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LOCAL 8
 Hollywood Square Construction Begins

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Republicans Nearly Take All in St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Red Wave predicted just before this year's midterm elections may have only been a trickle nationwide and Republicans appear to have underperformed, but in St. Mary's the party's influence remains dominant in virtually every aspect of state and local politics.

The only race in which the GOP seemingly fell short was in District 29B where Deb Rey came close to unseating Democrat incumbent Brian Crosby for the delegate seat she once held.

Though the race was close — the candidates were separated by just 327 votes — Crosby claimed victory.

He defeated Rey in 2018 to be the only Democrat in the St. Mary's County delegation to the General Assembly in Annapolis.

"I am humbled to be able to continue my service to you over the next four years," Crosby said in a statement to his supporters on social media. "I want to thank everyone who pitched in over the last 18 months to make this a reality."

Going into election night, Rey said she felt good about her chances.

"It feels a little like 2014," Rey said the night of Nov. 8 waiting for election returns to come in, noting the national sentiment appeared to lean towards a Red Wave much like it did when she was first elected.

Rey unseated the long-serving Democrat John Bohanan in an upset victory eight years ago.

Later, when all of the precincts reported in voting numbers, they showed Rey trailing close behind Crosby with 4,710 votes of her own to the incumbent's 5,037.

On Tuesday night Rey said she would not concede to Crosby until the second canvassing of mail-in ballots.

On the first canvassing of mail-in ballots Crosby received 506 votes to Rey's 189.

Wendy Adkins, director of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections said that there were still 4,297 mail-in ballots left to be opened and counted.

"That's not counting what's in the drop boxes and what's in the mail as of Nov. 9," Adkins said.

The bulk of the second canvassing of mail-in ballots will take place Nov. 10 and Nov. 11, said Adkins, while the final canvassing will take place Nov. 18.

In District 29C, County Commissioner Todd Morgan, now term-limited after 12 years in the position, was far ahead in his race to take the delegate's seat with 5,673 votes to Democrat challenger Bill Bates' 2,297 votes in St. Mary's.

District 29 C spans both St. Mary's and Calvert counties but only a relatively small portion of it rests in Calvert.

Morgan thanked his family, friends and supporters for his apparent victory; he also congratulated his opponent on a race well run.

"I'm really honored," Morgan said the morning of Nov. 9. "I'm privileged and honored to represent them as their delegate."

"My door is always open."

District 29 State Senator Jack Bailey and District 29A Del. Matt Morgan both ran unopposed to retake their seats in the General Assembly.

Bailey got 24,573 votes while Matt Morgan received 11,372.

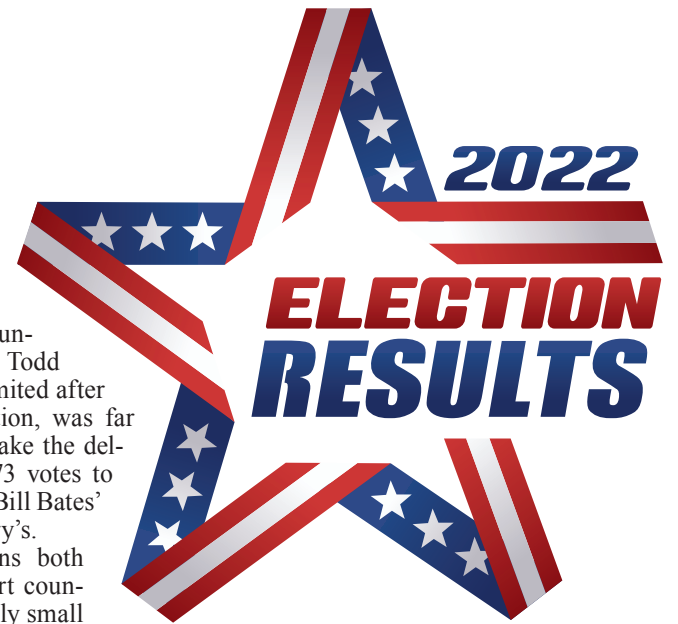
Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy easily won reelection with 22,186 votes to Democrat challenger Natalie Weech's 7,924 votes. Though Weech was on the ballot, she had been deemed ineligible to hold the office after she revealed she had only lived in the county for three years when the legal residency requirement was five years.

District 1 Commissioner Eric Colvin was in the lead with 21,065 votes to Democrat challenger Sheila Milburn's 10,065 votes.

District 2 Commissioner Mike Hewitt likewise was in the lead with 20,102 votes against Democrat challenger Brandon Russell's 10,941 votes.

District 3 will have a new commissioner in Mike Alderson who won in the primary against Elizabeth O'Connor wife of outgoing county commissioner John O'Connor.

Alderson, who ran unopposed in



the general election, garnered 24,155 votes.

In District 4, the seat Todd Morgan is vacating, newcomer Scott Ostrow lead with 19,907 against Democrat challenger Steve Tuttle, who garnered 10,902 votes.

In the school board races, Karen Bailey, who ran unopposed, retained her at-large seat, while newcomer Dorothy Andrews surpassed Marsha Williams in the non-partisan race with 14,179 votes to Williams' 11,025 votes.

Both Jaymi Sterling, daughter of outgoing Gov. Larry Hogan, and Sheriff's Office Captain Steve Hall won the State's Attorney's Office and sheriff's races respectively as there were no Democrat challengers.

Sterling received 25,533 votes, while Hall received 25,967 votes.

In other state-wide races St. Mary's voted overwhelmingly for GOP gubernatorial candidate Dan Cox and comptroller candidate Barry Glassman but both failed to realize their ambitions to those offices in a state with a 2-to-1 advantage for Democrats.

GOP attorney general candidate Michael Peroutka also failed in his bid against Anthony Brown, though Peroutka got the lion's share of votes in St. Mary's.

Likewise incumbent Democrat U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen won handily in his reelection bid against Chris Chaffee as did U.S. Rep Steny Hoyer, a Democrat, against Chris Palombi.

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Fire Destroys California Home

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A family with two young children had to flee their home on Dement Lane in California in the early morning hours of Nov. 8 as a reported fire in their basement quickly engulfed the entire house.

According to a social media report from the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department: "The fire was knocked [down in] about 45 minutes after the arrival of the first personnel.

"All searches of the home were negative and all occupants were evacuated before the arrival of any fire personnel. Company 1 remained on scene after the fire was reported out by command to assist with extensive overhaul."

A cause for the fire has yet to be offered by the State Fire Marshals Office.

The owners of the home, which was completely destroyed, are receiving support through a GoFundMe page started by a supporter after their being displaced.

Firefighters responded to the emergency call just before 1 a.m. on Monday, according to Leonardtown volunteers.

According to the GoFundMe page, Joe and Mary Brennan have one child who has critical medical needs.

"They have lost everything: clothing, shoes, furniture, toys, bedding, blankets - absolutely everything," the site page reads. "This also includes medical and care supplies for their son, Rush, who has GSD (glycogen storage disease) and has extreme medical needs, including expensive Dexcom supplies and special formula.

"Due to his GSD diagnosis, medically, Rush needs to eat every two hours, or he will experience life-threatening blood sugar levels. These are monitored with Dexcom devices, which are not covered by medical insurance as this usage is not within the normal scope or usage of said devices, making Joe and Mary pay for them out of pocket."

The Brennans are pursuing insurance claims for their loss.

"Joe and Mary had home insurance and will go through the process of filing a claim, but they have critical needs to replace needed medical equipment which would not be covered, or even if covered, would not be paid out in time to be replaced," the web page stated.

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Veteran's Day Parade Cancelled

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Citing impending bad weather, to include rains and high winds, the Town of Leonardtown as well as county government have decided to cancel the 47th Veteran's Day Parade that loops through the town square.

This is the second cancellation of the parade since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020; it is widely regarded as one of the largest if not the largest Veteran's Day parade in Maryland.

Though the parade has been cancelled, a small memorial ceremony has been scheduled to take its place.

"A small memorial will be held inside the Town Hall on Washington Street at 11 a.m. on the second floor," a town announcement stated. "If there is a break in the weather, a wreath laying ceremony will be held outside in the Leonardtown Square directly after the Memorial at approximately 11:45 a.m."

"In the event of heavy rain and dangerous conditions, the Ceremony will be canceled as well and the Town will make arrangements to place the wreaths at a later date."

