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Cox, Johnson Challenge for Sheriff

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Two veteran Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies are vying in the general election to replace retiring Sheriff Mike Evans.

Democrat Vaughn "Jay" Johnson, who was unopposed in the primary, is a Calvert native and Calvert High School graduate. His law enforcement career includes six years at the FBI, two-and-a-half years at the St. Mary's County Detention Center and 22 plus years with CCSO. He is currently a School Resource Officer.

Ricky Cox, who had three opponents in the Republican primary, is also a Calvert native and Calvert High graduate. He became a Marine and served two tours of duty in Iraq. He became a deputy in 2004 after being honorably discharged.

The two candidates faced each other on Sept. 21 at a League of Women Voters candidate's forum in Prince Frederick. Questions were submitted from the audience and read by the moderators. The following is a sampling edited for clarity.

Q: What certifications or credentials will the sheriff's department obtain when you become sheriff?

Cox: Throughout my whole career, I've dedicated my life to service. First serving in the United States Marine Corps where I've learned leadership. I've learned dedication and I've learned troop welfare. I plan to bring those traits to the sheriff's office just like I've

done my entire career. I've been at the sheriff's office, coming up on 20 years. When I got to the sheriff's office, I wanted to be a commander and I think it was very important to get my education. I took night classes while coaching, while being a dad, while running a patrol shift to get my education at the University of Maryland. It was a lot of hard work. I've had a lot of high-level command schools that I've been through -- the FBI and the United States Marine Corps. And I think that's prepared me well for analyzing budgets, which I can bring as this next sheriff and also just my leadership capabilities, leading and commanding every bureau in this agency, to include CIB investigations and patrol. I plan to bring that to the sheriff's office.

Johnson: I would like to bring back CALEA to the sheriff's office. We lost that a while ago, and just improve on our leadership. I didn't go to the military, no disrespect for anybody that went to the military. I come from a strong military family, but I've been in the community pretty much all of my life. So, I like to bring my leadership qualities to the sheriff's office, people skills, being able to inspire the community that we are here. I also want to improve on the communication with the sheriff's office, so that when our deputies are out on patrol and mingling with the people of Calvert County, they can communicate a little bit better, that we are able to listen a little bit better. We're able to not just go out and be so aggressive. So, I'd like to train that we are a little bit less aggressive and

use our people skills a little bit more so that when we go out in the communities, we are able to communicate and be seen as not as forceful. Right now, I think sometimes we are a little more forceful than we need to be.

Q: What are your two top priorities for the Sheriff's department?

Johnson: To continue to be transparent and to work on that. I think we've been hit with a couple things here lately that have the sheriff's office in a negative light. So, we want to continue to be transparent, continue to be positive and continue to be out there doing the service part. But I think sometimes we forget the service part of the community. So, I want to focus on the service part of the community and being extremely transparent.

Cox: The first thing I want to do is analyze every job, in that I've worked in every bureau, but I haven't really gone through the budget like I would like to, to see where we're missing, or we could have money to where we can allocate in different spots. And I think I'm a very efficient person. If it's not efficient, I think we should change it. And that's me, just looking at every job, every title, every position there and make sure we're efficient and we can be effective when we're efficient. Secondly, what I want to do is make patrol a priority. The deputies that are coming to your house, they're the first arriving there, they're the ones that respond to your concerns and I want to take care of them, and I want to build them up because they are the ones that are protecting us on the streets. Also, our schools, that's my main priority too, protecting our schools. I would like a deputy in every school as soon as we can. And I've already put a proposal together. I have to get the approval from the commissioners.

Q: How will you enhance diversity inclusion and equity in the sheriff's work and workforce?

Johnson: By just recruiting a little bit better. We have the explorer's program, and we have different programs now that we offer through the sheriff's office. But I think if we start a mentoring program where we get to the elementary schools, we get into middle schools and we get out and start really interacting with the kids at an early age. Then we can get them to the sheriff's office before they get this bad taste of what they think police are. You can recruit from the schools and from the community. If you get out and just show a different side, a personable side of the police, that's the biggest way we can recruit. Get out more than just the churches, the community, the schools, the neighborhood, the youth basketball and football games. We're just losing people that don't want to apply and we just need to get out there and find them.

Cox: From my last promotion to lieutenant, I was in charge of hiring. I was tasked by the sheriff to find some diversity to the sheriff's office and which I did. I reached out to different schools out there. I attended job fairs and I brought back two African American males that



Vaughn "Jay" Johnson



Ricky Cox

just passed the academy. One didn't make it because he had a different job. Two females and we hired one. One fellow born and raised here in Calvert County. And I think that's brought a lot of diversity and I think it worked what our plan was. I plan on bringing that plan back as the sheriff. Let's be honest with you, recruiting right now is very tough across the board. I go to a lot of meetings, seminars for law enforcement and we're going to have to do some innovative things to really get the young generation to get out here and want to do this job. And I just talk to all the high school classes and what I want to do is implement a youth advisory council and really get into the schools and speak to them and what they're seeing, what they're hearing out there. And I'll tell you what, we have a lot of good people that live here which we can cultivate to make our next deputies.

Q: What inspires you to serve in this position?

Cox: I've wanted to do this since I was in high school. I wrote it in my yearbook. I graduated from Calvert High School right across the street. It inspired me when I started the criminal justice program. Keith Hicks was my DARE teacher. He's the reason why I wear the uniform today. I always wanted to be a United States Marine. I told myself that and I graduated bootcamp with a meritorious promotion. I led Marines in combat in Iraq twice. I was going to make a career out of the military, but I wanted to be a dad. So, police was a second to being a Marine. So, it would inspire me. I want to still be the sheriff. So, I've set goals for myself. I wanted to be a commander. I wanted to get my education. I got that with my GI Bill and here we are. It's all coming true. I won the primary. I want to thank everybody that voted for me that got me to this point.

Johnson: Unlike Ricky, being the sheriff of Calvert County wasn't something I put down for my high school. Me being a deputy of Calvert County, on the other hand, was my dream job. So, I'm living my dream job right now. But as I did this career, I enjoy serving this community. I've done it so long and I just enjoy it. And coaching and mentoring as many kids as I've had through the 30 some years that I've been doing it. The kids always say, Officer Jay, or Coach Jay, most police aren't like you. And that just pulled at me that maybe it was time for me to get off the couch and be the next sheriff of Calvert County so that everyone wouldn't be like me, but maybe I could help give some of my traits to the younger deputies.

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Price Increased for Development Rights Transfer Programs

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a price increase for the transfer of development rights (TDR) Purchase and Retire (PAR) program and the new TDR Reserve. The price has been increased from \$4,500 per acre (or one TDR) to \$5,000.

Under the PAR program, rights purchased by the county are removed from development elsewhere. Under the reserve, the county would sell the rights to a developer to increase their density in growth areas.

Landowners in the TDR program can still negotiate the sale price of their TDRs directly with the developer.

Rural Planner Jennifer David explained at the Sept. 20 BOCC meeting, "The BOCC established the PAR Fund in 1992 to purchase, retire and permanently remove Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) from the development rights market, thereby protecting additional farmland acres from development. The BOCC also in 2021 directed staff to establish a TDR bank pilot program that moving forward will be called the 'TDR Reserve. This is a county managed program that will facilitate TDR sales between farmers and developers and act as a revolving fund. There is \$1,843,386 in the budget available for PAR Fund purchases and \$921,675 available for the TDR Reserve for FY23. The PAR funding includes a small portion of the agricultural transfer taxes which are funds dedicated for agricultural preservation totaling approximately \$10,000. The remaining PAR funds come from prior year Land Preservation Fund balances of approximately \$873,000 and contributions from the County's General Fund of \$960,386."

David noted, "The Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (APAB) recommends a purchase price of \$5,000 per TDR for the FY 2023 PAR cycle and the TDR Reserve. The APAB assessed TDR values when establishing their recommended price. There is a need to fairly compensate participants for the value of the land they have protected while also seeking to reach as many applicants as possible."

David noted that several direct transactions had occurred between landowners and developers since the fiscal year began on July 1 that were for prices more than \$5,000 per TDR.

Earlier in the meeting the commissioners held a public hearing on a budget adjustment that allowed transfer of leftover PAR monies to the new fiscal year. The new reserve program had not



Commissioner President Buddy Hance

gotten underway before the start of the fiscal year, so those monies were also transferred. Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook said the new program was going well.

But during the budget transfer discussion, Commissioner Kelly McConkey expressed doubt about the TDR program. He said, "The majority of the taxpayers are paying for it, but the majority of the taxpayers aren't benefiting from it."

But Commissioner Chris Gadway disagreed. He said, "I personally believe all the taxpayers of the county benefit from this."

Gadway said the benefit becomes apparent when they don't need to pay for new schools or aren't sitting in traffic.

Commissioner Mike Hart added, "Or watch the changing colors of the trees" that aren't cut down by development.

During the hearing, Joseph Cormier said the monies in the TDR program could be used for other needed county projects.

