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Student Safety Committee Stymied by Juvenile Services Gag Order

Committee Presets Interim Report

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

After being in existence for more than a year, the Calvert Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee gave an interim report with more work to be done. The report included news of a Department of Juvenile Services gag order from the governor.

The report was presented by Chair Rev. Dana Jones and Vice Chair Leslie Irvin, along with Constituent Services Specialist Emily Shrieves, who provides staffing for the committee.

In the process of gathering data, Jones said they received reports from the state's attorney and trial magistrate. He said, "That last presentation, we were disappointed because, quite honestly, as we've gone through this process, what we've come to understand is that there has been a generational shift in how student and juvenile disciplines have over the state of Maryland dictated by changes in Comar (Maryland Code), dictated by legislative actions and amendments that to be put out by the general assembly. Key in all of this is what parents think happens with regard to what happens with students and discipline and behavioral issues from a legal standpoint is far different than what it was 10 years ago, 20 years ago.

And the most radically different from what it was 30 years ago."

Rev. Jones said, "A great deal of authority is placed in the hands of juvenile services. They were willing to present to us. And two days before they were to present, the governor had an administrative shift, and the result was, in essence, a gag on public presentations. So, we have not heard publicly from them. We have heard an executive session from them, and I think the public needs to hear. I think the Calvert County public needs to hear what juvenile services is now, and the limits and restrictions on the legal community and the law enforcement community, and the massive level of authority granted to Department of Juvenile Services. It is counter to anything that I could have ever imagined as a member of the public. And I think that the public needs to hear that."

When a school discipline problem is referred to law enforcement, the Department of Juvenile Services is called in, so they play a key role in the student safety issue the committee was charged with investigating.

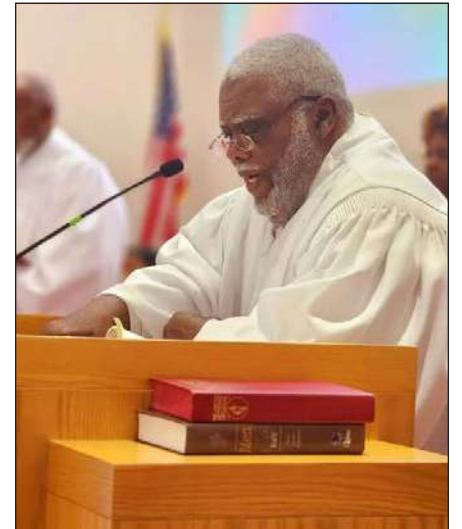
Jones said they are continuing to seek a public report. "I think that before we finish our work, the public needs to hear, because it is critical to understand how much our hands are tied and how much even the school officials, safety advocates, the resource officers,

sheriff's office, the state police, how much our hands are tied. And poor. Mr. Harvey (state's attorney), with all due respect to the legal community, has to almost negotiate for what should come to them anymore based upon what the General Assembly has done."

"When what was once a generation ago considered criminal behavior is today now considered a need for behavioral modification," said Irvin.

Jones observed that problems in schools come from 10 percent or fewer of the students. He said, "We have our local care team present to us the fact that they have students and parents who are supposed to be coming to sessions as alternative treatment to matters of discipline, and they won't show up. The parent won't bring the child; the parent won't come. Even if the child is willing, the parent won't come. We can't underemphasize that because one of the things that we have to recognize is that we are not a resource-poor county. We don't have these problems because we don't have some attempt to address solutions. We do have to deal better with publicly informing people. We do need to coordinate some of this stuff in ways that make sense for the public, but we have to have responsible actions. We have to hold people accountable who are not responsible."

He added, "Let's not forget the 90 percent



Rev. Dana Jones

who are getting it right," adding, "We've got some wonderful families and some wonderful children. Don't lose sight of that. I think what we want to do is we want to keep the environment in a very positive way. We want that number to be 92 or 93 percent sooner. We're never going to be trouble free. But we don't want to wait until that number is 70 percent before we act."

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Lusby Native Receives Heroism Award



Utilitiesman 1st Class Steven Schumacher of Lusby was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal at the Silver Strand Training Complex in San Diego, June 27. The Navy and Marine Corps Medal is the highest non-combat decoration awarded by the Department of the Navy, recognizing acts of heroism that exemplify unwavering dedication in the absence of enemy conflict.

While returning to Naval Amphibious Base Coronado after conducting nighttime maritime training off the coast of Southern California, Schumacher and his team's vessel struck a submerged jetty, resulting in injuries among the crew, including one

Sailor who was thrown into the water face-down, and unconscious.

Despite sustaining injuries himself, Schumacher dove into the water to retrieve his teammate and brought him back to the vessel, where he was able to receive care from trained medical Sailors. His swift and decisive actions demonstrated teamwork and resilience, and bravery - reflecting the valor and dedication that define the U.S. Navy and Naval Special Warfare (NSW).

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New Chesapeake Beach Councilman Appointed

Losing Candidate Challenges Process

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Three votes! That was the margin of victory last November for the final seat on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council. Anthony Greene edged Daniel Duvall by that amount.

So, when Councilwoman Kathleen Berault announced she was resigning the council to move to the Eastern Shore, a call was put out for candidates to replace her. Under the old cliché “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again,” that’s what Duvall did when he applied for the vacant position.

And he did succeed as he was sworn in on Aug. 21. But it was far from easy.

There were six applicants for the job, and one of them, Chris Martinez, cried foul. Martinez said the procedure set up by the town called for candidates to submit a resume. Five did, but Duvall didn’t.

Martinez said the failure to supply a resume “potentially gave Mr. Duvall a disproportionate advantage over other candidates.”

With the five other candidates submitting resumes and Duvall not doing so, Martinez added, “He should not have been allowed to interview for the town council position.

He didn’t complete the application in its entirety, yet he was still allowed to interview. This is unfair. Let me ask all of you who have run for office a rhetorical question. If your opponent did not meet requirements to make the ballot, would you think that’s fair?”

He said Duvall’s lack of a resume left the other candidates without the option of challenging portions of it.

But Duvall survived this time with only one dissenting vote, that of Councilman Eric Reinhardt.

Before the vote, Reinhardt said, “It’s not in the charter, but it is in our process. And there was a violation of the process set out. I would like some time to deliberate and think about what was presented here today by Mr. Martinez. So, in that spirit, I would make a motion to table so that we could further deliberate on the information that was provided and the situation that we’re in and take this up again in 30 days.”

His motion failed to garner a second.

Mayor Bruce Wahl said, “The council has no charter or code requirements with respect to the filling of a council vacancy. The council was not obligated to follow any particular process in doing so. It was not

even obligated to interview anyone.”

Wahl, speaking to Martinez, said, “I hope this won’t discourage you, sir, from stepping up in the future, because I think you’ve got a lot to offer. And I think that the town would benefit if you volunteered your services to the town.”

Town Council Vice President Jamey Shuls noted, “I do not think that there is a violation here. I do think that you brought up a very good point that it looks like there’s a violation.”

But Shuls added, “When I hire people, I get resumes in all kinds of different formats. And whether it’s the military style resume that you submitted, or it’s a handwritten letter that says this is who I am. What was not codified in the process was the format requirements related to a resume.”

After being sworn in by Wahl, Duvall said, “I’d just like to thank everybody. I would like to thank everybody in the town who voted in the past election. And I’d like to point out that the three votes that I was short were, given I had four votes here, and that number was one vote. When everybody says how important votes are and one vote doesn’t matter, I think that symbolizes the importance of your single vote. And hope-



New Chesapeake Beach Councilman Daniel Duvall

fully this process will encourage everyone to vote. We have a very high voter turnout in our town, but it could always be better.

“I’m honored to work alongside each and everyone in the town and be in service to the town of Chesapeake Beach and the community. Thank you.”

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Agricultural Preservation District Changes Proposed

Moratorium on New Districts Would Be Lifted

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

A proposal to revise the county's agricultural conservation rules and regulations is making its way through the regulatory process. Included in the changes is the lifting of the decade's old moratorium on new agricultural preservation districts.

On Thursday, Aug. 28, county planning staff will host a Public Information session to present proposed changes, take questions, and receive feedback. Planning & Zoning is now accepting public comment on the proposed regulation beginning. An additional work session with the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is anticipated on Sept. 9 prior to adoption by the BOCC of the regulation changes.

The Aug. 28 informational meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center, located at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Rural Planner II Jennifer David, in a memo presented to the planning commission during an Aug. 20 work session, explained, "Between 2007 and 2012 an unbalanced supply of Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) in the private market negatively impacted Calvert County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program. As a result, the county placed a moratorium on the creation of new Agricultural Preservation Districts (APDs) on September 16, 2013, which remains in effect. In 2020 the TDR Committee met to review the county's preservation efforts and the TDR program and make recommendations for improvements to the BOCC. One of the recommendations made by the committee was to lift the moratorium on APD creation; however, the pro-



gram's rules and regulations needed to be updated before lifting the moratorium could be considered.

"Originally developed in 1978, the rules and regulations have gone through several text amendments but have not had a comprehensive update since the program was initiated. The TDR Committee recommended the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (APAB) review the rules and regulations and recommend changes for adoption before reopening the program to new applications for APD designation."

David said, "The Department of Planning and Zoning presents the draft Calvert County Agricultural Preservation Rules and Regulations. Staff have worked with the APAB to update the rules and regulations to supersede all previous versions and apply a single uniform set for all APDs. The revisions initially focused on addressing legal challenges the program has faced and including various APAB policy decisions

into a single cohesive document. The APAB reviewed the document again in conjunction with the recent adoption of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance (CCZO) on February 18, 2025, and incorporated additional changes that would bring the rules and regulations into compliance with the CCZO and the Calvert 2040 Comprehensive Plan."

A summary of the proposed changes is:

- "Reorganizes and Simplifies the Overall Document;
- "Clarifies Processes and Procedures;
- "Includes Necessary Technical Updates;
- "Includes the new TDR Reserve Program;
- "Addresses allowable density in APDs.
- "Updates Eligibility Criteria for APD Designation and PAR Fund Applications;
- "Codifies policies regarding the use of APDs for private and public events;
- "Limits amendments or modifications

to APDs;

David explained to the planning commission, "Calvert County has focused on preserving its rural character since the very first comprehensive plan was published in 1967. And the primary goal of the comp plan is to preserve the natural assets of Calvert County, including prime farmland, contiguous forests, and sensitive areas.