Laschelle McKay, town administrator, said the cancellation was regrettable but necessary.



"We're really disappointed," said McKay. "It's always one of our favorite days to honor our vets."

"And everyone enjoys the parade."

The parade included many veterans and civic organizations who marched in it; Gov. Larry Hogan made several appearances there over the years as well.

School marching bands also participated as well as fire department and rescue squads.

Town officials estimate that up to 3,500 participants march in the parade each year and that as many as 5,000 spectators would line the portion of the parade route through the town square to support those marching.

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Early Voting Numbers Dwarf Primary Results

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Early voting and mail-in ballot return numbers indicate a vigorous turnout for this year's general election compared to the July 19 primary.

The latest numbers sent from the St. Mary's County Board of Elections to its parent board at the state show that 9,074 residents cast their ballots during the eight days of early voting, which ended last week on Nov. 3.

The number represents a little more than 12 percent of the more than 75,000 registered voters in St. Mary's

In comparison, just 4,451 residents came out to vote early during the summer or just under 6 percent of total registered voters.

Local data showed that some of the highest turnout during early voting took place on the first two days and the last day, with more Republicans coming out to vote than Democrats by sometimes small and sometimes broad margins.

Democrats, though have far outpaced Republicans both in requesting and returning mail-in ballots.

Of the 8,698 mail-in ballots sent out to St. Mary's voters, the state board's records show a total of 5,464 have already been returned.

Of those 2,971 were from Democrats, 1,673 were from Republicans with 813 coming from either unaffiliated voters or those belonging to other parties.

The early voter turnout for this mid-term election is still less than half of the general in the 2020 presidential election when 20,357 voters came out to cast a ballot.

In that election 55,151 mail-in ballots were sent out to St. Mary's residents, state records show, with Republicans returning 9,224 and Democrats returning 10,703.

There were three early voting sites open to voters, one at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, and the others at the Hollywood and Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire houses this election season.

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Pilots at NAS PAX will be conducting Field Carrier Landing Practices (FCLPs). FCLPs are simulated carrier landings conducted to prepare the pilot to land safely on an aircraft carrier. They consist of a series of touch-and-go maneuvers where airspeed, altitude, and power are all precisely choreographed in order for a pilot to approach a ship within an acceptable window to land on the deck safely. FCLP training is essential for the precision and safety of our service members and the success of their mission. Landing on an aircraft carrier is one of the most difficult tasks in military aviation. It is a highly complex and perishable skill, and requires intense period of training before pilots deploy. Residents may notice increased noise levels due to these operations.

As with all operations, NAS Patuxent River takes precautions to lessen the impact of testing activities on the community. For more information, call 1-866-819-9028.

Hollywood Commercial Project Finally Underway

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Construction grading began last week on a commercial project on Mervell Dean Road that was last approved by the county planning commission back in 2019.

The project known as Hollywood Square is finally being built in an effort to expand casual dining opportunities to a community that has grown quickly in the last 10 years.

Under construction immediately behind the Bruster's Ice Cream shop, the Hollywood Square project will construct a 1,400 square foot restaurant, a 1,225-square foot carry out store, a 1,200-square foot coffee shop and 600 square feet of outdoor seating.

In December of 2019 the Commissioners of St. Mary's County included the project in the county's comprehensive water and sewer plan; though there was some opposition as the development was thought by some to be too intensive for such a small piece of property.

The plot of land is just .64 acres in size.

The month before, the county Board of Appeals voted by a 3-to-2 margin to approve variances for the project that much reduced buffers and setbacks normally required by the zoning ordinance.

That vote took place Nov. 14 with some of the appeals board members opposing the variance for the project



because it was too large for the small space upon which it was to be built.

The site plan had been revised since its first hearing before the board of appeals in August, with square footage reductions to the restaurant and carry out to 1,400 square feet and 1,225 square feet respectively with the coffee shop increasing to 1,200 square feet from 952 square feet.

The conditions of the variance were that the developer must put up a 10-foot buffer of plantings along the immediate section of Clarks Landing Road as well as Mervell Dean Road and a 6-foot buffer of plantings along its rear towards Route 235.

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CSM Names Dr. Yolanda Wilson Next President SMCHD Announces Changes to COVID-19 Testing & Vaccine Services

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Board of Trustees has selected Dr. Yolanda Wilson as the college's sixth president following an extensive nationwide search. The board voted unanimously in support of Wilson's appointment during a public meeting held Nov. 3. Wilson will become the first African-American president to lead the college in its 64-year-history.

Wilson comes to CSM from Wilkes Community College (WCC) in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, where she is vice president of instruction, Ashe Campus and Alleghany Center and is a leadership coach for Achieving the Dream. A veteran professor and administrator of the North Carolina and South Carolina community college systems for more than 22 years, Wilson began her career as an adjunct faculty member and then moved into more progressive leadership roles in both academic affairs, student services, and campus operations. Her work in higher education has centered on creating a student-ready college culture, mitigating institutional barriers to access, retention, and completion, and strategically focusing on programming and policies that support all students to success.

Wilson has completed the 2019-2020 Aspen Rising President's Fellowship program, received the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator's Awards – both internationally and within the Carolinas, and was recognized as the South Carolina Technical Education Association Administrator of the Year at York Technical College. She currently serves on the Aspen Institute Alumni Advisory Council, the Wilkes Community Foundation Board, and three North Carolina Community College System committees: the Curriculum Committee, the Transfer Advisory Committee, and the Developmental Education Advisory Council. She is board secretary and Region 2 director for the American Association for Women in Community Colleges and chairs reaffirmation visits for the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Wilson will start her presidency Jan. 1, 2023. She is succeeding CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy who will retire Dec. 31, 2022, after serving as CSM's president for more than five years.

"Thanks to the exceptional work of CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy and this college's leadership, faculty, staff and students, the College of Southern Maryland has an outstanding national reputation – and that was clearly reflected in the quality and quantity of applicants who applied for the presidency," said CSM Board of Trustee Chair Shawn Coates, who with immediate past Trustee Chair Jay Webster, co-chaired the search committee. "The CSM Board of Trustees is proud to have unanimously approved Dr. Wilson as our next president and we are eager to partner with her to move forward our mission to transform lives and create increased economic mobility in Southern Mary-



land. Dr. Wilson comes to CSM with an impressive leadership background in higher education and we are excited that she will foster positive relationships with faculty, staff, students, and the local community positioning CSM for continued excellence."

"I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to serve as the sixth president of the College of Southern Maryland and return with my family to the beautiful state I call home," said Wilson. "CSM has a strong legacy of transforming the lives of its students and the surrounding region both educationally and economically, and it is a true testament to the outstanding leadership and commitment of the faculty, staff, board members and community partners for student equity and success. I look forward to working with this amazing CSM community as we honor and build upon this powerful legacy and am elated to join a community with such a heart for serving and supporting all students to success."

Wilson was born and raised in Prince George's County, Maryland, earning her bachelor's degree in English Education and her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Maryland, College Park. She completed her Ed.D. in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University. She shared that she is blessed to be married to her best friend, Dale, and together they have three sons: Bryan, Brandon, and Braxton.

SMCHD Announces Changes to COVID-19 Testing & Vaccine Services

Effective November 14, 2022, the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is moving COVID-19 operations, including testing and vaccine appointments to the St. Mary's County Health Hub, located at 21625 Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, with the exception of vaccinations for infants and young children. Pfizer vaccines for children (ages six months - four years) and Moderna vaccines for children (ages six months - five years) will continue to be offered in the Health Clinic at the main office in Leonardtown.

COVID-19 vaccinations for older children and adults will be offered by appointment at the Health Hub. COVID-19 testing will be available at the Health Hub Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. as follows:

PCR testing (results in 2-4 days), appointments recommended to decrease wait time

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For more information on COVID-19 testing, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-testing.

For more information or to make a vaccine appointment, please visit: smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine and select the patient age group for available clinic dates. Call SMCHD at (301) 475-4330 for questions or assistance making an appointment over the phone. Please review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 Vaccination prior to registering for a vaccine appointment. COVID-19 vaccines are also available through primary care offices and local pharmacies.

