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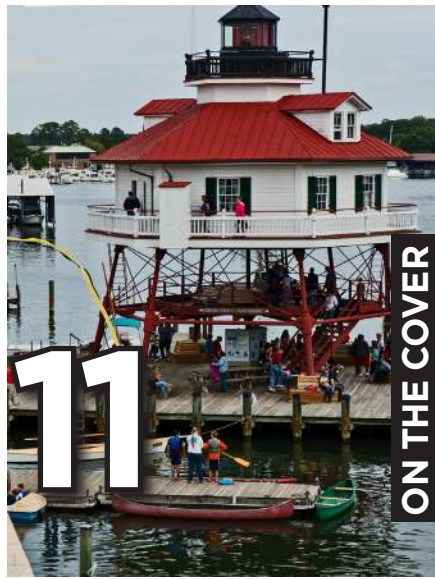


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# Base Contamination a Human Health Concern

## Town Officials, Navy Base Neighbors Speak Out

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

Town officials and residents near the Naval Research Laboratory-Chesapeake Beach Detachment (NRL-CBD) have reacted with concern to the latest findings of chemical contamination on the base. The findings were released last month at a meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), Navy and citizens representatives appointed to follow the investigation into the contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which have been tested for years at the base and are used in firefighting foam.

PFAS includes chemicals called PFOS, PFOA and GenX. PFAS is known as the “forever chemical” because of its persistence and the difficulty of it disintegrating in the environment or in the human body.

The investigation on the base has concentrated on what is known as Test Site 10. According to the report released at the RAB meeting, concentrations of PFAS chemicals exceed human screening levels in soils, surface water and sediment. The levels are of “potential concern” in the soils and surface water.

The report says that the PFAS chemicals were detected in the Piney Point Aquifer, “however all selected concentrations were below screening levels.”

Chesapeake Beach officials continue to maintain the town drinking water is safe.

Town Administrator Holly Wahl agreed that the report was more serious than previous ones. She said, “I think the town’s assessment is that it is a serious situation, and we continue to encourage the Navy to take all steps necessary to limit the flow coming from the Chesapeake Beach Detachment facility.”

Wahl said, “The town has taken steps to make sure that all of our drinking water is safe. And we’ve tested those multiple times and it’s been clear.”

Wahl explained, “We did establish a page on our town website as a landing spot for town residents to go and find information released from the Navy, as well as the testing reports the town has voluntarily conducted. We’re going to continue to do that.”

David Harris grew up on property that is adjacent to the south border of the base and now lives next to his family’s farm. Harris insisted, “We have ground water contamination, and we have surface water contamination, which is on a regular basis flowing the contaminants from the Navy’s property across property owned by the family.”

Noting the town’s insistence that their drinking water is safe, Harris said, “Fortunately for the town, they get their water from an aquifer that is way deeper because they have to draw massive amounts of water. Our wells are in the 250- to 300-foot level down. They’re (the town’s) are way beyond that.”

The report at the RAD meeting says that as the result of the findings an investigation will be initiated on remediation. But the report says that investigation does not include a cleanup.

Chesapeake Beach Vice Mayor Larry Jaworski, in his professional career, was a civil engineer who did a lot of environmental work.

He said, “I did work like this on hazardous waste at federal facilities. And I know it’s a long, drawn-out process that has to be followed in doing these studies. I think one of the things that caught my attention was the fact that they have come to the conclusion that they need to proceed with what’s called a remedial investigation. What that means is after you’ve done the preliminary work, you reach

the conclusion that there is indeed a problem, and it needs to go forward into the next phases of this remedial investigation.”

Harris says the Navy has been studying the problem for a long time and he’s frustrated with the lack of action and the failure to listen to the concerns of their neighbors.

Harris said, “It’s concerning because each time the information just keeps getting worse to the extent of the contamination. And the DOD (Department of Defense), granted, they’re having these meetings, but they’re not proceeding in any diligent manner to correct the mistakes that they made in decades past for this contamination that they created.”

Harris explained, “We had someone doing crops on the farm using the well water to water them. They have since stopped doing that because the water’s contaminated.”

He said revisions of regulations for PFAS are being considered. “That means that well is not able to be used at all for human consumption.”

He said the Navy’s solution is bringing in bottled water for human consumption.

“I’ve emailed everybody,” Harris said, “Every Calvert County commissioner, the governor, our various reps on the state level, the U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress. I’ve even sent an email to the president of the United States, and they’re all just the same political-type letter. ‘I hear your concern.’”

To Harris it’s a major health issue. “My father died. I can’t say that what he died from is attributed, for sure, to the contaminated well water, but a handful of the various cancers that are attributed to these same chemicals, my dad had.”

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# Harvey Seeks Voter Approval as State's Attorney

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

Appointed three years ago as Calvert County State's Attorney, Bob Harvey in the upcoming general election is seeking voter approval as the elected state's attorney for the next four years. The Republican he is facing Democrat Rick Piereck (see separate story).

Harvey was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Montgomery County. He graduated from the University of Maryland and worked briefly as a writer/editor for American Forces Radio and Television Service. He then found a job working for the Social Security Administration outside of Baltimore.

"I realized after about two or three years doing that, there was more to life than writing memorandums," he said. "So, I went to law school at the University of Baltimore in the evening." He graduated in 1977.

He landed a job in the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, starting out "at the rock bottom of the office. We did child support cases and worked my way up through the ranks to district court, juvenile circuit court until at the very end of my career, I was the deputy state's attorney," where he was "supervising about 50 lawyers, handling very, very serious, criminal cases. I prosecuted at least a dozen high profile murder cases, a couple unfortunately involving mass murders."

After more than a dozen years he left to go into private practice in Prince Frederick (by then he had moved to the county). He's lived in the county for 38 years.

"Three years ago, the judges came to me and asked me if I would be the state's attorney to fill the shoes of Jennifer Morton who filled the shoes of Andrew Rappaport," he explained. "After some back and forth, I accepted the position."

He never previously had considered running for the office. "Politics was never my cup of tea."

When appointed he thought about the prospect of running. "I didn't want to say I would, or I wouldn't because when you're the incumbent and you announce that you're not going to run, then you immediately lose all your political clout. So, I didn't really give it too much thought until about a year ago." He decided to run after consulting with friends and being encouraged.

"I consider myself to be a prosecutor and not a politician."

He said, "The work that we do here, the fact that we do good for people, the fact that we can help our county be a safe place, I enjoy that a lot, but the politics side of it is difficult."

He was immediately faced with the specter of COVID. He said, "I joke about if I had known COVID was coming, I would not have taken the job, but we had to. We were confronted almost immediately with a shutdown of the courts, all



Bob Harvey

kinds of limitations and restrictions on what we could do and couldn't do. So that was an incredible challenge. We were able to implement teleworking policies for some of our employees, but the thing that I'm most proud of is that we never shut down the state's attorney's office. We were open five days a week during our normal business hours, the phones were always getting answered. We were still handling our cases in court. We weren't doing any jury trials because the courts had stopped all of that, but we were continuing to press forward with our cases, trying to get reasonable dispositions of our cases."

The result, he said, unlike many other counties, there is no case backlog in Calvert.

Another accomplishment, he said, "We've improved police and prosecutor training. I instituted an in-house training program, which is something we've never had before, where we bring in distinguished judges and trial attorneys from throughout the state to lecture us on various topics."

He added, "We've strengthened our domestic violence and animal cruelty prosecutions. We got the first felony animal cruelty conviction in Calvert County and frankly, Southern Maryland. We expanded our outreach to the schools and community groups. We get out to the homeowner's associations and let them know what we do here. We've gotten into every high school and talked to the criminal justice students about what the state's attorney's office does."

He also said, "For the first time, we have firm written policies on how criminal cases should be prosecuted, guidelines and standards on what kinds of cases, how we handle those cases."

He said he also created a youthful nonviolent offender program, "which allows young people, first time offenders, nonviolent, not domestic violence, not DUIs, but nonviolent, minor offenders, if they go through a program with the health department, they can come in and get their records cleaned, and they can get them expunged almost immediately. So, they're not saddled with a criminal record when they go to get a job five years from now."

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# Piereck Challenges for State's Attorney

By Dick Myers  
Staff Worker

Democrat Rick Piereck is challenging Republican Bob Harvey for state's attorney in the general election. Harvey was appointed to the position three years ago (see separate story.)

Piereck grew up in Florida and joined the U.S. Army out of high school. He attended basic training just after 9/11. He met his wife Carla wile in the Army. He attended law school, passed the bar and clerked for St. Mary's County Circuit Court Judge Michael Stamm. He said, "Then Laura Martin, who was the state's attorney here in Calvert County, hired me to come and be a prosecutor."

In 2017 he left to join the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, where he handled most major crimes, he said. He has since started his own general law practice in the county.

"We do a lot of criminal defenses, and we represent a number of victims of domestic violence and that sort of thing," he explained.

As to the difference in prosecuting and criminal defense, he said, "When you're a prosecutor, you have the ability just to help a lot of people. To get out there and really make a positive impact is just incredible."

As to his opponent, Piereck said, "Bob is actually the interim state's attorney under law, because he is appointed."

"That office was run a certain way

when I was there under Laura Martin. We had very good relations with the sheriff's office. Laura would respond to every message, take every call, so the populace knew what was going on. When they disagreed with things, she would address them. We have a situation now where I think some of that has fallen by the wayside. We've had some prosecutors at times, for instance of domestic violence, overwhelmed. We have a situation now where several of our Calvert County sheriff's deputies have been sent before the grand jury, in cases where the state's attorney's office, by all accounts, didn't really believe that they're guilty of crimes."