The agricultural Land preservation program is an important tool to help us meet the comprehensive plan's vision and supports the goal of permanently preserving 40,000 acres of prime farmland and forest. So, to date, over 32,600 acres have been preserved through various county, state, and federal land preservation programs and the efforts of our preservation partners, land trusts, and private property owners."

David said the TDR program "preserves prime agricultural and forestry land by providing for the transfer of development rights within the county. It incentivizes preservation by allowing landowners to sell the development potential of their property to another party by agreeing to place restrictive covenants on the land. Those purchasing those TDRs can then use them to obtain a higher lot density on another property in specific areas of the county, deterring development of farms and forest to areas targeted for residential and commercial growth. And once an owner conveys or allocates TDRs from their APD, covenants are recorded to place use and development restrictions on the property in perpetuity and cannot be removed. Just for your information. Currently there are 580 in the program, and thus 516 of which have been permanently preserved."

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Broadband Project in the Homestretch

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) appears to be getting close to its goal of providing broadband internet service to all residents who want it.

Special Projects Program Manager Ashley Staples-Reid, in a memo to the commissioners, explained, "In August 2021, the BOCC temporarily waived the customer contribution requirement for Comcast service extensions beyond the 300-foot threshold established in the 2018 Comcast Franchise Agreement. Since then, staff has worked with Comcast to identify residences in need of connection in support of the BOCC's buildout initiative."

As part of the overall initiative, the county is being required to return more than \$1 million to the state because the rules over use of the monies have changed. Staples-Reid said there is still enough money available to complete the buildout.

Over the past few years, she said \$7.95 million has been allocated to the project, of

which \$4.7 million was federal pandemic ARPA money, \$1.6 million identified from cable franchise fees in Fiscal Year 2022, and then \$1.5 from the state's homestretch, difficult to serve properties grant, "which was a state grant that was awarded last year," with a \$550,000 county match.

With the change in the great criteria, which was tied to ARPA requirements, Staples-Reid said, "We were a little disappointed by that. But we are hopeful that we can still finish the buildout with the funds that we still have allocated in the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) project."

Using that allocated \$550,000 county match no longer needed, and the leftover franchise fees, that would leave a total of \$915,397 available. "I have worked with Comcast. and they have assured me that is more than enough. So, I actually believe that we would have a remaining surplus that we could actually refer back to the general fund once this project is concluded," she said.

What's left to be done? Staples-Reid said, "The difficult to serve properties, a grant has been established, and we've concluded the

22 addresses that Comcast can start building. They've started that initiative. So that should be underway within the next month. And I anticipate that going pretty smoothly because those addresses are from individuals that have adamantly expressed interest and a lot of times they are just the long driveway. So, we don't need a lot of easements from these individuals."

It's the ones for which easements haven't been secured that are the biggest remaining hurdle.

"I do believe that we can get this project done by the end of the year. That's not saying that all remaining addresses may be complete. So, to just remind you guys, (if) we do have a really difficult easement issue that we establish parameters for. So, we are notifying individuals that need easements multiple times...informing (them) as well. So, once we reach a threshold, we remove that address from the project. As of right now, we have not officially removed addresses from the project, but that threshold has been met for a number of these projects. So, the reality is that we will have to remove some of these



Special Projects Program Manager Ashley Staples-Reid holding an adoptable shelter kitten at the Aug. 19 commissioners meeting.

projects just because we cannot obtain easements from neighboring properties." There are 92 properties that fall into that category.

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Calvert Vulnerable to High Tide Flooding

New Report Details Problem

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

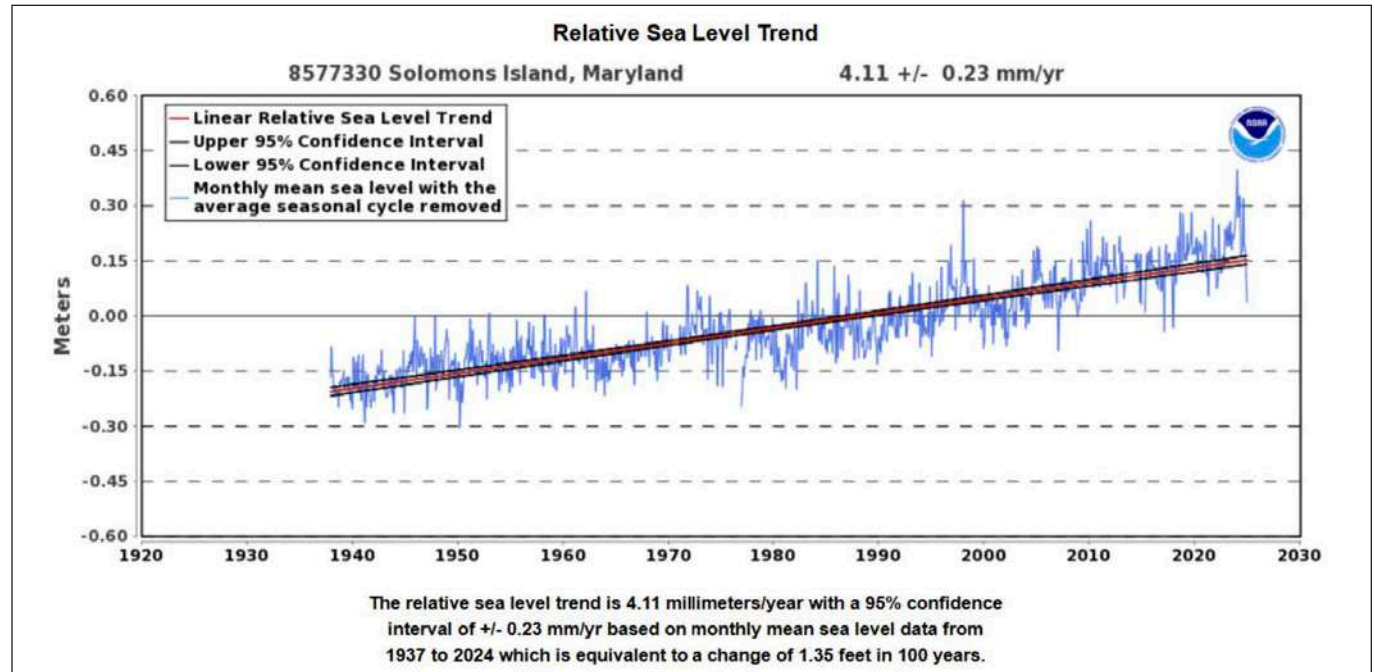
Calvert County continues to be vulnerable to high tide flooding at a rate higher than the Chesapeake Bay and the region as a whole. Those are the conclusions of a report presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission on Aug. 20.

Environmental Planner III Amalia Pleake-Tamm told the planners that previous action by the Maryland General Assembly mandated the county develop a mitigation plan for nuisance (“high tide”) flooding. She said, “This plan must be updated every five years; the updated plan must be published on the county’s website and submitted to the Maryland Department of Planning by October 2025. The definition of nuisance flooding... is ‘high tide flooding that causes a public inconvenience.’”

Pleake-Tamm said, “Updating this plan began in October 2024 and the draft plan was finished March 2025. This was an inter-departmental effort across four departments: Planning & Zoning, Public Safety, Public Works, and Technology Services. The draft was shared with staff at the Towns of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach, Calvert Soil Conservation District, and the University of Maryland, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.”

She said, “The update was performed in house, requiring 278 hours. On June 21, 2024, Department of Planning & Zoning staff secured grant funding from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to offset this cost. On or about May 29, 2025, Calvert County Government received \$23,831.22 to reimburse this cost.”

Pleake-Tamm explained, “Beyond global sea level rise, Calvert County experiences relative sea level rise, which accounts for



local environmental traits like land movement. Sea level rise in Maryland has been and will continue to be greater than the global average. For example, sea level rise in Baltimore is projected to be 17 percent higher than the global by 2100 due to dynamic processes of the North Atlantic Ocean Gulfstream and weaker gravitational attraction of the shrinking and within the Bay region itself. Land further south is generally subsiding faster than northern locations. However, Southern Maryland is an anomaly, and we’re actually experiencing (more). So, in summary, Chesapeake Bay region sea level rise is higher than the global average, and Southern Maryland land is sinking faster than the Chesapeake Bay average.”

A chart from 2019 shows a sea level rise rate of 3.88 millimeters a year. “Now it’s

4.11 millimeters per year. So, in inches, that’s the difference between 527 and 618. So, the rate is increasing.”

“Also, the incidences are increasing,” she said. Adding, “roughly it’s about 1.7 feet above the mean high-water level.”

Pleake-Tamm observed, “The incidences of high tide flooding were more than double the frequency of any year prior, going back to 1980.”

Crucial infrastructure is vulnerable, such as “transportation, wastewater treatment facilities, electricity and communications and buildings and housing,” as well as community resources, such as historic Cobe Point Lighthouse, all of our numerous archeological sites along our coast. Those are vulnerable recreational resources, our parks that are located along our coast, Breezy Point

Campgrounds, the boat launches. The boat launch at Hallowing Point Park is frequently impacted. Adjacent businesses are vulnerable. Aquaculture, rising levels can impact the yield. The flooding can also affect the saltwater intrusion into our cropland, can decrease our crop yield and water businesses.”

Commission member David Bury observed that a state effort was aimed at helping citizens to document the flooding in their communities.

He asked if there was going to be an effort to identify problems in specific communities. She said many of the communities experience similar problems, but funding may be an issue in doing a study of each waterfront community.