"I'm still struggling with this whole TDR situation," he said.

During the budget discussion Commissioner President Buddy Hance recused himself but did not explain why. Later, during the price change discussion he also recused himself but did explain that as a farmer he is in the TDR program but has no plans to sell them.

McConkey also recused himself from the price discussion, saying he owned a farm. Both votes were otherwise unanimous

David explained that the total adjusted approved budget for FY23 for the PAR and reserve funds is \$2,804,675. Applications for landowners to tap into the PAR fund will be open soon, according to Cook.

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Phipps Seeks 12th Register of Wills Term

Lynch Challenges for Third Time

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Margaret Phipps began serving as Calvert County Register of Wills on September 1, 1977, having served as deputy before that. The Democrat is seeking her 12th term in the general election.

Probate lawyer Mark Lynch, a Republican, is making his third attempt to unseat her.

Both participated in the League of Women Voter's candidate's forum Sept. 21 in Prince Frederick. They answered questions submitted by the audience and read by the moderators. The following is a sampling of them with their answers edited for clarity.

Q: What do you think needs to be done to update the process of probate?

Phipps: The process of probate is already established. We have an automated system. We scan everything that comes in. It's on the computer. It's on the website that you have access to it. And we're working even further now that we will have a website, which will be even greater and allow us to even do more. So, we're working all the time to try to make the system better.

Lynch: I think probably the critical need is to mirror the Register of Will's office to modern society. I've always been a proponent of electronic probate, essentially being able to open the office virtually 24 hours a day, so that filings can be made any time of the day or night from any location, from any computer. My opponent 15 years ago supported the paperless electronic filing system. That was 15 years ago when it was on the cusp of electronic filing in the circuit court, we had the technology available to us. We've had it available to us for a number of years. It's a question of when we should proceed to electronic probate.

Q: What will you do to get the younger generation, to put their affairs in order now versus later?

Lynch: We live in a society of YouTube, Twitter, Facebook. Whether you like it or don't like it, the younger generation does get its news from Facebook and social media. I'd like to propose that we modernize the office by having a governmental Facebook page. Secretary of State of Maryland has one; it has 1,400 subscribers. I'd like to post on that website, Meet the Register Zoom meeting, to advance to everyone information about estate planning and the urgency of the young to plan for the future and estate planning is one of those elements that the young need to plan for.

Phipps: We have already in place where I go out and speak to groups all the time. I meet with organizations to

try to get people to make wills, to plan and whatnot. You know, a lot can be automated with the Register Will's office, but we are not dealing with paying electricity bills, utility bills, we're dealing with people's lives. So, it needs a personal touch. We can have a lot of electronics, but we need that personal touch as well.

Q: What are the top two priorities for you as Register of Wills?

Phipps: My top priority is to treat the people right, to be there for them to help them. When they're going through one of the most traumatic times in their lives, the loss of a child, a parent, a spouse, it's just not dealing with paper. It's dealing with the human beings and that's my first priority. Then the next one is to do it right, to guide them in the right direction and help them get this accomplished. We work hard to have people come in. Most of our estates are "pro se" without an attorney and we are there to assist them.

Lynch: I think my number one priority, it was the reason I became a lawyer, my father was a judge for many years in estates and trust, which I've specialized in for the last 40 years of my practice, is a special way of touching people's lives. I've gotten calls in the middle of the night now that my father has passed away. It's really too early to do any legal work for those people, but they just want to talk. And I go through the process with them. But the thing that I urge them the most is, and this is something I would address in the outreach program, is number one, complete the grieving process. That's the most important thing; the legal work takes care of its own. The second aspect of it is the educational aspect. We do have 75 percent of our estates are pro se, which is uniquely reserved for electronic probate, which is my priority. Number two, there's no lawyer involved in those. Why? Because it's such a small proceeding. It's all driven by forms that could be filed electronically. They typically don't even go to the Register of Will's office to file the small forms.

Q: How will you build a working relationship with the community?

Phipps: To the best of my knowledge, I have a good working relationship with the community. For many years, I have been there to serve you and to help you through this process. Until you lose someone in your family, that's very close to you, you really don't have a clue about how this operation works. You are suffering. You don't know what to do, where to turn, and you go to the Register of Wills. I sit and talk a long time with a lot of people, spend many hours on the telephone, helping people through this and through the community, as well as reaching out to the organizations and speaking to them dur-



Mark Lynch



Margaret Phipps

ing the pandemic. I did videos for a lot of these organizations so that the people could understand and assist, and I could assist them.

Lynch: Some of you don't know me. I've lived in county for 22 years with my beautiful bride, Janice who's here tonight. Part of my outreach program when COVID hit and affected all of American society. One of the things that happened was courthouse closures and a lot of the state offices. Had we had a governmental Facebook page, (I'm) a big proponent of putting videos on the

governmental page directly. What's going to happen during COVID? What's going to happen during court closures? What can we do to reach out to you? And because the Register of Wills is a completely service organization, the obligation of a public servant is to open the level of service and match the technology that's already available to increase the level of service 24 hours a day. And I think that's critical for the future.

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Burglary: 22-53382

On September 15, 2022, Cpl. Bortchevsky received a report of a burglary that had already occurred. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) stole one Toro battery handheld leaf blower, one Toro battery charger, and two Toro batteries from a garage in the 600 block of Hawk Hill Drive in Prince Frederick. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$481.00.

Property Destruction: 22-54189

On September 18, 2022, DFC Ostazeski responded to the area of Independence Drive in Port Republic, for the report of damaged property. Investigation revealed that multiple mailboxes in the area had been damaged by a hatchet, axe, or similar item and the mailbox posts had been knocked over. The estimated value of the damaged property is unknown at this time.

Damaged Property: 22-53630

On September 16, 2022, Cpl. Jacobs responded to the 5200 block of Cutter Court in Prince Frederick, for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 1:30 p.m. on

Sept. 14 and 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 16, a newly painted vehicle parked outside the business had been shot with a BB gun. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$250.00.

Damaged Property: 22-53077

On September 14, 2022, DFC Anderson responded to the 12600 block of San Angelo Court in Lusby, for the report of damaged property. The complainant an unknown suspect (s) tampered with the trunk latch, deflated a tire, cracked a tail-light, and ripped the Odyssey emblem off the vehicle. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$950.00.

Damaged Property: 22-54211

On September 18, 2022, Deputy Newton responded to the 8200 block of Fairfield Drive in Owings, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised the back-sliding glass door to the residence had been shattered. There was no additional damage, and nothing appears to be missing. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$200.00.

Theft: 22-52845

On September 13, 2022, Deputy Shoemaker responded to the 400 block of German Chapel Road in Prince Frederick, for the report of a theft. The complainant ad-

vised a 26" Huffy women's beach cruiser, peach and blue in color with Hawaiian style flowers on it, was stolen from the front yard of the residence. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$100.00.

Theft: 22-53289

On September 14, 2022, Deputy Aley responded to Applebees Bar and Grill located at 555 N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect stole the victim's purse and its contents sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$410.00.

Theft: 22-52874

On September 13, 2022, Deputy Novick responded to the 11500 block of Tomahawk Trail in Lusby, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised three 9ft kayaks had been stolen from the property. The total value of the stolen property is \$600.00.

ARRESTS

On September 18, 2022, DFC Idol responded to the 6100 block of 6th Street in Chesapeake Beach, for a medical emergency. Deputies arrived on the scene to find a male subject laying on the front porch and a female identified as **Dorthy Elizabeth Pulanco**, 28 of no fixed address, lying face down in the driveway. As deputies began attending to Pulanco, she

County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order, and Obstructing and Hindering an Arrest.

On September 15, 2022, Deputy McCourt responded to the Safeway located at 80 W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, for the report of a theft that had already occurred. The complainant advised a male entered the store, stuffed multiple food items into his backpack, and fled the scene. DFC Callison located the male suspect matching the description in the area of the McDonald's in Prince Frederick. The suspect **Kory Dwight Jackson**, 25 of Upper Marlboro, was found possessing a backpack with the stolen merchandise (4



packs of sausage, 2 snow crab leg clusters, 2 cans of canned crab meat). During a search of the backpack, a clear glass tube with a burnt end was found. Jackson was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center for the theft and possession of the crack pipe. A search of Jackson's person during booking revealed a baggie containing a white powdery substance (suspected Fentanyl) and burnt copper fibers. Jackson was charged with Theft: Less than \$100, CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis, CDS: Possession of Controlled Paraphernalia, Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement, Possessing or Receiving CDS While Confined, and Obstructing and Hindering an Arrest.

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



became very agitated and disorderly and physically assaulted a deputy on scene. Pulanco was asked to vacate the area so the male subject could be evaluated, but refused to do so and continued to curse at first responders. Pulanco was taken into custody and transported to the Calvert



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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, September 29

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!

