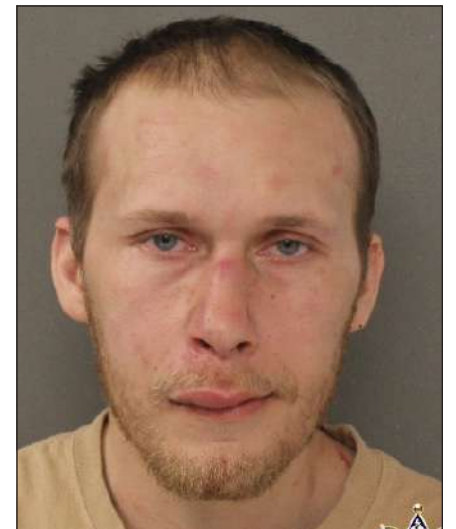
Andrew Phillip Nelson, 29, of Hollywood, was apprehended without incident in Mechanicsville on Wednesday, May 28 on an open warrant for Second-Degree Escape.

On April 21, 2025, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 43000 block of Saint Johns Road in Hollywood after receiving a tampering alert from Nelson's GPS monitoring device. Upon arrival, deputies located the removed device, and a witness reported observing Nelson using bolt cutters to remove it.

At the time of the incident, Nelson was on pre-trial release while facing charges of First- and Second-Degree Assault.

For official updates and public safety information, visit [www.firstsheriff.com](http://www.firstsheriff.com).

*Press Release from SMCSO.*



Andrew Phillip Nelson



# Dumpstaphunk to Headline Mulberry Music Festival



Dumpstaphunk at the New Orleans Jazz Fest 2025

One of New Orleans' most original sound makers is coming to "put it in the dumpsta" at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) on Friday, June 20 at 6 p.m. as Dumpstaphunk headlines the free 2025 Mulberry Music Festival.

The legendary funk collective will be joined by SMCM alum Carly Harvey, "DC's Queen of the Blues" and Baltimore's Kelly Bell Band, voted the mid-Atlantic's best blues band 12 years running.

Founded in 2019 by SMCM President Tuajuanda C. Jordan, the Mulberry Music Festival is designed to bring the community together to celebrate Juneteenth weekend. With Jordan slated to retire at the end of June, she is being honored at this year's festival, a special feature of which will be a fireworks display after the concert concludes at 9:15 p.m.

Dumpstaphunk has cemented its reputation as one of the most respected New Orleans musical institutions. Ivan Neville (keyboards/vocals) and Ian Neville (guitar), the sons of Aaron Neville and Art "Poppa Funk" Neville respectively, alongside original member Tony Hall (bass, guitar, vocals) have built upon their iconic NOLA legacy as they've transformed Dumpstaphunk into the city's pre-eminent 21st-century funk-fusion export. Critical acclaim and undeniable musicality permeate their four studio albums, while modernizing and reinvigorating the influential Neville/Meters family groove has been one of the driving forces of Dumpstaphunk since the band spontaneously formed during JazzFest in 2003.

Named "D.C.'s Queen of the Blues" by Dr. Nick Johnson of WPMF Radio, Carly Harvey was featured in Big City Blues magazine in 2018 as one of the youngest blues artists to watch. Harvey is a dynamic Blues artist based in Washington, DC, known for her unique fusion of blues, jazz, soul, and Indigenous American styles. As a performer and band leader, Harvey has captivated audiences with her commanding stage presence and original sound. Her debut album Kamama reflects her dedication to her Afro-Indigenous roots and her belief in the power of music to heal, evolve, and connect us to the earth.

The Kelly Bell Band pulls together funk, hip-hop and blues to create an authentic sound all their own. The band's success has also been promoted by Bell's presence in Baltimore, where he is a regular on several area radio shows; performs as a professional wrestler; has written, recorded and acted in commercials; and has several television and movie appearances to his credit.

Guests should enter the campus from Route 5 (Point Lookout Rd.) or Mattapan Rd. and follow the signs & public safety officers to free parking areas. Those in attendance are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets to help enjoy the event, as seating is not available. This year's festival will feature food vendors specializing in seafood, soul food and plenty of sweets from across Southern Maryland. The Townhouse Green opens at 5 p.m. the day of the event. For more information, visit [www.smcm.edu/mulberrypr](http://www.smcm.edu/mulberrypr).

*Press Release from SMCM*

# Leonardtown's Got Talent Now Accepting Auditions!

## Submit Your Talent by July 10th for a Chance to Shine on Stage

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**2 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Edward Jones Grand Reopening

**5 p.m. - 6 p.m.** First Friday Audience Participation Drum Circle at the St. Mary's Arts Council

**5 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Meet & Greet with Annise Jefferson of SoMD Sugar Show at St. Mary's County Arts Council

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**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** First Saturday Vendor Market at Town Market with the theme of Hometown Heroes

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**2 p.m. - 6 p.m.** Live Music at Port of Leonardtown Winery with Brian Grumbine with Bluegrass BBQ & Dogs food truck on site

**5 p.m. - 9 p.m.** Hometown Heroes Celebration Concert in the Square with Robbie Boothe

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**8 p.m.** PBR Night at the Rex with DJ All-In

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SMECO's Outstanding Mathematics Teachers from St. Mary's County. From left are Michelle Atwell, Spring Ridge Middle School; Graham Coombs, Leonardtown High School; and Carol Poole, Chesapeake Public Charter School.



SMECO's Outstanding Science Teachers from St. Mary's County. From left are Staci Eccleston, Leonardtown Elementary School; Keri Gray, Leonardtown Middle School; and Lisa Haycraft, Chopticon High School.



SMECO's Outstanding CTE-STEM Teachers from St. Mary's County. From left are Stephen Westgate, Esperanza Middle School; and Christie Grebos, Leonardtown High School.

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) worked with the school systems of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties to select and honor 23 educators with Outstanding Teacher awards for leadership in the fields of mathematics, science, technology, and engineering.

Receiving awards this year were nine math teachers, nine science teachers, and five CTE-STEM (career technical education, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) teachers from schools in four counties. The teachers were chosen for their outstanding performance in the areas of creativity, rapport with students, enthusiasm for teaching, professionalism, and innovative teaching methods. Each teacher receives a plaque and a cash award.

"SMECO has a long-standing tradition of celebrating excellence in education. Over the past 30 years, we have recognized almost 500 exceptional educators, and tonight, we proudly add 23 more outstanding teachers to this prestigious list," said Sonja Cox, SMECO's President and CEO, at the award presentation. "Each of our honorees tonight embodies the highest standards of classroom excellence, leadership, and dedication. Beyond academic instruction, they inspire character, creativity, and resilience, ensuring that Southern Maryland students are well-equipped to take on the challenges and opportunities of the future. The impact of their work extends beyond the classroom—it strengthens our economy, workforce, and community. To

our honorees, congratulations! Your unwavering commitment to education makes a profound difference and tonight's recognition is well deserved."

