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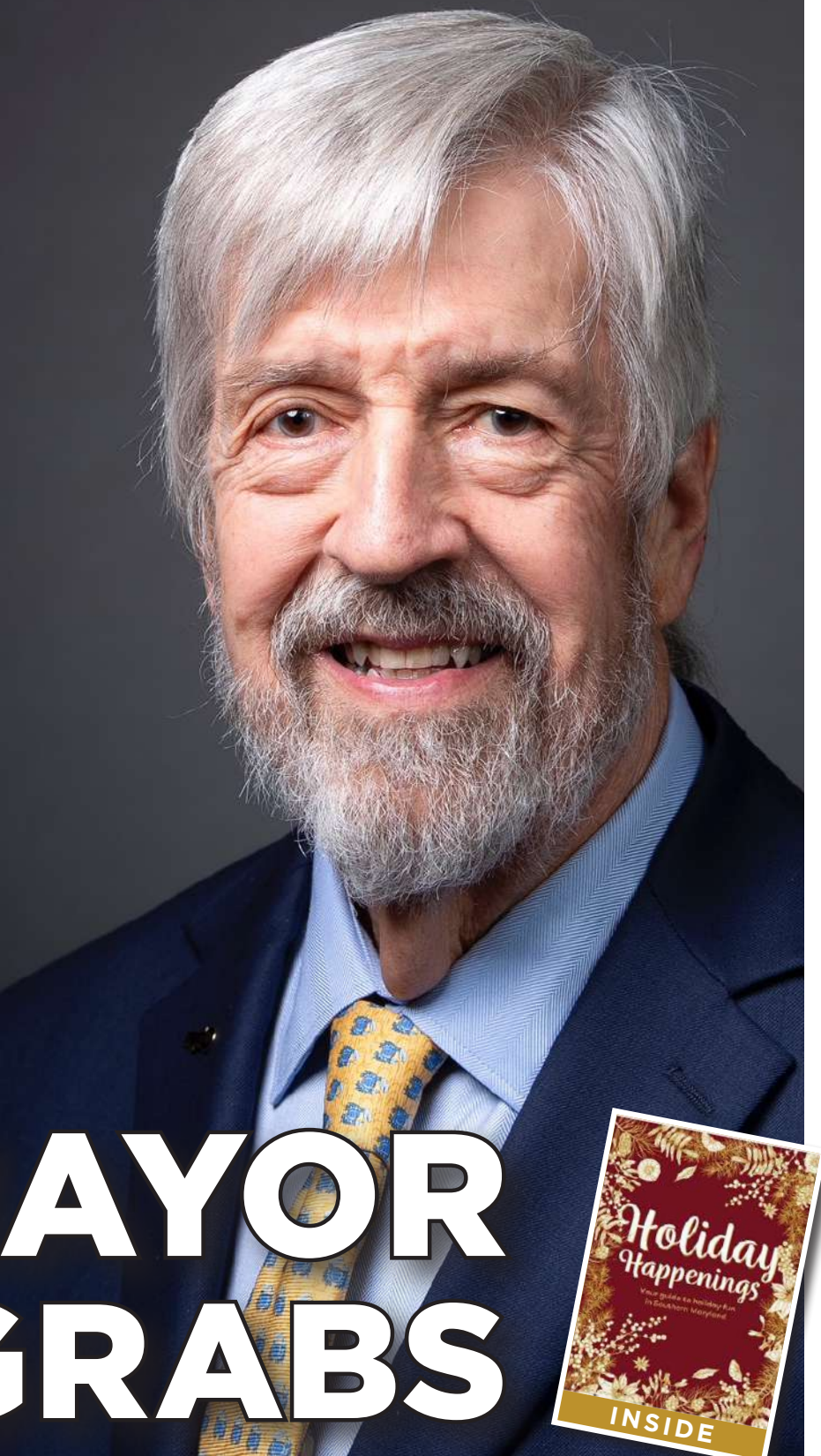
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Restore Civility & Transparency to Town Hall

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- » The Water Park will open Memorial Day weekend and remain open all Summer long.
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- » I will introduce a Utility Fund budget amendment to reduce rates.
- » I will rescind all tap fee notices sent for any project approved more than five years ago.

Oppose any building along Fishing Creek

- » I OPPOSE any building of apartments along Fishing Creek.
- » I fought for too many years for the Railway Trail to allow any building to block the incredible view.

Restore the decades old relationship with the Beach Buccaneers

- » The Bucs are an important part of our community and should be treated with the respect they deserve.
- » I will restore the decades old relationship the Town had with the Bucs.

Bring back leadership and experience to the Mayor's Office

- » I know the job. I served as Mayor for eight years, as Vice President of the Town Council for many years and as President of the Maryland Municipal League.
- » Restore the relationship I built with municipal leaders across Maryland.
- » We have a great Town staff, who I will lead, but not micro-manage. They know how to do their job better than any Mayor or Town Administrator. I will let them do what they were hired to do.

Work on Town projects that benefit Town residents

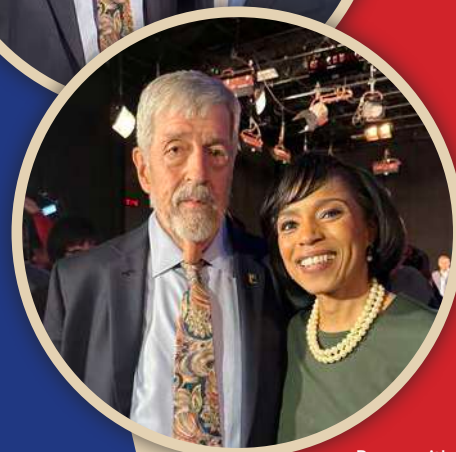
- » Work with Board of Education to repair and reopen the tennis courts
- » Complete the Railway Trail to the town limit through Richfield Station



Bruce and Becky Wahl,
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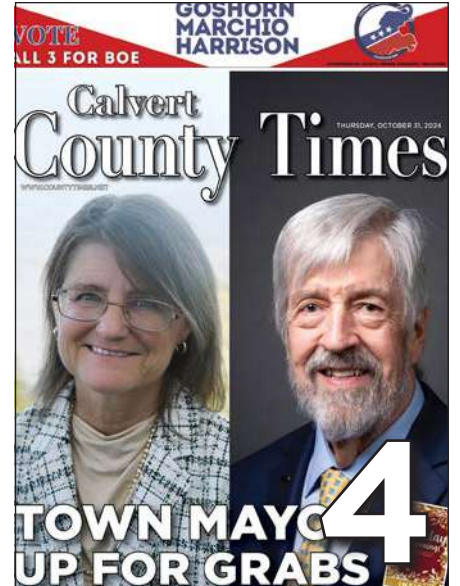
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Chesapeake Beach to Elect Mayor, Six Council Members

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Chesapeake Beach voters will go to the polls on Nov. 5 to elect a mayor and six council members. Two candidates are running for mayor, current Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin, and former mayor Bruce Wahl.

Eleven candidates are vying for the six council seats. They are: Kathleen Berault, Laura Blackwelder, Daniel Duvall, Jonathan Evans, Charlie Fink, Anthony Greene, Anita Hacker, Eric Reinhardt, Greg Morris, Stephen Sharp, and Jamey Shuls. Fink and Morris are incumbents.

Candidate profiles are available at www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov

Beaudin was born in New York and her family moved to Florida where she attended the University of Florida. She majored in economics with minors in geography and history.

At the State University of New York at Buffalo she received a master's in geography and international trade, and she did her doctorate in geography, specializing in GIS.

Beaudin said, "I got offered a job at the US Census Bureau in 1997 wherein I moved down here to Maryland. And I've been with the Census Bureau in Suitland ever since, doing research and development for the geography division."

She moved to Chesapeake Beach where she "fell in love with the area."

She ran for council in 2004. She said, "I decided to run because construction was going on. I could feel pilings were being driven into the earth from where I lived. I could watch as buildings were being raised, and I'm like, this is not really why I moved here. I wanted to have a small-town feel, a quaint place to raise my family. I'd gotten married. I'd had a daughter, and that is exactly why I ran the first time, because I could feel pilings being driven and I thought about overdevelopment."

As for her decision to run for mayor, she said, "I know that I am going to retire in six to eight years, and my husband and I have made no plans to move anywhere else. And I realized that come March, April, May, June of next year, having spent so much time trying to keep this a small town that is livable, that if decisions started being made that allowed overdevelopment or allowed change to the current comprehensive plan that we have now, that I would be unhappy."

She added, "All that work I've done for 20 years, I wanted to ensure that it wasn't done in in the next few months or the next year, because I'm really proud of my record on town council for the past 20 years."

Wahl, 76, is retired from a career in broadcast engineering at National Public Radio and as a consultant.

"I never thought I'd be running for office at 76 years of age until I realized how bad things had gotten in the town," he said.

Wahl was born and raised in Northern Virginia. He attended a military high school



Valerie Beaudin

his senior year and "really thrived, and I really enjoyed it."

He attended Virginia Tech for a year and then took some time off and wind up being drafted, sent to Officer's Candidate School, commissioner a second lieutenant and did a tour in Vietnam.

With his love of radio broadcasting, he was eventually successful in talking himself into Armed Forces Radio and Television.

He moved to Chesapeake Beach in early 1985. He had been keeping a sailboat at Herrington Harbor and driving down from Northern Virginia. One day he and his wife Becky drove over to the town. "We came down by the Rod 'N Reel, and we saw this new subdivision being built south of there called Chesapeake Station. And it was just kind of serendipitous that we went driving around and looking, and it looked kind of interesting. And all of the homes had water views. And so we went to the sales office, a couple of doors south of where I live now." And the rest was history.

Shortly after moving to town, he accepted a position on the zoning board of appeals and then "there was an opening on the council. And so, he (Mayor Gerald Donovan) asked me if I would fill that vacancy on the council," and he served four terms before running for and being elected mayor in 2008. After his last term he did not seek re-election due to health reasons.

Wahl, who admittedly was grossly overweight at almost 350 pounds, suffered a heart attack while at work and colleagues did CPR and saved him. He had a heart transplant and has since lost 150 pounds, and he says, "I'm in better shape now physically than I have been in many, many, many decades."

"I feel like God has plans for me, and I'm trying to understand that and trying to live up to that."

Beaudin said she has heard on the cam-



Bruce Wahl

paign trail much of what prompted her to run. "What I've learned is that every person has an issue that is a bother to them. It's a personal issue. Like, I saw someone who didn't have a good entrance and exit out of E Street without bottoming out their car. And so, I looked at a way to solve that. Then you have issues that are street wide. It could be storm water runoff, and then you have issues that are neighborhood wide. As I go walking and talking to individuals, what I found is, and what I hope to do is if I become mayor, is to handle these challenges. I don't even want to call them problems, but these individual challenges or these street wide challenges or these neighborhood challenges, one at a time and solve them. And if I cannot solve them, I want to get back to those individuals or those streets or those neighborhoods and tell them explicitly why it could not be solved."

"It's all about communication," she said.

Wahl said, "In recent times, the current administration has done a couple of things that I think were probably not well thought out, and one of them was in the spring of this year the council voted to raise the utility rates. There's a fixed fee and a variable fee and it's separate for water and sewer. But they raised the fixed fee on sewer, they doubled it and the variable fees for both water and sewer based on usage, they raised both of those 48 percent. And so, people that used to get water and sewer bills that were \$200 are now about \$400. And so, the hue and cry from that, and the justification as I understand it was that they did this to cover their costs of operating the water and sewer system. I don't recall that we ran at a huge deficit before. But I think maybe what's happened, and I don't know this, but I will find out if I'm successful, you better believe we're going to dig into this thoroughly, is that they've assigned other costs to the utility fund that were not there before, including

some big salaries of maybe some administrative people."

Wahl added, "One of the things that I've heard is their treatment of the Beach Buccaneers. When I was mayor, I was so supportive of the Beach Buccaneers that they even gave me one of their Beach Buccaneers shirts."

One of the issues in this year's election is the water park. Wahl favors keeping it. He said, "I think that the flurry of activity in hiring consultants and spending \$700,000, if I'm not mistaken, is a direct response to my campaign. I think that they're trying to cover their tracks. I was the chairperson of the committee that built the water park. And so, I had some background with it. I've had the opportunity to talk to a few people that were involved with the actual construction of it. And what they're citing as the reason to destroy the water park is because the whole thing is built on pilings, and the pilings are down to bedrock and it ain't going nowhere. When it was originally built, and I think this was a mistake, they laid the pipes that connect to all of the outlets in the pool and the drains, they just laid them on the dirt that's put-on top to fill. And, then once that was done, then they poured the concrete decking over top of it. What it appears to me has happened is that dirt has settled. And that's not unusual in this environment. And so when it's settled, the pipes tended to settle and they would break, because they're plastic."

Wahl added, "It seems to me that rather than tearing the whole thing apart and putting in something inferior, which is what's being proposed, because the water park is, has been a tremendous amenity in the town, is you go in there and take out concrete where the pipes are broken, suspend the pipes from the concrete instead of laying it on the dirt so that it'll always be stable, and then seal it up and be done with it."

Beaudin disagrees. "I most definitely will not open something, namely the waterpark, next summer when it's a danger to staff, a danger to guests. I will not agree to that. And so, based on what the town engineer told us, based on the geodetic study results of preliminary results, the waterpark is unsafe to open because of confined space issues. So knowing that the waterpark is not safe to open, what is the next solution? Well, most people don't drive a car that's 30 years old, much less have mechanical infrastructure that is out in the elements for 30 years without expecting to have some problems."

