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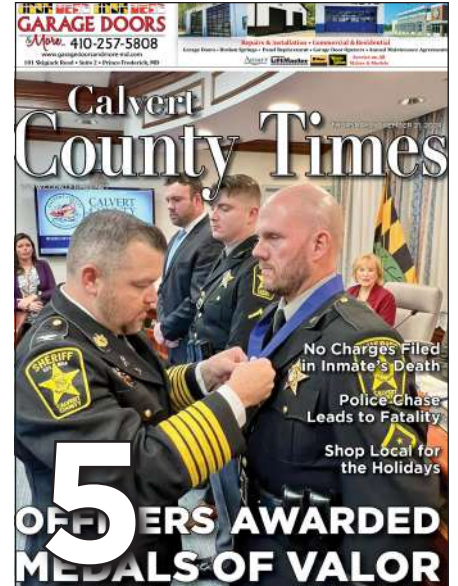
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No Charges to be Filed in Inmate's Death

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

No charges have been placed in the death last December of an inmate in the Calvert County Detention Center.

A press release from Calvert County State's Attorney Bob Harvey on Nov. 19 said, "The Calvert County State's Attorney's Office has completed its investigation into the death of Angel Manuel Jimenez. Jimenez died on December 4, 2023, while in the custody of the Calvert County Detention Center.

"The State's Attorney's Office reviewed reports, witness statements, and audio/visual evidence compiled by the Homicide Unit of the Maryland State Police. It also conducted an independent interview with forensic pathologists from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

"Based upon its investigation of Jimenez's death, the State's Attorney's Office has determined that the evidence does not support the filing of criminal charges against any individual or group of individuals. A detailed report of the facts and legal analysis, along with the relevant video evidence, is being made public on Nov. 19.

"The report and accompanying video evidence have been shared with Jimenez's family and their attorney."

According to the complete report, Jimenez was arrested in St. Mary's County on a warrant issued in Calvert for failure to appear in court for a child support hearing.

While in jail Jimenez allegedly attacked a jailer and was put in restraint. The report said, "At approximately 1:20 p.m. on December 4, 2023, Correctional Deputy First Class Dakota Cress (Cress) heard Jimenez ask for medical attention and state that he had 'a headache from hell.' At that time, Jimenez was being housed in a single cell directly adjacent to a desk at which the correctional deputies assigned to Booking were working. That cell contains a surveillance video that records the interior of the cell without audio. Cress notified (Rosanne) Hall (a Licensed Practical Nurse working at the detention center) of Jimenez's request, and she asked that Jimenez be brought to her so that she could measure his vital signs. At that point Cress approached the cell in which Jimenez was housed and opened the cell door. Cress then asked Jimenez if he would be willing to have the nurse check his vital signs and to take his prescribed medicine; Jimenez agreed to both. At the time of this conversation, Jimenez was standing in this cell with a blanket wrapped around himself; Jimenez with the blanket is captured on the surveillance video. Because it is against CCDC policy for an inmate to leave a cell with a blanket, Cress instructed Jimenez to take the blanket off and leave it in the cell. Instead of removing the blanket, Jimenez charged at Cress and pushed him away from the entrance of the cell and into the Booking desk. A struggle ensued and Jimenez took Cress to the floor during which Cress hit his head and sustained a concussion. Two separate surveillance cameras located in the Booking area, and directed at the Booking desk, recorded Jimenez assaulting Cress. These cameras are without audio. Correctional Deputy First Class Alexandra Hart was working at the Booking desk at the time of the assault. Hart witnessed Jimenez

punch Cress in the face with a closed fist after Cress opened his cell door. She initially attempted to assist Cress but instead started videotaping the incident using a handheld camera with the arrival of other correctional deputies. Hart recalled that the correctional deputies were eventually able to place Jimenez into a restraint chair as he actively resisted. Specifically, she witnessed Jimenez attempt to lunge forward out of the chair. Hart also stated that Jimenez was not put in the chair's 'soft restraints,' but rather remained handcuffed, because of his resistance. Correctional Deputy First Class Jarrett Turner was standing next to Hart at the time of the assault and witnessed Jimenez push Cress backwards into the Booking desk counter and then on to the floor. Turner immediately attempted to assist Cress by attempting to flip Jimenez over, however Jimenez was kicking and actively resisting attempts to subdue and handcuff him. Despite his attempts to pull away, Turner was able to assist placing Jimenez into the restraint chair. The CCDC Shift and Booking Supervisor at the time of this incident was Sgt. Charles Lindsay. Lindsay first became aware of the assault of Cress when he heard a distress call over his radio. He immediately ran to the location of the assault and found multiple officers attempting to subdue Jimenez. As Lindsay was observing the altercation, Jimenez reached out and grabbed him by the foot. Lindsay then pulled away and retrieved the restraint chair. As the Shift Supervisor, Lindsay had the ability to authorize the use of the restraint chair. Upon returning with the restraint chair, Lindsay observed that, although handcuffed, Jimenez continued to resist attempts by the officers to subdue him. Lindsay ordered that a spit mask be placed on Jimenez's head as he was being secured in the restraint chair as well as that 'the cuffs stay on.' The mask was seized by the investigating officers in this case and appears to be made from a mesh fabric. When applied, the mask covered the entirety of Jimenez's head and face. Once secured, Lindsay wheeled the restraint chair into the court holding cell adjacent to the Booking desk at approximately 1:24 p.m. From the time when he assaulted Cress until the time he was wheeled into the court holding cell, Jimenez yelled various suicidal statements, nonsensical statements, and nonspecific threats toward staff."

After being restrained staff paid repeated visits to him to check his wellbeing until he was found unconscious and unresponsive. An extensive effort to revive him was unsuccessful.

The report goes on to say, "On December 5, 2023, Dr. Kamillah Fernandez, an Associate Pathologist with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, performed the autopsy of Jimenez. A corresponding Postmortem Examination Report was completed and dated July 16, 2024, and received by the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office on August 2, 2024. It is the opinion of Dr. Fernandez that Jimenez died of 'Restraint complicated by Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease' and that 'the manner of death is best certified as Homicide.' With reference to the 'restraint' aspect of her opinion, Dr. Fernandez notes six specific findings: (1) Subdued and restrained by multiple correctional deputies after charging

correctional deputy (2) Placed in handcuffs behind his back and in leg irons (3) Placed in spit hood and strapped in restraining chair via shoulders, waist, and ankles with handcuffs behind his back (4) Contusions on bilateral wrist, tongue, lower lip and right arm (5) Negative anterior and posterior cut downs (6) Negative anterior neck dissection. Elsewhere in her report, Dr. Fernandez gives a fuller description of the contusions cited above. Specifically, she observed a 3/4 inch contusion on the tongue, a 3/4 inch contusion on the right wrist, a 3/8 inch contusion on the left wrist, and a 1 inch contusion on the right arm. No other external injuries were observed. On September 23, 2024, attorneys with the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office, along with D/Sgt. Frank Lopez and Sgt. Kyle Simms of the Maryland State Police, discussed the autopsy report with both Dr. Fernandez and Dr. John Stash, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. During that call, the Doctors stated that all of the various modes of restraint, when considered in their totality, in combination with the factor of preexisting Cardiovascular Disease, caused the death of Jimenez. Furthermore, neither Doctor could testify that any particular mode of restraint was more or less significant in causing his death. When specifically asked about the chair restraints, Dr. Stash explained that those restraints, particularly the shoulder restraints, would have inhibited Jimenez's ability to breathe. Moreover, the Doctors could not say whether Jimenez would have died from being restrained absent the complicating factor of his heart disease. However, the Doctors did state that, hypothetically, had Jimenez been found dead in his cell with the same heart disease five minutes before assaulting Cress, they would have ruled heart disease as the cause of death. When asked if they were able to tell if Jimenez had a heart attack, the Doctors said that, because he died, they would not be able to say with certainty but acknowledged that he could have died from a heart arrhythmia or cardiac arrest. Finally, the Doctors stated that it would be impossible for them to say when Jimenez died from looking at the court holding cell surveillance video of him sitting in the restraint chair."

The report goes into extensive detail about the decision not to prosecute. That includes saying, "There are two variations of Involuntary Manslaughter that are relevant to this investigation; Involuntary Manslaughter – Grossly Negligent Act and Involuntary Manslaughter – Failure to Perform a Legal Duty. After a thorough review of the investigation in this matter, the State has identified three instances where the conduct of CCDC personnel was arguably negligent; two of the Grossly Negligent Act variety and one of Failure to Perform a Legal Duty."

It goes on to say, "In order to establish the Grossly Negligent Act variation of Involuntary Manslaughter, the State must establish that a defendant caused the death of Jimenez by doing some lawful act in a grossly negligent manner. The first instance involves the use of the restraint chair. Instructions for how to properly use the restraint chair...dictates that the restraint chair 'will provide containment of an inmate exhibiting violent and/or uncontrollable behavior and/or that has been determined as a threat to themselves or to others.'



