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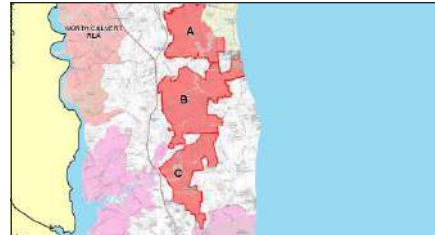
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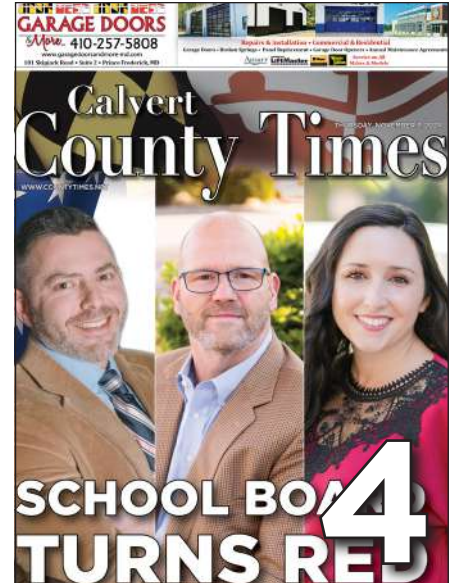
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Election Causes Seismic Shift in School Board

Calvert Red, State Blue, Nation Red

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Calvert's trend of turning all red was almost completely reached as the three GOP-endorsed candidates in the non-partisan Board of Education races were victorious by wide margins.

The Calvert County Elections Office reports a 68 percent turnout so far, with 3,853 ballots mailed in but not counted and an additional 14,121 mailed out but not received. Any ballot postmarked by election day, Nov. 5, will be counted. The first vote count is scheduled for today, Nov. 7.

The closest school board race was between Republican Joseph Marchio with 21,865 to Democrat Mike Shisler's 18,4984 or a 3,367 difference.

The largest school board vote getter was Melissa Goshorn with 24,633 compared to Democrat Jeanette L. Flaim's 16,730, which is a 7,903 separation.

District 2, incumbent Antoine White, the current school board president, received 17,121 votes, overshadowed by Republican Paul Harrison's 24,170, a 7,049-vote margin.

Goshorn said, "I'm really excited that Joe and Paul and I all won, because we're finally going to have a board of education that cooperates with one another, that's interested in getting feedback from the staff and the community. I'm also really excited because everybody on this board really wants to work closely with the county commissioners and the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. So, I think for the first time, maybe ever, we have a full board of education that's interested in working with all of the community. And I think we're going to see



Melissa Goshorn

major improvements for the kids and for the staff and for Calvert County, and I'm most excited about that."

Asked if there would be major policy changes, she said, "When you look at our policies, we don't have a policy problem. I do think there are some policies that need to change or need to be looked at. But I think where issues happen is we have a procedure problem. And so, I think we're going to really be bringing up a lot of procedures for review and editing, and we have an enforcement problem."

"And so, I think there are some policies. Everybody's talked about the anti-racism policy. Everybody knows I'm going to be interested in removing "white privilege" and "white supremacy" from that policy. That's going to happen. But that policy's going to



Paul Harrison

be up for discussion at some point. But I think really we have an enforcement problem. So, I imagine there'll probably be some new policies that come up. I don't have any off the top of my head. I can just imagine now that we have an opportunity to work together.

"I think we might see real change happening in policy, but more so in school culture. I think making sure that our teachers are feeling empowered and supported by the board and by central office, I think, is going to be a huge shift. I'm super excited."

Maryland remains solidly Democratic, with the open U.S. Senate seat going to Prince George's Country Executive Angela Alsobrooks over popular ex-governor Larry Hogan. Alsobrooks campaigned on the theme that a Hogan victory could give



Joseph Marchio

the Republicans a Senate majority, which happened anyway in spite of her victory. In Calvert, Hogan received 64.42 percent of the vote.

Steny Hoyer easily captured re-election to a 23rd term with 65.6 percent of the vote over Republican Michelle Tarkington, who got 55.4 percent of the Calvert vote.

Former president Donald Trump's decisive return to the presidency was mirrored by Calvert, which gave him 56.8 percent of the vote.

The constitutional amendment codifying the "Right to Reproductive Freedom" passed by 74.1 percent statewide and 63.7 percent in Calvert..

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Wahl Defeats Beaudin for Chesapeake Beach Mayor

Six New Council Members Elected

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

It appears there will be six new council members in addition to a new mayor in Chesapeake Beach.

When the votes were tallied on election day, former mayor Bruce Wahl was well ahead of councilwoman Valerie Beaudin, 941 to 742.

According to the town, "The results are not final, the Election Board still needs to canvas and approve the absentee and provisional ballots. This process involves reviewing all 1693 Voter Authority Cards for 5 November election day to ensure these voters did not also submit an absentee ballot before we can canvas absentee ballots. Information on each provisional ballot needs to be sent to Calvert County Elections to verify the voter's registration status and eligibility using the Maryland Universal Registration System."

There are 207 absentee ballots and 30

provisionals. The absentee ballots are due to be counted this week and the provisional ballots sometime next week.

The top six vote getters for town council were:

- Laura Blackwelder – 956
- Jamey Shuls – 898
- Kathleen Berault – 837
- Jonathan Evans – 778
- Eric Reinhardt – 746
- Anthony Greene – 728

The seventh-place finisher, Daniel Duvall, is only five votes behind at 723.

Blackwelder was former chairperson of the town planning commission.

Wahl told The County Times, "I'm very honored and pleased and gratified by the support shown by the citizens of the beautiful town of Chesapeake Beach at being elected for a third term as mayor." Wahl's second term ended eight years ago when he decided not to run for re-election.

Wahl said, "It was an interesting and hard-fought competition, but I feel like we

came out just fine. I'm ready to serve all of the citizens of the town of Chesapeake Beach again, and I'm just looking forward to having a good town council and making the town a lot more friendly than it has been in recent times and moving the town forward. And I'm just so honored to have been re-elected."

Wahl was asked if the results were a repudiation of the current council. He responded, "I'm not sure, but I think so. There were four candidates that I had aligned myself with, and three of the four have been elected. That's a huge improvement over the last time I was elected 12 years ago, because there were quite a number of council people in that term that just fought everything that I put forward. This time we're going to have a collaborative government. We're going to have input from the council people that'll be constructive input, and we're going to move the town forward."

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Mayor-Elect Bruce Wahl

Calvert Eyed by Fiber Optic Company

Would Compete with Comcast for Internet

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

A Maryland-based company says they are interested in providing competition in Calvert County for high-speed internet service. ThinkBig Networks, which started in the state's smallest county Kent on the Eastern Shore, says it wants to locate in Calvert. Company representatives made a presentation to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Oct. 29 meeting.

The company plans to start first in the southern part of the county and already is in the final stages of negotiations with the Property Owners Association of Chesapeake Ranch Estates (POACRE).

Company co-founder Mark Wagner told the BOCC they build fiber-optic networks in counties that don't already have such non-cable service, such as from FIOS.

Wagner said the reception by the county and the effort spearheaded by Special Projects Program Manager Ashley Staples-Reid "has definitely reinforced our decision to spend an enormous amount of money in Calvert County and make this our sixth

county that we're going to expand to."

Wagner said, "Back in the day we did very well with telephone service. Cable is an amazing wired connect to your house in terms of bringing content into your homes. Traditional cable service we're all very familiar with. What fiber does is it's the best system for all of the data. It is a system that allows seamless transmission of data both into and out of your home. It's limitless in terms of speed."

He said they are magnitudes faster than cable. "When we talk about synchronous speeds, down speed and up speed, which is very, very important these days when you're working from home, you're doing Zoom conferences, similar to what we're doing today."

He opined, "A lot of your cable plant here in Calvert County is very old. This will be brand new. It'll be state-of-the-art fiber to be in most cases buried."

Wagner explained, "It's a passive network. So, there's electricity at the head end. There's electricity in home. But the transmission of the data between is done by laser light through fiber optic cable. So, we don't have to put repeaters and a lot of electricity in the mix choice."

"We're ready with our return on investment analysis to open up a new market like Calvert County," he insisted.

The company has an office in Charles and would have staff in Calvert, although whether there would be an office in Calvert depends on the success of the venture, Wagner said. Commissioner President Buddy Hance decried Comcast's decision to close their office in Calvert and then subsequently close one in Charles. Their closest office is now in Annapolis.

Company co-co-founder Deanna Sobczak said, "We'll come in with two different packages. Nice thing about our system, we don't have any hidden surprises. There will be no rentals. We just come in with two tiers of level. And so, we'll offer a gig feed to start, which is a thousand megabits down and up, which is unlike cable because cable does not have the ability to have synchronous speeds." The other offered speed will be 400 megabits.

Unlike cable, there will be no TV service, But Sobczak said, "We really have taken the view that you are upgrading to streaming because there are so many more choices that are available now than what there were in

the past. When we started in 2016, it was really difficult to talk about the fact that we didn't have TV. Now, people are really excited just to upgrade and a lot of people call it cut the cord, but really you're not going away with anything. You're actually getting a lot better. So, we have a base price of \$95 for gig speed and \$80 for 400 megabits. And then whatever anyone else wants from there is really literally up to them."

"There are a lot of great streaming packages," she said, adding, "There are a couple of streaming services like my bundle that you kind of go in and you put in what it is you'd like to watch, and then it comes out and tells you what the best platforms are for you to subscribe to."

She observed, "We were actually really shocked when we saw that you only really had one provider."

Hance observed, "We'd be getting beat up because they say that we're keeping competitors out," but he said before no competition had expressed an interest.

The commissioners took no action at the meeting.

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Process Begins for Creation of New Rural Legacy Area

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved the submittal to the state for a new Rural Legacy area in the county.

Rural Planner Jennifer David explained at the Oct. 29 BOCC meeting, "Since 2019 the Department of Planning & Zoning (P&Z) has partnered with Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) to expand land preservation efforts in Calvert County. This partnership involves RC&D's management of the county's Rural Legacy Areas (RLAs) and preparation of annual Rural Legacy grant applications which may include applications for the creation of new or expanded RLAs. The last expansion of the Rural Legacy Areas was approved by the Board of Public Works on October 8, 2022, and formally adopted in the spring of 2023.

"On November 7, 2023, the American Chestnut Land Trust proposed a further expansion of the Rural Legacy Areas to the BOCC. Staff was directed to review the proposal and pursue expansion of the RLAs. The proposal would extend the current Calvert Creeks RLA on the eastern side of Routes 2 & 4 between Prince Frederick and Chesapeake Beach with the stated goal of protecting the watershed of Fishing Creek from further development and creating a contiguous corridor of preserved land between the existing RLA and Fishing Creek. The proposal has been presented as being comprised of three sections, and includes portions of the Fishing Creek,

Hunting Creek, and Plum Point Creek watersheds, with a small segment lying within the watershed of Parkers Creek. The previous expansion focused only on Tier IV properties of adequate size to participate in the Rural Legacy (RL) program located within the Priority Preservation Area (PPA) and contiguous with the existing RLAs. As proposed, this expansion includes not only Tier IV properties but also a significant number of properties designated as Tier III. The Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (APAB) approved the expansion of the Rural Legacy Areas as proposed on October 7, 2024. The proposal must also be approved by the BOCC before it can be incorporated into RC&D's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Rural Legacy Grant Application."

Tier IV lands are rural and not slated for water and sewer, and development. Tier III are large tracts suitable for large-scale development.

David explained, "The Rural Legacy Program is a state of Maryland land preservation easement program. It's overseen by the Department of Natural Resources, and it's administered by the counties. This program provides funding to preserve large continuous tracks of land to enhance natural resources, agricultural, forestry and environmental protection. The program supports a sustainable land base for natural resource dependent industries. It creates public/private partnerships between local land trusts and local governments. It protects working landscape critical to the environment and local economies. And the program targets most ecologically valuable properties impacting local waterways and

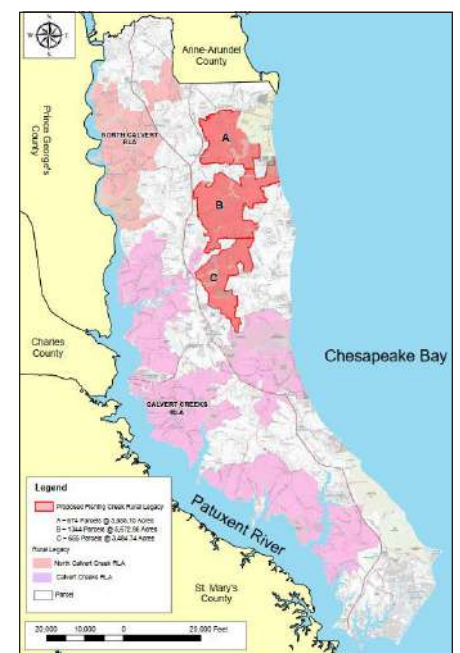
the Chesapeake Bay."

Towards the end of the presentation, Commissioner President Buddy Hance attempted to allay any landowner fears. He said, "The consensus is that we want to proceed. And we're looking at that additional plan and don't want anybody watching to get excited. This is a very long process and before we do change anybody's property zoning, there'll be lots of outreach. We just have to start the process if we want to make this application. So that's what we're doing here today. Don't get excited, don't start writing letters and emails."

David said, "The North Calvert Rural Legacy area is currently comprised of 1,333 parcels and covers 10,912 acres. The Calvert Creeks Rural Legacy Area is currently comprised of 4,748 parcels and covers 37,497 acres. The proposed expansion area includes 2,673 parcels, and it covers a total acreage of 12,712 acres. As proposed, the expansion will increase a Rural Legacy eligible area in Calvert County by another 20 percent."