She added, "I want to create or build an aquatic facility on the current site that is safe and meets the 21st century needs of our town. My preference, working with the next town council, would be to have it resident focused. It will be paid for by the town of Chesapeake Beach."

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Early Voting Reported Heavy in Calvert

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Early voting in Calvert County, which concludes today (Thursday, Oct. 31) has been brisk according to election officials. Deputy Elections Administrator Kristen Scott told The County Times that 25 percent of the electorate had voted as of when the polls closed on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The early vote totals as of Oct. 29 were: Democrats, 4,839; Republicans, 9052; and all others, including Unaffiliated, 3087.

There are 69,367 registered voters in the county, of which 23,494 are Democrats, 28,397 are Republicans, and the remainder are 13,470.

Scott said that 13,860 ballots had been mailed out, which is less than 2020. As of midday Wednesday, 9,171 had been received. Mail-ins postmarked by Nov. 5 or placed in a drop-box by 8 p.m. on Nov. 5 will be counted.

Polls are open on Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The post-election canvassing schedule is as follows:

- Mail in Ballot Canvass – Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 - 10 a.m.
- *Tentative: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 10 a.m.*
- Provisional – Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024 - 10 a.m.
- *Tentative: Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 10 a.m.*
- Final Canvass - Friday, November 15, 2024 - 10 a.m.

The following are the Nov. 5 polling places in Calvert County:

- 1 / 1 – Solomons Rescue Squad
13150 H.G. Trueman Road
Solomons
- 1 / 2 – Southern Community Center
20 Appeal Lane
Lusby
- 1 / 3 – St. Leonard Elementary
5370 Street Leonard Road
St. Leonard

- 1 / 4 – Mutual Elementary School
1455 Ball Road
Port Republic
- 1 / 5 – Patuxent High School
12485 Southern Connector Boulevard
Lusby
- 2 / 1 – St. Leonard Fire Department
200 Calvert Beach Road
St. Leonard
- 2 / 2 – Calvert Fairgrounds Building
140 Calvert Fair Drive/Route 231
Prince Frederick
- 2 / 3 – Huntingtown High School
4125 N Solomons Island Road
Huntingtown
- 2 / 4 – Calvert High School
520 Fox Run Boulevard
Prince Frederick
- 2 / 5 – Plum Point Elementary School
1245 Plum Point Road
Huntingtown
- 2 / 6 – Calvert Pines Senior Center
450 W Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick
- 3 / 1 – North Beach Fire Department
8536 Bayside Road
Chesapeake Beach
- 3 / 2 – Northeast Community Center
4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue
Chesapeake Beach
- 3 / 3 – Sunderland Elementary School
150 Clyde Jones Road
Sunderland
- 3 / 4 – Windy Hill Elementary School
9550 Boyds Turn Rd.
Owings
- 3 / 5 – Mount Harmony Elementary
900 West Mount Harmony Road
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Town Council Limits Mayor's Veto Power

Charter Change Enacted in Chesapeake Beach

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council, in the final meeting before a new mayor is elected, adopted a charter amendment limiting the mayor's power. The ordinance reduces from five of the six council members to four the number required to override a veto by the mayor of a council action.

The ordinance passed by a five to one vote, with only Councilman Larry Jaworski opposing. Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin, one of the two mayoral candidates, supported the change. The other candidate is former mayor Bruce Wahl (see separate story).

Outgoing Mayor Pat Mahoney, who is not seeking re-election, said, "When I was elected mayor, I pledged to not use the autocratic five-six majority, 83 percent mayoral veto power. I honored my pledge. Nowhere in the state of Maryland is there such an almighty veto power granted to the mayor. It's usually four, where there's none at all. Lowering the number from five to four gives this council and future council's decisions a better consensus of the body of seven as the citizens elected. If we make this significant democratic change, I predict that it will stay that way as law in this town into perpetuity as it gives a better balance of power for the six town council members who were elected by the people."

Council Vice President L. Charles Fink, who is seeking re-election, said, "This is a tricky one. I am going to fall in support of this. I think that it enforces consensus building, which is something that this mayor and council have done a tremendous job of. So, I

don't believe there's been one veto in eight years. And that has to do with consensus building and compromise and redrafting and redrafting legislation such that by the time it reaches this point, there is some level of consensus and compromise."

Larry Jaworski, who is not seeking re-election, said, "I had a hard time with this one for a couple reasons. One is, right now it takes four council votes to approve anything that's coming before the council. If we make this change, those same four votes could override the veto by the mayor. It would seem to me that to override the veto should require more than just the four votes that are approved in the first place. So that's why I find myself sort of torn here and also, making this change, to be quite honest, this late in our term, in my eight years here, I have a little hard time with that."

Councilman Greg Morris, who is also seeking re-election, "I'm in support of this change. I've said that I don't feel it goes far enough. I've said that many times, folks that know me. I've not often spoke about the instances, but it's been painful for me at times. But when a mayor makes decisions and push efforts outside of the auspices and will of town council, I challenge the next council to guard against that. If the council vote is split 3-3, right now the mayor votes and it makes it a simple majority win at 4-3. And it's never made any sense to me that five council votes are required to override what the mayor wants to do. This change provides better balance to all seven elected officials."

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St. Mary's Woman Dies in Route 231 Accident

On October 28, 2024, at approximately 7:12 a.m., Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau deputies responded to a report of a serious motor vehicle collision involving entrapment in the 6600 block of Hallowing Point Road (Rt. 231) in Prince Frederick. Upon arrival, deputies confirmed that one driver was deceased and immediately requested the response of the Crash Reconstruction Unit to investigate.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a 2022 Hyundai Kona, operated by Gina Taylor Johnson, 51 of Mechanicsville, was traveling east on Hallowing Point Road, passing Hallowing Lane. Behind the Kona was a 2019 Ford Fusion, operated by Stacey Breanna Herbert, 19 of Lexington Park, also heading eastbound. Meanwhile, a 2020 Nissan Rogue, driven by Carla Jean Poole, 52 of Hughesville, was traveling westbound, passing Seagull Beach Road.

According to witness statements, the Nissan Rogue crossed the double yellow

center line, resulting in a head-on collision with the Hyundai Kona. The impact then caused the Nissan Rogue to collide with Ms. Herbert's Ford Fusion.

The driver of the Hyundai, Gina Johnson, was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical personnel. Carla Poole, the driver of the Nissan, was airlifted via Maryland State Police Trooper 2 to a local trauma center, where she remains in critical condition. Stacey Herbert, along with a juvenile passenger, was transported by ground to CalvertHealth Medical Center.

At this time, it remains unclear why the Nissan Rogue crossed the double yellow line. M/DFC Hardesty of the Crash Reconstruction Team is actively investigating this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or events leading up to it is asked to contact him at 410-535-2800 or via email at Jeffrey.Hardesty@CalvertCountyMD.gov

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Thank you to those who have already voted early or mailed in their ballots!

The last day of Early Voting is today, 10/31, and costumes are optional. Voting is NOT!

If you're voting on Election Day, Tuesday, 11/5, remember that polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. We trust that you know how crucial this election is for our nation, state, and county.

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School Board Split on Schools' Mission Statement

Grenis Says the Priority is Backwards

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of Education has approved a revised Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Strategic Plan that was created with the help of a consultant, with more than 2,300 citizens comments, and numerous committee meetings, and public sessions. The plan includes a "Mission Statement" that stirred controversy prior to its adoption on Oct. 24.

The approved statement says, "CCPS nurtures an inclusive and supportive school community to empower students with a rigorous academic foundation that ignites a passion for learning and raises the bar for excellence in education."

A shorter statement emphasized "Unlocking Potential, Empowering Excellence, and Shaping Futures."

Board member Lisa Grenis countered with "As I mentioned to (Superintendent) Dr. Townsel earlier today, we should state up front in our mission statement that academic achievement is our top priority. I would like to propose a motion to amend this mission statement to read as follows: "CCPS will raise the bar for excellence in education by empowering students with a rigorous academic foundation that ignites a passion for learning and nurtures an inclusive and supportive school community."

Grenis explained, "While this is a minor change, I think it will send a strong signal that we are committed to excellence in preparing all of our students from all backgrounds to reach their full potential."

Townsel noted, "So it's nothing taken out, it's just reversing how it reads. So, it's the same thing, essentially. It's just an opposite order."

But board member Dawn Balinski said to Grenis, "Just a little bit of history of the journey that a board member took. When I was a part of the steering committee for the last strategic plan that was put in place in 2017, I thought the exact same thing, that our job is to create successful students. And so, I thought that academic performance should be our priority. And it was fascinating that in the room full of principals and teachers and administrators, they all patiently explained to me that without an overall sense of equity driving everything we do, that we could never reach that raising the bar for all of our students. So, at that time, we put what we called 'equity' as the number one priority."

She added, "And you were part of the steering committee for this round, you remember all of the grueling conversations and work that was done to come up with every one of what went into what we're

seeing now."

Balinski noted, "You start off with, we have an inclusive and supportive school community that is going to empower the heck out of all of our students. And yes, our job is to raise the bar in excellence."

The motion by Grenis to rearrange the wording was defeated on a 3-2 vote, with Jana Post supporting her. Grenis also opposed the overall motion to approve the strategic plan.

That plan has four pillars:

- Student Excellence
- Culture for Learning
- Organizational Accountability
- Community Engagement

It also includes "The Journey of a Graduate," that is explained on a poster that is posted in the hallways of all the schools.

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Interim Health Officer Presents Semi-Annual Report

Discusses Reproductive Health Program

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

With a new Calvert County Health Officer due to be announced soon, Interim Health Officer Champ Thomaskutty presented the department's semi-annual report to the county commissioners on Oct. 29. The commissioners, sitting as the board of health, received an update on the services available from the health department, including the grants that help keep the agency running. At the meeting Thomaskutty touted the health department's reproductive health program.

Thomaskutty said the health department has 270 employees, of which 230 are full-time equivalents and all but one are state employees. "They provide services or manage operations across nine sites and two mobile services," he said.

Health department divisions are:

- Administration
- Behavioral Health
- Community Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Local Behavioral Health Authority

He said of the Behavioral Health Authority, "Part of their function is to oversee grants that come into the county to ensure that services are rendered, but they also have a quality assurance responsibility to make sure that services are available, and they're done ethically and to higher professional standards."

Thomaskutty observed, "It's a lot of people, a lot of different programs. It actually costs a fair amount of money to operate that. Our current operating budget is approximately \$22 million, and I say approximate because our budgets are living beings; it's

probably going to shrink a little bit this cycle as we've already had one cut to our core funding from the state. And there's a ripple effect on state budgets on what some of our grants look like."

He said about 13 percent of their overall budget comes from state core funding, 15 percent comes from county match dollars, and 17 percent comes from fees for service. But he added, "The largest amount is our grants, and the grants come federal, state, and even local grants."

He noted, "The county provides the support of jail-based programs as well as a larger substance abuse grant to help us fill in the cracks for substance abuse services within the county." But he added, "The health department's a state entity, but the county gives us a place to actually work. So, most of our buildings are either owned by the county or leased on our behalf by the county. So that's how we're able to have staff in Chesapeake Beach and staff down in Lusby and staff in Barstow by the detention center."

Thomaskutty said, "We try to use the best evidence available to prioritize. So, if there's some leeway within the grants, we try to fill in gaps, but we're not always able to based on what our restrictions are. An example would be some of our substance use programs are very specific to opiates, even though we know that not everyone with a substance use problem is exclusively opiates, there are other prescription drugs that are in play. Other synthetic and artificial drugs that are in play. Alcohol is still an issue."

In all the health department has 72 grants that total about \$13 million. including the \$2.5 million opioid response program.

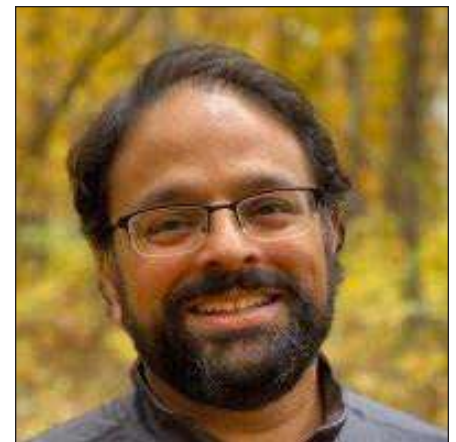
Thomaskutty explained, "We have a

reproductive health program that helps with family planning. There's a fair amount of screening, testing and treatment that comes in place. So, there's lab work, staffed primarily by nurses. It helps us sort of get people off on a good footing. Intentionality is often a good predictor of healthy outcomes for a pregnancy. So being able to plan that, understand the healthiest way to prepare and bring a child into the world."

He added, "We have additional programs that have been put together to address needs within a subpopulation of moms, those that have substance abuse problems. We have an assessment and treatment program called Healthy Beginnings. So, it takes some of that aspect of reproductive health and combines it with behavioral health and just some basic lifestyle issues like nutrition to put all these tools together so that an expectant mom can maximize the best opportunity to have a healthy outcome, a childbirth, and then follow up a year after birth to ensure that some of those healthy habits have been sustained."

"And that's where things like nutrition and cooking classes and group sessions come into play, and all the staff that support those activities, that support those young moms."