Angel Manuel Jimenez

Under the regulations, the report says, "The Shift Supervisor may authorize the use of the restraint chair. Considering the wholly unprovoked and violent assault committed by Jimenez upon Cress, there is no question that Shift Supervisor Lindsay properly authorized the use of the restraint chair in this case."

The report says, "The instructions for use of the restraint chair...from the manufacturer also fail to mention a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury: '[h]andcuffs and leg irons must be removed as soon as possible to prevent injury.' Lindsay never stated during this investigation why he ordered that 'the cuffs stay on' after Jimenez was placed in the chair. Hart stated that she attributed this order to the fact that Jimenez was actively resisting being placed in the chair and lunged forward when officers attempted to secure him in the chair."

The report goes on to say, "Lindsay's order that 'the cuffs stay on' while the officers placed Jimenez into the restraint chair was contrary to CCDC policy. However, the evidence does not establish that Lindsay exhibited a wanton or reckless disregard for human life by failing to remove the handcuffs and leg irons after Jimenez was secured in the chair. Lindsay reentered the cell after Jimenez was restrained in the chair so as to personally observe his condition after the first restraint check. Moreover, Lindsay knew that medical personnel would be checking on Jimenez at 15-minute intervals. Lastly, because the Doctors are unable to say that any individual mode of restraint caused the death of Jimenez, in conjunction with his cardiovascular disease, the evidence does not establish that Lindsay's order actually caused that death.

"The second instance of arguably negligent conduct relates to the use of the mask."

Regulations state "the mask 'may be applied before the inmate is placed in the restraint chair.' Additionally, that section notes that the 'spit net will not restrict breathing' and will be removed 'if any difficulty in breathing is observed.' The decision of when to remove the mask is left to the discretion of the supervisor on duty, in this case Lindsay."

The report concludes, "The Calvert County State's Attorney's Office has declined to seek charges in this case because, based on the evidence obtained in its investigation, no Detention Center personnel committed a crime."

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Deputies Awarded 'Medal of Valor'

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Three Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies received the first-ever Medal of Valor on Nov. 19 at the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The medals were in recognition of their bravery. M/DFC James Flynt was seriously injured in the line of duty and DFC Anthony Aranda and DFC Tyler Bowen helped save his life.

According to a memo to the commissioners from Assistant Sheriff Lt. Col. Dave Payne, "On the evening of December 17, 2022, at approximately 2129hrs, Deputy Bowen initiated a traffic stop at Southern Maryland Blvd and Yellow Bank Rd. After contacting the driver, the traffic stop quickly turned into a high-speed Vehicle Pursuit when the suspect vehicle fled the stop. Within a short time, it was understood that M/Dep. Flynt, DFC Aranda, and Dep. Bowen were pursuing a white Kia passenger car at a high rate of speed southbound on Southern Maryland Blvd. through Dunkirk. The pursuing units called out the traffic conditions and speeds during the pursuit. Then, with an updated location, announced the suspect vehicle had attempted to ram one of the pursuing deputies. The following transmissions included additional updates on locations as well as announced and confirmed 'shots fired' calls, implying

that the fleeing suspect vehicle's occupants had shot at the pursuing officers. The pursuit ended in the Walnut Creek Rd area on Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown after M/Dep. Flynt performed a Precision Immobilization Technique maneuver on the suspect vehicle. The suspect and M/Dep. Flynt both exited their damaged vehicles, and an exchange of gunfire ensued, resulting in M/Dep. Flynt being struck on his right thigh. The round impacted M/Dep. Flynt's right Femur, causing it to shatter and severed the Femoral artery. Dep. Bowen and DFC Aranda, the following two officers in the pursuit, stopped after seeing this exchange and, without hesitation, joined the fray to protect the lives of their fellow officers and each other. During this exchange of gunfire, the suspect was wounded and fled into the woods, leaving the officers on the scene unsure of his condition or his location. M/Dep. Flynt, after being struck, lay immobilized on the ground, trying to use a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. Seeing his fellow officer in distress, Dep. Bowen tactically moved through the threat area, and grabbed M/Dep. Flynt, and dragged him to a position of cover behind the disabled patrol vehicle. From there, Dep. Bowen began efforts to control the severe bleeding. The arrival of self-dispatched Emergency Medical Personnel provided additional lifesaving measures and emergency transport for M/Dep Flynt. The EMS providers successfully

transported him to the hospital, where he received the critical blood he needed to survive before being flown to a trauma center. The additional law enforcement resources and expert communications from public safety partners enabled the successful locating and apprehension of the suspect, who was still fleeing but was taken into custody without further injury. The extreme complexity of the incident highlights the exceptional courage, professionalism, and heroism displayed during this critical situation. It evolved rapidly and posed significant risks to the officers involved as they worked to apprehend a dangerous felon in our community who, through his actions, had no regard for the lives of others."

Sheriff Ricky Cox, during the Dec. 19 ceremony, said that he had been hoping to make the awards earlier but waited at the request of State's Attorney Bob Harvey until after the trial so as not to interfere with the prosecution. Harvey said that included fighting against a change of venue.

Cox praised Flynt. He said, "He loves his job, and he is committed to our community. This guy nearly got his leg shot off, and he is returning to work. A lot of people these days would not return to this job. They would take their retirement and move on. He is committed to us and the community, and I want to say thank you."

Cox said, "These deputies faced a moment where hesitation could have cost lives, and I firmly believe that."

Harvey said he watched the tape of the incident. "We all know about the heroics of Deputy Flynt. I just want to comment on the heroics of Tyler Bowen," adding, "I'll never forget Deputy Tyler Bowen standing on the



Sheriff Ricky Cox pins the Medal of Valor on M/DFC James Flynt as DFC Anthony Aranda and DFC Tyler Bowen look on. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

side of the road after Deputy Flynt had been shot, saying 'I'm going to run down there,' exposing himself to potential fire. It was like a combat scene."

Flynt recalled the support from the community. "They made me want to come back," he said.

Flynt reflected back on the motorcade from the hospital to his home and the people lining the road. He said, "When we got to Walnut Creek, where this incident happened, we slowed down, and the amount of people from Walnut Creek who were there was just phenomenal."

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Chesapeake Beach Man Killed in Police High-Speed Chase

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

A Chesapeake Beach man was killed Nov. 17 when his car left the road and struck a telephone pole during a high-speed chase involving a Calvert County deputy. The deceased is identified as Justin Foreman, 36.

The incident is being investigated by the Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General.

According to a press release from that office, "The preliminary investigation revealed that on Saturday November 16, 2024, at approximately 8:50 p.m., a deputy from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office was in a marked police cruiser sitting stationary in the area of MD Route 261 and 17th Street in Chesapeake Beach, MD. The deputy observed a gold Ford Mustang pass their cruiser at a high rate of speed, traveling southbound on MD Route 261. The deputy activated their emergency equipment and pulled onto the road in an attempt to

initiate a traffic stop. The driver of the car did not stop. After approximately 1.6 miles, the Mustang crossed the double yellow line into the oncoming lane, left the roadway and struck a telephone pole. Deputies provided the driver of the Mustang with medical aid until EMS arrived on scene and took over lifesaving efforts. The driver of the Mustang was pronounced dead on scene. The involved deputies were equipped with body-worn cameras. The IID, with assistance from the Maryland State Police Crash Team, is investigating the circumstances leading up to the crash."

The involved deputy is assigned to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office's patrol division, and has been identified as Deputy First Class Taylor Strong, a four-year veteran.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the IID at (410) 576-7070 or by email at IID@oag.state.md.us.

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New Teacher's Union President Addresses School Board

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Jason Oates has been president of the Calvert Education Association [CEA] since July. But the head of the union representing Calvert County Public Schools teachers spoke for the first time to the school board at their Nov. 14 meeting.

Oates said, "In this role, I have the responsibility of representing over 1,200 educators in Calvert County, over 90 percent of whom are members of this fine union. Since this meeting is our only scheduled board meeting in November, I thought it would be proper for me to talk about what I'm thankful for."

He went on to say, "I'm thankful that since taking this office in July, I have not needed to come to this microphone one time to fight for the rights of my members. This is a credit to [Superintendent] Dr. Townsel and his cabinet and their communication with CEA. [Chief Operations Officer] Dr. Susan Johnson and [Chief Academic Officer] Jackie Jacobs are incredible assets to Calvert County Public Schools. And I'm thankful for their leadership, their communication with me, which I assume they feel is on a daily basis."

Oates went on to say, "I want to thank board members [Lisa] Grenis and [Jana] Post for each taking some time over the last couple months to meet with me to discuss some of our common goals."