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James Wilmer "Jim" Bailey, Jr.,



James Wilmer "Jim" Bailey, Jr., 74, of Lusby, MD, passed away on October 29, 2022 at his home. Born on September 5, 1948 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of the late

James Wilmer Bailey, Sr. and the late Agnes Lorraine Wallace Bailey. Jim married Martha Ann Millikan on November 24, 1971 in Houston, TX. Fifty years married, Jim's life has been filled with adventure, joy, and the love of family and friends. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Elsie Summers (Jason) of St. Mary's City, MD and Mary Lu Dove (Rick) of Lexington Park, MD, his sisters, Pat Leslie (John) St. Augustine, FL, Glenda Joyce of California, MD, and Franny Bailey of Hollywood, MD, as well as his grandchildren, Natalie, Steven, and Lyra Summers. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Jean Wills and his brother, John Lee Bailey.

Jim attended St. John's Catholic School in Hollywood, MD. He graduated from Chopticon High School in 1967, and enlisted in the Army in 1968; he then served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He performed the duties of a crew chief/door gunner on gunship helicopters in Wolf Pack in the 281st Assault Helicopter Company. The 281st AHC was the first special operations company in the United States Army. Jim was awarded 17 air medals, including one with "V"

Device (for Valor). He participated in Project Delta. When he departed from the Army in 1971, he was a maintenance electrician in Houston, TX. He moved his family to Maryland in 1997. Jim worked from several DOD contractors as a facilities coordinator at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, 281st AHC, The Special Operations Association, The Disabled American Veterans, The Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Southern Knights Car Club. Jim was in the Recycled Bluegrass Band and in the Uncloudy Day Band. He enjoyed performing bluegrass country and gospel music. Jim wrote the song, "Sitting in the Door." It is a song about him being a chief/door gunner during his tour in Vietnam. Jim enjoyed going to car shows with his 1957 Chevy Bellaire. He had his family childhood car restored and he always said that the 57 looks like it did when he was young.

Jim retired in April 2022 from SA-TECH. He enjoyed travelling to Texas, going on a cruise to Alaska, and going to his 281st Army reunion in New Orleans during a three-month span.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, at a later date. Serving as pallbearers will be Tommy Alvey, Jay Armsworthy, John Brawley, Mickey Dillow, Ray Faulstich,

and Randy Stillwell. Honorary pallbearers will be Phil Cameron and Jack Tippet.

Contributions may be made to the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary, P.O. Box 94, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

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

Mr. Theodore Carl Carroll



Mr. Theodore Carl Carroll, 70 of Montgomery Village, MD passed away on Thursday, November 3, 2022. He was the beloved husband of the late Mercie Carroll; loving father of Tammy Carroll; son of the late Bernard and Edna Ridgell Carroll; brother of the late Philip Carroll and wife Gay, Jeanette Kepner and husband Tom, Leo Carroll and his late wife Brenda, the late Larry Carroll and wife Carol, the late Ada Spelz, John Carroll and wife Debbie, the late Alan Carroll, the late David Carroll, Teresa Burke and husband David, the late George Carroll, and Marjorie Carroll, twin brother to Timothy Carroll and wife Joyce, Marian Trossback and her late husband David and Walter Carroll and wife Wendy. Mr. Carroll is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Known by Ted to friends or Teddy to family, he was a quiet and humble man who lived his life with devotion to his faith, family, and friends. As he said, "Growing up, if the church doors were open, we were there" referring to services and service projects. That seed for love of the church and serving others was planted early and certainly took root. Before his illness left him unable to do so, he participated wholeheartedly in church services and activities and found ways to pitch in... from watching babies to fixing electronic equipment. This extended well beyond the walls of the church; friends and family knew that if he was able to help, he would. He would regularly fix broken lamps, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, dishwashers, refrigerator, and ice machines... All free of charge except for the cost of the broken part. He also valued family and looked forward to time spent with his parents, siblings, and their families. He loved his wife and daughter, and when his wife became ill he altered his life to fill the needs so that he and his daughter, Tammy, could care for her at home until her passing and Tammy could remain in college.

He enjoyed visiting amusement parks, reading, watching movies, listening to music, and all things Christmas. Vacations would typically find him at Kings Dominion or Busch Gardens with an occasional Disney trip thrown in. He had an extensive movie collection; it is not always easy to define what kind of movie he liked—the grading scale just seem to be in his head. He could often be found laying perfectly still on the couch, listening to music. He wasn't asleep, but you only knew that since his eyes would open if he sensed you there. He loved Christmas and every vacation included visits to a local Christmas shop. He would have listened to Christmas music and watched Christmas movies year-

round if his daughter had an implement of the "not before October 21st" rule after she became an adult. (When she was growing up, the house rule was you could only watch Christmas movies if sick or starting sometime in November through January). But would occasionally be caught sneaking in some Christmas music and movies early.

The last 12 years saw him cutting back and increasing ways, but he remained grateful for whatever he was able to do and enjoy; be that old television shows, or milkshakes. After he was no longer able to walk, he would always say something to the effect of "I'm not in any pain or discomfort, I'm doing well." And either "God is good" or "God is faithful". He was deeply loved, and will be deeply missed.

Friends may call at Covenant Life Church, 7501 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, MD on Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM with a service to follow. Interment will follow at All Souls Cemetery, Germantown, MD.

James Richard Harding, Sr



James Richard Harding, Sr., 71, of Mechanicsville, passed away peacefully at Hospice House Callaway. Born the son of Mary Agnes & Raymond E. Harding of Mechanicsville, MD,

Jimmy dropped out of school to pursue a career as a carpenter or "nail bender" as he preferred to call it. Jimmy swung his steady hammer for 50+ years, helping to build numerous homes in St. Mary's, Charles and other counties in Maryland. In his later years, he found time to rest peacefully with his cats, Samantha and Lulu sitting comfortably on his lap. In 1970, Jimmy married the love of his life, Sue, and together they raised 5 beautiful & caring kids.

Jimmy enjoyed being a part of the St. Mary's County Men's Horseshoe League for many years. He loved driving his beloved 2011 Chevy Camaro and singing along to the old country classics. He was happiest watching Wheel of Fortune, you better not call between 7-7:30!

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, son, Brian Harding and granddaughter, Gwynn Marie, and his siblings, Kenneth Harding & Mary Readmond. He is survived by his wife, Sue, his four children, Ricky Harding (Kellie), Andy Harding (Meagan), Kristy Russell (Jordan), and Robyn Harding. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, Seth Harding (Madeline), Logan Harding, Ceci Grimes (Asahiah), Eve Harding (Brooke), Justin, Leigha, Dylan & Abigail Harding, Adair & Zandra Fox, and Andi & Alex Gardner.

Visitation will be at MGFH, Leonardtown, MD on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 10-11:30 a.m. with a prayer service at 11:30 a.m.

Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hospice House in Callaway or a local charity of your choice.

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The draft update can be viewed at: <http://go.boarddocs.com/md/stmarysco/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJXJ3L4AF420>.

Those wishing to address the Commissioners may participate in-person, or by email, written correspondence, or prerecorded video submissions. The public hearing may be viewed on SMCG Channel 95 or the SMCG YouTube Channel.

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via;

- a. Email: csmc@stmaryscountymd.gov
- b. U.S. Mail: PO Box 653 Leonardtown, MD 20650
- c. Submit a 3-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmaryscountymd.gov no later than 5:00 PM, November 22, 2022.

All submissions will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or seven (7) days following the Public Hearing.

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COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
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A View From The BLEACHERS FOR SALE



By Ronald N. Guy Jr.

Sports fans, the real junkies, chronicle major events like the general population documents lived history; the details - where we were, who we were with, the time of day - are stored in our brains and protected with a level of personal encryption that codes them as "Nat King Cole memories" (i.e. "Unforgettable").

Here's one of mine.

Twenty-eight years ago, I traveled down a two-lane highway lined with white sands and palm trees and surrounded by sparkling blue water in all directions. The radio played contemporary alternative rock and my hangover faded with each aggressively struck guitar chord.

Breaking sports news interrupted the tunes; Jimmy Johnson, fresh off consecutive Super Bowl titles, was resigning as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys. As a then passionate fan of Washington's football team, and sworn Dallas hater, I was smitten; Johnson's departure would likely trigger the breakdown of a Dallas dynasty that appeared poised to become the NFL's greatest. That the reason was self-inflicted - Texas wasn't big enough for owner Jerry Jones's and Johnson's egos to coexist - only increased my pleasure.

Hangover? What hangover? I was cured - The Dallas Miracle! - and looking forward to a celebratory beer...or six.