Along with the Outstanding Teachers awards, SMECO works with local school systems to sponsor other educational programs. They include the MATHCOUNTS competition for middle school students, the annual Elementary Mathematics Challenge, and the scholarship awards for Southern Maryland high school seniors. SMECO also takes students to Washington, D.C., for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour.

SMECO's Outstanding Mathematics, Science, and CTE-STEM Teachers of the Year from St. Mary's County are:

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- Graham Coombs, Leonardtown High School, Mathematics
- Staci Eccleston, Leonardtown Elementary School, Science
- Keri Gray, Leonardtown Middle School, Science
- Christie Grebos, Leonardtown High School, CTE-STEM
- Lisa Haycraft, Chopticon High School, Science
- Carol Poole, Chesapeake Public Charter School, Mathematics
- Stephen Westgate, Esperanza Middle School, CTE-STEM

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# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind



## Is Time Zooming By Faster?

By Shelby Opperman  
Contributing Writer

Every day seems so busy, can I just go back to childhood please? I know that everyone says this at least once, or maybe a dozen times in their lives. If I close my eyes and listen to the birds outside the open office window I can just about pretend I am in blissfully carefree childhood again. It was simpler only having a few channels to choose from, one telephone number, and no social media or cellphones with constant notifications. But that's all gone, and we have to live with the way things are now.



I loved the freedom of riding my bike everywhere, even miles away to Clinton Park without a lot of the worry kids have now about more cars on the road, and people texting and talking while in those cars. We could play outside until the streetlights came on or ever later with not as much fear of things that could happen – or maybe we were just ignorant of bad things that could happen. All in all, I am glad to have all those wonderful memories but worry about the grandkids and successive generations getting hit with so much constant new technology. I don't see many kids out walking with their friends to each other's houses or riding their bikes like we used to see or do. Cellphones, laptops, gaming and whatever new technology that is out there is keeping many kids inside more. Thank goodness lots of kids are still in sports and other outside activities like scouts or taking music or other classes. That's a good sign. I guess I am just a worrier.

I am going through more old photos and when I see the photos of me in the backyard where I grew up back in the 60s and 70s, I think how nice and peaceful it was. I miss those days of no worries, just having days on end of sitting under trees or on the hammock reading. Or days spent up in the holly tree and oak tree enjoying beautiful summer days. I don't know if kids don't notice humidity or if it really was less humid in Clinton since we weren't surrounded by water like here in St. Mary's County.

As I went through the pictures of my time at summer camp at Camp Maria in Leonardtown during the late 60s to early 70s, I wondered what happened to the friends I made there. It's hard to find girls that you were friends with from long ago since women usually, not always, take on their spouse's name. I did stay friends with Amy Rinker for all these years until her passing a few years ago. I remember when her father, Glenn Rinker the NBC Washington news anchorman from 1969 – 1976, came to camp to visit that all of us girls, and maybe some of the nuns, were in awe to meet someone we saw on TV every night.

As I sit here typing, my phone is busy beeping with calls, texts, emails, and other notifications. (I don't turn the volume off until my husband is home for the day.) My husband and I always say, "How did we live without cellphones?" I think lots of people wonder about that now. But we lived pretty well without them. My sons, along with lots of other kids, would be lined up around the payphone stand at the fairgrounds calling all of us parents to pick them up. And we did the same thing at their ages. Adults and young drivers knew where all the telephones were on local roads if needed. I know time or technology doesn't go backward, and in many cases like in medicine and healthcare, I wouldn't want it to go back.

People always say time goes by faster and faster as you get older, which is probably true because each year brings with it more distractions that make it feel like our lives are zooming by at the speed of sound, which I guess in some cases it is. Time to take a mental break I think. Every time I let Mindy the crazy hound dog outside to lay in the sun, she pauses, looks at me with pleading eyes and a softly wagging tail that I know are saying, "Mommie, please come out and sit with me". I think I'll make some time for that right now I hope you can too.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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## David Tye, 58



David Tye, beloved husband, artist, and friend, passed away peacefully in his home in California, Maryland, on Saturday, May 17, 2025. He is survived by his loving

husband, Jason Butler Tye, who was his partner in life and creativity.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Sue Bray, and his father, David Tye. He also leaves behind his stepmother, Donna Tye, sister, Kim Tye, and three cherished aunts, and a multitude of cousins and friends who will remember him fondly.

A true lover of life, David found great joy in decorating, art, and music. His home reflected his vibrant spirit, filled with creativity and warmth. David's passion for music resonated with everyone who had the pleasure of being part of his life, and his artistic touch will be missed by all.

David will be profoundly missed by those who loved him. His memory will live on in the hearts of family and friends, celebrating a life well-lived and the joy he brought to those around him.

A memorial service will be held in his honor on Friday May 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Arrangements provided by Brinsfield

Funeral Home, P.A. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The American Cancer Society, reflecting David's love for his dear mother.

## Lucille Shepherd, 91



Lucille Elizabeth Shepherd, "Betty", 91, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on May 31, 2025, in Leonardtown, MD. Born on August 17, 1933, in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter of the late Annie Elizabeth Mattingly and the late John Franklin Mattingly, Sr. Lucille was the loving wife of the late Francis Norris Shepherd, whom she married on September 6, 1954, in St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, and who preceded her in death on December 23, 2018. She is survived by her son, Francis M. "Matt" Shepherd (Rhonda), of Leonardtown, MD, her sister, Jane Hayden, of California, MD, her grandchildren, Jeffrey Lee Shepherd (Courtney) of Ennis, TX, Melissa Ann Russell (Glen) of Morganza, MD, and Patricia Lynn Thomas (Bryan) of Loveville, MD, her great grandchildren, Derrick Thomas (Ashley) of Mechanicsville, MD, Bryan Thomas, Jr. (Christy) of Chaptico, MD, Paul Russell

(Carrie) of Clements, MD, Emily Russell (Zach) of Mechanicsville, MD, Kayla Thomas of Loveville, MD, Faith Shepherd-Thomas of Loveville, MD, and Kyle Russell of Morganza, MD, and her great-great grandchildren Addison Thomas, Dayton Thomas, Landon Thomas, Waylen Jones, Maci Murphy, and Jayden Murphy. In addition to her parents and husband, Lucille was preceded in death by her brothers, John F. Mattingly, Jr and William Edgar "Tojo" Mattingly.

Lucille was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1952. She was a homemaker and was an avid volunteer in her community; from the Farm & Garden Building at the St. Mary's County Fair to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, she enjoyed helping wherever she could. Lucille was also a Tri-County Fair judge and a member of the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau, and loved auctions, music, gardening, and, most of all, spending time with her family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM, in St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, with Father David Beaubien officiating. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Bryan Thomas, Sr., Glen Russell, Kyle Russell, Steve McGee, Tommy Bowles, and Boots Garner. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and Ruby Slade.

Contributions may be made to A.C.T.S. (A Community That Shares) and/or Meals On Wheels.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. Mary's Nursing Center for the compassionate care they provided for Lucille.

## Elizabeth Harden, 87



Elizabeth McIlwain Harden, 87, of California, Maryland passed away on May 20, 2025.