He observed, "The audience might ask, well, that's a lot of effort to go to a small population of folks. What we found is by putting in energy upfront before the birth, we can ensure that that child has the best chance of succeeding in life. So, they're not born spending the first days in the ICU. An ICU stay is very expensive, so that's draining healthcare dollars. So, if we can do prevention at lower cost, more effective, lay a groundwork for better outcomes, that child has a better chance to have a good start, be prepared when school comes around, and



Interim Health Officer Champ Thomaskutty

then move forward to a long-term pathway towards success, which ultimately and selfishly is to the positive for the community."

Thomaskutty explained, "A lot of kids (were) staying in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) because they were born addicted to various drugs. So, we pieced together and tried to figure out what the problems are and where within our space we could impact that. So, part of it was engaging the OB community, nursing community in the hospital, and then what was occurring out in the community."

"So, this program was localized, but because we've had such success, we've presented the program out to other counties and nationally as well. So, there are aspects of it that are being copied."

Thomaskutty called the program one of his department's biggest success stories.

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What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending Category 1 site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Oct. 17 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was in a hybrid form, both virtually and in person at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1. CSPR-143116, 145 **Adelina Business Office**, located at 145 Adelina Road, Prince Frederick, combining Parcel 120 and Parcel 250, Lot 2 for a total of 2.44 acres zoned Rural Commercial. Proposed remodeling of existing structure for use as an office and construction of a new 7,400 sf, two-story building for business-related storage with associated parking area required for the two buildings. This project will utilize private well and septic. The concept submittal was accepted December 20, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett
2. CSPR-143112, **CCIP Lot 3R**, located at 171 Skipjack Road, Prince Frederick, Lot 3R in the Calvert County Industrial Park, zoned Light Industrial. Proposed redevelopment of a portion of the 4.5-acre lot by demolishing the existing office and constructing a new two-story office building in its place. It is further proposed to repave the southern portion of the site and to construct a storage warehouse and wall to segregate parking between the storage building yard & adjacent flex space tenants. A total of 6,524 sf of new construction with a total disturbance of 1.2-acres is proposed and the amenities will utilize public water and sewer. The concept submittal was accepted December 20, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett
3. CSPR-143186, **CCIP Lot 37 – Flex Space**, located at 5241 Cutter Court, Prince Frederick, Lot 37 in the Calvert County Industrial Park, zoned Light Industrial. Proposed development of 34,000 sf flex space comprised of fourteen tenant spaces with disturbed acreage of 2.75 acres. The amenities



- will utilize public water and sewer. The concept submittal was accepted August 28, 2024. Agent: COA Barrett
4. CSPR-143166, **Prince Frederick Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility**, located on the property that surrounds 3 Armory Road, in Prince Frederick, MD and is zoned Prince Frederick Town Center/Old Town Transition District. The project consists of a two story Assisted Living and one-story memory care facility totaling 69,251 gross square foot and 98 total beds. The project also includes 20 residential, age restricted cottages (10 duplex units). Forest conservation requirements will be satisfied via proposed on-site forest retention area. Domestic water, fire protection and sewerage will tie to the existing public systems running within Armory Road. The concept submittal was accepted September 25, 2024. Agent: COA Barrett.

No major subdivisions are currently under review for Planning Commission consideration.

Please check next month's agenda for any new additions to this list

Concept submittals have been removed from this list. There is no assurance that those projects will reach

Preliminary Plan status. If/when they do, they will be placed on this list under their Preliminary Plan project number.



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Letters to the Editor

Statement from the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Calvert County has no connection to the October 17, 2024 citizen proposal to the BOCC that would amend the manner in which Commissioners are elected and serve. It is unfortunate that our organization was referenced in the *Calvert County Times* October 24th article on the meeting. We regret any misunderstanding, and ask that the record be corrected to reflect the above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 845-325-6106.

Sandra Raviv & Gladys White

Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Calvert County

Thanks from the Fair Board

The Calvert County Fair Board would like to publicly thank everyone who helped to make our recent fair the success that it was. It takes a lot of people lending much support to hold a successful event and we feel fortunate that so many helped to support the 2024 Calvert County Fair.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents; the businesses, organizations, and individuals who took ads in the Fair Book or brochure, helped to sponsor events, trophies or plaques, and awards or set up booths; the wonderful staff of Calvert County Parks and Rec. and Calvert County Office on Aging that took charge of Senior Citizen and Special Needs Day; the Career and Technology Academy for allowing students from Food Production to assist with the preparation and serving the bag lunch for our seniors and special needs persons; to Steve Weems, former Calvert County Commissioner, for his help in Judging and participating in the Pie Eating Contest for the 2nd year; the local contractors who generously provided equipment and supplies; the many judges who shared their expertise; the local newspapers for their coverage; the local fire and rescue departments; the deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and the troopers from the Maryland State Police who were on call; Lt. Jason Dean who was in charge of security at the Fair and 1st Sgt. Tom Phelps for working out the traffic plan for Youth Day and county road staff for helping make the plan work; the Joy Riders who assisted with the parking; the Calvert County Board of Education; the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and special thank you to Commissioner Todd Ireland for presenting the citation to Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert at the contest on September 22; the 4-H Livestock members; Miss Tranquility, Ava Wilson, and her court and Lord Calvert, Hank Valentin and his court who were official greeters at the

gate; Reverend Jenn Taber Osterfeld for Blessing the Fair; Boy Scout Troop 903 under the command of Asst. Scout Master, Carl Freeman, for their participation in the Presentation of the American Flag and their Troop Flag at the official opening of the fair ceremony, Madelyn Sparrough for singing the National Anthem, and Nicholas Napoli for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

We would like to thank the John Brady family for coordinating the Poultry Building. We would also like to thank those for overseeing the livestock barns and thank Debbie Jones, James Bateman, and Robert Lee Trossbach for their help in the livestock barns during the fair. Thanks to Kirsten Cowan and Ace Monaghan from the Calvert County 4-H program UMD Extension Office for their help before and during the fair in the 4-H and Youth Building and to the Calvert Soil Conservation, Calvert County Farm Bureau, and the Chesapeake Garden Club for working in the Farm and Garden Building. Thanks also to the local talent groups and individuals who performed free of charge; the Exhibitors at Youth Day, those who set up food or commercial booths; the College of Southern Maryland for the use of their parking lot, and to those who brought cans and dry or boxed foods to the Fair on Wednesday night and on Youth Day.

We would like to thank all those who prayed that we would have good weather at the fair this year and their prayers were answered on a few days of the fair.

In addition, we would like to thank those who proudly brought their exhibits, for without exhibits, we wouldn't have a county fair. Last, but certainly, not least, we thank all of those who came and joined in the fun. We hope to see you back again next year!

Larry Titus, President
Calvert County Fair Board

If you would like to submit a Letter to the Editor, please include your name & town of residence.

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CalvertHealth Foundation's 15th Annual 5K Sprints to Success

The streets of Solomons were filled with pink as more than 1,000 runners, walkers, cheering spectators, and volunteers came together for CalvertHealth's 15th Annual Breast Cancer 5K Walk/Run. This year's event was an overwhelming success, with the largest attendance ever and raising more than \$175,000 to benefit the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care at CalvertHealth.

The annual 5K, held on Saturday, October 19, saw participants of all ages and fitness levels taking part in the race, united by one common cause – to support breast cancer awareness and local care. The vibrant sea of pink highlighted the community's dedication to fighting breast cancer, celebrating survivors, and honoring those impacted by the disease.

"Our annual Breast Cancer 5K continues to grow each year. This year alone, we had more than 1,000 registrants, and we are incredibly grateful for the generosity and support from our community, sponsors, and donors," said Barry Friedman, CalvertHealth Foundation Board Vice Chair and Chair of the 5k Committee. "Raising more than \$175,000 is a record-breaking achievement that will directly impact the lives of patients at the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care, ensuring that we can continue to provide leading-edge care and services."

The funds raised will be used to provide women and men in Southern Maryland



First place overall winner, Grant Pennell

access to an experienced team of breast health experts and the most sophisticated technology available today. CalvertHealth recently affiliated with the Duke Cancer Network for cancer care. This relationship provides patients in the tri-county region with access to cancer research, treatment advances and clinical trials only available at the best cancer hospitals in the country.

Immediate Past Foundation Board Chair Denise Bowman shared her own experience with breast cancer. "We talk about the rates of cancer being higher in our area and I am one of those statistics. I was diagnosed



First place overall women's winner, Lisa McGinnis, congratulated by CalvertHealth President and CEO Jeremy Bradford, CalvertHealth Foundation Vice Chair Barry Friedman, CalvertHealth Foundation Chair Frank Smith.

with triple-negative breast cancer at age 55. That's a number, in Calvert County, that is above the state and national average. But I truly believe that CalvertHealth and its cancer care program can create survivors among all of us. I don't think of the diagnosis. I don't think of the treatment. I think about being a survivor. I think about being able to continue to live my life." Bowman encourages all women to get their annual mammograms, acknowledging that early detection does, in fact, save lives.

The top finisher overall was Grant Pennell, 17, with a time of 17:01.47 and in

addition to thanking all the participants and donors for their support, on behalf of the 5K Committee, Friedman also extended a special thank you to all 5K sponsors, including Associates in Radiation Medicine/Chesapeake Potomac Regional Cancer Center; Silva Contracting; AVIAN; Buckler Electric; Constellation/Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant; American Radiology Services; Asbury Solomons; AV3; Belmont Point Management; Calvert Internal Medicine Group; City National Bank; Indian Township Solutions; McKinsty Consulting; Sneade's Ace Home Center; Bob Carpenter & Dr. Steve Peters, Seven Lands and Seas Travel; COA Barrett, LLC; College of Southern Maryland Alumni Association; Crane Service Company; Dickinson Jewelers; Escape Rooms Southern Maryland; Sandgates Inn; Schaefer Homes; Toyota of Southern Maryland; A & W Insurance Services; Baxter Baker; Cedar Point Federal Credit Union; Dixie Miller and Jim Ritter, In Memory of Jay Sorkin and Betty Ritter; Dr. Ramona E. Crowley Goldberg In Memory of Dr. Sheldon E. Goldberg; Empire Graphics; Garner Exteriors; Idea Solutions; M&T Bank; SMECO; TA Sports Ventures; The Groat Family; Calvert Marine Museum; Garage Doors and More and Imagine One Technology & Management.



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Thu, Oct 31

Reading Buddies

Calvert Library Southern Branch,
3920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

At this event, elementary-aged children will do fun activities and read out loud to teen volunteers. Teen volunteers can earn one service learning hour for participating. 410-535-0291. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Fri, Nov 1

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.

Sat, Nov 2

Freedom Fund Luncheon

Bethel Way of the Cross Church of Christ
5450 Cherry Hill Road, Huntingtown
12 p.m. luncheon; 11 a.m. silent auction
Price: \$70

Purchase Tickets TODAY naacpcalvert.com or via Zelle at naacpcalvert@gmail.com. We are honoring the Gray-Ray American Legion Post 220 and our veterans. Four veterans whose pictures are on the flyer are all over 90 years old and one is 99 years old. We are honoring Guffrie Smith, Jr. for his community work. We are also honoring Beatrice Jane Fletcher who has been a long-time supporter of the NAACP.

Dee of St. Mary's Dockside Tour

Calvert Marine Museum

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Step aboard the museum's sailing skipjack for an up-close tour with crew members of her 56 ft. deck during the off-season. Learn how watermen dredge for oysters, hoist the sails, and navigate the waterways of the Chesapeake. Included with museum admission.

Sweet Treats Bake Sale

ACE Hardware
1750 Prosper Ln., Owings
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bake sale benefiting the Humane Society of Calvert County, treats available for purchase for both you and 4 legged best friend

Open House & Fall Fundraiser

Pets with Disabilities
635 Clay Hammond Rd., Prince Frederick
Noon to 4 p.m.

Once a year, this amazing rescue opens it's home to the public to celebrate their mission and say thank you! Admission is free. Family friendly. Enjoy food & drink, entertainment, raffles, trail walks, meet the dogs and purchase some PWD merchandise. It going to be a fun Fall event!

Friends of Felines 20th Anniversary Silent Auction

Calvert Elks Lodge
1015 Dares Beach Rd., Prince Frederick
4 – 7 p.m.

Friends of Felines' focus is on rescuing free roaming or abandoned cats and placing them in managed colonies or permanent homes. Working with property owners and families throughout Calvert County, we help curb cat overpopulation at its source by providing a humane alternative to euthanasia. Our objective is to decrease the number of displaced cats and work alongside other rescue groups, Animal Control and the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter in our shared goal to make Calvert County a place where healthy

stray cats are given a better future.

We will have a silent auction, wine pull, and hors d'oeuvres. Ticket price is \$25 per person. Purchase tickets here: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/d0a9a579-f3ec-48c8-b519-938b5b73bc7e

Thu, Nov 7

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum
10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

This month's theme is Maryland Symbols - Dinosaur. Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Cost is free with museum admission. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive.

Ongoing

Pop-in with Poppie

Calvert Marine Museum
Saturdays, the month of November
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Make your Saturday afternoon memorable by coming to visit with our very own Pop Star "Poppie," our Virginia Opossum. You can join the Poppie paparazzi in the museum lobby with one of our educational interpreters, learn all kinds of fun possum facts, and visit our Museum Store for possum fan gear. Since the welfare of our animals is our primary concern, Poppie's ability to visit with her adoring public may occasionally be subject to change on short notice.

Beyond the Displays: Artifact Stories

Calvert Marine Museum
Sundays, the month of November
1:30 p.m.