The three newly elected board members will assume their duties in January. Oates said, "I'm extremely thankful for our three, soon-to-depart from us board members. Board member [Dawn] Balinski, I want to thank you for always being willing to ask questions. I want to thank you for providing history and insight to each conversation. I want to thank you for reminding us of why decisions have been made in the past. I would challenge our board going forward to keep this in mind as they make decisions. We remind our students to learn, and perhaps it's important that we follow that advice."



Jason Oates

"Vice President [Inez] Claggett, thank you for advocating for educators. Thank you for always believing in the importance of more planning time and smaller class sizes. Thank you for doing what is best for our students and for our educators."

"President [Antoine] White, thank you for showing up. Thank you for answering the phone when I call you late at night. Thank you for valuing my opinion and the voice of our members. From a personal standpoint, thank you for being my friend."

White, the only incumbent in the race for the three seats, was handily defeated by Paul Harrison. Balinski and Claggett did not seek re-election.

He noted, "I appreciate the feedback all of you gave last month as budget priorities."

"My November message was a thankful one, so as a kid I am going to come in December with a wish list. My comments in December will be related to the budget as well."

"We are excited to have a four-year contract in place, but there is still room for growth. I look forward to sharing with you some of the budget hopes of CEA."

Oates took over from long-time CEA president Dona Ostenso, a frequent speaker at board meetings and a frequent critic.

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New Health Officer Introduced to the Community

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Calvert County's new health officer, Dr. Nimfa Teneza-Mora was introduced to the county commissioners at their Nov. 19 meeting. The commissioners twice a year sit as the Board of Health and receive a report from the health officer.

Dr. Teneza-Mora was appointed by Maryland Health Secretary Dr. Laura Herrera Scott, at the recommendation of the commissioners, effective Nov. 13.

Dr. Teneza-Mora told the commissioners, "I'm an infectious disease physician by training. I also had experience in taking care of patients as a primary care provider in the Navy, before I took on additional duties to include Navy medical research, as well as work in public health. So, a good amount of my time was spent in developing products to promote the health and wellness of our military members. I was fortunate to also have the opportunity to take on leadership roles in those efforts. Most recently, I was a part of the Navy Force Health Protection Command that is the Navy's public Health command."

Her family immigrated from the Philippines when she was 12 and she attended public schools in Prince George's County and attended University of Maryland.

A press release from the county said, "Throughout her career, Dr. Teneza-Mora has advanced through key leadership roles in Navy medical research, earning commendations for her service and making significant contributions to infectious disease research."

"Dr. Teneza-Mora's insight and leadership in public health make her well suited to address the county's health priorities, and we are pleased to welcome her as Calvert County's Health Officer," said BOCC President Buddy Hance. "Her background



Dr. Nimfa Teneza-Mora

and dedication to public health align well with our mission, and we look forward to working together to strengthen our community's health and wellness. We also extend our thanks to the Maryland Department of Health for its partnership throughout the selection process."

"Joining the talented team at the Calvert County Health Department is an honor, and I am eager to contribute to their mission of supporting the health and wellness of our community," said Dr. Teneza Mora. "I look forward to a successful journey ahead with this caring and committed team. Here's to being 'one team, stronger together!'"

After retiring from the Navy, she said, "I thought that this is really the perfect fit for me, because I've always really wanted to be in a smaller town."

She added, "We're within reach of the larger communities where we can actually network and ask for either guidance or collaboration, and then still make an impact on the people here. So here I am."

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What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending Category 1 site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Nov. 20 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was in a hybrid form, both virtually and in person at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

1. CSPR-143116, 145 **Adelina Business Office** located at 145 Adelina Road, Prince Frederick, combining Parcel 120 and Parcel 250, Lot 2 for a total of 2.44 acres zoned Rural Commercial. Proposed remodeling of existing structure for use as an office and construction of a new 7,400-sf, two-story building for business-related storage with associated parking area required for the two buildings. This project will utilize private well and septic. The concept submittal was accepted December 20, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett
2. CSPR-143112, **CCIP Lot 3R** located at 171 Skipjack Road, Prince Frederick,

Lot 3R in the Calvert County Industrial Park, zoned Light Industrial. Proposed redevelopment of a portion of the 4.5-acre lot by demolishing the existing office and constructing a new two-story office building in its place. It is further proposed to repave the southern portion of the site and to construct a storage warehouse and wall to segregate parking between the storage building yard & adjacent flex space tenants. A total of 6,524 sf of new construction with a total disturbance of 1.2-acres is proposed and the amenities will utilize public water and sewer. The concept submittal was accepted December 20, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett 3)

3. CSPR-143186, **CCIP Lot 37 – Flex Space** located at 5241 Cutter Court, Prince Frederick, Lot 37 in the Calvert County Industrial Park, zoned Light Industrial. Proposed development of 34,000 sf flex space comprised of fourteen tenant spaces with disturbed acreage of 2.75 acres. The amenities will utilize public water and sewer. The

concept submittal was accepted August 28, 2024. Agent: COA Barrett

4. CSPR-143166, **Prince Frederick Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility** located on the approx. 22-acre property adjacent to 3 Armory Road, in Prince Frederick, MD and is zoned Prince Frederick Town Center/ Old Town Transition Sub-Area. The project consists of a two-story Assisted Living and a one-story Memory Care facility totaling 69,251 sq. ft. and 98 total beds, as well as 20 residential, age restricted cottages (10 duplex units). The development proposes to utilize public water and sewer. The concept submittal was accepted September 25, 2024. Agent: COA Barrett

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

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



Concept submittals have been removed from this list. There is no assurance that those projects will reach Preliminary Plan status. If/when they do, they will be placed on this list under their Preliminary Plan project number.

CALVERT COUNTY POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of November 4, 2024 – November 10, 2024, Calvert County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to 1,990 calls for service throughout the community including, but not limited to:

- Check Welfare / Mental Health – 68
- Disorderly – 17
- Domestic – 28
- Motor Vehicle Crashes – 48
- Patrol Checks / School Checks – 809
- Suspicious Persons / Vehicles – 25
- Traffic Complaints – 65
- 911 Hang Ups – 61
- ARRESTS – 47



Nichole Lynn Ward

CDS Violation: 24-86173 On November 8, 2024, Deputy Tunnell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for operating without the required tag lights along Rt. 231 and Prince Frederick Blvd. in Prince Frederick. During the stop, the driver, identified as **Nichole Lynn Ward**, 36 of Prince Frederick, was unable to provide a valid driver's license. Pill bottles were observed in plain view inside the vehicle, prompting further investigation. A search of the vehicle revealed two capsules of heroin, five cut straws, 20 Vyvanse pills (not prescribed to Ward), and a pill bottle containing an unknown white powder. Ward was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

CDS Violation: 24-86187 On November 8, 2024, Deputy DeSantis responded to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office District 3



Francis Matthew Wallace, Jr.

Office located at 11780 HG Trueman Road in Lusby, for the report of an intoxicated driver. Upon arrival, contact was made with **Francis Matthew Wallace, Jr.**, 42 of Lusby. During the encounter, a strong odor of alcohol was emitting from Wallace's person. Further investigation revealed a search incident to arrest revealed a folded dollar bill containing suspected cocaine residue. Wallace was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis, Disorderly Conduct, DWI, Negligent Driving, Reckless Driving, and other traffic-related charges.

Damaged Property: 24-85380 On November 6, 2024, DFC Plant responded to the Prince Frederick Animal Hospital located at 60 Stafford Road in Prince Frederick, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised a 30" arrow was discovered stuck in an exterior wall of the building. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1000.00.

Damaged Property: 24-86090 On November 8, 2024, Sgt. Foote responded to the 11700 block of HG Trueman Road in Lusby, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised on Nov. 3 around 4 p.m., an unknown suspect(s) struck and ran over the victim's mailbox. The estimated value of damaged property is \$100.00.

Damaged Property: 24-85032 On November 14, 2024, Deputy Campbell responded to Chick-Fil-A located at 806 N. Solomons

Island Road in Prince Frederick, for the report of a property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., an unknown suspect(s) slashed two rear tires on the victim's vehicle. The estimated value of damaged property is \$500.00.

Theft: 24-85740 On November 7, 2024, Deputy T. Bowen responded to the 8100 block of Moffat Run in Chesapeake Beach, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole the grill from the front of the victim's vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$100.00.

Theft: 24-85743 On November 7, 2024, Deputy T. Bowen responded to the 3600 block of 27th Street in Chesapeake Beach, for the report of a theft from a vehicle. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole a wallet and a Galaxy tablet from the victim's unlocked truck parked outside of his residence. The estimated value of stolen property is \$1,100.



Calvin Wayne Blackwell, Jr.