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County Announces Labor Day Schedule

Calvert County Board of County Commissioners announces county offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day. In addition:

- The Appeal Solid Waste Facility, which includes the landfill and transfer station, and all county customer convenience centers will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 and will reopen with normal hours Tuesday, Sept. 2. <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/1753/Locations-Hours-Fees>
- The Water & Sewerage billing and customer service office and the Solomons Septage Receiving Facility will be closed Monday, Sept. 1.
- Calvert County senior centers will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, and Meals on Wheels will not be delivered. Meal delivery is set to resume on Tuesday, Sept. 2.
- All community centers will be closed Monday, Sept. 1.
- There will be no county bus service Monday, Sept. 1. Regular service will resume Tuesday, Sept. 2.
- Calvert Library locations will be closed

Saturday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 1, reopening at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2. Downloadable materials and virtual services are available 24/7 at CalvertLibrary.info.

- The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter and Animal Control Division will be closed Monday, Sept. 1. Animal Control Officers will be available for emergencies at 410-535-3491.
- Kings Landing Pool will be open Sept. 1 from noon to 5:45 p.m. and there will be no morning lap swim. <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/kingslandingpool>
- Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center reopens after seasonal maintenance on Sept. 2. <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/397/Edward-T-Hall-Aquatic-Center>
- Cove Point Pool will be open with regular hours Monday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., and there will be no morning lap swim. <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/covepointpool>
- Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center will be open Monday, Sept. 1 and will close at 4 p.m. <https://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/>

- The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store will be open with normal hours Monday, Sept. 1. Celebrate Labor Day with a one-hour cruise on the *Wm. B. Tennison*. For more information and to register visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/237/Wm-B-Tennison-Cruises.
- All recreation parks including Dunkirk District Park, Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park, Hallowing Point Park and Cove Point Park, will be open with normal hours on Monday, Sept. 1.
- Chesapeake Hills Golf Course will be open Monday, Sept. 1, with normal hours.
- Flag Ponds Nature Park will be open with extended summer hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1. Starting Sept. 2, Flag Ponds Nature Park will resume regular hours and be closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. View hours at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/FlagPonds.
- Kings Landing Park will be open with extended summer hours from 9 a.m.

to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1. Regular hours will resume Sept. 2, and the park will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/3744/Kings-Landing-Park>

- Battle Creek Cypress Swamp and Sanctuary nature center remains closed due to fire damage; however, the trails are open Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular hours will resume Sept. 2. View hours at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BattleCreek.
- Breezy Point Beach will be open with extended holiday hours on Monday, Sept. 1, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/breezypoint>

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Calvert County Jousting Tournament Returns for 158th Year

Hosted by Christ Church of Port Republic

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Nestled in a quiet grove less than a mile from bustling Routes 2/4 is the Mother Episcopal Church of Calvert County. Known for its beauty, Christ Church, on the National Register of Historic Places, has another unique distinction. For 158 years, Christ Church has hosted a jousting tournament in late summer. This year it's on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Jousting is the state sport of Maryland. According to the Maryland Jousting Tournament Association, "Jousting is the oldest equestrian sport in the world. During the Middle Ages it was a form of waging war, but with the invention of gunpowder, the art of jousting a man bodily from his horse, became outmoded as a battle strategy. The tournament field became a place of 'Sport', and the Knights turned their lances to the more sophisticated, skillful task of spearing small metal rings. Jousting became a civilized game of keen horsemanship, skill, and sportsmanship with the development of 'The Ring Tournaments.'"

The association reports that St. Mary's County Delegate Henry J. Fowler, whose home Horse Range Farm in Mechanicsville hosted jousting tournaments, introduced the bill in 1962 making jousting the state sport. Later lacrosse was named the state's official team sport.

Richard Dodds handles publicity on the tournament for Christ Church. He was asked why the church has hosted such an unusual event, which takes so much of the congregation's time and effort.

He responded, "We ask ourselves the same question sometimes because you're right, I have to admit, every year it gets a little harder and harder. But, it has become, I think, such an integral part of the church's life and really it's the biggest opportunity that we have to invite people from the community into the church or to the church's activities. And I honestly believe most of us do enjoy it, even though it's a lot of work. We enjoy having people appreciating what we do because you don't find these kinds of



events too much anymore and certainly not for 158 years."

Dodds said, "It started just after the Civil War. Why they started it at that time, I can't honestly tell you. Perhaps it was a way at the time of trying to do something that was a sort, lighthearted, and was of interest, after the years of civil war. And also back then, this was very much an agrarian area. Everybody used horses. Everybody was familiar with horses."

And jousting tournaments were popular. He said, "If you look at the newspapers in that period, but also even 80 or 85 years ago, you would see quite a few. It wasn't just Christ Church. There were a number of tournaments. I guess it was part of the Southern Maryland tradition."

But the day for the church is much more than the jousting tournament it is billed. Dodds said, "I think you have to offer a well-rounded package because there are people that will come just for the jousting. And there are people that come just for the children's events, for the one-room school



open house, the bazaar particularly."

Christ Church is at 3100 Broomes Island Rd., Port Republic. The Calvert County Jousting Tournament is 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

According to the publicity, "The event celebrates the simple family-friendly pleasures of yesteryear. In the morning, enjoy the delights of the church bazaar. Browse the attic treasures, peruse gently used books, visit the children's corner for face painting, savor a hot dog, fresh lemonade, and a snow cone, and take home homemade baked goods and preserves.

"At noon head to the jousting field to cheer on riders as they spear rings as small as 1/4" on running horses.

"In the afternoon, cool off in the historic Christ Church for soothing organ recitals.

"Top off your day with a traditional church supper in our air-conditioned parish hall, or take it boxed and ready to go, featuring homemade fare of deviled crab, fried chicken, ham (choice of two), potato salad, apple sauce, and more.

The bazaar is 10 a.m.-2 p.m., organ recit-

als 1 p.m.-4 p.m., country supper 2-6 p.m., boxed suppers available from noon to 6pm, jousting begins at noon, and the historic Port Republic One-Room Schoolhouse open house is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While there you can stroll the church grounds and visit the church. Dodds said, "We're doing things a little differently this year. For the first time, from 10 o'clock till one o'clock, the church will be open. That hasn't been the case up till now." He added, "I'll be there, talking about the history and so on and answer people's questions. That was something we haven't done in the past and I felt something that I think would be a benefit for this event. So, we'll see."

A history of the historic church will be available for sale.

The bazaar is always one of the day's most popular events. Dodds said, "People often show up before the 10 a.m. start trying to get the bargains. But it starts at 10. That is always the most crowded right off the bat. And then in conjunction with that is the children's activities. And when the jousting starts at 12, there is sort of a move to that area and then when the at two, another move to the dinner."

"The boxes I think are something that's more recent," he said. "Those are increasingly popular. A lot of people like just to take away, maybe they've been there for a good piece of day, they pick up a box and then they head home. The dinners have always been one of the mainstays of this whole event right from the beginning."

There's a committee set up for each asset of the day. He said, "There a fairly large committee for the dinner, because that takes a lot of different people, a lot of different activities going on, a lot of preparations ahead of time. So, there's one committee for that. There's another committee for the bazaar and a separate subcommittee for the children's events." The state association helps coordinate the jousting tournament.

For more information go to www.christchurchcalvert.org or call 410-586-0565.

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CALVERT COUNTY POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of August 11, 2025 – August 17, 2025, Calvert County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to 1,803 calls for service throughout the community including, but not limited to:

- Check Welfare / Mental Health: 56
- Disorderly: 17
- Domestic: 33
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 55
- Patrol Checks / School Checks: 951
- Suspicious Persons Vehicles: 32
- Traffic Complaints: 67
- Traffic Stops: 410
- 911 Hang Ups: 76
- ARRESTS: 42



David James Cabrera

CDS Violation: 25-65841 On August 12, 2025, Deputy McIntosh initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with an inoperable headlight and taillight along Rt. 260 at Perrywood Lane in Dunkirk. Prior to the stop, the driver was observed making aggressive, furtive movements toward the floorboard and center console, nearly striking the guardrail. The driver was identified as **David James Cabrera**, 30 of Bowie. A search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag containing approximately 44 grams of suspected cocaine, a crack pipe, a push rod, a baggie with seven pills, and a scale with trace amounts of crack cocaine. Cabrera was found in possession of \$3,300 in U.S. currency. Cabrera was taken into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where a secondary search revealed two clear plastic baggies containing approximately 4 grams of suspected crack cocaine concealed in his underwear. Cabrera was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement, Possession While Confined, and CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics.



Martinique Tajaisha Logan

CDS Violation: 25-67001 On August 16, 2025, Deputy McIntosh conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation. The driver was identified as **Martinique Tajaisha Logan**, 34 of Capitol Heights. During the stop, a small child was observed lying unrestrained across the back seat, and large heat-sealed bags containing suspected marijuana were in plain view on the front seat. A check revealed Logan had an open warrant through Prince George's County. A probable cause search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of approximately 4.5 grams of crack cocaine, 258 grams of marijuana, 11 baggies commonly used for packaging controlled dangerous substances, and a digital scale containing marijuana residue. Logan was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics, CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Cannabis, CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis, CDS: Possession of Cannabis Over Civil Use, and Possession/Distribute CDS Packing Material.



Amy Lynn Letcher

CDS Violation: 25-67220 On August 17, 2025, Deputy Morgal conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for excessive speed on Rt. 2 near Wayside Drive in Sunderland. Contact was made with the driver, identified as **Amy Lynn Letcher**, 44 of Waldorf. A plastic bag containing a light brown, powdery rock-like substance, suspected to be heroin, was observed in

the driver's door. A search of the vehicle revealed multiple clear bags of suspected heroin totaling approximately 2 grams, four cut straws containing heroin residue, a bag of unknown gel capsules packaged in a manner consistent with CDS distribution, and numerous packing materials. Letcher was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. She was charged with CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics, CDS: Possession – Not Cannabis, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

Theft: 25-65412 On August 11, 2025, DFC Mister responded to the Patuxent Camp Sites located at 4744 Williams Wharf Road in St. Leonard for a reported theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole a delivered package containing a 15-pack of Monster Ultra Red Energy Drinks. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$26.68.