Calvert Chamber's Candidates Forum

Prince Frederick VFD, 450 Solomons Island Road S, Prince Frederick, 6:30 p.m.
The Calvert Chamber's Business Advisory Committee invites the business community and concerned citizens to the 2022 Candidates Forum hosted by the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department.
Take this opportunity to hear from the candidates seeking your vote in the upcoming election on November 8th. The event is FREE to attend, OPEN to the PUBLIC and registration is not required. For more information contact the Chamber office at 410-535-2577.

Saturday, October 1

Parkers Creek Challenge Triathlon with a Twist

American Chestnut Land Trust's South Side Trailhead, 1985 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic, 7:30 a.m.
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Calverton Touch-a-Truck Event

The Calverton School, 10 a.m.
Trucks from all over will be in attendance and event goers will get the chance to have firsthand experience learning about all diverse kinds of trucks. Patrons will be able to talk with equipment operators, touch heavy-duty equipment and learn what the trucks are capable of.

Thursday, October 6

Sea Squirts: Otters

Calvert Marine Museum; sessions at 10:15 a.m. & 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 - 40 minutes. Free with museum admission. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Otters!

ONGOING

Wm. B. Tennison Public Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum, Wednesday through Friday, the month of October - 2 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays, the month of October, 2 and 3:10 p.m.
Relax and enjoy a leisurely one-hour river cruise aboard the Wm. B Tennison, a log-built bugeye. Capacity allows for 40 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost: \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 5-12 years. Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by a paying adult. There will be no cruises on Saturday, October 15 due to other events. For more information and to register, visit: www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/Wm-B-Tennison-Cruises

UPCOMING

8th Annual Craft and Vendor Show

Huntingtown United Methodist Church, Saturday,

October 15, 9:30a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Come celebrate and support our local talent. And get an early start on our Holiday shopping!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Appeal Landfill, 401 Sweetwater Road, Lusby, October 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host a free household hazardous waste collection event for county residents. rain or shine.

Hazardous household products are common in many homes and must be disposed of carefully in order to prevent dangerous chemical reactions, ignition, burns, vapors and ground water contamination that can occur when included with regular household waste. A substance is considered hazardous if it ignites easily, reacts or explodes when mixed with other substances, is corrosive or toxic. To determine if a substance is hazardous, check product labels for words or symbols that indicate caution, warning, danger, poison or toxic.

Acceptable hazardous waste items include auto and floor care products, medications, pesticides, gasoline, fertilizers, ammunition and more. Latex paints will not be accepted at this event.

There is no limit per resident and proof of residency is required. Businesses are prohibited from this event. For a full listing of accepted hazardous waste materials or for more information on household hazardous waste collection events, call the Calvert County Solid Waste Division at 410-326-0210 or visit calvertcountymd.gov/hazardouswaste.

Linden Quilt Show

70 Church Street, Prince Frederick, Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m and Sunday, October 9, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Calvert County Historical Society together with the Calvert County Quilt Guild will present a quilt show with over 40 quilts on display. CCQG Quilts and Boutique items will be for sale in Linden's Gift Shop. \$5 suggested donation at the door. www.calverthistory.org

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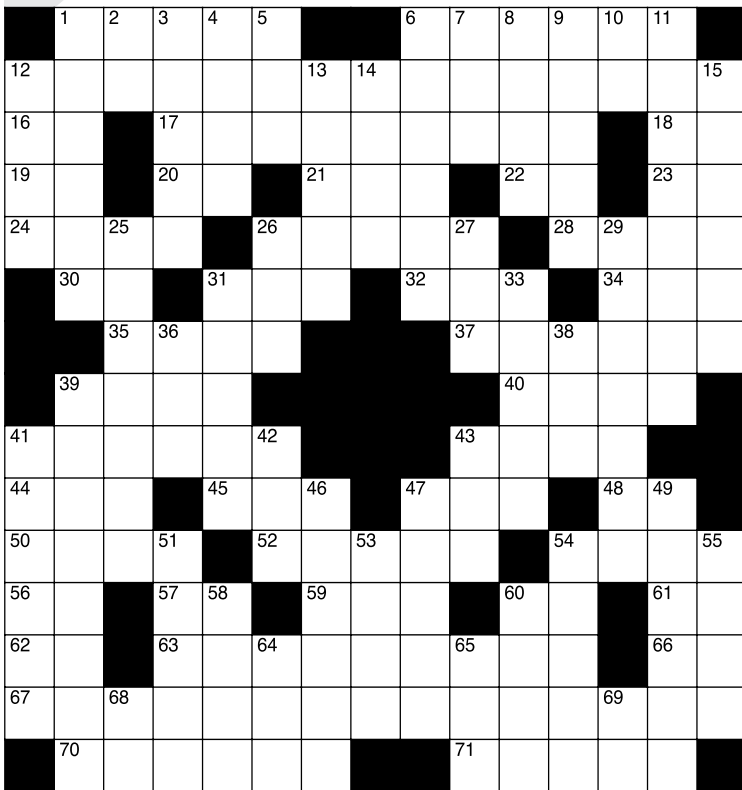
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GAMES & PUZZLES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Struck firmly
- 6. Shirt part
- 12. Nevertheless
- 16. Article
- 17. Adornment
- 18. Educator's helper
- 19. Healthcare pro
- 20. Atomic number 28
- 21. Extinct flightless bird
- 22. Mystic syllable
- 23. College sports decision maker (abbr.)
- 24. Edible mushrooms
- 26. Venerable English monk
- 28. Surrounded by
- 30. Forming fractional numbers from 4 onwards
- 31. Eastern France river
- 32. Short cry or yelp
- 34. Brew
- 35. Ornamental box
- 37. In a way, surfaced
- 39. Attired
- 40. Peculation
- 41. Netted
- 43. It shows you paid (abbr.)
- 44. Payroll firm
- 45. Antidiuretic hormone
- 47. Japanese classical

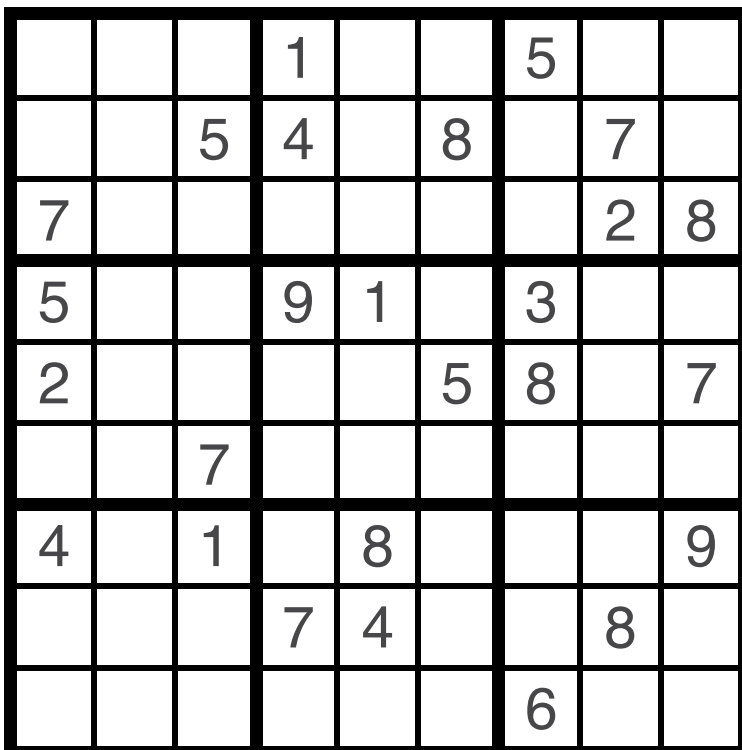
theater

- 48. The first two
- 50. Ancient burial chamber
- 52. Type of card
- 54. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 56. Hectoliter
- 57. Morning
- 59. NYC subway dweller
- 60. Law enforcement
- 61. Sodium
- 62. Elevated subway
- 63. Facility where wild animals are kept
- 66. Integrated circuit
- 67. Seaman's tool
- 70. Drink to
- 71. Small group

