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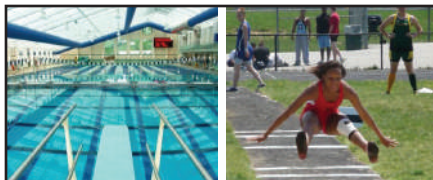
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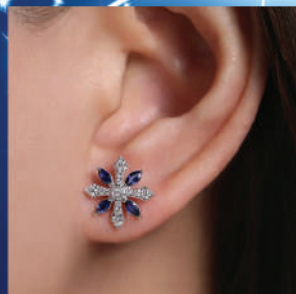


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# Commissioners Question Agreement for School Use

By Dick Myers  
 Staff Writer

The Calvert County Department of Parks and Recreation pays the Board of Education (BOE) for use of indoor school facilities after school hours for recreation programs such as basketball, cheerleading and wrestling.

On the other hand, the parks and recreation department “utilizes and maintains outdoor facilities at 11 (school) locations for programs that provide community benefit such as baseball, soccer and lacrosse. The BOE utilizes the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center and Chesapeake Hills Golf Course for high school sports teams to practice and hold competitions. In addition, there is an occasional need for the BOE to utilize ball fields or tennis courts if their own facilities are under repair or renovation,” according to a memo to the county commissioners from Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal.

The parks and recreation department maintains those field and the use of the two facilities at no cost to the BOE.

Is it a fair deal? Some of the county commissioners don’t think so.

Nazzal said to pay for the indoor use “can range from \$7,000 to over \$10,000 per season. This is budgeted through current operating expenditures. The use of county facilities for the BOE include no cost for use of the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center and Chesapeake Hills Golf Course for high school teams. If applying the reduced rate, this is an approximate annual loss in revenues of \$13,100 for Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center and \$10,720 for Chesapeake Hills Golf Course.”

The arrangement has been in place since a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was inked in 2019. Nazzal appeared before the commissioners at their Aug. 29 meeting to discuss a proposed extension of the MOU for five years.

Commissioner Chris Gadway said, “It appears that we, as the county government, are using the taxpayers’ dollars to pay the board of education twice for the same facility, once to build it and maintain it and then again to use it for something outside of students or possibly even during the school activities.”

Nazzal responded, “What we are paying for is for the direct staffing costs after normal school hours. So, we are paying for that use after school hours.”

Commissioner Mike Hart said, “I know we intersect, the school system and us, all the time, but business-wise speaking, I don’t know that it’s a large sum of money that’s transferred back and forth. Is it cost effective, because somebody has to write the check, account for it, log the hours. As a businessperson, every time somebody touches something, the meter’s running. I’m not saying that one side gets more used than



Director of Parks and Recreation Shannon Nazzal

the other side, but we do touch each other’s stuff. So is the juice really worth the squeeze?”

Nazzal said during the original MOU discussions about paying the school system for facility use, “that was a sticking point that they wanted to make sure that was remaining in the agreement.”

“So that was something that we had to compromise on in order to make sure that we had an agreement to best serve the citizens,” she added.

“Do we charge when we’re cutting grass and taking care of fields and stuff?” Hart asked. She said, “We do not.”

“I’m just trying for to [the] best use of taxpayer dollars,” Hart said.

Hart added, “We’re all supposed to be on the same team at the end of the day. They’re all our kids.”

“I don’t want to sound petty, but it feels petty to me because we do a whole lot,” he said, adding, “I know this is always such a touchy subject, but it just feels petty that we would get a bill when we don’t send a bill.”

Hart said, “We hear it all the time, we need better fields,” adding the money paid to the school board could be used for upgrades.

Gadway said, “The bottom line is any of these dollars are coming from the taxpayers, every single one of these dollars.”

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, “We pay for 60 percent of the construction costs this year. We’re going to write them a check for \$140 million, and they’re concerned over collecting \$7,000 from us for using beans. Just think about that, ladies and gentlemen.”

Noting there was a new school superintendent, Dr. Andrae Townsel, Commissioner Steve Weems brokered a compromise for the commissioners to just agree to a one-year extension of the MOU and negotiate something else for the future. That decision was unanimous.

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# Commission for Women Gives Annual Report

Main Issues: Day Care, Domestic Violence



Calvert County Commission for Women Chair Joan Winship at the March 16, 2019 WOW with Margaret Dunkle (right) and Ambassador Susan G. Esserman, the keynote speaker.

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

After going into “limbo” for about six months in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Calvert County Commission for Women (CCCW) was busy “if not busier than ever” in 2022, according to their chair Joan Winship.

Winship along with Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland gave the annual report for the commission, which has been in existence for 46 years, at the Aug. 30 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

In focusing on women and girls, Winship said the commission’s purpose and priorities are:

- Promoting education and employment
- Being a voice for overcoming discrimination
- Identifying and studying issues
- Being a clearinghouse on issues and resources
- Recognizing outstanding achievement

When asked what the most pressing problem for women in the county was, Moreland said day-care and Winship added domestic violence. The CCCW will be highlighting the issue in Oc-

tober, for Domestic Violence Month and also did so in April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The organization’s big recognition event is Women of the World. Held in the spring, it honored 21 women and girls nominated by eight community organizations. Guest speakers included Yun Jung Yang, Esq., chair MD CFW (2021) and Margaret Dunkle (2022 on 50th Anniversary of Title IX).

“What you do is so important to us,” said BOCC President Buddy Hance. The former Maryland Secretary of Agriculture said in his public life, “I have surrounded myself with strong women.”

During the presentation Winship thanked outgoing CCCW members Ariane Odom and Carol Harvat, and associate members Nadine Hunt and Crystal Jordan.

Winship said the commission is particularly in need of members from the 1st Commissioner District and asked the BOCC to assist in appointing new members from that southern county area.

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# Public Transportation Provided on Election Day

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

Calvert County will be providing public transportation on Election Day, Nov. 8.

In a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Aug. 30, Transportation Division Director Sandra Wobbleton said, “Calvert County Public Transportation adheres to the official list of legal holidays according to the Personnel Chapter of the Calvert County Code 86-3-601, including Election Day, when observed during a Primary Election year. In the past, Calvert County Public Transportation services have been suspended on this day due to the Division following the official County holiday schedule.”

Wobbleton said, however, “Public Transportation would like to provide full transportation services on November 8, 2022, to be available for individuals that need to use public transportation to access polling sites. Additionally, this would assist those individuals who need transportation to employment and medical appointments, as this day is not observed as a holiday by retail establishments and medical facilities.”



Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland

Wobbleton said that funds had been budgeted for Election Day transportation in the Office of Community Resources budget for this fiscal year.

Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland said people always wonder about election day transportation. “We will run our regular routes,” she said, and residents desiring special services can call the department.

The commissioners unanimously approved the expansion of the service for election day.

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## Calvert Resident Selected Municipal League CEO

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors has selected Theresa Kuhns of Calvert County as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective October 24, 2022. Kuhns was selected from a national search which yielded a pool of more than 110 applicants. The MML Board-appointed Search Committee and the Board of Directors voted unanimously in favor of Kuhns.

"The Board and I are confident that Theresa is the right person to take the helm as we begin our next chapter," President of the MML Board of Directors, Denise Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem, College Park "She is a seasoned leader with significant advocacy leadership in Annapolis and will lead our efforts as we continue to serve as the voice for 157 municipalities of Maryland."

Kuhns's background includes advocating on behalf of Maryland Realtors® and the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors®. She was Vice President of Government Affairs with the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors® and a contract lobbyist for the Maryland Realtors®. Previously, Kuhns led the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Chairman of the Board of Directors office and managed the Chamber's national political program in the office of Congressional and Public Affairs.

"Finding the next leader of MML after 27 years of Scott Hancock's steady hand was a daunting task. It required casting a broad net and thorough review of all candidates," said Jacob Day, MML Past-President and Chair of the Search Committee. "I am proud and excited that we found a person skilled, passionate, and eager to inspire a new era for MML. Theresa will be a marvelous and visionary steward, advocate, and leader for Maryland's municipalities."

Kuhns will be introduced to the MML membership at the 2022 Fall Conference in Annapolis on October 9, 2022, with an official start date of October 24, 2022.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to



Theresa Kuhns

continue the great work of the League to serve as the voice for the 1.5 million Marylanders it represents," said Kuhns. "From our engaged elected leadership to an expert staff in Annapolis, we will continue to lead and share the impact Maryland municipalities have on the quality of life in Maryland."

Kuhns received a B.A. in political science from Kutztown University in 2001, executive leadership from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business in 2005 and is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland.

The Maryland Municipal League, founded in 1936, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland cities and towns. Representing all 157 municipalities of the State, the League is recognized and respected as the leading advocate for the common interests of Maryland's cities and towns. The League is highly regarded for its ability to deal with emerging issues, legislative effectiveness, advocacy activities, educational programs, and professional staff.

Press Release from MML

## Accommodations Tax Changes Enacted

*Monies Earmarked for Tourism*

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has adopted a resolution and budget adjustment that changes the way the county Public Accommodation Tax revenue is allocated.

According to a memo for Director of Finance and Budget Sharon Strand during an Aug. 30 public hearing, "On May 29, 2022, State Legislature passed 'HB842 - Calvert County - Hotel Rental Tax - Distribution of Revenue,' which took effect July 1, 2022. The purpose of this bill was to allocate a portion of the Hotel Tax to Fund 33 to provide grants to businesses and organizations to pay the application and permit fees required by the county to hold a special event and to market Calvert County."

Strand told the BOCC that part of the reason for the bill was to help blunt the impact of the pandemic on the tourism industry in the county.

Strand added in the memo, "HB842 was written that the balance of the collections be distributed to Fund 33 after the required distributions are made to the municipalities for the revenue attributed to a hotel located in the municipalities and a reasonable administrative fee be distributed to the General Fund, which equals 5 percent. The distributions for the municipalities are not budgeted in the General Fund budget."

She added, "Also, stated in the bill is that any unspent distributions at end of each fiscal year, in Fund 33, shall be distributed back to the General Fund. Due to the timing of this bill, it was not included in the FY2023 budget."

All the monies from the tax were heretofore distributed to the general fund.