"This is a very large expansion. Usually, expansions have not been this big," said Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook.

David said, "Since the first comprehensive plan, the county's goal has been to preserve its rural character, while also promoting its economic development. The vision of the plan is a landscape dominated by forest and fields with town centers that are attractive, convenient, and interesting places to live, work, and play. A primary goal of the comprehensive plan is to preserve our rural character, prime farmland, contiguous forest, environmentally sensi-



Rural Legacy expansion areas

tive areas. The Rural Legacy Program fits well in these goals, is an important tool to help us reach the ultimate vision and goals of comprehensive plan. So, by supporting and encouraging and directing growth away from the rural areas, it helps us preserve the rural landscape and focuses development into the town centers."

The county is slightly more than 32,000 acres towards its goal of protecting 40,000 acres.

Hance said the state Rural Legacy application process would likely take 18 months.

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CALVERT COUNTY POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of October 21, 2024 – October 27, 2024, Calvert County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to 1,843 calls for service throughout the community including, but not limited to:

- Check Welfare / Mental Health: 56
- Disorderly: 17
- Domestic: 14
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 49
- Patrol Checks / School Checks: 771
- Suspicious Persons / Vehicles: 34
- Traffic Complaints: 81
- 911 Hang Ups: 68
- ARRESTS: 46



Derrick O'Neal Gantt

CDS Violation: 24-81351 On October 21, 2024, at 7:20 p.m., DFC McCourt initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of Rt. 4 in Lusby. Upon making contact with the driver, **Derrick O'Neal Gantt**, 57 of Lusby, a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was emitting from Gantt's person. It was determined Gantt was unable to safely operate a motor vehicle. Gantt was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. A search of Gantt's person prior to entering the jail revealed a baggie of cocaine and a clear straw. Gantt was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Cannabis, Possess or Receive CDS while Confined, and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.



Joshua Alan Dalrymple

CDS Violation: 24-82793 On October 27, 2024, Deputy Campbell responded to the Wawa located at 305 Market Square Drive in Prince Frederick, for a person asleep behind the wheel of

a running vehicle at the gas pumps. Upon arrival, contact was made with **Joshua Alan Dalrymple**, 30 of Prince Frederick. Deputies observed a glass smoking device with a white powdery residue (suspected crack/cocaine) in plain view. A vehicle search revealed used syringes, plastic vials of suspected crack/cocaine, and a bag containing heroin powder. Dalrymple was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession- Not Cannabis and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

Commercial Burglaries: 24-82796 On October 27, 2024, at approximately 3:38 am, Calvert deputies responded to a series of commercial burglaries in Dunkirk. These burglaries occurred at Jersey Mike's located at 10107 Ward Rd, Five Guys located at 10105 Ward Rd, Apple Greene Wine and Spirits located at 10121 Ward Rd, and Jerry's Subs and Pizza located at 10290 Southern Maryland Blvd. Upon arrival at the Ward Rd. burglaries, deputies observed the front window of Five Guys to be smashed, the front door of Jersey Mike's to be smashed, and a window to Apple Greene Wine and Spirits to be smashed. The estimated value of damaged and stolen property is unknown at this time. Detectives continue to investigate.

Damaged Property: 24-81554 On October 22, 2024, Deputy Hill responded to the 200 block of Shore Acres Drive in Prince Frederick, for the report of a property destruction. The complainant advised that an unknown substance was poured on the victim's vehicle causing damage to the exterior. The estimated value of damaged property is unknown at this time.



David Michael Goad, Jr.

Disorderly: 24-81359 On October 21, 2024, DFC Tunnell responded to the intersection of Sea Gull Beach Road and Dawn Road in Prince Frederick, for the report of a suspicious person.

The complainant advised there was a male stumbling around in the roadway. Contact was made with **David Michael Goad, Jr.**, 43 of Prince Frederick. Goad was incoherent and observed stumbling through the neighborhood. Witnesses advised they had to slow their vehicles significantly to avoid hitting Goad. Goad was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

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

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

Sheriff's Office Participates in No Shave November



The Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Corrections Bureau are proud to be once again participating in "No Shave November", an annual fundraising and awareness effort.

This year our deputies will be putting their razors away (paying a \$50 fine for the opportunity to grow a beard) to support a fellow First Responder in need. The money raised will be donated to a medical fund in support of Calvert County Career EMS Division Chief Kenny Miller. Miller is currently battling Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. The donations will help to cover treatments and medications that aren't covered by insurance as well as expenses incurred during the course of travel to Washington D.C. for medical care.

Sheriff Ricky Cox has authorized CCSO personnel to participate in this event and has waived the standard facial hair grooming policy during the month of November to allow deputies to grow their facial hair in support of this effort.

"No Shave November" challenges participants to forgo shaving and to donate money that would typically be spent on shaving and grooming to this cause. We cordially invite the public to join in. Grow. Donate. Share. Support.

To participate or donate, contact Capt. R. Jones at Roscoe.Jones@calvertcountymd.gov. Donations are being accepted through Venmo (Calvert County FOP/ @pay-fop109), cash, and checks. Checks may be made payable to FOP Lodge 109. If payment is a check or Venmo, please put "No Shave November" in the memo/comment line.

Kenny Miller is a well-known figure in

the public safety community. A dedicated volunteer since age 16, Kenny has served with multiple departments in the Calvert County Fire EMS community, taking on roles from Safety Officer to Assistant Chief. With approximately 12 years of service as a Paramedic and Lieutenant for Charles County EMS, Kenny brings extensive experience to his current role as Career EMS Division Chief for Calvert County, a position he's held for the past three years. Additionally, he serves as the volunteer Assistant Training Officer at the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad & Fire Department. Kenny also contributes to the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute, where he's committed to educating the next generation of Fire and EMS personnel and training future paramedics at Prince George's County Community College.

Kenny Miller was recently diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML), a type of cancer affecting the bone marrow and blood. While CML isn't curable, it is treatable. Kenny has begun treatment and, fortunately, is able to stay home with his family, though he travels to GW Hospital in DC twice a week for chemotherapy and blood panels. The prognosis is currently optimistic, but his response to treatment will be key, and the process has been challenging on his body. For those who may not know, Kenny is also a survivor of Renal Cell Carcinoma (kidney cancer), diagnosed in 2015, when he had one kidney removed, making it especially difficult for his body to fight infections.

Press Release from CCSO

County Hosts Farm Tour

Local, state and federal officials explored Calvert County's agricultural landscape during the annual Calvert Farm Tour, hosted by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development Wednesday, Oct. 30. This year's tour brought together policy makers, local producers and community stakeholders to explore the evolving landscape of Calvert's farming industry. Through insightful discussions, a farm-to-table lunch and visits to local farms and businesses, the tour highlighted the contributions of Calvert's farmers and watermen to both the local economy and the community's heritage.

Participants included Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Kevin Atticks, Commissioner President Earl "Buddy" Hance, Commissioner Vice President Catherine Grasso, Commissioner Mark C. Cox Sr., Commissioner Todd Ireland, and Deputy County Administrator Linda Turner. Representatives from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the Maryland Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, the Maryland Farm Bureau and other local resource partners, organizations and businesses also attended.

"The Farm Tour is a powerful way to experience firsthand the importance of agriculture to our economy, our quality of life and preserving our rural heritage," said Economic Development Director Julie Oberg. "According to the latest USDA Census of Agriculture, Calvert County is home to 280 family farms on 25,152 acres, generating more than \$6.3 million in market sales each year."



Local, state and federal officials (pictured above at Tettimer's Produce Stand) attended a Farm Tour of Calvert County farms and agricultural businesses on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

As part of the tour, Secretary Atticks participated in a roundtable discussion with local producers at No Thyme to Cook in Solomons, overlooking scenic Back Creek. Secretary Atticks spoke about agriculture in Maryland and invited attendees to share their challenges, successes and ideas to further strengthen Maryland's agricultural sector. The lunch featured local fare, including oysters from Captain Smith's Seafood in Solomons and produce from Chesapeake's Bounty in St. Leonard.

The tour featured visits to agricultural businesses throughout the county:

- **Tettimers' Produce Stand at Rolling Acres Farm:** Tettimer's Produce Stand began almost 25 years ago when the Tettimer family opened a small roadside stand featuring produce they grew and sourced from the region. Today, Matt and Kara Tettimer continue the produce

stand and have expanded their operation into Rolling Acres Farm, a family-friendly agritourism destination. This family farm is an example of ways that Calvert farms are diversifying their business through agritourism, educational programs and community events.

- **Patuxent River Seafood at J.C. Lore Oyster House:** Patuxent River Seafood, established by Rachel and Simon Dean in 2008, harvests oysters, fish, eels and crabs, providing fresh, local seafood to area markets and restaurants. The Deans also run Solomons Island Heritage Tours, part of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Storytellers. Patuxent River Seafood has partnered with the historic J.C. Lore Oyster House to grow oysters in tanks for the business' aquaculture leases in the Patuxent River.
- **J.C. Lore Oyster House,** was a seafood

packing house for 90 years. The oyster house was founded by Joseph Cobb Lore in 1922 and rebuilt in 1934 after a hurricane destroyed the original structure. A National Historic Landmark since 2001, it is an extension of the Calvert Marine Museum that houses exhibits on oyster processing, integrating many of its original artifacts and records.

- **Perigeaux Vineyards & Winery:** Founded by Mark Flemming and John Behun in 2002, Perigeaux Vineyards & Winery has grown from a small vineyard to a flourishing business that produces nearly 14 tons of high-quality wine grapes each year, and approximately 1,200 cases of wine. The vineyard continues to expand, connecting wine enthusiasts to the area's rich agricultural roots.
- **Horsmon Farm:** Horsmon Farm is a fourth-generation family farm operated by JR and Cathy Cosgrove in St. Leonard known for its high-quality meats, produce subscription services and agritourism events. This year marks a decade of Horsmon Farm's commitment to sustainable practices, from rotational grazing to conservation efforts that earned them the Soil Conservation Cooperator of the Year award in 2015.

The annual Farm Tour underscores the importance of Calvert County's agricultural industry and its impact on both the local economy and community culture. For more information about Calvert County agriculture, visit www.CalvertAg.com.

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Remembering Redskins' Cornerback Pat Fischer

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

Sadly, one of the Redskins Nation's most beloved players, #37 Pat Fischer, passed away on October 8, 2024 at an assisted living center in Leesburg, Virginia. Next to John Riggins, Pat was an all-time popular fan favorite for his consistent hard driving performance despite his small 5ft 9inch stature. He developed a reputation as a defensive back able to stop a runner or a receiver no matter how large his size or strength. He was especially known for his coverage of Philadelphia's Harold Carmichael, a player eleven inches taller who he stopped whenever the Redskins played the Eagles! Many have viewed the NFL Films video of Carmichael sitting on his rear end in the middle of the field looking around with an astonished look at Fischer and wondering what the heck just happened! Pat often voiced his theory that "no matter the player's size, if you can grab a leg, he's yours!"

Pat played in the NFL for seventeen years, first with the St Louis Cardinals before being signed in 1968 as a free agent with the George Allen coached Redskins. He quickly established himself as a member of George's veteran "Over the Hill Gang" and played a big role in helping the Redskins getting to their first Superbowl in 1973! Coach Allen's philosophy was to achieve success you needed to play veterans who knew their roles. Joining him in the "Over the Hill Gang" was former team mate and best friend at the University of Nebraska Ron "da Dancing Bear" McDole. Together they helped make Nebraska a truly tough nationally rated football team to be reckoned with! Upon graduation the two of them were drafted by different teams, made names for themselves with their teams yet fortunately were able to complete their professional careers here in Washington!

During my 25 years as a Hogette cheering on our "Skins," Pat and Ron and I became good friends. They played in most of my twelve "Spiggy & Friends" Children's Hospital Golf Tournaments here at Chesapeake Hills Golf Club here in Lusby. I appeared with the two of them at several Calvert County Fairs where they posed for



Pat Fischer & Ron McDole at Hog Heaven

photos and signed autographs for the many fans that stood in line waiting to meet them. They were one of the biggest attractions at the Fair when they appeared.

As I got to know these two, I began to realize what great characters and personalities they were when they were together. They were like brothers always trying to get the best of one another. Ron got the moniker "da Dancing Bear" from Quarterback Sonny Jurgensen. Apparently as the story goes, many of the Skins would go to a bar in Georgetown to celebrate a big win and Ron would have a couple of brews then jump up on a table and dance to whatever music was being played. At one point Sonny was heard to say "He looks like a dancing bear" and the name stuck!

Another story that displays the humor and friendship of these two characters was told to me by Ron. Apparently, the two of them have played tricks on one another since their college days. Ron's favorite stunt was finding a "blind date" for Pat for a dinner and movie date. He arranged for a sorority sister for Pat to take out and passed on her name and time to pick her up at the Sorority House. So, Pat shows up at the appointed time and tells the person who answers the doorbell that he was there to pick up the

young lady. The girl brings the young lady to the door and Pat is astonished to learn she is actually blind!! To his last day Pat remained upset with Ron for setting him up! He said it was the worse date he ever had as throughout the movie at the drive-in they attended, Pat continually had to describe the scene for this young blind lady! I am sure he never forgave Ron for this stunt!

I often sponsored Pat as an after-dinner speaker for local organizations that I am familiar with. After retiring from football in 1978, he was a stockbroker and owned a real estate company so I had him speak at a meeting of my fellow realtors here in Calvert County. He kept us all in stitches with his stories of how he used his football experience when negotiating a sales contract. Pat was a comedian and would most likely have been very successful had he chose to pursue a career in the entertainment field! He could be very mischievous and had a smile to match.