While Dallas would win one additional Super Bowl with Barry Switzer as head coach, the Cowboys were never the same after Johnson's exit. The Jones-Johnson divorce, to this day, is one of the NFL's great "what ifs" - and thankfully so.

Now it gets weird. Nearly thirty years later, I'm back in that same place - white sands, palm trees, little latitudes. A smartphone replaced the radio with more planet-shifting sports news.

My buddy's text: "Snyder is selling the team!"

Me: "Stop. Are you serious?"

His reply: "It's legit. I wouldn't set you up like that."

No, he wouldn't. Not as a fellow long-suffering Washington Commanders fan. If any Commanders fan stumbled on a genie in a bottle offering three football wishes, only one would be needed: a new owner. The end of Dan Snyder's ownership would be nothing short of football salvation...and salvation just might be in

the offing.

Details soon followed our text exchange: Snyder, entangled in multiple lawsuits, congressional investigations, boycotted by Taylor Swift and universally hated by his team's fan base, had hired Bank of America to explore selling the team. The process will be lengthy, and a new owner is not guaranteed, but this marked Snyder's first indication of a willingness to sell.

Hope replaces hopelessness.

Whatever the end, books will be written about Snyder's regime. An ESPN 30 for 30 is inevitable. Business schools will study it as a great cautionary tale. So, my words here can't do the horror of Snyder's ownership justice. Suffice to say, he has ruined one of the great brands in sports. He oversaw a predatory work environment. He has disenchanted sponsors and alienated former players. Three governments - Maryland, Virginia and D.C. - have little interest in his want for a new stadium. His minority owners have fled. Congress has taken him to task. Even his fellow NFL owners - many of them bandits themselves - have been shamed into speaking out against him. Snyder is increasingly isolated and, if appearances are any judge, miserable - frankly, I hope he is.

What would new ownership mean? Could the Commanders again be a source of civic pride, an entity capable of beautifully uniting the great demographic diversity that exists across the DMV region? That seems a premature, nostalgic dream. For now, Snyder's predicament and potential downfall is the story. He represents the consequence of hubris, of entitlement, of an insular world of skewed truth, of self-proclaimed martyrdom and failure to take responsibility, of ethical corruption and of, ultimately, the failure to treat people with decency and respect.

As with Johnson's departure from the Cowboys three decades ago, time will tell what Snyder's potential divestment of the Commanders means. I can only hope it has as much positive impact on D.C. football as Johnson's departure detracted from the Cowboys. Like many Commanders fans, I cling to a simple dream. I just want my team back. The one I loved, win or lose. The one that existed before Dan Snyder.

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

Identity Needed for Theft Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the man pictured in a theft investigation. On Friday, Nov. 3, 2022, at 12:05 pm, the suspect placed two bottles of alcohol in his pockets and left the Early Bird Liquor Store in Hollywood without paying. The suspect then crossed the street to the Tractor Supply store, removed an airsoft BB gun from the store's shelf and left without paying for that item.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Donald Shubrooks at 301-475-4200, ext. 78176 or email donald.shubrooks@stmaryscountymd.gov. Case numbers 56740-22 and 56748-22

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact the St. Mary's County Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.



On View Arrests:

Burglary- On October 27, 2022, Dep. Rodriguez responded to the 46000 block of Chapman Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported burglary. Upon arrival Dep. Rodriguez observed pry marks on the door, and the door appeared to have been forced open. Jeremy Raymond Eberle, age 32 of no fixed address, was located inside the residence and arrested. Located on Eberle was a homemade screwdriver that appeared to have been utilized in the burglary. Eberle was arrested and charged with Burglary 4th Degree and Possession of Burglary Tools.



Violate Protective Order- On October 27, 2022, Dep. Kril responded to the 48000 block of Driftwood Court in Lexington Park, for the reported violation of a protective order. Samantha Meiza Matthews, age 26 of no fixed address was located at the address in violation of a valid court order. Matthews was arrested and charged with Violation of Protective Order.




Violate Peace Order- On October 27, 2022, Dep. Lawrence responded to the 24000 block of Three Notch Road in Hollywood, for the reported violation of a peace order. Investigation determined Joseph Dekker Wilson-Wood, age 22 of Hollywood, sent a text message to the victim in violation of a valid court order. Wilson-Wood was arrested and charged with Peace Order-Fail to Comply.



Trespassing- On November 2, 2022, Dep. Absher responded to the 21600 block of Liberty Street in Lexington Park, for the reported trespassing. Investigation determined Francis Xavier Hill, age 26 of Lexington Park, came to the victim's residence several times after being advised he was not permitted on the property. Hill then threw a shoe and water bottle at a window of the residence. Hill was arrested and charged with Trespassing: Private Property.






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Veteran Homelessness Still Haunts St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County has one of the largest and most active communities of veterans in the state but even with all of the resources available here veteran homelessness continues to be a serious problem according to the head of the main shelter provider here.

"It's sad," said Sasha Seenath, director of Three Oaks Shelter in Lexington Park on Lei Drive. "Sometimes people don't even know it exists, whether it's the problem of the homeless or homeless veterans."

Staff at the shelter reaches out each week to veterans in need Seenath told The County Times, whether they are in imminent danger of losing their homes or have been homeless for a significant period of time.

The results show that there are currently a few veterans who are chronically homeless in St. Mary's — just six — according to Seenath.

"A lot of them who are chronically homeless have mental health issues or substance abuse issues," she said. "They often need some kind of subsidy."

Vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are available to some veterans she said, depending on their conditions and circumstances, she said, and the local housing authority can also help if HUD vouchers are not available.

Some of the younger generation of veterans — from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — seem to deal more with these problems than the older generation of veterans Seenath and case workers assist.

But older veterans, essentially from the Vietnam War era, are having problems avoiding homelessness as well.

Seenath said that in the last 18 months there has been an increase in elderly veterans not being able to sustain

their shelter status because of rising costs.

The problem, she said, was getting this older generation of veterans to accept the assistance to keep them from dipping into homelessness.

"They are the most humble veterans we've encountered," Seenath said. "It's difficult for them to accept a handout."

"But we shouldn't call it that, it's really a handup; that's the way to look at it."

Some of the younger generation of veterans fighting homelessness, Seenath said, "have a lack of ability to stay stable or unable to maintain... for various reasons."

Three Oaks Shelter serves veterans in St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties, Seenath said, and from Oct. 1 of last year to Sept. 30 they have had 72 veterans enroll in programs for homelessness among the tri-county area with 29 of them from St. Mary's County.

Of the six veterans who deal with chronic homelessness three of them are currently sheltered at Three Oaks and two are housed at The Mission in Lexington Park.

The remaining veteran is living in their vehicle, Sheenath said, and sometimes stays with relatives or in a rented room.

"Mental health is absolutely a barrier," to their progress, she said.

While the six homeless veterans could be perceived as a small number amongst so many living in St. Mary's, Seenath said they were the ones Three Oaks knew of.

"There's definitely more than the six," Seenath said. "There are some who don't want to obey the regulations for living in the shelter."

"I'm positive there are others in the community who haven't called in for assistance."



With the temperatures dropping, she believed that more veterans would be coming to seek assistance as staying outdoors would prove more difficult and dangerous.

Also, since the latest federal American Rescue Plan Act funds had yet to be dolled out, Seenath said, landlords renting out space to veterans who have not been or will not be able to pay rent could be put out in favor of paying residents.

"Landlords could be looking to evict," Seenath said. "We could go from six [homeless veterans] to 12."

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Veterans of Helen Looking to the Future



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For nearly 40 years now a celebration of Veterans Day in the small community of Helen has taken place alongside the main festivities in the Leonardtown town square.

And while the event is much smaller than the one held every Nov. 11 just a few miles away, it's no less important to the Veterans of Helen group that holds it each year in solemn dignity for not only those who have served in the small community but for all veterans around the country who want to become a member of the organization.

Larry Hill, president of the independent veterans' group, said the organization is open to membership from

any veteran and not just those from the Helen community; at its monument site near the old Hill's Store — which had long been in his family — has granite stones filled with the names of its members both living and deceased.

This year will be the 37th gathering at the outdoor monument on Point Lookout Road and Hill said the Veterans of Helen intend to move ahead with the memorial service regardless of the impending rainy weather.

"If it gets really nasty, we'll move the ceremony into the tent and do the best we can," Hill told The County Times. "We'll have it rain or shine."