Threats: 24-85783 On November 7, 2024, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a trespassing incident at the residence of **Calvin Wayne Blackwell Jr.**, 42 of Chesapeake Beach, known to law enforcement, was found on the property, banging on the front door and yelling, causing alarm to the Sheriff and his family. Deputies located Blackwell seated in a vehicle in the driveway. Blackwell was irate, yelling profanities, and making threats toward the Sheriff and the Calvert County

Sheriff's Office. Deputies observed a knife in plain view and secured it, along with a second knife found on Blackwell's person. Blackwell refused sobriety tests and continued to make threats. He was arrested without further incident and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing: Private Property, Second-Degree Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Threat/Injure a State Official, Threats of Mass Violence, Harassment, and Stalking.



Leroy Maurice Harrod

Trespassing: 24-85031 On November 14, 2024, Deputy Fleenor was patrolling Kellam's Field located at 3915 Gordon Stinnett Ave in Chesapeake Beach. **Leroy Maurice Harrod**, 24 of no fixed address, was observed riding on the back of an electric scooter in the parking lot. Harrod was found to have an active trespass order in place for that location. Harrod was placed into custody and charged with Trespassing: Private Property.

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

Calvert Community Calendar

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Thu, Nov 21

Children's Art Night

Calvert Library Fairview Branch
8120 Southern Maryland Blvd., Owings
6-7 p.m.

Have a child in your life that loves art and just can't get enough? Calvert Library has a program for you! Join Calvert Library in a special event focusing on the BIPOC artist Jacob Lawrence. We will explore the artwork of Jacob Lawrence and create artwork of our own using his style. This event is for children in K-5th grade.

Social Security: Retirement Information

Calvert Library Zoom
5:30-6:30 p.m.

We invite you to this virtual presentation to learn more about retirement eligibility requirements, family benefits, options, and the application process. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Fri, Nov 22

Veteran Services Program

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

Are you a veteran or close family member looking for assistance? The Calvert County Office on Aging is partnering with ServingTogether to provide support twice a month, every second Wednesday and fourth Friday. Walk-ins are encouraged. No appointment is necessary. Visit <https://servingtogetherproject.org/calvert> for more information.

Pink Friday: A Celebration of Small Businesses in Solomons!

Solomons
12-8 p.m.

Pink Friday, launched nationwide in 2020, encourages everyone to shop small FIRST during the holiday season. Explore Solomons and enjoy exclusive deals while collecting fun pink swag as you shop from stop to stop!

Enjoy a photo op at Simply Social Event Co. Enter for a chance to win an exciting grand prize for visiting every location.

Sat, Nov 23

Holiday Extravaganza

North Beach VFD Auxiliary
8536 Bayside Road
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

12th annual event. Charities and vendors. 50.50 raffle. Food available for purchase. For additional information call or text Brenda Buck at 240-375-2892 before 9 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady Star of the Sea
92 Alexander Lane, Solomons
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Christmas Bazaar features vendors, crafters, large indoor yard sale in Grannie's Basement, concessions, bake sale, silent auction and a special visit from Santa!

Warhammer 40K

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Play the popular miniature strategy tabletop game. Come in for casual play. Don't know how? This is the perfect place to learn. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Children's Theatre of Southern Maryland Presents: Sweeney Todd

Calvert Middle School
655 Chesapeake Blvd., Prince Frederick
1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

This special adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's iconic musical tells the chilling tale of Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street, in a way that's crafted for young performers and audiences.

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.

Sun, Nov 24

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 25

Monday Night Movie Musing

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way, & Zoom
6:30pm-7:30pm.

This month's movies are: *Eve's Bayou* (1997) & *King of New York* (1990). Both are available on Hoopla through Calvert Library. Watch the movie before the Hybrid event and join us for a lively discussion on Monday night. Please register to receive an emailed link to the Zoom event an hour before it begins. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>

Tue, Nov 26

Hallyu Club

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch

4100 5th St., North Beach
6:30-8 p.m.

Do you stream Korean dramas, listen to K-pop or enjoy other Asian pop culture? Discover a world of pop culture and vibrant history whether it be Japanese, Chinese, Himalayan, Korean, Filipino or something in between. Connect with others and discover new Asian dramas & films. All fans are welcome! Walk-ins are welcome! Ages: 16+. 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Book Discussion

Calvert Library (Online)
8-9 p.m.

Join us this month to discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Thu, Nov 28

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K

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

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

Ongoing

Annmarie Garden in Lights

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Road, Solomons
November 29, 2024 - January 1, 2025

A must-see holiday tradition for the entire family! Enjoy a stroll through the gardens to see the magical holiday lights display. In addition there will be holiday shopping, festive exhibits and food available for purchase at food trucks on-site. Advanced times-entry tickets are required for members and non-members! Check website for special nights and food truck schedule TBD. Closed on some evenings, please check website for updated schedule. This is a rain or shine event!

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For qualifications visit: www.smcm.edu/hr/careers. Application materials should include a cover letter, résumé, and three references and submitted online at: apply.interfolio.com/142773. Questions may be directed to Brad Newkirk at bdnewkirk@smcm.edu.

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Thu, Nov 21

Table Talk: A Group for Women!

Patuxent Presbyterian Church
23421 Kingston Creek Rd., California
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Table Talk: A Group for Women! Ladies, join us on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for salads & conversation! Walk-ins welcome, but RSVPs preferred to Laura Rhodes, Small Groups Director at: paxpressg@paxpres.org.

Fri, Nov 22

8 Person Pitch Tournament

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge #2092
22649 FDR Blvd., Great Mills
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sign-up starts at 6pm Games begin at 7pm.

\$20 buy in Cash prize dependant on number of entrants. Cash bar available. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's County Elks Lodge #2092

For additional information contact Mary

at maryvaughan0521@gmail.com
Please enter from side of building.

SMTMD HomeSpun CoffeeHouse—Open Mic

Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Rd., Chaptico
7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to perform their favorite tunes. Doors open at 7 pm with performances beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$8; performers are admitted free of charge. Contact Chris Dudley in advance (ccdudley@rocketmail.com) to sign up as a performer. Info: smtmd2@gmail.com, www.smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night/

Roald Dahl's Matilda: the Musical

Newtowne Theatre
21744 South Coral Dr., Lexington Park
8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical is the captivating masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare

Company that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world.

Visit www.newtowneplayers.org/tickets.html for tickets

Show Times: Thursdays-Saturdays 8 PM, Sundays 3 PM. Please note that there will be NO show on Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 28th.

**Our Sensory Friendly Performance will be Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm.

Adults \$20; Special Discount Groups \$17; Children 6-11 \$15; Under 5 free (not recommended for young children). NTP Members \$16

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Mon, Nov 25

Commission on Aging

Garvey Senior Activity Center
23115 Leonard Hall Dr., Leonardtown
1 p.m. to 3p.m.

The Commission on Aging provides the Commissioners of St. Mary's County with advice and assistance concerning county programs and resources offered for the senior residents of St. Mary's County and how to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of the problems and concerns of the senior population.

Sun, Nov 24

Fall Craft Show

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
24801 Three Notch Rd., Hollywood

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library UPCOMING EVENTS



Robots are A-MAZE-ing! STEM Fun

We'll learn some basic coding concepts, build mazes, and code instructions for our Botley robots to find their way through. Please register each child attending. Charlotte Hall Library, Saturday, November 23 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. No coding experience required; this program is intended for beginners in the lower elementary grades. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Beneath the Floorboards: Archaeology at Jerusalem Mills

Come join us for a virtual archaeology presentation! Guest speaker Dr. Jim Gibb will explain archaeological findings from a historical mill village in Harford County, MD. This is a virtual event on Monday, November 25 from 7 - 8 p.m. Excavations beneath the floor of a kitchen addition to a house of uncertain date at Jerusalem Mills, Gunpowder Falls State Park, revealed more than decades of domestic debris, some dating to the early 19th century. A stone foundation clearly indicated an earlier

building. When was it built, why was it replaced? Smithsonian Environmental Archaeology Laboratory teamed with members of the Friends of Jerusalem Mills and the Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake to find the answers. This illustrated talk introduces the preserved mill village of which the Lee-Pullen House is a part, the reasons for our investigation, our results, and our future goals. This presentation will be held live over Zoom. It will also be recorded and uploaded to the St. Mary's County Library YouTube channel. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Adult Crafternoon: Turkey Centerpieces

Do you love making art and trying out new projects? Come hang out and make crafts without the pressure to be perfect at Leonardtown Library on Tuesday, November 26 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. We'll be making the perfect Thanksgiving centerpiece: a popsicle stick turkey! Much like drawings of hand-turkeys, many of us made these or similar crafts as children preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving. Relive part of your childhood and create

something fun to share with family and friends during the festivities! Materials will be provided. This program is meant for adults, but no prior skills in crafting are needed. Register on www.stmalib.org.

St. Mary's County Library Closed for Thanksgiving

All locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 and will remain closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 - 29 in observance of Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day. All locations will be open on Saturday, November 30.