Theft: 25-65967 On August 13, 2025, Deputy Brown responded to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office District Three station in Lusby for a reported theft. The complainant advised that two blue kayaks

with paddles had been stolen from a dock in the 200 block of Leason Cove Drive, Lusby. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$600.

Theft: 25-66260 On August 14, 2025, Deputy Pope responded to the Calvert County Sheriff's District One Office located at 10500 Southern Maryland Blvd. in Dunkirk, for the report of a theft. The complainant reported an unknown suspect stole multiple items from his unlocked vehicle that was parked at the Dash Inn located at 136 E. Chesapeake Beach Road in Owings. The estimated value of stolen property is \$475.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Calvert – St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) will conduct a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting at the Walter Francis Duke Terminal Conference Room, located at 44200 Airport Road, California, MD 20619, on **Thursday, September 18, 2025**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the Public Participation Plan (PPP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) project updates, and TAC agenda items. The agenda can be viewed at <https://www.calvert-stmarysmpo.com/>.

This public meeting is required by law to allow all interested parties the opportunity to present evidence and public comments regarding items on the TAC meeting agenda. Public meetings are open to the public. Members of the press may attend.

Comments may be submitted on or before Tuesday, September 16, 2025, and should be addressed to the Long-Range Planning Division, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Karly Maltby, Calvert – St. Mary's MPO Administrator, with St. Mary's County Government's Department of Land Use & Growth Management via email at Karly.Maltby@stmaryscountymd.gov

This meeting can be attended virtually; the Meeting ID is 430 427 6617 and the call-in number is (301) 715-8592. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4304276617?omn=85161472218>

For questions or more information, please contact Karly Maltby, Calvert-St. Mary's MPO Administrator, with St. Mary's County Government's Department of Land Use & Growth Management at (301) 475-4200 ext. 1507 or via email at Karly.Maltby@stmaryscountymd.gov or visit <https://www.calvert-stmarysmpo.com/>.

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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thu, Aug 28

Little Minnows

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

This month's theme is Marsh Detectives. For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25 – 40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. Included with museum admission.

JobSource Mobile Career Center

Calvert Library Southern Branch
13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons
10 a.m.-1p.m.

Stop by for your job search needs! Get job counseling and resume help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

TACOS (Teen Advisory Council of Students)

Calvert Library Southern Branch
13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons
5-6 p.m.

Teens! Calvert Library needs you! We want the library to be a safe space where teens can hang out and freely access books, information, and form community. TACOS meets monthly to help us with our events and services planning. You can receive 1 Service Learning hour for each meeting attended. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Yoga on the Terrace - All Levels

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

Join us for our summer yoga series with a gentle flow class for all levels on the beautiful terrace overlooking the Bay. In the case of inclement weather, the class will be canceled. Gentle flow for all levels. Please bring a yoga mat and water—registration is required. 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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Fri, Aug 29

Rooftop Car & Truck Show

Rooftop of the Rod N Reel parking garage
4165 Mears Ave, Chesapeake Beach
4 to 8 p.m.

FREE, DJ tunes. 866-312-5596

Pins and Needles

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
1-4 p.m.

Bring your quilting, needlework, knitting, crocheting or other project for an afternoon of conversation and shared creativity. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>

Sat, Aug 30

Calvert County Jousting Tournament

Christ Church
3100 Broomes Island Rd., Port Republic
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Historic Christ Church in Port Republic hosts the 158th Calvert County Jousting Tournament and Bazaar. The event celebrates the simple family-friendly pleasures of yesteryear. In the morning, enjoy the delights of the church bazaar. Browse the attic treasures, peruse gently used books, visit the children's corner for face painting, savor a hot dog, fresh lemonade, and a snow cone, and take home homemade baked goods and preserves. At noon head to the jousting field to cheer on riders as they spear rings as small as 1/4" on running horses. In the afternoon, cool off in the historic Christ Church for soothing organ recitals. Top off your day with a traditional church supper in our air-conditioned parish hall, or take it boxed and ready to go, featuring homemade fare of deviled crab, fried chicken, ham (choice of two), potato salad, apple sauce, and more.

Bazaar is 10 a.m.-2 p.m., organ recitals 1

p.m.-4 p.m., country supper 2-6 p.m., boxed suppers available from noon to 6pm, jousting begins at noon, and the historic Port Republic One-Room Schoolhouse open house is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. info@christchurchcalvert.org or 410-586-0565 www.christchurchcalvert.org

Mon, Sep 1

Labor Day Wm. B. Tennison Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum
2 p.m.

Spend your holiday on the water with a relaxing one-hour cruise. Tickets: \$9 adults, \$5 children (infant-12 years). For more information and to register go to website.

Tue, Sep 2

Humane Society Event

Chesapeake Market and Grille
7150 Lake Shore Dr., North Beach

Show your support for the Humane Society of Calvert County by letting Chesapeake Market and Grille cook lunch and/or dinner for you. A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Humane Society

Wed, Sep 3

On Pins & Needles

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch
4100 5th St., North Beach
1-4 p.m.

Bring your quilting, needlework, knitting, crocheting or other project for an afternoon of conversation and shared creativity. 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>

Thu, Sep 4

Sea Squirts

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

Theme: Terrific Turtles. Children ages 18 months-3 years with an adult are invited to explore the museum through music, stories, and crafts. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Free with museum admission. Sign up at the Admissions Desk.

Upcoming

Humane Society Event

Sneade's Hardware
1750 Prosper Lane, Owings
Sept. 9, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Enjoy some sweet treats, buy a treat for your four-legged best friend, meet some of adoptable dogs looking for their forever homes all while supporting the Humane Society of Calvert County.

NARFE Meeting

Southern Pines Community Center
20 Appeal Lane, Lusby;
Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m.

A representative from the Calvert County Office on Aging Department of Community Resources will provide an informal update on Medicare and Medicare prescription coverages. Federal employees, retirees (and their families or guests), are welcome to attend. CalvertNARFE@gmail.com

Seldom Scene Concert

Calvert Elks Lodge #2620
Prince Frederick
Oct. 5, 2 p.m.

The premier Bluegrass band, The Seldom Scene will headline the first concert of the season at the Southern Maryland Bluegrass Concert Series at the Calvert Elks in Prince Frederick. Tickets for the October 5 Seldom Scene performance are available now at \$40 per person, with advance purchase recommended as the event is expected to sell out. For more information, visit www.somdbluegrass.com or call 301-737-3004.

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will take place at the scenic North Beach Pier Pavilion in Calvert County, Maryland, starting at 8:30 AM. Lace up your running shoes and bring your furry friends along for a fun-filled day dedicated to supporting the Humane Society of Calvert County.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking to enjoy a leisurely walk, the 5K distance offers something for everyone. Don't forget to arrive early for Race Day Packet Pickup, which begins at 7:30 AM. Be sure to register in advance, as shirt sizes are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Come out, enjoy the fresh air, and make a difference for pets in need!

FamilyFest on the Potomac

September 13, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum
20254 Colton Point Rd., Coltons Point
Admission: Free

Enjoy a full day of family fun along the Potomac and at the lighthouse with live music, food, vendors, displays and a variety of kids and family activities. Admission is free for all.

Donations and membership sales from this event support the museum and historic preservation of Piney Point Lighthouse and grounds.

All parking will be free off-site at Piney Point Elementary School. Free shuttles will be provided for transportation to the event. Shuttles will begin running at 9:00 AM and circulate from parking areas to the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum. The last shuttle will leave Piney Point Lighthouse Museum at 4:30 PM. There will be no public parking at the museum except for vehicles displaying appropriate handicap parking permits.

Dried Flower Wreath Workshop

September 13, 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Dixon Family Farm
27075 S. Sandgates Rd., Mechanicsville
Admission: \$69.52

Our Dried Flower Wreath Workshop offers a relaxed, hands-on experience where you'll learn to craft a stunning wreath using our farm grown dried blooms. The workshop takes place under our timber pavilion with amazing views of the Patuxent River, our vineyard, and lavender fields. Sip our farm-fresh lavender lemonade, and take home a one-of-a-kind creation to brighten your home or gift to someone special.

Each participant will receive:

- A wide selection of farm grown and harvested dried flowers and foliage
- 12-inch wreath frame, wire, snips, and ribbon
- Step-by-step instructions
- No floral experience needed—just bring your creativity! Bring a friend!

Spaces are limited. Reserve your spot early! Tickets are non-refundable.

Sunset at Sotterley Gala

September 13, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Historic Sotterley
44300 Sotterley Ln., Hollywood
Admission: \$150/person

Join us to enjoy golden hour views, a signature cocktail, a fabulous silent auction, and music and dancing in our beautifully remodeled barns of Sotterley, all while helping preserve one of Maryland's treasured historic landmarks.

Dress in your best garden party chic attire and party under the sunset.

This is a fundraising event in support of Historic Sotterley and its programming. Buy your tickets at sotterley.org

CCPR Superhero Sunday

September 14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park
10455 Ward Rd, Dunkirk
Admission: Free

Calling all superheroes! Join CCPR for an action-packed Superhero Sunday event! Enjoy an epic day filled with games, activities, and a touch-a-truck spectacular. Plus, you'll have the chance to meet some of Calvert County's local heroes! Don't forget to wear your superhero best and have your camera ready for some heroic photo opportunities. It's going to be a day of excitement and adventure that you won't want to miss.

St. Mary's County Fair

September 18–21
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
42455 Fairgrounds Rd., Leonardtown
Admission: Adults \$10; children (6–12) \$1; children under 6 free

Enjoy four days of fun at the St. Mary's County Fair! This classic fair is filled with rides, games, food, vendors, music, and so much more. Meet all sorts of farm animals in the barns, and browse the handiwork that's been entered into a variety of competitions including home arts, farm and garden, arts and crafts.

Hours:

- Thursday 9/18, Opening Day: 4 p.m.–9 p.m.
- Friday 9/19, School and 4-H Activities Day: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Saturday 9/20, Parade Day: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Sunday 9/21, Family Day: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hinder in Concert

September 19, 8 p.m.–11 p.m.
The Rex Theatre
22695 Washington St., Leonardtown
Admission: \$50+

Opens Robert's Revenge and Revis. This event is 21+.