Born December 2, 1937 in Belton, South Carolina, she was the loving daughter of the late Dr. William Lewis McIlwain and Chayworth Griggs.

She was married to John Patterson Harden Jr. May 7, 1965. They were married for 51 years before his passing in 2016.

Elizabeth (Betty) graduated from Converse College in 1959 which followed with a 40-year career in teaching. She taught English at Great Mills High School for 21 years before retiring in 2000.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Elizabeth (Betty) is survived by Lewis M.

Harden, his wife Joelle Harden, and their four children.

Preceded in death by John Patterson Harden Jr. (husband), John Patterson Harden III (son) and her sisters Dorothy and Louise.

All services are private.

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

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

## Gail Holden, 88



Gail Frances Holden, of California, MD, passed away on Thursday May 30, 2025, in Callaway, MD. Born on June 1, 1936, in Pawtucket, RI, she was the daughter of the late

Robert McIntyre and Anna McGeough McIntyre. Gail married the love of her life, Robert Holden, on November 10, 1956. Gail is survived by her beloved sisters, Roberta Harris and Judy Bandieri, her children, Robert Holden and wife Michelle, Ellen Mangiafico and husband Paul, Margaret Kelnberger and husband David, Daniel Holden and wife Donna, Joann Kohut, Janet Lynch and husband Conrad, and Evelyn Nastos and partner Terry. Gail is also survived by her grandchildren, Brett, Bonnie, Jeff, Julia, Paul, Christopher, Sarah, Sean, Michael, Jackson, Josh, Gina, and Adam, and her great grandchildren, Sophia, Logan, Isabella, Grace, Max, Grant, Orin, Holly, Henry, Nolan, Mateo, and Leo. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, her grandson, Holden, and her brothers, Robert, James, Joseph, and Paul.

Gail graduated from East Senior High School in Pawtucket, RI in 1953. She earned her nursing degree in 1956 from Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing. After her marriage, Gail moved to Piney Point, MD and began her nursing career at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown. She worked in the Emergency and General Surgery departments before obtaining her dream position in the Nursery.

Gail loved knitting, crocheting, collecting photos of friends and family, and schooling her loved ones in cards. She was a genealogy expert and enjoyed tracing and sharing our family's history.

Gail was an active member of St. George's Catholic Church. She, along with her dear friend, Patricia Bowes, participated in many church events, created meals for those in need, and volunteered to help with anything else that needed to be done.

Gail loved her family very much and cherished her beloved children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was very engaged in the lives of her grandchildren, attending school activities, sporting events, art shows, band concerts, and pretty much any event that she could get to. She was delighted to be such a big part of their lives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM, in St. George's Catholic Church, Valley Lee,

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MD. Rev. Paul Nguyen officiated. Interment followed at the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of St. Mary's or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

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

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

## Salty Joyner, 80



It is with deep sadness that I, and my daughters, announce the death of our beloved "Salty" Joyner on November 8th, 2024 at our home in Solomons, MD.

At her time of passing, she was under the comfortable care of family and Hospice of the Chesapeake. Several weeks prior to her death I asked if she wanted to have input or write part of her obituary. In true Salty fashion, her response was: "Tom we have been married over 61 years! If you can't write it, then what the "Heck" was that all about?" So this is my eulogy to the most remarkable woman I ever met. For over 61 years, she was my love, my wife, my best friend, and my most constructive and loving critic. Her death does not define her. Moreover, it is merely a bookend to the preceding 80 years of a full, well lived, engaging life of love, accomplishment and caring.

So, here is Salty's story: She was born in Pearl River, NY on November 1st 1944 to the late Vincent George Law and Emily Sergeant (nee: Cochran) Law. Her birth announcements stated: "Her name is Emily Helen but we call her Salty". And Salty is the name she embraced as a child and made her own throughout her adult life. Salty was truly a one-of-a-kind individual. She was a Navy Junior whose parents and grandparents infused a deep understanding and appreciation of travel, literature, history, time, place and people. We met at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Sanford, Florida on a Sunday in May 1963 and married 2 months later. She was 18, so her father had to sign a legal release granting permission for us to marry. Yet, ironically, she was one of the most mature women I ever met. By this time, she had lived at Midway Island (1947), Hawaii, The Panama Canal Zone, Morocco and 3 stateside Navy Bases. She fully understood, better than I, the term "Navy Wife", and all its implications for adventure, periodic relocations, long separations and extended single parenting.

In the ensuing years, we had three daughters to whom she was very committed. One daughter describes her as "One of the most intelligent women I have ever met, you were creative, dramatic, charismatic and funny as hell". Before there were fancy phones with GPS, Salty was a fearless traveler throughout Europe and not afraid to speak the language of whatever country she was visiting. She was a voracious reader and provided

our daughters with a never-ending library of books to be read whenever a new trip was in the offing. Whether to Greece or Italy or Portugal, she had the perfect book to be read prior to each trip and was able to relay historical facts to the family throughout our many travels. To this day our family has a deep love for reading and traveling and exploring new cultures, new countries and languages.

Our family arrived in St. Mary's County in January 1979 under Navy orders. Having lived at 9 Navy Bases over the previous 16 years, Salty immediately became enchanted with the area and immersed herself in the history, culture and people of Southern Maryland, eventually calling this her first "Forever Home".

In the early 1980's Salty worked as an historical interpreter, educator and event's organizer at Historical St. Mary's City (HSMC). Her historical interpreter duties frequently meant first- person costumed role playing. For three years Salty was Production Manager for Madrigals Feast Evenings at HSMC. Later in the 1990's, Salty worked at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM) as part of the inaugural staff. While there, she developed and initiated "Children's Day on the Farm", which is still a favorite annual event each Spring.

Salty was also an accomplished writer and interviewer and used these talents to capture and write people's personal histories for St. Mary's College of Southern MD "The Mulberry Tree Papers" project and a St. Mary's County Documentation Project "Remembering Women's Work In St. Mary's County 1900-1950". In 1983, Salty commenced a two year project to cover the 18 month cycle of Tobacco harvest from planting seed to selling the cured harvest at the Hughesville Tobacco Market. In today's vernacular, she embedded herself with a single family to gain a full understanding of the people and the process. Her in-depth and richly descriptive article, "The Sotweed Legacy", was and is a lasting tribute to a family and a way of life that has since vanished from our area.

Salty was a committed Lay Reader in the Episcopal Church and was licensed to develop and deliver her own sermons, which were developed from a lay person's perspective and masterfully written and delivered. She was often asked to provide sermons at other Episcopal churches or deliver a sermon from a previous year.

Salty taught our daughters classic etiquette and how to plan, organize and host dinner parties and casual gatherings. In her final months she still had a great fondness for holding block parties and filling our house with friends, family and neighbors. She was very adept at building a sense of community amongst her neighbors. She loved to give people unexpected and clever gifts at parties and for no reason at all. She was especially kind and giving to the people who serve us. Salty felt that her life was generously blessed, always shared with others and over tipped generously to a fault.