Discover the history behind the emblem

from a paddle wheel boat, the tools found in the blacksmith shop, and the Gov. R. M. McLane name board. Hear captivating stories about WWII's impact on the Solomons community and uncover hidden pictures within the museum murals. It's a unique opportunity to delve into local history and see these artifacts in a new light. Included with museum admission.

Upcoming

Southern Community Center Temporarily Closure

20 Appeal Lane, Lusby
Nov. 9 – 11

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation advises citizens the Southern Community Center will be temporarily closed for annual floor maintenance. The community center will be open Friday, Nov. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Normal hours of operation will resume Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Jellyfish Day

Calvert Marine Museum
Saturday, Nov. 9
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

In November we celebrate jellyfish, the amazingly tentacled invertebrates of the Chesapeake Bay! Stop by to check out the Moon jellyfish exhibit and discover fun facts about the bay's other jellyfish species through activities in our River to Bay Gallery. Activities and crafts included with museum admission.

"On-Watch" Memorial Service

End of Dowell Road in Dowell
Sunday, Nov. 10
2 p.m.

Join us in thanking all our veterans for their service at the site of the "On Watch" statue. Refreshments will be served on-site following the program.

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Thu, Oct 31

Boogie Down to Halloween Town—Dance Party

Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Rd, Charlotte Hall
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Happy Halloween! Wear your best costume and don't forget your dancing shoes. Be prepared to enter the costume contest for a chance to win a prize! Light refreshments will be served. There will be a door prize drawing for a FREE Fitness Card (\$40 value). To register, please visit www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Aging/Activities-Programs/

Halloween Spooktacular

Loffler Senior Activity Center
21905 Chancellors Run Rd, Great Mills
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join us for some spooktacular fun! Be sure to wear a costume to enter our costume contest. There will be dancing, games, light snacks, and good company. Advanced registration is required. To register, please visit www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Aging/Activities-Programs/

Notice of NAACP 7025 Elections Process

Church of the Ascension
21641 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be a report of the Nominating Committee, receipt of Nominations by Petition, and election of the Election Supervisory Committee. All members whose memberships are current as of May 1st of the election year, who's memberships have remained continuous throughout the election process, and who live and/or work within the unit's jurisdiction, may be nominated for office or as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. In order to sign a nominating petition, or be elected to the Election Supervisory Committee, a member must be current as of 30 days prior to the October meeting.

November 21, 2024, the election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee will be administered using our electronic voting platform. Voting will open at 4:00 PM and close at 8:00 PM. In order to vote in a Branch election, one must be a member in good standing of the Branch 30 days prior to the election.

Should a run-off election be necessary, that election shall occur on Monday, November 25, 2024, Lexington Park Library—Meeting Room A, 21677 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park, MD 20653, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Run-off elections shall be conducted not less than ten (10) days after the original election.

Fri, Nov 1

Boo Through, Haunted Firehouse

Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department
28165 Hills Club Rd., Mechanicsville
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free drive through haunted firehouse tour. Drive through the Mechanicsville Haunted Fire House with scary stuff and scary people. Free event children will receive a goodie bag. (Donations are encouraged).

Sat, Nov 2

Spaghetti Dinner—All You Can Eat

2nd Dist. VFD&RS Social Hall
45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Spaghetti w/sauce, green beans, garden salad, garlic bread & homemade dessert table for a donation. Children 5 & under are free.

Tue, Nov 5

Election Day Luncheon

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Dept
24801 Three Notch Rd, Hollywood
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Election Day Luncheon to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Reserve your lunch today whether you are working the polls, coming by to vote or just want to have a great lunch!

Menu choices:

Vegetable Beef Soup \$6
Chicken Salad Sandwiches \$6
Cold Cut Subs \$6
Chips \$1
Water & Sodas \$2

Pre-orders recommended. Please text or leave message: 240-925-4376

Thu, Nov 7

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

American Legion Post
21690 Colton Point Rd., Avenue
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

American Legion Post 221 invites all active duty personnel and veterans to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. E-mail us at alpost221@aol.com or call 301*481*6625 for more information.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library UPCOMING EVENTS



Robots are A-MAZE-ing! STEM Fun

We'll learn some basic coding concepts, build mazes, and code instructions for our Botley robots to find their way through. Lexington Park Library on Saturday, November 2 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. No coding experience required; this program is intended for beginners in the lower elementary grades. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Lexington Park Chess Day

An all-ages chess social hang-out! Drop in and out to play as needed, no experience required. Staff will be available to assist those who haven't played before. Lexington Park Library on Sunday, November 3 from 2 - 4 p.m. Small chess guides will be available for each player for reference.

Chess boards will be provided by the library, but feel free to bring your favorite set. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Amazing Apples: Cider-Making Demo

Learn to make fresh apple cider! Two sessions on Tuesday, November 5. First session will be held 10 - 11 a.m. at the pavilion at Cecil Park (19241 St Georges Church Rd, Valley Lee, MD 20692), rain or shine. Second session will be held at Lexington Park Library from 1 - 2 p.m. Learn about the life cycle of apples from seeds to trees and fruit, see how a cider press works, then get hands-on and help make a batch of fresh apple cider! Please register each child who will attend (accompanying adults do not need to register) on www.stmalib.org.

What's the Deal with Voting Storytime

Come dressed in your most patriotic outfit and learn how voting can make a difference in your community! Charlotte Hall Library on Tuesday, November 5 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. This is a special storytime intended to for participants with lower elementary abilities to learn why election day is such a big deal. We will talk about what voting is, read a story about voting, and cast our ballot to choose the design for our very own button! Storytime will be followed by election day craft activities and a photobooth to show off your commitment to learning how you can change your community! This event is intended to educate young citizens on what is happening during election season and why it matters. Register on www.stmalib.org.

A Kid's Intro to Artificial Intelligence

Join us for an exploration of Generative Artificial Intelligence! Are you curious about the new wave of AI, but don't know where to start? Join us as we discuss what AI is, what it can do (and can't do), and spend some time practicing with it at Leonardtown Library on Tuesday, November 5 from 3 - 4 p.m. We'll be exploring ChatGPT and Magic Studio in the computer lab. A word of caution to participants: these Generative AI programs will produce information based on what is put into it, so there is the possibility for inappropriate outcomes based on inappropriate inputs. Due to this, we ask that parents register themselves along with their children and stay for the duration of the program. Register on www.stmalib.org.

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3RD PLACE: THREE MULES WELDING

Best Visiting Scarecrow
THREE MULES WELDING

2ND PLACE: BURCH OIL & PROPANE
3RD PLACE: BUDDY LEE LANDSCAPING & CONTRACTING



Best Town Council Member
NICK COLVIN

2ND PLACE: JAY MATTINGLY
3RD PLACE: HEATHER EARHART

Best Non-Profit
THE CENTER FOR LIFE ENRICHMENT
2ND PLACE: FRIENDS OF GARVEY
3RD PLACE: LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

Best Government Agency
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
2ND PLACE: SMC DEPARTMENT OF AGING
3RD PLACE: COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN

Best Family/Individual
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Weekend Specials

Shop & Stroll Passport to the Holidays: Visit our participating businesses and have your passport stamped for a chance to win a prize. The more businesses you visit, your chances of winning a bigger prize increases.

Specials and sales at Shephard's Old Field Market

Friday, November 1

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Visit the Old Jail Museum & Leonardtown Visitor Center for FREE tours and extended hours for First Friday

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. First Friday Reiki Share at Spice Studio

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. St. Mary's Arts Council's opening reception for the Community Art Show, Cosmic Connection, Looking Through Space. Show will run the through the month of November.

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. North End Gallery opening reception for Resilience: Strength & Joy, Hand & Heart

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Parents night out at MADE by you



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(Closed 12/24 & 12/25)

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☐ Quality Street
☐ First time visiting

☐ Shepherd's Old
Field Market
☐ First time visiting

☐ S-Kape Salon & Spa
☐ First time visiting

☐ Spice Studio
☐ First time visiting

☐ St. Mary's Arts Council
☐ First time visiting

☐ The Good Earth
☐ First time visiting

☐ The Old Jail Museum
☐ First time visiting

☐ The Trend Thrift
☐ First time visiting

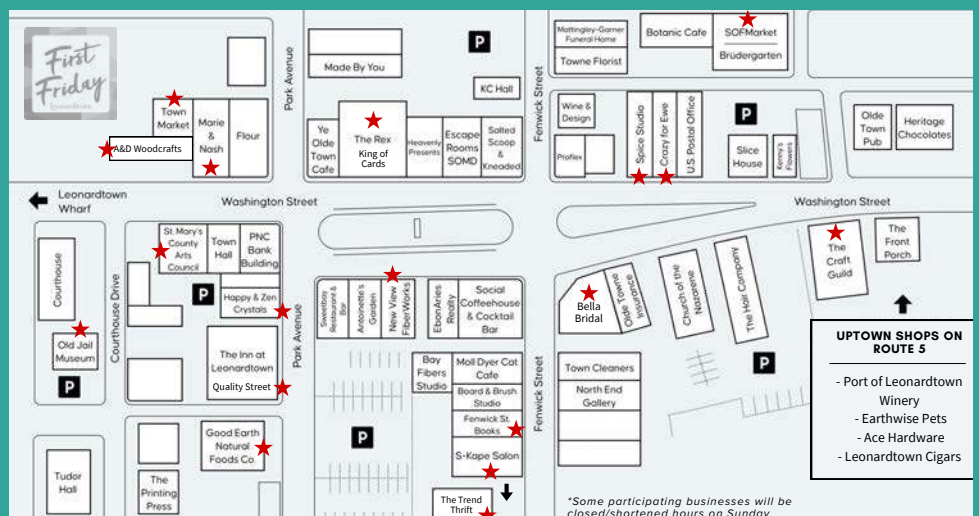
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Christmas Bazaar Vendor Show

Saturday, November 16

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Solomons Vol. Rescue Squad and Fire Dept.
13150 HG Trueman Road

Enjoy great shopping for all of your holiday gifts and decorations!

Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, November 17

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Huntingtown High School
4125 N Solomons Island Rd., Huntingtown

Join us for a festive day of holiday shopping with over 75 unique vendors! Enjoy food trucks, sweet treats and fun activities for the whole family. Meet Santa and The Grinch, and let the kids get creative at our craft station. Don't miss out on basket raffles and more!

Pink Friday: A Celebration of Small Businesses in Solomons!

Friday, November 22

12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Solomons

Pink Friday, launched nationwide in 2020, encourages everyone to shop small FIRST during the holiday season. Explore Solomons and enjoy exclusive deals while collecting fun pink swag as you shop from stop to stop! Enjoy a photo op at Simply Social Event Co. Enter for a chance to win an exciting grand prize for visiting every location.

Fall Craft Show

Sunday, November 24

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
24801 Three Notch Rd, Hollywood

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Stop by our kitchen and grab lunch while you shop! Stuffed ham sold by the pound or sandwich as well as other lunch choices. Check out the BAKE TABLE too. All vendor spaces are sold out!

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K

Thursday, November 28

7 a.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

Bring your family, friends or just yourself and enjoy this annual holiday tradition! Race begins and ends at the pavilion.

Annmarie Garden in Lights

Friday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Jan. 1

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Road, Solomons

A must-see holiday tradition for the entire family! Enjoy a stroll through the gardens to see the magical holiday lights display. In addition there will be holiday shopping, festive exhibits and food available for purchase at food trucks on-site. Advanced times-entry tickets are required for members and non-members! Check website for special

nights and food truck schedule TBD. Closed on some evenings, please check website for updated schedule. This is a rain or shine event!

40th Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department
28165 Hill Club Rd., Mechanicsville

Please come and join us for some holiday shopping. For more information on this event please go to mvfd.com. Thank you for all that you do and your continued support.

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Second District Volunteer Fire Department
45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee

More information to come.

Christmas Ornament & Cookie Exchange

Thursday, December 12

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Patuxent Presbyterian Church
23421 Kingston Creek Road, California

Ladies, it is with great anticipation that we invite you to immerse yourselves in a delightful evening at our esteemed Annual Christmas Ornament & Cookie Exchange, to be held on Thursday, December 12th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. within the welcoming walls of the Fellowship Hall at Patuxent Presbyterian Church. This year's gathering promises an array of festive activities, including our cherished ornament exchange and a brand-new engaging game designed for everyone's delight. To add a touch of merriment, we extend a warm invitation for you to showcase your most exquisite holiday sweater! Prizes await the most remarkable displays. Kindly bring a new, wrapped Christmas ornament for the joyous exchange! For the cookie swap, craft 2-3 dozen of your most delicious cookies to share with fellow attendees. Should baking not be your forte, fret not—feel free to skip the baking but make sure to bring an ornament to exchange. As part of our Mission Outreach, we are collecting socks, mittens, scarves, or hats to be distributed to guests in need at WARM and the Three Oaks Shelter. Your contribution will bring warmth and comfort to those less fortunate during this season of goodwill. We eagerly anticipate the joy of celebrating the holiday season with each one of you! Kindly RSVP by Thursday, December 5th, either by signing up in the Narthex or contacting the church office at 301-863-2033.

To learn more about our church, please visit: www.paxpres.com.

Last Chance Christmas Market

Saturday, December 21

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Dixon Family Farm
27075 S. Sandgates Rd., Mechanicsville

Bring the family and Christmas cheer to the 2nd annual Last Chance Christmas Market at Dixon Family Farm! Head to the farm for last-minute shopping with awesome local artisan vendors, craft beverage vendors, food trucks, fire pit, live music, and free photos with Santa!