Strand noted, "In FY2023 the



Director of Finance and Budget Sharon Strand

county budgeted \$500,000 in Hotel Tax in the General Fund. Using the calculation of 5 percent for an administrative fee, \$25,000 will remain in the General Fund and \$475,000 will be budgeted in Fund 33 by allocating 20 percent or \$95,000 to special events and the remainder of \$380,000 to marketing."

Director of Economic Development Julie Oberg said a plan is being developed for the allocation of the tax monies.

County Administrator Mark Willis also said a plan is being developed for next year's budget for how to replace the monies lost to the general Fund. "All money is meaningful," Willis said, but in the greater scheme of things what is being lost to the general fund is relatively small.

Only one person, regular commenter Joseph Cormier, spoke during the public hearing. He wanted to know how the money collected in the fund was going to be allocated.

After the record for the public hearing was closed, the commissioners unanimously adopted the public accommodations tax changes and the budget adjustment.

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# What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their August 24 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was in a hybrid form, both virtually and in person at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4R, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk, on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering

2) CSPR-138218, **Barstow Convenience Center**, located at 340 Stafford Road, Prince Frederick on three separate parcels consisting of 83.07 acres, Zoned RCD/EC. The project proposes replacement of the existing recycling center with a new facility that includes improved customer parking, vehicular circulation and separating public vehicles from County vehicles. Site utilities will be connected to services currently supplying the existing maintenance building. The submittal was accepted June 23, 2021. Agent: WBCM

3) CSPR-138320, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 11, Retail Building, located at 10375 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk on 2.66 acres, Zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 10,395 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted July 28, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering

4) CSPR-142742, **Magnolia Ridge**, located at the corner of Dares Beach Road and Fox Run Boulevard, Prince Frederick on 31.20 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District. Proposed 96 multi-family apartment units and 164 townhouse units with associated site improvements. This project is on public water and sewer. The submittal was accepted October 28, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

5) CSPR-142795, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 12R, Retail Building 'A', located at 10380 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk, on a 4.04 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,493 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted February 23, 2022. Agent: Bay Engineering

6) CSPR-142807, **STR Gymnastics & Dance**, located at 655 Skinners Turn Road, Owings, on multiple lots totaling 1.9 acres, zoned light industrial (I-1), using private water and sewer. Proposed 10,800 square foot building for holding classes in gymnastics (7,400sf) and dance (3,400sf). The submitted plan indicates a possible address change due to dual road frontage. The submittal was accepted March 23, 2022. Agent: Wilkerson & Associates

7) CSPR-142755, **Armory Towns**, located at 46 Armory Road, Prince Frederick, on two lots totaling 0.85 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Old Town Transition District, using public water and sewer. Proposed nine, two-story townhomes totaling approximately 7,560 square feet. The submittal was accepted April 27, 2022. Agent: COA

8) CSPR-142828, **Magnolia Ridge West**, located at Armory Road and Dares Beach Road,

Prince Frederick, on multiple parcels totaling 24.497 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District. Proposed approximately 91,000 square feet creating 79 townhomes. This project is on public water and sewer. The submittal was accepted April 27, 2022. Agent: Barrett & Associates

9) CSPR-142842, **Sunset Terrace Condos**, located at 14474 & 14478 South Solomons Island Road, Solomons, on two lots totaling .42 acres, zoned Solomons Town Center. Proposed 19,191 square foot, three-story building for mixed use: 1,000 square foot commercial retail space and 18,191 square foot for eight condominiums with parking and site improvements. This project is on public water and sewer. The concept submittal was accepted July 27, 2022. Agent: COA

10) CSPR-142856, **Solomons Condominiums**, located at 14516 & 14518 South Solomons Island Road, Solomons, on two lots totaling .67 acres, zoned Solomons Town Center. Proposed 34,483 square foot, four-story building for mixed use: 2,450 square foot commercial retail space and 32,033 square foot for 13 multi-family condominiums with parking and site improvements. This project is in the Critical Area and on public water and sewer. The concept submittal was accepted July 27, 2022. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at the same meeting.

1) SD-138200, **Wyatt's Ridge**, Lots 1-24, located on Skinners Turn Road in Owings. 24 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 100.368 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required

prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

2) CSD-2020-090, **Bowen's Pride** Section II, Lots 1-12, located on N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, within one-mile buffer of Prince Frederick Town Center. 12 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 34.32 acres. Zoned RCD/FFD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Barrett & Associates

3) SD-142770, **Lusby Villas**, Lot 1, located on Lusby Parkway in Lusby. One commercial lot proposed on one parcel consisting of 24.87 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District, Tier I. Submittal accepted February 24, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

4) CSD-2021-201, **Saint Pierre Estates**, located at 80 Toye Lane, Prince Frederick, on a 10.27 acre parcel, zoned Residential District and entirely within one mile of the Prince Frederick Town Center. A Private Right-of-Way is proposed for five lots. This submittal was accepted November 17, 2021. Agent: Wilkerson and Associates, Inc.

5) CSD-2022-109, **Armory Towns**, located at 46 Armory Road, Prince Frederick, on two lots totaling 0.85 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Old Town Transition District, using public water and sewer. Proposed nine, two-story townhomes totaling approximately 7,560 square feet. The submittal was accepted April 27, 2022. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

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There are no shortcuts to investment success – you need to establish a long-term strategy and stick with it. This means that you'll want to create an investment mix based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon – and then regularly review this mix to ensure it's still meeting your needs.

In fact, investing for the long term doesn't necessarily mean you should lock your investments in forever. Throughout your life, you'll likely need to make some changes.

Of course, everyone's situation is different and there's no prescribed formula of when and how you should adjust your investments. But some possibilities may be worth considering.

For example, a few years before you retire, you may want to re-evaluate your risk exposure and consider moving part of your portfolio into a more risk-averse position. When you were decades away from retiring, you may have felt more comfortable with a more aggressive positioning because you had time to "bounce back" from any market downturns. But as you near retirement, it may make sense to lower your risk level. And as part of a move toward a reduced-risk approach, you also may want to evaluate the "cash" positions in your portfolio. When the market has gone through a decline, as has been the case in 2022, you may not want to tap into your portfolio to meet short-term and emergency needs, so having sufficient cash on hand is important. Keep in mind, though, that having too much cash on the "sidelines" may affect your ability to reach your long-term goals.

Even if you decide to adopt a more risk-averse investment position before you retire, though, you may still benefit

from some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you keep ahead of – or at least keep pace with – inflation. As you know, inflation has surged in 2022, but even when it's been relatively mild, it can still erode your purchasing power significantly over time.

Changes in your own goals or circumstances may also lead you to modify your investment mix. You might decide to retire earlier or later than you originally planned. You might even change your plans for the type of retirement you want, choosing to work part-time for a few years. Your family situation may change – perhaps you have another child for whom you'd like to save and invest for college. Any of these events could lead you to review your portfolio to find new opportunities or to adjust your risk level – or both.

You might wonder if you should also consider changing your investment mix in response to external forces, such as higher interest rates or the rise in inflation this year. It's certainly true that these types of events can affect parts of your portfolio, but it may not be advisable to react by shuffling your investment mix. In the first place, nobody can really predict how long these forces will keep their momentum – it's quite possible, for instance, that inflation will have subsided noticeably within a year. But more importantly, you should make investment moves based on the factors we've already discussed: your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and individual circumstances.

By reviewing your portfolio regularly, possibly with the assistance of a financial professional, you can help ensure that your investment mix will always be appropriate for your needs and goals.

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# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

*During the week of August 22, 2022 – August 28, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,476 calls for service throughout the community.*

### Burglary: 22-49046

On August 26, 2022, Deputy Krueger responded to the 1400 block of Sollers Wharf Road in Lusby, for the report of a burglary that had already occurred. Investigation revealed sometime between Aug. 23 and Aug. 26, an unknown suspect (s) broke into the church through the back door. The back door's glass window had been shattered, and a rock was discovered laying at the foot of the door. Nothing appears to have been taken or broken inside the church. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$500.

### Damaged Property: 22-48294

On August 23, 2022, Deputy Murphy responded to the 600 block of Gunsmoke Trail in Lusby, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised the passenger side window of a vehicle parked in the driveway had been damaged/shattered. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$250.

### Damaged Property: 22-48977

On August 26, 2022, Deputy Krueger responded to the 11400 block of Stirrup Lane in Lusby, for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) threw eggs at the victim's vehicle. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$300.

### Theft: 22-48084

On August 22, 2022, Deputy Aley responded to Superior Fireplace and Hot Tubs located at 5246 Cutter Court in Prince Frederick, for the report of a theft/damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) cut the catalytic converters off of two work trucks parked outside the business. The estimated value of the stolen/damaged property is \$2,000.00.

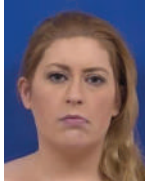
### Theft: 22-48214

On August 22, 2022, Cpl. R. Shrawder responded to the 3900 block of 4th Street in North Beach, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) stole a wig (valued at \$150) from her mailbox, an antenna (valued at \$515) from the roof of her vehicle, and \$30 in cash that was left on the porch of the residence. The total value of the stolen property is \$695.00.

### ARRESTS

On August 25, 2022, Cpl. Robshaw and Deputy Huy were conducting patrol checks in the area of Dunkirk Market Place in Dunkirk and received a report of a theft. The complainant advised

**Gina Patricia Kennedy**, 33 of Owings, had stolen numerous items to include a dog brush, dog medicine, aquarium figurines, and other fish and pet supplies from PetSmart. The



Gina Kennedy

total value of stolen property was \$209.80. Kennedy was charged with Theft: \$100 to under \$1500.

On August 22, 2022, Deputy Bowen responded to the Walmart located at 150 Solomons Island Road N in Prince Frederick, for the report of trespassing. The complainant advised **Trinik Shat-ega King**, 27 of Lexington Park, had been issued a no trespass order in February of 2022 and had been indefinitely trespassed from the property.



Trinik King

King was observed on store surveillance entering and exiting the business. Deputies made contact with King inside her vehicle and observed Turtle Beach gaming headphones in plain view, still in the box with a security tag attached. King was unable to provide proof of purchase for the headphones. King was charged with Trespassing: Private Property.