Pat enjoyed telling stories about his team mates. A favorite of his was the "Diesel" John Riggins! He would tell folks about the time John was stopped by a Virginia State Police Sergeant and a Patrolman for speeding on I-66 in his "Riggo" signature pickup truck. The Troopers approached the truck

and said "Sir we know who you are, but we need to see your license." John complied and handed it over to them. While they were writing the citation, a severe accident occurred across the median from where they were standing. They quickly approached John and said they had to go over to investigate what happened and to get medical help to the scene. They warned John that "they would get back as soon as possible and his truck better still be here!"

When they returned several minutes later, the truck was still there, but their squad car had disappeared. Fortunately, they still had John's license so they knew where he lived. And upon arriving at his home there was their car in the driveway! John's wife came to the door and said John had gone to bed. The Patrolman was somewhat taken back by all this and nervously said "Sarge I really think we should just get our keys and go as how will the boss react when he learns Riggo stole our car because we left the keys in the ignition?" And with that they grabbed their keys and ran!

Another of my favorite memories of Pat is the time my wife and I invited Ron and Pat to dinner here at "Hog Heaven" following one of my golf tournaments that they had participated in. To set the mood for the evening, we set up two blow up Redskin figures in the front yard to greet them. One was a large burly player and one was a shorter, skinny player holding a football high. They got a kick out of it and it became a topic of discussion for months to come.

Well, I am sure there are many more great stories about this lovable football player. He achieved much as a player having played in 3 Pro Bowls, named one of the greatest 80 players in Redskins history. His name is on display in the "Commanders Ring of Fame" at the renamed Northwest Stadium. And his 56 interceptions places Pat in the top 20 NFL defensive backs of All Time! He was always a gentleman and a character unlike any other. I know he will be missed by all of us who watched him perform in his position like no other in his time! He was many things to many people. And he was many things to me, but most of all he was my good friend.

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Thu, Nov 7

Blender for Fun and Profit...But Not for Profit

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

Are you new to the world of 3D printing? Maybe you've downloaded models or you have even used TinkerCad and you're looking to up your skill level. Maybe you dream of being a professional in the world of 3D graphics, but you don't know how to get started. Regardless of your skill level, come learn the basics of 3D printing and models. 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Surviving Rt. 4: Part 3

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
6-7:30 p.m.

What technology can help you track and assess driving safety? What are the options in Calvert County if you'd rather not drive? 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Sat, Nov 9

Jellyfish Day

Calvert Marine Museum,
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.

Pop-in with Poppie

Calvert Marine Museum
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.

Calvert Barn Quilt Trail Tour

CalvART Gallery
110 Solomons Island Road N.,
Prince Frederick
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The bus tour will depart from the Prince Frederick Shopping Center parking lot. Check-in for the event will be in the CalvArt Gallery at the shopping center. Check-in and ability to peruse the artwork from local artists in the gallery opens at 8 a.m. The guided bus tour will wind you throughout parts of Calvert County as you explore 14 of the quilt squares on the trail!

Sun, Nov 10

"On-Watch" Memorial Service

End of Dowell Road in Dowell
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.

Cars & Coffee

Kellams Complex Parking Lot
3825 Gordon Stinnett Ave.,
Chesapeake Beach
8 a.m.

The Town of Chesapeake Beach will host the October cars and coffee at the Kellams complex parking lot, just behind Town Hall. Enjoy the cars, coffee and sweet treats from the Novel Bakery.

Beyond the Displays: Artifact Stories

Calvert Marine Museum
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.

Mon, Nov 11

Veterans Day Feature with Friends and Artifacts

Calvert Marine Museum
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join CMM staff and local friends of the museum in this special event honoring the rich military history of Southern Maryland. This oral history event will allow attendees to hear firsthand accounts from veterans and community members, bringing to life the sacrifices and triumphs of those who have served. In addition, selected artifacts from the CMM collections will be on display, providing a tangible connection to our local military heritage. We invite visitors to write a letter thanking veterans for their service, which will then be delivered to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Free museum admission for active-duty military and veterans from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tue, Nov 12

Creature Feature

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

Come to the museum for the Monthly Mystery Creature Feature. Every second Tuesday of the month, the CMM Education Team will feature an animal in the museum lobby that is not normally on display. Learn about a new animal and discover the wonderful variety of creatures found in our local estuaries. Take-home educational coloring pages will be available!

An Overview of Maryland Health Connection

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join C4, the Calvert County Commission for Women, and Calvert Library for an informative presentation to learn about the vital role health insurance plays in achieving optimal health. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Wed, Nov 13

Job Seeker Resources – Skillbuilders

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Maryland Department of Labor, Veterans Program, Senior Community Service Employment and Job Service representatives will be in person to meet with those seeking employment or career change. Walk-ins welcome on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Resumes and Cover Letters

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Offered by Maryland Department of Labor, American Job Center, this is an interactive workshop for resume and cover letter writing help. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Tarot Study Group

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

Come learn and practice tarot as a creative tool, for self-reflection, introspection, meditation, thoughtfulness, or as a fun hobby. 410-535-0291. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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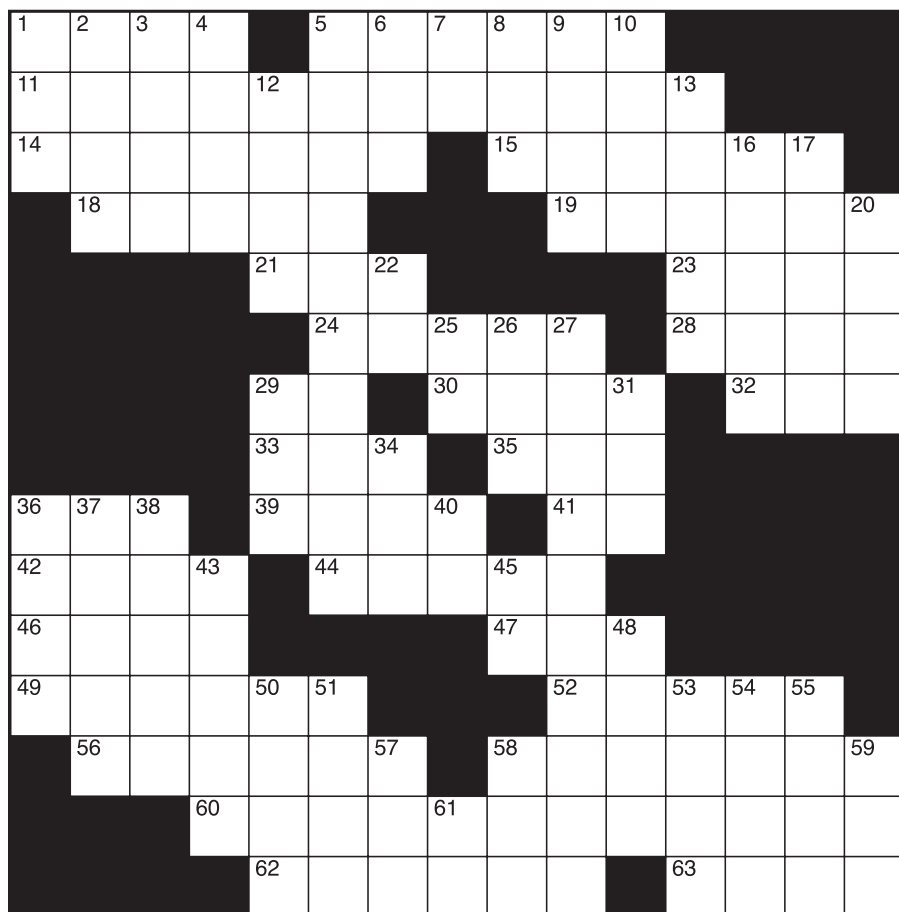
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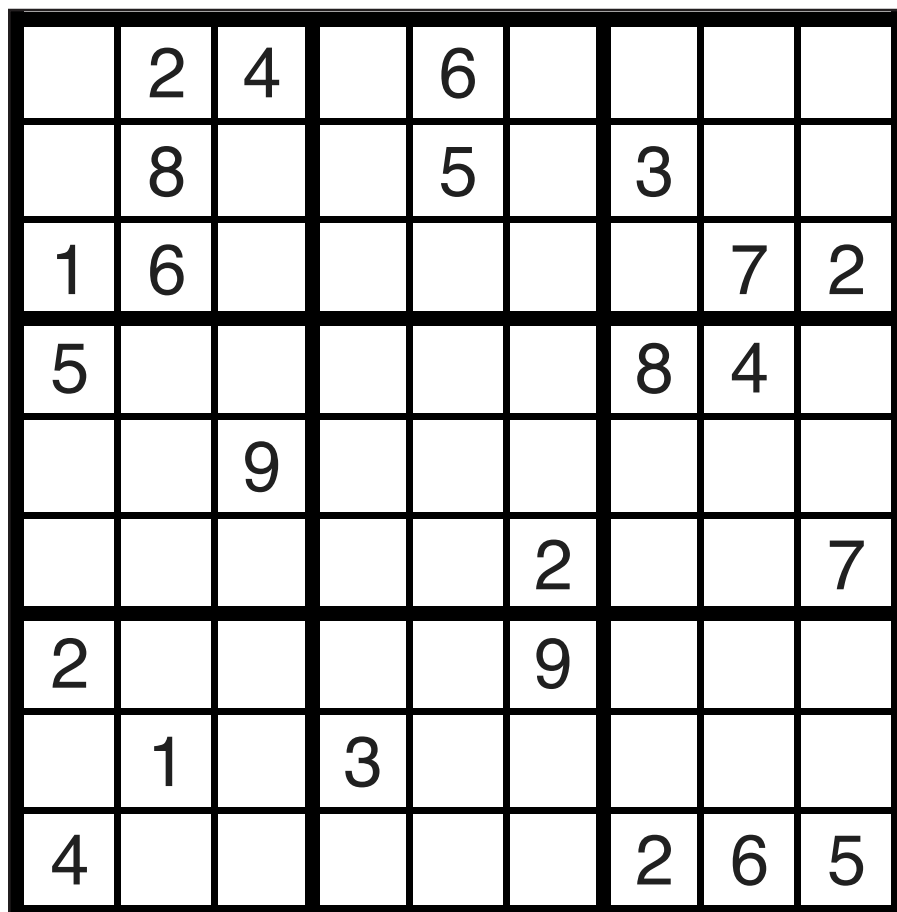


CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of effort
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. Simpler
18. Visionaries
19. Large, fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. Former CIA agent and critic
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. "Hammer" is one
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Thyrotrophic hormone
33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing
36. Licenses and passports are two types
39. Snakelike fish
41. Air Force
42. Popular computers
44. Of a withered nature
46. Wings
47. Used in combination
49. Laid back
52. Jeweled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. ___ Falls
60. Assertions made again
62. Periods of history
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel large quantities rapidly
4. Sea eagle
5. A type of subdivision
6. Variety of Chinese
7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees with creeping roots
16. Fungal disease
17. Impressionable persons
20. Affirmative! (slang)
22. Instinctive part of the mind
25. "The First State"
26. A way to develop
27. Fraternities
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Beer
36. Spiritual leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's father
43. Ray-finned fishes
45. Morning
48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. A small bundle of straw or hay
53. Got older
54. Crater on Mars
55. Humanities
57. Relating to the ears
58. "To the __ degree..."
59. Residue of a burned product
61. It cools a home



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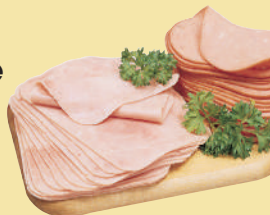
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Online Auction

Seventh District Volunteer Fire
Department Auxiliary Facebook
6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Seventh District VFD Auxiliary will be having an Online Auction starting Thursday November 7th 6:00 PM with bidding ending Saturday November 9th 1:00 PM. A live preview will be done at 5:00 PM Thursday November 7th. All bids start at \$25.00 and increase in \$5.00 increments. Highest bid at 1:00 PM Saturday will be the winner and will be notified on the Facebook page under your bid. While bidding always check most relevant to see newest bids. Winners must pick up items from 2:00 PM—4:00 PM or arrange for someone to pick. Any items not picked up by 4:00 go to the next highest bidder. Pay by Cash, Check or Card.

Lots of great items to bid on for yourself or holiday gifts.

Check out the Auxiliary's Facebook page for all upcoming events. Check your Smoke Alarms and Stay Safe!

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

American Legion Post 221
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.

Fri, Nov 8

Veterans Resource Day

University of Maryland at
Southern Maryland
44219 Airport Rd., California
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be on site from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to answer questions and assist with claims processing!

There will be more than 20 organizations serving veterans on-site. Join us for a presentation!

- Suicide Awareness & Prevention
Greg Reuss, US Marine Corps Veteran
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
10:00—11:00 a.m.
- Financial Literacy & Fraud Prevention
Ronney A. Wright, Force Master
Chief, (E-9), USN, (Ret)
USAA
12:30-1:30 p.m.

The Pharmacy at PJ Bean will be running a free vaccination clinic for the duration of the event.

Free lunch will be provided at 12 p.m. by Mission BBQ.

This event is free and open to the public. Veterans, active service members, their

friends, and their families are all welcome to attend Veterans Resource Day.

Do you want to skip the registration line? Register online at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging/veterans! Online registrants will be eligible for a special prize! Online registration closes at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7.

For more information, contact Sarah Martin, Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager, at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073, email sarah.miller@stmaryscountymd.gov.

Sat, Nov 9

Autumn Nature Walk & Talk

Summerseat Farm
26655 Three Notch Rd., Mechanicsville
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Autumn! What a beautiful and intriguing time of year to enjoy Nature! Why are the leaves changing color? Where did the Box Turtles go? Why are there different birds here now and why did some of them leave the area? These are some of the topics we'll discuss and contemplate while walking through the beautiful woods of Summerseat.