Afterschool Adventurer's Club

A monthly get together for tabletop gaming aimed at teens with a persistent world. Lexington Park Library, Monday, December 2 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. First session attendees will get to make their characters, name their group, and pick what game we play! The adventures will be chronicled in our teen section on a board maintained by the teen adventurers themselves! Register on www.stmalib.org.

Anime Club

Do you like anime or manga? Join us for this month's anime club meeting at Leonardtown Library on Tuesday, December 3 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will watch a movie, then have a brief discussion after. Refreshments will be provided. This month's shows:

- Nichijou - My Ordinary Life
- Bananya
- Clean Freak!

Ages 16+; under 16 permitted with parent or guardian. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Wayne Karlin Presents "The Genizah": Local Author Talk

Wayne Karlin will present his latest novel, "The Genizah," and discuss the Holocaust backgrounds of the novel at Lexington Park Library on Saturday, December 7 from 2 - 4 p.m. Wayne will reveal the process of turning family history into fiction for The Genizah. Karlin is the author of nine novels, a short story collection, and three non-fiction books. Register on www.stmalib.org.

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Richard White, 62



Richard Anthony White, "Riddy", 62, of Lexington Park, MD, formerly of Clinton, MD, passed away on November 4, 2024, at his home. Born on April 3, 1962, in Clinton, MD,

he was the son of the late Jacqueline Smith and the late Robert Dennison White. Richard was the husband of Kimberly White, whom he married in Pomfret, MD, on September 6, 2003. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Michelle Aldrich, Madison White, and Anthony White, all of Lexington Park, MD, his siblings, Roberta Parks of New Market, VA, Bob White of Indian Head, MD, and Annie Miller of Mechanicsville, MD, and three grandchildren. Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Mike White.

Richard graduated from McDonough High School in 1980. He was a resident of Prince George's County, MD from birth until 1983, when he moved to Mechanicsville, MD, and resided there until 2024 before his move to Lexington Park, MD. Richard worked as a mason for 39 years, retiring in 2018. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, music, and sports.

All services will be private.

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

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Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Marjorie Ridgell, 92

Marjorie Ridgell, 92, of Scotland, MD, passed away on November 15, 2024, in Scotland, MD. Born on October 5, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Adelaide and Linwood Trossbach. Marjorie was the loving wife of the late Charles E. Ridgell, Jr. She is survived by her children, Beverly and John A. Morrison III, Bonnie and Michael E. Kessler, and Ami and Charles E. Ridgell III, seven grandchildren, Leslie Morrison, Christopher Morrison, Gary Morrison, Shaun Kessler, Candace Kotch, Emily Ridgell, and Charles Ridgell IV, and eight great-grandchildren, Tyler Densford, Reid Densford, Henry Densford, Asher Densford, Lucy Kessler, Luka Morrison, Julietta Morrison, and Darcy Kotch. Marjorie was the sister of Nita Smith, Frances and Bill Trossbach, Hilda and Norris Trossbach, and Amy and Benedict Fenhagen. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Ridgell, as well as her sisters Hilda Hall and Addie McBride, and a brother, George Trossbach.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with the Rosary followed by prayers at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27,

2024, at 11:00 AM in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Ridge, MD. Interment will follow at First Saint's Community Church Cemetery, Ridge, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to First Saints Community Church Ridge Food Pantry, P.O. Box 95, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Dwight MacCrae, 83



As inspired by Dylan Thomas, David "Dwight" MacRae did not go gentle into that good night, he raged against the dying of the light. Dwight passed peacefully on Nov

13th, 2024. He loved life, he loved his wife, and he loved his family and friends with all his heart. He was a fighter, he was a lover, he was the entire package. Dwight was raised with old-school principles such as a handshake and giving his word as his Scottish descendant father taught him. Dwight was a natural at everything he set his mind to. He was faster than an alley cat, stronger than a bear, and could outwit the best of the best. He was a self-made man and was fair and just to his fellow man along the way no matter the consequences. Dwight was an avid golfer and played in the blitz at Breton Bay for over half his life. He is one of few in this world to have accomplished multiple hole-in-ones. Although, Dwight's passion in life was golf, his true love was his family. He genuinely loved spending time with the love of his life, Georgia, and his three children, Stacie, Dave, and DD. Dwight loved babies and as grandchildren came along his heart grew fonder. Dwight was greater than life and instilled that in his family and everyone he ever met. He was a true patriarch to a long-lasting tradition set by MacRae's, Aldridge's, Ellis's, and Greer's. Dwight's legacy will carry on his deep roots of family tradition and values, "Fortitudine" (with courage).

Preceded before him his parents, Mac and Athena MacRae, his siblings, Delores Greer, Glenda Ellis, Kenneth MacRae, Larry MacRae, and a grandson Justin MacRae. He had eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Plus many cousins. He was born in Marion, North Carolina on August 25, 1941. He graduated from Great Mills High School in 1959. He loved the car business, and the rental business. He was a member of Lexington Park Baptist Church, then changed membership to Leonardtown Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online at: <https://act.alz.org/site/Donation>

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Joan Lacey, 89



Joan Patricia Welty Lacey, 89, of Bushwood, Maryland, peacefully passed away at home on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Joan was born on May 21, 1935, at

her family home on 39 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. She was the daughter of the late George Henry Welty and Lottie May Adams Welty. Joan was the beloved wife of Thomas M. Lacey Jr. (affectionately known as Tucker), who preceded her in death on January 8, 2017. They were married on March 6, 1954, at Holy Angels Church in Avenue, Maryland. Together, they enjoyed 62 years of marriage.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Karen Ann Lacey Fisher (David), along with her two grandsons, Thomas Britton Fisher and Andrew David Fisher (Mackenzie). She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Alice Lacey Mirth (Don), and many dear nieces and nephews. Joan was predeceased by her sisters Evelyn May Owens (Jim), Thelma Loretta Mattingly (Bob), Loraine Ann Lacey (Tommy), and Helen Virginia Oliver (Jimmy).

Raised in DC, Joan spent most of her childhood on White Point in Bushwood, Maryland, moving there after her father's retirement in 1952. Once married she moved back to Washington, DC, where she worked as an account clerk for GEICO from 1954 until 1961. During those years there were many weekend trips to St. Mary's County. They moved back to Bushwood, Maryland (Maddox Road) in 1962 after building a house next to her parents. After raising her daughter, she returned back to the workforce in 1978 where she would go on to spend 21 years as a GM Inventory Clerk at Ken Dixon Automotive in Waldorf, Maryland. Her beloved husband, Tucker, was her boss. While at Ken Dixon, she earned the nickname "Parts Mom"- a role she embraced with pride and dedication. She retired on September 5, 1999.

Throughout her life, Joan and Tucker went on numerous trips, Hawaii being her favorite destination. She made annual trips to Ocean City, Maryland, with a caravan of friends from the 7th District. She enjoyed her involvement with the 7th District Optimist Club alongside Tucker and their friends. She had wonderful memories of times spent on White Point with Loraine, Tommy, Ez, Jim and many nieces and nephews. She looked forward to the annual summer cookouts with her Baltimore relatives. Joan spent many joyous moments with her extended Quade family at Quade's Store. She loved her grandsons, routinely referring to them as "her boys", and loved being called Memaw. On Tuesdays, you could find her at Sarah Jean Pingleton's house where she delighted in playing cards with the girls. Joan loved life, family, friends and the American flag.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to A Community That Shares (ACTS), P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618, or to Hospice at St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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 Ellen and Larry

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



Couldn't Keep a Secret

I tried so hard to surprise my husband for our 23rd anniversary this year. We didn't go on one of our 5 day anniversary trips this time it was just a weekend away from last Saturday until Monday. We normally plan the trips together, throwing around various areas from Virginia to the Outer Banks. But its up to me to find the areas to go and research what might be open in mid-November.



That is no easy feat since many places near the ocean, or anywhere resort-ish have so many restaurants and activities which close for the season.

We used to spend lots of anniversaries in Old Town Alexandria in our early years, and later we spent at least 7 years in a row at the Tides Inn in Irvington, Virginia for their on-site Taste of The Bay Wine and Oyster Festival. Two years ago, we spent a wonderful week at The Sanderling in The Outer Banks, and last year we stayed at the amazing, historic Cavalier Resort in Virginia Beach. Something really crazy has happened to us each of our 23 anniversaries like when we went to Colonial Beach, Virginia to eat dinner years ago, and ended up locked out of our old convertible that no one, not even anyone in the High Tides of the Potomac Restaurant where we ate, could get unlocked. We had a wonderful night there anyway with a live band outside and dancing on an unusually warm November evening in the sand. After eating and dancing and with no luck unlocking the car, we walked down the boardwalk to the hotel with nothing but the clothes on our backs, even my purse was in the car. But it was magical. I love magical anniversaries.