On August 22, 2022, Deputy Newton responded to CalvertHealth Medical Center located at 100 Hospital Road in Prince Frederick, for a subject trespassing. The complainant advised

**Joseph Howard GreenHawk**, 52 of Salisbury, was back on hospital property after having been issued a trespass warning earlier in the night. GreenHawk was given numerous chances to leave the property or be arrested. GreenHawk refused and was arrested for Trespassing: Private Property.

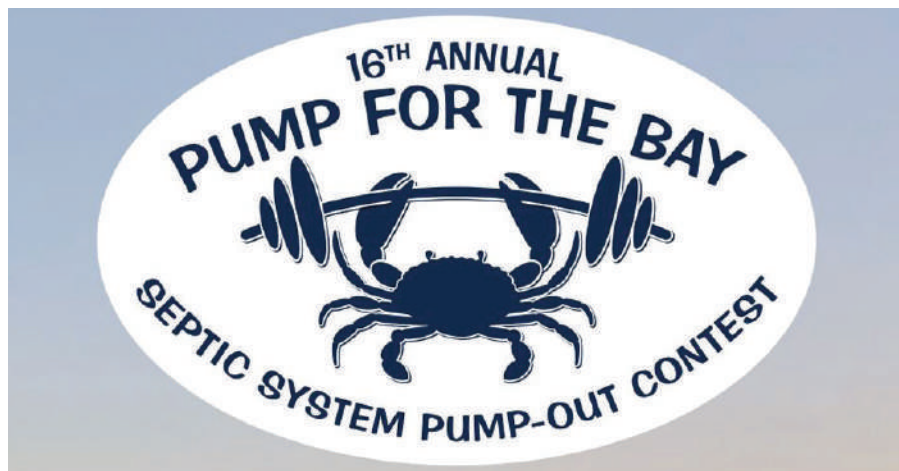


Joseph GreenHawk

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



# Residents Challenged to 'Pump for the Bay'



In addition to the grand prize of a healthier Chesapeake Bay for all, the annual "Pump for the Bay" contest, run by the Calvert County Environmental Commission, will award one lucky county resident up to \$500 in reimbursement for a septic system pump-out or upgrade completed in 2022. The contest is open to any Calvert County resident who hires a company to pump out their septic tank or upgrades to a nitrogen-removing tank between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2022.

County residents can enter by submitting a copy of their receipt along with a completed entry form before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. Full details and entry form are available online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PumpfortheBay](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PumpfortheBay).

The "Pump for the Bay" contest is sponsored by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and Department of Planning & Zoning. The Environmental Commission will select one top prize winner in a drawing to be held at its Jan. 30, 2023, meeting. Additional prizes include gift certificates from local businesses and free passes to county recreational facilities. Winners will be notified by mail.

Proper upkeep of septic systems is critical to protect your home and the environment. With regular maintenance, a septic system is effective at safely getting rid of wastewater. However, a faulty

septic system can result in problems with a home's plumbing and can contaminate soil, groundwater and nearby surface waters. Even when operating properly, conventional septic systems remove only about 10 percent of nitrogen from the effluent that flows from the septic tank into the drain field. Excess nitrogen can enter the groundwater and eventually enter the Chesapeake Bay, increasing algae growth. Excessive algae causes a decline in water quality, reduces marine plant and animal life and creates low-oxygen "dead zones." Homeowners can help reduce nitrogen pollution in the county's waterways by pumping their home's septic tank every 2-3 years or upgrading to a more efficient system that converts 50-75 percent of the effluent nitrogen to a gas and vents it harmlessly into the atmosphere.

The Environmental Commission was established in 1975 by the BOCC to promote recycling programs, alternative energy use and energy conservation; provide public education through outreach events; support other county environmental organizations; and advise the BOCC, the Department of Planning & Zoning and the Planning Commission on environmental matters. Learn more about the Calvert County Environmental Commission at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Environment](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Environment).

*Press Release from Calvert County government*

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## Pet OF THE WEEK



## MEET GROOT

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# A View From The BLEACHERS TRUST



By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Four weeks have passed - enough time to temper the shock, but not nearly enough to ascertain the ramifications. That will take years. For the time being, a baseball executive has stayed on message: it was the right move for the organization. The logic trail is reasonable, and the repetition helps the sales pitch, but reality remains a cold and sobering place - for him as much as anyone. He was, after all, the architect of a dominant decade, assembling All-Stars and future Hall of Famers through the draft, free agency and shrewd trades. Through his work, and with a dash of luck, he delivered a yearning town pure euphoria - its first World Series championship in 95 years.

Then the talent trickled away. Retirements and injuries claimed a few cornerstones. Deep-pocketed competitors poached others. He would admit to being in a slump himself, having whiffed on a series of patchwork personnel moves. But his greatest asset, a 23-year-old phenom who resembled Ted Williams, remained and promised to be the bedrock of an epic rebuild.

Then Mike Rizzo, Nationals President of Baseball Operations, made the most significant transaction of his career: he traded Juan Soto.

In San Diego, Rizzo's peer with the Padres, A.J. Preller, was on the receiving end of Washington's crown jewel talent. Preller was facing his own dilemma: an uber-talented team with a rich farm system that was, by all accounts, a significant notch below a division rival and baseball's best team - the Los Angeles Dodgers. Preller's Padres had recently signed Manny Machado and Fernando Tatis Jr. to a 10-year, \$300M contract and a 14-year, \$340M contract, respectively; despite the financial commitment, the Padres flamed out early in last season's playoffs and showed little indication of serious contention this year. But Tatis, after missing the entire 2022 season with a shoulder injury, was nearing a return. And Preller was holding that bounty of prospects. With Washington disintegrating, on the field and off with ownership in flux, Rizzo's inclination to sell met Preller's urgency to buy and one of baseball's biggest trades was consummated.

The movie "Braveheart" con-

tains an unforgettable scene of betrayal. William Wallace, thinking he had united Scotland's disparate clans with Robert the Bruce, led his countrymen into the Battle of Falkirk against England. The tenuous Scottish unity dissolved during battle. Wallace, wounded and in a desperate rage, pursued King Edward Longshanks's detail. One of Longshanks's men knocked Wallace from his horse, dismounted and hovered over the fallen Scottish hero. Wallace snapped up, ripped the helmet off his "English" adversary only to reveal it was Bruce. Wallace, stunned by the betrayal, slowly slumped to the ground.

Just over a week after gutting his farm system and scoring Soto, it wouldn't have been misplaced humor to transpose Preller's face onto the broken-hearted Wallace's. See, much of Preller's calculus in making the aggressive, win-now move to acquire Soto was linked to the pending return of Tatis. Adding Soto in the order around Machado and Tatis, three probable Hall of Famers in their prime, would create a murderer's row to compete with any other in baseball history.

But that plan will have to wait until next season. On Aug 13, Tatis received an 80-game suspension from MLB after testing positive for performance enhancing drugs. The air that was pumped into the Padres' championship balloon with the Soto trade, immediately leaked out with the Tatis suspension. With Soto under contract through 2024, Preller's three-year playoff window with Machado, Soto and Tatis has been trimmed to two.

Trust is an interesting thing - beautiful when it is unequivocally shared between parties, often irrecoverable, even psychologically scarring for the victim, when broken. It is best first earned, but when humans are involved, be it in personal or professional relationships, it is extended at great risk, no matter the circumstance. Preller and the Padres trusted Tatis with a \$340M commitment and a franchise-altering trade. Preller must now feel a bit like the betrayed Wallace, minus the arrow wounds and thought-lost fight for independence. I'm sure Mike Rizzo would take his call to chat about the trade that may have been best if it never was.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

## Artsfest Returns to Annmarie Garden

30th Annual Celebration of Visual and Performing Arts



Images from Annmarie from Artsfest '21.



Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center  
Artsfest 2022 artwork created by Barb Mowery

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland, will present their annual art and music festival, Artsfest '22, on September 17 & 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Set amidst the spectacular backdrop of the beautiful woods of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Artsfest is a unique art experience with more than 170 artist booths, 35 performers on four stages, creative fun for kids, artist demos, and great food and drink.

Admission is \$10 per person, and children 11 and under are free. Members are free; become a member today. Tickets are on sale now; go to our website to reserve your tickets. For detailed event information and SNAP card holders, please email [info@annmariegarden.org](mailto:info@annmariegarden.org) or call 410-326-4640 to reserve your discounted tickets.

Please, leave pets at home.

Artsfest '22 celebrates the visual and performing arts by bringing together the country's most accomplished artists for a fabulous weekend extravaganza of the arts! Explore the artist booths-both inside and outside-- where you can shop, watch demos, and talk with artists working in various media, including jewelry, ceramics, painting, photography, fiber, printmaking, sculpture, and more! Artist tents are located on the shady Wooded Path and inside the Murray Arts Building. Guests will find everything from spectacular works of art for the home to thoughtful gifts for friends. It's a shopper's paradise.

Artsfest is proud to present more than 35 performers on four stages, plus strolling musicians that will surprise and delight. At the festival's heart is the covered Main Stage, where you'll find a top-notch line-up of musicians presenting the best in jazz, blues, roots, indie, folk, rock, soul, fusion, old-time, and bluegrass. Thanks to the gen-

erous support of the Maryland State Arts Council, Artsfest '22 will include Main Stage performances by Dogo du Togo, the modern sounds of Togo, Africa; Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes, blues, soul, and rock n roll, and much more. Of course, you don't want to miss the DMV Poets, the poetry of local poets in the beautiful Council Ring. The Painting Princess, Bubble Magic, and more performances and activities in the Children's Discovery Area and the Fairy Lolly Pavilion. Artsfest offers a rich and exciting arts festival experience for all.

To find a complete entertainment schedule go to [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org).

Artsfest is a family-friendly festival with a wide variety of activities for all ages. The Discovery Tent will have creative, hands-on activities for all ages can be found. The nearby Zany Zone and Patio Play Area will keep kids occupied and active while adults enjoy the Main Stage music and a drink. Don't forget to frolic in the Fairy Lolly and hunt for gems in the Fairy Grove Mining Sluice. Youngsters will also want to visit the face painting station!