"So that's creating a hostile environment between the sheriff's office and the state's attorney's office," he said. "It just makes it very difficult for law enforcement to be appropriately carried out in Calvert County."

As to how the office is structured, Piereck said, "Being a small office, I certainly think we would go in and take a look at who is doing what. I'm sure there'd be some moving around. The big thing I think needs to be changed right away is to have a more structured training program for prosecutors, to work with our sheriff's office and state police partners to do some cross-training with them."

He added, "We need to change a little bit in the way of transparency, so the populace knows what it is that we do, and we have an ongoing communication."

Aren't Democrats softer on crime? He responded, "I don't know that I necessarily agree with that. I think that there certainly are state's attorneys that have taken positions that I certainly don't agree with but are both Democrats and Republicans. It really comes down to the resolve, what you are looking to do."

He added, "It's not about throwing everybody in jail. It's about smartly using our resources so that we can have a better outcome for the people. Sometimes I think the state's attorney's office is entirely too lenient," using as an example the case of "a Huntingtown teacher that ended up getting a plea deal that (was) essentially a suspended jail sentence."

Of the Police Accountability Board, he said, "A lot of officers are a bit worried about what it's going to look like. I think long term, they'll find it'll be a good thing."

He said at the end of the day the police reform won't take away the state's attorney's right to prosecute crimes.

Piereck observed, "There's some things we can't talk about while cases are ongoing. But certainly, it's now in October, and the state's attorney's office still has yet to tell the public their analysis of what happened with the case involving the young woman who was struck by the off-duty Calvert County Sheriff's deputy."

He and Carla have three children, two old enough to be in public schools, so kids are important to him. "For a lot of my



Rick Piereck

time I was the juvenile prosecutor here in Calvert County," he said, adding with COVID kids have gone through a difficult time.

"It's important that we work with all of our partners, including the school system, to make sure that we are helping progress or children. Help them move on from COVID, to offer programs and experiences for them, to speak to them, but also help them deal with issues in our schools as they come up," he said, including bullying or drugs.

"We have to make sure that we are there and ready to react when and if those things occur."

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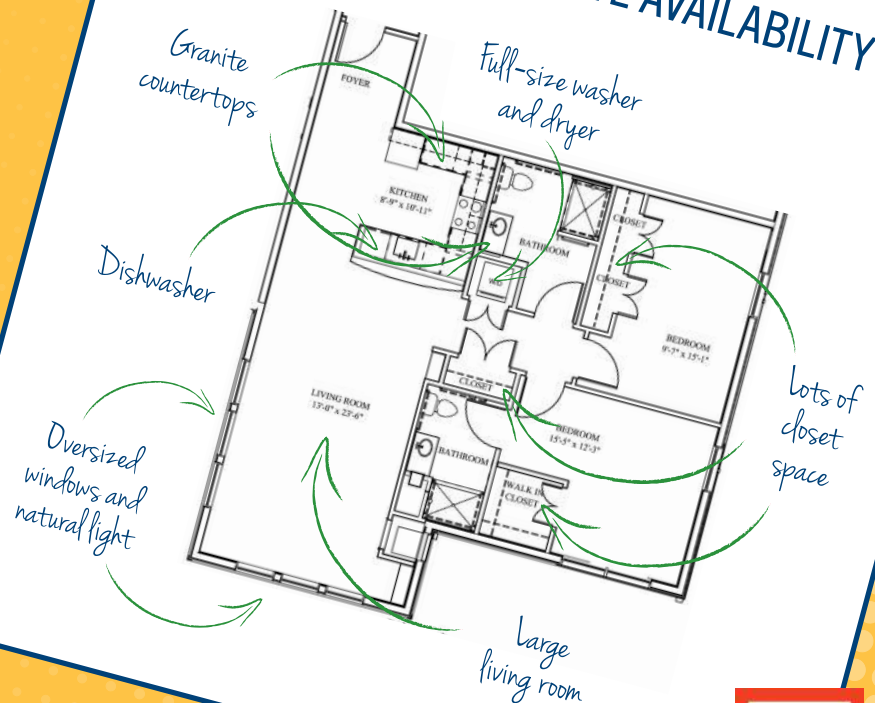
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# Commissioners Grapple with Adequate Public Facilities Questions

By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) continued the discussion at their Oct. 4 meeting about extending the county's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) to other services than the roads and schools now covered. But judging from the discussion that task is going to be far from easy.

The BOCC received briefings from staff on the current thinking about how to recoup the cost of development on such items as water and sewer, storm water/drainage, solid waste, public safety, law enforcement and park facilities.

The problem is quantifying when the adequacy of a particular need has been exceeded by a particular proposed development and then how to assess that development for that need or halt it until the need is met.

For instance, Director of Public Works and Transportation Kerry Dull recommends that when a wastewater treatment plant reaches 90 percent of capacity, it will be considered inadequate and in need of expansion. However, Commissioner Chris Gadway advocated for a threshold of 80 percent since that is the level at which the state requires a study of expansion.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance, however, observed that sewage treatment plants can absorb additional capacity at a slow rate, biding time.

Presumably whatever threshold is adopted, once reached that would stop all development in that particular area until the expansion. And who pays for the expansion caused by the development?

Now for schools, once a school in an area reaches 100 percent capacity, development is halted, but only for six years to give the county time to add additional classroom spaces. County Attorney John Norris said courts have generally held that six or seven years is time enough in order not to constitute a taking of land for allowable development according to the property's zoning.

Another example of the complexity of the issue is for emergency services. Fire/Rescue/EMS Division Chief Jim Richardson said a 10-minute response time is the general standard. But it costs more than \$1 million for a new ambulance and a crew to man it. Who is responsible for that once the response times slip above 10 minutes? Would it be fair to assess that next development in line when that happens.

The county would most likely have to absorb that cost, Richardson said.

The biggest controversy appears to be over revising the regulations for roads. Dull proposed a traffic study for developments of 250 homes or more instead of the existing 400. But the level of service required to be achieved would remain at D or E at the nearest collector road depending on the situation. But Gadway said anything less than a C level of service was unacceptable.

Hance used the Stoakley Road/Routes 2/4 Prince Frederick intersection in explaining the dilemma.

"We all talk about the Stoakley Road intersection. I guess what we're trying to get at is that if a project comes up on Mallard Point Road, that project is going to impact the intersection at Stoakley Road. I guess I think that where we're trying to go is how we capture that in the study because, currently that's not captured. The only thing that's captured in the study is the impact that that project has when it enters Mallard Point Road and I think what we're trying to do is capture the impact that that's going to have once that traffic intersects with a numbered (state) road that we don't have impact on, except that we're adding capacity by the actions that we take on our county roads."

Dull said he didn't have the answer. "I can go do some homework."

The commissioners and their staff will continue to work on the issue and also solicit input from the planning commission in hopes of having the changes ready for a public hearing before the end of the year.

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By Dick Myers  
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved at their Oct. 4 meeting a plan to create a house for a needy veteran and his/her family on land owned by the county at 6033 Daybreak Drive in Prince Frederick in the Benedict community.

To be called the Veteran's House, the home will be constructed by the Calvert Affordable Housing Alliance (CAHA) at an estimated cost of \$260,000.

Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland, in a memo to the commissioners explained, "CAHA, a 501(c)3 entity, is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Housing Authority of Calvert County. In 2000, CAHA was designated by the BOCC to work with the community and various funding sources to address the need for affordable housing options. Funding was established for the initiative and remains available as a separate account (the Affordable Housing Fund) in the county's restricted funds. Over the years, the funds have been utilized mainly as county match for the first-time home-buyer's program administered by the State

of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development."

Moreland went on to explain that the house to be constructed "for a disabled veteran and his/her family. The parcel has been duly transferred to CAHA and CAHA is ready to move forward with the development and construction phase (albeit delayed due to pandemic and resulting economic price and supply issues)."

Moreland's predecessor, Maureen Hoffman has retired to Pennsylvania, but she remains passionate about CAHA and attends meetings through Zoom. She appeared at the Oct. 4 meeting and said, "affordable housing is a difficult topic under any circumstances."

Hoffman explained that since the county acquired the property, "you specifically requested that it be for a veteran and a disabled veteran would be an even better way to fill it. And a disabled veteran with a family would be the best because we want to help those who've served our country and have a need."

Hoffman said several veterans have been identified as possible recipients of the house

Hoffman said CAHA has been using the housing fund "as the county match for

first time home buyers. And that program is run through the Department of Housing and Community Development. And it works with firefighters, school teachers, county employees, the library, anybody who hasn't owned a home."

Moreland explained, "CAHA is requesting the transfer of \$50,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund for lot development, including surveys, well, septic, and permits. Funds are currently available in

the county's Affordable Housing restricted account."

The BOCC agreed to that request and also to see if any of the fees can be waived.

Hoffman said the house would be a "a three-bedroom, two-bath rambler that fits the style of the houses that exist in that neighborhood. It'll have a car port attached to it. We are first in line for perc test."

She said of the construction cost, "We've had a lot of interest in the community from certain organizations that want to help do some of this work. Like we need decks built, we need landscaping, we need other things that they can contribute to. We will not be coming back to you for any funding for the actual construction of the house. We have a couple different funding sources lined up and the housing authority serves as kind of the administrative arm for us in loans and such."

The monies available will cover the mortgage. As to future ownership by the veteran, she said perhaps things could be worked out where they would gain equity over time.

Hoffman was asked what would happen if the veteran decided to leave. She said, "There can be some kind of stipulation put on the deed that in perpetuity it stays within a veteran community or a disabled. We learned our lesson with a particular development on (Route) 231, that if you don't do that, people flip houses and walk away with the profit. And that's not our intention."

It is hoped if the project is successful there will be other houses for needy veterans.