The Helen veterans have four granite stones at their monument now commemorating their members, some who have passed away.



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“We etched 11 more names into the granite stones recently,” Hill said.

The original stone has a bronze plaque with the names of its founding members and supporters of the group.

The group has laid to rest several members in the past year, including one of its most well-known: Marine Capt. (Ret.) Jim Weber.

“He’s the guy who took the initiative,” Hill said. “He was a Marine and a go-getter and he made it happen.”

Weber was the main force behind getting the monument built next to the old Hill’s Store, which often hosted local veterans over drinks, as a way to preserve the community that he had come to settle in during and after his career in the Marine Corps.

In the mid-1980s the Helen post office was set to be closed and fears among residents were such that they feared the loss of their community’s identity.

So they rallied to create a monument to ensure the Helen community was not forgotten and it has been the site of a veterans memorial ever since.

The event doesn’t include a parade — such as the Leonardtown celebration — but it still draws dozens of residents and elected officials as well as military and police color guards.

“We’ve never had any idea to compete with the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion,” Hill said. “We have a lot of people who leave the Leonardtown [parade] and come up to our event.” With the membership of the group growing older, Hill said he and others in the Veterans of Helen are always on the lookout for younger veterans to join and keep their sole, defining event going.

“I have every intention... to keep it alive and kicking,” said Hill.

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Calvert Veteran Small Businesses Honored

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

A proclamation issued by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Nov. 1 stated, "Nearly one in 10 small businesses across the United States are veteran-owned, from Main Street storefronts to virtual high-tech startups that advance America. Veteran-owned small businesses are a pillar of our economy and contribute to the foundation of our nation."

The proclamation honored the week of Oct. 21-Nov. 6, which is set aside as National Veterans Small Business Appreciation Week.

In reading the proclamation, Commissioner Chris Gadway noted, "Veterans have a tendency to have specialized training, to have specialized leadership through the military, and it seems that every time I look over and I see a veteran-owned business that shines through in so many different ways. Most veteran small business owners are charitable. They're here to serve the community just as they served their country, and it shines through with their business models and their business practices and the way they treat their employees and their customers and everyone else."

Director of Economic Development Julie Oberg was on hand to introduce several veteran-owned business representatives, including Al Kincaid, president of Valor Construction and Valor Homes, whose first office was in Calvert, although they are now also in Annapolis, Virginia, and Delaware.

Kincaid explained to the commissioners, "Five years ago, Valor started a program called 'Operation Raise the Roof.' What we do and what we have done over the past five years is every quarter we give a free roof to a disabled veteran, also to a Gold Star mom, which is a parent of a deceased veteran who died in action. Our goal for this year is to move that from four a year to one a month."

He said earlier this year they became a 501-c-3 non-profit organization. He noted, "As funds allow, we will continue to do what we do. As of this date, Valor has financed all 21 roofs that we have done. Valor will always be involved with Operation Raise the Roof because it's part of who Valor is."

Later Oberg told The County Times her department created a Salute to Business campaign that included "a series of videos that featured Brothers Johnson, Inc. of Port Republic, Reliable Marine (Solomons)/JF Marine Service (Prince Frederick) and Valor Construction LLC of Port Republic."

She said, "We are honored that these veteran-owners chose Calvert County to be home for their businesses and we thank them for their service to our country and our community."

She observed, "The videos and spotlights (in addition to resources for veterans) are available on our website at: <https://choosecalvert.com/veteran> and on the Calvert County Government Facebook page."

Oberg said the Calvert County Veterans Affairs Commission has also created a Resource Guide for veterans available on the Commission website at: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/2855/Veterans-Affairs-Commission>."

On the video Kincaid talked about his U.S. Navy service (1965-69). "I was trained as a combat yeoman. In 1968 I went to Vietnam with a 3rd Marine Division. I was there until '69."

Kincaid asked, "Did the military help me with business? I would say it makes you a survivor and you have to be a survivor in business today."

He said he's originally from the West Coast but chose Calvert for his businesses home. "It's a beautiful place to live and a great place to have a business."

"Also on the video were Lankford and Everard Johnson of the Brothers Johnson Septic Service of Port Republic.

Lankford served in the Army from 1965 to 1967 and Everard also served in the Army for two years, being discharged as an E-4.

Everard said, "I selected Calvert County as a location for my business because Calvert County is my home. We felt that this would be the perfect place to start such a business as a septic service. Serving in Army helped me become a business leader because coming from a tobacco farm and being able to go from state to state and also being a platoon leader gave me the idea how to lead and do a business."

Lankford Johnson said, "I was taught leadership in the Army. I was a squad leader, so therefore I was in

charge of men all day and every day. So that taught me leadership and you have to have a strong leadership in order to run a business."

Dave Ulmer, owner of Reliable Marine in Solomons and JF Marine Service in Prince Frederick, served in the U.S. Navy for a total of 14 years between active duty and reserves. He was an E-5 petty officer.

He said, "I selected Calvert County as a location for my business because of the water access. Unlike other counties in the area, it is a very business-friendly county. When people think of boating in Maryland on the western shore of the Bay, they're familiar with Baltimore, Annapolis and Solomons."

As to his military experience, Ulmer said, "As a business owner, you immediately learn discipline, responsibility, accountability. Safety is a huge concern in the armed forces. Number one, you don't want to kill people, and number two, you don't want to damage equipment or destroy things. They really impress that upon you. And it's been helpful in the boating world, understanding the implications, and the liabilities involved."

He added, "And at the same time, the military wants you to be part of a team, but at the same time, it's made up of individuals. And so, part of managing people is realizing that everybody is an individual, although they're part of the team and understanding that you have to deal with each person differently."

In January Calvert County will be initiating a new grant program for small businesses (2-100 employees). The Calvert County Small Business Assistance Grant Fund is being established with \$600,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funding.

According to Oberg, the new program "is focused on the growth of our current small business community. Applicants will be able to request up to the maximum grant amount of \$50,000." Applications will be accepted during January.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers veteran entrepreneurs training and counseling, as well as assistance in finding funding, including small business loans.

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Wed, Nov 9, 2022

"Surviving the Holidays" Seminar

Patuxent Presbyterian Church
23421 Kingston Creek Road
California
6p.m. to 8p.m.

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

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Please RSVP for this FREE event (workbook included): churchteams.com/m/Register.asp?a=Q2VJRDIYOTVZznc9

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Sat, Nov 12, 2022

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Sat, Nov 12, 2022

Cruisin Southern Maryland 100 Mile Car Cruise & Show

Charlotte Hall Park & Ride
37750 Golden Beach Road
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7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Park & Ride. Registration begins at 7:30 am. Maps and route info will be provided upon arrival. Optional Poker Run available for an additional \$10.00 per entry. Pre-Registration deadline October 31. Registration Fee is \$30.00 per Vehicle, which includes a free Cruisin' Southern Maryland Event T-Shirt for the first 150 vehicles. www.CruisinSOMD.com (Rain date Nov. 13 weather permitting)

USS Tulip Memorial Anniversary

USS Tulip Memorial
Cross Manor Road
St. Inigoes
Noon to 1p.m.

Join the Sgt. James H. Harris Camp No. 38 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their annual rededication of the USS Tulip Memorial. The ceremony will be held from 12 (Noon) to 1 PM at the USS Tulip Memorial in St. Inigoes. There will be a presentation on the history of the tragedy and a reading of the names of those whom were killed.

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Fundraiser for 7th District VRS Auxiliary

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Nov. 18

Support Hospice and Alzheimer's

NARFE Chapter 969
21890 Society Hill Road
Leonardtwn
11:30 a.m.

Current and prospective members invited.

Dr. Sudha Haley, President, NARFE Maryland Federation and Dr. Gybrilla Ballard-Blakes, Associate to the President, will address the group.

There will be a raffle drawing for a homemade quilt and a cooler of gift cards, with all proceeds going to Hospice of St. Mary's and Alzheimer's. There will also be a silent auction of treasures donated by attendees.

Traditional Thanksgiving fare will be served buffet-style by Bailey's Catering Service at a cost of \$17.00. For reservations, which are required, contact Joyce Gentilo at 301-645-5006 by Nov. 15. For membership inquiries, contact VP Geneva Leon at 301-884-5112. To learn more about NARFE #969, visit their Web site at <http://www.narfe.net/site/chapter969/>.