As usual, we'll meet at the pavilion alongside the Manor House at 0900 on Saturday 09 November. Our Walk will cover just under 2 miles on a natural surface trail that is almost flat (very little elevation change) and circle back to the same pavilion at approximately 1100. Our Walks are "Child

Friendly", and we welcome questions from Nature lovers of all ages.

Young Life Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser

Leonardtown Baptist Church
23250 Hollywood Rd., Leonardtown
3p.m. to 9 p.m.

Join us for a single elimination Corn Hole Tournament. There will be food, face painting, live music and other fun activities. Registration for the Corn Hole Tournament is \$20/person. All proceeds will benefit Young Life St. Mary's. For more information, go to the Young Life St. Mary's Facebook page.

Sun, Nov 10

All You Can Eat Home Style Breakfast

2nd Dist. VFD&RS Social Hall
45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Menu: scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, pancakes, french toast, sausage links, ham, bacon, creamed chip beef, sausage gravy, spiced applesauce, grits & biscuits.

Drinks: assorted juices, milk and coffee will be available.

Children under 5 are free.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library UPCOMING EVENTS



Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Book Sale

Gently used books and other materials, great for gift giving! Leonardtown Library on Saturday, November 9. Members Only: 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Open to the Public: 12 noon - 3 p.m. Memberships available at the door or join online in advance at www.stmalib.org.

Relax Your Brain With Art

Art doesn't have to be any one thing. Come brighten your day with a little and use creativity as your outlet for stress! Experiment with art supplies, and make a project to take home. Lexington Park Library, Saturday, November 9 from 1 - 3 p.m. Materials provided. Register on www.stmalib.org.

St. Mary's County Library Closed for Veterans Day

All locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, November 12.

Marketing Your Brand on Social Media

Learn how to get customers to Like, Follow, and Subscribe! Lexington Park Library, Thursday, November 14 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. This interactive lecture-style class will provide a comprehensive overview of using social media for personal marketing, combining theoretical knowledge with practical exercises to help participants effectively market themselves online. This

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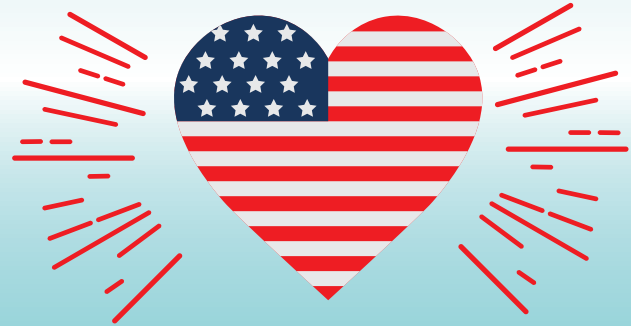
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Eight Ways to Honor Veterans

Millions of people make considerable sacrifices to protect the freedoms of their fellow citizens. According to the Pew Research Center and data from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Census Bureau, there are currently more than 18 million living veterans in the United States.

The term “veteran” refers to a person who served in the active military, naval, air service, or space service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. In the U.S., there are actually five types of protected veterans, according to the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974. Under VEVRAA, a veteran may be classified as a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran.

Veterans deserve respect and admiration all year long, but also get their own holiday each November. Veterans Day celebrates veterans’ patriotism and willingness to sacrifice and serve. This Veterans Day, people can consider these eight unique ways to honor the veterans in their community.

1. Attend events. Organize or participate in local Veterans Day celebrations, such as parades and ceremonial events.
2. Get involved with veterans’ affairs.



3. Support veterans by volunteering with organizations that assist them, such as the VA, local veteran’s groups, VA hospitals, or charities dedicated to veteran services.
3. Petition for veteran speakers. Reach out to schools, scout troops or other groups and arrange opportunities for veterans to share their stories and contributions. Learning about the sacri-

4. Support the families of veterans. Reach out to veterans’ families, who also must make sacrifices and concessions. Anything from shopping, babysitting, doing chores, or making a meal can help the families of veterans.
5. Make a donation. If finances allow,

make contributions to reputable charities that provide services for veterans like those that offer mental health counseling or job placement services. If there isn’t a charity that fits with your vision, begin one.

6. Hire veterans to work. If you are a business owner or hiring manager, consider hiring veterans for open positions at your company. It can be challenging to re-enter the workforce after service, so make it known that your firm welcomes veterans.
7. Offer personal acknowledgements. Take the time to speak to veterans and thank them for their service. If possible, when dining out, ask the server if you can pay for the meal of a veteran who also is dining that day.
8. Don’t forget the fallen veterans. Although Memorial Day is designed to honor those who lost their lives through military service, people still can honor the fallen veterans on Veterans Day by sharing stories or placing flags at veteran cemeteries.

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11, marking an opportunity to express one’s gratitude and support for the scores of veterans who have served honorably.

Charities That Support Military, Veterans, and Their Families

The support Americans have for their armed forces is evident in how much they donate each year to charities with military-related missions. According to Charity Navigator, Americans donate more than \$2.5 billion annually to charities with missions dedicated to the military.

Individuals who want to donate to a charitable organization with a military-related mission may not know where to start, and that can be daunting given the number of organizations that fit that criteria. Charity Navigator indicates there are more than 40,000 American charities with military-related missions, which underscores how difficult it can be to find one to support. Thankfully, Charity Navigator, which has provided donors with free access to data, tools and resources to guide their philanthropic decision-making since 2001, has curated a list of highly rated organizations that provide a variety of services to military members and their families. The following is a brief rundown of that list that can serve as a solid foundation for prospective donors.

The full list can be found at charitynavigator.org.

Wounded Troops

- Air Warrior Courage Foundation (airwarriorcourage.org)
- DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust (cst.dav.org)
- Fisher House Foundation (fisherhouse.org)
- Higher Ground (highergroundusa.org)
- Homes for Our Troops (hfotusa.org)
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Military Social Services

- AMVETS National Service Foundation (amvetsnsf.org)
- Hire Heroes USA (hireheroesusa.org)
- Honor Flight Network (honorflight.org)

- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (iava.org)
- Operation Gratitude (operationgratitude.com)
- Operation Healing Forces (operationhealingforces.org)
- Soldiers’ Angels (soldiersangels.org)
- The Mission Continues (missioncontinues.org)

Military Family Support

- Army Emergency Relief (armyemergencyrelief.org)
- Blue Star Families (bluestarfam.org)
- Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation (fallenpatriots.org)
- Folds of Honor (foldsofhonor.org)
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BELLS OF PEACE: A WORLD WAR I REMEMBRANCE, launched in 2018 to commemorate the centennial of World War I, is a collaborative program announced by the World War I Centennial Commission in coordination with the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, the Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, whereby American citizens and organizations across the entire country are invited to toll bells in their communities twenty-one times on November 11, 2023 at 11 a.m. local time.

Conceived and designed in collaboration with the nation's veterans of service with the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the bell tolling provides a solemn reminder of the sacrifice and service of veterans of World War I, and all veterans. Bells will be tolled in communities across the nation, in places of worship, schools, town halls, public carillons, and cemeter-

ies, to mark the anniversary of the Armistice that brought an end to hostilities, in what Americans fervently hoped had been "The War to End All Wars."

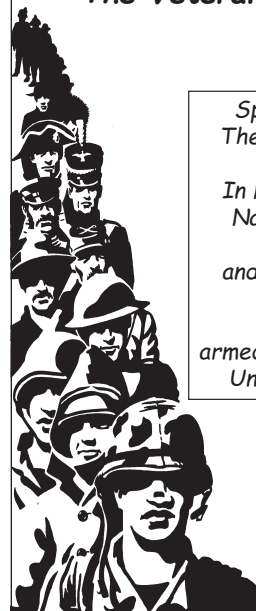
This nationwide program is designed to honor those American men and women who served over one hundred years ago during World War I. The war ended by an armistice agreement between the warring countries at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918. World War I took place between July 1914 and November 1918 and was one of the deadliest conflicts in world history. Over nine million combatants and seven million civilians died as a result of the war. The United States officially entered the war on April 6th, 1917. Some 4.7 million Americans stepped forward to serve in uniform during the war, 2 million of them were deployed overseas to fight, and 116,516 of them never made it home.

Our museums offer programs and events throughout the year; stay up to date by following them on Facebook at:

- St. Clement's Island Museum: Facebook.com/SCIMuseum
- Old Jail Museum & Visitor Center: Facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum
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Leonardtown Veterans Day Parade and Parking Information

The public is invited to salute America's Veterans at the 2024 Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown. The parade, sponsored by the Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, takes place Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. and begins at St. Mary's Ryken High School and will proceed along Fenwick Street and through Town Square.

Immediately following the parade, spectators are invited to Town Square for a Veterans Wreath Laying Memorial Ceremony.

In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be canceled, and the Memorial Ceremony will take place inside the Leonardtown Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street in Leonardtown. The cancellation decision will be made by 8 a.m. Nov. 11, and a cancellation notice will be posted at VisitLeonardtownMD.com/VeteransDay and Facebook (Facebook.com/TownofLeonardtown) pages as well as on the St. Mary's County Government website www.stmarysmd.com.

Parade Participants:

Parade vehicles, including buses, floats, cars, trucks and motorcycles, should report directly to the staging area at St. Mary's Ryken High School between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. All parade vehicles – except emergency



vehicles – should be parked by 8 a.m.

Marching groups and other parade participants should park at Leonardtown Middle School between 7:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The last shuttle leaves from the Middle School to Ryken at 9:00 a.m.

Parents are asked to refrain from dropping their children at St. Mary's Ryken High School, along the roadside or at the intersec-

tion for safety reasons.

Parking for Spectators:

Spectators should park at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, the St. Mary's County Governmental Center, or the College of Southern Maryland lots. Free shuttles provided at these lots, follow the signs for the shuttle pick up location. At the


Governmental Center, spectators should use the lots adjacent to the Carter State Office Building (23115 Leonard Hall Drive).

Washington Street and Fenwick Street leading into downtown Leonardtown will be closed to traffic from 8 a.m. until noon. Downtown parking and thru traffic will be limited to areas accessible from Lawrence Avenue only for residents, business owners, and employees. Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will provide traffic control.

Handicapped Parking:

Spectators requiring handicapped parking may take Washington Street and will be allowed to park in the public lot beside the Hair Company. Additional handicap parking can be found at the Mattingley Gardiner Funeral Home lot and can be accessed via Lawrence Ave.

For more information, visit VisitLeonardtownMD.com/VeteransDay. Contact Aris Nazarova, Public Relations & Events Coordinator, Commissioners of Leonardtown's Office, at 301-475-9791, or email aris.nazarova@leonardtownmd.gov for questions about the parade or the Wreath Laying Ceremony.




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Veterans Get Their Day on the Town

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Earl Morse, a physician assistant and retired Air Force captain, worked at a VA hospital in Springfield, Ohio. When the WWII Memorial opened in Washington, DC in 2004, Morse asked his patients if they were going to see it and they said yes. But later he found out they hadn't because they couldn't afford it. So, he paid for two veterans to fly to see it.

From that original act of kindness has grown a nationwide volunteer, non-profit network called Honor Flight in which thousands of veterans have been flown to DC to visit the Armed Forces memorials and museums. In May a group of mostly Calvert County veterans took an Honor Flight, but that time they were driven to DC by bus. It was sponsored

by Honor Flight Capital Region.

Then on Oct. 2, a second Southern Maryland Honor Flight left the American Legion in La Plata for a day in the Nation's Capital. Their bus was escorted to the city by the Charles County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police.

This reporter, a U.S. Army Reserves veteran from the Vietnam War era [1966-72] was one of two dozen invitees for the day. Each veteran was accompanied by a "guardian" to help get around. Another Honor Flight is scheduled from Southern Maryland next Spring and application forms are available on the Honor Flight Capital Region website.

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The veterans and their "guardians" pose at the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. All photos courtesy of Capital Area Honor Flight



Dick Myers before the Air Force Memorial.



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Serving Veterans Through Sailing

Patriot Sailing Helps Vets Adjust

By Tim Flaherty
Contributing Writer

"We decided to create a 501(c)3 that is a veteran focused, veteran based organization that happens to also be a sailing organization instead of a sailing organization that happens to help veterans," said Patriot Sailing Executive Director Peter Quinn.

A Calvert County resident, Quinn founded Patriot Sailing in Annapolis 12 years ago based on a desire to help veterans, especially those with combat experience and disabilities, adjust to civilian life after leaving the service. The organization now has locations with boats in five U.S. locations, including Solomons.

"I founded it to save some of my colleagues in the intelligence community who were falling through the cracks," Quinn continued. "The psychological impacts of going to and from high-threat intelligence environments with one or two-week's notice, getting ripped away from their families, ripped out of their lifestyle here in the states on shore duty, sent to training, sent overseas to fight, then spending 12 months in high-threat environments without a real guidebook of what was expected. Then they would come home, and no one would have connectivity to them. They did not get the same unit support that the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, special ops community afforded their normal folks, and the intelligence guys were falling through the cracks."

Quinn, who lives in Huntingtown, retired from active duty in the Navy about five years ago after flying jets and working in naval intelligence. He realized his life-long passion for competitive sailing could transfer to all vets as a mental health salve once they found themselves back in civilian life. The idea is simple; invite military veterans to become "members" of Patriot Sailing, and take them sailing on racing sailboats to build confidence, relationships with other vets, enjoy teamwork, and experience the soothing sensations of being under sail.

There is no charge to become a member of Patriot Sailing.

On a recent Sunday afternoon at Spring Cove Marina in Solomons, six veterans and two former military spouses, all of whom live in St. Mary's, Calvert, or Charles counties, converged on a Cape Fear '38 sloop and readied it for an afternoon of racing on the Patuxent River. This day's crew consisted of experienced sailors – Patriot Sailing serves both experienced sailors and newbies – but several had never met before. The skipper for the day was Gold Star spouse Ali Banholzer of Huntingtown, an American Sailing Association-certified instructor whose husband died while serving in the Air Force.