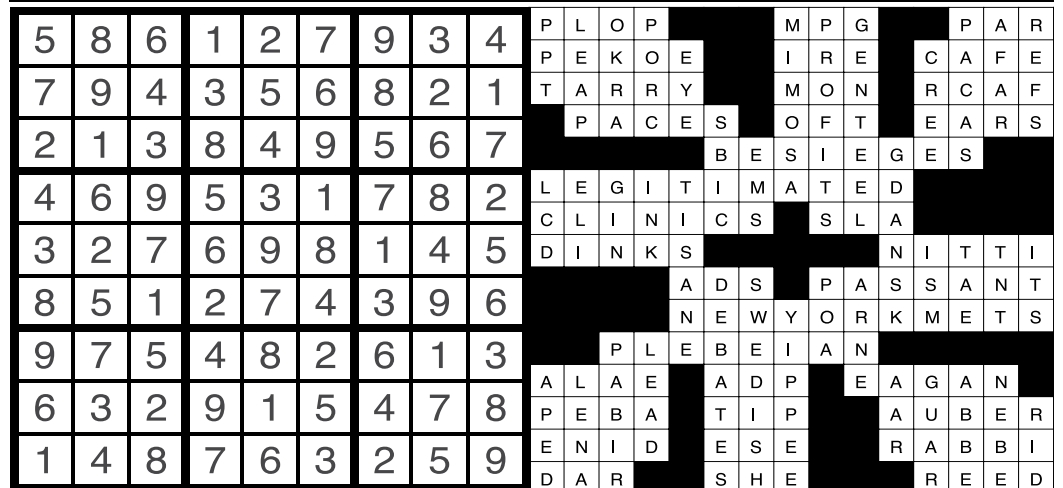
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Poem
- 2. Everest is one (abbr.)
- 3. Olympic legend Jesse
- 4. Portable tent
- 5. When you hope to get there
- 6. Unwavering
- 7. Back muscle
- 8. Within
- 9. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 10. Six
- 11. Involved as a necessary part

- 12. 2002 Liotta, Patric film
- 13. Living thing
- 14. Type of gin
- 15. Moved around in pursuit of fun
- 25. Makes light bulbs
- 26. Story of one's life
- 27. Small island in a river
- 29. A type of bliss
- 31. Genus of large herons
- 33. A way to make dry
- 36. One's grandmother
- 38. Vocal style
- 39. Pronunciation mark
- 41. American Indian chief or leader
- 42. Insecticide
- 43. Go bad
- 46. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 47. Polish river
- 49. Cast out
- 51. People of India and Sri Lanka
- 53. Cleaning fabrics
- 54. Very skilled
- 55. Pouches
- 58. Restaurant must-have
- 60. Native Americans from Arizona
- 64. Remaining after all deductions
- 65. Fleece
- 68. Dorm official
- 69. It cools your home



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



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- Plant trees away from power lines.



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Huntingtown United Methodist Church, 9:30a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Come celebrate and support our local talent. And get an early start on our Holiday shopping!

Village Days Foodways: Foraging

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, 10515 Mackall Road
Saint Leonard, MD 20685; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
A free drop-in workshop to learn about foraging food. All ages welcome, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. First-time visitors please go to <https://jefpat.maryland.gov/Documents/visit-park/jppm-trail-map.pdf> to view trails map for parking and location of Woodland Indian Village.

Bugeye Ball

Calvert Marine Museum, Saturday, October 15, 7-11 p.m. Join us for a glamorous evening at the 2022 Bugeye Ball, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Calvert Marine Museum. Enjoy delicious cuisine from Ken's Creative Kitchen and live music and dancing with friends, all while supporting the museum's next 50 years. Proceeds from this year's ball will help "Deck the Dee!" - a project to completely replace the deck of CMM's iconic skipjack and primary education vessel, the Dee of St. Mary's. Cost: \$200 per ticket. For more information contact Lisa Howard or visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/Bugeye-Ball

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 Solomons Island Road S
Solomons, MD 20688; 2:30-4:30 p.m.;
Cost: \$35 for ages 13 and up; \$15 for children ages 5-12, Children under 5 are not permitted.

Enjoy a two-hour public sail on the historic Dee of St. Mary's, experiencing the Patuxent River! Guests will have the opportunity to help raise and lower the sail as well. In the event of inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise.

Saturday, October 22

Halloween in the Garden

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, 13480 Dowell Road
Solomons, MD 20688; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Free for members; \$5/person for non-members; age 2 & under free
Dress up the whole family for a fun Halloween festival! More than 50 local businesses and organizations will be here handing out treats for the kids, plus there will be fun and games, a DJ dance party, food trucks, and more! With timed-entry tickets and activities spread out across the park, there will be lots of room for everyone. THIS IS A MASK-ON EVENT; masks are required for all guests over the age of 2.

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Saturday, October 29

Halloween Family Fun Night

Kellam's Field, 3825 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732; 5-8:30 p.m., FREE
Halloween fun for the entire family! Enjoy Trick or Treating on the field from 5-6:30 p.m. with live music (Kenney Holmes) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by a Halloween movie (Hotel Transylvania) on the field starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Legend of Creepy Hollow Dinner & Show

Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department, 4030 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639, 5:30-10 p.m.; Cost: \$55/person; Table of 6 reserve for \$325, Table of 8 reserve for \$430
Enjoy dinner and a Halloween mystery show! Doors open at 5:30 pm with appetizers being served until 6:30 pm. Enjoy dinner at 6:45 pm provided by Three Brothers of Prince Frederick. Come in costume (not mandatory) and enter the contest for prizes. Cash bar available. Suggested age is 16+. Cost is \$55 per person or you can reserve a table of 6 for \$325 or a table of 8 for \$430. Show production by Do or Die Production of Southern Maryland.
To purchase tickets: Visit www.hvfd6.org and click the "Support" tab and then choose "Events".

Halloween Boo Thru

St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; 7-10 p.m.
Enjoy movies on the pavilion stage and trunk-or-treating in the field. If you are interested in reserving a trunk-or-treat spot, please send an email to secretary@slvfd.org.

The Park at Dark: Spooktacular

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, 10515 Mackall Road, Saint Leonard, MD 20685; 7-8:30 p.m., Cost: Fee: \$10 per group of 5. Friends of JPPM get a 20 percent discount.
Enjoy an evening of spooky local tall tales and historical stories along a lantern-lit walk of the park. Pre-registration on Eventbrite mandatory.

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Saturday, October 8

Lower Marlboro Freedom Day

Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church, 6519 Lower Marlboro Lane, Owings, and Lower Marlboro Hall, 3911 Lower Marlboro Road, Owings, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A celebration to commemorate the freedom of those who escaped enslavement with the help of the British during the War of 1812.

Festivities include a walking tour, speakers, entertainment, fishing, food and exhibits. Join ranger staff from Maryland State Parks for free fishing at the pier. Fishing licenses will be required for individuals over the age of 16. For more information, contact Natural Resources Division Chief Karyn Molines at 410-535-5327 or email Karyn.Molines@calvertcountymd.gov.

Lower Marlboro Freedom Day is sponsored by residents of Lower Marlboro; Calvert Nature Society; Calvert County Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Division; Calvert County Planning & Zoning; All Saints Episcopal Church;

Calvert County Chapter of the NAACP; Calvert County Historical Society; Calvert Library; Calvert County Historic District Commission; Maryland State Archives; Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture; Mt. Harmony – Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church; Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum; Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory; and Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

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Patuxent River Appreciation Day

Calvert Marine Museum, Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Patuxent River Appreciation Day (PRAD) is an annual celebration of the Patuxent River. Join us for lots of music, food, makers of home spun goods, a petting zoo, boat rides, toy boat building, displays and activities celebrating the river! Cost: free. For more information contact Melissa McCormick or visit: <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/PRAD>

Historical Cooking Workshop

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, 10515 Mackall Road Saint Leonard, MD 20685; 1-4 p.m.

This workshop will be using traditional cooking techniques to recreate recipes from the 18th and 19th centuries, using fresh, seasonal ingredients. Appropriate for ages 13 and up. Cost:

Fee \$25, Friends of JPPM get a 20% discount.



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ABOUT RICK

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ABOUT TRICIA

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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It's Fair Week in Calvert County

Fair Board Has New President This Year

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

As the Calvert County Fair officially opened on Wednesday, Sept. 28 for its 135th year, there was a new leader at the helm. Larry Titus is beginning his first year as president of the Fair Board of Directors, the volunteer organization that guides the fair's activities.

Titus, however, has been on the board since 1989. The former state trooper and current safety director of the public schools said he joined after being reassigned to the Prince Frederick barrack, "I felt that there was a place for me to be involved in communities. And I saw the Fair Board as an organization that gave back to the community. I didn't see they had any political desires or political concerns. They just were a group of volunteers that gave back to the community."

Titus added, "I've always been attracted to the county fair because when I was a young person, the county fair was kind of like our family vacation," adding, "I grew up on a farm here in Calvert. So, it was always like the agricultural aspect of fair."

The fair wasn't held for the first time two years ago because of COVID. Titus observed, "Last year was phenomenal. It was probably one of our best years that we had in all the time I've been associated with the fair. People were just so happy to get out in the open air, again for a community type event that was friendly, welcoming. We expect the same this year. We hope Hurricane Ian doesn't put a crank in that."

He noted, "We still will be taking precautions, wip-

ing down high touch areas and be sure that we try to keep people separated as best we can. But people really want to get out and have wholesome family, affordable, activities."

But people don't want drastic changes from their fair. Titus said, "We are all about tradition. We want to keep things as normal as we can because people come looking for certain things that were meaningful and enjoyable to them. Family-type things. And we try to maintain that as best we can. We are bringing in a couple of new shows this year. We're bringing in a horse show out of Florida. We always have just a couple of entertainment changes."