Artsfest '22 will have some of your local food favorites, including Koz's Ice Creamery, Calvert Kettle Corn, Grizzly Mountain Grill, Hardesty Haven Catering, Nicolletti's Pizza, Sherri's Crab Cakes, Sunshine Girls Lemonade, and TK Grill. In addition, enjoy a cold microbrew, hard cider, or a glass of wine at the Annmarie Wine & Beer Tent provided by Bozick Distributors.

Press Release from Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center



# Calvert Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, September 8

### Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum

10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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 20 - 45 minutes. Free with museum admission. Capacity is limited; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Squirrels!

## Friday, September 9

### Night at the Museum for Friends with Disabilities

Calvert Marine Museum

5 - 7 p.m.

The museum and grounds will be open exclusively for guests with disabilities and their families, friends, or caregivers from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This FREE event is offered in cooperation with Calvert County Parks & Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS). Meet the museum otter mascot, learn about fish, fossils, river otters, skates and rays, maritime history, and enjoy activities in the Discovery Room. Explore the boat basin and Drum Point Lighthouse. A calming room will be available. The Museum Store will be open and full of items for all ages and interests. Cruise on the Wm. B. Tension at 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for each person to ride the Wm. B. Tension - Call 410-535-1600, ext. 8204 or 8205 to register for the Tension cruise. Pre-registration is suggested to access the museum - register online at <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us> and search for Activity #170773.

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## Saturday, September 10

### Free Health Fair

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Episcopal Church

10210 HG Trueman Rd.

Lusby

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Various Vendors will be onsite. For Info Call 410-326-4948

Office@middlehamandstpeters.org

For more information—[www.middlehamandstpeters.org](http://www.middlehamandstpeters.org)

### Yard Sale

Calvert Pines Center

Center 450 W Dares Beach Rd

in Prince Frederick

8 a.m. till noon.

Senior Council Yard Sale, Sign up for table rentals until all tables are rented. The table rentals are \$15 each. You must come to the senior center to sign contract and pay by check or cash. For more information call the center at 410 535 4606.

### Meet the Democratic Candidates of Calvert County

Calvert Library Prince Frederick

850 Costley Way

Prince Frederick

1-4 p.m.

Calvert County Democratic Women's Club invites you to meet the Democratic candidates of Calvert County. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information and a printable flyer, visit [calvertdemwomen.com/event-4943732](http://calvertdemwomen.com/event-4943732)

### Open House

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue

Location: 7940 N. Flint Hill Rd.

Owings

3-4 p.m.

Come visit our horses during our 2022 Open House series! Our Open Houses are free to the public and include barn tours, meeting our horses, and \$5 horseback rides. All proceeds go directly to the care and keeping of the horses at FHHR!

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

[www.facebook.com/events/355221333094874/355221346428206/](https://www.facebook.com/events/355221333094874/355221346428206/)

## Sunday, September 11

### Big Conversation

Living and Coping with Trauma:

The Unseen Force.

The online ZOOM session is

Sunday, September 11

From 2-5 p.m.

Register through Calvert Library.

Pre-registration is required at <https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/event/7018570>

### Fossil Club Meeting & Public Lecture

Calvert Marine Museum

2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Quarterly meeting of the CMM Fossil Club followed by a public lecture (more

details to come), beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting and lecture will be held in person in the museum's Harms Gallery.

### Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Join us on a two-hour public sail aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's, and experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail. Capacity allows for 30 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$35 for ages 13 and up; \$15 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are not permitted. To register, visit: <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>

### Quarter Auction With "The Fun Bunch"

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## Monday, September 12

### Solar Workshop Series

Serenity Farm

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5:30-7:30 p.m.

If you're interested in using solar electricity to power your home, farm, or business, then please join an upcoming session of the University of Maryland's "Solar Workshop Series." University of Maryland Extension Specialists and industry representatives will discuss the opportunities, challenges, and practical applications for using solar power. Each workshop will address important factors that will help you decide if solar is right for you and how you can install a solar electric system that meets your needs. Topics at each workshop will include:

- How solar energy works and what role it plays
- How solar impacts you as a homeowner or landowner
- How to finance and facilitate a solar project

More information and registration details can be found online through the University of Maryland Extension at [go.umd.edu/Solar2022](http://go.umd.edu/Solar2022). For additional information, or if you need reasonable accommodation to participate, please

contact Drew Schiavone ([dschiavo@umd.edu](mailto:dschiavo@umd.edu), 301-432-2767).

### Zumba Gold-Toning

Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Co,

Ward Road, Dunkirk

6-7 p.m.

If you like to dance, this is the fitness class for you! Zumba Gold-Toning blends the Zumba party you love at a slower pace with a redefining total body workout using Zumba Toning Sticks (or 1 lb weights) to shake up those muscles! This is a low impact class that is perfect for all exercise levels. I promise it is high in fun. See you there. Bring a friend. Your first class with me is free. Just mention this ad.

## Tuesday, September 13

### Solar Workshop Series

American Chestnut Land Trust,

676 Double Oak Road

Prince Frederick, MD

5:30-7:30 p.m.

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## Thursday, September 15

### Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum

10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult, are invited to join us for story time and a craft you can do on-site or take home, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Squirrels!



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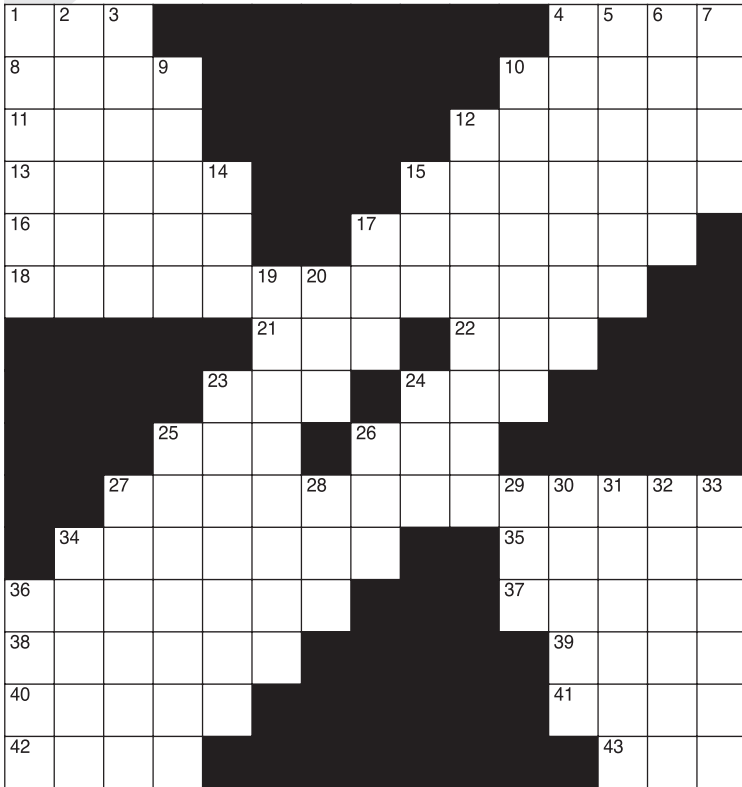
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# GAMES & PUZZLES



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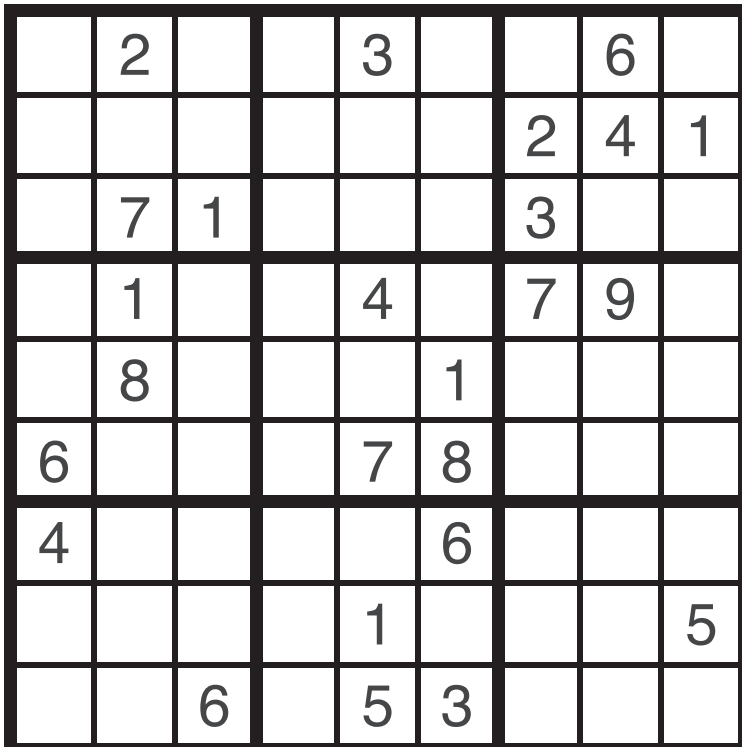
- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. Kids love it in summer
- 8. Dashes
- 10. Polynesian sarong
- 11. Chapter of the Koran
- 12. Evildoer
- 13. Japanese commercial city
- 15. A way of binding
- 16. Early Christianity
- 17. Kids' term for bugs
- 18. Beloved family holiday activity
- 21. Work unit
- 22. Bundle
- 23. A number or amount not specified
- 24. Military official (abbr.)
- 25. Queens ballplayer
- 26. Type of

- gibbon
- 27. Norma Jean's stage name
- 34. Places
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Argued publicly
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. They star at weddings
- 39. Indian god associated with reproduction
- 40. Ocean sunfishes
- 41. Slowly leak through
- 42. Plant part
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Accumulate on the surface of
- 2. Not a good feeling
- 3. Got smaller
- 4. Helped a golfer get around
- 5. Military forces
- 6. Partner to ways
- 7. Low, one-horse sleigh

- 9. Japanese seaport
- 10. Inclined to favor
- 12. Avid reader
- 14. Lead singer of Heart
- 15. Pigeon sound
- 17. Vital part
- 19. People who are not Jewish
- 20. Shed tears
- 23. Pokes holes in the ground
- 24. Beverage receptacle
- 25. Stone used to surface roads
- 26. French-Belgian river
- 27. Type of phone
- 28. Long-lasting light bulb
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Dormouse
- 36. Database management system



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## Thu, Sept 8, 2022

### St. Francis Xavier K of C Annual Golf Tournament and BBQ

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### LFS Patriot Day 5K Race

Little Flower School  
20410 Point Lookout Rd,  
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8a.m. to 11a.m.