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## CALVERT COUNTY COPS & COURTS

### First-Degree Assault Convictions Imposed

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey reports that on Sept. 28 Adam Commodore, 41, of Lusby was found guilty of two counts of felony first-degree assault, as well as two counts of reckless endangerment, following a trial before the Honorable Mark S. Chandlee of the Calvert County Circuit Court. The case was prosecuted by Calvert County Assistant State's Attorney Benjamin G. Lerner.

On August 28, 2021, Maryland State Police responded to an address in St. Leonard for the report of an assault. When state troopers arrived, they observed two individuals on the ground, covered in blood and going in and out of consciousness. A wooden 2x4 with blood stains was observed on the ground. Troopers also made contact with Adam Commodore, who was standing over the injured individuals. The State Police secured the scene and EMS arrived to provide treatment for the injuries. Through investigation and witness interviews, it was learned that Adam Commodore had used the wooden 2x4 to repeatedly strike both of the injured individuals, causing their injuries. Both victims were transported to the hospital for further medical intervention. One victim was diagnosed



with a depressed skull fracture, while the other victim received treatment and sutures due to numerous head wounds.

Sentencing in the case is set for December 20, 2022. The maximum penalty for each count of first-degree assault is 25 years, while each count of reckless endangerment has a maximum penalty of five years. Commodore is being held at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Press Release from Calvert County State's Attorney.

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## 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!

## Saturday, October 8

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Appeal Landfill, 401 Sweetwater Road, Lusby, 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](http://calvertcountymd.gov/hazardouswaste).

### Linden Quilt Show

70 Church Street, Prince Frederick, Saturday, 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](http://www.calverthistory.org)

### 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>

### Texas HoldEm

St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, 200 Calvert Beach Rd, St. Leonard, 6 p.m.

\$85 buy-in for \$20k in chips. Rounds are 20 minutes each. Doors open at 5 pm, tournament starts at 6pm. BYOB, food and sodas will be available for purchase.

See [www.slvfd.org](http://www.slvfd.org) for more info.

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## Thursday, October 13

### Sea Squirts: Otters

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### ONGOING

#### Wm. B. Tennison Public Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum, Wednesday through Friday, the month of October - 2 p.m.

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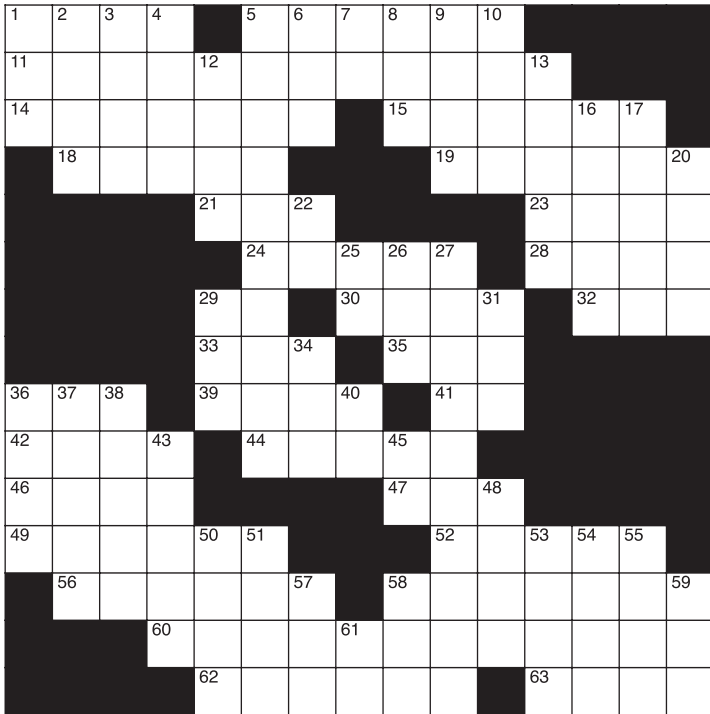
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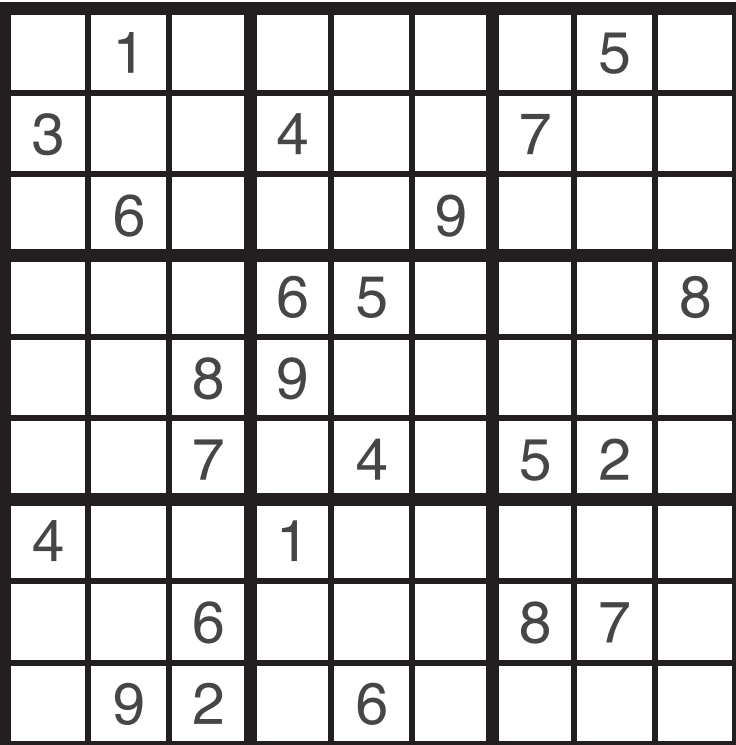
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Sheep sounds
- 5. Turn up
- 11. Statements of support
- 14. Spells
- 15. Evildoer
- 18. One-time baseball stadium staple
- 19. Activities
- 21. WWII-era US President
- 23. Soft, flexible leather
- 24. Proverb
- 28. Wish (Hindu)
- 29. Injury treatment
- 30. Red Sox ace
- 32. "Deadliest Catch" captain
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Where marine life lives
- 36. Heartbeat test
- 39. Signs on the dotted line
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Bind securely
- 44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 46. Fragrant brown balsam
- 47. Where you were born
- 49. Sells a ticket for more than its price
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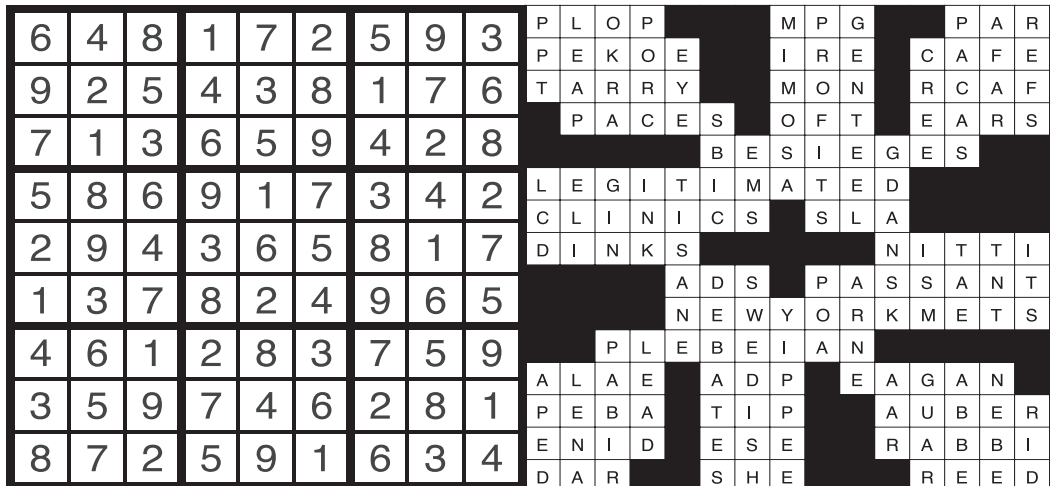
- 4. Belt one out
- 5. Revising a text
- 6. More (Spanish)
- 7. Beloved Spielberg alien
- 8. BBQ dish
- 9. Provoke
- 10. Within
- 12. Canadian flyers
- 13. Smugly smile
- 16. Buffalo
- 17. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 20. Grab
- 22. Rural delivery
- 25. Equally
- 26. It's sometimes passed
- 27. Citizens who are qualified to vote
- 29. Greek letter
- 31. Body part
- 34. Boxing result
- 36. Newts
- 37. Predatory semiaquatic reptiles
- 38. Cockatoo
- 40. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 43. Leguminous east Indian tree
- 45. News reporting organization
- 48. A nemesis of Batman
- 50. Legal term
- 51. Not all
- 53. A way to greet
- 54. Knot in a tree
- 55. Satisfy
- 57. Russian space station
- 58. A baby's mealtime accessory
- 59. Stitch together
- 61. \_\_\_ and behold

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- 1. Ballplayer's tool
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- 3. From a distance



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# Celebration of Patuxent River This Weekend

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Patuxent River Appreciation Day begins this Saturday at Calvert Marine Museum and gives visitors a chance to celebrate the impact of one of the most important rivers in Southern Maryland.

The day includes free boat rides for visitors, children's activities, arts and crafts, a petting zoo and live music.

Exhibits from non-profit groups will be on hand at the event, according to the Calvert Marine Museum — located on Solomons Island — many of which are environmentally focused.

The museum is also welcoming visitors back to J.C. Lore Oyster House for a look while restoration of the historic building continues. The 1930's era seafood packing house is located six-tenths of a mile south of the main museum campus on Solomons Island Road and will be open all day, tides and weather permitting.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. and run to 5 p.m. and any parking fees or admission fees will be lifted for the day.