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

40th Holiday Bazaar

December 1st 2024
10:00am - 3:00pm

Over 75 holiday crafters and vendors to fill our hall and bay area

Food and Raffles available for purchase

We will have a special visit from Santa from 12 to 1:30. Bring your camera to get a picture, also bring your letter to Santa we will have an express mailbox. .

Any questions send an email to Bazaar@mvfd.com

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Lexington Park

Holly Days

Tree Lighting } Saturday December 7 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Holly Days Extravaganza } Sunday December 8 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us in the spirit of the holidays for a tree lighting, pictures with Santa, a vendor shopping experience, carolers, arts & crafts and a festive atmosphere!

Free & Open to the Public!
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Lexington Park Library: 21677 FDR Blvd, Lexington Park, MD

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SMCM Symphony Orchestra,
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SATURDAY, 12/7 @ 3 P.M.
The St. Mary's Singers,
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SUNDAY, 12/15 @ 7 P.M.
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FRI, DEC. 13 & SAT, DEC. 14
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SoMD Holiday Events CALENDAR

Artisan and Vendor Market

Saturday, November 2
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Summerseat Farm
26655 Three Notch Rd., Mechanicsville

Vendors and Customers... Summerseat Farm is excited to announce its November Artisan and Vendor Market. The hours are 9am-3pm. Everyone is invited to stop by to shop an amazing selection of homemade, handmade, vintage, or baked items.

Perfect timing for your Christmas shopping! Come support your local artisans!

Summerseat Farm, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is supported solely by fundraisers, donations, and memberships.

Annual Community Carnival, Craft, & Vendor Fair!

Saturday, November 2
12 Noon to 6:00 PM
The King's Christian Academy
20738 Point Lookout Road, Callaway

Join us for an unforgettable day of family fun at the 10th Annual KCA Community Carnival, Craft, and Vendor Fair—November 2, 2024!

Get ready for a day of excitement and entertainment at The King's Christian Academy on Saturday, November 2, from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is FREE and

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

With over 35+ carnival games and attractions, there is something for everyone! Experience the thrill of our Zip Line, Pony Rides, Big Baller, Mobile Ninja Warrior Course, Laser Tag, and more! Games and rides require tickets, but don't worry—they are affordable and well worth the fun! Plus, don't miss the chance to explore 30+ crafters and vendors—it is the perfect spot to shop for unique items or get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Hungry? Bring your appetite and enjoy freshly grilled food and sweet treats, all reasonably priced. To top it all off, T-Bone and Heather from STAR 98.3 will broadcast live from the carnival between 2—4 p.m., adding to the excitement!

This is a family-friendly event you won't want to miss, celebrating a decade of fun and community spirit! We can't wait to see you there!

Family Clay Dates: Holiday Ornaments

Sunday, November 3
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Road, Solomons
\$5/individual; \$45/kit

Join us outside in the park and make a fam-

ily clay masterpiece! Work together to create a batch of charming ornaments for holiday decorating and gift-giving. Learn slab, coil, and texture techniques and paint your project with colorful underglazes. These outdoor clay classes are a fun way to spend time together. They ARE outdoors, so please dress for the weather. We recommend bug spray and sunscreen too. Family groups can choose to work on one project together or purchase additional project kits so everyone works on their own. An adult must participate with children. Limit 15 groups; Limit 6 individuals per table. An adult must register and remain with children during class. All projects must remain here to be fired in the kiln. You will be emailed when your project is ready for pickup. Registration required.

Campfire on the Beach

Friday, November 8
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Town Beach
9023 Bay Avenue, North Beach

Warm up by the fire, roast marshmallows and enjoy hot cocoa! 301-855-6681.

Family and Friends Annual Craft & Vendor Fair

Sunday, November 10
11:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Mechanicsville Moose Lodge
27636 Mechanicsville Rd. Mechanicsville

We are back again...with over 40 local crafters, vendors and artisans!! Ready to kick off your Christmas/Holiday Shopping Season

Looking for a Special Gift you will find it at our event !!

Please do not contact the Moose Lodge about signing up for this event. This event is full for vendors.

Holiday Bazaar: Craft & Vendor

Friday, November 15
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Loffler Senior Activity Center
21905 Chancellors Run Rd, Great Mills

Open to the public. The seniors have been busy creating items to sell. Find some great Fall/Thanksgiving/Christmas gifts and décor for yourself or a loved one and support local merchants! Invite your friends & family to shop with you- this event is open to the public.

No registration is needed to attend. Crafters & vendors can purchase a table

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Experience the Holidays at St. Mary's County Museums

EVENING TIDES: CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS AT PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

November 30 • 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Join us for a festive holiday evening featuring candlelight, carolers, a hot chocolate bar, and Buddy the Elf.

[Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light)



FAMILY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

December 1 • 10 AM – 5 PM

We're kicking off the holiday season inside the museum and Keeper's Quarters with family activities, refreshments and more. Come experience this unique Christmas setting in the museum.

[Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light)



FAMILY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM

December 1 • 10 AM – 5 PM

Enjoy the opening of our holiday exhibits with kids' activities, refreshments, music, and more. Get a jump on your holiday shopping with a wide variety of unique and local items inside the Museum Store.

[Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)



HOLIDAYS AT PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

December 1 – January 1

Come enjoy guided tours for all ages of the lighthouse and museum! The Keeper's Quarters and museum will be decorated for the holidays and special festive exhibits will be available.

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ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM CHRISTMAS DOLL & TRAIN EXHIBIT

December 1 – January 5

Enjoy a holiday exhibit of antique and collectible dolls (like Barbie, American Girl and more), classic trains and other vintage toys in this festive holiday display inside the museum.

[Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)



STORYTIME & COOKIES WITH SANTA AT THE U.S. COLORED TROOPS INTERPRETIVE CENTER

December 15 • 1 PM – 3 PM

Join us for a free and festive Open House for all ages featuring Christmas storytimes, holiday cookies and refreshments, and more - including Santa and Mrs. Claus!

[Facebook.com/USCTCenter](https://www.facebook.com/USCTCenter)



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For more information about holidays at the museums, visit [Museums.StMarysMD.com](https://www.Museums.StMarysMD.com)





10th Annual

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

CRAFT / VENDOR FAIR

November 2 • 12 – 6 pm

Free Admission

Over 35+ Carnival Attractions

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All-Star Sports Arena, Pony Rides

Radical Run Obstacle Course

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In Remembrance

To schedule an obituary in the County Times, submit text and picture to aldailey@countytimes.net by noon on Tuesdays for publication on Thursdays. Any submissions received after this deadline may run in the following week's edition.

Rose Arch, 89

Rose Mary Arch, 89 of Elkton, MD, passed away Friday, October 4, 2024 in the Christiana Hospital, Newark, DE.

Born in Clinton, MD, on March 26, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Edgar and Evelyn (Hill) Russell. She was the wife of the late Joseph Arch who passed June 20, 2005.

Rose enjoyed gardening and was an avid bird watcher. She enjoyed decorating her home and loved sitting down and eating crabs.

Survivors include her children: Julie Blackstone of Elkton, MD, Robert "Bobby" Blackstone of Houma, LA, Mary Lee Bieniek of Elkton, MD, and Jo Anna Haines of Elkton, MD; her grandson: Carl Dale Hall, Jr. of Elkton, MD; and great grandson: Brody Wolfe of Columbus, NC.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 12:00 noon at Crouch Funeral Home, P.A., 127 South Main Street, North East, MD, with a visitation beginning at 11:00 am.

For condolences, please visit www.crouchfuneralhome.com

John Fox, 77



John W. Fox, of Accokeek, Maryland, passed away October 20, 2024, peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born January 31, 1947, Loudoun County, Virginia, to the late Maurice R. Fox and Mary F. Delp Fox.

John met the love of his life, Shirley, in August of 1965. They were married in 1966 and just celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on October 18, 2024. John and Shirley have 2 children, Michael and Angela.

John was a kind man who made friends everywhere he went. His favorite pastimes were fishing, playing cornhole, and working on cars. He had a love of old cars and hot rods. He was most passionate about his family and his little dog Bella.

In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his brothers, Ronald Fox, Donald Fox, and Carlin M. Fox, Sr.

John is survived by his loving wife, Shirley L. Fox, children Michael Fox, Sr. (Wife Becky) and Angela Fox; grandchildren Michael Fox, Jr. (wife Olivia) and Jessica Bowie (husband Joey); step-granddaughters Lindsey and Allison Williams; great-granddaughters Kendall and Ellie Bowie; and his dear brother Russell Fox (wife Barbara). John has numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, but shared a special bond with his nephew Carlin M. Fox, Jr.

Family and friends will be received on Monday October 28th from 4PM-8PM at Raymond Funeral Services, P.A. in La Plata

Maryland, with prayers at 7PM. Funeral services will be held at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A. on Tuesday October 29th at 10AM followed by Interment at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf, Maryland. Afterwards family and friends will gather for a celebration of life at Mechanicsville Moose Lodge, 27636 Mechanicsville Road, Mechanicsville, Maryland.

Pallbearers are Carlin M. Fox, Jr., Gary Phipps, Jr., Richard Fox, Jr., and Michael Gomes.

Honorary Pallbearers are Buck Harris and Nate Bates

Marvin Smith, 88



Marvin Louis Smith, 88, joined his Heavenly Family on October 24, 2024. He was at the home he built over 50 years ago in Keedysville, MD. He was born

in Erwin, SD on June 8, 1936, to the late Eddie Smith and Esther Anna Smith. He was predeceased by brothers Elwood, Donald, and Leonard, along with several nieces and nephews from the Smith Family. Also, predeceasing him was a beloved grandson, Paul, and baby great-granddaughter, Riley.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Miriam Pyles Smith, who he married on March 25, 1966; sons Bob with Monica, Nick with Joan, Rod with Amy, and Gary with Trish, along with grandchildren Rob with Liz, Eric with Megan, Zoie, Tyler with Ben, and great-grandchildren Johnny, Rhett, Blake, and Lydia.

He is also survived by siblings he loved dearly, brother Charles and sister, Joy, along with many wonderful nieces and nephews and their families.

Marvin served with the U.S. Navy in Hawaii, Japan, and the Philippines before returning to the U.S. where he was stationed at Ft. Meade to work at NSA, serving a total of 24 years. He served as a Communication Technician, receiving among many awards, a Joint Service Communication Medal for his support in the Mission of the NSA in 1968, and a Cryptologic Service award in 1978.

He belonged to many bowling leagues over the years, receiving awards for scoring several 300 games, including one at age 74.

He met his wife, Suzanne, who was also employed with NSA, when their NSA teams competed at the Langley Park Bowling Alley. They were happily married for over 58 years.

After retiring from the Military, he was employed at Turner's Dual Lanes in Hagerstown, MD, and for Woodman of the World Insurance Co. He also worked with Son, Nick, owner of Antietam Paving Company.

Marvin and his family resided in Hollywood on the Severn in Severna Park, MD before moving to Keedysville, MD where he built their home on 10 acres

overlooking beautiful South Mountain. He created a small farm, raising cows, horses, chickens, ducks, and geese.

He especially enjoyed trips to Assateague Island, MD and Oter Banks, NC, where he loved to fish; and travelling back to South Dakota for family reunions.

Over the years he and his wife "rescued" several properties and turned them into desirable homes for the enjoyment of others.

They kept one of the "fixer-uppers" at St. Clements Shores in Southern Maryland where many family get-togethers were enjoyed. They eventually made it into their second residence. Marv loved to catch crabs off the pier to share with others.

Marv was a good Christian, a member of the Christ Episcopal Church family in Chaptico, MD.

His desire was to donate his organs for research and have his body cremated for burial later at St. Marks Cemetery in Petersburg, MD. There will be no service at the request.

He will be greatly missed by his family, especially during the coming holiday season. It will not be the same without his presence, although we are so grateful to have had him as our inspiration throughout his time on earth.

We will miss you and are so proud to call you Dear Marv, Dad, Pap, Bop, Grampy, and Great-grand Pap.

"Til we meet again, you fought the good fight.

Mark Bailey, 64



Mark Andrew Bailey, 64, of Bushwood, Maryland, passed away October 23, 2024, in Washington, D.C. surrounded by his loving family.

Born on June 28, 1960, in Leonardtown, Maryland, he was the son of Samuel Matthew Bailey, Jr. and the late Joan Marie (Coale) Bailey.

In addition to his father, Mark is survived by his children, Coale Marie Thompson (Mike) of Hollywood, MD, Erica Bailey Walker (Sterling) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Mark Andrew Bailey II (Alyssa) of Bushwood, MD, his grandchildren, Sierra, Leland, Franklin, Larson, Braylee, Adlee, and Sterling, his stepmother, Rose Bailey, his siblings, Faye Gowran (Joe), Sam Bailey (Jennifer), Beverly Wood (Larry), and Steve Bailey, and his beloved Great Dane, Captain. He was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Cathy Bailey and stepmother, Louanne Bailey.

Mark attended Holy Angels School, Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy, and graduated from Chopticon High School in 1978. Mark started playing softball for Capt. Sam's in 1979 and later managed the team. He was a part of five Young Men's Championships. He was inducted into the

SMCYMSL Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Budweiser Sportsmanship Award. After he stepped away from managing, he continued to sponsor the Capt. Sam's men's and women's leagues and remained a huge fan.