"Okay, everybody," Banholzer called out after the crew assembled on deck. "Not everyone here knows each other, so let's go around and introduce ourselves."

An Army vet, several Navy and Marine Corps veterans, an Air Force retiree, and an Army spouse, identified themselves in greetings to the group. They then prepared the



Tom Hudson, a military veteran who lives in Wildewood, tends the mainsheet on a Patriot Sailing boat blasting downwind during a race on the Patuxent River. Photo by Alison Banholzer.

boat for a "Frostbite Series" race on the river with 27 other sailing vessels. Other boats in the race also had some crew members who have sailed previously with Patriot Sailing.

"Our No. 1 mission is to build teamwork and learn how to sail," Banholzer told us after the race. "After that, it's 'let's be competitive and win the race.' Sailing and being out on the water is like therapy for me. It's fun, it's peaceful. I love sailing and sharing that passion with people."

One of the crew on Sunday was Chris Bates, a Marine Corps veteran who works as a contractor at NAS Patuxent River. Bates is considered the "Lead," the head volunteer organizer of the Solomons branch of Patriot sailing.

"After leaving the Marines Corps I came here to work at Pax River as a civilian contractor in 2006," Bates said. "I knew I wanted to do something to give back to veterans in a way with something I knew how to do. One night a few years ago at Southern Maryland Sailing Association, I ran into Peter Quinn. He said, 'Hey, come sailing with Patriot.' The stars aligned with something I could do to help veterans."

"It's very fulfilling. The pure fact that we are providing the sense-of-team that we veterans lose when we get out of the military, and knowing that we are giving folks a purpose, providing something where they can dig in and enjoy. It is very much aligned with what I wanted to do to give back to veterans."

About 50 veterans currently participate in the Solomons branch of Patriot Sailing, which began in 2021 and now docks two boats at Spring Cove. About 450 vets, nationwide, participate at locations that include Annapolis, San Diego, Long Beach, and Seattle.

"In Solomons we are very fortunate," Peter Quinn explained. "Spring Cove Marina is a direct sponsor. They have been very generous to us. Our logo is on their sign. We hold our Safety at Sea training there, and we keep both boats there."


"We are looking for more financial sup-

port," Quinn added. "This is a great opportunity for industries at Pax River to show they are supporting their veteran base and support the local community at the same time. If we can get a handful more of corporate support locally, that will make this financially sustainable."

"The goal is to have members become comfortable enough to go into the commu-

nity and sail with other boats, and enjoy the sport in a way that feeds them. That is success. That means we helped them through their transition period, and we are here if they decide they need to come back."

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Serving Those Who Served

A Mission for Veterans to Help Veterans

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For years The Mission, first located on Great Mills Road and then on Sheriff Miedzinski Way in Lexington Park has taken in whoever has come to them in need, whether they are homeless, addicted, abused or any combination of problems that have laid them low.

In that time, they have come across and aided their fair share of veterans who have fallen on hard times or brought those times upon themselves, said Richard Myers, its current volunteer director.

Helping veterans often has its own unique set of challenges and obstacles, Myers told The County Times.

He and his brother, Robert Myers, both veterans of the U.S. Marine Corps, founded the private non-profit with a simple goal in mind, to help the less fortunate whoever they may be.

"I handled the business end of things and he handled the ministry portion," Myers said of his brother who died during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Whoever came to our doors we would do whatever we could to help them."

"We've had many veterans come our way."

Myers said some veterans who come into the care of The Mission, which makes no excuses or equivocations for spreading the biblical message of Christian salvation of the soul, sometimes do well with the rules they have for those who stay with them.

"Some of them don't really want help," he lamented, adding that they are often allowed a grace period of two to three weeks to get a job, stay sober and go to rehabilitation to get clean from drugs.



Richard Myers

If they don't get a job, Myers said, or show a willingness to follow the rules The Mission has laid down for getting them help, they have to say goodbye to them.

Many have problems with alcohol or drugs, Myers said, and some even do well to kick their habits and get a job and housing, but once they start getting paid again, sometimes they relapse.

"They get clean when they don't have any money," Myers said. "Sometimes the danger arises when they start getting paid again."

It's another of the many setbacks that can befall the volunteers at The Mission when trying to help a wayward veteran get back on track.

Jean Carter, the intake coordinator of Mission clients, and the only paid employee there, said it can take years to help a veteran get services since — once homeless — they often no longer have a copy of their military records, their separation papers or even their birth certificate.

Carter works with contacts she has throughout the county in various public services administrations to help veterans find their way, but it's difficult.

Veterans are entitled to services, but often do not know about them or how to access them, she said.

"It's often just a matter of pointing them in the right direction," Carter said. "But it takes

a long time and they often want to give up.

"We piece by piece help them get the identification, the DD-214 and the birth certificate."

The Mission runs its own homeless shelter consisting of 24 beds on Great Mills Road near the Chesapeake Public Charter School and has done so for the past three years, Myers said.

Despite worries that more resources and programs for homeless people will only encourage more to come to St. Mary's, that has not been their experience, but much of that has to do with the rules they lay to govern the behavior of continued clients.

"We've never filled all 24 beds," Myers said, noting that The Mission is almost entirely funded by community donations. "Because we're private we can act quickly; we take someone in immediately."

The problem he said, is when a veteran does not want to work; it's an instance that has happened more than once.

The Mission helps with job placement, Myers said, even buying veterans clothes so they can look presentable for job interviews; if they aren't sober or clean from drugs they get put into rehab before getting back into the job market.

But some of them don't really want help, he said.

"We have rules; there's no free ride at The Mission," Myers said. "We're supported by old ladies who write us \$50 checks. I can't afford to spend resources on a guy who doesn't want to get better."

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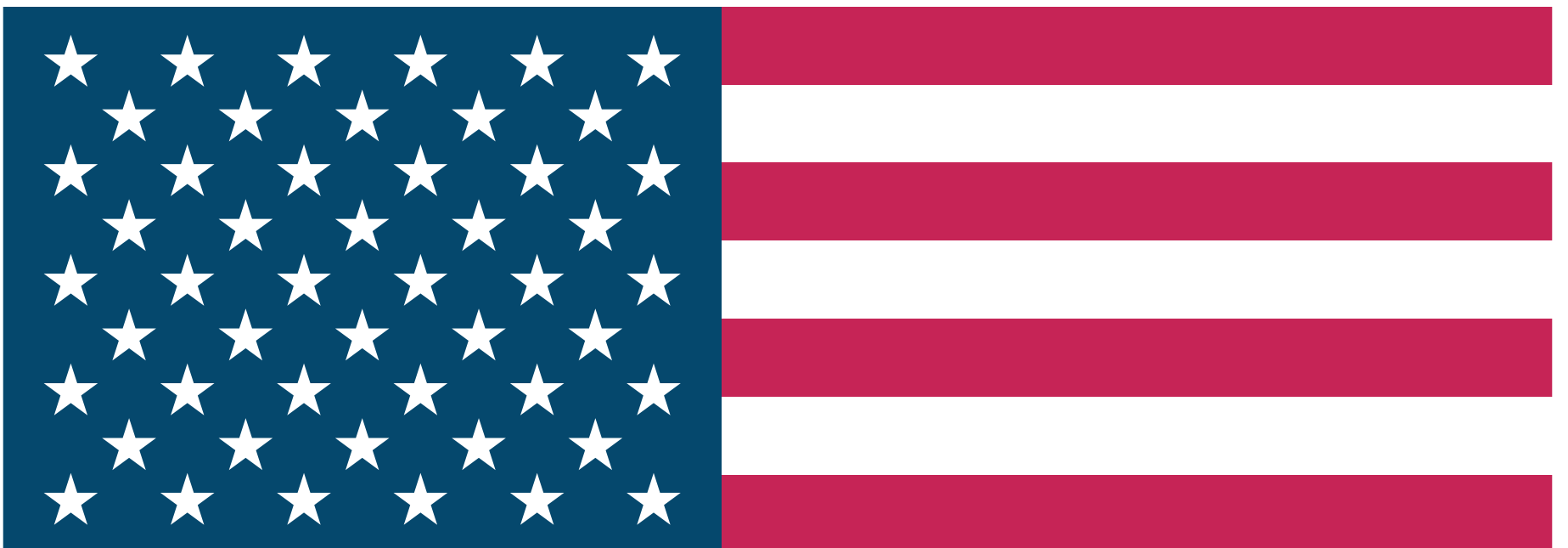
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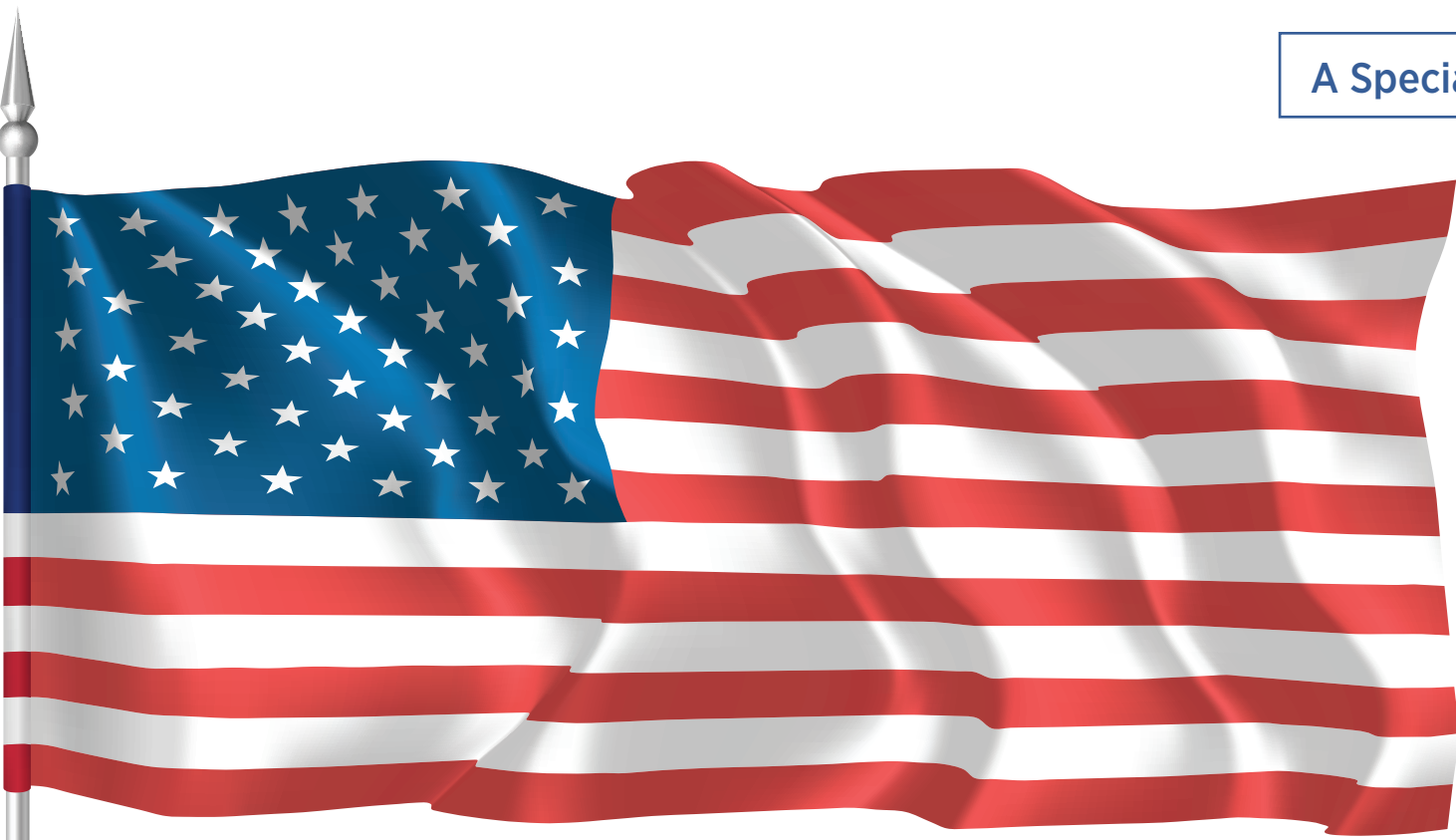
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In Remembrance

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Diane Dixon, 73



Diane Joy Dixon, 73, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, passed away peacefully on October 30, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Born on August 6, 1951, in Leonardtown, MD, she was the loving daughter of Ada Joy and the late Marion Joy. Diane was the wife of William "Bill" Dixon, Jr., whom she married on June 3, 1978.

Diane graduated from Chopticon High School in 1969 and started working at the Patuxent River Naval Base as a clerk typist three days later. She retired in 2002 as the executive secretary of the Naval Strike Air Test Squadron after a dedicated 32-year civil service career.

Diane was an avid competitor, having played softball for Clarke's Landing, bowling in the Monday night women's league, and Thursday night mixed league at Esperanza Bowling Alley, and then being introduced by Bill to what became her favorite pastime, golf. She quickly fell in love with the game and achieved immense success by winning several local tournaments, including winning the Ladies Club Championship and the Admirals Open Pro Am (low net) at Cedar Point Golf Course, and Memorial Cup and Member-Member tournaments at Breton Bay Golf and Country Club. Greater than the love of the game was the friendships that were formed with her ladies golfing groups throughout the years. Diane also loved to keep her mind sharp daily by completing the daily/weekly crossword and sudoku puzzles.