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Calvert Community Calendar

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Thursday, November 10

Sea Squirts

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

This month's theme is Leaves/Fall. Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a takeaway craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 22 - 40 minutes. Cost is free with museum admission. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive.

Take Apart Workshop

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

Discover what's inside old and obsolete electronics. With a little bit of elbow-grease and a lot of ingenuity, we'll be taking apart old technology to see how it works! We provide the old, outdated electronics, tools and goggles; you bring your curiosity and tinkering skills! Teens ages 13-18 are welcome. Registration required. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

World of Wonder

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 6:30-7:30p.m.

Elementary students K-2 will have fun exploring a new topic each session through a book, activities, a snack, and a new idea that will make kids say wow! Registration required, 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support

Zoom & in person at Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 6:30-8 p.m.

Get tips and support from other caregivers. Facilitated by Jeannette Findley & JC Hooker. Please register to receive the Zoom link. For library resources on this topic, click here, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

<https://CalvertLibrary.info>

Friday, November 11

See separate Veteran's Day calendar elsewhere in this issue

Saturday, November 12

Texas Hold'Em

St. Leonard VR, 200 Calvert Beach Rd, St. Leonard, 6 p.m.

\$85 buy-in for \$20k in chips. Rounds are 20 minutes each. Doors open at 5 p.m. BYOB, food and sodas will be available for purchase. See www.slvfd.org for more info. Learn Mahjongg

Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 1-3 p.m.

Want to learn Mahjongg? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! No registration. Interested in reading about Mahjongg? Take a look at what the library has., 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

MakePlayLearn

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 2-3 p.m.

Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space, art supplies, and building toys. You bring the imagination! , 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Sunday, November 13

Bluegrass Concert

Calvert Elks Lodge #2620, 1015 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, 2 p.m.

Jay Armsworthy and the Calvert Elks #2620 are pleased to announce the "Southern Maryland Bluegrass" concert series will feature The Grasscals. There is plenty of comfortable seating to enjoy traditional Bluegrass

music with family style entertainment.

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Tickets for each show will be available at the door for \$20 per person. Under 12 are admitted free with a paid adult. Food and beverages will be available for sale and there will be a 50/50 raffle as well as door prizes. The doors open at Noon and the shows will begin at 2 pm. Information for each show can be found at www.somdbluegrass.com or by calling 301-737-3004.

Monday, November 14

Twin Book Discussion

Calvert Library (Zoom): 4-5 p.m.

Join us this month online to discuss Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson. Please be sure to register at least an hour in advance to receive the Zoom link.

<https://CalvertLibrary.info>
USCG Solomons Flotilla 23-2 Monthly Meeting
Pier Restaurant, Solomons, 6 p.m.

Monthly USCG Solomons Flotilla 23- Meeting to discuss maritime safety, events, vessel inspections, etc.

Tuesday, November 15

Reading Buddies

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

Children that need some extra help with reading build confidence by reading with teens! With snacks, games, and reading incentives Please email Jess for more information at least one week before the event. (jswain@calvertlibrary.info). You don't need to register for the event. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Astronomy Night

Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 7-8 p.m.

Come see what the night sky has to offer in the field behind Fairview- per-

haps Jupiter and Saturn? Learn about the equipment used to view the sky from the Astronomy Club of Southern Maryland. All ages welcome. Outdoor only event, weather permitting, 410-257-2101.

Thursday, November 17

Little Minnows: Leaves/ Fall

Calvert Marine Muuseum, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

This month's theme is Leaves/Fall. For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult. Join us for story time and a takeaway craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. Cost is free with museum admission. For more information visit: Little Minnows | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

UPCOMING

Free Paper Shredding Events

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host free paper shredding events for county residents and businesses to help prevent identity theft by destroying confidential or sensitive documents.

The following shred events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine:

Saturday, Nov. 19 at Huntingtown High School located at 4125 Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown

Saturday, Dec. 17 at Appeal Landfill located at 401 Sweetwater Road in Lusby

Proof of residency or business location is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable.

Businesses are allowed up to five banker boxes of paper per business (or the equivalent volume of five banker boxes in alternate containers). There is no limit for residents. Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested.

Legal Notice:

TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on the following Ordinances at the November 17, 2022 Town Council Meeting beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Ordinance O-22-12, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland amending Chapter 290 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Ordinance O-22-13, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland amending the Town of Chesapeake Beach Zoning Map.

The complete Ordinances may be viewed upon request to shumm@chesapeakebeachmd.gov Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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CALVERT'S SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of October 24, 2022 – October 30, 2022, Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 1,474 calls for service throughout the community.

Attempted Burglary: 22-62949

On October 29, 2022, DFC Ostazski responded to the 300 block of Pilot Way in Lusby, for the report of an attempted burglary. The complainant advised an unknown male wearing all black attempted to force thru the front door of the residence. Once the suspect made eye contact with the homeowner, the suspect fled from the front patio towards Barreda Blvd. Nothing was damaged and no entry was gained at the residence.

Property Destruction: 22-62078

On October 25, 2022, Deputy Sylver responded to the 3200 block of Howard Drive in Port Republic, for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised her mailbox and several of her neighbor's mailboxes had been damaged and were discovered laying in the roadway. The estimated value of damaged property is \$400.00.

Property Destruction: 22-62700

On October 28, 2022, DFC Cress responded to the 8500 block of F Street in Chesapeake Beach, for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 and the early morning hours on Oct. 28, an unknown suspect (s) punctured two of the victim's vehicle tires with a sharp object. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1,000.00.

Theft: 22-62444

On October 27, 2022, S/DFC Flynt responded to the 11400 block of Chews Branch Road in Dunkirk, for the reported theft. The complainant advised two campaign signs were stolen from the victim's property. The estimated value of stolen property is \$40.00.

ARRESTS

On October 25, 2022, at 2:18 a.m., Deputy Ashley responded to the 14100 block of Solomons Island Road in Solomons, for the report of a burglary in progress. Investigation revealed **Dwayne Lamont Roberts**, 31 of no fixed address, was discovered inside the residence by the homeowner. Deputies arrived on scene and took Roberts into custody. A search of Robert's person revealed a Ziploc bag of methamphetamine, a white and blue capsule with a powdery residue and a medical needle. Roberts was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Can-



nabis, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Burglary - 4th Degree and Disturbing the Peace.

On October 24, 2022, Deputy Tavares conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation in the area of S. Solomons Island Road and Lore Road in Solomons. Upon making contact with the driver, **Akeem Jamal Grinnell-Cropper**, 32 of Lexington Park, a marijuana cigarette was observed in plain view. Grinnell-Cropper advised there were two additional bags of marijuana inside the vehicle. Investigation revealed Grinnell-Cropper had an open



warrant for his arrest. Grinnell-Cropper was placed into police custody. A search of Grinnell-Cropper's person revealed a clear torn off bag containing a white powdery substance (suspected cocaine) and three pills of Ecstasy. Grinnell-Cropper was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis.

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

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County Commits to Help Reopen Burnett Hospice House



Burnett Calvert Hospice House

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has agreed to assist the new owner of Hospice of Calvert County in getting the Burnett Calvert Hospice House reopened. The hospice facility was closed amid the pandemic and before the local organization sold their operation to Anne Arundel County based Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Hospice of the Chesapeake Chief Executive Officer Mike Brady told the BOCC at their Nov. 1 meeting that staff shortages were the main reason for closing the hospice facility.

"Anytime you have a facility such as the Burnett House, they're extremely expensive to run and it is 24/7 care that you need on hand. But we will continue to

work on that," Brady said.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, "Whenever I drive by the Burnett House, I always look over and think about the resource that's there that's not available any longer. So, we did meet earlier and talk about trying to get the house reopened and I think we had our staff do an assessment of the needs of the facility, get it up to what you need to have done to get it reopened."

Needs include upgrading the HVAC system and repaving the driveway, at an estimated cost of \$100,000. The commissioners agreed to direct staff to investigate what needs to be done. It also was suggested that there are HVAC and paving contractors in the county who might be able to help.

Brady said, "We have a few steps that we're going to work towards over the next few months. But, as far as open-

ing up to patients within the next few months, I don't foresee that happening. But that will be an ongoing assessment to see if we can get that resource that the county does have to be able to utilize it more effectively."

"So is the limiting factor staffing or just getting the house back up?" Hance asked. Brady responded, "I would say it would be staffing."