North Beach American Film Festival

September 20

North Beach Town Hall
9132 Bay Ave., North Beach

The NBAFF spotlights the best in American Independent Films that exhibit the multi-cultural and diverse aspects of American life. The one-day festival takes place in North Beach Maryland. In partnership with Film Village, selected films will be featured to view on filmvillage.org.

Pirate Day!

September 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons
Admission: Included with museum admission; Pirate Cruise \$15/person

Ahoy Scallywags! Throw on your best pirate outfit and head to the museum for some jolly good fun. Make a pirate craft, build a toy pirate boat, get a pirate tattoo, and walk the plank! Sing pirate songs at 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

There will also be a special cruise onboard the pirate vessel *Black Pearl* (aka, the *Wm. B. Tennison*)! Dress like a pirate, talk like a pirate, and follow the treasure map! You are welcome to bring snacks and beverages on board. Make sure to register early as cruise tickets are limited!

Artsfest '25 Art & Music Festival

September 20 & 21, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Rd., Solomons
Admission: One-day pass \$10/person online (\$13 at the gate, if not sold out); weekend pass \$15/person (available online only); kids 11 & under free; members free

Join us for a fabulous weekend of the visual and performing arts with 180 artists booths, 40+ performers, activities for kids, great food, wine & beer, and much more! Explore the excitement of the Tent Circle and Arts Building artists and the Main Stage musical acts, then wander the shady Wooded Path to find artists, activities and performers nestled in the beautiful woods at Annmarie. It's an event like no other, waiting for you and your family in Solomons, Maryland.

Enjoy more than 170 artist booths, 40+ performers, activities for kids in the Discovery Tent, Studio School, and the Zany Zone, along with great food, wine & beer, and much more! Reserve your tickets online! Rain or shine event, no pets, smoking in designated areas only.

Watermen's Festival and Boat Docking Competition

September 21, 12 p.m.
Watermen's Wharf at the end of Solomons Island

Event features live music, local food and beer vendors, Chesapeake Jewelers, gun raffles, a kid's anchor and buoy toss competition, and of course the main event—boat docking! We look forward to seeing all of

you at this community event organized by the watermen who bring you fresh, local seafood and love giving back to our community.

"This Is Me" Color Run

September 21, 8 a.m.
The Calverton School
300 Calverton School Rd., Huntingtown
Admission: Advanced registration \$20; same-day registration \$25; ages 3 & under free

This is a colorful, family-friendly event with music, games, treats from the Novel Bakery, and community vibes! Swag bags containing sunglasses, bandana, THIS IS ME bracelet, and celebration color packet. This event supports the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA) and local youth organizations.

Calvert County Fair

September 24–28
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
140 Calvert Fair Drive, Prince Frederick

Enjoy family fun at the fair! There will be carnival rides, food, games, livestock and educational showcases, contests, entertainment and more! Check website for daily schedule.

RiverFest

September 27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Historic St. Mary's City
47418 Old State House Rd., St. Mary's City
Admission: Free

St. Mary's River Watershed Association invites the entire community to celebrate, explore, and protect the St. Mary's River with live animals, kayaking, face painting, balloon animals, music, and more! Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors, volunteers, and members, all of the entertainment and activities at RiverFest are completely free!

Remember to bring your change of clothes for the River Wade-In in honor of the late Sen. Bernie Fowler. We will start the procession to the waterfront at 2 pm in the pavilion.

For a full schedule of activities, visit smrwa.org/riverfest

Taste of St. Mary's

September 27, 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
St. Mary's County Regional Airport
44200 Airport Rd, California
Admission: Free

Celebrate our region's foods and beverages at the Chamber's popular fun-filled annual event—this year at the Airport's Aeropark Innovation District. Samples of food and drink specialties from our local restaurants, food trucks, and caterers will be available for purchase. Vote for your favorite food or beverage sample in the People's Choice category. Plus, new this year: Aircraft displays, a classic car show, activities for the whole family, dollhouse raffle and more!

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– Furniture & Crafts – New Handcrafted Quilts –
Fall Produce – Baked Goods & More

*Many
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Items*

Saturday – Sept. 6, 2025 - 9 am



The local community is working together on this fun & exciting public consignment auction event consisting of quality items!

Have any of the following you would like to sell?

Farm, Lawn, Garden Equipment/Items (in good working condition); New (or quality repurposed) Furniture; Crafts; Tools; Sporting Items; New Quilts; or other New Items or items in clean, working condition ---

Consider consigning your items to this fun and exciting community auction event!

While donated items are appreciated, you can "consign" your items and get paid for your items (less a reasonable sales commission that supports the MFVD).

**Consignments
Accepted
Wednesday –
Friday (9/3 – 9/5)
from 8 am – 7 pm.**

COMMISSION RATES (per item):

Up to \$200: 20%
\$201 - \$500: 15% (\$40 minimum)
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Commission capped at \$300 per item.
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Terms: By the MVFD Auction Committee. No Buyer's Premium. All items sold "as-is", "where-is". Cash, Good Checks Accepted. **No Credit Cards.**

Expected Items include: New Trailers from Cox Trailers (JD Cox); Handcrafted Quilts; Rustic/Log Furniture; Indoor/Outdoor Furniture; Loads of New Tools/Items. **Auction "Special":** Tool Box ("Buy a Drawer") Fundraiser Auction Item. Other "Fundraising" Auction Games/Chances may be held.

Auction Coordinated by: Local Amish Community, MVFD Auction Committee, Farrell Auction Service LLC.

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For more information, call the MVFD Auction Phone Line at 240-466-1512 or email FarrellAuction@gmail.com.

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SoMD September Events

Indigenous Heritage Day

September 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Historic St. Mary's City
18751 Hogaboom Ln., St. Mary's City
Admission: Adults \$10; seniors \$9;
students \$6; ages 5 and under free;
museum members free

Join Historic St. Mary's City for Indigenous Heritage Day, a celebration of Native life-ways past and present. This annual event offers a deeper look at the rich heritage of the region's Indigenous peoples.

There will be a 1:30 p.m. performance by Mark Tayac and the Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers. From Tayac Territory (Port Tobacco, MD), Mark Tayac travels with the Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers presenting a colorful, educational and entertaining pow wow-style event featuring American Indian Dance, Drum & Song that tells of American Indian history, culture, and traditions.

You can also explore ongoing demonstrations throughout the day at the Woodland Indian Hamlet, highlighting traditional skills such as:

- Pottery—meet with members of HSMC staff as they demonstrate Late-Woodland Indian pottery techniques.
- Nature's Bounty—HSMC staff demon-

strate the many plants, native and invasive, throughout the landscape that can be used by humans.

- Clothing—HSMC staff show how to preserve animal skins and how those skins can be made into clothing. (Visitor discretion advised, not for the squeamish.)
- Canoe Burning—HSMC staff will use fire as a power tool and demonstrate burning a dugout canoe.

Recovery Fest

September 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Rd., Solomons
Admission: Free

Hosted by the Calvert County Health Department & generous community partners. Come celebrate those in recovery with free, family-friendly fun, including yard games, giveaways, face-painting, music, art, and more! Enjoy hands-on learning and fun with community groups and vendors, along with characters, photobooth, art projects and more. Plus, play the Scavenger Hunt game and you might win free meal tickets! This event is the perfect way to close out your summer and celebrate just how amazing a life in recovery is. So bring your family and

friends to join us for a day you won't forget.

Recovery Fest is about celebrating the positive impact of recovery from mental and substance use disorders. Come join the celebration of living a happy, healthy life!

All ages welcome with lots of kid-friendly games.

Volunteer Expo

September 5, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Glendening Hall

Meet local organizations, discover volunteer opportunities, and find your passion for giving back to the community. Organizations include Historic St. Mary's City, Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, Relay for Life, St. Mary's River Watershed Association, and many others.

10th Annual Patriot Day 5K

September 6, 8 a.m.
Little Flower School
Great Mills

This milestone celebration brings together runners, walkers, families and community supporters for a morning of fitness, fun and fellowship. Honors local "Patriots," which includes military members, firefighters,

police officers and emergency medical technicians. Registration: <https://littleflowercatholic.org/patriot-day-5k>

Proceeds from the 5K directly benefit Little Flower School's educational programs, helping fund classroom resources, technology upgrades and student activities.

ACL's Annual Sip & Save

September 6, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
American Chestnut Land Trust
North Side Trailhead
676 Double Oak Rd., Prince Frederick
Admission: \$20

Sample beers from over 10 regional breweries at this outdoor event. Food trucks, live music, yard games, raffles, and more. Sip the beer... save the land! Rain date Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

Pet Day 5K Run/Walk

September 7, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
North Beach Pier Pavilion
9023 Bay Avenue, North Beach.

Join us for a tail-wagging good time at the Pet Day 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, September 7, 2025! This exciting event

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Fall Paw Crawl

Sunday September 28, 2025
12 pm to 4 pm

- Food & Drinks
- Pet Activities
- Rescue Groups
- Pet Vendors
- Contests



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UPCOMING AUCTIONS



Mechanicsville VFD Public Consignment Auction

Saturday, SEPT 6, 2025 – 9 am

Mechanicsville VFD - 28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville, MD



Charles Co. Fair Livestock Auction (LaPlata, MD)

SAT, SEPT 13, 2025 – 4 pm



St. Mary's Co. Fair Cake Auction

FRI, SEPT 19, 2025 - 6:30 pm

St. Mary's Co. Fair Livestock Auction

SAT, SEPT 20, 2025 – 5 pm



Fall Harvest & Local Meats Auction

SAT, OCT 4, 2025 – 4 pm

Westfield Farm Arena & Auction Barn

26689 Laurel Grove Rd, Mechanicsville, MD

USDA Meats (Beef, Pork, Lamb) – Pumpkins – Mums – Fall Produce – Lawn/Garden Items – Quilts – Crafts – New Tools, Toys and Other Items

Locally-raised meats (Steaks, Hamburger, Roasts, Pork Chops, Sausage, Bacon, Ham Steaks, Lamb and More). We purchase animals from local County Fair 4-H Livestock auctions and have the meats processed at a USDA facility then, offer the quality, recently-frozen meats at this auction ready for your freezer.



Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary Auction

Friday, OCT 17, 2025 – 5 pm

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge – 27636 Mechanicsville Rd, Mechanicsville, MD

Doors open at 4:30. Chicken Dinners available for purchase starting at 5 pm. Auction starts at 6 pm



So. MD Farm & Country Christmas Auction

SAT, DEC 6, 2025 – 9 am

Westfield Farm Arena & Auction Barn

26689 Laurel Grove Rd, Mechanicsville, MD

Locally-Made, Live Evergreen Wreaths & Centerpieces - Locally-Grown Poinsettias – New Tools/Items – New Toys - Handcrafted Quilts - Furniture & Crafts – Lawn/Garden Items – Camping/Sporting Items

Several Online Auctions Coming Soon! Oyster Cans (from the Banagan Collection); NASCAR and Die Cast Toys (from the Winks Pilkerton Collection); Nautical Items; Vintage Tools, Signs and other Items from several local estates. More information to be posted on our website.



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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Fri, Aug 29

SMTMD Old Time (Slow) Jam

Summerseat Farm
26655 Three Notch Rd., Mechanicsville
4-6 p.m.

Sponsored by Southern MD Traditional Music and Dance. FREE event! Come to play or listen. Bushwood Mill Jam tune list. Bring your own chair and beverage.

Beginners and all ages are welcome! Contact Chris Dudley 301-848-1007

Poker at HVRs

Hollywood Vol Rescue Squad
43256 Rescue Lane, Hollywood
7 p.m.

Texas Hold'Em Bounty, Rebuy Tournament at \$65.00 buy-in for \$20k in chips. Each player can re-buy a max of 1 time prior to the end of the 2 hour break. You would also have the option to surrender your stack at the end of the 2 hour break with the option to re-buy for an new \$20k stack. Rounds are 20 minutes each. Doors open at 6 pm; BYOB, food and sodas will be available for purchase. Tables deal their own cards, dealers are not provided. Late Entries permitted until 1st break, approx. 8 pm cut off. No rebuys allowed.

Historic Christ Church in Port Republic hosts the 158th Calvert County Jousting Tournament and Bazaar. The event celebrates the simple family-friendly pleasures of yesteryear. In the morning, enjoy the delights of the church bazaar. Browse the attic treasures, peruse gently used books, visit the children's corner for face painting, savor a hot dog, fresh lemonade, and a snow cone, and take home homemade baked goods and preserves. At noon head to the jousting field to cheer on riders as they spear rings as small as 1/4" on running horses. In the afternoon, cool off in the historic Christ Church for soothing organ recitals. Top off your day with a traditional church supper in our air-conditioned parish hall, or take it boxed and ready to go, featuring homemade fare of deviled crab, fried chicken, ham (choice of two), potato salad, apple sauce, and more.

Bazaar is 10 a.m.-2 p.m., organ recitals 1 p.m.-4 p.m., country supper 2-6 p.m., boxed suppers available from noon to 6pm, jousting begins at noon, and the historic Port Republic One-Room Schoolhouse open house is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. info@christchurchcalvert.org or 410-586-0565
www.christchurchcalvert.org

Spaghetti Dinner Dine-In or Carry Out

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

Menu consisting of spaghetti with meat sauce or veggie sauce, green beans, garden salad, garlic bread & dessert. Adults \$15; children 6 to 12 \$7; children 5 & under are free. 240-925-2512

Sun, Aug 31

International Overdose Awareness Day Candlelight Vigil

Lexington Manor Passive Park
7-8:30 p.m.

Join St. Mary's County Health Department and Beacon of Hope as we honor our residents who have lost their lives to substance misuse and support those who have survived overdose. Substance misuse prevention supports will be provided. The theme for 2025 is "One big family, driven by hope". Submit a photo of a loved one to be honored at the event by scanning the QR Code or visiting the website at forms.gle/d23YR2iK4WPqBaqYA

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

Ongoing

Yard Sale

St. Andrews Church
44078 St. Andrew's Church Rd., California
Aug. 28-30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Big Yard Sale features household goods, home decor, holiday items such as Halloween and Christmas, furniture, sporting goods, and toys. There will be food sale: Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, chips, water all for a reasonable price. Come out and find a new treasure!

Mon, Sep 1

Elk's Monday Night Poker

St. Mary's County Elk's Lodge
45779 Fire Department Ln., California
7 p.m.

Buy-in: \$35. Blinds will start at 25-50 and progress every 20 minutes.

Please enter through the side of the building. For any question or additional details contact Linda Hill, 240-925-5697 or doxiemama1014@gmail.com

Upcoming

Pax River Quilters Guild

Hollywood United Methodist Church,
Marvel Dean Rd., Hollywood
Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly meeting are the second Monday of every month and feature guest speakers, show and tells, and other fun activities. Pax River Quilters Guild is a non-profit organization devoted to philanthropic quilting projects and promoting the skill of quilting. New members of all skill levels are welcome. For questions, email: prqgsomd@gmail.com

Sat, Aug 30

Calvert County Jousting Tournament

Christ Church
3100 Broomes Island Rd., Port Republic
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Mary's County Library Labor Day Hours

All locations of St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, September 2.

Student Success : Educational Resources at Your Library

Looking to help your student thrive in school? Dealing with homeschool burnout? Learn all about Library study resources and meet other home teachers! We will focus on our library

services that are geared towards children and families. This includes help with searching the catalog for different subjects, using our online Homework Helper, our Library Apps, Events that we offer, and so much more! We'll also go over navigating the library website and a mini tour of the Lexington Park Library. You'll leave with a whole collection of bookmarks, printouts, and confidence in accessing all the benefits your library card grants you. Lexington Park Library on Saturday, September 6, 10 - 11 a.m. This program is aimed specifically towards homeschoolers & guardians of school age children. Kids are welcome to

come along! We will have crafts set up to keep them occupied while you learn! Register on www.stmalib.org.

Intro to 3D Printing

Have you ever wanted something 3D printed at the library, but weren't sure how? Now is your chance to learn! This introductory course will cover the basics of how a 3D printer works and how to use PrusaSlicer software. Learn how to find ready-to-print files online and submit them to the Library for printing. No prior experience is needed. Two sessions: Charlotte Hall Library on Saturday, September 6 from 2 - 4 p.m. and Lexington Park Library on Sunday, September 7 from 1 - 2 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Introduction to Ancestral Narratives for All Ages: A One Maryland, One Book Program

Ancestral narratives are a way of sharing family's stories with future generations. Genealogists, no matter their age or experience, will enjoy learning about

this useful way of preserving history. This year's One Maryland, One Book selection, Kin: Rooted in Hope, written by Carole Boston Weatherford with art by Jeffery Boston Weatherford, reflects the theme, "What We Collect/What We Tell." Their book, written for upper elementary schoolers and up, focuses on the Weatherford's own ancestors who were among the founders of Maryland and gives these individuals voice through enslavement, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. In this program, we'll discuss what ancestral narratives are and the basic steps for recording your own. They can be useful for anything from school assignments to heavy genealogy work. As exemplified by this year's book, they are a great way to pass on the stories of our past in a way that captivates readers. Leonardtown Library on Monday, September 8 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org.

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In Remembrance

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Shirley Hayden, 81



Shirley Theresa Hayden, age 81, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on August 18, 2025.

Born August 22, 1943, in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter

of the late Joseph Aloysius Latham and Mary Laura (Bailey) Latham.

Shirley graduated from Father Andrew White School in 1957 and from St. Mary's Academy in 1961. She married her loving husband of 63 years on June 30, 1962, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Morganza, MD. Shirley enjoyed flower arranging and decorating for the holidays, especially Christmas. She retired from St. Mary's County Government Land Use and Growth Department in 2005. Her faith was steadfast, and she had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother. Shirley was a long-time member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Shirley is survived by her husband George E. Hayden, Jr.; her children George E. Hayden III (Crystal) of Clements MD, Sheila Cullins of Bushwood, MD and Brian Hayden of Mechanicsville, MD; her grandchildren, George E. Hayden IV (Christine) of Clements, MD, Rachel Hayden (Colleen) of Clements, MD, Jenna Anderson (Mike) of Cheyenne, WY; and her great-grandchildren, Raelee Clem, and Maggie, Frankie and Sam Hayden. She was preceded in death by her sister Ginger Freeman.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm, with prayers recited at 7:00 pm at the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated by Father Drew Royals on Thursday August 28, 2025, at 10:00 am. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Morganza, MD. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Bushwood MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be George Hayden IV, Michael Hayden, Todd Hayden, Gary Mattingly, David Mattingly, and Craig

Goldsborough.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org.

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

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

Charlene Cummings, 69



Charlene Gale Cummings of Clinton, MD passed away on August 15, 2025 surrounded by family and friends. She was born November 25, 1955 in Monrovia,

California to John Nelson Cummings and Elaine Joy Moon Cummings. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Michael M. Cummings and her grandparents Ira Moon and John T. Cummings (Fannie).

Charlene is survived by her brother Mark (Liz) and her niece Nancy M. Wedding (Gene) and many friends. She was raised most of her life in Southern Maryland. She enjoyed time with her cats, playing bingo and telling jokes and funny stories. She loved doing dinner and movie night with her friends. Charlene especially liked when she could reach out and help someone else in need.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 23, 2025 for her Viewing from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM with the Funeral Service starting at 10:00 AM all at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 22747 Old Rolling Rd, California, MD 20619. Interment to follow after service at the Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for you to send memorial contributions go to ACTS (A Community That Shares), P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618.

Condolences to the family maybe left at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD.