Diane is survived by her son Brian Stone (Jessica) of Lexington Park, MD; siblings Linda Gray (Charles) of Lexington Park, MD, Bonnie Pineiro (Rafael) of Palm Beach, FL, Calvin Joy (Pattie) of Hollywood, MD, Nancy Burroughs of Hollywood, MD, David Joy (Inger) of Plattsburgh, NY, and Tammy Barrows of Callaway, MD. In addition to several nieces and nephews, she is survived by her nieces Nicole, Anaiyah, Madison, and Kyleigh, whom she held a special bond with, and all saw Aunt DD as a 2nd Mom/Grandmother.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM, in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD, with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Calvin Joy, David Joy, Kelly Dombrosky, Lynn King, Rafael Pineiro, and Bob Earhart. Honorary pallbearers will be Karen Abell and the ladies of the Breton Bay Ladies Golf Association.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, Hollywood, MD or the St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD.

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

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

Joyce Spence, 83



Eleanor Joyce Spence, 83, of Bushwood, Maryland, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2024, in Leonardtown, Maryland, surrounded by her loving family. Joyce was born on February 15, 1941 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the daughter of the late James Milford "Tom" Hodges, Sr. and the late Eleanor Agnes Turner Hodges.

Joyce is survived by her husband of over 64 years, James William "Jimmy" Spence, Sr., of Bushwood, MD, whom she married in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Avenue, MD, on November 28, 1959. She is also survived by her three sons, James William "Jay" Spence, Jr. of Bushwood, MD, Jon Robert Spence (Jessica) of Chaptico, MD, and Jerel Hodges "Jerry" Spence of Bushwood, MD, her grandchildren, Jacob William Spence and Jenna Renee Spence, both of Chaptico, MD, her siblings, James Milford "Jimmie" Hodges, Jr. (Mary Lee, deceased), Margaret Hodges Williams (Leroy, deceased) and Thomas Robert Hodges (Patricia), and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joyce was raised on Barton Hall Farm in Oakley, MD. She attended Holy Angels School and graduated from Margeret Brent High School in 1959. After graduating from high school, she and her husband moved to Suitland, MD in 1959. Joyce worked briefly for the FBI. In 1960, she and her husband returned to St. Mary's County, MD, and she worked for Stanley Donaldson, performing bookkeeping duties. She also worked at the First National Bank in Leonardtown, MD. After the birth of her first son in 1969, Joyce became a homemaker and she devoted her life to God, to her family, and to caring for others. She had many famous sayings, but the ones heard most often were: "Once a mother, always a mother" and in later years: "Look out for the animals". Joyce lived a life of sacrifice and service, devoted to God, family and friends. Her devotion to and love for her parents was evident as she cared for them during the years of their declining health until the time of their passing.

Soon after Joyce was married, she was informed by her doctors that she would never be able to conceive a child. This troubled Joyce greatly, and after much prayer, she did give birth to three sons. These challenges instilled in Joyce a strong love and affinity for children. Through the years, she was a devoted babysitter for several children, whom she loved as if they were her own. Specifically, Katherine Perry Mahon and Amanda Wise Miedzinski.

Joyce was a devout Catholic who prayed the Rosary daily. She attended Mass weekly at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood,

MD, until she could no longer attend Mass due to her declining health.

Joyce's family would like to extend their appreciation to Sharon Woodburn and Carol Ann Frederick, who assisted Joyce with kindness, love, and compassion during the last year and one half of her life.

The family received friends on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, MD, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 11:00 AM, with Father Stephen Wyble officiating and Father Kevin Fields concelebrating. Interment followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Bushwood, MD.

Mary Ann Norris, 84



Mary Ann Norris, 84, of St. Inigo, MD passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at her home with her loving family at her side.

She was born on April 12, 1940 in Dameron, MD to the late Lloyd Thomas Carroll and Viola Augusta (Ridgell) Carroll.

Mary Ann is a life long resident of St. Mary's County growing up along the Chesapeake Bay. She attended St. Michael's School and graduating high school in 1958. While attending St. Michael's she met the love of her life, Joseph "Emerick" Norris, whom she married on July 5, 1958 at St. James Catholic Church. Together they celebrated over 66 wonderful years of marriage. She retired from the U.S. Postal Service as the Postmaster in St. Mary's City.

She was a loving wife, mother and great-grandmother, sister and friend. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and looked forward to Wednesday's, which was her day to watch them. They vacationed every year with the entire family, and enjoyed every minute. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. She looked forward to her adventures with her

friends, from lunch dates to bus trips; they shared many good times and lots of laughter. She loved to shop and had a large collection of glass figurines and Longaberger baskets. She enjoyed flower gardening and had beautiful dahlias every year. She was a delicious cook and made mouth-watering fried chicken and cakes.

In addition to her beloved husband, Emerick, Mary Ann is also survived by her son, Richard "Ricky" Norris (Pauline) of Leonardtown, MD; grandchildren, Mallory McDonald (Ian) of St. Mary's City, MD and Stephen Norris (Kaelie) of Leonardtown, MD; great-granddaughter, Hadley Mae McDonald; siblings: Peggy Vallandingham of Ridge, MD, Sandra Gerek of Park Hall, MD, Charles Carroll (Joann) of Hollywood, MD; Ed Carroll (Diane) of Lexington Park, MD; and Tony Carroll (Marie) of Ridge, MD; sister-in-law's, Rosie Carroll and Salinda Mae Carroll; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Barbara Smith, Joan Cochran, Elaine Carroll; Frankie Carroll; Donnie Carroll and Roger Carroll; and brother-in-law's: Sam Vallandingham, Joe Smith, Mike Gerek, Ron Yokum, and Corky Cochran.

Family will receive friends for Mary Ann's Life Celebration on Monday, November 11, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 16566 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. by Reverend Keith Burney. Interment will follow at Trinity Episcopal Cemetery, 47477 Trinity Church Rd, St Marys City, MD 20686.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ralph Ridgell, Gary Ridgell, Mark Buckner, and Tony Ridgell.

Memorial contributions in Mary Ann's name may be made to Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 520, Ridge, MD 20680 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



Breathing in the Scent of Fall

Like normal on column writing days, unless of course it happens to be raining, I am sitting out in our firepit area breathing in deeply of all the scents of fall. The only thing that would be better would be the smell of burning leaves, though no one can do that now with a state-wide burn ban. I am also laughing as I watch Mindy rolling around on the Zoysia grass doing her happy dog dance – when in reality she is enjoying the stiff grass scratching all the loose fur and dust out of her rusty coat. Zoysia grass is a soft and lush grass throughout the late spring to early fall but come mid fall it turns brown and brittle in the colder months, perfect for Mindy's back scratching. I like that the bristles brush a lot of her loose hair and dust out, though it always seems that she brings a lot of the yard in with her each day. I am always a bit sad when the grass turns brown though right now it is covered with hundreds of multi-colored leaves which my husband will soon mow to mulch the leaves.



The backyard is an entirely different story. The lawn is mostly grass with a healthy dose of crab grass and clover...but, it is green year round which I love. And it looks lovely when mowed. The backyard stays damp with a darker, seemingly richer soil than the front yard, maybe due to the drain fields I don't know. It has its own damp, very earthy smell. Even in drought it stays wet all year. I always thought the dark soil was from the old Black Walnut tree that reached over a good amount of the yard, but that old walnut tree has been gone for years. We were constantly walking into the basement with squashed inky black goo on our shoes. I always intended to make walnut ink from the nut meat, but that never did happen.

We have been freshening the house up after Halloween, like we normally do. We had all the couches done and the main living carpeted areas, everything smells so nice. It probably won't last with dust coming through the window screens and with all of us bringing in dust too. The Halloween Trails kicked up mounds of dust from the week of set-up through clean-up. My sisters-in-law and I laughed that I looked like Pig-Pen every day. We estimated about 200 kids and adults came through the Trails this year with a few going through twice. We were so lucky and thankful with the weather and all the family and friends who helped for over a week to set up, and be there for Halloween evening, and for the 6 of us who broke it all down on Friday. And there was a lot to break down. My husband seemed to come home with more skeletons and props every day or so. And yes, he finally realized his dream of covering the front of the house with skeletons.

Now, all that is left is getting some Halloween things in the house put away like my Halloween village on the bay window ledge, just in time to be replaced with my decades old Thanksgiving village. It makes me happy to see all of that up. I am nowhere near ready for Christmas decorating. Fall is my season. Just like now, as I slowly handwrite my column while sitting outside watching Mindy and enjoying the quiet of the neighborhood. Today it is dry and breezy with the sound of brittle leaves skittering over top of each other in the yard and across the roads at our intersection. Occasionally a leaf will fall on Mindy and startle her awake from her sleep on the grass, or a leaf will fall on me or in my teacup. Today a bee fell in my tea. Luckily I check my cup before taking a drink.

It is a beautiful, unusually warm fall day, and I keep reminding myself when I look up and out at Mindy and the yard to take in deep, cleansing breaths; to truly breathe deeply through my nose to store the fall scents in my brain. There are times when I want to close my eyes and recall these visions and smells – it's so soothing. We all know we store scents and how something like a song or thinking of a favorite place can call those scent memories back to us. Well, before I head back into the office to type and soak in these scent memories I will truly breathe, not just for life sustenance, but for soul-nourishment and to savor for each minute of the day.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby.

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To assist in this preparation, try to address some key questions affecting your heirs:

- *Do they know what's in your estate plans?* Your family and other heirs will be much better prepared to deal with an inheritance if they know what to expect. That's why it's so important that you share your estate plans with everyone involved. You need to let them know the wishes and decisions you've expressed in your will and other legal arrangements, such as a living trust. Of course, sharing this information doesn't necessarily mean that all your heirs will be completely satisfied with your choices — but at least they won't be surprised, and perhaps will be less likely to cause disputes when the time comes to settle your estate.
- *Will they know what to do with the money or other assets?* You may be planning to leave your grown children a sizable amount of assets, possibly including cash, stocks, real estate, IRAs, 401Ks or other types of valuable personal property. But this inheritance brings with it several possible questions: Do your heirs already have an investment platform ready to accept inherited stocks? If you do leave behind rental property or a vacation home, can it be easily sold? These types of issues are generally not hard to resolve, but the more prepared your heirs are for their inheritance, the quicker they can take whatever actions are needed.
- *Are they prepared to handle any taxes that may result from the inheritance?* Unless you have a very large estate, your heirs likely won't face federal estate taxes. (In 2024, the first \$13.61 million of an estate is exempt from federal estate taxes.) However, other types of taxes may apply. A few states assess state inheritance taxes, and your heirs could incur federal and/or state income taxes when they withdraw money from inherited assets funded with pre-tax dollars, such as some retirement accounts. They could also face capital gains taxes when they sell inherited assets, such as stocks, for more than they were worth at the time of the inheritance. In any case, inheritance-related taxes can be complex, so you and your family and other heirs should discuss these issues with your tax advisor.
- *Will they be liable for any outstanding expenses?* If you have developed a comprehensive estate plan, it's unlikely your heirs will be on the hook for any outstanding expenses, such as credit card balances or funeral costs. If you do still carry a mortgage, though, and you are planning on leaving your house to your heirs, they may want to be prepared to act quickly to sell it.

When leaving an inheritance, there's a lot involved — emotionally, financially and legally. So, do whatever you can to make the entire process as easy as possible for your loved ones. By communicating your wishes regarding the inheritance, and by considering all the issues that may arise, you can go a long way toward achieving the outcomes you desire.

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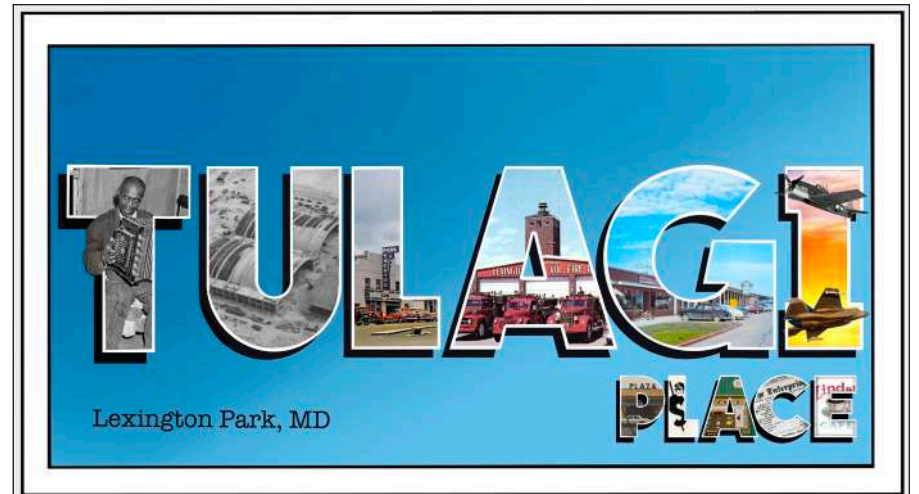
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Local artist Tom Rogers of Flying Rabbit Art will be painting the Tulagi Place Mural! There will also be a Sidewalk Chalk Extravaganza for visitors of all ages to participate in.

Delicious ice cream from The Salted Scoop will be available for purchase!