Mark delivered oysters for Capt. Sam's Seafood and drove a truck for Bailey's Express before running his own trucking company. He later managed a family business, DJ's One Stop Shop, in Mechanicsville, MD, for over 15 years. Mark was the owner of BarServ, LLC. and provided bar services for numerous weddings, parties, and events all over the tri-county area. He loved socializing and serving people. In 2008, Mark started working for Lockheed Martin as a Material Handler in support of the F-35 program, where he worked until his death.

Mark's grandchildren were the light of his life. He enjoyed taking them on side-by-side rides around Bailey's Acres, out to breakfast, and spending quality time with them every chance he could. Mark spoiled them rotten and they loved their Poppy so much! He was so proud of his children and grandchildren and he showed it with his big, infectious smile.

Mark was known for his generosity and always put others before himself. He would donate to and sponsor many events in the county. Every week Mark made sure to visit his favorite Aunt Cat and bring her winning lottery tickets and soft crabs. He enjoyed entering the replicas of the Samuel M. Bailey oyster buy boat, Capt. Sam's Seafood Truck, and Capt. Sam's Crab House truck into local parades and showcasing them at the annual Oyster Festival. He loved hosting family and friends in his bar for an ice-cold Coors Light, crabs, and his famous annual Daytona 500 party.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 4, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 pm with prayers recited at 7:00PM IN Holy Angels Catholic Church, Avenue, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 11:00 AM with Father William Gurnee officiating. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Bushwood, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mark Bailey II, Mike Emory, Sterling Walker, Jr., Steven Bailey, Danny Davis, Robbie Bailey, and Sam Wernecke. Honorary pallbearers will be Coale Thompson, Erica Walker, Alyssa Bailey, Sierra Thompson, Leland Bailey, Larson Bailey, Braylee Walker, Adlee Walker, Sterling Walker, Sam Bailey, Steve Bailey, Tony Bailey, and Bill Bailey.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be made in memory of Mark Bailey to A.C.T.S., P.O. Box 54, Avenue, MD 20609 or the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, 21530 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609.

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

A View From The BLEACHERS



THE FALL

By Ronald N. Guy
Contributing Writer

Pre-dawn alarms begin long high school days; daily practices follow that end at dusk. Various artifacts of competition – smelly uniforms, sweaty socks, blood-stained shorts and muddy shoes, among other aromatic articles – line garage floors and laundry rooms. Wash, dry, fold and repeat. This is the evening's drill – shocking at first, then, for the fully initiated, it is executed with precision and barely a conscious thought.

Then the "fun" really starts. For some, impossibly early mornings precede long bus rides where opponents are met. For others, mercifully later bus rides, equally long, end deep into the night leaving no hope for adequate sleep. The places they travel to have massive light pillars to illuminate fields, enabling competition beyond the bounds of the sun's stay. There are lines, goals, nets, fields of grass, sticks, clubs and rackets. Pads pop and bells ring. Fans scream. The voices of athletes call out plays, encouragement and strategic advice. Flags fly through the air to indicate infractions. Cards are raised - some yellow, some red. Balls smack against sticks, thud off of feet and are hurled through the air. Dozens of runners line across a field awaiting the gun's start before sprinting in mass through grass and mud, up and down hills and around turns for miles of lung-straining agony. Ankles are swollen, shoulders are bruised, knees ache and flesh wounds are covered in gauze pads, medical tap or nature's answer – scabs.

In the moment, it can all feel like agony – it's all too early, too late, too hard...just too much. Why am I doing this? What was I thinking? These are the early morning and late-night thoughts as aching young bodies are forced from or fall into bed. But then the rewards completely rework the brain's chemistry. Personal bests, team accomplishments, teammates pushing one another to unbelievable heights or helping one another through difficult defeats. The camaraderie, the friendships, the memories: This is worth it...all of it...without question.

As October turns to November, another season of high school fall sports draws to a close. The tempo repeats annually, and similarly with winter and spring sports, as each school year unfolds. Having been an observer (as a dad) of eight fall sports seasons now, there is much to reflect on. I can see busses arriving back to school late at night; others are warmed up and ready to go before dawn. There are scoreboards and race clocks. Referees and event organizers. Fellow parents. Coaches giving so much to their schools and teams. And, I see the athletes. Goofing off before the games. High fiving after strong efforts. Helping teammates up, emotionally as much as physically, after a tough deal. Mostly, though, I see their faces; they paint so many pictures – smiles, grimaces, confidence, uncertainty, determination, disappointment and joy. And that timeless life lesson: You get out of something what you put into it.

As I ponder my own kids' experiences, I wonder about the other athletes. How did they all get here, in this moment of intense competition? Beyond the school they are representing, where are they from? How long was their bus ride? How do they feel? How much sleep are they working on? What joint hurts the most? None of it ever seems to matter in the moment. They are all volunteers. They chose this challenge and immersive journey in the sport they curse at times but love with every fiber of their being. That love, with a healthy dash of youthful spirit, is what I will always remember from singular events and my now long mental scroll of seasons.

For some sports, that magic is muted at the professional level. College sports too, with NIL deals and the transfer portal, aren't quite what they used to be. There's a business aspect of it - an "I'm all-in on this as long as it serves me" - that just isn't as pure. So as the high school fall sports season draws to a close, as athletes leave the field or the court or the trail for the last time, a final grateful thought comes to mind: This is the very best of sports.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

The Tackle Box Fishing Report



By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Fall is here. The bigger redfish are fleeing, the spot and croaker have migrated, blues are scarce, the speckled trout are giving us one last chance before skedaddling to warmer climes.

The good news is the rockfish are loving the cool and are on a healthy bite. Both the Patuxent and Potomac had good reports of rockfish this week by trollers using small umbrella rigs, tandems, and single bucktails dressed with shad bodies.

There are opportunities for jiggers and lure casters as the rockfish are coming to the surface, feeding and drawing birds at dawn and dusk. It is a brief window. There are still rockfish on the edges in ten to fifteen feet of

water for light trollers using single bucktails dressed with plastic curly tails.

Bait fishermen from the shoreline can find rockfish at Cedar Point and Point Lookout at anytime; overall this action is pretty slow. White perch and an occasional bluefish can spark the action.

Catfish are plentiful and hungry in the Potomac and Patuxent. The drought has made the river water salty enough to discourage the catfish from descending too far down river. They love cut alewife and a variety of prepared baits available in tackle shops.

The white perch are scheduled to be schooled up in the Patuxent in the vicinity of the Solomons bridge this week. Bloodworms and small shiny metal jigs will bring home dinner.

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A Lineage of Activism



Three generations of the same family have been working St. Mary's County's elections polls. Keysha C. Thomas, Chief Judge since 2010a started as a regular Election Judge in 2008. A. Dianne Thomas (Dickerson), Election Judge since 2010 and Tiana J. Thomas, Election Judge since 2018. Photo by Ceandra Scott

Seventh District Donates Fire Engine to Department in Need

On Saturday evening, numerous members of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department gathered at the station to welcome Volunteers from the Woodlawn Fire Department in Marion, North Carolina. At our last business meeting our membership voted to donate our reserve engine to a department in need in the state after the devastation of Hurricane Helene.

During the evening, we enjoyed dinner and then did a review of the apparatus before signing paperwork to turn over ownership of the Engine. Several members witnessed the signing conducted by President Nelson along with Past Fire Chief Gibson.

Engine 54 was purchased in 1991 under the direction of Past Fire Chief Steve Gibson. It was equipped at the time as a rescue engine and carried numerous rescue tools, had an on board cascade system, generator, and various other equipment. It has a 1500 gpm hale pump and carries 750 gallons of water.

On Sunday morning the North Carolina



crew returned to pump the engine, review all components and get a final overview before heading back home with the apparatus. We also loaded the engine with some Amkus tools, extra fire hose, ventilation fans and other small hand tools and equipment that can be given to other local departments in need.

We hope that the engine serves the department well and will be of good use as the area recovers. We also send our well wishes to all of those affected and are still dealing with the aftermath of this disaster.

Museum Division Debuts Building Bricks Lighthouse Challenge

The Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums, the non-profit organization that supports the St. Mary's County Museum Division, is announcing an exciting competition this holiday season in honor of the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac River. For the challenge, participants will create a lighthouse model using interlocking building bricks and bring it to the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum for display and judging.

The challenge has two age group categories: ages 12 and under and ages 13 and up.

Challenge rules:

- All entries must be made with interlocking building blocks (any variety or brand).
- The final size of your entry must be no bigger than 12 inches wide x 12 inches deep x 24 inches high.
- Entries must be placed on a sturdy base, such as plywood, foam core or heavy cardboard. The base should be able to support your entry's weight without bowing.
- No kits may be entered. The entry must be constructed as a completely unique creation.
- No electronics or other materials are allowed. All components must be interlocking building blocks.

To enter, models should be brought to the main museum building (44720 Lighthouse Road Piney Point, MD 20674) any day from November 25, 2024, to November 30, 2024, (closed Thanksgiving Day) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Models will

be on display for all of December 2024 for voting. Models can then be picked up any day from January 2, 2025, to January 12, 2025, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"To really celebrate Piney Point Lighthouse during the holidays, we thought this competition would be a fantastic way to get families and the community involved," says Karen Stone, Manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "What's even more fun is that everyone will be able to see their creations on display at the museum!"

The selection of winners will be done by popular vote. All who attend the Evening Tides event, Holiday Open House at Piney Point or visit the museum during the month of December 2024 (regular admission applies, closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will receive a ticket to cast their vote. Additional tickets may be purchased at the museum store at 5 tickets for \$1.00, with proceeds benefiting the museum. Winners will be notified on January 2, 2025. The overall winner in each age group will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and bragging rights as 2024's best lighthouse builder!

Participation is FREE and registration is required by emailing janet.cooper@stmaryscountymd.gov or calling (301) 475-4200 ext. 1832.

For more information about the contest (CLICK HERE), holiday events, or Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, please call (301) 994-1471 or visit www.Facebook.com/1836Light.

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NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER *News*

MADMS to Revolutionize Navy And Marine Corps' Shipboard Data Management

The Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) Program Office (PMA-251) Information Systems team is revolutionizing Navy and Marine Corps' shipboard data management with the Marine Aviation Data Management System (MADMS).

After several years of fleet feedback, design changes and adjustments, MADMS emerged a complete, integrated shipboard information system. It's designed to digitally integrate operational systems, such as weapons, combat cargo, surface operations, shipboard planning, flight operations, and flight deck management.

"It's exciting to see such an adaptable tool make its way to our warfighters," said Capt. Mike Kline, PMA-251 Program Manager. "With today's rapidly changing global threat environment, our teams are working diligently to give the warfighters the capabilities they need now and in the future."

Since 1995, the carrier fleet has relied on the Aviation Data Management and Control System (ADMACS), which is designed for tactical data management, to connect air departments to ship divisions and ALRE

operations. Challenged to modernize the solution and deliver similar capability to L-class ships, PMA-251 went back to the drawing board and considered potential for the fleet at large.

"The team looked for ways to use MADMS to bring improved, ADMACS-style capability to the Marine Expeditionary Unit utilizing the latest technologies and an Agile development process to keep it continually up to date," said Pat Shupe, Information Systems Enterprise Level II Integrated Program Lead.

They started with the Marine Corps' requirement to overhaul ADMACS-style capabilities for L-class ships, which support Marine Corps air and amphibious operations, as well as requirements to optimize the amphibious force's combat effectiveness.

MADMS established a Development Security & Operations Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery software development pipeline. This innovative environment allowed multiple contractors to work simultaneously and paved the way for many efficiencies. By using Scaled

Agile Framework to design and scale, the team focused on integrating existing data sources into one quality display. Their iterative development model also permits developers to quickly deploy features to fleet test groups. This development and test strategy will fulfill the Marine Corps' requirements while also enabling accelerated development and continuous cyber accreditation.

Over the last year, the team successfully demonstrated MADMS prototypes to fleet working group from the weapons community, flight deck operations management, integrated air and surface planning and other stakeholders. They also visited ships to confirm space requirements and validate operational needs, diligently incorporating all feedback.

The final MADMS product modernizes shipboard data management and offers fleet users near real-time situational awareness while creating efficiencies decreasing potential for human error.

Currently deployed expeditionary units are restricted by technologically obsolete and inefficient data management informa-

tion systems, which increase potential for human error and reduce the unit's effectiveness. They are limited to traditional planning boards utilizing Microsoft Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, and PowerPoint Slides.

"Our warfighters are gaining the tool they truly need to support air and surface operations on amphibious assault ships, and potentially other ship types in the future," said Kline.

The PMA-251 MADMS team is working through final steps to get the system to the fleet. They will distribute a Market Survey Simulation (MSS) through the Consolidated Afloat Networks (CANES) in Fiscal Year 2025 to garner fleet feedback. The MSS will field as a software-only prototype application on CANES.

In 2026, the fleet is scheduled to receive MADMS 'Capability Drop 1,' which will increase functionality and include the entire Amphibious Ready Group / Marine Corps Expeditionary Unit. After that, annual increments of new functionality will field, as the PMA-251 team addresses fleet feedback and enhances cybersecurity.

ANNUAL PUBLIC AUCTION

Consignment Sale in Oakville, MD

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C-18-FM-24-000303

Karen Atkintade
26160 Yowaiski Mill Rd
Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Plaintiff

vs.