"I understand we can't control the staffing, but we can control what we can control," Hance noted prior to getting BOCC approval to "direct staff to find the resources to get this thing moving."

Burnett Calvert Hospice House began accepting patients in January of 2010. It had six beds.

During the briefing, Brady said earlier this year the Calvert hospice board of directors "made a very thoughtful and necessary decision to explore the possibility of merging or partnering with another like-minded hospice agency. They recognize that small independent hospices like Calvert Hospice struggle to operate in a rapidly changing and ever evolving hospice care industry."

He added, "It has been evident for some time that many hospice agencies throughout the country that were smaller in size, that their best possible future for their organization was to join with other like-minded not-for-profit hospice agen-

cies, to weather an uncertain future and following many months of discussion, their board of directors ultimately decided that Calvert Hospice be acquired by Hospice of the Chesapeake. And when we use an acquisition in a non-profit sense, there's no money involved. It's just the joining of two organizations."

Brady added, "This was a decision about the future, not necessarily a decision about today. They understood the hard reality of the current healthcare environment that we operate in."

He said the agreement was finalized in June. "We believe then, as we do now, that by joining our forces, our combined organizations will enhance the strength and stability of care provided to Calvert County residents."

He said Hospice of Chesapeake was founded in 1979 "Today we serve over 650 hospice care patients every day and close to 1200 palliative or supportive care patients and provide grief support to clients and families. Now across four counties, Anne Arundel, Charles, Prince George's, and Calvert, we employ a team of close to 360 members and offer care options for more than 1.7 million residents across these four counties. Hospice of the Chesapeake is the largest independent community based not-for-profit, hospice and palliative care organization within the state of Maryland."

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Planners Recommend Town Center Changes

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer



The Calvert County Planning Commission has recommended to the county commissioners approval of proposed town center amendments to the comprehensive plan. The approval, with one dissenting vote, came after a Nov. 2 public hearing at which 11 people spoke.

The amendments reduce the size of several town centers as follows:

Removes land on the east side Routes 2/4 in the Huntingtown Town Center that includes two parcels owned by County Commissioner Kelly McConkey and Huntingtown High School.

Removes most of the Phase 2 expansion of the Prince Frederick Town Center along the Route 231 corridor.

Removes land on Dowell peninsula from the Solomons Town Center.

Removes land on the south side of the Lusby Town Center adjacent to Solomons.

Most of the people who spoke at the hearing favored the proposed amendments, however several speakers representing real estate and builder interests opposed the changes, as did commission member Dr. Richard Holler, who has spoken out in the past about attempted curbs on development in town centers. He said the comprehensive plan encourages such development in order to preserve the rural landscape.

Paul Fenton, representing the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors,

said the town center reductions will exacerbate the shortage of affordable housing. He said the cost of housing in Calvert is 40 percent higher than the national average.

One speaker noted, however, that the recent new multi-family housing being built and proposed in Prince Frederick Town Center are far from affordable.

Jim Shaefer, a builder, said he grew up in Calvert but now lives in Anne Arundel because he can't afford to buy in Calvert.

But Susan Dzurec, speaking for Calvert Citizens United, said, "Throughout the Comp. Plan adoption process the citizens' input and requests were totally ignored. Case in point: the majority of Calvert's taxpaying citizens asked repeatedly not to expand the Town Centers. Finally, four county commissioners are listening and taking action to right previous wrongs. We hope this is not a short-lived election campaign tactic, but rather a well-educated change in the county's priorities."

Also speaking in support of the changes were representatives of American Chestnut Land Trust and Friends of Hunting Creek.

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Motorcyclist Dies in Prince Frederick Accident

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded to on Nov. 5 at approximately 10 p.m. to the area of Solomons Island Road and Auto Drive in Prince Frederick for the report of a motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle and a work van.

Upon arrival, deputies located a white Chevrolet work van with rear-end damage and a mangled red motorcycle.

Preliminary investigation revealed a red 2019 Honda sports bike motorcycle was traveling southbound on Solomons Island Road approaching Auto Drive and struck a 2020 Chevrolet work van.

The operator of the Honda motorcycle

was identified as Jesse Lee Wallace, 31 of Waldorf, who was pronounced deceased on the scene. The Chevrolet van was operated by Brandon Tyrell Dill, 32 of Stafford, VA. Dill was not injured in the crash.

Based on scene evidence and witness statements, it appears speed is a major contributing factor to this collision.

Anyone with information about this incident or events leading up to the crash is asked to contact S/DFC Jeffrey Hardesty at 410-535-2800 or via email: Jeffrey.Hardesty@CalvertCountyMD.Gov.

Press Release from CCSO

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FIVE REASONS NOT TO HAVE A WILL OR A TRUST

Hello to all of you procrastinators out there. Another year has almost passed and you have still not taken steps to protect yourself and your family with a will or a trust. Why not? Here are the five most common reasons:

1. **I'M NEVER GOING TO DIE:** Clearly, the first reason not to have a will or a trust is unrealistic. The saying is "nobody is getting out of this alive." In spite of this, it is amazing how many people put off creating a will or a trust because they are afraid. They think planning for a will or a trust will cause them anxiety about their own death. The easy solution to this problem is to think about creating a will or a trust to protect the people you love. You do not have to face your own death to create a will or a trust, just focus on how you want to protect those you care about. Without a will or a trust, they are defenseless. And, young or old, almost all of us have loved ones we want to protect. Even if we are elderly and alone and do not have any loved ones, many of us want to create a legacy for the charities we care about. If we are young and have children, we are already involved in protecting them. Without a will or a trust, your children could very well end up in foster care when you die. Having children means taking steps to protect them. What good is funding their college education if you have not created a mechanism to distribute your property to them upon your death? How are you helping?

2. **I HAVE NO ESTATE:** How about the excuse that you have no estate to protect? Do you have a home? A car, a boat? A bank account? Personal property like furniture, jewelry? All of that becomes part of your estate. If you don't make plans to distribute your property in a will or a trust, the state will decide for you.

3. **EVERYTHING IS IN JOINT NAME WITH MY SPOUSE OR CHILD:** I have heard the excuse that everything is in joint name so there is no reason to have a will or a trust. And, it is the case that if property is titled in joint name with right of survivorship, upon the death of one person, the joint owner takes all the property. The excuse is common with spouses. The problem is, of course, spouses often travel together. There are no assurances that both spouses will not die together—if they do, then what? You're back in the same position without a will or a trust—letting the state decide where your property will go. And, what if your property is titled as "tenants in common" not as joint tenants with right of survivorship? In that case, each of you owns 50% of the property so if one dies without a will, the property will not go automatically to the other but instead the state will decide where 50% of the property will go. By the way, please check the title to your property so you know how it is held.

Many people I talk to think that putting their child on the deed to their property solves their problem about not having a will or a trust. But, there are tax and other consequences of doing this. Let's say you bought a house for \$50,000 and market value is now \$100,000. If you put your child on the deed now, that child "takes" their interest in the property at the value you paid for the property,

not at market value. That means, if the child sells the property when you die, the child will have to pay capital gains tax on the difference between \$50,000 and \$100,000. If the child takes the property when you die through a will or a trust, however, the child takes the property at market value and when they sell it for \$100,000, no tax is owed. And, there are other reasons not to put your child on your deed. Once you do so, you expose yourself to the child's creditors. Those creditors may have claims on all the child's property, including property formerly owned solely by you.

4. **IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE:** Have you ever purchased a big screen TV? The average cost of a will is about the same as a big screen TV. Trusts are more expensive but do not require probate. Legal fees for making the probate filings can easily become far more costly than a trust. I know some people are using will forms provided online and a word of caution about those. First, the online services do not provide legal advice. It is one form fits all and if you do not fit into the form, too bad for you. After hundreds of years, certain common language has developed that is used in a will or a trust and expertise is required to use that language. You would not go to a plumber to perform surgery on you. Why trust something as important as your family to chance? Creating a will or a trust is your last act of love and affection for your family. What price can you put on that?