Musical acts will perform at the PNC Waterside Pavilion starting at 10a.m. with the Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra, followed by Some Assembly, Groove Span, Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus and finishing with Pond Scum.

Food and drink including beer and wine will also be available; boat rides will be on the William B. Tennison and the Dee of St. Mary's.

Canoe and paddle boat rides will also be available.

Among the exhibits there will be demonstrations and displays about recycling, oyster farming, native plants, and local wildlife that are critical to the well being of the Patuxent River



watershed.

The event has been held on Columbus Day weekend since 1978.

This event is sponsored by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, Calvert Marine Museum, Arick L. Lore Post American Legion, and the Calvert County Waterman's Association.







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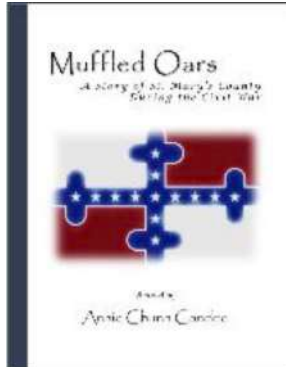
"Muffled Oars: A Story of St Mary's County During the Civil War" was recently published by the St. Mary's County Historical Society.

A work of fiction by the late Annie Chunn Candee, who was born at Birch Hanger Farm near Chaptico, the novel draws on Candee's memory of stories told by her mother, Ann Matilda Dent, and her oldest stepbrother John Henry Chunn.



Birch Hanger Farm near Chappico

Ann Dent was twenty years old when, in 1860, she married Judge Mark Chunn, 30 years her senior and owner of Birch Hanger Farm. After Chunn's death in 1875 and second husband's death in 1907, Ann Dent lived with daughter Annie at the farm until her death in 1922. John Henry Chunn was a Confederate soldier who spent his last days of the war in Point Lookout Prison Camp. It is probably no coincidence that in the novel, the principal character, Susanne, has older Confederate brother named John. Other characters in the book are undoubtedly named after Annie's real-life brothers including Susanne's younger brothers Ben and Joe as well as her romantic interest, Clay.



"Muffled oars" (a reference to the practice of putting cloth between the oars and oarlocks of a boat to quiet its passage across the river) is unapologetically pro-South.

During the Civil War, Maryland was a divided state with significant Southern leanings. Southern Maryland, and particularly Charles and St. Mary's Counties, were decidedly pro-South. President Lincoln took legally-questionable steps to prevent Maryland from seceding from the Union, including placing Baltimore under Martial Law, arresting members of the Maryland General Assembly, suspending the writ of Habeas Corpus, and stationing Union troops throughout the State. Union soldiers were especially prevalent in Southern Maryland with orders to keep sympathizers and provisions from crossing the Potomac River to reinforce the Confederate army in Virginia. Despite their efforts, men and supplies continued to flow to the Rebels. This book tells that story.

As a confirmation of the pro-South activities described in the novel, there is a story about Birch Hanger and the Chunn family in Henry Clay Mettam's "Summary of Three Years' Service with the First Maryland Cavalry, CSA" Mettam tells of leaving Pikesville, Maryland, in 1862 on his way to the Confederacy, traveling into Southern Maryland to cross into Virginia:

"We started again on our way to 'Dixie' and after many adventures arrived at Mr. Mark B. Chunn's house near Chaptico, St. Mary's County – an old friend of my father's. We spent a few days there [at Birch Hanger] with him and then went to Leonardtown with him, to find out how to get across the Potomac. Mr. Chunn introduced us to Mr. Moore, proprietor of Moore's Hotel in Leonardtown, and he informed us that there was a party of some 25 or 30 stopping at the hotel, and were awaiting on a certain vessel to take them across."

"Muffled Oars" casts Maryland's participation with the South in the Civil War as a necessary reaction to the Union troops occupying the State and wanting to maintain the State's right to self-determination. It is not portrayed as an effort to retain slavery.

Enslaved people do figure often in the pages of the book and are mostly portrayed as loyal to their owners (with one key exception.)

"Muffled Oars: A Story of St Mary's County During the Civil War" is available from the St Mary's County Historical Society's bookshop, its website, [www.stmaryshistory.org](http://www.stmaryshistory.org), and as a Kindle book and in softcover from amazon.com.

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 Letters  
to the Editor

## Lexington Park Deserves More Respect

This is about Lexington Park, the seemingly forgotten little historical town. Named for the USS Lexington aircraft carrier during World War II, Lexington Park should be respected more but instead portions of it have become littered and filthy.

Especially the area around Sheriff Miedzinski Way and on up past what used to be Burger King.

Something really needs to be done because it's downright ridiculous how much litter there is.

Part of the problem is the homeless. Why do they discard their trash in the weeds and other visible places instead of a trash receptacle that's placed here and there at various places?

Why is their littering permitted? And the path behind St. Mary's Square that leads to St. Clements Mobile Home Park would make a person cry.

The woods there have become a dumping ground.

I once really liked Lexington Park, many years ago when it was much cleaner.

Not so much anymore.

It's as much a part of St. Mary's County as Leonardtown is.

And the Canopy Liquor Store isn't very appealing to the eye; if it's always

going to be, it should be made to look better.

It's the ugliest establishment on all of Great Mills Road. The boarded-up Burger King is the second.

I hope for a more appealing Lexington Park in the years to come. I must say, however, that the new Lexington Manor Passive Park is very, very nice.

In my opinion, it's the nicest area in Lexington Park; it's very clean and very green.

Something good replaced the old Lexington Manor Apartments, also known as the flat tops, and I hope it stays that way.

The Department of Recreation and Parks did a wonderful job.

Thank you, Department of Recreation and Parks for making that for Lexington Park.

I truly appreciate it.

Anna Poe,

Lexington Park

P.S. Lexington Park never gets decorated for the Christmas season, when Leonardtown does. What's up with that? Let's decorate Lexington Park, too.



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A ceremony recognizing this year's heroes will take place on November 11 at 1:00 p.m. All sponsorships include a keepsake medallion showcasing yours and your hero's name and a listing in the program. Sponsorships start at \$50 and can be secured through the Club's website at [www.leonardtownrotary.org](http://www.leonardtownrotary.org). For more information, contact [RotaryFlags4Heroes@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryFlags4Heroes@gmail.com)



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## SHOULD YOU STICK WITH INDEX-BASED INVESTMENTS?

You may have heard that you can simplify your investment strategy just by owning index-based or passive investments. But is this a good idea? You'll want to consider the different aspects of this type of investment style.

To begin with, an index-based investment is a vehicle such as a mutual fund or an exchange-traded fund (ETF) that mimics the performance of a market benchmark, or index — the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S&P 500, and so on. (An ETF is similar to a mutual fund in that it holds a variety of investments but differs in that it is traded like a common stock.) You can also invest in index funds that track the bond market.

Index investing does offer some benefits. Most notably, it's a buy-and-hold strategy, which is typically more effective than a market-timing approach, in which individuals try to buy investments when their prices are down and sell them when the prices rise. Attempts to time the market this way are usually futile because nobody can really predict when high and low points will be reached. Plus, the very act of constantly buying and selling investments can generate commissions and fees, which can lower your overall rate of return. Thus, index investing generally involves lower fees and is considered more tax efficient than a more active investing style.

Also, when the financial markets are soaring, which happened for several years until this year's downturn, index-based investments can certainly look pretty good — after all, when the major indexes go up, index funds will do the same.

Conversely, during a correction, when the market

drops at least 10% from recent highs, or during a bear market, when prices fall 20% or more, index-based investments will likely follow the same downward path.

And there are also other issues to consider with index-based investments. For one thing, if you're investing with the objective of matching an index, you may be overlooking the key factors that should be driving your investment decisions — your goals and your risk tolerance. An index is a completely impersonal benchmark measuring the performance of a specific set of investments — but it can't be a measuring stick of your own progress.

Furthermore, a single index, by definition, can't be as diversified as the type of portfolio you might need to achieve your objectives. For example, the S&P 500 may track a lot of companies, but they're predominantly large ones. And to achieve your objectives, you may need a portfolio consisting of large- and small-company stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can give you more opportunities for success and can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or prevent all losses.)

Ultimately, diversifying across different types of investments that align with your risk tolerance and goals — regardless of whether they track an index — is the most important consideration for your investment portfolio. Use this idea as your guiding principle as you journey through the investment world.

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## A View From The BLEACHERS



### WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU RATHER BE?

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.

Last week's "View" had a decidedly Buffalo-ian flavor. With a chill in the air, football season in full swing and the Bills poised for a Super Bowl run, it's back to the City of Trees again to set the mood for this week's bleacher conversation.

Buffalo's Pearl Street Grill and Brewery produces a lovely pale ale that goes by the name Lake Effect. It is a homage to the famous (for locals), or infamous (for visitors, especially those from the south), wintery weather that is prone to whip in, with little warning, off Lake Erie. If you're wired like this writer, and accustomed to the mid-Atlantic's humid summers and mild winters, you want nothing of Buffalo's trademark insta-blizzards. But some people love it; "some people" include legendary former Bills head coach Marv Levy.

Levy used to huddle his Bills before big games, often in single-digit temperatures with snowflakes blowing sideways in a wicked wind, and ask, "Where else would you rather be than right here, right now?" He sure sounded like he believed it; I would have needed at least six of those Lake Effect pale ales to buy-in.

Last week's retirement of tennis great Roger Federer, 41, had me pondering Levy's words (while enjoying Maryland's temperate early fall climate) with much broader application. "Right here, right now": not a single Sunday in frigid Buffalo, but an entire era in sports.