This annual event is held each year near Patriot Day, September 11, to honor local "patriots": military, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, and members of the medical industry. Participants are invited to run or walk the 5K in person starting from Little Flower School or to participate virtually from wherever they are if preferred. Registration is free for all first responders, active duty military, and medical professional participants.

### Contra Dance

37497 Zach Fowler Road  
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Come out to swing, promenade, and do-si-do to lively jigs, reels and waltzes played by the So. MD Open Band. Jason Little will teach and call the dances. Dance workshop at 7:00 PM. Dance begins at 7:30 PM. No partner required. Beginner's welcome.

## Sun, Sept. 11, 2022

### Breakfast- All-You-Can-Eat

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## Tackle Box Fishing Report



Spanish mackerel are getting bigger!

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

Spanish mackerel were available all week in the main stem of the bay from Cove Point south to Smith Point. Schools of fish were moving about feeding on bay anchovies, breaking, and attracting birds and trollers. Those using planers and small shiny spoons were loading up every day. The warm water is now in the low 80's, and the saltier water due to drought have made the conditions ideal for mackerel. The spanish are now getting bigger with many in the 22-to-24-inch range.

Bluefish are mixed with the spanish and they are mostly small in the 12-to-15-inch range, although there were some schools of hefty blues in the three-pound

category discovered in the Buoy 72A area.

There are still cobia and red drum taking trolled surgical eels in scattered areas in the lower bay. Charter captains who fish daily have a pretty good handle on where to find them. Novices are pretty much gonna get skunked.

Rockfish and catfish will become more plentiful as the weather cools. Catfish love cut alewife; rockfish hit surface plugs at day break in the shallows of creek mouths and around structure.

Surf fishermen in the mouth of the Patuxent have found keeper redfish, nice perch, spot, and even a flounder and cutlass fish or two.

Spot are still stacked up in the rivers and bay waiting to be caught. Perch fishing is excellent.

## Temporary Closure of Health Hub Operations September 8

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) announced the temporary closure of operations at the Health Hub, located at 21625 Great Mills Road in Lexington Park on Thursday, September 8, 2022. COVID-19 testing and vaccinations will be available on that date at the main office in

Leonardtown. Normal operations at the Health Hub will resume on Friday, September 9, 2022.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and testing, Harm Reduction Services and other SMCHD programs and hours of operations, visit [smchd.org](http://smchd.org).





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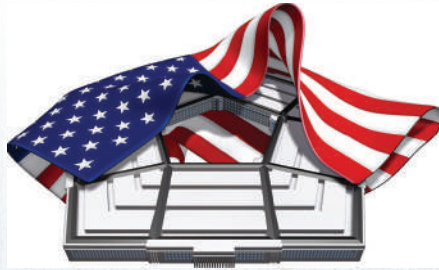
# THE PENTAGON MEMORIAL

At 9:37 a.m. on September 11, 2001, five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. All 53 passengers and six crew members perished in the crash and an additional 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground were killed in the fire caused by the crash.

The hijacking of Flight 77 was part of the broader attack on 9/11, which remains the deadliest terrorist attack in world history. The Pentagon Memorial was created to honor the 184 people whose lives were lost at the Pentagon on 9/11, as well as their families and all those who sacrifice to protect and preserve the freedom of Americans.

The design of the Pentagon Memorial was developed by architects Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman. Their design was chosen from 1,110 submissions.

The Pentagon Memorial sits on two acres of land just outside where Flight 77 struck the building. The memorial includes 184 benches that are dedicated to each of the victims. The benches are organized in a timeline of their ages, stretching from the youngest victim, 3-year-old Dana Falkenberg, to the oldest, 71-year-old John Yamnicky. Each bench is engraved with the victim's name and arches over a shallow reflecting pool of water, lit from below. The benches for passengers who were aboard the plane at the time of the crash are positioned



so visitors face the sky when reading the victim's names. The benches dedicated to the victims inside the building are positioned so their names and the Pentagon are in the same view.

A curved wall known as the Age Wall also is a significant part of the memorial. The wall increases in height from 3 inches to 71 inches to represent the ages of the victims.

Eighty-five paperbark maple trees were clustered throughout the memorial, and these trees feature foliage that changes orange or red each fall. The trees will eventually grow to 30 feet, providing a canopy of shade over the memorial.

The Pentagon Memorial is free and open seven days a week year-round, though visitors are urged to contact the Memorial in advance due to potential restrictions or closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information about the memorial is available at <https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/national-911-pentagon-memorial>.



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# THE 9/11 MEMORIAL

Among the more indelible images to emerge on September 11, 2001 was the sight of two planes crashing into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center. Still photos and video footage of those planes flying into the Twin Towers were the first images of the attacks many Americans saw, and no one who watched events unfold that morning will ever forget those images.




Though both the North and South Towers fell on that day, today the site where each tower once stood is a serene retreat in the bustling lower Manhattan neighborhood that was shaken to its core on the day of the attacks. The 9/11 Memorial was designed by architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum notes that Arad and Walker's proposal was chosen in a design competition that featured 5,201 submissions from 63 countries.

crash sites, 400 swamp white oak trees were selected from nurseries located in New York, Pennsylvania and near Washington, D.C. These trees are located throughout the Memorial Plaza, providing a peaceful respite separate from the surrounding city. The Memorial Plaza also includes one Callery pear tree. That tree was discovered at Ground Zero weeks after the attacks and it was severely damaged. The tree, now known as the Survivor Tree, was nursed back to health by members of the New York City Parks and Recreation Department and returned to the World Trade Center site in 2010, where it still stands as an enduring symbol of resilience and perseverance.

The 9/11 Memorial is located on the western side of the former World Trade Center where the Twin Towers once stood. Two enormous reflecting pools are part of the Memorial Plaza, which is where the North and South Towers once stood. The pools feature the two largest man-made waterfalls in North America. Around the edges of the pools, the names of people who were killed in the 9/11 attacks in New York, the Pentagon, on Flight 93, and in the 1993 bombing at the World Trade Center are etched in bronze.

In recognition of the The 9/11 Memorial is free and open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information about the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum can be found at [www.911memorial.org](http://www.911memorial.org).



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Capt. Dane Criag Swanson (far right) celebrating after Navy's win at the Army-Navy game in April 2022.

changed to barricades set up to slow and even snarl traffic to defeat anyone trying to crash through the gate.

U.S. Marines, then an integral part of base security, had set up sandbag emplacements complete with machine guns on the high ground flanking the main road leading into the base, showed that the country was now at war.

And it was a war that took the military to the Middle East and South Asia for the next two decades.

"It changed all of us," Swanson said. "It was a monumental change on base."

Base personnel bore up under the uncertainty and strain of the aftermath of the attack, Swanson said.

"People handled it professionally," Swanson said. "Nobody panicked."

Swanson, also an academy graduate, spent his career as an aviator, flying F-14 Tomcat fighter jets.

His job was protecting his aircraft carrier battle group from Soviet and other Cold War era threats, mostly in the form of Tu-95 long-range strategic bombers, carrying the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) designation "Bear."

Swanson said intercepting those sorts of adversarial aircraft was a common occurrence.

"They'd even wave at us," Swanson said. "Sometimes they'd open their bomb bay doors and let us get under-

neath them just to show us they weren't armed.

"When they got so many miles away from the [carrier battle] group there would always be a Tomcat escorting them."

In those days, Swanson said, there wasn't the heightened feeling of threats that existed immediately after 9/11.

His son wants to follow his father into aviation, Swanson said, but the world has changed vastly.

"It'll be very different all the way around," Swanson said of the threat world his son will face when he enters into active service. "We've certainly had conversations about how this is a very different country.

"He's got challenges facing him in this world that I didn't have," Swanson said of his son's future. "There was stability in the Cold War; it's much more unpredictable now."

Dane Edward Swanson, who plays lacrosse at the naval academy, speaking during a recent podcast Post Game with Paul Golden, said his choosing the Navy as a career was a "dream come true." After graduation, Swanson will have a five-year term of service.

"Listening to him [about his career], it's incredible," the younger Swanson said of his aspirations to follow in his father's footsteps. "I want to fly like him if I can."

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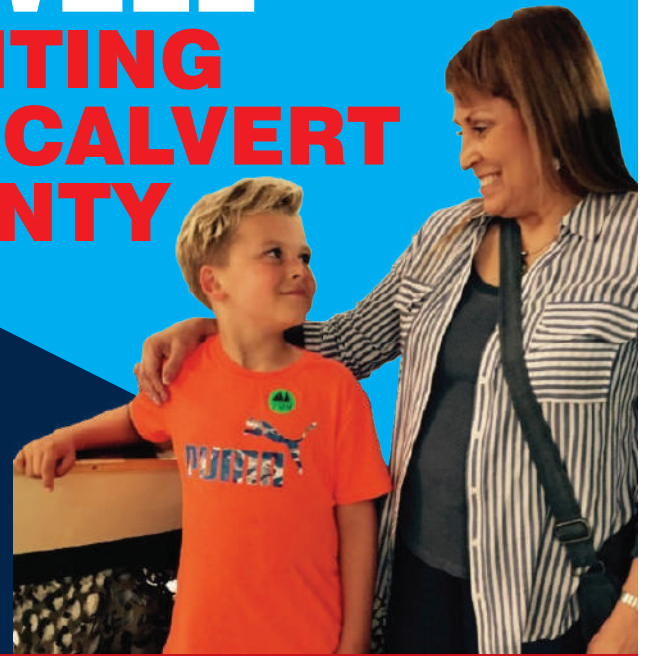
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Tricia Powell is running for Calvert County Commissioner, 1st District. Originally from Cheyenne, Wyoming, Tricia has been a resident of Calvert County for over 25 years. She is married to her husband Mel, former Executive Director of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, and have 10 grandchildren together.

Tricia is a retired business woman who holds a Masters of Business Administration. Her professional career includes several years working in county government. While with the county, Tricia worked in developing and overseeing large budgets, managing capital projects, performing cost-benefit studies, and conducting policy and regulatory impact reviews.