5. **MY FAMILY WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING:** Whoa. The excuse that "my family will take care of everything" is simply not true. It is amazing how many families fight during the probate process, with or without a will. And, I am not talking about fights over huge estates. Otherwise normal families allow themselves to be torn apart arguing over property—without a will or a trust, the arguments can take on epic proportions. "Dad loved me best" and wanted me to have the gun collection, "Mom told me she wanted me to have the diamond ring". Old wounds reopen, childhood memories come flooding back and family nightmares are common during the probate process. Some people think that the best approach is to leave everything to one child, counting on that child to distribute everything to his or her siblings. Keep in mind that if you leave all your property to one child, that child is under no obligation to share it with siblings even if you specifically put your intention in writing. Even if that child is attentive to your wishes, what if that child has a spouse who wants all the property for themselves? The only way to resolve the situation is to make clear that your property will go to all the children, not just one.

6. **The bottom line is protect your loved ones. Make a will or a trust and do it now.**

I offer no-charge seminars open to the public that discuss wills, trusts, powers of attorney, living wills and other estate planning topics at 11am on the third Wednesday of every month at my office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Give us a call at 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

Nature Center Severely Damaged in Fire

Barn Owl Perishes in Blaze

Calvert County issued the following statement on Nov. 9 regarding the fire at the Battle Creek Nature Center:

“On the evening of Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, an electrical fire started in the basement storage room of the Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Nature Center. The Maryland State Fire Marshal is investigating the exact cause of the fire and will release further information after the investigation has concluded.

“Thanks to the swift response from volunteer fire departments, the fire was contained to the basement storage room. Based on initial assessments, all contents of the storage room were destroyed, including all nature program equipment, materials and supplies. Other areas of the basement and animal care room have been damaged by water and smoke. Upstairs offices, classrooms and exhibit room also sustained smoke damage.

“Because the fire began after hours, there were no staff or volunteers in the building at the time of the fire. However, with heavy hearts, we inform the public that a barn owl – affectionately called “Buddy” by staff and animal care volunteers – did not survive. The loss of Buddy is particularly distressing to our staff and volunteers, who are deeply dedicated to providing the best available care to our ambassador animals.

“The rest of our animals have been moved to safe, suitable locations and are being carefully monitored under veterinary guidance for their health and well-being.

“We thank you all for your overwhelming show of support and concern for our staff, ambassador animals, our nature center and the park. For those who may wish

to help, Calvert Nature Society is accepting donations to help replace equipment, materials and supplies used for our public educational programs: <https://www.calvertparks.org/donate.html>.

“At this time, all Battle Creek Cypress Swamp trails and nature center are closed until further notice, as staff continues to assess impacts and determine the best plan for moving forward. We ask for your patience as we work to recover. Future updates will be provided as available through social media and our website.”

The county reports that two mice also perished in the fire.

The Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department issued the following press release on Nov. 8:

“The Battle Creek Cypress Swamp was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1965.

“Situated at 2880 Grays Road in Prince Frederick, according to their website, the grounds and nature center structure have live animal exhibits such as ‘a red-tailed hawk and a rare albino snapping turtle.’ Officials add, ‘Exhibits offer an interactive look at local wildlife and cultural history of the area.’

“On Saturday, November 5, 2022, around 7 p.m. the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department and surrounding departments were called to the main building for a fire alarm. In the majority of incidents where crews are called in, the alarms generally (and thankfully) are not anything of significance. Unfortunately, this was not the case for the nature center on the Battle Creek Cypress Swamp property that houses the animals.

“Crews from Company 2 (Engine 21 and Squad 2) located a fire in the basement area. Multiple volunteers were able to extinguish the flames, conduct overhaul and remove as much smoke and debris as possible.”



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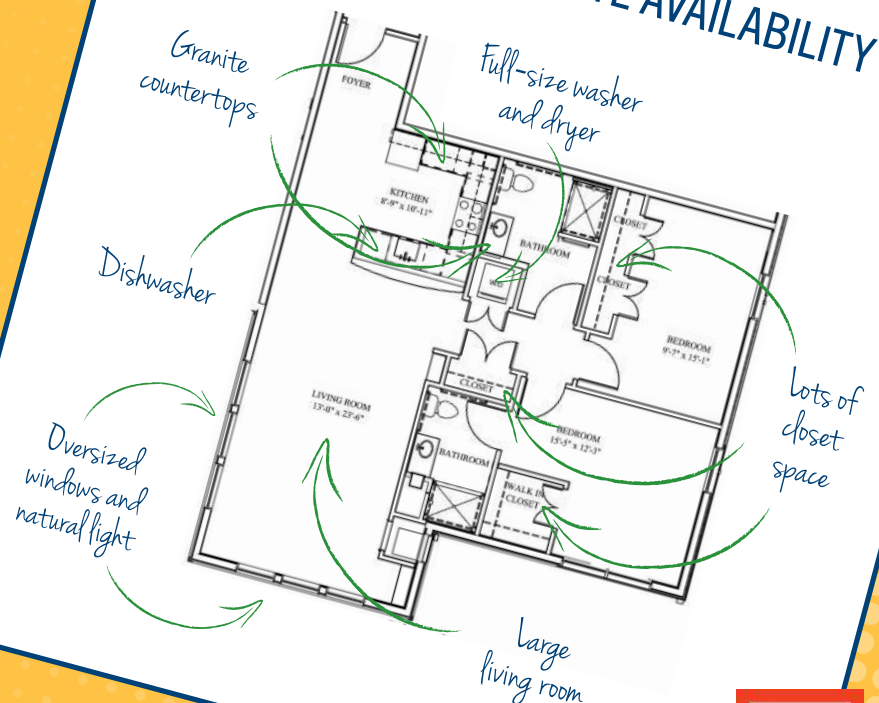
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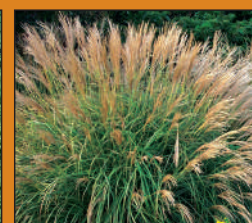
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Blue State, Red County

Mail-in Count May Determine Register of Wills Race

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

After eight years with a Republican governor, blue Maryland became even bluer Nov. 8 with the election of Democrat Wes Moore as the state's first Black governor.

The state-wide Democratic ticket prevailed across the board with the election of Anthony Brown as attorney general, Brooke Elizabeth Lierman as comptroller and the return of Chris Van Hollen to the U.S. Senate.

Locally Democrat Steny Hoyer prevailed for the 22nd time, Michael Jackson was elected District 27 state senator and Jeffrie Long, Jr. will become a freshman legislator as District 27-B delegate.

But all of those Democrats lost in Calvert County (with the exception of Long, who was unopposed) in Tuesday's general election, making for a clean sweep of all local contested races by the GOP, firmly implanting the county in the red column.

When the tallies for early voting, in-person on election day and several counts of early mail-ins were reported late Tuesday night, long-time Register of Wills, Democrat Margaret Phipps had been bested by GOP challenger Mark Lynch in his third attempt.

However, in those two early mail-in counts Phipps had a three- to-one vote advantage over Lynch. So, when the ballot counting begins today (Thursday, Nov. 10) for the mail-in ballots received but not counted (4,753 as of midday Wednesday, Nov. 9), that outcome could possibly flip in Phipps' favor.

Board of Elections Executive Administrative Aide Kristen Scott said of the large number of mail-ins to be counted, "There is no way we will be able to accomplish all of that in one day." She said they were going to start with 2,000 ballots and will perhaps add another canvassing day next week, on Tuesday Nov. 15.

In the important non-partisan school board race for two at-large seats, Lisa Grenis and Jana Post prevailed. Post, who came in second, had a 2,722-vote lead over third place finisher Tracy McGuire. Grenis and Post had Republican Party support.

All five Republican county commissioner candidates, including incumbents Buddy Hance and Mike Hart, easily prevailed over their Democratic challengers, as did Ricky Cox for sheriff and Bob Harvey for state's attorney.

In the District 29-C delegate race to replace the retiring Jerry Clark, St. Mary's County three-term county commissioner Todd Morgan prevailed over Democrat Bill Bates with 65.7 percent of the vote in the two counties.

District 27-C Delegate Mark Fisher was unopposed, as was District 29 Senator Jack Bailey. Also, Republican Nova Tracy-Soper was unopposed for treasurer and Kathy Smith was unopposed for clerk of the court, making her the only Democratic



Mark Lynch

Margaret Phipps

official in the courthouse if Phipps' re-election bid fails.

In a state-wide ballot question, voters approved legalization of recreational marijuana use for those 21 and over, leaving it up to the legislature in the next session to decide how to regulate and tax that. The question passed by more than 65 percent of the vote.

At the end of day on Tuesday, 30,684 votes had been tallied in the gubernatorial contest, or 45 percent of the 67,781 total registered voters.

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