Salty was an incredibly creative grandmother who would turn a weeklong visit with

the grandkids into a five star cruise. She had a gift for making the sublime into fun, such as using shaving cream to create faces on trees. Her imagination and creativity channeled that of her grandchildren's into Pirate adventures with treasure maps, buried treasure and costumes. The grandchildren always left happy and eager for their next visit and all new adventures that awaited them.

In addition to her beloved husband, Salty is also survived by her daughters: Helen Elisabeth Joyner Murphy (Douglas) of Richmond, VA, Stephanie Susan Joyner of Wanblee, SD, and Rebecca Noel Joyner of The Hague, Holland; her sister, Karen Helseth (Phillip) of Jacksonville, FL; brother, Robert Law (Letty) of Fort Worth, TX; her grandchildren: Sean, Aiden, Gwen, and Astrid; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Asbury Solomons, Retirement Community, Solomons, MD on Friday, June 27th, 2025 at 02:00 PM in the auditorium followed by a reception.

A memorial service of remembrance will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, California, MD on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Subsequent to the service, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall followed by a service of inurnment at Trinity Church Memorial Gardens & Columbaria in Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland.

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

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that contributions be made to St. Andrews Episcopal Church, for the "Lakota College Scholarship Fund for Deserving Students". Mail to: St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 44078 St. Andrews Church Road, California MD 20619

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

## Rose Nelson, 76



Rose Cecelia Nelson, 76, of Colton's Point, MD, passed away peacefully at home on May 26, 2025, after a lengthy illness. Born on September 11, 1948, in Leonardtown, MD, Rose was the daughter of the late Joseph Leonard Dingee and Agnes Ruby Williams Dingee.

Rose married the love of her life, Francis Benton Nelson, Jr., on June 24, 1967. Together they shared many wonderful years until his passing on April 14, 2010. Rose is survived by her daughter, Barbara Rose Nelson. She was the loving sister to

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Eleanor Morgan, Ann Morgan, Lois Morgan (Archie), and Debbie Dingee. She was preceded in death by her brother, Billy Dingee.

Rose graduated from Chopticon High School in 1966. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital from September 1966 to May 2017 and loved every minute of it; she loved people and loved helping people. Rose was a wonderful homemaker, sister, wife, mother, and friend. She was a nature lover and never missed a bird, butterfly, deer, turkey, turtle, eagle, or cat that crossed her path. A stray animal could not get past her that she would not pamper. We can't forget how much she loved watching the weather, trees, leaves, and birds. Rose loved planting flowers and gardening, as well as celebrating at birthday, family, work, and church gatherings.

Rose will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with Deacon Joe Lloyd officiating. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate).

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

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

**Randy Hill, 59**

Randall Andrew Hill, "Randy", 59, of Chaptico, MD, passed away at his home on May 24, 2025. Born on July 20, 1965, in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of

Catherine Cecelia Hill and the late Charles Anthony Hill, Sr. In addition to his mother, Randy is survived by his domestic partner, Sherry Barber, of Chaptico, MD, Sherry's daughter, Kimberly Wood, of Leonardtown, MD, and his brother, Gary Glenn Hill, Sr., of Chaptico, MD. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Dooley Hill, Jr. and Alfred Bradley Hill.

Randy was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and attended Chopticon High School. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for most of his career, including for Bowling Brothers Excavating, Synmat, and the St. Mary's County Government. In his spare time, he enjoyed cutting grass and riding around visiting his neighbors and family.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 11:00 AM in Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD, with Father Chip Luckett officiating. Interment will follow at Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, Helen, MD. Serving as

pallbearers will be Blake Hill, Allen Hill, Gary Lyon, Allan Lacey, Gary Hill, Jr., and Andy Bell. Honorary pallbearers will be Rodney Hill, Roger White, Bobby Buckler, and Robbie Hill.

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

**Margie Boyers, 79**

Marjorie "Margie" Swann Boyers, age 79, of Chaptico, Maryland, originally from Issue, Maryland, passed away on May 30, 2025.

Born on July 28, 1945, Margie was the beloved daughter of the late Dora and Philip Swann. She was the devoted wife of Charles Frank Boyers, with whom she shared 54 loving years of marriage. Together, they built a life centered on faith, family, and enduring love.

She was the most amazing mother to four children: Pete Boyers (Kara Moreau) of Sterling, Virginia; Geoff Boyers (Jody Boyers) of Chaptico, Maryland; Chuck Boyers (Michele DiOnne) of Leesburg, Virginia; and Terri Morauer (David Morauer) of Lothian, Maryland.

Margie was the cherished grandmother of seven grandchildren: Faith Boyers, Mason Boyers, Brendan Boyers, Wes Boyers, Will Morauer, Charles Morauer, and Samantha Boyers, who brought her endless joy and pride.

Margie was known for her warmth, kindness, and deep devotion to her family. She took great pride in her role as a wife, mother,

and grandmother. A gifted cook and enthusiastic baker, she expressed her love through her meals and desserts.

A woman of deep and unwavering Catholic faith, Margie was a devoted parishioner who lived her beliefs through kindness, generosity, and service to others. She had a special place in her heart for the clergy, and she never met a priest that wasn't invited to dinner many times over. Feeding others—especially priests—was one of the many ways she expressed her love and devotion to her faith and community.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 9, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, with prayers recited at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, MD, with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Her grandchildren—Faith Boyers, Mason Boyers, Brendan Boyers, Wes Boyers, Charles Morauer, and Samantha Boyers—will serve as pallbearers. Her grandson, William Morauer, will be serving at the Mass.

Burial and repast services will be private, reserved for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Seventh District Catholic Aid Society, c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618.

Margie was an extraordinary woman whose love, strength, and generosity will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

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## Fri, Jun 6

### Farmer's Market

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Campus  
Parking Lot  
25500 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

We will have a variety of vendors onsite selling items like produce, ready-to-eat foods, flowers and more.

## Sat, Jun 7

### Juneteenth Freedom Day

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds  
Leonardtown  
Noon to 6 p.m.

This is free event and all are welcome to the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) 21st Annual celebration at a new venue. Juneteenth, a National Holiday, commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. and celebrates our rich, diverse cultural heritage. UCAC's event will open at noon with a presentation of the colors, official proclamations, special awards, and a living history performance by Ms. Story, Shemika Renee. The event will continue through the afternoon with live music featuring Ni Dembaya African Dance and Drumming, St. Maries Choral Arts, SIXX and the System and Get2Gether bands Ms. Story will be featured in a 3:00 p.m. performance in Tolerance Hall, bringing to life women from history.

### Hometown Heroes Celebration & Concert

Leonardtown Square  
5-9 p.m.

Enjoy food, live music, touch-a-truck and more! AND after almost three years, the Robbie Boothe Band and all of its members have decided to come out of retirement for a one night event!

### Yard Sale

43256 Rescue Ln, Hollywood  
7 a.m.-12 Noon

Tables/Space \$15. If you would like to purchase a Table/Space Contact Jessica at 815-566-7562 you call or text.