"I've been to other fairs in other places," Titus said, "and they're more like festivals, they're very commercial-oriented, lots of technology and all those types of things. I think if my grandfather walked into Calvert County Fair in 2022, he would recognize a lot of the same things he saw back in 1954."

Being on the fair board is a year-round volunteer gig. "The day after the fair ends this year, we start planning for next year," he said, "debriefing what went well and what did not go well, what we need to improve up on. On the fairgrounds, we are always doing repairs because all the revenue that is collected at the fair goes right back into the fair. Nobody gets paid."

Why do it? "There's nothing like it. I would tell them (someone interested in volunteering) that they would have a sense of purpose. They would have a sense of appreciation. They would have a sense of giv-

ing back to their community. In fact, I feel that being a volunteer, that I get more benefits than the services that we give, because nothing beats seeing a family come in, when those children start to smile, when they see the rides and they love eating the foods that are there. Families come together. You don't see anger amongst you. The only anger we see is when the families say it's time to go home."

See the fair schedule elsewhere on this page.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office issued the following traffic advisory for the fair:

"For safety purposes, a special traffic plan will be in effect from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, September 30, (Youth Day), Saturday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 2nd. No vehicles will be allowed to turn left off of Rt. 231 into the fairgrounds during those hours. An alternate route would be to use Rt. 506 (Sixes Rd.) to Rt. 508 (Adelina Rd) to Rt. 231, which would allow a right turn into the fairgrounds. Once the fairground parking lots are full, satellite parking with a free shuttle bus service will be available at College of Southern Maryland (CSM) located at 115 J W Williams Road in Prince Frederick, from Friday thru Sunday as needed. During rush hour traffic, limited access to the lots at the fairgrounds will be granted for a period of time to ease the flow of traffic on Rt. 231."

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- An advocate to keep people informed, I speak regularly to groups at the Library, Hospice, Senior Centers, Retirement communities, churches and other organizations.
- I am a member of Mt. Harmony Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church and serve on the Finance Committee.
- I love serving the people of Calvert County and I will continue to provide compassionate, professional, and courteous service with confidentiality to ALL.

NOV. 8

By authority: Martha W Grahame, Treasurer

Calvert 2022 County Fair

THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 29 SENIOR CITIZEN & SPECIAL NEEDS DAY

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE LUNCH FOR SENIORS AND SPECIAL NEEDS PERSONS
ENTER THE FAIR FOR \$1.00 OR A 14 OZ. OR LARGER CAN OF FOOD

Entertainment performing at various times throughout the day: TBD

5:00 pm Carnival Opens for Everyone (Wristband Night)

6:00 pm Youth and Open Swine Show (Show Ring)

7:00 pm Calvert County Idol (Pavilion)

9:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Close

10:00 pm Calvert County Fair Closes for the night

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 30 YOUTH DAY

CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED

YOUTH UNDER 18 FREE UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

"Canned Food to Feed the Hungry" Accepted at Gate

Entertainment performing at various times throughout the day: TBD
See: School Bulletin, Local Newspaper, and Calvert County Fair Trifold

9:00 - 4:00 pm Youth Day Activities

9:00 am Youth and Open Goat Show (Show Ring)

1:00 pm Youth and Open Sheep Show (Show Ring)

Youth Day 2022 Officially ends @ 4 pm regular Gate Admission and
Carnival Prices Begin @ 4 pm

6:00 pm Southern Maryland Mini Pullers (Tractor Pull)

6:00 pm Southern Maryland Boot Scooters (Pavilion)

7:00 pm Calvert County Idol (Pavilion)

10:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Close

11:00 pm Calvert County Fair Closes for the night

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 1

Entertainment performing at various times throughout the day: TBD

9:00 am Youth and Open Cattle Show

10:00 am Carnival Opens

1:00 pm Corn Hole Tournament

5:00 pm Youth Livestock Auction Registration

6:00 pm Youth Livestock Auction (Show Ring)

7:00 pm Horse Pull (Track)

7:00 pm Calvert County Idol (Pavilion)

10:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Close

11:00 pm Calvert County Fair Closes for the night

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 2

Entertainment performing at various times throughout the day: TBD

10:00 am Antique Tractor Pull

10:30 am Calvert County Fair Children's Contest (Main Hall)

1:00 pm Horseshoe Pitching Contest

1:00 pm Chesapeake Country Cruizers (Pavilion)

3:00 pm 4-H and Livestock Awards Program

3:00 pm Music Fest Country Gentlemen Tribute Band (Pavilion)

5:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Close

6:00 pm Fair Officially Closes for 2022

6:00 pm Livestock Removal Monday, October 3rd

11:00 am - 7:00 p.m. Removal of all exhibits and pick up of awards





parade in Maryland! The parade begins at St. Mary's Ryken High School, proceeds through Town Square, and is immediately followed by a Memorial Ceremony.

A free shuttle will be available for spectators, who are encouraged to park at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds or the St. Mary's County Governmental Center.

Nov 12

Coastal Arts Market @ Leonardtown Wharf

22500 Washington Street
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

Admission: Free
Location: Leonardtown Wharf
Time:
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Coastal Arts Partnership focuses on offering visitors a selection of producer-only items from artists and craftspeople over the season. While looking for your next hand-made item, shop at the Leonardtown Wharf, a wonderful waterfront backdrop.

Nov 20

AeroPark Fly-In Farmers Market

44200 Airport Rd
California, Maryland 20619

Admission: FREE
Location: St. Mary's County Regional Airport Terminal Building
Time:
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Originally created as a reason for area aviators to fly by and purchase, this market is open to everyone, regardless of how they arrive. Although the sellers change from time to time, this one-of-a-kind market with regional items, cuisines, and craft beverages always has something local and lively going on. Best of all, the revenues from the vendor rentals benefit our excellent friends at Historic Sotterley and their wonderful work.

Admission: Tickets Go On Sale September 1, 2022

Location: Maryland International Raceway

Bring your outdoor enthusiasts to the racetrack to hear the engines roar, experience the crowd's excitement, and enjoy the local food.

At Maryland's top drag racing facility, the 26th annual Haltech World Cup Finals Import vs. Domestic presented by Wiseco will take place. This five-day event attracts racers from over ten different countries who compete for a financial prize pool of over \$180,000. In addition to the bikini contest, there will be a big vendor midway, and DJs.

Artisan Market at Summerseat Farm

26655 Three Notch Rd.
Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659

Admission: Free
Location: Summerseat Farm
Time:
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Bring your friends and family to the farm for a relaxing day of shopping for your next meal, home decor, or gift from the many homemade, handmade, vintage, and baked goods sellers. This event will be held in the open air, rain or shine. While getting a jump start on your fall meals and holiday shopping, take in the beautiful surroundings of this working farm.

Nov 11

Veteran's Day Parade

Admission: Free
Location: Town of Leonardtown
Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM



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Brüderfest 2022
Saturday, October 8th
11 AM - 12 Midnight

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- Dog Events
- Live Entertainment
- Axe Throwing
- Games & Prizes
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Brüdergarten Beer Garden at Shepherd's Old Field Market

Brüdergarten Beer Garden, 22725 Duke Street, Leonardtown, MD

Sunday, October 2, 2022:

- 12PM: Gates Open
- 12PM: First Boat to the Island
- 12PM: Blackistone Lighthouse Opens for Tours
- 12:30: Mystic Caravan Dancers
- 1PM: Parade
- 3PM: Mass on the Island (weather permitting)
- 3:30PM: Last Boat to the Island
- 4PM: Raffle Drawing
- 4:30PM: Last Boat to the Mainland
- 5PM: Gates Close
- All Day: Family activities, exhibits & More
- All Day: Food and local craft vendors

Oct. 7

Sunset Cruises @ Pier 450

48342 Wynne Rd
Ridge, Maryland 20680
301-904-0935



Time:

4:45 PM to 6:45 PM

Join Captain Phil as he explores the Potomac River on the Lisa S., a 48-foot vintage Chesapeake Bay charter boat. Cruise “down county” from Pier 450, taking in the sights of the Potomac and St. Mary’s rivers. Pier 450 offers a variety of dining options. Come early for a quaint supper or light cuisine with a drink from the bar or on the beach, or order a takeout meal and beverages to enjoy onboard. Why not eat after your cruise and relax with a sit-down meal? It is strongly recommended that you make a reservation. If you want to spend the night, Pier 450 offers boutique rooms to make your day more relaxing. For dining alternatives and to book an over-night stay, contact [Pier 450](#).

First Friday Weekend in Leonardtown

Admission: Free

Location: Leonardtown

During the weekend, come to Leonardtown for the Fall Fest Celebration. Businesses are celebrating Fall Fest with themed events, performances, exhibits, and special discounts in Southern Maryland’s only designated Arts and Entertainment District. Begin your weekend in Leonardtown, taking in everything the town has to offer.