Tricia has served three terms on the Drum Point Property Owner's Association, during which she was instrumental on reducing the Special Tax District Fee and successful in stopping the building of break-water barriers in the Chesapeake due to the negative impact it would have on the environment.



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# PATRIOT DAY

## Former Pax River XO Reflects on 9/11

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Retired Capt. Dane Craig Swanson's son, who bears his name, was born on Sept. 11, 2001.

Now a Midshipman 2nd Class at the United States Naval Academy, his son only knows a post-9/11 world.

While he was the executive officer at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Swanson's wife was in labor at St. Mary's Hospital on base when he saw the television news feed of the first hijacked airliner hitting the World Trade Center in New York City on that fateful day.

"My wife was in labor and



Capt. Dane Craig Swanson and Dane Edward Swanson at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

when I saw the second plane hit, I knew it wasn't an accident," Swanson, who lives in St. Inigoes said. "I knew it was going to be a busy day."

The base quickly locked down and everyone on board

was wondering what was going to happen next; soon the Global War on Terror would begin.

From that point forward, the security situation on base rapidly became more seri-

ous and some of those force protection measures remain in effect today.

"Things changed," Swanson said. "There was a huge unknown, there was heightened security and people were second guessing themselves.

"They were asking themselves 'Could we have done something more or better?'"

Base leadership, decided after much review that security had responded appropriately.

In the time of terrorism threats, base security, which had once been most noticeably armed gate guards checking identification cards

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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 person pictured in a theft investigation. On Monday, July 25, 2022 at 11:20 am, the suspect removed a BB gun pistol from its packaging and placed it in the waistband of his shorts at the Tractor Supply Store in Charlotte Hall. The suspect was confronted by an employee before he could leave with the BB gun. The suspect was last seen leaving a silver or gold colored Mercedes.



Theft Suspect

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Anthony Cucinotta at 301-475-4200, ext. 78175 or email [anthony.cucinotta@stmarysmd.com](mailto:anthony.cucinotta@stmarysmd.com). Case # 37766-22

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### ARRESTS Assault/Child Abuse

On August 26, 2022, Dep. Morgan responded to the 44900 block of St. Andrew's Church Road in California, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Angela Monique Dyer**, age 35 of Lexington Park, struck



Angela Monique Dyer

the juvenile victim with a curtain rod, causing injury to the victim's knee, which required medical treatment. Dyer was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Child Abuse 2nd Degree.

### Theft/Drug Arrest

On August 8, 2022, Dep. Wimberly responded to the 44100 block of St. Andrew's Church Road in California, for the reported vehicle theft. On August 28, 2022, Dep. Wimberly located the victim's vehicle in the 21800 block of Ronald Drive in Lexington Park, occupied by **Timothy Wayne Brooks**, age 51 of California.

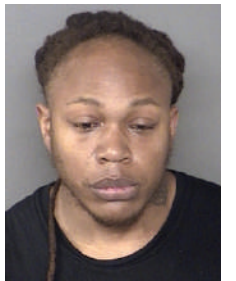


Timothy Wayne Brooks

Brooks was arrested and located in Brooks' pocket was a plastic baggie containing suspected cocaine. Brooks was arrested and charged with Theft, Motor Vehicle Unlawful Taking, and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

### Assault/Violate Protective Order

On August 26, 2022, DFC. Westphal responded to the 21800 block of FDR Boulevard in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Larry Anthony Pickeral**, age 34 of Bryantown, assaulted the victim by pushing the victim against a vehicle, causing visible injury. Pickeral also violated a valid court order by contacting and assaulting the victim. Pickeral was charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Violate Protective Order.



Larry Anthony Pickeral

## Editor's Note

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.





well as car trips, from the East Coast to West Coast to name a few.

Rosa's most favorite passion was Church. She loved the Lord and attending services at Living Hope with Randolph. She never wanted to miss Sunday services even when her health began to change. Rosa loved to be in the house of the Lord lifting up Holy hands and singing His praises. It gave her great joy! As a mother, she was always encouraged and excited to see her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the service.

Rosa is survived by her husband, Joseph Randolph and six children, Michael (Joycelyn) of Upper Marlboro, MD, Mary Elam (Robert) California, MD, Raymond, Berkley, CA, Frances Barnes (Wade) California, MD, Pamela Carroll, Lexington Park, MD, David (Pamela) Lexington Park, MD, 17 Grandchildren, 22 Great-Grandchildren, one Great-Great Grandchild, siblings, four Brothers, John, Mitchell, Joseph, Harry, two Sisters, Jeanette Gordon and Ann Dorsey.

Rosa was preceded in death by four sons, Ralph, Timothy, Bruce, Patrick, and her siblings, James, Charles, Robert, Theresa, Alice and Cecelia.

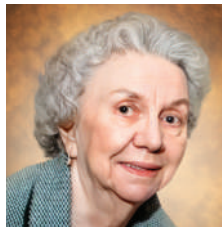
The family will receive friends for Rosa's Life Celebration on Monday, September 12, 2022 from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m., at Living Hope Church, 21650 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, MD 20634. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### *Elsie Juanita Newton Wallace*

Elsie Juanita Newton Wallace, "Nita", 84, of Hollywood, MD, passed away



on September 4, 2022 in Great Mills, MD. Born on April 9, 1938 in St. Mary's County, MD, she was the daughter of the late Elsie Marie Hill New-

ton and the late Martin Woodley Newton. Elsie was the loving wife of Charles Grant Wallace, Sr., whom she married on October 20, 1956 in St. Mary's County, MD. She is survived by her children Charles Grant Wallace, Jr. (Fay) of Hollywood, MD and Clifford Martin Wallace (Denise) of Leonardtown, MD, her sister Virginia Marie Newton Wilkin-son of Hollywood, MD, her son-in-law, C.W. Shaffer, her grandchildren Heather Fay Wallace Marsh (Jeff), Hailey Marie Wallace Green (Jeremy), Garrett Michael Wallace, and Kylie Jean Wallace, and her great grandchildren Aria Elise Green, Grant Lee Green, Maeve Ann Marsh, and Fintan Wallace Marsh. Elsie was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Juanita Wallace and her sister Frances Mae Newton Clark.

Elsie was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from St. Mary's Academy, Leonardtown, MD. She was a homemaker and enjoyed car racing, sewing, reading, crossword puzzles, traveling, and cooking for her family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com).

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# Letters to the Editor

## Student Loans

What do I think of Biden's Student Loan Handout of half a billion dollars? First, it will fuel inflation. Right now many have to choose between electricity for air conditioning and food on the table.

How did I get through college? This is an account how a 76 year old woman fulfilled one of her dreams. I graduated from the University of Maryland in 1968. We were a middle class family and our funds were limited. I needed money for tuition. My mother went back to work to help.

I earned money working several summer jobs. I was no stranger to paying my own way. At 12 I took care of my neighbor's newborn. The father liked my work so much, he hired me to work at his company, United Leaf Tobacco at 18. I learned how to balance budgets and how to work with people from Switzerland and migrant workers from North Carolina. Our tobacco was used to help a cigarette burn properly. I earned \$40.00 per week. The dollar was worth much more back then. As an economic lesson, the more dollars in an economy the less they are worth. That, friends, is inflation.

The next year my mother, who worked at the Prince George's County Courthouse, helped me get a job at the courthouse. I was hired by a wonderful man, Chief Deputy Clerk, William R. Clay. I learned how to audit. Mr. Clay called me Star which flattered a young college girl. As an important aside, I met Steny Hoyer, who is now the Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives. We were both very young at the time. Little did I know he would become one of the most powerful men in our country. I have followed his career ever since. I wrote a letter to the editor noting his accomplishments and giving him my ideas on how our nation could solve problems. He sent me a very nice thank you. I just attended his annual birthday bull roast.

My third year, my girlfriend's mom helped me get a federal job at the Navy's Personnel Survey's Division. The Director's assistant Miss Kumfort left and the Director, Commander Williamson, assigned me to her position. The Commander's claim to fame was having Chief Justice Earl Warren at his wedding. The Commander often took us out to lunch and told us exciting stories of his command of a destroyer in WWII. When he went to Florida, I asked him to get me an alligator. Well, he brought me a stuffed baby alligator. I named it Cecil and recently gave it to my grandson, Ransom.

My last year, I returned to the Navy Yard where they took into consideration my college and paid me as a GS-4. I made good money to devote to college. I worked for a psychologist, Dr. Dapuy. I worked with sociologists who made surveys for US Navy personnel. They concerned such subjects as why people reenlisted.

During the school years I worked for the University food service. I did a variety of things such as serving at banquets, throwing dough for pizza, preparing meals, and working the cash register. My most memorable moment was when I was nervous about frying an egg. After the gentleman ate it he told me that was the best fried egg he ever had.

All of these experiences led me to meeting extraordinary individuals, learning different skills, having fun, and most importantly, having the satisfaction of paying my own way!!!

*Marilyn Crosby  
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# In Remembrance

## George Edward Kramer



George Edward Kramer (78) passed away peacefully on September 1 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home where he had been residing for the past year suffering with dementia. George was born in New York City on July 6, 1944 to George Daniel Kramer and Gladys (Gibson) Kramer. George served in the Marine Corp from October 17, 1961 until he was honorably discharged in February, 1966 having obtained the rank of Lance Corporal. Among other duties, he was an Honor Guard during the funeral service of John F. Kennedy in 1963. After leaving the Marine Corp, George was hired by the Prince George's County Police Department as a police officer, and at a later date he was also a Sheriff's Deputy in Prince George's County until he transitioned to St. Mary's County in 1977 where he became a Sheriff's Deputy with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office until his retirement in April, 1998 with the rank of Sergeant. George was instrumental in establishing K-9 services in the county and was himself part

of that service where he partnered with German Shepherd/Best Buddy "Dan". George was a faithful member and supporter of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) during active duty and into retirement. He loved playing softball with teammates (usually fellow deputies). He was also an avid baseball fan supporting the Washington Nationals. He also loved horses, and it was a very sad day for him when he had to give up his horse when his health began to fail. George is predeceased by his parents, his sister Linda Barclay and stepson Stevie. Survivors include brother Donald (Lynn) Kramer, New Mexico; Daughters: Robin (Scott) Roberts, Eustis, Florida; Kristine (Alex) Foley, Mechanicsville, Virginia; Stephanie (Jon) Holcomb, Hollywood, MD.; Grandsons: Steven Martin, Eustis, Florida; William & Benjamin Kurtz, Hollywood, MD.; Great-Granddaughters: Alyssa & Rylie Martin, Niece Lorrie Harrington; Nephews: Daniel & Edward Kramer. Ex-spouse/companion Deanna Snyder. Funeral Services will be held at the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, 41590 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, MD. 20650. Visitation on Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with prayers at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Friday September 16, 2022. Burial will follow at Joy Chapel Cem-

etry, Hollywood, MD. In lieu of sending flowers, the family would prefer donations to Hospice of St. Mary's at P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or to the "Shop with a Cop" program with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 23150 Leonard Hall Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

## Wilbur James (Jim) Brown II, U.S.N.



Wilbur James (Jim) Brown II, U.S.N. QMCM, Ret., passed away at home surrounded by family on Friday, September 2, 2022.