So many fun and crazy anniversary memories over the years. But back to the surprise anniversary trip I planned for this year. I blew the surprise early Saturday morning before we even left by looking at the weather report for our trip. I blurted out, "Looks like it's going to be 5 degrees warmer in Charlottesville than here". And before I realized what I said, my husband responded with an aha voice, "So, that's where we are going?" Dam it. Once the cat was out of the bag then he started questioning what we were going to do, etc. I ended up telling him on the way a little about the surprise event I had bought tickets for that evening. He can be very persistent.

I have wanted to go back to the Charlottesville, Virginia area for some time now and was excited to see an Eventbrite event come up for last Saturday night called Winter Chalet Pop-Up Bar at Kimpton The Forum Hotel which sounded magical and was advertised as, "Escape into a winter wonderland at our exclusive Winter Chalet Pop-up Bar. As snowflakes softly fall outside, step into our cozy, inviting atmosphere for a one-of-a-kind winter retreat. Indulge in a delightful fondue experience that will turn your chilly evenings into unforgettable moments with great company." It also stated on the Eventbrite form it would be held in the Birch and Bloom which is the main bar and restaurant in the hotel.

I had it in my head that it would be a romantic night, but at the bar with other couples and with maybe a snow machine outside the window. We were having a grand time at the bar already, and then when nothing was happening and no fondue was coming out, I went over to the desk and asked about the event I had paid for. There was some confusion, but we were led across from the front desk to a library type room which I must admit was decorated beautifully (you can see the couch area where we enjoyed our fondue in the photo). I was expecting a bartender like in the event advertisement but there was no one. We were pretty much the only ones in there other than some UVA students on their laptops. Then they left. A waitress did come in and get our drink orders and shortly thereafter we were brought in the amazing fondue with all sorts of meats and cheeses, though no chocolate fondue, again, like what was in the photos. We were definitely enjoying it, but I was a bit disappointed and asked if we could talk to the manager. I wanted it to be so magical for Robert. The manager was wonderful and agreed that the event was different than described. I told him we just wanted to let him know so they could change next weekend's event description. He kept saying he would comp us dinner over the weekend, but we weren't worried about that at all. We did have a nice time after all. The manager stayed and chatted with us for quite a while and we all got a laugh about my missing snow. These are the kinds of anniversaries we look back on and laugh about and are not likely to forget. Well, I will never be able to forget because Robert and I had fun bringing up my missing snow for the rest of the weekend. Love and laughter will keep us together... and the three wineries we went to the next day. And a Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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How can you plan for incapacity?

We all hope to enjoy long, healthy lives, retaining the ability to think clearly and make our own decisions. But life doesn't always work out that way — which is why you need to prepare for a potential incapacity that could affect your independence and possibly create financial problems for your family.

So, in thinking about incapacity planning, you may want to consider the following arrangements:

- *Health care power of attorney* — When you establish a health care power of attorney, you name someone, such as a spouse or adult child, to make medical decisions on your behalf, should you become incapable of making them on your own due to disability or illness. These decisions include choosing doctors, treatments and care facilities.
- *Financial power of attorney* — With a financial power of attorney, you designate someone to assume a variety of duties for you in case you become incapacitated. These tasks include investing, selling property, paying bills and debts, collecting Social Security benefits and adding or changing insurance policies.

When establishing a health care or financial power of attorney, you may need to decide whether it's "durable" or "springing." A durable power of attorney typically takes effect immediately after you sign it, have it notarized and witnessed. So, the person you've chosen to have power of attorney — sometimes called an "agent" — can act on your behalf whenever you choose. On the other hand, you could select a power of attorney that "springs" into effect only when you become incapacitated — hence, the "springing" designation.

One issue affecting a springing power of attorney involves the speed with which it can be enacted. Generally, it won't go into effect until a licensed physician declares in writing that the person granting the power of attorney is indeed incapacitated. This could cause a problem if your chosen agent needs to act quickly on your behalf. It's because of this potential delay that a durable power of attorney is often favored over a springing power of attorney. However, everyone's circumstances are different, so if you have a choice between a durable or springing power of attorney, you may want to consult with an estate-planning professional for guidance.

Apart from the health care and financial powers of attorney, you may also want to consider one other incapacity-related legal document — a living will. When you establish a living will, you describe the steps you would or wouldn't want taken to keep you alive, along with other medical decisions, including pain management and organ donation. Obviously, the decision to create a living will is highly personal, involving your feelings about self-sufficiency and the circumstances that define the quality of life you wish to have. But the mere fact of having a living will can relieve your loved ones of having to make potentially agonizing decisions.

Planning for an incapacity may not be the most pleasant task — but it's an important one. Of course, you may never become incapacitated at all, but by making the proper arrangements, you can make things easier for yourself and your family — just in case.

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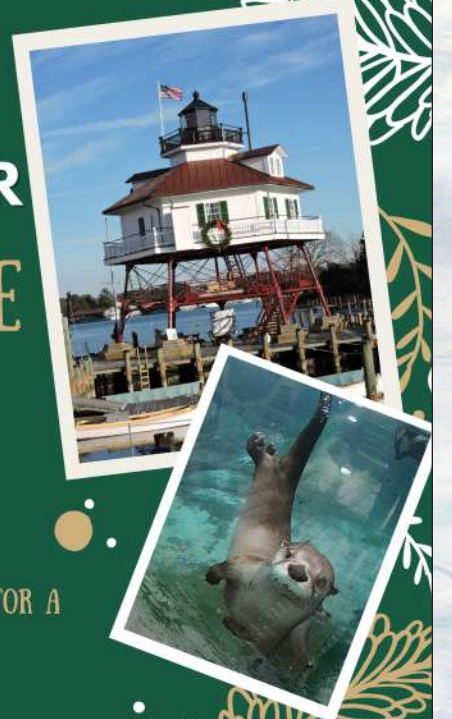
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ports local Special Olympics athletes who compete in 14 different sports and benefit from this incredible program on and off the playing field.

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PAX Sound of Freedom awarded four more Quilts of Valor on November 16, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park, Maryland.

Those who served in the U.S. armed forces are entitled to the Quilt of Valor. If you have any questions about Quilts of Valor or are interested in helping the local group produce quilts, please contact PAX Sound of Freedom Group Scheduler, Miriam Boles, at (240) 298-1744. For additional information more about the history of Quilts of Valor go to: <https://www.qovf.org/our-history/>.

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International Programs Student Interns Gain Experience, Enhance Learning

The NAVAIR SYSCOM Security Cooperation Office's (SSCO) Junior Personnel Development Program (JPDP) provides an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to gain valuable work experience while earning their degrees, network with existing team members and strengthen their marketability post-graduation.

"The mission of the SSCO is to advance U.S. Strategic Objectives by establishing and growing key allied partnerships via security cooperation efforts across the Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE)," said Scott Wiener, NAVAIR SSCO director. "The SSCO Junior Personnel Development Program is critical to this mission by establishing and growing the women and men who will lead the NAE Security Cooperation efforts of the future."

The SSCO JPDP mission is to inspire interns to seek full-time employment in NAVAIR international programs or other NAVAIR positions upon graduation by allowing students to directly work on projects that support Navy and Marine Corps international partner aircraft and weapons systems.

"The SSCO Junior Personnel Development Program is a multi-year opportunity," said Tina Newton, SSCO personnel development coordinator. "The first year we maximize the intern's exposure to the SSCO, NAVAIR and Naval Aviation Enterprise. The following years we assign them directly to PMAs where they receive program management or program analyst track assignments in support of international efforts."

The JPDP is a multi-year internship



Students from NAVAIR SYSCOM Security Cooperation Office's Junior Personnel Development Program

with the first-year interns learning about the SSCO mission and the program offices they support to include obtaining a government identification card and security clearance, participating in interactive training and events within program offices, all with the goal of exposing them to different aspects of NAVAIR international programs. Following years, the JPDP team members are immersed within specific program

offices to allow them to better understand the processes and create a smooth transition to federal employment upon graduation.

To qualify for the SSCO internship, applicants must be accepted or enrolled at an accredited institution. Applicants ideally should be rising sophomores or juniors and must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in finance, business, administration, government and politics, international relations or related fields. They must be able to commit to working 40 hours a week during the summer. Participants who meet all requirements of their intern program may be eligible for transfer to full-time employment with SSCO upon graduation.

The SSCO Junior Personnel Development Program, established in 2015, has a 75 percent retention rating. The program brought 46 individuals on board with federal civilian service, retaining 35 of those individuals in the SSCO community.

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COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN Fair Summary of Ordinance No. 225

Notice is hereby given that The Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 225 Development Impact Fees. A fair summary will follow:

Ordinance No. 225- An ordinance for the purpose of increasing the water impact fee to \$6,000 from \$3,000.

Ordinance No. 225 will become effective December 2, 2024. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at the Town's website at www.leonardtown.somd.com.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN Fair Summary of Ordinance No. 226

Notice is hereby given that The Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 226 Article III-Admissions and Amusement Tax. A fair summary will follow:

Ordinance No. 226- An ordinance for the purpose of repealing Article III of Chapter 137 of the Code of Leonardtown, abolishing the amusement tax in the Town.