Art aficionados are encouraged to immerse themselves in local art at North End Gallery, The Craft Guild Shop, New View Fiber Works, and the St. Mary’s Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop, and, if you’re feeling extra artsy, stop by The Yellow Line or Board & Brush to create your own masterpiece. If you’re in the mood to shop, get lost among the many treasures at Shepherd’s Old Field, the stacks of books, music, and more at Fenwick Street Bookstore, or at any of the other unique local shops. When you get hungry, Leonardtown offers an array of distinct dining establishments where you can wine and dine your last weeks’ worries away, from the upscale casual vibe at Sweetbay to the historic hometown hospitality of the Front Porch. And if wine is your jam, check out Antoinette’s Garden or the Port of Leonardtown Winery, where they often host live music and local food trucks. Wonderfully walkable historic downtown Leonardtown is always teeming with activity, but on First Friday, they turn it up to eleven!

Free Trolley Rides Around Leonardtown

Location: Leonardtown

Time:

5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Park your car and cruise through Leonardtown on us. View the map for the local stops. The Leonardtown Trolley will carry visitors throughout the region for FREE to fascinating activities, eateries, craft beverages, and shopping spots. You can ride



it as many times as you could want.

Camp Maria Oyster Scald

Camp Maria Retreat Center will be hosting the 10th Annual Oyster Scald on Sunday October 9, 2022 starting at 12 Noon at Camp Maria Retreat Center located at 41290 Camp Maria Rd. Leonardtown MD 20650.

Camp Maria will be celebrating 85 years of ministry and service and will be honoring lifelong volunteer Sarah Kane.

Admission is free Mount and Ride Band will be performing.

Oyster Scalds for \$15

Food prices range from \$10 - \$28

Beer and wine available

Oct. 15 – Oct. 16

56th Annual U.S. Oyster Festival



Being surrounded by water and fresh seafood, it only seems fitting that St. Mary’s Maryland is home to the Annual U.S. Oyster Festival. This weekend event, Saturday, October 15th, and Sunday, October 16th, brings fresh and local oysters by the bucket load. You can enjoy them raw, grilled, fried, steamed, and everything in between! Watch as contestants put together amazing oyster dishes for the cook-off (you can even purchase a cookbook) and gather for the main event, the shucking competition.

There are lots of activities to enjoy, including family-friendly shows, live music throughout the day, shopping with local vendors, a beer tent, and more!

Advance tickets are \$15 for one day or \$20 for a two-day pass. Attendees 10 and under are admitted free and no ticket is required. This is one weekend you won’t want to miss in St. Mary’s, get your tickets today at the link below.

Nov 2 - Nov 5

Maryland International Raceway, Haltech World Cup Finals

27861 Budds Creek Rd
Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659

Fall Events in St. Mary's

Oct 1

Open House at Drayden African American Schoolhouse

18287 Cherryfield Rd
Drayden, Maryland 20630

Admission: Free



Location: Drayden African American Schoolhouse

Time:
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The Drayden African American Schoolhouse is one of the best-preserved African-American schoolhouses in the country. This one-room schoolhouse, built circa 1890, is stationary and in its original location. During the open house, volunteers will be available on-site to share stories about the schoolhouse's history. Admission is free and all ages are welcome!

Oct. 1 – Oct. 2

The 54th Annual Blessing of the Fleet


Blessing of the Fleet commemorates the time-honored tradition of blessing the Southern Maryland watermen's fleet of boats. We celebrate these watermen and the heritage of St. Mary's County.

This celebratory family event, occurring for over 50 years, includes tours of St. Clements Island, Blackstone Lighthouse & St. Clement's Island Museum, live entertainment, free boat excursions, local Southern Maryland food, art and craft vendors, blessing ceremony, Sunday parade, evening concert, activities on the island (including lighthouse tours), children's activities, fireworks and more.

Price: \$10 per adult | Children 12 and under are FREE

Saturday, October 1, 2022:

- 12PM: Gates open
- 12PM: First boat to the Island
- 12PM: Blackstone Lighthouse Opens for Tours
- 1PM: Blessing of the Fleet & Waterman of the Year Award
- 3:30PM: Last boat to the Island
- 4PM: Blackstone Lighthouse Closes
- 4:30PM: Last Boat to the Mainland
- 5:30PM: Robbie Boothe
- 7PM: Museum Closes
- 7:30PM: Amish Outlaws
- 9PM: Fireworks
- 9PM: Food Vendors Close
- All Day: Family activities, exhibits & More
- All Day: Food and local craft vendors



OCTOBER 1ST, 2022
HARVEST OF SOLOMONS



Harvest of Solomons

~ Menu 2022 ~

October 1st, 2022, 11am to 4pm

1. Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill
2. Hilton Garden Inn
3. Boomerangs Original Ribs & Seafood
4. CD Cafe
5. Bugeye Grill
6. Island Hideaway
7. Terrapin Tasting Room
8. The Pier
9. Lotus Kitchen/Kim's Key Lime Pies
10. No Thyme to Cook
11. Tiki Bar
12. Solomons Victorian Inn
13. Charles Street Brasserie

14. Ticket office - and Ticket pick up tent at BHHS Penfed Realty (McNelis Group)

1 - Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill - Duck Fat Fries, Calabrian Hot Honey Wings, Mozzarella Arancini, Beer Cocktail Flight Sampler(21y+)

2 - Hilton Garden Inn - Gingerbread Martini, Captain Morgan Spiced Apple Cider, Fireball with Angry Orchard Cider (21y+)

3 - Boomerangs Original Ribs and Seafood- Hand Pulled Pork BBQ Slider, Award Winning Cream of Crab Soup, Homemade Hush Puppies, Apple Cider Sangria (21y+)

4 - CD Cafe - Jumbo Lump Crab Risotto, Bruleed Bourbon Banana Pudding Cheesecake, Red Sangria (21y+)

5 - Bugeye Grill - Red Peeper Gouda Soup, Smoked Salmon Caviar Blini, Pesto Shrimp Sautee

6 - Island Hideaway - Pumpkin Ravioli, Cream of Crab Soup, Pumpkin Cake Cheesecake, Solomons Surfer (21y+)

7 - Terrapin Tasting Room - MD Local Fall Wine Tasting (21y+), MD Local Fall Beer Tasting (21y+)

8 - The Pier - Clam Chowder, Crab Mac and Cheese, Harvest Sangria (21+)

9 - Lotus Kitchen/Kim's Key Lime Pies - Roasted Garlic Artichoke Heart Tart, Sweet and Savory Autumn Mac & Cheese, Key Lime Pie Slice, Pecan Pie Martini (21+)

10 - No Thyme To Cook - Chargrilled Oysters, Corn Chowder, Salted Carmel Apple Bar, Apple Cider Margarita (21+)

11 - Tiki Bar - Cream of Crab Soup, Crab Balls, Bacon Wrapped Jumbo Shrimp, Bacon Wrapped Scallop, Rockfish Bites, Mai Tai, Kokomo, Sexy Pirate Tipsy Mermaid, PinkPanty

12 - Solomons Victorian Inn - Mini Quiche with Chocolate Chip Cookie

13 - Charles Street Brasserie - Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Filet Mignon Bruschetta, Fried Oyster Rockefeller

Tickets \$7 each item - Advance purchase tickets \$6.25
Advance tickets available till September 29th

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October 7, 2022

Coastal Arts Market

October 8, 2022

Friends of the Poor Walk

October 8, 2022

Bruderfest

October 8, 2022

The Tractor Parade

October 9, 2022

The Reagan Years Concert

October 14, 2022

The Halloween Movie Fest

October 22, 2022

The 47th Annual Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony

November 11, 2022

Christmas on the Square & Tree Lighting Ceremony

November 25, 2022

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November 26, 2022



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FESTIVALS

MDOT Secretary Briefs Officials on Key Road, Bridge Projects

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

James Ports, the state's Secretary of Transportation, told county commissioners and delegates Matt Morgan and Brian Crosby that this year's Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP), which governs the spending of billions in road, bridge, transit and even aviation projects, for the next five years is the largest in the state's history.

It's about \$2 billion greater than the 2022 to 2027 CTP for a total of \$19.9 billion to be spent statewide; Ports was pleased about the projects he and his team had to show progress on to local leaders.

But there was some palpable disappointment on some critical projects and requests that had either become bogged down in perceived delays or relegated to obscurity for various reasons.

Ports' team said that there was an additional \$2 million added to CTP studies for a new Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge; Commissioner Todd Morgan was quick to point out that the project had been in consideration for the past 12 years and had only managed to secure an additional \$1 million in the latest \$1.2 trillion federal transportation bill passed recently.

"It's just not ready," Ports said of the replacement project to proceed to a place of priority.

The bridge spanning the Patuxent River linking St. Mary's and Calvert has no serious structural problems that make it unsafe, Ports said Sept. 27, but admitted it was dysfunctional in terms of its ability to handle

traffic.

The replacement of the bridge has been a top priority of local governments for years, and for years Ports has returned the same message that it still hasn't risen to priority status.

"If it were built today, it wouldn't be built the way it is now," Ports said. "It's functionally obsolete."