Rob Sutor, 48



Robert "Rob" Sutor, 48, of Hollywood, MD, formerly from Darien, IL, passed away on August 24, 2025 in Hollywood, MD. Born on April 1, 1977 in Rabka,

Poland, he was the loving son of Jozefa Sutor and Wladyslaw Sutor of Princeton, IL. Rob was the loving husband of Brandy Tennyson Sutor whom he married in St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD on July 11, 2005. Rob is survived by his children Owen Sutor, Evan Sutor, and Alex Sutor all of Hollywood, MD. Brother Marek Sutor (Anna) of Plainfield, IL, and sister in law Erin Johnson (Brad) of Hollywood, MD. Nieces and nephews Celine Sutor of Plainfield, IL, Danny Sutor of Plainfield, IL, Wesley Johnson, of Hollywood, MD and Caroline Johnson, Hollywood, MD.

He graduated from Marie Curie High School in 1996, and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering

from the University of Illinois in 2001. Rob was a Aerospace Engineer for the Department of Defense for 24 years.

He moved from Chicago, IL, to St. Mary's County, MD in September 2001.

Rob enjoyed woodworking, drone flying, working with his sons on engineering projects, watching his boys play sports, and was a fan of the Washington Commanders .

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a Service of Remembrance from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Real Life Church, Mechanicsville, MD. Where a Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM with Pastor Todd Crofford officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Owen Sutor, Evan Sutor, Tyler Ellis, Marek Sutor, Josh Bohmann, Brad Johnson, Marek Dudek, and Arty Sulka. Honorary Pallbearers will be Alex Sutor, and Wesley Johnson.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's or the Hollywood Vol. Fire Dept.

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

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

In Loving Memory
Marie Carol Jones
 9/3/1949 - 8/26/2012

*Forever my twin,
 Forever my heart
 Thirteen years have passed
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 You're missed beyond words
 & Remembered beyond time*

Your loving twin Carolyn

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For details and to place your notice of remembrance, call 301-373-4125 for assistance.

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In Remembrance of
LINDA MARIE BAKER
Sunrise: Jan 16, 1959 Sunset: Aug 11, 2024

May we carry forward Linda's warmth and generosity, cherishing the moments shared and the laughter that still echoes in our memories. In gardens she loved, in gentle words spoken, and in every act of compassion, her spirit endures. Though the world feels quieter without her, the love she gave remains a guiding light—ever-present, gently reminding us that those we hold dear are never truly gone. Linda's legacy is etched in kindness, and in every heart she touched, her memory will blossom anew.

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Wanderings *of an* Aimless Mind



Oh My, It's Clements Cuties Time Again

By Shelby Opperman
Contributing Writer

Yes, you know it's getting near September when I have to go out and find my husband a new dress. And that's not the easiest thing to do for a husband who's an XL in men's but fits into a 2X to 3X in women's clothing. Everything I have found for him for the upcoming big Clements Cuties event on September 13th at Back Road Inn has not looked like it would be comfortable on a hot ballfield. I'll keep looking, it just means that I usually find something for myself while I'm out searching for him. Not a problem.

This year we are helping three local families who have children battling rare cancers, in this case different types of Leukemia. Adrienne Hall, three years old has B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). 4 year old Sunny Thornton is also battling B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). And 6 year old Joe Bartodziej is battling Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML). It seems all these big scary words don't even encompass the true scariness and fear for these children and their families. Each day is a battle for the entire family: one parent, sometimes both have to quit a job or take a sabbatical, other children in the family may have to give up or slow down their activities in support of their sibling. No day is normal for children with cancer because school weeks are interrupted for hospital visits or hospital stays, and they are probably feeling tired from all the cancer meds their young bodies have to deal with.

Our Clements Cuties and local community has been wonderful over the years in supporting all of the Cuties kids and their families. Last year each of the three families received \$79,967 to help with all the expenses and extras not covered by insurance. It may sound like a lot of money, but not when one or both parents has lost income. Their main focus is where it should be: On their child and their children.

We have all these Clements Cuties events all year long and the big event each September to continue raising funds for each year's group of children. Unfortunately, the cancer doesn't stop attacking our children and others in the community, but we do what we can. Please check the website www.clements-cuties-foundation.org or our Facebook page Clements Cuties Foundation for all the events we have coming up. There are a lot of ways to have a good time, yes, spend a little money, while supporting a great cause. After the Clements Cuties Showdown/Main event at BRI in Compton there is a Craft & Vendor Show at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge on October 19th which always attracts a great crowd. The Halloween Golf Tournament will be held on October 31st at The Chesapeake Shores Golf Course in Lusby. You will get a kick out of all the Halloween themed golf carts and crazy golf antics. And our last big event which was sooo much fun last year is the Blazing Keys w/ the Cuties on November 7th with dinner at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge. The Moose Lodge is a great supporter of the Clements Cuties, thank you.

As for the main event on the 13th of the Clements Cuties against the Women's All Stars, please come down to Back Road Inn for the early softball games and stay for the crazy Clements Cuties game at 4pm. We will have table after table of donated baskets (usually 10 or more tables) for the brown bag raffle, Live Auctions, food and drinks for purchase, and afterwards across the street at the Back Road Inn Pavillion, the band Unfinished business will start after the game. I can't wait to see what pranks the women will play against the men, and what crazy skits both teams have planned. So, please come out, support a great cause to help these kids. If you need any more information, please call me at 301-904-2532 or contact me on Facebook. And please stop by the T-shirt stand and say hi. Okay, off to find a dress.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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



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Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons Set



Maryland Department of Natural Resources photo

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced the state's 2025-2026 migratory game bird hunting seasons, the first of which begin Sept. 1.

Bag limits, season dates, and shooting hours can be found in the 2025-2026 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

"Maryland hunters have been waiting for September with a high degree of anticipation, as fall hunting season begins," said Wildlife and Heritage Director Karina Stonesifer. "Maryland's diverse landscape and abundant public hunting opportunities offer many options for new and experienced hunters."

Unless otherwise noted, official shooting hours begin 30 minutes before sunrise and end at sunset for all early migratory game bird hunting seasons. Season dates are as follows:

- Dove, split season
 - » First Season: Sept. 1 – Oct. 18 (note: shooting hours for this segment are noon to sunset)
 - » Second Season: Oct. 25 – Nov. 28
 - » Third Season: Dec. 20 – Jan. 9, 2026
- Woodcock, split season
 - » First Season: Oct. 25 – Nov. 28
 - » Second Season: Jan. 12 – 28, 2026
- Early resident Canada Goose Season
 - » Eastern zone: Sept. 1–15
 - » Western zone: Sept. 1–25
 - » For Early Canada goose season, hunters are allowed to use shotguns capable of holding more than three

shells. Shooting hours are extended to a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

- Teal, September Season
 - » Sept. 18–27
 - » Shooting hours will be a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is six teal.

All migratory bird hunters, including landowners who are license-exempt, must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp/Harvest Information Program Permit and possess the printed receipt while hunting. All waterfowl hunters, ages 16 and older, must possess a printed receipt of the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Licenses, permits, and stamps can be purchased on the MD Outdoors website, by phone at 855-855-3906, at a department service center or any of the 250 sport license agents.

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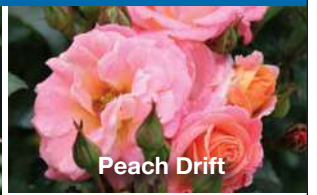
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Purse Bingo to Benefit Cinderella Society



Kristina Cropp (kneeling), founding member of the Cinderella Society, with volunteers

By Veda Mercer
Contributing Writer

The Cinderella Society will host a purse bingo fundraiser on Sept. 14 at Elk's Lodge #2092, featuring designer prizes from brands like Coach and Kate Spade.

The event begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Admission includes all standard bingo games, with designer purses as prizes. Additional games will be available for purchase on the floor, specialty cocktails will be served for guests of age, and a 50/50 raffle will be held.

Purse bingo plays the same as traditional bingo, but instead of cash prizes, winners take home designer handbags. Each round corresponds to a different purse, and additional cards can be purchased to increase the likelihood of winning certain bags.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the Cinderella Society's mission of making formalwear more accessible for the community. This includes buying a heated and cooled storage unit, more racks and hangers, and hopefully expanding their events.

The organization, founded by Brittany Leigh and Katrina Cropp, collects donations year-round and holds a large distribu-

tion event at the Fairgrounds. Along with dresses, suits, and accessories, attendees can also enjoy complimentary services such as tailoring and hairstyling. While the event typically occurs around prom season, it is open to anyone in need of formal attire.

At the most recent fairground event, the organization was able to provide more than 2500 dresses. This expansion is a major increase from the roughly 300 they were able to distribute when the organization resumed after the pandemic.

Cinderella Society leader Katrina Cropp detailed her experience with leading the event in the past, saying that "We get girls that come by themselves, and they don't have anybody else... we all want to step in and be their mom or their big sister. We're pulling dresses for them and telling them how gorgeous they are. It's so nice to see everybody banding together like that."

Those interested in supporting the Cinderella Society can donate formalwear throughout the year or attend upcoming fundraisers like this purse bingo. Tickets are available to purchase by contacting cinderellasocietysmc@gmail.com. More information is available via the organization's Facebook page.

Second District VFD Hosts Summer Bash



The Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad hosted its third annual community Beach Party on Saturday, Aug. 23. The firehouse grounds were transformed into a summer playground with splash-down water activities, a towering waterslide, and a lineup of games for all ages. Families enjoyed cornhole matches, prize giveaways, and music. Photo by Ceandra Scott.

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This public meeting is required by law to allow all interested parties the opportunity to present evidence and public comments regarding items on the TAC meeting agenda. Public meetings are open to the public. Members of the press may attend.

Comments may be submitted on or before Tuesday, September 16, 2025, and should be addressed to the Long-Range Planning Division, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Karly Maltby, Calvert – St. Mary's MPO Administrator, with St. Mary's County Government's Department of Land Use & Growth Management via email at Karly.Maltby@stmaryscountymd.gov

This meeting can be attended virtually; the Meeting ID is 430 427 6617 and the call-in number is (301) 715-8592. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4304276617?omn=85161472218>

For questions or more information, please contact Karly Maltby, Calvert-St. Mary's MPO Administrator, with St. Mary's County Government's Department of Land Use & Growth Management at (301) 475-4200 ext. 1507 or via email at Karly.Maltby@stmaryscountymd.gov or visit <https://www.calvert-stmarysmpo.com/>.