Ordinance No. 226 will become effective December 2, 2024. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at the Town's website at www.leonardtown.somd.com.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

Leonardtown Man Convicted for Second-Degree Rape of a Child

State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling announced today that a St. Mary's County Jury found Crosby Dawson, 41, of Leonardtown, Maryland, guilty of two counts of second-degree rape and the sexual abuse of a minor involving a child victim.

Dawson faces a maximum penalty of 65 years in prison and will be required to register as a Tier III sexual offender for LIFE.

Senior Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Proctor, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Senior Assistant State's Attorney Mike McGraw prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of St. Mary's County.

Detective Kortnie Marsch of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and Nichole Moneymaker of the Child Protective Services Division, St. Mary's County Department of Social Services, were the lead investigators. Members of the Child Advocacy Center assisted in the successful



Crosby Dawson

investigation and prosecution of the case.

The Honorable Joseph M. Stanalonis presided over the case.

Dawson will continue to be held without bond pending a sentencing hearing.

Testing Scheduled for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Sirens

There will be a full-cycle test of the alert and notification sirens throughout St. Mary's, Calvert, and Dorchester counties on Monday, December 2, 2024, at noon.

This includes a three-minute activation of all sirens within the 10-mile area around Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. All citizens should be aware of this scheduled testing and relay this information to friends, family, and neighbors.

The testing is conducted to check siren operation and increase public awareness of the alert and notification siren system. If the sirens sound at any other time, resi-

dents should tune in to one of the local radio stations for information and instructions.

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County Government Holiday Operations

All St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024, and Friday, November 29, 2024, in observance of Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day. Offices will resume normal operating schedules on Monday, December 2, 2024.

The two-day 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 following SMCG operations will be closed November 28 but open on

November 29:

- The six Convenience Centers and the St. Andrews Landfill
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- Wicomico Shores Golf Course and the Riverview Restaurant
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Jury Convicts Great Mills Man for Drive-By Shooting of Teenager

State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling announced today that Keion Steven Brooks, 26, of Great Mills, Maryland, was convicted of the first-degree murder of a 19-year-old victim and the attempted first-degree murders of five additional teenagers for his participation in a drive-by shooting that occurred on January 12, 2022.

The Defendant faces a maximum penalty of six consecutive LIFE sentences, plus 123 years. The Defendant will be held without bond pending a sentencing hearing.

"I want to thank the members of the jury who rendered the verdicts of guilty on all counts. The jury intently listened to all of the testimony and considered all of the evidence presented to them by both the State and the Defense over the span of a four-day jury trial," said State's Attorney Sterling. "I also want to thank the dedicated law enforcement team, to include the patrol officers, detectives, crime lab technicians, legal assistants, victim witness advocates, evidence technicians, and prosecutors who worked tirelessly to obtain justice for the victims and their families."

Sergeant Austin Schultz and Detective Taylore Nauman of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office were the lead investigators.



Keion Steven Brooks

Senior Assistant State's Attorney Donna C. Pettersen of the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office and Special Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey R. Maylor, Team Captain, Gun Violence Enforcement Division of the Baltimore City State's Attorney Office prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of St. Mary's County.

The Honorable Joseph M. Stanalonis presided over the case.

Leonardtwn Man Arrested for Stabbing in Lexington Park *Charged with Attempted Second-Degree Murder*

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, at around 6:35 p.m., deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the intersection of North Essex Drive and Hancock Road in Lexington Park for a reported stabbing. While at the scene, deputies received information from a separate caller that the victim was located at a residence in the 21000 block of St. Lo Place.

Deputies located the victim, who sustained multiple lacerations. Emergency medical services responded to the scene and transported the victim to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Through investigation, Lucas Graham Hockaday, 23, of Leonardtown, MD, was identified as a suspect in the stabbing. On November 15, 2024, Hockaday was arrested and charged with the following:

- Attempted second-degree murder
- First-degree assault
- Second-degree assault



Lucas Graham Hockaday

Hockaday has been transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, where he is awaiting a bond hearing.



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County Warns Over Failing Septic Systems

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

There are approximately four to five housing subdivisions in St. Mary's County that continue to experience failing septic systems, said Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy at this week's Nov. 19 meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and solutions have to be found quickly to counter this mounting problem.

Guy made his comments following a briefing on health department activities from Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's health officer.

"I was in Annapolis this past week and I spoke with an MDE [Maryland Department of the Environment] official about the continued failure of septic systems in our county," he said to Brewster. "I spoke to one of your health experts recently and they've issued more pump-out tanks in the last year than they have in 20 years."

Brewster agreed with Guy's assessment of failing septic systems throughout the county.

"A lot of the systems created back in the [1970s]... are beginning to fail or as they fail, we're testing the ground water, the soils and the capacity of the fields to see if it can handle the sewage."

Guy was anxious to know what options existed for communities beyond pumping sewage from septic systems into large holding tanks.



County health officer Dr. Meena Brewster

That system has already been advocated by the Metropolitan Commission as a temporary measure until affected communities could find a way to be hooked into public water and sewer provided by the utility.

"Public infrastructure is a key need," Brewster said. "If you're hooked in... then the quality of your soils is less of an issue."

Soil quality in St. Mary's for use as a septic field can be poor, she said.

"St. Mary's has a lot of low lying areas and the quality of our soils isn't the greatest in some parts of our county when it comes to wastewater management," said Brewster.

"We need to do something soon," Guy said.

"Agreed," responded Brewster.

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Planning Commission Denies California Townhouse Plan

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After several delays on the public hearing at the county planning commission, the board members voted this week by a 4-to-2 margin to deny a concept site plan that would have put 42 townhouses on the northbound corner of Route 4 and Three Notch Road in California.

The Riverside Townhome development was a permitted use in the zoning district where it had been proposed but concerns over increased traffic congestion it would have caused at the county's busiest intersection led to the plan's downfall.

Joe Kadjeski, with the engineering firm COA Barrett that was working on the project, was praised by planning commission members for his attention to detail in presenting the plan and trying to find ways to make it more palatable to the board.

The project was to have a single, right-in, right-out access point onto Three Notch Road as part of the original plan.

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

The traffic study reported this addition



An artist's rendering of Riverside Townhomes

would amount to only a fractional increase in nearby area traffic.

Kadjeski said the design now incorporated more parking spaces at the individual lots and a six-foot privacy fence between the homes and a nearby commercial property — a dentist's office.

Kadjeski acknowledged there was a bus stop for public school children near the project and that it was less than ideal but the school system was amenable to negotiating how buses operated going north on Three Notch Road at the intersection, which includes a merge lane turning right from Route 4 coming from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge.

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Long-Running Charity Behind in Donations This Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For the past two decades the Shop with a Cop charity program has partnered with local needy children to take them to local retailers and, using donated money and partnered with a local or regional law officer, they are able to buy gifts for themselves and family members for Christmas.

This year, though, the charity is reaching out for help as donations have been in decline to keep the program running.

The program got its start about 20 years ago when a then-assistant state's attorney and now Circuit Court Judge Joseph Stanalonis and St. Mary's County sheriff's detective William "Bill" Raddatz partnered to make the charity a reality. Stanalonis was president of the 7th District Optimist Club and Raddatz was president of the local FOP.

The program operates today under the partnership with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 7 and in cooperation with several other local and regional law enforcement agencies and the 7th District Optimist Club.

Raddatz, now the president of the group, made a plea for donations from the public to be able to continue the work.

"The St. Mary's County Shop with a Cop program helps under-privileged kids at Christmas time and when they go back to school," Raddatz said in a social media post. "We have helped some of the most selfless



kids I've ever met with Christmas presents and these kids might not have a Christmas without this program.

"This year has been a difficult fundraising year and we are in need of funds to keep this program going."

Law enforcement officers not only escort the children to the local Wal-Mart in California to shop for Christmas presents they walk with them throughout the store helping them gather items for themselves and their families.

The law officers then accompany the

young people to the county fairgrounds in Leonardtown to help them wrap the presents for Christmas.

Some children who attend the program don't get presents for themselves, but have, in the past, gotten common household items such as cleaning supplies and groceries instead.

"A lot of these kids are looking for food," Raddatz said in a later interview. "It just shows how selfless they are and that they're just looking to survive.

"And we think this program goes a long

way to giving them some respite from being impoverished."

Raddatz said that 100 children or more benefit each year from the Christmas portion of the program; while the summer portion of the program provides money for new clothes and school supplies for children.

Raddatz said the program has benefitted "literally thousands of kids" during its time in operation.

He explained that factors beyond the non-profit organization's control contributed to the declining funds being donated to it.

"The economy is tougher and it's a constant fundraising effort," Raddatz said. "Some of them have passed away while others have moved away, our larger donors."

Reconnecting with the community to make up the loss was top of the priority list after this year's program, Raddatz said.