### Blue and Grey Days

Point Lookout State Park  
June 7 & 8

This event will represent the occupation of Point Lookout by Union forces, creation of Hammond Hospital and the establishment of the largest prison camp in the North. Costumed interpreters will present small arms and artillery demonstrations as well as static living history exhibits depicting Civil War military and civilian life at Point Lookout.

### Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Youth Event

Sanner's Lake Sportmen's Club  
21374 Sanners Ln., Lexington Park  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

All kids 17 and under are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult. Check in at 8am and finish after lunch around 1pm.

Enjoy a police dog demonstration, retriever dog jumping, wood carving, fishing, plus archery, rifle, and shotgun range time! Register at [stmarysdu.github.io/Greenwing-Registration/](http://stmarysdu.github.io/Greenwing-Registration/)

### Youth Maker's Market

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free admission to the market area. Join us for a very special market highlighting the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of young people in our region. From arts and crafts, to products and services, to start-ups and new business ideas, explore the diversity of creative endeavors of youth ages 7-22. This market aims to celebrate youth's creativity in our community AND give them experience thinking like a business person, managing the many details involved in producing, budgeting, presenting, selling, and marketing products and services.

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### Men's Health Day

Garvey Senior Activity Center  
23630 Hayden Farm Ln., Leonardtown  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Join the Department of Aging & Human Services! Commemorating National Men's Health Month in June.

Along with the guest speakers, Men's Health Day will feature informational displays, health screenings, and lunch provided by Mission BBQ.

This event is free and open to the public! Pre-registration for this event is strongly encouraged. To register, visit [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging/menshealth/](http://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging/menshealth/).

For more information, call 301-75-4200, ext. 1074, or [nicoletta.pollice@stmaryscountymd.gov](mailto:nicoletta.pollice@stmaryscountymd.gov).

### St. Clement's Island Heritage Day

St. Clement's Island Museum  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come celebrate the history and heritage of St. Clement's Island with a variety of fun and free activities, to include crafts, games, lighthouse tours, traditional music and much more! The St. Clement's Island Museum will be open, offering free admission and free water taxi rides to the island for visitors throughout the day.

Event is FREE; water taxi rides are FREE. Call 301-769-2222 for more information.

INFO: [www.facebook.com/events/941799627912183/](http://www.facebook.com/events/941799627912183/)

### Open House

Drayden African American Schoolhouse  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit one of the nation's best-preserved, one-room African American schoolhouses the first and third Saturday through October and on Juneteenth. Check out the restored schoolhouse and learn about its rich history and importance to education in St. Mary's County. Staff will be available at the school during this time to answer any questions and provide information.

### Pork Loin and Beef Sandwich Sale

American Legion Post 221  
21690 Colton Point Rd., Avenue  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches will be sold on both Saturday and Sunday. Sandwiches will cost \$8.00 each. For more information e-mail us at [alpost221@aol.com](mailto:alpost221@aol.com) or call 301-481-6625.

### GMHS SGA's 3rd Annual Nest Fest!

Great Mills High School  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nest Fest is a day filled with fun, community, and great exposure for local businesses, hosted by the GMHS Student Government Association (SGA). Nest Fest will feature a variety of vendors, games, food, and entertainment for all ages.

## Sun, Jun 8

### Carry Out Chicken Dinner

K.C. Hall  
Ridge  
11:30 a.m. til sold out

\$15 dinner for 1/2 Chicken, Potatoes, Veggie, Cole slaw, Roll. Self-serve dine-in facilities available. Baked goods available.

### GMHS Marching Band Hornet Car Show

Great Mills High School  
9 a.m.-12 Noon.

2nd Annual show; all makes, models, and motorcycles are welcome! There will be

light refreshments available for purchase and trophies for the top vehicles! This event is free to all spectators, and families are encouraged to come out and watch. All proceeds go directly to funding the GMHS MB's 2025 season so please register and donate! \$25 to register a car in advance, \$30 for day of registration.

### Music Performance by Sarah Gravelle (and Friends)

Port of Leonardtown Winery  
23190 Newtowne Neck Rd., Leonardtown  
2-5 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of great music, good company, and award-winning local wines! Enjoy a variety of musical styles from the incredible Sarah Gravelle and some of her talented friends from the community—all in the relaxing setting of Southern Maryland's beloved winery. Bring a chair, sip some wine, and stay awhile.

### Dinner & A Cruise Series

St. Clement's Island Museum  
3-7 p.m.

ONLY 20 seats are available per cruise for these EXCLUSIVE events. These are for ages 21+ only.

Call 301-475-4200 Ext. 1832 for information and availability. Tickets are \$85 per person (\$160 per couple) and include the boat ride, dinner & drinks at Morris Point Restaurant and dessert at the end of the evening.

## Mon, Jun 9

### Pax River Quilters Guild Meeting

Hollywood United Methodist Church  
Mervell Dean Rd., Hollywood  
6:30 p.m.

Meetings are the second Monday of every month and feature guest speakers, show and tells, and other fun activities. This month's meeting will be an ice cream social. Pax River Quilters Guild is a non-profit organization devoted to philanthropic quilting projects and promoting the skill of quilting. New members of all skill levels are welcome. For questions, email: [prqgsomd@gmail.com](mailto:prqgsomd@gmail.com)

## Ongoing

### Spring Yard Sale

Seventh District VRS Auxiliary Rescue Squad Annex Building  
21506 Colton Point Road, Avenue  
June 7-14  
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## Thu, Jun 5

### Awful Artworks: All Natural

Calvert Library Prince Frederick  
850 Costley Way  
6-7 p.m.

Have you ever looked at an art project and thought “I could do that,” but you in fact could not do that? Let your creativity flow without worrying about an end product! This Awful Artworks will be all about creating a piece of art based on nature! 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Song Circle

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch  
4100 5th St., North Beach  
6-7:30 p.m.

Whether you’re a musician, singer, or just love to hum along, this event is for you. Lead or learn folk and acoustic tunes in a casual, welcoming jam session. Bring your instrument, voice, or enthusiasm. Spectators are welcome to come enjoy the music, energy, and community spirit! 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

## Fri, Jun 6

### First Fossil Friday!

Calvert Marine Museum  
1-4:30 p.m.

Fossil hunters, bring your fossil finds from Calvert Cliffs or other local areas to be identified! This service is provided for free; however, admission fees apply for access to CMM exhibits.

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### Open House & Tack Sale

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue  
7940 Flint Hill Road, Owings  
3-4 p.m.

Ffree to the public so come on by and meet our horses, have a tour of the barn, and learn more about our mission to help horses in need. There will be interactive horse activities for children where they can lead horses around the arena, groom them, and more. If you’re in the market for gently used tack, saddles, equipment or equestrian apparel please come check out our Tack Sale. All proceeds from tack sales and any donations made during the Open House directly benefit the horses. [www.fhhr.org/open-houses-tack-sales](http://www.fhhr.org/open-houses-tack-sales)

## Sun, Jun 8

### Scavenger Hunt and Hike

American Chestnut Land Trust  
1985 Scientists Cliffs Rd, Port Republic

6:30 p.m.