Jim was born in Washington, D.C. on March 7, 1938.

Jim attended St. Gabriel's School and graduated from Archbishop John Carroll High School in 1956, in D.C. In 1959, Jim married Donna Jane Smith, his high school sweetheart with whom he celebrated 63 years of marriage.

In 1956, Bosun Brown embarked on a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, crossing the globe many times. Duty stations included submarines, the Pentagon, and various cruisers and aircraft carriers. He retired as Master Chief Quartermaster. He was direct support during the Cuban Missile Crisis and Plank Owner on the USS Oxford, Nitro, and Eisenhower. He was YP Division Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy.

In 1979, Jim retired and moved his family to St. Mary's County where he was a Navigation Instructor at Harry Lundberg School of Seamanship for 17 years. He was an energetic volunteer in the Catholic community, including coaching the girls' basketball team at Little Flower School for 10 years. He was in The Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree. He will be missed for his quick wit and deep kindness.

Jim was a devoted husband to his wife. He was an extraordinary father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved to play games, laugh and share his outrageous "sea stories".

Left to honor his legacy are his wife Donna; daughters Caren (Joy) Brown, Susan (Michael) Bassford, and Colleen (Gregory) Corliss; grandchildren Paris

(Beau) Rushing, Corwyn Tutor, Katelyn, Reagan, and Zachary Corliss, and Brian Swantkowski-Brown; and great-grandchildren Ava, Jaxson, Rylee, and KC James, expected to join our family in October.

Jim is predeceased by his parents, Bill and Louise Brown and sister Peggy Bisch.

Family will receive friends for Jim's Life Celebration on Friday, September 9, 2022 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Marco Schad on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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## Rosa "Rosie" Alberta Scriber



Rosa "Rosie" Alberta Scriber, 91, of Leonardtown, Maryland peacefully transitioned at home with family on September 2, 2022.

Rosa was born on February 19, 1931 to the late Charles Henry and Clara Elizabeth Dorsey. She was one of fourteen children. Rosa was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and she received her education in the St. Mary's County Public Schools.

On April 10, 1950, Rosa married the love of her life, Joseph Randolph Scriber. Randolph was her "Dapper Dan" always sharp as a tack. She loved to see him looking stylish with everything pressed and neatly arranged down to the cap. They were inseparable for over 71 years. Together they raised ten children, seven boys and three girls. Rosa had a career as an Assembler with Minitex for over 30 years. She loved shopping, especially buying clothes, getting her hair done, travelling and was an avid reader. Rosa and Randolph had many wonderful experiences. Cruises, bus trips with church and senior groups, as



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# New Businesses, Old Favorites Coming Out For Taste of St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Michael Koslofsky, owner and operator of Koz's Creamery food truck, just opened up last year and started small by going into neighborhoods and selling as many sweet treats as he could.

Now, he and his crew are looking for bigger venues and more new customers.

Enter the St. Mary's Chamber of Commerce Taste of St. Mary's set for Saturday, Sept. 10.

It's where local food and drink vendors get a chance to get what they have to offer to thousands of customers at once in Leonardtown on the town square.

"We're really excited," Koslofsky told The County Times. "This year we kicked in with going to festivals.

"We're going to offer some really cool stuff."

Koslofsky will be offering a new creation — a caramel apple crunch sundae — in a slightly smaller version than normal.

"We're going to reach a lot of people who've never been to our truck before," Koslofsky said.

Koz's Creamery will be one of three new local businesses to join the lineup at the Taste of St. Mary's, joined by Sweet Blue Smoke of Callaway and Dixon Family Farms of Mechanicsville.

Sweet Blue Smoke offers craft meats, while Dixon Family Farms offers flowers, professional photos and

lavender.

Christine Bergmark, CEO of the chamber of commerce, said 17 vendors will be on hand, with the event beginning at 1p.m.

"We'll have some favorites and some new additions," Bergmark said. "We're hoping for a good 3,500 to 4,000 people coming out."

Three activities for young people will be available, she said, from Yellow Line Art Store in Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary and Above Par Golf and Entertainment.

The Taste of St. Mary's is a long running event but it is just the second one to open since the COVID-19 pandemic, which wreaked havoc with food and service operators throughout the county.

This was another chance for businesses to raise their profiles with the public.

"It's an opportunity for restaurants, food trucks and caterers to interact with the public in a one-stop shop venue," Bergmark said, hoping the event would still have years to go.

"The vendors are still interested to be a part of this," Bergmark said.

Visitors will have the chance to vote for their favorite food vendors; the winner will get the People's Choice Award.

Last year's winner was Uncle D's Grill, of Lexington Park, which is making a return this weekend

Others include, Chiefs/WJ Dentof Tall Timbers, Greene Turtle of Cali-

fornia, N&N Oriental Market of Lexington Park, The Rex of California, Chick-Fil-A of Leonardtown, Jamaican Grill of California, Olde Town Pub of Leonardtown, Linda's On-the-Go Food Truck, Kona Ice food truck, Port of Leonardtown Winery, Dunkin' Donuts, Finer Sweets Bakery and Nicolletti's.

Ballots can be turned in at any of the food ticket booths.

The Summer Breeze band will offer musical entertainment.

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One of the offerings set for the Taste of St. Mary's event.





# Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## IT'S TIME FOR THE CLEMENTS CUTIES FOUNDATION BIG EVENT



I am so looking forward to this Saturday's Clements Cuties Foundation's big event At Cryer's Back Road Inn in Compton. It is an honor to be part of an organization that has helped, and will continue to help, so many local children fighting rare childhood cancers and severe illnesses. September is also Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We hope that our big event will bring lots of good people out to help spread awareness and hope for these families.

This year our recipients are: 6 year old Willow Dexter, also known as Warrior Willow, who was diagnosed last year with Acute B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia, which she refers to as the "Cancer Monster". Willow loves anything outdoors and loves making fun videos. Daniel Hamer, also 6 years old was diagnosed with Renal Blastoma last year. Daniel has three brothers whom he loves to play with outside and inside. We also have two sisters, 10 year old Myla Ashton and 17 year old Haley Ashton, both of whom were diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Myla in 2018 and Haley this past February. Both sisters are very active in different clubs and activities at their schools, as well as both being competitive dancers with Gracie's Guys and Gals. Our last recipient this year is 4 year old Lakelyn Draheim who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a highly aggressive stage 4 brain cancer this past January. Lakelyn enjoyed dancing, gymnastics, and camping prior to her diagnosis, and we are hoping these will again be a part of her future.

Some of the vendors we'll have will be Helen and Beaver of Helen's Café who will provide the food for us again. George Bussler and his crew will return to serve hot dogs and water. Jimmy Hayden and crew will have the beer stand, and Jeff and Tyler Burroughs will have their Rita's Italian Ice truck on site. We of course will have lots of t-shirts, and some new designs: one designed by one of this year's recipients, Haley Ashton, and a new tank top style for the women, hats, visors, stickers, and magnets. And the Cuties spouses/girlfriends will also have their own special t-shirt this year, mine will say Roberta's Rockstar to complement my Baltimore Hun beehive wearing

Cutie husband, Rockin' Roberta. I will be working the t-shirt stand (the metal box building) most all day, so please stop by and say hi.

There will be great live auction items including another amazing bench/coffee table with a crab and the MD map on it made by Jack Ward. We will auction off two quarter beefs from Earl Lumpkins, the Over 30 Women will donate a large liquor basket, plus tickets for our major local sports teams, an Orioles neon sign, a 4 person full day fishing charter, an Xbox, along with other items I'm sure. And there will be tables and tables of brown bag auction items set-up again with donated baskets and items covering everything from food baskets, wine, baskets, lottery ticket baskets, and gift card baskets from local merchants. If you have been to the event before, you know that there are an amazing number of offerings.

Gates will open at 12. The Women's All-Star game will take place first on Saturday from 1-230pm at the BRI field. The Young Men's League Hall of Fame Inductions will take place on the BRI field at 230pm, following the Women's all-star game. Then at 3:50 the Clements Cuties parade will begin at St. Clement's Shores Park with The Kings of Mayhem Motorcycle Group and many of the county's Fire and Rescue Departments starting off with we hope, some of our recipients, past and present, followed by The Clements Cuties to Back Road Inn where they will disembark and walk over to the field for all the fun to begin, and also hold some very special, heartfelt presentations. The game should begin about 5:15. Donald Quade and The Revival Band will play immediately following the game. This is a secret, but I also know there will be an exciting surprise entrance to look forward to. Just a side note: Please do not bring any outside alcohol or coolers to the Back Road Inn field since beer and water will be served on site. All of the proceeds from beer and food, and every part of this event go directly to help these children, plus fund 7 local scholarships as well.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby. Please send your ideas or comments to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook. PS. My column will be bi-weekly now.

# Oysters To Be Seeded In Breton Bay



Volunteers plan to seed oysters in Breton Bay Sept. 10.

On Saturday, September 10th, Friends of St. Clements Bay, the St. Mary's River Watershed Association (SMRWA), and ShoreThing Shellfish, LLC will be planting one million oysters in the Breton Bay Oyster Sanctuary.