Federer's tennis reign began in 2003 when he won Wimbledon, the first of his 20 Grand Slam titles. How long ago was 2003 in sports terms? Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick won the Australian and U.S. Opens that same year. In any other era, Federer, whose 20 Grand Slams is an astonishing six more than Pete Sampras's previous record of 14, would be exiting as the sport's greatest male player of all time. But for a large portion of his career, Federer shared the stage with Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, arguable even greater players who have won 22 and 21 major championships, respectively.

To put that in context, there have been 79 Grand Slam tournaments played since 2003 (COVID canceled Wimbledon in 2020); Federer, Nadal or Djokovic have claimed 63 of those titles. Now, with Federer gone, and Nadal, 36, and Djokovic, 35, advancing in age, it is reasonable to conclude that the greatest era in men's tennis, a time when perhaps the sport's three best players ever were playing simultaneously, is over. That Federer's farewell comes on the heels of Serena Williams, a 22-time Grand Slam champion and the greatest women's player of all time, announcing her retirement, certainly has tennis fans wondering if they've seen the best of the sport, regardless of gender.

As a member of Gen-X, I will admit to being a little jealous of Baby Boomers for having lived through the birth of rock and roll, the brilliance of 1960s music and the killer soul and funk of the 1970s. But with sports, I've often felt spoiled. I grew up watching Bird and Magic, and Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert. I saw Jerry Rice break every receiving record, Dan Marino throw for 5,000 yards, and Cal Ripken Jr. break Lou Gehrig's consecutive game streak. I experienced the greatest era of college basketball and the NBA's and NHL's GOATs - Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky.

I thought all of that was as good as sports could get. But these last 20 years...wow. Add these names to the list of aforementioned contemporary tennis greats: LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Tom Brady and Alex Ovechkin. And what about the technology? On-the-go viewing devices. Big screen televisions. High definition. The NFL RedZone channel. Has sports ever been better?

Back to Levy's question. He asked it to focus his team on the opportunity in front of them. But it's a bit of a time-traveling remark — a reminder of a moment's, or an era's greatness, and, that as good as life may seem, something even better may await.

Where else would I rather be than right here, right now? I suppose nowhere...but using the past as a guide, the future holds tremendous intrigue.  
*Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail*





## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Coastal Arts Market at the Wharf** – Outdoor Market featuring local, hand-made crafts and goods – [coastalartsmarket.com](http://coastalartsmarket.com)

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wine & Design** – Kids Open Studio – choose your own artwork - [facebook.com/wndstmaryscountymd](https://facebook.com/wndstmaryscountymd)

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**10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Old Jail Museum & Visitor's Center** will be open Saturday – [facebook.com/theoldjailmuseum](https://facebook.com/theoldjailmuseum)

**10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Shepherd's Old Field Market** specials throughout the Market - [shepherdsoldfield.com](http://shepherdsoldfield.com)

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**3p.m. – 6 p.m. Port of Leonardtown Winery** - Live Music at POL Winery featuring Faith Noel, food provided by K's Lunchbox - [polwinery.com](http://polwinery.com)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Old Jail Museum open Sunday** - [facebook.com/theoldjailmuseum](https://facebook.com/theoldjailmuseum)

**11 a.m. – 5 p.m.** Shepherd's Old Field Market specials throughout the Market - [shepherdsoldfield.com](http://shepherdsoldfield.com)

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**1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Tractor Parade** hosted by Southern Maryland Antique Power Association to benefit Christmas in April – [facebook.com/christmasinaprilstmaryscountync](https://facebook.com/christmasinaprilstmaryscountync)

**1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Brudergarten at Shepherd's Old Field Market** - Viking Axe Throwing in the beer garden- [brudergarten.com](http://brudergarten.com)

**2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Wine & Design – Kids Open Studio** – choose your own artwork - [facebook.com/wndstmaryscountymd](https://facebook.com/wndstmaryscountymd)

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**10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Shepherd's Old Field Market** specials throughout the Market - shepherdsoldfield.com 12 p.m. – Various Leonardtown Businesses – Fall Bar Crawl 2022 (Participating Businesses: Olde Town Pub, Brüdergarten, The Front Porch, Social Coffeehouse, Antoinette's Garden, The Rex and The Slice House) – facebook.com/therexleonardtown 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Social Coffeehouse – live music featuring Ricardo McNutt – facebook.com/socialonfenwick 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Live Music in Leonardtown Square featuring Restart Band, www.facebook.com/therexleonardtown

**5 p.m. – 8 p.m. North End Gallery** - Color Explosion: The Art of Mary Ida Rolape and Ann Preston and Nico Gozal Opening Reception – northendgallery.com

**5 p.m. – 8 p.m. St. Mary's County Arts Council** – Color & Light Art Show Opening Reception – stmarysartscouncil.com

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**5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Port of Leonardtown Winery** – Music provided by Joe Parsons, Food provided by Gatos Tacos – facebook.com/portoftownwine

**6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. eliv8** – “Octoberfest” First Friday cycling event - facebook.com/eliv8somb

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# Standing Up Against Breast Cancer



Patricia Thompson Suit.jpg

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Parents and friends of St. John's School in Hollywood lost a beloved member of their community nearly a decade ago when one of its principals, who had long been in service there, passed away due to breast cancer.

But Pat Suit's memory has stayed with them and each year since her death in 2013 they commit to a 5K run/walk in her memory.

It raises money for the school but also for local breast cancer treatment, St. John's principal Susan McDonough told The County Times.

"A portion of that goes to the [chemotherapy] infusion center at MedStar St. Mary's," McDonough said. "It's in honor of Pat Suit.

"It was a very long battle with breast cancer; it went into remission but came back." Before becoming the principal at St. John's, McDonough worked as a teacher under Suit.

"She was a fabulous lady, a great mentor," McDonough said. "She led us through a lot of different events, including the 'Snowmageddon' of 2010."

In the winter of that year, heavy snowfall caused the roof of the school to collapse, necessitating a rapid rebuilding and modernization program.

Suit retired in 2011, McDonough said.

In the early years of the run, walk, which has taken place at different venues around St. Mary's, it was heavily attended, McDonough said, but has settled in at a low of between 50 to 75 people coming out to participate.

But the most recent events were virtual ones, she said, with participants doing their own run/walks in a certain time frame due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year will be the first that participants will gather together in the past two years.

"I think we'll have a great turnout," McDonough said. "Pat Suit was well beloved.

"I think people will want to come back to a sense of community and to help fight this cancer and other cancers."

This year's 5K run/walk, also known as the Pumpkin Dash, will start at Sandy Bottom Road, go down to Lawrence Hayden Road and back again, McDonough said.

There is also a 10K bicycle run, she said, that participants can sign on to complete in a certain time frame but on their own chosen route or the same one as the run/walk, just repeated.

The run/walk will take place Oct. 29.

Christine Taylor, a nurse navigator specializing in treating cancer patients and helping through their treat-

ments, will speak at the gathering to thank the participants for all they do in support of fighting the disease.

Taylor said the COVID-19 pandemic caused people to delay coming in for mammogram screenings with predictable results.

"We're seeing more cancers coming up," Taylor said. "That's not just with breast cancers but that's with all cancers."

In the medical world, finding the cancer earlier means a much greater chance of survival.

According to Taylor one out of eight women will develop invasive breast cancer some time in their lives.

Of that number, 27 percent will survive stage 4, the worst stage, of the disease.

But 98 percent of them will survive if the disease is detected in the first, second or third stage; otherwise known as early detection, Taylor said.

"Usually, the best chances are in stages zero to one," she said. "The biggest issue is carried over from last year is that people delayed their mammograms due to COVID."

The latest national statistics on breast cancer show there are 287,850 new cases in women and 2,710 in men.

The projections are that 43,780 people will die from breast cancer this year, 43,150 women and 530 men.

That number is down 42 percent since 2019, though, numbers Taylor provided showed.

Advanced diagnostic equipment allows doctors to identify cancers better than ever before, Taylor explained.

Still, one woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States every three minutes, according to Taylor, and one woman will die from breast cancer every 13 minutes.

Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths among women.

A presentation she gives on the nature of breast cancer shows that less than 10 percent of women who are called back for additional testing actually have breast cancer.

A full 80 percent of breast biopsies come back with either negative or benign results, Taylor's research shows.

Breast cancer is defined as an uncontrolled growth of breast cells that develops into a malignant tumor.

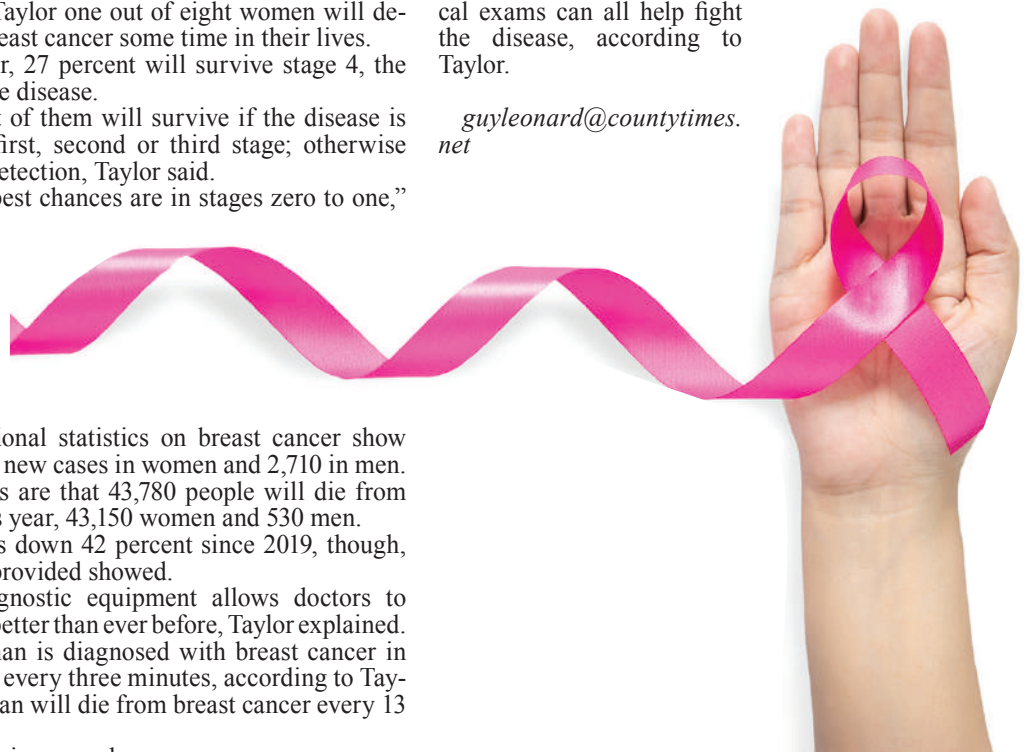
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vade health tissues and spread, Taylor stated in her presentation.