Commissioners also questioned whether the state had made any effort to find ways to dissuade potential suicide victims from jumping from the bridge.

"We've had many jumpers," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt to Ports and his team.

Ports responded that the state had done a study on the problem, to which Hewitt and other commissioners showed some surprise at not being made aware of it.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner John O'Connor, attending virtually, said it was "disappointing" that the county had not been apprised of the study, which, according to Ports, showed that putting up anti-suicide barriers was likely impossible.

"It explains why we may not be able to do the things people would hope we would do," Ports said.

Hewitt would later call for the state to take some active measures to quell the problem, despite what a study showed, in the commissioners' time portion of the business meeting.

Ports also heard from Leonardtown Mayor Dan Burris about the need to make haste with completing the so-called "break out" project to improve and widen the inter-



The Route 5 bridge in Great Mills over the St. Mary's River

section at Route 5 and Moakley Street and then on to widening Route 5 from its intersection with Hollywood Road and Compton Road.

Leonardtown leaders have been festered with complaints for the past several years about the slow pace of the project.

"For eight years in a row we had over 100 accidents from Hollywood Road to Compton Road," Burris said. "When COVID-19 hit and they said no one was driving; we had 97 [crashes] that year."

Burris again made a call for a traffic signal at Route 5 and the intersection to the Clark's Rest community.

"That would provide safety and security more than anything else," Burris said.

Ports tried to dispel comments comparing the construction of the new Gov. Harry W. Nice bridge connecting Charles County with Virginia and the Moakley Street project.

"You're still using it while you're trying to fix it," Ports said of Route 5. "That reduces the amount of time crews have to work on it."

Ports said construction crews have between four to six hours each day to make progress.

The new bridge project had no traffic on it, Ports said.

"With the [Gov. Harry W.] Nice Bridge you don't have maintenance of traffic," Ports said. "They can work around the clock if they like."

"If we could shut down Route 5, we could finish lickitty split, but we really couldn't do that, could we?"

Del. Matt Morgan responded by saying that the state acted quickly to replace bridges washed out by heavy rains in August of

2020 in the Mechanicsville area.

"You had that finished lickitty split," Morgan said.

Ports said he would not reveal the opening date of the new Potomac River bridge crossing but said it would be soon.

"The completion has always been by the end of the year and I can tell you that we're going to beat that," Ports said.

But the news wasn't all contentious or disappointing for St. Mary's.

"We have reviewed the county's plans and we will be issuing a permit to allow bus stop signs," Ports said.

This drew unanimous thanks and praise from commissioners who have wanted to establish distinct bus stops with shelters, especially since a Leonardtown man was struck and killed in traffic after disembarking from a county run STS bus when he was dropped off on Route 5 near the Cedar Lane community and had to cross several lanes of traffic.

Hewitt expressed concern in the aftermath of the death of J. Harry Norris IV, 43, that the practice of flagging down an STS bus anywhere in the county hampered traffic and proved dangerous.

Also, the project to improve the intersection at Route 5 and Great Mills Road and by connection widen the section just north of it leading up to the intersection of Route 471 — Indian Bridge Road — was proceeding.

The plan remains to replace the small bridge over the St. Mary's River, which is 109 years old, along with the widening project to improve traffic capacity and flow.

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

St. Ingoes Man Arrested for Illegal Possession of a Firearm



On September 27, 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division (CID) executed a search and seizure warrant

for the residence and person of Taquan Anthony Berry, age 24 of St. Ingoes. Located in the residence was a loaded handgun; Berry is prohibited by law from possessing a regulated firearm. Berry was arrested and charged with Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm and Illegal Possession of Ammunition.

Berry remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, awaiting an appearance before the District Court commissioner.

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.

Lexington Park Man Arrested for Assault and Reckless Endangerment



On September 22, 2022, at 5:12 a.m. Deputy Fleenor responded to the 21900 block of Baja Lane in Lexington Park, for the reported shots fired. Contact was made with the victim who

advised Reginald Tre Brown, age 31 of Lexington Park, arrived at the residence in a vehicle and brandished a shotgun. Brown pointed the weapon at the victim and another individual and fired a shot as the victims fled on foot. Brown then got into a vehicle and left the area.

Deputies quickly located the unoccu-

pied vehicle utilized by Brown at a residence in the 21900 block of Rosewood Terrace in Lexington Park. Brown was confirmed to be inside the residence and was ultimately taken into custody without issue within an hour of the incident, and a shotgun recovered.

Brown was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with two counts of Assault First and Second Degree and Reckless Endangerment. Brown remains incarcerated at the detention center on a no-bond status.

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Wanted Individual- Robert Mandley Jr.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Robert Alan Mandley Jr., age 32 of Leonardtown.

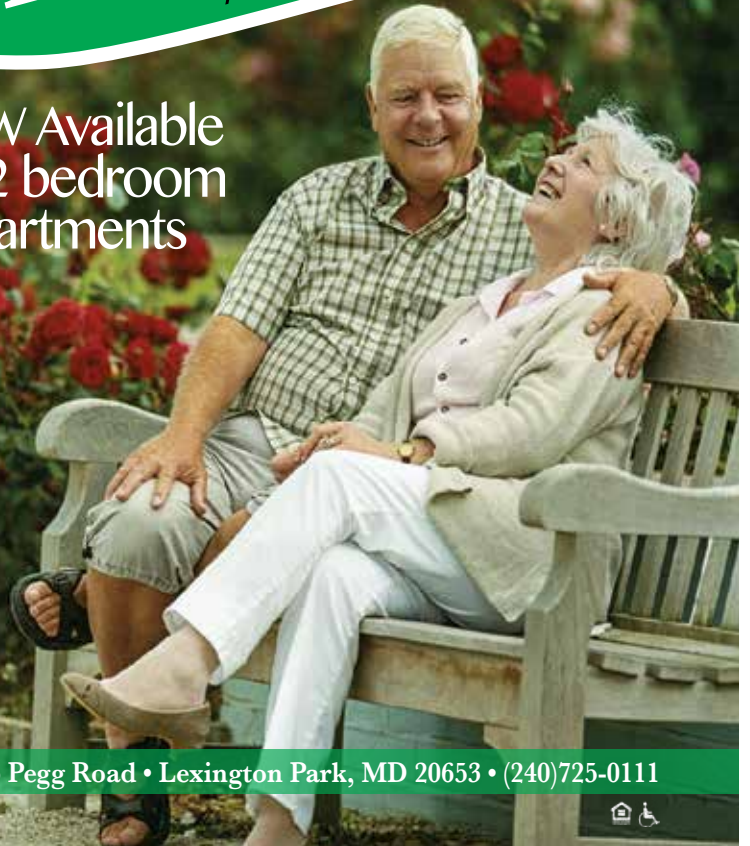
Mandley absconded from a court ordered treatment program on September 12, 2022; his original arrest was for the charge of assault first degree. Mandley is a white male, 5'10" and weighs 170 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Robert Alan Mandley Jr., is asked to contact Detective Joseph Bowling at (301) 475-4200 extension 71959 or by email at Joseph.Bowling@stmaryscountymd.gov. For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV21-000043

Alan Wetter and Keith Schmidt
c/o Dansie and Dansie LLP
406 5th Street, N.W. Lower Level
Washington, DC 20001
Plaintiff

vs.

Andre Nicholas
1335 Steed S.
Ranson WV 25438

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

all known owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

***Unassigned, Lot 66 Block I, Longview Beach And Also Known As A/C 07-023650**

Defendants

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, sold by the Collector of Taxes for St. Mary's County to the Plaintiff:

***Unassigned, Lot 66 Block 1, Longview Beach and also known as A/C 07-023650.**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 9th day of September, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 9th day of November, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County, Maryland

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CASE NO: C-18-CV-21-000043

Alan C. Wetter et al.,
c/o Lucas I. Dansie, Esq.
406 5th St. NW
Washington DC 20001
Plaintiffs

The Estate of Bessie Wigglesworth
c/o Raymia Henderson, PR
14302 Hampshire Hall Ct.
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

***Unassigned, Lot 3 Block 5, Longview Beach and also known as A/C 07-014619**

Defendants

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, sold by the Collector of Taxes for St. Mary's County to the Plaintiff:

***Unassigned, Lot 3 Block 5, Longview Beach and also known as A/C 07-014619.**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 9th day of September, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

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Sealed bids, addressed to the Capital Projects Manager, and marked "BID FOR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEVICES" will be received at the office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown, PO Box 1, 22670 Washington St., Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 October 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

A pre-bid meeting will be held, October 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Leonardtown office conference room. A bid opening will be scheduled for October 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. All potential bidders are invited to attend.

The work to be performed under the contract consists of furnishing labor, service, equipment, and materials for services for alterations, repair or maintenance to water distribution, sewage collection systems, and stormwater systems. Questions should be directed to Tony Wheatley, Capital Projects Manager, at (301) 475-9791.