Hikers will look for nature-related items and learn about what they find. There are several inclines. To register: [form.jotform.com/250214608457152](http://form.jotform.com/250214608457152)

## Tue, Jun 10

### Support the Pups with Dinner

Gordys  
135 W. Dares Beach Rd., Prince Fredrick  
4:30- 8:30 p.m.

Take a break from cooking dinner tonight and help support the Humane Society of Calvert County by having dinner at Gordys. Dogs are welcome on the patio.

### SEEDCO - Maryland Health Connection

Calvert Library Southern Branch  
13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Got health coverage? SEEDCO can help you get it! Maryland Health Connection offers no-cost and low-cost health insurance. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Social Security: Ask an Expert

Calvert Library Zoom  
1:30-2:30 p.m.

In this open forum, community residents will have the opportunity to ask questions about Social Security benefits. Presentation by Diana Varela, Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration followed by Q&A. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

## Wed, Jun 11

### Veteran Services Program

Southern Pines Senior Center  
20 Appeal Lane, Lusby  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Are you a veteran or close family member looking for assistance? The Calvert County Office on Aging is partnering with

ServingTogether to provide support twice a month, every second Wednesday and fourth Friday. Walk-ins are encouraged. No appointment is necessary. Visit [servingtogetherproject.org/calvert](http://servingtogetherproject.org/calvert) for more information.

### Tarot Study Group: Drop-In Program

Calvert Library Southern Branch  
13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons  
6-7:30 p.m.

Come learn and practice tarot as a creative tool, for self-reflection, introspection, meditation, thoughtfulness, or as a fun hobby. Registration requested. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Bilingual Conversation Hour: Spanish- English

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch  
4100 5th St., North Beach  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

30 minutes in English and 30-minutes in Spanish! We will get to practice our English and Spanish Conversation Skills! It will be a time for community members to help each other out with their language needs! 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

## Upcoming

### Juneteenth Community Celebration

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum,  
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard  
June 14, 11a.m. to 5 p.m.

It’ll be the 29th Annual NAACP Juneteenth Community Celebration. Similar to last year, we are anticipating thousands of visitors to this celebration. Questions should be directed to [naacpcalvert@gmail.com](mailto:naacpcalvert@gmail.com).

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# CALVERT COUNTY POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of May 19, 2025 – May 25, 2025, Calvert County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to 2,131 calls for service throughout the community, including, but not limited to:

- Check Welfare / Mental Health: 67
- Disorderly: 13
- Domestic: 29
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 36
- Patrol Checks / School Checks: 800
- Suspicious Persons / Vehicles: 31
- Traffic Complaints: 84
- Traffic Stops: 436
- 911 Hang Ups: 169
- ARRESTS: 37



Antonio Michael Randall

**CDS Violation: 25-42191** On May 20, 2025, DFC T. Bowen conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Southern Maryland Blvd. and Ward Road in Dunkirk after observing multiple moving violations. Upon approaching the vehicle, the driver, identified as **Antonio Michael Randall**, 41 of Dunkirk, was found to be operating without a driver's license. A cut straw was observed in Randall's hand. Further investigation revealed multiple cut straws containing suspected cocaine residue, a gel capsule with white residue, and a bag containing suspected cocaine. Following transport, a secondary search was conducted, during which

two additional bags of suspected cocaine were discovered. Randall was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.



Amber Marie Quinn

**CDS Violation: 25-43331** On May 24, 2025, Deputy Morgal conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation in the area of Shields Drive and Twin Lakes Drive in Dunkirk. As deputies approached the vehicle, they observed that the brake light was inoperative and the license plate had been altered with a Sharpie marker. Upon contacting the driver, identified as **Amber Marie Quinn**, 41 of Owings, deputies observed a burnt straw in the driver's side door. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed three pushrods, two packages of Suboxone, and additional CDS paraphernalia. Quinn was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where she was charged with CDS: Possession – Not Cannabis and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

**Theft: 25-42028** On May 20, 2025, Deputy Campbell responded to the Weis Markets located at 750 Prince Frederick Blvd. in Prince Frederick for a reported theft. The complainant



Gina Patricia Kennedy

advised that **Gina Patricia Kennedy**, 36 of Lusby, who had previously been trespassing from the property was observed on store surveillance placing items into her cart, failing to scan all items, and exiting the store past all points of sale. The total value of the stolen merchandise was \$403.52. Later that afternoon, while assisting with the theft investigation, Cpl. Kelly observed Kennedy in the parking lot of Calvert Pines pushing a Safeway shopping cart filled with unbagged merchandise. When contacted, Kennedy initially provided a false name but later admitted her true identity. She further confessed to stealing approximately \$150 worth of steaks and \$200 in cleaning products. A search of Kennedy's person incident to arrest revealed a Suboxone strip. Kennedy was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with two counts of Theft: \$100 to Under \$1500, Trespassing: Private Property, CDS: Possession – Not Cannabis, and Fraud – Personal Identification to Avoid Prosecution.

**Theft: 25-43095** On May 24, 2025, Deputy Campbell responded to several reports of thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles in the Simmons Ridge subdivision, located off Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. Multiple residents reported seeing a suspect,



Sherman Oswald Holland

described as a black male approximately 5'8" tall, wearing a hat, gloves, a two-toned jacket, dark pants, and dark shoes. Surveillance footage captured the suspect rummaging through vehicles and walking from yard to yard. The suspect made off with over \$110 in cash and approximately \$20 in coins. Through the investigation, the suspect was identified as 57-year-old **Sherman Oswald Holland** of Sunderland. On May 28, Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies apprehended Holland on two active arrest warrants. He was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with 10 counts of Rogue and Vagabond and 3 counts of Theft less than \$100.

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

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800 and reference the case number provided. Citizens may remain anonymous thru the 'Submit a Tip' feature on the Calvert County Sheriff's Office mobile app. To download, visit <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a39520678>. Tipsters may also email [ccsotips@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:ccsotips@calvertcountymd.gov)

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# No Charges in Fatal Police-Involved Collision

Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown announced on June 3 his decision not to seek charges in the November 2024 fatal police-involved collision in Chesapeake Beach.

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, at approximately 8:50 p.m., Calvert County Deputy First Class Taylor Strong was parked in a marked police cruiser conducting traffic enforcement near the intersection of Route 261 and 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Chesapeake Beach. A gold Ford Mustang passed Deputy Strong's location traveling southbound on Rt. 261 at a high rate of speed. After the vehicle passed Deputy Strong, he pulled his cruiser out of its parked location and activated his emergency equipment to conduct a traffic stop. The driver of the Mustang, later identified as Justin Foreman, failed to stop. Deputy Strong pursued the vehicle for approximately 1.6 miles on Rt. 261. The Mustang eventually left the roadway, crossed the double yellow line into oncoming traffic, struck a utility pole, and rolled over before

coming to rest near the intersection of Rt. 261 and Locust Grove Road. Deputy Strong, along with another Calvert County Sheriff's Deputy, rendered aid to Foreman until emergency medical services arrived. Foreman was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Independent Investigations Division (IID) began investigating the fatal police-involved vehicle collision on Saturday, November 16, 2024, and concluded its investigation on Thursday, May 29, 2025. After completing its investigation and evaluating all the available evidence, the Office of the Attorney General has determined that Deputy Strong did not commit a crime under Maryland law. Accordingly, the Attorney General has declined to prosecute the involved officer in this case.

