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Superintendent, Sheriff team up on school safety

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Goshorn, Flaim Prevail in School Board Race

Alsobrooks, Hogan are Senate Choices



Jeanette Flaim



Melissa Goshorn

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

In the three-way race to select two candidates for the November general election ballot, Kelly McConkey, former county commissioner and school board member, was the odd man out in the Calvert County Board of Education District 3 non-partisan contest.

Melissa Goshorn led with 6,584 votes cast at the end of the May 14 primary. Jeanette Flaim garnered 4,470 votes. Voters will choose between the two in November. McConkey received 2,721 votes.

As of primary election day, there were 27,980 registered Republicans in the county, compared to 23,431 Democrats and 17,367 unaffiliated. Of those 68,778 registered voters, 13,775 cast votes either by main-in, in early voting and on election day, or 20 percent.

According to the Calvert County Election Board, 10,521 mail-in ballots were sent out, of which 5,986 had been received by election day. Additional main ballots received late but postmarked by May 14 will be counted on May 16 and next Friday and provisional ballots will be counted on May 22.

Calvert County Democrats defied their state-wide counterparts in preferring Montgomery County U.S. Rep. David Trone over Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks to replace Sen. Ben Cardin for the open seat. Alsobrooks gar-

nered 54 percent of the state-wide vote.

Calvert Republican voters did go along with the rest of the state in preferring former governor Larry Hogan, who received 61.88 percent of the state vote. Robin Ficker came in second locally and state-wide.

The hotly contested Democratic senate primary featured Trone, an independently wealthy businessman, spending more than \$45 million in advertising, compared to Alsobrooks' \$3.9 million, of which \$2 million came from Women's Voice, a group affiliated with Emily's List.

The November election between Alsobrooks and Hogan will be closely watched, with Republicans trying to wrest control of the U.S. Senate from the Democrats. Immediately after Tuesday's election, a host of state Democratic leaders sent out a press release denouncing Hogan, whose two terms as governor were largely secured with Democrats crossing the aisle to vote for him.

Hogan has been consistently critical of presumptive GOP presidential candidate and former president Donald Trump.

Fifth District Congressman Steny Hoyer easily won his Democratic primary with 70.61 percent of the vote and will face Republican Michelle Talkington, who ran unopposed.

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Property, Income Tax Hikes on the Table

To be Presented at May 16 Public Hearing

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Property tax and income tax increases are among the options to be presented today, May 16, at the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners' budget hearing to help close an \$11 million revenue shortfall in the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget. The tax increases were two of the items proposed by Director of Finance and Budget Bruce Müller at a May 14 work session.

Miller's proposal would increase the property tax rate by four cents per assessed \$100 valuation, which he said would cost the average taxpayer \$152 yearly. The income tax rate would be increased two percent, to 3.2 percent, with a two-year phase in.

The revenue gap would also be closed by snagging a \$5.4 million surplus in the water and sewer enterprise fund that was intended to be used as a 180-day contingency fund. Those monies had been lent to the enterprise fund from the general fund in previous years and were to be paid back over time, but the county would accelerate that payment schedule.

All of the measures proposed by Miller would create a \$4.4 million surplus, which would likely be needed for the school

board's budget, since the proposed budget to be presented May 16 does not include any negotiated agreements with the school system's three bargaining units. The revised school system budget, using \$20 million of their own surplus, is asking the county for \$11 million more.

The bargaining unit for the teachers has reportedly reached an agreement but there has been no word released on how the rank-and-file members voted on that. There also has been no word on an agreement with support staff.

The county is in its budget crunch because of the state cutting aid to the schools by \$22.5 million and a significant reduction in revenue from the Cove Point LNG Plant.

Miller cut the revenue shortfall by more than half down to the \$11 from a \$28 million by allocating \$5 million more in revenue from the LNG plant based on a reassessment by the state and \$3.7 million more from Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant based on a renegotiated payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT.