This FREE event will be hosted at Lexington Manor Passive Park at 21675 So. Coral Dr, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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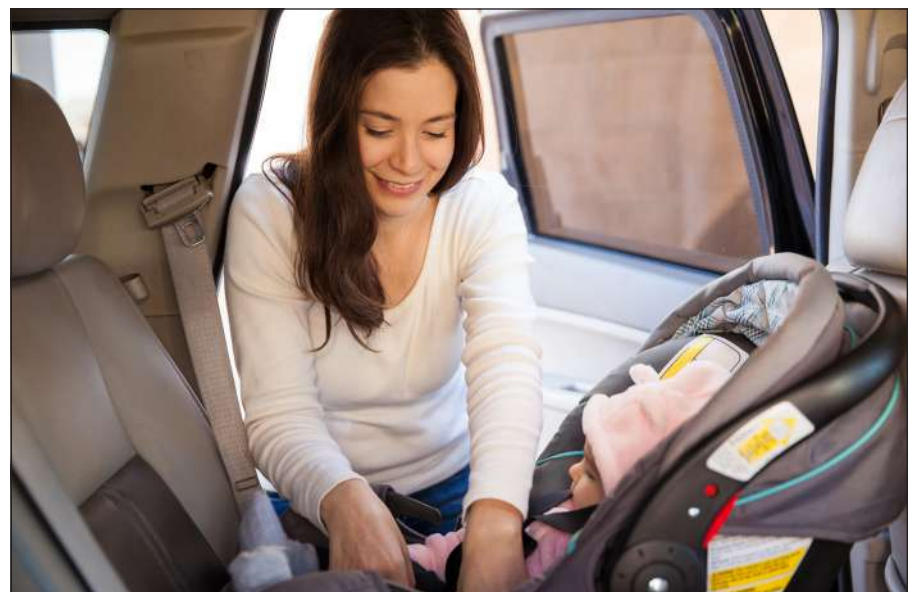
This event is co-hosted by St. Mary's County Arts Council, St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks, St. Mary's County Museum Division, and the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions.

We would like to send a special thank you to The Newtowne Players for their support of the mural installation at the Three Notch Theatre.

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know the child's current height and weight, and bring the vehicle's owner's manual. Try installing the car seat prior to your appointment using the car seat instruction manual.

Registration is open and FREE but you must have a time slot in order to attend. If you have more than one (1) car seat, you must have one (1) time slot per car seat. Bring all car seats you want to have checked with you. Visit mdsp.maryland.gov to register!

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Digital Dashboard Tools Transforming Navy's Launch and Recovery Tracking

The Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) Program Office (PMA-251) is leading the Navy and Marine Corps' charge to enhance launch and recover tracking through digital application development.

Tasked with managing launch and recovery systems on land and at sea across the globe, Capt. Mike Kline, PMA-251 Program Manager, is focused on helping warfighters acquire efficient ALRE system management while keeping a focus on safety.

"Big changes in acquisition often come at a high cost of time and funding, but thanks to an incredibly gifted and forward-thinking team, ALRE is rewriting the rules and rapidly setting new standards for Speed to the Fleet," said Kline.

When the shore-based E-28 Emergency Arresting Gear system was presented as a candidate for urgent application development, PMA-251 leadership engaged Digital Application Developer, Tarun Patel. As a self-educated app developer, with degrees in both mechanical engineering and aeronautical science, Patel is uniquely poised to develop revolutionary tools for the Navy.

Patel was briefed on the community's needs and given raw data on E-28 equipment status. Within two weeks, he built the E-28 dashboard from scratch; a robust, intuitive tracking tool that monitors Navy, Marine Corps, and NATO E-28 sites around the globe.

The E-28 dashboard delivers immediate and clear visualizations of aggregated data across several stakeholders. Collectively, its features allow users to quickly see airfield gear status, upcoming inspections, deficiencies in manning and supply, and facilitates data driven decisions. It offers enhanced tracking, comparative analysis, and many other efficiencies, providing users with unmatched situational awareness and improving the outlook for E-28 well into the future.

It's not Patel's first time contributing his talents to the ALRE community. The E-28 dashboard is his second digital tool created for PMA-251, and the 14th he has developed for the Navy.

In 2023, he created the Nimitz Launch and Recovery (L&R) Readiness Tool, an intuitive, graphical representation of all catapult and arresting gear systems on Nimitz-class carriers. As with E-28, Patel completed a demo of the Nimitz L&R dashboard within days of his original briefing.

The Nimitz L&R dashboard was built to support situational awareness for Nimitz-class ALRE and gives users real-time observation across all carriers. It provides visibility into issues over time, highlighting system availability, isolating systems and sub system relationships, and more, explained Patel.

"These dashboard tools have been a complete game-changer in the ALRE community," said Justin Homme, Nimitz-class Level II Integrated Product Lead. "We used to help the fleet deal with issues through long, tenuous email chains and phone calls, now all stakeholders are instantly on the same page. We're saving countless hours while increasing safety and visibility."

Patel is both excited and motivated by the tangible difference he is able to make for the fleet.

"I find so much satisfaction in serving and solving problems for the warfighter," said Patel. "When I can help our people save time and efficiently solve problems, they can get back to doing other valuable work. Together, we can more efficiently face our adversaries."

Patel demonstrated the E-28 digital dash-



Vice Adm. Carl Chebi, left, views the E-28 Arresting System at NAS Patuxent River Airfield Services Division, Oct. 4.

board in October for Vice Adm. Carl Chebi, NAVAIR Commander; Vice Adm. Daniel Cheever, Commander of Naval Air Forces; Vice Adm. Christopher Grey, Commander, Navy Installations Command; representatives from Deputy Commandant for Aviation; and other key ALRE stakeholders. Patel is scheduled to do another demonstration for a NAVAIR Command Leadership Team in the coming months after the tool is populated with several months of data.

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8x18	\$7.35	20x20	\$19.25
8x20	\$7.70	20x30	\$28.85
9x12	\$5.50	20x35	\$33.65
10x12	\$6.15	20x40	\$36.85
10x15	\$7.65	24x36	\$39.80
10x16	\$7.70	25x45	\$51.80
10x20	\$9.65	30x40	\$55.25
12x12	\$7.35	30x60	\$75.50
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12x12	\$14.35		
12x16	\$19.15		
12x20	\$23.95		
12x25	\$29.90		
15x20	\$29.90		
15x25	\$35.85		
16x20	\$31.90		
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20x25	\$47.75		
20x30	\$57.30		
20x35	\$66.85		
20x40	\$69.65		

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Legal Notices

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

Sheriff's Office Investigating Hollywood Shooting

Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported shooting in the 45000 block of Breezy Lane in Hollywood on Friday, November 1, at around 11:47 p.m. Upon arrival, officers located a victim with a gunshot wound. Deputies provided first aid on the scene, and the individual was subsequently airlifted by Maryland State Police Trooper 2 to a nearby hospital with what appears to be a non-life-threatening injury. No other injuries have been reported.

Following the shooting, suspects fled the area in a vehicle, leading to a pursuit by deputies that continued north through St. Mary's

County. The chase concluded in Charles County when the car was disabled near Route 301 and Mitchell Road. Deputies apprehended one suspect at the scene, while additional suspects exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Three suspects were located and taken into custody. Law Enforcement Officers from the Charles County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police are assisting.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division has taken over the case.

This is an active investigation, and we will provide updates as they become available.

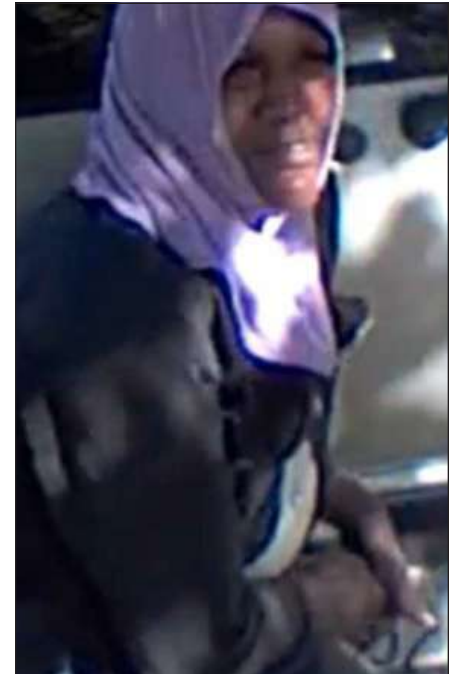
Theft Suspect Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office requests help to identify and locate the individual shown in this photo. The subject was seen taking a license plate from a vehicle parked on Potomac Way in Charlotte Hall. The suspect arrived and left in a white SUV with an unknown registration.

If you recognize this individual or have information about this incident, please contact Deputy Tyler Nichols at Tyler.Nichols@stmaryscountymd.gov or 301-475-4200, ext. 8162. Please reference case number 2024-63926.

Tipsters can also call Crime Solvers 24/7 at 301-475-3333 or text Crime Solvers at 274637. In the message block, type "Tip239" and select SEND. After you get a response, continue your conversation.

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Letters to the Editor

'A shining example of generosity and compassion'

This letter is about the acknowledgement, acknowledgment of a special man who did so much for others and for our Southern Maryland community. Mark Bailey is that man, a truly extraordinary individual whose life was a shining example of generosity and compassion. His heart was that of gold and the weight of his loss will be profound within our community. Mark was a prominent resident of St Marys County, however the 7th District community was his home and it is here where the loss will be felt the most. Mark would give you the shirt off of his back, heck, he would give you his socks and shoes too if you needed them, even on a cold day. He truly would. He was a giver, whether it was through his charitable donations, volunteering, or simple acts of kindness. I will always remember him telling me that his Dad was the one who taught

him those values, that if you have the ability to help someone you should. Mark was and always will be an inspiration for me to make sure that I am giving back in some way everyday. I just cannot say enough about his kindness. Ask anyone who knew him and they all would say the same thing. This community lost a great man who will be deeply missed. My condolences to the family who loved him so dearly.

Thank you to the publisher for letting me give acknowledgment to a local man who meant a lot to this community and deserves acknowledgement for who he was in this community. Mark Bailey you will be truly missed by every person you touched. May you rest in peace.

Angela Wathen

Southern Maryland

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Two Suspects Arrested in Lexington Park Shooting

One Suspect Still Sought



Charles Henry Thompson

Detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, apprehended Mark Albert Fenwick, Jr., 32, of Park Hall and Jarrell Raheim Johnson, 36, of Prince Frederick Nov. 2 in Prince Frederick. The two suspects were taken into custody in connection with a shooting that occurred on Wednesday, October 30, in the 22000 block of Valley Estates in Lexington Park.

Charles Henry Thompson, 30, of Lexington Park, remains at large. Thompson is a black male approximately 6' tall, weighing 162 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. The Sheriff's Office urges anyone with information regarding Thompson's whereabouts to call 301-475-8008 immediately.

Mark Albert Fenwick

Fenwick faces nine charges, including attempted first- and second-degree murder, first- and second-degree assault, aggravated assault, armed robbery, robbery, theft of \$100 to under \$1,500, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, and rogue and vagabond. Johnson is charged with accessory after the fact. Following their apprehension, both suspects were transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown.

The case remains under investigation. Detective Kortnie Marsch is the lead detective, and anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact her at 301-475-4200, ext. 8179, or via email at [Kortnie.Marsch@stmaryscountymd.gov](mailto:Marsch@stmaryscountymd.gov).

Jarrell Raheim Johnson

Routine Potassium Iodide (KI) Distribution Event

Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets will be offered to eligible community members on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at a drive-thru event at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) routinely distributes KI tablets to county residents living or working within the 10-mile emergency protection zone (EPZ) of the Calvert Cliffs Clean Energy Center. These distribution events are for general community preparedness.

Registration is required for pick-up of KI tablets at this event. For more information or to register, please visit smchd.org/ki or call (301) 475-4330. Please do not contact the Calvert Cliffs Clean Energy Center for KI tablets. Community members may also bring their expired KI tablets for collection and safe disposal to the event. Free hand-crank solar charging emergency radios will also be provided to community members who receive KI tablets as supply allows.

Who is Eligible?

St. Mary's County residents living or working within the 10-mile EPZ (zones 6 & 7). This area includes the following zip codes:

- 20659 – Mechanicsville
- 20636 – Hollywood
- 20619 – California
- 20653 – Lexington Park

"An emergency event involving radiation exposure from the power plant is very unlikely, but it is important for our community to be prepared," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "KI should only be taken when advised by public health officials during an active emergency incident."

For those interested in learning more about radiological and nuclear safety in our community, sign up with the St. Mary's Local Public Health Corps to receive notifications about upcoming learning sessions, training, and exercise participation opportunities. SMCHD will offer several exciting opportunities in 2025.

For more information about KI or to register to receive KI tablets, please visit smchd.org/ki.

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Commissioners Announce First Budget Work Session of FY2026

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) will host their first budget work session for fiscal year (FY) 2026 on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the CSMC Meeting Room, located on the 1st floor of the Chesapeake Building at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown.

The CSMC oversee the annual budget process for St. Mary's County Government (SMCG), which includes multiple budget work sessions (BWS) that are open to the public and available for online viewing, as well as a Budget Public Hearing, providing ample opportunity for community engagement.

Residents are encouraged to visit <https://bit.ly/SMCG-FY26-Budget> to view the budget timeline and meeting schedule, watch meeting videos, and even leave feedback on local priorities.

The budget includes revenue, reserve, and tax information, as well as expenditures for county departments, state agencies, elected officials, non-profits, and more. Once finalized, the budget guides county government decisions for the coming fiscal year and lays the groundwork for years to come.

"As we enter this budget season, we know there will be challenges and competing needs across our community," said Commissioner President, Randy Guy. "Our goal is to produce a balanced and fiscally sound budget, that considers the needs and priorities of the residents we serve. We encourage all our residents to tune in to these work sessions and participate in the budget process"

For more information on SMCG, please visit www.stmaryscountymd.gov.

County Government Veterans Day Operations

All St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) administrative offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will resume normal operating schedules on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

The November 11 closure also includes:

- All three St. Mary's County Libraries (Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown, and Lexington Park)
- All three Senior Activity Centers (Garvey, Loffler, and Northern), and there will be no home-delivered meals
- The St. Mary's Transit System (STS)
- The Animal Adoption & Resource Center

The following SMCG operations will be open on November 11:

- The six Convenience Centers and the St. Andrews Landfill
- Department of Recreation & Parks pro-

grams and facilities

- Wellness & Aquatics Center (6 a.m. – 8 p.m.*)
- The St. Clements Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, and the Old Jail Museum (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Wicomico Shores Golf Course (closing at 4:30 p.m.*)
- Riverview Restaurant (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Additionally, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Town of Leonardtown invite the public to salute America's Veterans at the Annual Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony on November 11, 2024; information available at: www.visitleonardtownmd.com/veteransday.