All breast cancers are caused by a genetic abnormality; only five to 10 percent of cancers are due to an inherited abnormality while 85 to 90 percent of breast cancers are caused by genetic abnormalities due to the patient aging.

Losing weight, a healthy diet, exercise, limiting alcohol consumption, monthly self-exams and regular clinical exams can all help fight the disease, according to Taylor.

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*Unless otherwise specified all activities are available to Senior Activity Center participants ages 50+. Please call your local Senior Activity Center for more information.*

### Community Health & Wellness Fair

It's that time of year again! The 2022 Community Health & Wellness Fair, sponsored by the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services, will be held on Friday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in the University of Maryland – Southern Maryland, located at 44219 Airport Road in California, MD.

This year's screenings will include body composition, glucose, skin cancer, hearing, vision, and blood pressure. Licensed Massage Therapist Gwynne Hill with California Total Body Massage will be on-site from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. offering free mini-massages. The Pharmacy at PJ Bean will be offering COVID-19 boosters and flu shots. Bring your insurance card to get your flu shot, all insurance agencies are accepted.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and St. Mary's County Health Department will be on-site to collect expired or unwanted medications, including diabetic supplies such as needles, lancets, and EpiPens. A shred truck will be available from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to dispose of unwanted documents!

Do you want to skip the registration line? Attendees can register online at: [www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair).

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073, email [sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com](mailto:sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com), visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair).

### New Evening Fitness Classes at the Garvey Senior Activity Center!

On Tuesdays, at 5:30 p.m. join us for a Mat Yoga Class. On Wednesdays, at 5:30 p.m. work up a sweat in the EnhanceFitness class. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1080.

### Chorus Updates at Loffler

The Loffler chorus group now meets every week at a new time- 10 a.m. every Thursday! The group has named themselves *The Loffler Sunshine Singers* and are now working on holiday songs. Do you enjoy singing? Give us a try- no music reading required! Open for all men and women 50+ years of age! No audition or sign up needed. If you have questions, contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

### Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Step into "wonderland"! The Mad Hatter is hosting a tea party at Northern Senior Activity Center on Wednesday,

Oct. 12 from 1-3 p.m. - complete with real tea, finger foods, and fun activities! Wear your funkiest, most whimsical hat and outfit. Don't forget your favorite tea-cup! To sign up for this event, click the "Online Senior Activities Centers Registration" button at [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging). Accommodations can be made for those requiring registration assistance by leaving a message at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115. This event has a fee of \$2 which is payable at the time of signup.

### Pumpkin Paper Quilling

Come try a fun paper craft called paper quilling! Using rolled strips of paper to create a paper pumpkin. Join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$10 and all materials will be provided. You can now use the online registration at [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) and click "View & Sign Up For Activities & Programs". Please call the Reservation Request Line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1075 if you need assistance with registration.

### AARP Driving Course

An AARP Safe-Driving course will be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with an hour lunch break at 11:30). This program includes emphasis on roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, red-light running, and safety issues such as speeding, seat belt and turn signal use. Pre-registration is required at [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging). If you do not have access to e-mail and the internet, you can still leave a message on our reservation line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. The cost of class is \$20 for AARP Members and \$25 for Nonmembers, which is due the day of class. If you wish to order a lunch from the center, the cost is \$6 if you are under 60 and by donation for those 60+ years of age. Lunch must be ordered in advance by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1657.

### Basket Weaving: Festive Skull

On Friday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Northern Senior Activity Center, experienced basket artisan, Pam King, will show you how to make a multicolored decorative basket with a "day of the dead" Latin-style skull. Perfect for display during the Halloween season! This project is designed for those with a beginner to intermediate skill level. Reasonable hand dexterity is needed if you are trying this for the first time. To

sign up for this event, click the "Online Senior Activities Centers Registration" button at [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging). Accommodations can be made for those requiring registration assistance by leaving a message at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115. This class has a registration fee of \$30 which is payable at the time of signup.

### Dungeons & Dragons at Garvey

Are you a fan of storytelling? Have you ever wanted to be a character in Lord of the Rings? Are you looking for something new to try out? Have you been playing D&D since the 70s and want a new group to adventure with? This might be just the thing for you! Join Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 12, to learn about D&D and play a series of

one-shot campaigns!

For more information, contact Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073, or [Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com).

### Presentation: Get Organized

Cluttered attic? Living room a mess? Can't find what you need in the pantry? On Thursday, Oct. 20 from 1-2 p.m. at Northern Senior Activity Center, local professional organizer, Wendy Small, is providing fantastic tips & advice to help organize your life. Join her for a presentation with Q&A and demonstrations. To sign up for this free event, click the "Online Senior Activities Centers Registration" button at [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging). Accommodations can be made for those requiring registration assistance by leaving a message at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115.

# Pet

OF THE WEEK

## Jack O Lantern

There is no such thing as, "Just a cat."

-R.A. Heinlein

Hello everybody, my name is.....

wait for it....Jack O Lantern! I'm not sure but I think that "O" in my name stands for Orange! I could absolutely be your HALLOWEEN TREAT to yourself. Here at TCAS I'm known as a SNUGLY, SQUISHY BOY who likes to be wherever YOU are. I just LOVE to use my big mitts (I'm a POLY DACTYL KITTY) to reach out to get your attention in the hopes that YOU will give me a BIG HUG. If you are looking for a TRUE LOVE BUG, please email [animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov) to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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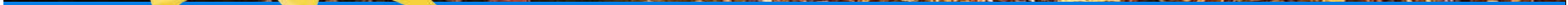


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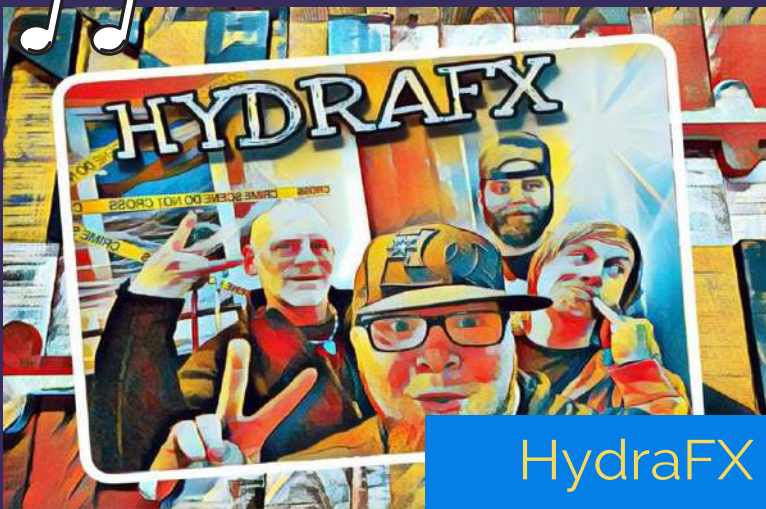
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## PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION *News*

# Navy Fast-Tracks Contract For MQ-9 Reaper Advanced Technology



The MQ-9 Reaper provides Marines with a long-range intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability in support of expeditionary advanced based operations, littoral operations in contested environments, and maritime domain awareness. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

The Navy recently awarded an \$8.4 million dollar contract to multiple vendors for the Marine Corps' MQ-9 Reaper Airborne Network Extension (ANE) Skytower II (STII).

Industry partners Global Air Logistics and Training (GALT), Northrop Grumman and L-3 Harris will perform work to develop the first phase of STII, a network pod that will add an additional capability to support the MQ-9 Reaper's operational missions.

The Multi-Mission Tactical Unmanned Air System program office (PMA-266) awarded the contract under an Other Transaction Agreement/Authority (OTA) – a contract vehicle used by the government to streamline research and development and prototype development.

"This OTA allowed the contracts team to tailor the scope of the project and narrow down vendor capabilities by releasing a Statement of Need (SON) early on," said Michelle Dutko, PMA-266's STII team lead. "The OTA also provided the opportunity for the team to develop the statement of work with vendor input therefore streamlining the normal processing time to contract award."

After the first phase of research and development is complete, the Navy and

Marine Corps plan to prototype demo on surrogate aircraft and then prototype the system on an MQ-9A aircraft, Dutko said.

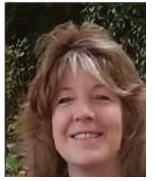
STII is required to execute the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) concept of operations by providing tactically relevant operational communications and data sharing capabilities at the tactical edge. It supports interoperability with existing STI capabilities to include multiple waveforms.