Devonte Brown
1043 Catesby Terrace
Hyattsville, MD 20785
Defendant

NOTICE – Alternate Service
(Md. Rules 2-121, 2-122)

Karen Atkintade, the above named plaintiff, has filed a complaint titled Complaint for Custody asking the court to grant custody of a minor child. The Circuit Court for St. Mary's County may grant that relief unless Devonte Brown, above named defendant, can show a reason why the court should not grant the relief. Devonte Brown must file a response to the complaint on or before December 18, 2024.

If Devonte Brown fails to respond within the time allowed, the court may enter a judgment by default or grant the relief sought, as long as a copy of this Notice is:

- posted by the sheriff at the courthouse door or on a bulletin board within its immediate vicinity on or before November 13, 2024
- published in a newspaper in this county at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks on or before November 13, 2024.

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Ordinance No. 225

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 4:15 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 the increase in the amount of water impact fees payable upon the issuance of occupancy permits in the Town of Leonardtown. Copies of the documents are available for public review at the Leonardtown Town Office. 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 November 12, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Ordinance No. 226

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 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 the repeal of Article III – Admissions and Amusement Tax of Chapter 137 of the Code of Leonardtown. Copies of the documents are available for public review at the Leonardtown Town Office. 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 November 12, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator



Letters to the Editor

'Profound knowledge and trusted experience'

The current Board of Education (BOE) has two outstanding members running for re-election—Cathy Allen and Mary Washington. They have served our community with devotion, respect, honesty, and transparency. They are wanting and willing to continue in service to their community knowing full well there is more to do in bettering our schools and graduating all students who are prepared and ready for their life's next chapter.

Like so many other people who hire a person to fill a position, I place a greater value on their "time in grade", like their knowledge and experience to do the job. Both Allen and Washington have high marks for their "time in grade". We, as a community, are fortunate to have them as BOE members because they are always looking out for what's best for our county.

They've demonstrated throughout their terms that they serve with profound knowl-

edge and trusted experience as current BOE members. This coupled with their dedication, character, respect, and grace makes them the right choice to still serve us on the BOE.

It's important for our county when they use their governing skills to look at the whole picture and adapt to changes impacting our schools, educators, parents, and students. They bring wisdom and consistency of purpose to ensure positive outcomes of our school system in support of our community.

Allen and Washington are hands down, the best people for the Board of Education member positions. I voted for them before, I'll vote for them again, and I ask you to vote for them too.

AnnMarie Abell
Leonardtown

'Josh Guy has earned my vote'

As a grandparent of SMCPS students, I would like to take this opportunity to endorse Josh Guy for Board of Education At-Large. I first met Josh in 2018 when he was working on several Republican campaigns in the county. I was impressed with his knowledge of St. Mary's County history and government. That same year Josh was appointed to the Youth Advisory Commission by our county commissioners, where he was chair of the education committee. I watched him diligently study the issues important to students in St. Mary's County such as school safety and extracurricular programs.

Last year, I had the pleasure of serving with Josh Guy when he was treasurer of the Republican Party for St. Mary's County. He took his job seriously and was diligent in

budgeting and providing reports to the state on time. I have listened to Josh campaign for school board, and I am impressed with his knowledge on school operations and ideas to solve our problems. He is focused on making sure my grandchildren are safe in school, that they have access to one-on-one learning time, that they have great teachers, and that parents and grandparents are respected by the school system. It's time for a positive change on the St. Mary's County School Board. I suggest electing a smart, energetic, and engaging young conservative for school board. Please vote for Josh Guy for Board of Education At-Large.

Roy Alvey
Valley Lee, MD

'Vote for change'

Edelen, Brewer, Drys. These candidates for School Board all have the same vision: oppose political indoctrination, and support parental rights, safe & secure schools, fiscal transparency, and improving educational standards. They have a vested interest with their children educated in public schools. But what stands out for each one that makes them such a great team?

Edelen: public school teacher plus teaching at the Community College, and small business owner who knows how to budget. The resume of Josh Guy does not compare.

Brewer: Has the courage to challenge the political indoctrination of children with radical critical race theory and transgender theory. Keep biological boys out of girls sports and bathrooms. Why is Cathy Allen silent

on woke policies supported by the National Teachers' Union?

Drys: Strategic planning experience that is critical in light of declining enrollments to consolidate and cut fat. Mary Washington shows no evidence of strategic planning or fiscal accountability.

Mary Washington has been on the School Board for 28 years, and Cathy Allen has been there for 24 years. Thank them for their dedicated service, but they now have nothing new to offer. Vote for change. Elect Edelen, Brewer, and Drys. Do it for the children. Do it for the taxpayers.

Joe Wible, Sr.
Leonardtown

Woman Arrested on 18-Count Indictment Following Fatal Crash

Ashley Nicole Nolan, 28, of Lexington Park, Maryland, was arrested on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, following an 18-count indictment by the Circuit Court charging her with negligent manslaughter and other offenses related to a fatal March car crash in which a juvenile passenger died.

The indictment lists the following charges:

- one charge of negligent manslaughter by auto/boat/other vehicle,
- two counts of negligent homicide as a result of operating an auto/boat while under the influence,
- one count of homicide as a result of negligent operation of a motor vehicle/vessel while impaired by alcohol,
- five counts of life-threatening injury while operating a motor vehicle/boat while under the influence,
- one count life-threatening injury while driving/operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol,
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- one count of driving/attempting to drive a vehicle while impaired by alcohol.



Ashley Nicole Nolan

On March 16, 2024, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office patrol units responded to a single-vehicle crash on Chingville Road in Leonardtown, MD. The preliminary investigation by the SMCSO Collision Reconstruction Unit determined that the vehicle left the road after failing to negotiate a turn, overturning multiple times before striking a tree. Three juvenile occupants were found improperly restrained, with two ejected and transported to trauma centers with life-threatening injuries, while a third was pronounced deceased at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

After her arrest, Nolan was transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, where she is awaiting a bond hearing.

St. Mary's Woman Killed in Calvert Crash

On October 28, 2024, at approximately 7:12 a.m., Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau deputies responded to a report of a serious motor vehicle collision involving entrapment in the 6600 block of Hallowing Point Road (Rt. 231) in Prince Frederick. Upon arrival, deputies confirmed that one driver was deceased and immediately requested the response of the Crash Reconstruction Unit to investigate.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a 2022 Hyundai Kona, operated by Gina Taylor Johnson, 51 of Mechanicsville, was traveling east on Hallowing Point Road, passing Hallowing Lane. Behind the Kona was a 2019 Ford Fusion, operated by Stacey Breanna Herbert, 19 of Lexington Park, also heading eastbound. Meanwhile, a 2020 Nissan Rogue, driven by Carla Jean Poole, 52 of Hughesville, was traveling westbound, passing Seagull Beach Road.

According to witness statements, the Nissan Rogue crossed the double yellow

center line, resulting in a head-on collision with the Hyundai Kona. The impact then caused the Nissan Rogue to collide with Ms. Herbert's Ford Fusion.

The driver of the Hyundai, Gina Johnson, was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical personnel. Carla Poole, the driver of the Nissan, was airlifted via Maryland State Police Trooper 2 to a local trauma center, where she remains in critical condition. Stacey Herbert, along with a juvenile passenger, was transported by ground to CalvertHealth Medical Center.

At this time, it remains unclear why the Nissan Rogue crossed the double yellow line. M/DFC Hardesty of the Crash Reconstruction Team is actively investigating this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or events leading up to it is asked to contact him at 410-535-2800 or via email at Jeffrey.Hardesty@CalvertCountyMD.gov

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Planning Commission to Take Up Townhome Hearing Again

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Planning Commission is set to resume its hearing on the concept site plan for a new townhouse development in California after the proceedings were continued from September.

The next meeting of the planning commission is set for Nov. 4 to include the 42-townhouse project known as Riverside Townhomes to be built by LAHACO Investments, LLC, would be 120 feet in length and approximately 20 feet wide and less than 40 feet in height.

The project has drawn concern from neighbors because of its proximity to the county's busiest intersection at Route 235 and Route 4.

The project would be built on the north-bound side of Three Notch Road just north

of the intersection with Route 4.

According to the traffic study, entered into the record by Lenhart Traffic Consulting Inc., the project would generate approximately 252 daily vehicle trips in addition to the traffic already in the area.

The traffic study reported this addition would amount to only a fractional increase in nearby area traffic.

But after a nearly three-hour hearing in September in which planning commission members expressed concerns with how the traffic produced by the developer's project would meld with traffic patterns from other developments in the nearby vicinity — including a new car wash facility, COA Barrett, the engineering firm from Calvert County working for the developer, asked for a continuance of the hearing.

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Leonardtwn, Chopticon Win State Band Championships



Leonardtwn marching band. Photo by Eric Wilcox.



Chopticon marching band

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

This coming weekend the marching bands of Leonardtown and Chopticon high schools will travel to New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, seeking the national crown for their sport after both winning the state championship in each of their classes.

Leonardtwn advanced a category this year to 3 Open, said Tina Romanowski, the band's booster.

"We were the only band in our category," she told The County Times. "The other band backed out."

Still, the marching band from Leonardtown High School had a strong performance, Romanowski said, earning a score of 90.8 points out of a possible 100 to claim victory.

"We jumped nine points from our previous [last year's] competition," said Romanowski. "We think that was Leonardtown's best performance at state's so far."

This is the fourth year running that Leonardtown's marching band has won the state championship; the last two years were in the 3A category and before that is was in the 2A class.

The categories are based on size of the band and the difficulty of their marching routines and the music played.

Their next performance will be in the MetLife stadium in East Rutherford where the New York Giants and New York Jets play.

"We're a little nervous but we're excited, too," Romanowski said.

Cody Reck, Chopticon's lead booster, said his band's journey will take them to Allentown in search of a national championship; they won the state title for the 1A class, which is "almost the smallest group."

"They've been undefeated all year," Reck said. "They've won every competition."

The Braves beat out six other teams this past weekend, Reck said, to take their title back home for the second year in a row.

This year they earned 86.8 points out of a possible 100 to win, Reck said.

Last year they earned an 89.6-point grade but did not get a first-place finish during their regular season competitions.

"We had the best record the kids ever had this year," Reck said.

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County Extends Contract with Influential Lobbyist



Bruce Bereano

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last year the Commissioners of St. Mary's County hired long-time lobbyist and former lawyer Bruce Bereano to press their interests in the halls of power in the Maryland General Assembly.

A majority of them were sufficiently impressed with Bereano's work on their behalf — as well as his miniscule \$15,000 price tag — to extend his contract for another two years.

The commissioners made their decision at this week's business meeting Oct. 29.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt and Commissioner Mike Alderson voted against the measure.

Deputy County Attorney John Houser explained the contract meant Bereano would work for the county in a full-service capacity.

"This is for anything and everything that we might choose to send his way," explained Houser.

Bereano was once the highest paid lobbyist in Annapolis but ran afoul of the law in 1994 when he was found guilty of mail fraud and was sentenced to a short period of incarceration in a federal halfway house.

Prosecutors said at the time that Bereano over-billed his clients and used that money to funnel campaign contributions through his employees and some family members to certain candidates in the 1990 election.

Hewitt asked if Bereano had resumed practicing law and Houser confirmed Bereano is no longer an attorney but that does not preclude him from being a registered lobbyist.

"I didn't support this because I believe we have delegates and a state senator who support us there [in Annapolis]," said Hewitt regarding his opposition to Bereano's first hiring and at the extension of his contract. "I know at least two of those delegates did not support this either, Del. Matt Morgan and Del. Brian Crosby.

"So, I'm going to continue to oppose it."

Commissioner Eric Colvin called the contract extension "a deal for St. Mary's County."

"I've seen him work throughout the year and I've seen the impacts of what he's done," Colvin said.

Houser said Bereano testified last session in 10 hearings in Annapolis, which freed up county staff from that responsibility, and he was helpful in getting the statewide golf cart use bill passed that Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Dist. 29) had introduced.

Bereano was also instrumental in adjusting the membership to a state board that would have directed resources for aerospace and technology development without St. Mary's County being included in the deliberations, said Houser.

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Commissioners Choose Path Forward on Day Care Center

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A majority of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted this week to have county staff look for more money to fund the renovation of the building currently housing the Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy in Leonardtown and turning it into a day care center for county employees.

The 4-to-1 vote taken during the Oct. 29 business meeting effectively approves the renovation plan over the building of a new, modular structure that would have been smaller in terms of square footage but cheaper overall.

The sole vote against the measure was Commissioner Eric Colvin, who has supported building the modular structure from the start at a cost of about \$2.5 million.

The costs to renovate the aging building housing the military day school brings the price tag to about \$3.5 million, according to county project documents, which includes contingency funds for unexpected work that may need to be done.

Jim Gotsch, director of the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation, said the modular structure

would take about 13 months to complete, while the renovation of the older building would take approximately 18 months.

The modular building would be able to house 73 children at a size of about 6,300 square feet, while the renovated building could accommodate 114 children with its approximately 9,300 square feet of space, county project documents stated.

"It's a lot cheaper [per square foot]," argued Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who has been the most vocal about supporting the renovation.

"Per square foot but not overall project cost," said Colvin.

Hewitt argued that the costs would allow the county to accommodate more children; the modular building, Gotsch said, could not be expanded. "I just can't support a new building that's not expandable, when we have an existing building that we can [use.]"

Colvin was suspect as to the actual condition of the building to be renovated and if it was an efficient use of county-owned property.

"It's an old building," Colvin said. "And we think we know what we know."

"But you don't know what we don't know."