For more information on SMCG programs and operations, visit: www.stmaryscountymd.gov or follow St. Mary's County Government on Facebook or X for regular updates.

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County Times

School Board Approves Contract for Great Mills HS Project

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's Board of Education voted unanimously to choose a contractor who would do the work to replace a chiller unit that had reached its useful service life at Great Mills High School this week.

The board awarded the contract to Gaghan Mechanical, a contractor that had done jobs for the school system in the past as well as work for the U.S. government.

The projected cost of the project which would replace not only the chiller unit for the school but the cooling tower that helps keep the school's interior bearable for student during the summer heat.

The total cost of the project is roughly \$1.5 million with a little more than \$183,000 included as a construction contingency reserve should any problems arise.

The unit to be replaced is a 325-ton chiller, which board member Jim Davis said

this week during their Nov. 6 business meeting now cost about \$4,500 per ton to replace.

Staff explained that the extra cost was due to having two compressors on the chiller instead of having two chiller units, which was ideal for a building the size of a high school but not possible due to space constraints.

Before, the project was less expensive at about \$3,000 per ton, Davis said.

He asked why the cost of the job had essentially increased by 50 percent.

The contractor is currently working on chiller replacements at both Chopticon High School and Mechanicsville Elementary School, said Paola Laino, director of the Department of Design and Construction with the county public schools.

Laino said board members can expect to see the chiller fully replaced by mid-Spring of next year.

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Commissioner: Repeal Energy Tax, No New Taxes

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County are once again beginning their operational and capital budgetary talks for the coming fiscal year and one of their number wants to set the tone early.

Commissioner Eric Colvin, who supported raising the income tax this most recent fiscal year to support salary increases for teachers mandated by the state's Blueprint for Maryland's Future education reform plan, called for an elimination of the energy tax from the county revenue schedule.

"I'm just one commissioner," Colvin said during the Nov. 5 business meeting. "It's [the energy tax] very small and I don't think it will be very controversial among the commissioners."

Colvin also laid out his desire to not see any more tax increases or tax rate increases in the coming fiscal year either.

"We have to live within our available funds and let department heads know that," Colvin said. "And we have to let our partnering agencies know we're not looking to increase tax rates."

Colvin also wanted county department heads to go through their budgets "line by line" and go over the prior year's expenditures "in order to justify when they build their budgets."

"When we have consistently zero dollars or low amounts being spent and larger amounts being budgeted it just doesn't make sense to me."



Commissioner Eric Colvin

Colvin said he was also not looking to approve any new positions in county government when jobs in certain departments had gone unfilled for months at a time.

Colvin said commissioners should consider their commitments in the budget such as their three-year plan to increase county employee pay as well as allotments to the length of service program (LOSAP) for volunteer first responders.

"It would help if that were budgeted early on in the process," Colvin said.

He also wanted to improve paid emergency medical technician salaries to make them competitive with surrounding counties.

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Junior Naval Academy Prepares to Make Its Move

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Leadership with Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy say they are going to continue teaching young people for the foreseeable future from the middle to high school grades complete with military tradition, drill and ceremony but they might not be doing it Leonardtown.

Amie Milan, member of the parent board that runs the junior academy, said the sheer costs of rent in Leonardtown have forced them to look outside their home community, though they prefer to stay somewhere in the county seat.

The board is looking at property in Callaway and Mechanicsville, she said.

Last year the Commissioners of St. Mary's County decided to terminate the lease on the county-owned building where the junior academy had been housed for decades; the building had been in need of maintenance and repairs beyond the fiscal capabilities of the school.

Just last week the commissioners had decided, even if grudgingly, to use the aging building to house a new day care facility for children of county employees after considerable debate about whether to build a new, modular — but smaller — facility for the same use.

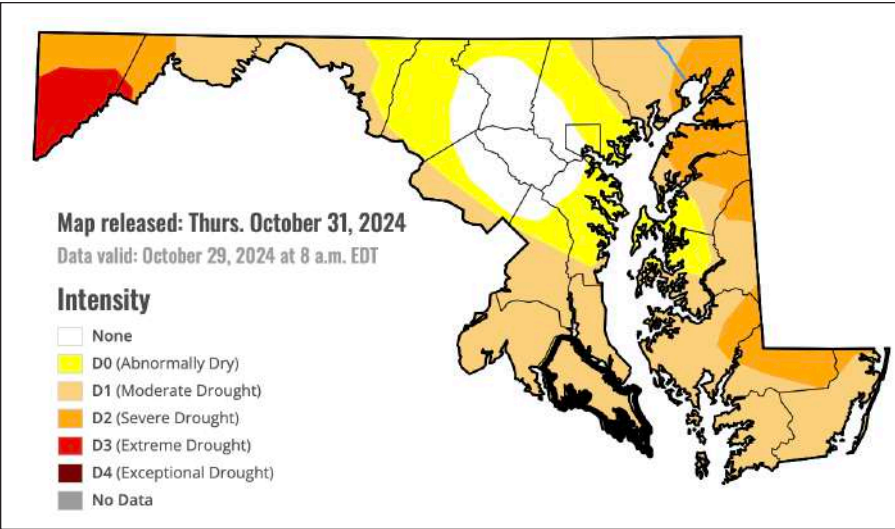
The timing of their leaving the old building is yet to be determined; Deputy County Administrator David Yingling has reported to county commissioners that the student body and instructors could leave by the end of the year or by the beginning of the next.

Yingling made this report at the Oct. 29 business meeting of the county commissioners.

Milan told The County Times that they are not releasing the locations of the two prospective new locations for their school yet; county leaders say they have been working with the school's leadership to help them find a property that they can afford and that can sustain their instructional mission.

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St. Mary's Prays for Rain



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

It's been more than a month — about 32 days — since there was any measurable rainfall in St. Mary's or in much of Southern Maryland and the state has enacted a burn ban on any open flames to include campfires or even barbeque grills.

Under the ban, though, the use of propane grills is still permitted.

The U.S. Drought Monitor, an on-line service that monitors moisture conditions across the United States, shows that Southern Maryland has moved from what it lists as an abnormally dry state to one of moderate drought in just one week.

The statewide burn ban went into effect

on Nov. 1.

"Extremely dry conditions persist across the state and have led to an above average number of wildfires statewide, and conditions are not expected to change in the near future," the notice from the Department of Natural Resources said. "The ban will remain in effect until the Maryland Forest Service determines the state has received enough precipitation to reduce the threat of wildfires statewide."

In St. Mary's, firefighters from the 7th District and Leonardtown answered the call to put out large brush fire in Abell along Abell Road, showing that the danger of wildfires still exist.

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Guy, Allen, Washington Win School Board Races

Hogan, Talkington Win St. Mary's But Lose Senate, Congressional Races

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

At just after 10 p.m. on Nov. 5, with all 28 precincts in St. Mary's County reporting in, new comer Josh Guy had prevailed over his opponent, also a first-time office seeker, Brandie Edelen in the race for the open at-large school board seat by a margin of 25,794 votes to 19,522.

"I'm honored and humbled to be your next board of education member," Guy said in a social media post to his supporters. "I travelled this county listening to parents, teachers, bus drivers, maintenance workers, and even our students.

"I will work hard to keep our students safe, increase parental involvement, retain our educators, and ensure our budget respects the taxpayer."

Guy will be the sole new member on the Board of Education.

District 2 School Board member Cathy Allen also secured another term on the board with 24,515 votes to the 18,257 earned by her opponent Elena Brewer.

Mary Washington, the District 4 incumbent, also held onto her seat by a comfortable margin of 25,447 votes to opponent David Drys' 18,008.

Both Washington and Allen have been on the school board for nearly 30 years.

Circuit Court Judge Amy Lorenzini also retained her seat on the bench after taking



Josh Guy

in more than 45,000 votes in the general election; she ran unopposed in the race following besting Susan Armitage in the primary election.

While former Gov. Larry Hogan easily won a majority of St. Mary's votes in his race for U.S. Senate, he fell well short of his Democrat opponent, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and her campaign to replace outgoing Senator Ben Cardin.

Michelle Talkington, the Republican candidate who ran against long-time District 5 U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer for a seat in Congress and took 28,884 votes in St. Mary's as opposed to Hoyer's 20,749 but the incumbent easily went



Cathy Allen

on to victory in the rest of his district to retain his seat in the federal government.

Marylanders overwhelmingly voted to enshrine abortion rights — alternatively known as reproductive rights — in the state's constitution and that trend, perhaps surprisingly, followed in St. Mary's where Republican voters are in the majority and typically socially conservative.

County voters resoundingly voted to approve the constitutional amendment, known as Question No. 1; 30,222 voted for it while just 18,714 voted against it.

President Elect Donald J. Trump will take his place as the 47th chief executive of the nation with a clear majority of electoral



Mary Washington

votes; he will be only the second person to win a non-consecutive term for president since Grover Cleveland in 1892.

St. Mary's overwhelmingly voted in favor of Trump and his Vice President-Elect Sen. J.D. Vance with 30,683 votes to 18,928 for current Vice President Kamala Harris and her campaign partner Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz.

But, predictably, Maryland's 10 electoral votes went to the Harris campaign as the Democrat's advantage in the state versus Republicans is two-to-one.

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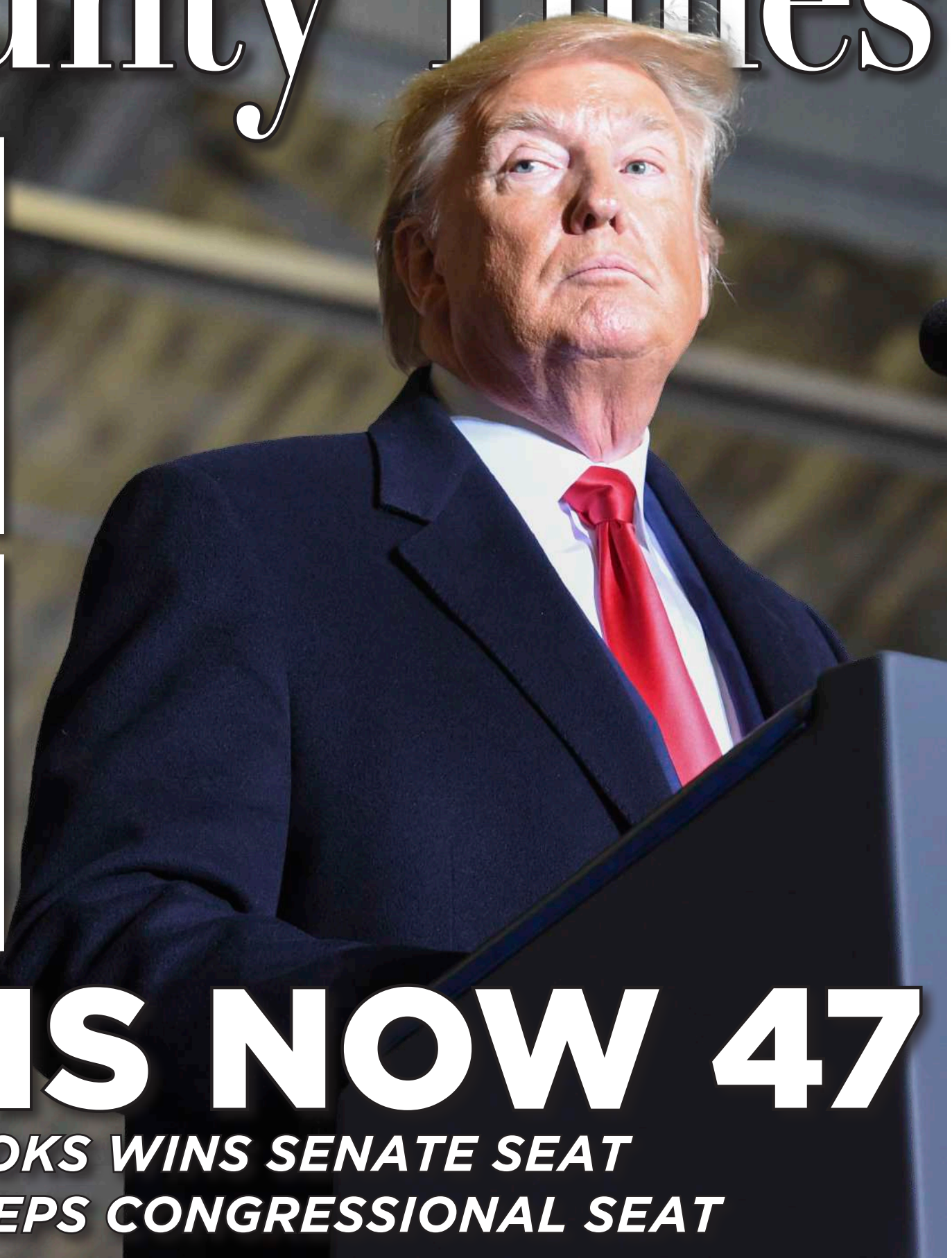
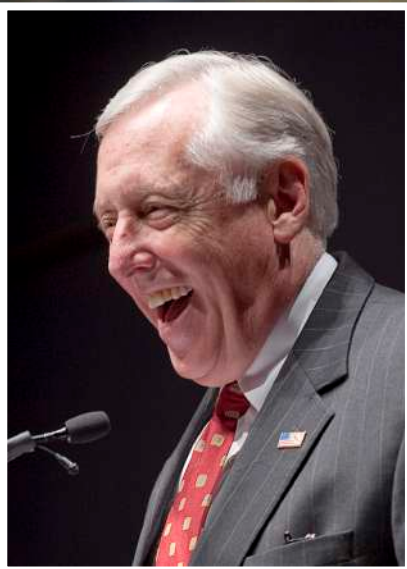


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