The ANE will have provisions to complement a collection of onboard sensors and off-board systems, and facilitate the retransmission, cross-banding and translation of data across gateway-connected networks. It will also enhance battlespace awareness and information sharing capabilities amongst the integrated Naval and Joint Force, connecting disparate networks and enabling the execution of mission-critical information exchange requirements.

The MQ-9 Reaper provides Marines with a long-range ISR capability in support of maritime domain awareness and expeditionary advanced based operations in contested environments. MQ-9's are scheduled to deploy with this new system in 2026.

# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## TRAVELING TIME

I am not a good traveler, well I used to be way back when. Let me modify that by saying I am not a good airplane traveler anymore. It seems like it used to be so much easier to fly, which it was. On one flight to Utah many years ago, I brought my acrylic paints and glass ornaments so I could catch up on Christmas orders. I imagine now that glass ornaments would be forbidden in case someone with bad intent would break one to use as a weapon. It's a shame we even have to worry or think about things like this now. I also learned on that trip not to put nail polish in your makeup bag without first putting the polish into a separate bag.



In 1979, my high school graduation present was a trip to Germany for a month to stay with my Air Force test pilot brother and his wife while they were stationed at Rhein Main Air Base. My mother dropped me off without even getting out of the car at the curb of National Airport while I hauled in my powder blue luggage and a car battery for one of my brother's classic cars. The luggage got checked but the battery stayed in my arms for the entire flight. I was 17, getting ready to turn 18 while in Germany, so the battery was a great talking point and impressive to the cute University of Maryland College fraternity guy sitting next to me. But, again, I doubt you could bring a battery as a carry on anymore.

So now we have a trip to Boston planned for my cousin's son's wedding. I am really looking forward to the wedding and seeing my cousin Frankie and his wife Helen (oops, I have too remember to call him Frank now that he is 70). I haven't seen cousin Frank since our wedding 21 years ago, and I haven't seen his oldest son Frank, Jr. since I pushed him in a stroller on a visit to New Jersey 41 years ago. He may have changed just a bit from what I remember.

It will be a quick trip: flight out from BWI to Logan/Boston Saturday morning, Uber to the cousin's rented VRBO house for our 10 members of the groom's family (the rest of the 100 or so guests are the bride's family and the bride and groom's friends). Then an evening get together at a local brewery. Sunday afternoon is the wedding and reception, and Monday morning is a breakfast before the newly married couple head off for their honeymoon. By 5pm Monday we will on a flight heading back home. Whew, too much for me.

The hard part for me is the worrying whether I have ordered the tickets right, paid for the early checked baggage correctly, and my biggest worry is about packing correctly. Everything now has to be 3.4 ounces. And I worry about if everything that I pack in the carry on will be allowed. I'll have all my medicine bottles, my must have Fig Newtons, and my purse, and my file folder of all the printed back ups of reservations, etc.

I called Jet Blue, the poor guy that answered was probably not prepared for a 61 year old worrier with a list of questions that I felt weren't really answered on the Jet Blue or TSA site. But he patiently answered everything. I still worry though, and have a feeling that even if I do properly polybag my full size hair spray and my perfume in the checked bags that a TSA agent will say, "Nope" and throw them out. And I'm sure something in my carry-on bag will get thrown out. It will be embarrassing when I cry if my Fig Newtons are thrown in the trash.

Tonight I am just going to pack, breathe, relax, breathe, and try not to panic for the next day and only look forward to seeing loved ones and enjoying time with them. The old photo is of, L to R, my late brother Bill, my mother, cousin Frank, and me in front in New Jersey.

Alright, breathe, think of family, relax, breathe, repeat... To each new day's adventure, Shelby. Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook.



## Sarah Arlington Ball

On September 26th, 2022, Sarah Arlington Ball, known to her loved ones and the world simply as "Sally," lost her two-year battle with metastatic breast cancer three weeks shy of her sixty-eighth birthday.

Sally was born in Washington, D.C., on October 17th, 1954, to Sarah Leigh Davis and Richard Charles Arlington. After graduating from High Point High School, Sally studied mental health and nursing at Prince George's Community College. She received her A.A. in mental health and nursing in 1978 and launched a diverse forty-two-year-long career which ranged from Emergency Medicine to Intensive Care to Employee Health. She met her husband, Martin Andrew Ball, while working as an EMT in the rescue squad before nursing, marrying in 1983, and spent the next thirty-eight years raising three children to the background noise of over-the-top medicine anecdotes, HGTV, and dad jokes.

Sally was first and foremost an advocate for her patients, family, and friends. She was always willing to see the best in those around her, whether old friends or brand-new acquaintances. She was a ferocious and thoughtful gift-giver who would plan months in advance to find the ideal gift for her neighborhood mail carrier. She was an enthusiastic seasonal decorator, and her

home was graced year-long with flowers and curios for every holiday (much to the joy of visitors and the chagrin of her husband, who had to help). A long-time Joe Walsh and Washington Capitals fan, she grew to love a variety of things over her decades, including Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, PINK, and Harry Styles. She was preceded in death by her elder brother and leaves behind her beloved husband, sister, daughters, son, grandchildren, and fleet of mischievous hummingbirds.

Her retirement dream of returning to watch whales in Alaska will be carried out posthumously by her family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to METAvivor, and condolences can be mailed to 1880 Emmanuel Church Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

METAvivor Donation Link: <https://donate.metavivor.org/give/318818/#!/donation/checkout>

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 "Bud" Howell

Wilbur "Bud" Howell, 88 years old, passed away on Monday, September 19, 2022, at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. Bud was born July 4, 1934, to Stella Beatrice and Wilbur B. Howell in Ohio.

Bud's July 4th birthday was very apropos in terms of both his outlook on and how he lived his life. He had a magnetic personality and was a blast to be around, in addition to being a patriot. He loved life and enjoyed being with family and friends and made sure there were plenty of opportunities to do so. This included frequent family gatherings at Bay Ridge Beach, our Cousins Club, numerous family reunions and many summers of fun at Lewes and Rehoboth beaches. The crown jewel of his life was his beloved cabin in Berkeley Springs, WV.

Surviving are four children: Debra Eddy, Sandy Howell, Tammy Gray (husband Mark) and Bryan Howell, brother and sister-in-law Stanley and Brenda Howell. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, three stepchildren: Suzanne Castellone, Jon Stewart and Jimmy Stewart and five step grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bea and Wilbur, his wife Joyce, his sisters and brothers-in-law Jim and Marilyn Siders and Denzil and Shirley Conley, and daughter-in-law Christine Howell and his step grandson, David Aron.

Bud's Visitation to celebrate his life is on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall, MD, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Interment

will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Donations in his name may be mailed to Alzheimer's Association of Maryland, 502 Washington Ave., Ste 300, Towson, MD, 21204 or made online at [www.alz.org/maryland](http://www.alz.org/maryland).

All arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

## Dana Joan Thron



Dana Joan Thron, 71, of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Fishkill, NY, passed away on September 16, 2022 in Pasadena, MD. Born on December 12, 1950 in Port Chester, NY, she was the daughter of the late Theresa Renaldo and the late John Renaldo. Dana was the loving wife on Douglas Thron, Sr., whom she married in Corpus Christi Church, Port Chester, NY on October 14, 1973. She is survived by her children, Douglas Thron, Jr. (Lucia Ritacco) of Larchmont, NY, Daniel Thron of Baltimore, MD, and Dina Thron of Leonardtown, MD, her sister Claudia Winters of Richmond, VA, as well as her grandchild, Nicholas Ritacco.

Dana graduated from Good Counsel High School in 1968. She moved to St. Mary's County, MD from Fishkill, NY in 1992. Dana was an Accounts Payable Representative for the State of Maryland for 19 years, retiring in 2012.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, please dedicate a donation in Dana's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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# ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

## Counterfeit Currency Suspect Sought



The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the man pictured in a counterfeit currency investigation. On Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 at 3:14 am, the suspect attempted to purchase gas, cigarettes and other merchandise at the 7-Eleven store in Charlotte Hall with a suspected counterfeit \$100 bill.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Patrick Hudson at 301-475-4200, ext. 78178 or email [patrick.hudson@stmaryscountymd.gov](mailto:patrick.hudson@stmaryscountymd.gov). Case # 44366-22

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

## Identity Needed for Theft Suspect



The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Of-

fice is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, at 4:12 pm, the suspect filled a tote with various items and left the Dollar General store on Three Notch Road in Lexington Park without paying. The suspect was observed leaving in a black Mercedes SUV with an unknown temporary registration, turning onto Hermanville Road.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Andrew Budd at 301-475-4200, ext. 78013 or email [andrew.budd@stmaryscountymd.gov](mailto:andrew.budd@stmaryscountymd.gov). Case # 48242-22

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## Arrests



Reckless Endangerment/Neglect of Minor- On September 26, 2022, Dep. Kirscht responded to the 22600 block of Three Notch Road in California, for the reported motor vehicle collision. Investigation determined the operator of the at fault vehicle, Amy Leigh Burke, age 36 of Lexington Park, was the impaired at the time of the collision, with two juveniles in the vehicle unrestrained. A search of the vehicle yielded needles, and a suspected CDS smoking device containing suspected cocaine residue. Burke was arrested and charged with Reckless Endangerment, Neglect of Minor, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia, Driving While Impaired by a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Driving Under the Influence.

## Editor's Note

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

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# Legal Ads

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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:

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 September, 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

Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has been abandoned on the property of: Point Lookout Marina LLC., 16422 Millers Wharf Rd., Ridge MD 20680, 301-872-5000

The vessels are described as: 1. MD 4716 DC, HULL # VAZ03A89H989, 1989 Custom Built Workboat, Name "Dickie Dew"

Applications for titles will be made in accordance with Section 8-722 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article if these vessels are not claimed and removed from the above property within 30 days of this notice.