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County Seeks Land Exchange with NAS Pax

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In a bid to support the continued operations at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to send a request to Capt. Douglas Burfield, commanding officer at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, to make a land exchange between the county and U.S. Navy.

The request was made even though the Navy's higher echelons had signaled that they are not interested in a land swap with the county, only a lease in which they are paid for use of the land in question.

The county proposes to trade land it owns at the intersection of Three Notch Road and Forest Park Drive, while the land the county wants from the Navy sits directly behind the tarmac where more than a dozen legacy Navy aircraft are currently parked behind a fence line.

The county also wants to acquire the land where the aircraft are parked.

The county's plan, if the Navy agrees, would provide space for an additional 280 to 300 cars, county project documents state.

County Public Works chief Jim Gotsch told commissioners that "this is our on-again, off-again project" but that this time the base commander and community liaison officer — a civilian — were supportive of the effort.

"We're in a favorable condition now and we want to move forward with the land swap," Gotsch said.

The Navy's property is approximately 10 acres in size, while the county's is about 24 acres, Gotsch said.

"Our property has a larger value than theirs," Gotsch admitted.

"I'm concerned this land swap is not an exactly an equitable one," said Commissioner Eric Colvin. "We're definitely giving up the more valuable piece of property here."

Colvin attempted to get commissioners to agree to ask for Lancaster Park, which the Navy leases to the county, to be included in the land swap, but that effort eventually failed.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said his conversations with the base CO led him to believe that one of Burfield's superiors was averse to land swaps and only wanted to engage in lease deals where the county would pay rent to the Navy for land use.

Hannah Pievsky, confirmed Hewitt's concerns.

"You are right... the Navy is not interested in a land transfer, we are interested in a lease," Pievsky said.

She said the lease for Lancaster Park was still under examination by both parties and was yet to be signed by either.

"Unfortunately, I don't think it can be combined as a land swap with the museum," Pievsky said.

The commissioners still approved the making of the request to start the process by a unanimous vote.

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State Panel Approves St. Mary's Education Blueprint Plan

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The plan St. Mary's County Public Schools has been working on for months to come into compliance with the state's education reform package — known as the Blueprint for Maryland's Future — received final approval from the oversight board for the process last week.

The approval means that the school system can now release state Blueprint funds into their budgets that heretofore have been withheld by the state.

Garrett County was the only other jurisdiction to receive approval for their schools reform plan during the Accountability and Implementation Board's (AIB) Oct. 24 meeting.

"St. Mary's County Public Schools has been steadfast in its collaborative efforts to meet the requirements of the Blueprint," said Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith. "Throughout the past three years, our school system - like each district across the State of Maryland - has worked to provide detailed plans and responses to the Maryland State Department of Education and the AIB."

The process has been laborious, Smith said, and local staff have been dedicated to fulfilling the Blueprint, despite having been criticized for its expensive and sometimes-exhaustive mandates



Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith

"Working with our colleagues across the state, there is a shared commitment to the work to meet the Blueprint requirements and [county] staff have been diligent in providing opportunities for information and feedback, collaboratively crafting plans, gathering data, and articulating our path forward," Smith said. "At the most recent AIB meeting on October 24, 2024, they approved the last two components of our 2024 Blueprint Plan, so we are now fully approved."

There is much work left to do, he said, in maintain compliance with the far-reaching reform plan.

"There are certainly challenges ahead with regard to budget, staffing, and long-term projections associated with the Blueprint, but we are exceptionally proud of how our staff have risen to the challenge and navigated the new requirements and evolving guidance while maintaining the focus on the overall intent of the Blueprint,"

Smith said.

To receive approval from the AIB meant the county had to meet certain, exacting requirements laid out by the oversight group; these included establishing a career ladder for advancement for teachers, a 10 percent teacher salary increase, and a comprehensive literacy plan for pre-Kindergarten students through the 12th grade.

"The LEAs (local education agencies) are making a lot of progress in revising their plans and resubmitting them," said Rachel Hise, executive director of the AIB, during the virtual meeting last week. "We're definitely making progress."

"At this time there are two counties that have actually met the requirements of all of the components."

AIB member Isaiah "Ike" Leggett, praised St. Mary's and Garrett for their hard work in coming into compliance with the Blueprint.

"I know that it has not been easy and we expect others to follow," Leggett, a former Montgomery County Executive and chair of the AIB said.

The remaining school districts in Maryland must hand in a compliance plan that can be approved by Dec. 1, Hise said, or risk having their Blueprint funds continually withheld.

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Elections Officials Warn to Pay Close Attention to Ballot Selections

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The General Election of 2024 has been touted as the most important election of our time; local elections officials are imploring voters to treat it as such by closely examining their selections on the ballot to ensure they are correct.

Wendy Adkins, head of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections said the issue lies not in a glitch in the electronic ballot marking devices (BMD) but in how the ballot — particularly the presidential candidate selections — are laid out on it.

Adkins explained that some voters make their selection on the first page of the BMD and then move on to the second page, not knowing that there are more presidential candidates on that second page.

If they select one of those names, she said, perhaps thinking they were a candidate for some other race, choosing that name would negate their initial — and correct — choice for president.

"Please verify your [candidate] selections when you're on the BMD," Adkins told The County Times in the lead up to Election Day on Nov. 5. "You have two chances to verify your selections before turning in your ballot.

"If something's not right you can go back and change it."

Voters who are unsure of the selections available to them or about anything else in the elections process, should speak to an election judge at their polling place.

"We've trained all our judges to be aware of that and explain the proper process to cast your ballot," Adkins said. "If someone has a ballot with a mistake on it they can ask for that one to be spoiled and get a new one."

The ballot marking devices are not computers in the conventional sense, Adkins said.

"It doesn't count, it doesn't tally, it doesn't record anything," Adkins said. "It just marks your ballot.

"It's basically a fancied pencil."

BMDs are particularly useful, she said, for aiding those who are disabled regarding sight or hearing, in casting their ballots.

Voters can also request a paper ballot that they can fill out and turn in, Adkins said.

Today, Oct. 31, is the last day for early voting, which has seen strong turnout this election cycle.

In the first six days of early voting in St. Mary's 17,301 registered voters came out to cast their votes; that represents roughly 23 percent of the 76,628 registered voters.

So far Republicans have far outpaced Democrats here in early voting with 9,582 casting their ballots versus 4,679 cast for Democrats.

There are 24,789 Democrats registered in St. Mary's versus 32,638 registered Republicans.

There are 17,785 unaffiliated voters, according to the Maryland Board of Elections.

Aside from the presidential race, which



Voters waiting to cast their ballots at Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department during early voting. Photo by Ceandra Scott.

pits former President Donald J. Trump against current Vice President Kamala Harris, voters will also choose a new U.S. Senator to replace outgoing office-holder Sen. Ben Cardin.

In sharp contention for that seat are former GOP Gov. Larry Hogan and current Democrat Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks.

Despite Democrats having a 2-to-1 advantage over Republicans in Maryland, the race remains very tight, according to the latest polls.

Voters will also have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to approve a ballot question that would guarantee reproductive rights, particularly the right to terminate a pregnancy, and have those rights enshrined in the Maryland constitution.

Locally, Circuit Court Judge Amy Lorenzini is running unopposed to retain her office, to which she was appointed by Hogan before having to run for the office this year.

The local races that have drawn the most attention are those for three seats on the St. Mary's County Board of Education.

In District 2, challenger Elena Brewer is seeking to unseat incumbent Cathy Allen who has been on the board for nearly three decades; Allen has touted her long experience and institutional memory as valuable in seeking a path forward for the school system, while Brewer has said she wants to return students to the basics in education and stop what she calls the sexualization and indoctrination of students by certain curriculum materials and books available to children at schools.

In District 4, David Drys wants to unseat incumbent Mary Washington, who has also been on the board for almost 30 years.

Drys wants to have more transparency on the school board, with parents and other stakeholders actively engaged to find out their opinions on how the school system should operate.

Washington wants to continue a cohesive

and collaborative board in fostering what she calls a "world class" education system.

The race that seems to have the most contention is the one for the At-Large seat, which will be vacated by Jim Davis.

Brandie Edelen is facing off against Josh Guy in the contest; she has touted her experience as an educator and business owner, claiming Guy — at just 22 years old — lacks

the experience and achievements to do the job.

Guy has said he wants to focus on ensuring safety and security in schools, a situation he said is frayed after having witnessed it as a substitute teacher.

He also wants to foster more parental involvement and fiscal responsibility.

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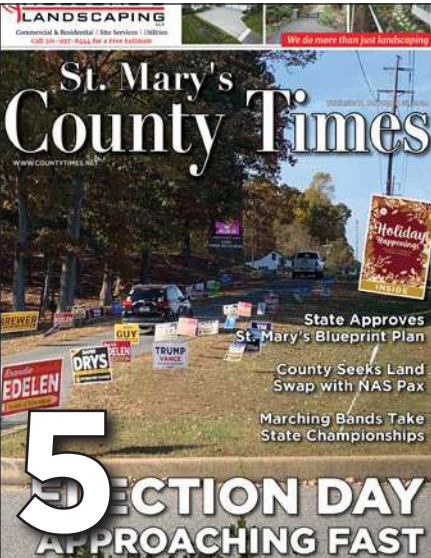
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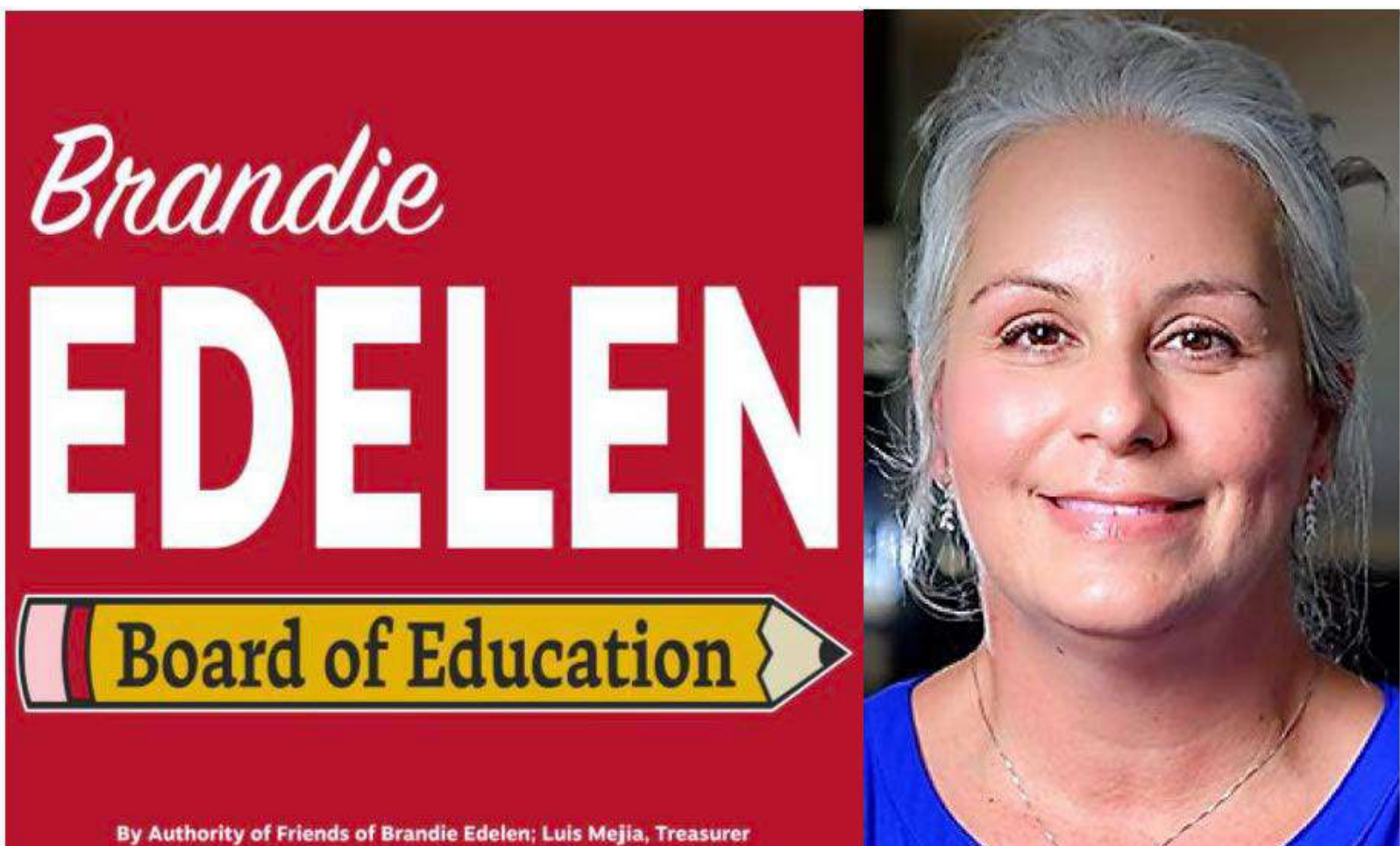
- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☒ Poor



2023-24 Maryland Public Schools Report Card

St. Mary's County Public Schools

- 29.1% proficient in Math
- 54.9% proficient in Reading / Writing



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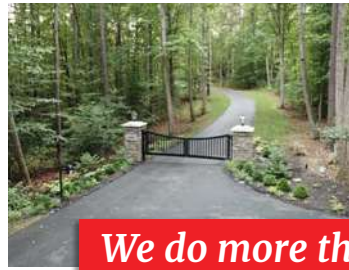
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