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Mechanicsville Man Arrested on Firearms, Narcotics Charges

Following an extensive investigation into suspected drug-related activities, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division executed search and seizure warrants on a residence in the 26000 block of Loveville Road in Mechanicsville on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, resulting in the arrest of Glenn Fitzgerald Fenwick on multiple charges.

During the search, detectives located and seized a quantity of crack cocaine, two suspected fentanyl pills, CDS-related paraphernalia, and a loaded Polymer 80 regulated firearm.

Fenwick, 63, was charged with 13 counts, including

- Possession of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime
- Possession of ammunition after being prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm
- Possession of a controlled dangerous substance: fentanyl
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Glenn Fitzgerald Fenwick

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- Manufacture/distribute/possess digital scales with suspected cocaine residue
- Possession of a regulated firearm after being convicted of possession with intent to distribute narcotics

Fenwick was transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, where he remains incarcerated on no-bond status.

This case remains open. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Unit at 301-475-4040.

Press release from SMCSO

County Announces Labor Day Operations

All St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) administrative offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day. Offices will resume normal operating schedules on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

The September 1 closure 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
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- The six Convenience Centers and the St. Andrews Landfill
- The Animal Adoption & Resource Center

The following SMCG operations will be open on September 1:

- Great Mills Pool (11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Wellness & Aquatics Center (6 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

- St. Clement's Island Museum*, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, and the Old Jail Museum (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Wicomico Shores Golf Course and Riverview Restaurant
- Elms Beach, Myrtle Point & Snow Hill waterfront parks (8 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
- Splash Pad at Nicolet Park (12 p.m. – 6 p.m.)

Please note that the St. Clement's Island Museum building will close for construction effective Wednesday, August 27, 2025, with only limited services available (i.e., seasonal water taxi to St. Clement's Island, museum store, etc.). Read the full news release for details at: <https://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/pio/docs/2025-163NewsReleaseSCI-MuseumConstructionClosure.pdf>.

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Crabs: A Labor Day Weekend Tradition

Quality, Quantity High in September, October

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

For many local people, a tray stacked high with steamed crabs on a table surrounded by family and friends is an ideal way to spend the Labor Day weekend. It's considered the perfect close to summer.

But far from the close to the time for enjoying crabs. Late summer and early fall are considered to be the best time for crabs, which are heavy with their succulent bounty.

Kevin Thompson of Thompson's Seafood in Mechanicsville, said, "The crab are extremely good. We have some most of the time cheaper because it's getting to the end of the summer, normally. Really after this holiday, people kind of think there aren't any more crabs."

Not so. Thompson said, "I have nice jumbos. I have large, even the number twos (smaller ones) are nice, and they have some size to them."

The Labor Day weekend drop off is an historic issue for watermen. Matthew Scales, Seafood Marketing Director of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, said, "I'm glad you bring that up. October is National Seafood Month, but I also, in talking with watermen and restaurants, and I've been doing this for a couple years now, October is like the best time to get crabs. They're the heaviest, and you're going to get some of the best crabs around in the

September and October timeframe."

Thompson's Seafood is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and it's still a good business, Thompson said.

On a good day, such as one of the Labor Day weekend days, Thompson will push 100 bushels of crabs out his doors.

He says he deals with a number of watermen. "Because we've been doing this for years, I always, even when you have people say there's not many crabs or there ain't no crabs, I always have plenty of crabs."

They're running about \$60 a dozen for Number 1's.

"We've been doing this so long and we're known for it. If people buy seafood, it's one of those things, you have to trust what you're getting."

Maryland and crabs go together like night and day. Scales said, "A lot of people still think of crabs and think of Maryland. Crabs and corn or crabs and tomatoes, and we still want to make sure that people think about that when they're coming here. We do a number of different campaigns that highlight that. This is the second year where we've had our Eat like a Marylander campaign. It runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It's our summer campaign highlighting agriculture, seafood, everything local. And we advertise in a number of different places and one of them is BWI Airport. One of our photographers who was flying in heard one of the travelers that just came in BWI saw

our ad with crabs on it. And the couple said we have to make sure we get crabs while we're here."

Although he doesn't have the exact statistics, most of the crabs caught in Maryland are eaten in Maryland.

They do have a True-Blue campaign for Maryland seafood and do have restaurants outside the state participating.

"We certify them, they have to submit an application and invoices that they're buying from Maryland crab processors. And then based on that, they have to be serving 75 percent on their menu."

He added, "There are some that are in Florida, Delaware, Pennsylvania, that are serving Maryland crabs, which is great, but we don't, at least currently actively promote outside the state," adding, "There's a high demand for Maryland crab."

He said, "We're trying to combat issues like the blue catfish who are eating the blue crab."

He observed, "Taste what you taste, like what you eat. So, if you eat the blue catfish, it's a little bit like blue crab, and it's also helping the blue crab population the more blue catfish that you're eating."

So, the state is encouraging the fishing of invasive species like blue catfish. There will be a blue catfish eating contest at next week's Maryland State Fair.

One option for crabs this Labor Day weekend is catching them yourself or buying them live and steaming them yourself.

The following is a recipe from the state of Maryland for doing that:

Steam times will vary depending on the size of the pot used, the number of crabs being steamed and what type of heat source is being used.

In addition to tips on how to steam blue crabs, there is a reference guide that shows the approximate times for steaming different amounts of crabs. You will notice as the crabs are getting closer to being done that steam will start to push out from under the lid.

It is recommended that you continue steaming the crabs after the steam has become more apparent for an additional 5 to 20 minutes depending on the amount of crabs. The top shell of the crabs will be a shade of orange when they are completely cooked. One of the most useful tips about how to steam blue crabs is very simple. If you notice crabs with blue or green splotches on the shell continue cooking until they are completely orange.

When the crabs are completely cooked remove them from the pot and they are now ready to be served. 1 dozen crabs 15 minutes, 1/2 bushel 20 minutes, 1 bushel 35 minutes. You can also get steamed Maryland crabs easily with US shipping from ilove-crabs.com.

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County Pursues Zero-Based Budgeting

Will Start as Pilot Project

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) will be initiating a pilot project on zero-based budgeting for next fiscal's years budget. Several agencies, including the Department of Finance, will be selected to change to the new budgeting method. Commissioner Mike Hewitt observed that the transition made sense, because several departments were under new leadership.

Chief Financial Officer Vanetta Van Cleave noted with the operating budget process just concluded, "What we were doing was incremental budgeting, taking past history, adding on any increases, or recognizing any decreases. Moving through during the course of that conversation, there was interest expressed in learning more about zero-based budgeting."

With zero-based budgeting she said, "Every expense must be justified for each new period, starting from a zero base. Hence the zero based (ZBB). Unlike traditional budgeting, which adjusts prior budget, CBB requires a fresh evaluation of all expenses."

Hewitt asked, "What is different than what we're doing now? We always expect people to be able to justify their request. I know Commissioner Colvin and myself, probably other commissioners, have always talked to how we end up with money that hasn't been spent at the end of the year, and

why was it requested, if it wasn't going to be used, or if it hadn't been used in a couple years. How is this going to be different by requiring a fresh evaluation? Right now, we're not doing fresh evaluations?"

Van Cleave responded, "We're doing incremental evaluations."

She added, "It's a different perspective. So, I can't speak to the individual levels of analysis that each division manager goes through in their analysis of what those changes need to be. But in many cases, it's just looking at what did I budget last year? What did I spend, what have I seen change? And layering that information onto the existing budget."

She said the pros of zero-based budgeting include "alignment of spending with strategic goals," plus, "Higher accountability and increased transparency. So, this really promotes a culture of ownership and responsibility. Each line item has an actual justification associated with it. Rather than just justifying the increases or the decreases, we're actually speaking to that line item. It encourages innovation. We rethink the processes as we really dig into what is it we're doing and why are we doing it. We rethink those processes, and this may promote cost efficiency."

She added, though, "Let me point out that is not a primary goal...but we may identify unnecessary spending during the course of this. When we look at it from a strategic perspective, we may identify gaps in our processes, and it allows more transparent

priority setting. When each line is justified and is associated with a strategic goal, then the commissioners can prioritize based on the extent to which those projects, those resources are being spent according to the strategic goals."

But she noted, "On the con side, there may be some resistance to change. People say they've been doing it the same way for a long time. "So, that can be a major hurdle to overcome. It requires a lot of change management. And the implementation of this as a success is dependent on staff skill sets and efficiency. So, it is a completely different perspective on budgeting."

Van Cleave said, "It's very time consuming when you're looking not just at changes, but when you're actually justifying each line item and thinking through those processes, it's a lot more labor intensive than our current process. There's a high administrative burden, requires documentation, justification, and identifies gaps."

Commissioner Scott Ostrow says he uses zero-based budgeting in his day job. He said, "I think it'd be beneficial to explain what that really looks like so people can understand what that justification process really is."

Van Cleave said, "Looking at departments, divisions, directors, managers, they're little mini business owners. Non-profit business, but a business nonetheless. So, looking at the goals, what do you want to achieve this year? Starting there, rather than starting with what

money do you have to work with from last year and what can we increase? Looking at really, what do you want to achieve? Okay, now, how are you going to achieve that? Now what is your operating plan to reach those goals? Here's your plan. What are your activities within that plan, and what resources do you need to get those activities done to reach those goals?"


Van Cleave said if the goal is customer service satisfaction, "What do we need to get there? Do we need more staffing? Do we need more hours on the telephone lines?" Or, "Currently, we only have 12 hours of staffing, and we want expand to 24. We would need this level of staffing, therefore the resources required would be x. And it all flows together."

The commissioners by consensus agreed to proceed with the policy conversion and have Van Cleave come back with her suggestion as to which departments would participate.


They also agreed to a change in budgeting of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Capital Projects Manager Gary Whipple, who chaired a committee to review the CIP process, said instead of putting the various stages of a project in the plan, the construction phase would be withheld until the design and feasibility were determined, and a clearer cost was established.

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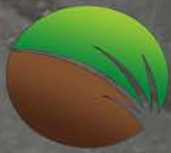
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