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# Antique Power Parade Coming to Leonardtown



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

This weekend in Leonardtown visitors and residents can harken back to the days of agriculture spread far and wide throughout St. Mary's County with the annual parade of tractors old and near ancient through the town.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Maryland Antique Power Parade, fundraising to benefit St. Mary's County Christmas in April, begins at 1p.m. Oct. 9.

"We will have 60 pieces of equipment out there," said Kevin Cross, a member of the Southern Maryland Antique Power Association and one of the event's organizers. "We've been as high as 75 tractors."

"There are enough tractors in Southern Maryland to fill several parking lots."

The tractors coming on display represent significant time and effort on the part of their owners to maintain and often restore them to working order, Cross said.

Many of the tractors have been in farming families for years.

"These are family tractors," Cross said. "There's a lot of family attachment to these things."

The kind of tractors at the parade will have a direct connection to the most important cash crop in Maryland's history.

"It's tobacco," Cross said. "The tractors you'll see you'd never find out in the mid-West where they get up to six tons."

"That's just because of the kind of farming that was done here."

Lee Dyson, another of the event's organizers, said the group wanted to pick up where a similar event, the Parlett Farm Festival, held by the Parlett family, had ended.

"A couple of guys got together to try and find ways to raise money [for Christmas in April]," Dyson told The County Times. "Everybody has a good time."

Visitors will have a chance to vote which tractor is the best looking, which one is the ugliest and which one is the people's choice, Dyson said.

"I won that one myself one time," Dyson said of the award for ugliest tractor. "But a lot of these tractors still look beautiful."

"People are proud of them, and they should be."

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# Crosby, Rey Spar in Delegate Race Rematch

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Democrat Del. Brian Crosby, representing District 29 B told attendees at voters forum Monday night that he has been an effective law maker in Annapolis, capable of bringing home much investment funding to his home district, but Republican challenger Deb Rey who lost the seat four years ago to Crosby, said he was a left-wing ideologue rather than a moderate Democrat who supported indoctrinating school children with gender identity ideas while simultaneously boosting government funding for abortion.

Rey also said Crosby did not speak out against what she called government overreach during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“COVID hit and the government shutdown our businesses and our schools and my opponent said nothing,” Rey said at the Oct. 3 St. Mary’s County League of Women Voters forum at the Lexington Park Library.

Crosby said no one thought keeping children out of school was a good thing but the pandemic necessitated it and that school system and health department officials should be trusted to use their authority to make those decisions.

Crosby criticized Rey, and by extension what was an entirely Republican county delegation before he was elected, for not being able to bring home funding for various critical projects.

Crosby said his being a Democrat gave him better leverage to represent St. Mary’s in the General Assembly, which is dominated by his party.

“Nothing was getting passed,” Crosby said of Rey’s record in Annapolis.

He touted helping to get \$90 million to build the new “smart building” at the University System of Maryland Southern Maryland campus, \$100,000 for the health hub in Lexington Park, \$500,000 for the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and funding for improvements to Route 5 at Great Mills Road.

Rey disputed this claim.

“[State Highway Administration] just told us [last] Tuesday that the money’s not there,” Rey said.

In four years as delegate, Crosby said, he had become vice chairman of the Economic Matter Committee.

“It’s the most powerful committee in Annapolis,” he said. “We’ve only served one term and we’ve accomplished so much.

“Truly we’ve only gotten started.”

One question from the audience asked whether either candidate favored arming teachers in schools.

“I can’t think of a more ludicrous idea,” Crosby said.

He said he supported school resource officers who were armed in schools to protect students.

Rey supported the idea, noting that the events in Uvalde, Texas, where nearly 400 law officers failed to act to an active shooter from killing 19 elementary school children.

“If they [teachers] had had a gun they could’ve stopped that from happening,” said Rey who also supported training teachers to be armed as well as more school resource officers.

Crosby said he supported women’s rights to choose to have an abortion.

“I trust women to make decisions on their healthcare,” Crosby said, noting that women, including minor children who have been sexually abused, should not be forced to carry a pregnancy to term.

“I’m all for reproductive rights,” Rey said in response. “But when it comes to abortion... it’s murder, it’s wrong.”

On the issue of energy sustainability, Rey said she supported green energy but said Crosby wanted everyone to drive electric cars, which cost upwards of \$60,000, making them mostly unaffordable.

Crosby said it was critical to “continue to invest in green technology” and “lure those jobs here to St. Mary’s County.”

“This is the energy market of the future,” Crosby said. “If you don’t get ahead of it we’re not going to have those jobs and we’re going to miss out on real economic opportunity.”

# Defendant Found Guilty In Buggy Crash Death

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Ryan Cherrico, the man accused of crashing a stolen truck into a horse-and-buggy in Loveville in October of last year and killing its occupant was found guilty Sept. 29 after a three-day trial in St. Mary’s County Circuit Court, court records show.

Cherrico faced nine separate counts in the death of Henry Stauffer, 65, and was convicted of all of them by a jury decision, according to court records.

Those charges included negligent manslaughter by automobile or boat, criminal negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel, and homicide by motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol.

Stauffer, a member of the Mennonite community, was travelling to work the morning of Oct. 27 to the Loveville produce auction, when he was struck and killed.

Cherrico had gone to trial earlier this summer but a mistrial was declared.

According to an application for a statement of charges against Cherrico after the fatal incident, sheriff’s deputies found him

at the Third Base store just about one-half mile away from the incident just minutes after it had occurred.

The crash occurred at about 7:30 a.m. and witnesses said they saw the operator of the red 2000 Chevrolet Silverado that hit the horse-and-buggy run away from the scene.

Officers questioned Cherrico and documented their encounter with him but said they did not detain him for lack of evidence.

But they noted that Cherrico, 31, of Mechanicsville had a strong smell of alcohol on his breath and exhibited “slow, slurred, deliberate speech.”

Surveillance video from several shops and stores in the area clearly showed Cherrico walking to Third Base, court papers showed, but the defendant gave police a false alibi to avoid being suspected of causing the crash.

Cherrico had a suspended driver’s license at the time of the crash, police said.

When law officers contacted the owner of the truck, Robin Lynn Nelson, they found she had reported the vehicle stolen after she had learned it had been involved in a fatal crash.



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# State Board Says Weech Ineligible To Take Office



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Maryland State Board of Elections said this week that if Natalie Weech, the Democratic candidate for St. Mary's County commissioner president were to win election, despite not being eligible to hold the office due to her not meeting the residency requirement, the seat would be held vacant.

The board said in their statement released Oct. 4 that the seat would then have to be filled by an appointee chosen by Gov. Larry Hogan, according to the local government article found in the Annotated Code of Maryland.

"The time to replace Ms. Weech on the ballot has passed according to ... the election law article," the state elections board statement reads. "Her name must therefore remain on the bal-

lot by operation of law.

"St. Mary's County residents will therefore see Ms. Weech's name on the ballot this fall and may still vote for her."

Weech admitted publicly that she found that she did not meet the five-year residency requirement in the county's elections code.

"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."

When Weech made her statement the St. Mary's County Democrats spoke publicly in her support.

"We applaud Natalie's transparency and integrity," their statement on social media read. "If the people choose her as their next commissioner president, we know she will do a fantastic job."

Sen. Jack Bailey issued a letter to state elections chief Linda Lamone saying Weech's candidacy could ensure that voters would be denied their constitutional right to select their own commissioner president.

"This error in certification has the potential to set a terrible precedent to alter our election process," Bailey

wrote. "Clearly, our current certification process is flawed since this error occurred in both the primary and general elections.

"Why should any potential candidate follow the established qualifications for office if these requirements are just going to be ignored by the Board of Elections and allow candidates to be placed on the ballot?"

Wendy Adkins, local director of the

elections board, said the staff are not required to ensure that candidates meet all eligibility requirements.

"It's my understanding that the candidates are responsible for making sure they meet the requirements," Adkins said. "Our paperwork does not require that and our paperwork comes directly from the state board."

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## Unaffiliated Candidate Seeks Commissioner President Seat



By Guy Leonard  
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A state employee who works at Jefferson Patterson Park in Calvert County is running as an unaffiliated candidate to be the next county commissioner president of St. Mary's County.

Ron Verbos, a New Orleans, La. native who says he has lived in St. Mary's since 2003, says he believes that the government has gone beyond the will of the people it is supposed to serve.

"It seems like we're responding to the government when the government should be responding to us," Verbos told The County Times. "I think the government needs a fresh set of eyes."

Verbos said the county government appeared to be reactive to important events going on within its borders rather

than anticipating issues; he said the construction of a 50,000 square foot cannabis growing facility without a public hearing or public input was a prime example.

If elected, Verbos said he wanted to continue to press the state for suicide prevention measures on the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge despite what state studies may have said about the difficulties to putting up those barriers.

"How many studies do we need to do?" Verbos said.

Verbos also wants to continue pursuit of a new bridge connecting both St. Mary's and Calvert.

Verbos also wanted to encourage local incentives for small business growth, ensuring local law enforcement had enough resource support and careful budget spending practices.

Being an unaffiliated candidate means that Verbos could not run in the primary elections and must instead contend in the general election; he considers himself more conservative politically than liberal, he said, but approves of some political stances of the left.

"If you look at all elections, the candidates are fighting for that 'middle' vote," Verbos said. "I am one of those in the middle."

"I don't want to be beholden to one party."

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| FRI 10/7 | 75° /46° | Sun mixing with clouds  | TUE 10/11 | 69° /54° | Mostly sunny                |
| SAT 10/8 | 59° /42° | Mostly sunny            | WED 10/12 | 72° /57° | Mostly cloudy               |
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