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By Authority:
Laschelle McKay
Town Administrator

St. Mary's Oyster Festival Turns 56

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county is getting ready to host the 56th annual U.S. Oyster Festival running Oct. 15 through Oct. 16 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown, and that means the return of some of the nation's best oyster shuckers to the competition stage for the national oyster shucking championship.



"Our current U.S. champion, Honor Allen, just took second place in the international competition in Galway," said Karen Stone event coordinator. "It's our competition here that chooses who goes to Ireland."

"Not everyone realizes that."

Allen will also be returning to this year's competition to defend his national title, Stone said.

"We have some new names entering this year, too," Stone said. "So we will have some new faces on the shucking stand."

The competition in Ireland decides who is the world's best oyster shucker.

But more than just fierce competition over who can pry the most bivalves from their shells the cleanest and the fastest, the festival also showcases some of the region's best cooks working to turn the oyster into a culinary delight at the annual oyster cookoff.

Fun activities around the fairgrounds set for both days of the festival include a puppet show, an oyster tonging station, a corn hole contest, and an inflatable slide for young people.

Other activities include a scavenger hunt, science demonstrations and face painting.

There are also three ways to pay for tickets to the oyster festival this year, Stone said.

The first is at the gate but visitors can purchase them on-line at Event Brite, Stone said, for a significant discount.

Discounted tickets for military personnel serving in the Naval District of Washington will be available at all morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) offices, Stone said.

Gates open Oct. 15 at 10p.m.

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SpaceX Launch Grabs St. Mary's Attention



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's residents quickly took to their cell phone cameras over the weekend to snap images of a blazing ball of white light streaking across the night sky and quickly posting those pictures to social media.

The question? What was that?

The answer? The latest launch of a SpaceX rocket launch from Cape Canaveral in Florida.

The Falcon 9 rocket booster launched Sept. 24 at approximately 7:30p.m. to

put 52 Starlink satellites, according to the SpaceX website, into low orbit.

"SpaceX's Starlink is the constellation of networked satellites aimed to provide internet services to those who are not yet connected, and to provide reliable and affordable internet across the globe," a statement from the Kennedy Space Center.

St. Mary's' residents' posts stated they saw the rocket's trail while they were near Chancellor's Run Park, farther north in Mechanicsville and in Leonardtown while out at the county fair.

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Town Moving Ahead With Treatment Plan Project

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The \$18 million project to expand the Leonardtown Waste Water Treatment Plant on Van Wert Lane is moving ahead, the town council announced at their Sept. 12 meeting and that means a significant increase in impact fees paid by new commercial and residential construction to help pay for the upgrades.

The town has been seeking to expand the treatment plant, and the capacity for the town to allow more development, since 2015.

The current plant can handle just 680,000 gallons of waste water a day, said Laschelle McKay, town administrator, but the expansion will take that capacity to 1 million.

The town has already exceeded 80 percent of the allowable capacity at the plant with the development currently in town, McKay said.

"We have a number of productive projects in process so we really do need to get the project moving," said McKay.

The project is expected to take between 18 to 24 months to complete and will provide the town an additional 992 equivalent dwellings units (EDUs) of

treatment capacity.

EDUs are assigned in greater or lesser numbers to projects based on how much waste water these projects generate.

The construction company Michael F. Ronca and Sons, which was the low bidder on the project at about \$15 million, got the recommendation from the town staff and consultant GHD overseeing the process, McKay told the town council.

Bonding is still required before the project can proceed, she said.

McKay reported that the town already has a little more than \$5 million in impact fees garnered from previous construction builds to fund the treatment plant expansion.

About \$3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding will also go towards the project.

The remaining \$8 million for the project will have to be borrowed, McKay said.

The impact fees would have to be increased from \$13,000 to \$18,000 to pay the debt service on the money to be borrowed next year for the expansion project.

A public hearing on the impact fee increase is set for Oct. 11.

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Great Mills HS Fight, Lockdown Questions Swirl

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County sheriff's office is continuing its investigation of the fight that caused Great Mills High School to be locked down last week, while fears grow among parents and students about the gang related violence in the streets of Lexington Park making its way into county schools.

Sheriff's officials say they are not positive the massive fight, which took place in several locations in the school and brought down about a dozen deputies and state troopers on the school, had connections to the two rival groups of young male offenders trying to control territory in Lexington Park.

But they aren't dismissing the possibility either.

"What perpetrated [the fight] is still under investigation," said Capt. Edward Willenborg, head of the Criminal Investigation Division of the sheriff's office. "That it was gang related... has not been relayed to us.

"It very well could've been."

Parents and students who spoke to The County Times on condition of anonymity about the fight and the conditions in the school said they believed that the two gangs — or at least affiliates of them — existed in the school as they did on the streets.

Law enforcement are concerned that young people even in their pre-teen years were vulnerable to recruitment into one of the two rival groups.

Lt. Shawn Moses, who has spent a significant amount of time in the Lexington Park COPS Unit, said during the COVID-19 pandemic the rise in the very young out at night and the early morning hours had grown and could be contributing to the explosion in gang-related shootings these past two years.

"We are actively working to identify the members of these groups," Moses said. "And we're working with the community to understand the genesis of their conflicts.

"It can be anything from a social media post to a chance confrontation in the street."

Marijuana is also a central point of contention between the two groups, Willenborg said.

"They're robbing each other for their weed," Willenborg said. "They're doing

that to resell it themselves or for their own use."

But the violence can still precipitate from a place of unpredictability.

"They'll fight over lyrics to a rap song," Moses said. "It starts in the home, with 12 and 13-year-olds out at 2 a.m. on the streets.

"What are they doing out at 2 a.m.?"

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said the community held the remaining answers to stopping the plague of gang-related violence, armed or otherwise, as they knew who the members of the groups were.

It came down to "parents who condone, enable, ignore or just pretend they don't see the problem right in front of them," Cameron said. "What it's going to take is people saying they've had enough.

"For the most part they wouldn't talk with us at all, now that's starting to change."

Moses reiterated the comments Cameron has made in the past that the problem persists because "what we've lacked is the moral voice of the community."

"What we're seeing with youth misconduct... is happening all over the country," Moses said. "We're all figuring out to deal with it.

"Any of these kids are around teachers and SROs [school resource officers] for just six to seven hours a day," Moses said.

In discussing the school system's capital improvement plan for the next several years with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith was asked about how students could feel safe.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt posed the question.

"A couple of people at the county fair said their freshmen and sophomores didn't feel safe [at Great Mills HS]," Hewitt said.

Smith said the students who were found to be involved in the fight last week faced either suspension or pre-expulsion.

"We followed our code of conduct with every single one of the kids involved," Smith said, noting there was also a "very large fight" at Chopticon High School when school started this year as well.

"St. Mary's is definitely being challenged by juvenile crime," Smith said. "The way you address it is everybody comes together.

"It's the responsibility of all of us to raise our children right."

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Mulch Fire Closes County Landfill



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Weech To Continue Campaign Despite Residency Issue

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Natalie Weech, Democrat candidate for county commissioner president released a statement this week showing that technically she has not lived in St. Mary's County long enough to fulfill the legal requirements for service in the office.

She still intends to run for the seat, however.

"Upon recently accepting a position with the county Board of Education, I conducted research and found a county code that states that qualifications for... commissioner president include county residency of five years; I have lived her for three years," Weech said in her statement. "I immediately notified the Board of Elections of the county code I had discovered.

"The Board of Elections has determined that because the ballot has already been certified, I can continue my campaign to be your next commissioner president."

If victorious, Weech said her win could be open to legal challenge.

"If a challenge is sustained, I will have to resign," Weech said. "Although this is a possibility, I have decided to continue my campaign to be your commissioner president."

Weech said she hoped that no challenge



would be made were she to win election.

Weech is running against current County Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy, who is seeking his third term in office.

Guy recently won a decisive primary election for the GOP nomination against three other candidates.

Republicans continue to outnumber Democrats in St. Mary's by a significant margin.

Wendy Adkins, director of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections, did not return phone calls seeking comment for this story.

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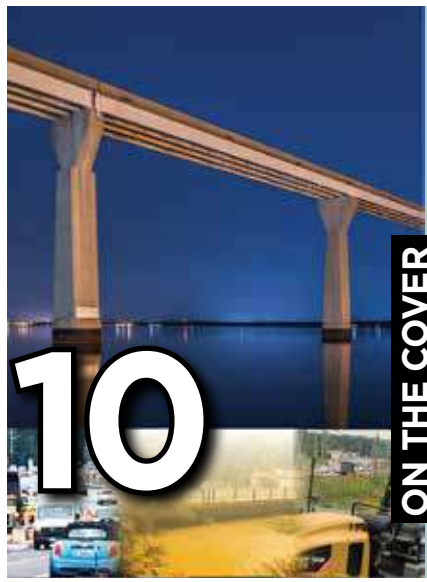
Town Administrator Laschelle McKay on the waste water treatment plant expansion project



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