The event will begin at 10:30 am at Abell's Wharf where 180 bushels of spat-on-shell (baby oysters) will be unload from trucks, loaded onto work vessels, and taken out to Lover's Point and planted. These one million oysters will likely double the existing oyster population in Breton Bay.

The public is invited to help and/or to cheer along the workers.

Breton Bay was designated as one of 51 new Maryland oyster sanctuaries in October 2010. These sanctuaries were chosen because of their potential to support sustainable oyster habitats. In 2017 as a result of widespread local support, Maryland Department of Natural Resources chose Breton Bay to be one of the five

oyster sanctuaries slated for large-scale restoration. However, in 2018, they revoked that decision due to the low oyster population at that time.

SMRWA along with Friends of the St. Clements Bay have already planted nearly one million oysters in Breton Bay and have seen good success. The oysters are growing and might even be reproducing. Oysters provide habitat for fish and crabs, support the economy, and improve water clarity by filtering out nutrients and sediments. Support for restoration in Breton Bay includes local governments, recreational boaters, environmental groups, and watermen, unlike eastern shore rivers chosen for large-scale restoration. (Somerset county is suing the State to stop the restoration effort there.)

Please bring a life jacket and join us on 10:30 am September 10th at Abell's Wharf to plant one million oysters in Breton Bay. More info text 301-904-2387.



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# Shooting Under Investigation on Patuxent River NAS

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Leadership on board Patuxent River Naval Air Station reported shots fired in the Lovell Cove Housing community Sept. 6.

Patrick Gordon, base public affairs officer, told The County Times that base police were called to a residence at Lovell Cove and the subject of the call instigated a brief barricade.

When police heard a gunshot, they entered and found the subject suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Gordon said.

A shelter in place order for Lovell Cove in the aftermath of the shooting was lifted at about 1:45 p.m. that day.



Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS) took over the investigation, Gordon said.

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# Historians Seek Lost St. George Island Battle Site



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

In 1776 one of the first land victories of patriot militia against the British occurred at St. George Island when the last colonial governor of Virginia, Lord Dunmore, led forces loyal to the crown to land here in St. Mary's County and attempt to make it to the mainland.

They were repulsed but Dunmore's forces committed to a spoiling action and sunk or set afire several nearby merchant vessels in retaliation for their loss, perhaps eight to 23 local vessels were lost and the Institute of Maritime History (IMH), based in Tall Timbers, not far from the battle site, wants to search for the remains of the sunken merchant fleet.

David Howe, secretary and treasurer of IMH, said in a letter to the county commissioners seeking monetary support for the venture, that some of the merchant vessels may have been sunk in either the St. Mary's River or in St. George's Creek.

The institute specializes in underwater historical research and archaeology, Howe stated, and has engaged in historical projects along the entire Easter sea-

board and in Europe.

"IMH has spent several seasons using side scan sonar, magnetometer and scuba diving to look for remains of those vessels," which have become known as "Dunmore's Floating City," Howe said in his missive to county commissioners. "The area has been raked over for oysters for many years, so it is an aquatic plow zone.

Their search has turned up nothing so far related to Dunmore's spoiling attack of nearly 250 years ago, Howe said, but they have not given up the search.

"We have recently acquired access to better underwater sensors than we used in those early searches," he said. "We want to resume our attempts to find and assess the remains of Dunmore's Floating City, report them to the [Maryland Historical] Trust and publicize this early example of Maryland's many contributions to American independence.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County recently sent a letter to the Maryland Historical Trust requesting they look into providing grant support for the Dunmore expedition.

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# Major Leonardtown Housing Project Gets First Approval



Rodney Gertz, of Quality Built Homes, talks about the Meadows at Town Run II project.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Leonardtown Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of a new major housing subdivision to be built just off of Hollywood Road late last month.

The final approval required would come from the Town Council which has the project on their agenda for the Sept. 12 meeting.

The Meadows at Town Run II would be built on a little more than 137 acres as part of a planned unit development on the east side of Hollywood Road on a piece of land once known as the Wilkinson Farm.

This property was annexed into the town in 2015.

The developer, Quality Built Homes, Inc., has agreed to keep about 76 percent of the property as open space, according to information shared with the town planning commission at its Aug. 29 meeting.

The actual construction of homes would take place on the remainder of the parcel.

The builder proposed to build 410 dwelling units, according to information presented at the meeting, which is

designed to create buffers between existing homes and new construction.

Town Planner Mike Bailey explained that the project would include 12 single family homes, 146 town houses, 144 apartment units and amenities such as a club house, swimming pool, tennis courts and a playground.

The development would be completed in three phases, Bailey told the town planning commission, with the single-family homes built first also with the first 38 town houses and the first 36 apartments to be contained in their own building.

The amenities would also be completed in the first phase of construction, Bailey said.

The remaining town houses would be constructed in the second phase, while the remaining apartments would comprise the third phase.

Rodney Gertz, vice president for Quality Built Homes, said the project would feature trails and sidewalks to improve connectivity inside the development.

"It's a very walking, active community," Gertz said.

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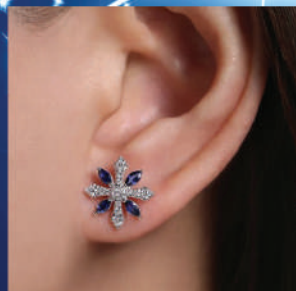


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# 9-Year-Old Shot in Home Invasion Priest Accused of Indecent Exposure

Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

On September 4 at 3:57 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a home invasion with shots fired in the 21500 block of Old Missouri Avenue in Lexington Park. When deputies arrived they located a 9-year-old suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg.

The victim was transported to an area trauma center for treatment and is in stable condition.

Preliminary investigation determined two suspects forced entry to the residence and discharged at least one firearm at the occupants, striking the victim. No additional injuries have been reported.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said detective are continuing to investigate the sort of crime that he had long hoped would not happen given all of the recent gun violence in Lexington Park.

"This home invasion is exactly what I was afraid of with all of the indiscriminate gunfire," Cameron said. "We do not believe that they were the target of this home invasion."

Cameron declined to answer numerous questions regarding the progress of the investigation.

"Anything more would be injurious to the case," Cameron said.

Local law enforcement officials have

said that two rival criminal factions based in Lexington Park, comprised mostly of young males aged 26 and under, have been responsible for the recent rise in gun violence.

They were believed responsible for a shooting that left a 16-year-old dead at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department carnival earlier this summer.

Cameron would not confirm whether these two factions are responsible for the home invasion and shooting.

"Our [officers] are working hard all the time getting these guns off the street, and not just through traffic stops," Cameron said. "They're painstakingly gathering evidence and forensics as well."

"We're continuing to work towards dismantling both of these groups."

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Daniel Sidorowicz at (301) 475-4200 extension 78043 or by email at Daniel.Sidorowicz@stmarysmd.com.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact 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.

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Staff Writer

A parish priest serving at Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills has been charged with indecent exposure in Frederick County where he maintains a residence, The County Times has learned.

Charging papers filed against Rev. Jaroslaw "Jerry" Gamrot allege that the priest was driving westbound on Interstate 70 at mile marker No. 56 with no pants on.

Charging papers state that the victim in the case, Eliezer Molina, told state police that the same man driving the same vehicle had done this publicly to him twice before.

On the third occasion, which occurred July 25, Molina took a picture of Gamrot allegedly committing the act as well as the license tag of the vehicle, charging papers stated.

When he was interviewed by police, Gamrot admitted he was the driver of the vehicle after he was read his Miranda rights, charging papers stated.

Holy Face Catholic Church stands next to Little Flower School on Route 5.

Gamrot is still listed on the church website as the pastor at Holy Face and the administrator of Little Flower School.

Gamrot was born in Poland, the website states, and graduated from the Catholic University of Lublin with a Master's of Divinity.



Jaroslaw "Jerry" Gamrot

"Father Jerry likes art, music and animals," the website states. "But most of all, he likes to work with people and children."

Gamrot faces one count of indecent exposure, court records show, and is sched-

uled to appear at a preliminary hearing set for Oct. 25 in Frederick County court.

Jason Babcock, spokesman for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office said the Criminal Investigation Division of the agency "has received no complaints nor [has any] open cases about him [Gamrot] at this time."

The Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. issued a statement regarding Gamrot's status.

"Father Jerry Gamrot of Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills, Maryland, has been placed on administrative leave and suspended from public ministry pending an investigation into alleged misconduct away from the parish and school," the statement read. "No determination about Father Gamrot's future will be made until the investigation is concluded."

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While you are there, be sure to step inside to see "Seventeen Men: Portraits of African American Civil War Soldiers" by professional artist and illustrator Shayne Davidson, along with the portraits and biographies of two St. Mary's County soldiers who served in the U.S. Colored Troops and were awarded the Medal of Honor. More info about the exhibit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/5361632967207379>

Also, while visiting the exhibit, visitors can also visit the nearby USCT Monument to see the names of the soldiers, sailors and Medal of Honor recipients from St. Mary's County who served in the Civil War.



None of the men depicted in these exhibits were allowed to vote in the election of 1860, when Abraham Lincoln became President of the United States. They only gained their right when the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect in 1870. Don't waste your right - get out and get registered.

National Voter Registration Day is dedicated to celebrating democracy by registering as many American voters as possible through collective efforts from volunteers, businesses and non-profit groups like the Unified Citizens for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC), which is the host group for this event.

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**LOCAL 5**  
Town housing project gets initial approval



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Taste of St. Mary's coming this weekend



**LOCAL 6**  
Focus on Revolutionary War battle site on St. George Island.

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| THU 9/8  |  | 80° /64° | Humid with clouds and sun   | MON 9/12 |  | 81° /67° | Cloudy, a thunderstorm; humid |
| FRI 9/9  |  | 82° /62° | Sunny to partly cloudy      | TUE 9/13 |  | 83° /67° | A couple of showers           |
| SAT 9/10 |  | 83° /65° | Times of clouds and sun     | WED 9/14 |  | 84° /65° | A shower in the morning       |
| SUN 9/11 |  | 82° /70° | Humid; a stray p.m. t-storm | THU 9/15 |  | 81° /64° | Partial sunshine              |

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