A copy of the IID's detailed investigative findings and analysis of relevant legal issues can be found in its declination report.

*Press Release from MD Attorney General*

# Paramedic Convicted of Fentanyl Possession

On June 2, 2025, Thomas Patrick Raley, 40, of Leonardtown, was convicted of possession of fentanyl and theft under \$100 in Calvert County District Court. Raley received a sentence of one year incarceration, suspended down to 90 days, followed by three years of supervised probation.

The conviction stemmed from an incident that occurred on July 13, 2024. On that date, Raley was working as a paid paramedic at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department. Raley removed fentanyl from three vials intended for patient use and used the drugs for his own purposes.

Raley is facing similar charges in St. Mary's County, where he is currently incarcerated. He is no longer employed as a paramedic in Calvert County.

*Press Release from Calvert County State's Attorney*



Thomas Patrick Raley

# Routine Maintenance Set for Johnson Bridge

The Maryland State Highway Administration will perform routine maintenance on the MD 4 (Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge) at the Calvert County/Saint Mary's County line starting at 6 a.m. Sunday, June 8. One of two lanes will be closed, and drivers will be guided using a flagging operation until the work is complete, weather permitting.

Maintenance crews will repair the bridge's wind sensor. Portable variable message signs will provide advance noti-

fication of the work.

Drivers are asked to slow down in the work zone for the safety of all drivers and the crews working to improve our roadways.

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*Press Release from SHA*

# County Receives GIS Software Grant

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

Calvert County has been awarded a grant for enhanced Geographic Information System (GIS) software.

According to Public Safety Director Dave McDowell, "The Department of Public Safety — Emergency Communications Division presented a grant request to the Maryland 911 Board for a five-year subscription to DataMark's GIS software. This software provides tools to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the public safety's environment, while optimizing staff efficiency, reducing manual workload, and ensuring compliance with national standards."

McDowell said the \$171,696.71 grant was awarded "for purchasing and implementing the DataMark software. There is no fiscal impact associated with this grant as there is no cost match required."

McDowell further explained, "This contract will provide two different services. One of them is man hours. As part of that contract, we can send GIS work to them, and their GIS specialists can do work for us, and it prevents us from having to hire more staff to do that work."

"Another thing that they're going to do, they provide a resource to us where we can upload our GIS data. And what that does



Public Safety Director Dave McDowell

is it compares all of our GIS data to the national or the next generation 911 data standards. And then it'll identify all the errors and allow us to easily make those corrections. So, really what it does it allow, when someone calls 911, their address is going to be right. We want to make sure we have all the most up-to-date information."

The commissioners approved the grant award after a public hearing at which no one testified.

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# Chesapeake Beach Fire Under Investigation

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

A fire at a home in Chesapeake Beach on May 31 is under investigation by the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office.

According to the fire marshal's office, the fire was discovered in a bedroom by an occupant and was called in at 8:55 p.m.

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department was the first responder. It took 50 firefighters about 20 minutes to fight the blaze under control at the one-story, single-fam-

ily home at 4028 Summer City Boulevard. There were no injuries reported.

Loss was estimated at \$125,000 to the structure and \$25,000 to the contents.

According to the fire marshal the smoke alarm was present and operating.

"The cause of the fire remains under investigation but is not suspicious in nature. The two occupants of the home were displaced and are being assisted by the American Red Cross," according to the state agency.

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# Interim Calvert County Treasurer Appointed

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces the appointment of Cynthia Harris as interim Calvert County Treasurer, effective immediately.

Harris brings more than 30 years of experience in the Treasurer's Office, having served as deputy treasurer since 1995. In her role, she has overseen the collection of real and personal property taxes, managed wire transfers, processed deeds and licenses and trained new staff. Her background also includes experience in budgeting, policy development and strategic planning.

"Cynthia Harris has dedicated her career to public service and has a deep understand-

ing of the Treasurer's responsibilities," said Board President Earl F. "Buddy" Hance. "We are confident in her ability to lead during this transition."

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# Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report Presented

*Calvert Partners with Chesapeake Biological Lab*

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

For 38 years, Calvert County has partnered with Chesapeake Biological Lab for an annual Water Quality Monitoring Program. Initially it concentrated on Solomons Harbor but later expanded to include the Patuxent and Bay estuaries.

The program assesses Mill Creek and 11 other tributaries: Fishing, Plum Point, Parkers and Flag Harbor on the Bay side, and Hall, Hunting, Battle, Island, St. Leonard, Hellen's and Hungerford on the Patuxent side.

Main CBL researchers Lora Harris and Dr. Jeremy Testa made the annual report to the county commissioners on June 3.

One thing has become clear, even if the water hasn't, and that is that water quality is often influenced by the weather. Dry years are better for the water quality because there's less runoff of nutrients from the land.

The last two years have been relatively dry, so the reports for then haven't been so bad. Which led Commissioner Catherine Grasso to ask at the end of the presentation, "Am I correct in from what I've seen that we're looking pretty healthy. Parker's Creek has some fluctuations there, but in general, are we looking water wise healthy in Calvert County?"

Testa responded, "I think in the recent years we have looked relatively healthy given the variability of the weather that we see. There are some problem spots that we've identified. And so, I don't think we can have a kind of a one-size-fits-all designation for how the county is as a whole. But, for example, there are parts of Solomon's Harbor that looked like there were some sort of negative trends happening, but recently they may have reversed. And so, we may learn in the next few years and feel more confident about saying that maybe we've turned the corner. But we may see something different."

Harris observed, "I'd say it's an analogy to people who had those days where you're one paycheck away from a problem. So, we've had two good years, 2023, 2024, they've been drier and that one paycheck away for me is one wet summer. So, we want to have it so that we can withstand wet summers and we're not there yet."

Commissioner President Buddy Hance observed about Solomons Harbor, "If you look at the headwaters of those creeks,



there's a tremendous number of residential homes on septic. So, my hypothetical question to you is if that was under (central) sewer, what kind of an improvement would we see, do you think, in Solomons Harbor?"

Harris said, "I think we've hammered this for years and years, that wastewater is the thing that needs to be dealt with. And you know, Jeremy and I have also been trying to think creatively about that. There's BAT (Best Available Technology) systems which are incredibly effective. But we haven't documented it in the tidal water yet. We've done it in the groundwater and watersheds, but not out in the tidal water. There're some places that may be expensive to sewer. Could they instead have annual pump out programs? So that we're almost using them more as storage systems."

But Hance responded, "You talk about those costs long term. I'm not sure that's cheaper than going to a full system. Because you have efficiencies in the full system and you were talking about putting a BAT system, every one of those individual homes pumping out, twice a week, twice a month, the expense of that to the owner. I mean, at the end of the day, you've got one system that you can maintain serving so many homes."