"This is all volunteer," he told The County Times. "Nobody gets paid to do this.

"We're going to make it this year but we need to look to the future."

Donations can be made by calling Raddatz at 240-844-2306, by using Venmo@SMC-SWAC or by sending a donation to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 23150 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown care of Lt. Sheena Tirpak program liaison.

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Commissioners Approve More Emergency Radio Support

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

This fall the Commissioners of St. Mary's County have approved using federal ARPA funding left over from the COVID-19 pandemic to help pay for replacement, portable radios for first responders that are state of the art; this past week they approved using more money from those federal funds to pay for new communication infrastructure to support the new radios.

The latest expenditure is for a microwave apparatus that is needed to ensure the radios can transmit and receive properly, said Department of Emergency Services Director Jennifer Aubert-Utz at the Nov. 19 meeting of commissioners in Leonardtown.

The cost of the microwave unit replacement had already been factored into the fiscal 2025 budget, according to county project documents, at a cost of about \$2.8 million but the vendor — L3 Harris — reported that costs had increased to the tune of \$414,959, which is the amount commissioners approved from the ARPA funding.

"Since this decision DES has experienced several system alarms resulting in additional meetings with L3 Harris," DES documents read. "As such, the microwave replacement project is deemed a more immediate need than the fire department radios."

Aubert-Utz told commissioners that the



DES Director Jennifer Aubert-Utz

project to replace the microwave portion of the project could take up to 12 months.

"It's weather dependent," she said. "If we have a harsh winter, we can expect delays because they have to climb the towers to replace these [units] one by one."

The aging current system has been sending alarms back to the DES, Aubert-Utz said, showing that it needs to be replaced.

"Our system is now end-of-life and we have no tech support," she told county commissioners. "It has some vulnerabilities; it is critical infrastructure that supports the entire 911 system."

"If the microwaves were to fail the radios would not work."

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State Makes Speed Limit Change in North County

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For years the speed limit coming into the northern border area of St. Mary's County was 55 miles per hour — no longer.

The State Highway Administration, which has authority over all numbered roads in the state, recently reduced the speed limit on Route 5 through Charlotte Hall and portions of Mechanicsville to 45 miles per hour.

State officials said continued complaints of speeding in the area led them to do their own investigation.

"Safety is our top priority," the SHA statement reads. "In response to several complaints regarding traffic operations and speeding along [Route] 5 within the Charlotte Hall/Mechanicsville area, we conducted a traffic engineering study to determine the need for speed limit adjustments."

"The study revealed that over four years, this corridor had experienced many rear-end crashes, concentrated at the closely spaced intersections, and five of these crashes were fatal. There was a 40 MPH speed limit zone along southbound MD 5, and a 55-mph speed limit zone along northbound MD 5

just south of MD 6. From a consistency standpoint, it was important to establish a 45-mph speed limit through the corridor for the safety of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists and horse and buggy traffic from the Amish community."

Sheriff Steve Hall said his deputies would enforce the new speed limits.

"The decision to change speed limits on state highways resides solely with the State Highway Administration (SHA)," Hall said in a prepared statement. "Our responsibility as your sheriff's office is to enforce those limits for the safety of everyone on the road."

"While we were not informed in advance of this specific change, we recognize SHAs commitment to establishing safe speeds on our roadways."

Speed was often the culprit in severe and fatal accidents, he said.

"Research consistently shows that excessive speed is a leading cause of severe accidents and addressing it can save lives," Hall said. "We encourage all motorists to remain attentive to posted signs and drive responsibly to ensure the safety of our community."

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Veterans Home Still Struggling to Improve

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Since March of 2023 the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, the only state run facility of its kind in Maryland, has struggled to get out from under a federal rating that puts it at the very bottom of quality care for its residents.

The rating remains today, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which oversees veterans' homes and other nursing homes throughout the nation.

But officials with the state's Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF) say that is largely a function of CMS not conducting a full-scale health inspection of the facility during roughly the last two years, only coming out to respond to individual complaints made by residents.

State officials have said privately that CMS is working to change its criteria for how it judges the overall quality control — based on a star rating — for the coming year.

Almost two years ago, after allegations of neglect and abuse came to light at the veterans' home under its prior management company, Gov. Wes Moore decided to terminate their contract and seek another operations company to take over, eventually awarding the bid to Pruitt Health.

At the time, CMS noted that the facility had an overall one-star rating, the lowest rating possible.

The only way that overall rating can improve is if CMS conducts another full-



scale inspection and finds that substantial progress has been made.

State officials said the timing of such an inspection is entirely in the purview of CMS and it does not announce itself before coming to make its inspection.

The latest report from Secretary for Veterans and Military Families Anthony Woods, dated Oct. 1 of this year, to the state legislature shows, however, that Pruitt Health has made progress in the area of staffing.

"[Charlotte Hall Veterans Home] continues to staff well above the state and new fed-

eral standards," the report states, noting that Pruitt Health has converted its entire nursing staff to full-time personnel it employs.

When the prior contract was terminated, it was found then that the operator was relying almost entirely — up to 90 percent of its nursing staff — on temporary care givers provided by an outside agency.

In the past the home had been fined sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars for violations of care standards but the latest state report shows there have been no new fines and that the facility has earned a three-

star rating for its staffing, though its quality measures earned just two stars from CMS and its health inspections remain at one star.

The one-star overall rating remains, the report shows; the highest rating achievable is five stars.

The next report to the legislature on progress at Charlotte Hall is due later this month.

"The Maryland Department of Veteran and Military Families (DVMF), in partnership with PruittHealth, remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that those who have served our nation receive the exceptional care they deserve," Woods said in a prepared statement. "Under PruittHealth's leadership, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home has transitioned to a fully dedicated in-house team, eliminating reliance on agency staff and hiring full-time personnel to provide consistent, high-quality care for residents.

Together, we have made strides in transforming the culture, improving performance, and strengthening oversight. While restoring and maintaining CMS star ratings is a process that will require years of sustained effort, we will not rest until these ratings reflect the progress and quality care our Veterans deserve."

John Lombardi, director of state staff at the veterans home responsible for oversight of the improvement work there, did not return phone calls as of press time for comment.

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16 HOURS

Hello Southern Marylanders, I want to express my heart to you. I know that we see a lot of hate and anguish in today's world; however, I want to encourage you today.

I have always loved to write poetry to the Lord. I remember, one day, it just seemed that I just did not have anything to write. Therefore, I told the Lord, "I am going to sit here in my bedroom, in this chair, until you give me something." This was not out of disrespect; this was a cry in my heart toward the Lord. Therefore, I sat there, hour after hour passed, and morning turned to night, and finally, after 16 hours waiting on God to answer my desire to write something to Him! My heart filled with joy and the following poured out of me like a lit match.

"The Spirit of Thanksgiving"

My eyes opened, and blessings have come, for he has given me another sunrise. My hands moved, for they will raise for his praise, for they know their divine purpose. My legs moved, for I will proclaim every step for him, for he is the reason for my existence, for all is complete in Him. My ears will hear of his praise, and I will thank him for his mercy, for he has shown me much. My tongue will shout his gift, the one that is free unto the world for he has given it with Thanksgiving to all men that would just call upon his name. My tears flow, for I have realized that his grace is my blanket, and his love covers me with that name, the everlasting King, the one that has chosen me. His breath brings me comfort and closeness like nothing on this earth, and his direction is perfect. The earth turns on his finger, with the clouds moving like countless angles proclaiming, "He is the one, the most High, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Who will not shout, who will keep silent, for the mountains will roar his name, for nothing can keep silent his Majesty and Glory. Who will stand at his thrown and not fall? Who will take anything with them? His thoughts are not our thoughts; let our minds and hearts be pure and holy in his sight. Allow us his people to jump for him, to catch revelation of Him, for he is so willing to talk and be with us. Thanksgiving unto our King, for he is everything, and he has chosen to lift his people to himself, for his love is unimaginable.



Friend, after 16 hours, the Lord answered my prayer. He is so faithful! What a wonderful sleep I had that night! It just reminds me of Micah 7:7... "But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me."

He will hear you too:

1. **Everyone Needs Salvation (Rom 3:23)**
2. **Jesus Died for Our Salvation (Rom 5:8)**
3. **Salvation is a Gift (Rom 6:23)**
4. **We are Saved by Grace (Rom 11:6)**
5. **Salvation Comes through Faith (Rom 4:5)**
6. **God Saves all Who Call Upon Him (Rom 10:13)**

Thanks to everyone who has supported The Mission the last few months and helped keep our doors open. The many blessings for the new building have been amazing. Next week, we will give a full update.

If you have a prayer request, please send it to The Mission so that we may pray for you.

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Pastor Robert Myers
Co-Founder of The Mission

This message is reprinted in memory of Pastor Rob Myers, who went home to the Lord on November 27, 2021.



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