Harris retorted "Well if we can talk you into an engineering analysis, I'd be happy about that."

Not discounting the idea, Hance said it would be helpful to the county if the cost of such an engineering study was known.

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# Calvert's Teacher of the Year: Teaching the Politics of the Past

*Bill Voshell of Calvert High School*

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

"It's very humbling," said Bill Voshell about being chosen Calvert County Teacher of the Year. "There are a lot of teachers I've worked with that are just as deserving, if not more."

Voshell is a Social Studies teacher at Calvert High School, teaching world history and AP world history, to mostly 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

He grew up in Caroline County on the Eastern Shore.

"I'm a bit of what I call a recycled teacher," he said. "I started with Calvert County in the mid to late nineties, and I taught for a number of years, and then I left the school system and did some corporate training and then did some of my own business, retail stuff. About 12 years ago I came back into the system again. I did some long-term subbing, and then I did a half day stint as a family and consumer science teacher at Mill Creek Middle before they had a social studies spot for me at Calvert High."

Why leave and come back?: "I wanted to explore some other opportunities. And, I think eventually, as the years went by, I kind of realized that teaching is probably what I was designed to do."

He explained, "When I did my undergraduate work at University of Maryland, I didn't know what I wanted to do, but I knew I enjoyed history, so I focused on that. And then I was offered an undergraduate Teaching Assistantship with some classics courses. And I enjoyed doing that, and that's when I started to think about maybe I'd pursue teaching. When I was at Maryland, I also did some tutoring. They had a program where you could tutor some of the athletes. And there were a couple of guys who went on to play in NFL football that I tutored a little bit."

He moved to Calvert in the late 90's when he started teaching full time.

For role models, he had two teachers in middle school, a husband and wife, and then another mentor when he started student teaching, Mr. Cornier. "I would say that anything I do right in teaching is because of him."

As with most selectees, he's not quite sure why he was chosen. He said in his application, "I made it a little more personal. I picked some students that I had in the past and I had this year, and when I did the videos, I had the students read me the questions



Bill Voshell accepts his Teacher of the Year award from superintendent Dr. Andraé Townsel. Photo by Starella Photography by Aprilynn.

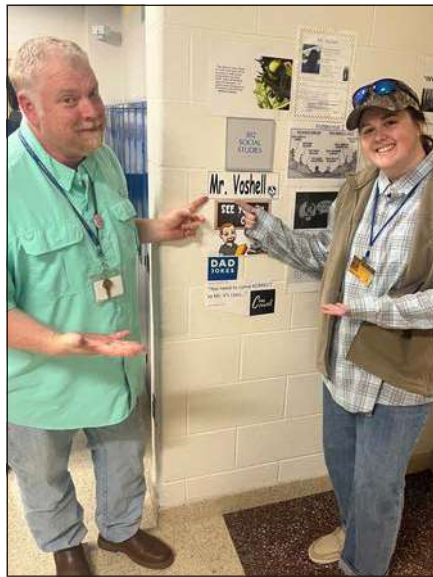
so I could respond to the students."

Voshell was asked about his choice of Social Studies. He said, "I certainly wouldn't consider myself a history expert, but I certainly find it interesting. So, my goal is to try to find ways to make it interesting to the kids. It isn't how well they do on the test, but if they end the school year and they're pursuing on their own. There's one unit where I do literature of World War I. It's kind of cool at the end of that, I've had kids come back and say they were watching 'All Quiet on the Western front.' It's on Netflix. The fact that they're pursuing that on their own outside of the classroom, I kind of feel like that, to me, is the victory, that they'd be kind of lifelong learners on their own."

Over time he has also taught American government, civics, US history, AP US History, criminal justice, and criminal law."

The school board is grappling with how to handle politics in the classroom. With the divided country, he was asked if that poses challenges.

Voshell noted, "History is just politics of the past." He said he likes teaching world history. "We can study somebody like Genghis Khan and all the horrible things that he did. We can also study somebody like Genghis Khan and look at all of the ingenious things that he did. And then we can say, okay, well was this guy horrible or was this guy a strong leader? How do we evaluate this guy? And we can disagree



Voshell with students Madison Roberts (center photo) and LJ May (right photo) on 'dress as your favorite teacher' day.

about him and have discussions about him, because it's the politics of the past, we're not as emotionally attached to it."

Or Magellan. "He got himself in a situation and some of his men decided not to go to his rescue because they didn't like him, and other people did go to his rescue because they did like him. So, we evaluate why did they, or why didn't they go to his rescue? What would you do? And in the process, we practice having conversations about different viewpoints. What can we agree on? What can we disagree on?"

He added, "So that's why I like the world history, because we're able to have those kinds of disagreements and practice civil discourse, with something we're studying."

He noted, "I'll tell kids we'll cover a topic, whatever it might be, and I'll tell some story or some anecdote and I'll say, don't trust me. Look it up for yourself. I'm not lying to you on purpose, but I might have my facts mixed up, so why don't you back check me to see if I'm giving you the correct information. So those are tools that I feel like are useful for people in today's political realm, to not just take what someone is sharing with them, but we often corroborate things."

He's done some travel to see what he teaches firsthand. "I've been to Turkey several times. I've been to England several times. I've been able to go to Paris. And just this past year I had to go to Portugal."



As a role model for other teachers, he said, "I think one of the things that would help a young person be successful in teaching is just to kind of be their authentic self. Teaching is sort of like art. Different artists have unique characteristics and are known for certain things. And I think teachers are the same way. I think all of us who teach have strengths and we play to those strengths. And I think it is a sort of a form of personal expression in how you decide what activity you're going to do."

He was asked if it was true that teachers get as much from the students as the students get from them."

He responded, "I think there's some truth to that. I know when you're trying to convey something, I remember in particular, I can make lots of different stories, but I had a student who was an ESOL student, so English was not his first language. And we were learning about the French Revolution and talking about the reign of terror and all you had to do is be accused of something and you could get your head chopped off. So, he says, you know, this is a student for whom English, a second language. He says, oh, so the guillotines is kind of like Twitter, right? Even though you aren't in the wrong, you get persecuted by it. So, for somebody to sort of leap and make that connection, and that's the kind of stuff that (you hear)."

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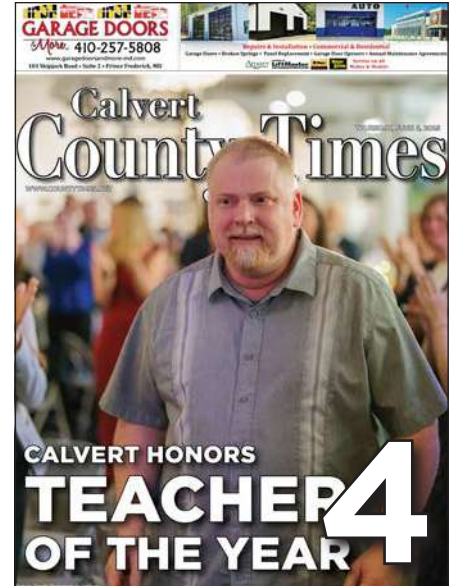
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