But Commissioner President Buddy Hance explained about negotiations with the plant's owner Berkshire Hathaway, owned by Warren Buffet, "Mr. Buffet paid \$8 billion for this facility. The state of Maryland

says it's only worth \$4.8 billion. That's significant. That's half. So that's why we haven't signed a new PILOT, because Berkshire would sign a PILOT today based on the current assessment. But we've been holding out and I mean it's affecting our budget process. We readily acknowledge that, but it's too much money not to at least make every effort we can to capture that revenue for the citizens of Calvert County."

One option to tax increases, which Hance seems to support, is using part of the county's fund balance, which stands at \$45 million, to close the budget gap.

Miller strongly opposes that. The fund balance helps the county achieve a favorable bond rating. But Hance said, "I think we understand why the director of finance doesn't want us to dip into fund balance. It's a tricky slope that you get into when you start using fund bands to cover costs. But we're in a situation where it's going to take a little time to remedy and I'm not sure if we have the luxury or not. And what it there for at the end of the day. But... I think when we understand the director's position that it's not a good strategy to dip into fund balance, but it's called a rainy-day fund for a reason."

As part of the attempt to balance the budget, staff did make a number of cuts from

the previous Staff Recommended Budget presented earlier at a public hearing.

During the discussion, the commissioners agreed to give their staff a one-percent cost of living adjustment or COLA on July 1 and review for a possible step increase at mid fiscal year.

Commissioner Vice President Catherine Grasso said, "I can go with the one-percent COLA now, but I do want our employees to know that we sincerely, sincerely, are not just going to review and be talking. We're going to talk the talk and walk the walk when we do a mid-year review. As long as all of this is squared away, you will get your step increases. Absolutely. And we don't want to see you all fall behind. You will get your step, but we're between a rock and a hard place now and we we're looking at it to even itself out."

The commissioners will tackle the budget next at their May 21 meeting with the goal of having it finalized by June 5.

The budget hearing is at 7 p.m. in the commissioners' hearing room. Copies of the proposed budget are on the county website.

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Calvert High Security Increased

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

In the wake of complaints by teachers, support staff and students about discipline problems at Calvert High School, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Andraé Townsel has announced added security there for the rest of the school year and additional measures at the other high schools.

At the school board's May 9 meeting, Townsel said, "Everyone in the community has been learning and engaged in safety and security of all of our students across the county. And, most importantly, one of our flagship high schools, Calvert High School, has been getting a lot of attention lately. I do want you to know that ensuring students' safety is our number one priority. Also, when we have the opportunity to go through the strategic planning process, the number one priority in the Calvert County Public Schools is safety, safety, safety."

Townsel added, "So, since all of the magnifying issues that have been brought to the attention, I want to share some of the next steps we're taking to ensure we safely get to the conclusion of this academic school year. I've had the opportunity to not only meet with staff, students, and community members of Calvert High School. I was also called to the Board of County Commissioners to support an Advisory Committee on Student Safety and Wellbeing. I do support that advocacy committee because I do believe that it takes a village, especially if everyone is working in good faith in all aspects of the community, to ensure that our young peo-

ple are coming to our environment prepared and ready to learn, and we're sending them home leveled up."

With that in mind, Townsel said, "I want to share our plan for safety for the rest of this academic year, specifically with Calvert High School. Yesterday I met at length with our sheriff's office, Sheriff Ricky Cox and members of his team, and I want to share that there will be one extra school resource officer placed at Calvert High School for the remainder of this year."

He noted, "Myself and Sheriff Cox are starting safety walks. Today we started safety walks at Calvert High School and all of our other high schools in the district for the remainder of the year. We're going to pick a random day of the week at a random time and walk amongst our buildings interacting with adults and young people alike to just ensure that we have our hand on the pulse of what people are saying is going on in our buildings.

"Additionally, we're going to have daily, at arrival and dismissal, a patrol deputy at Calvert High School. And we're going to do random patrol checks during our school hours daily with our officers not only patrolling our perimeter, but also doing campus walks on their own, acknowledging school administration and just doing a brief walk. The goal is to be proactive and to show tangible things that are being done to have people feel comfortable."

He also reported, "We hear this often across Calvert County Public Schools that things are being damaged and nothing's happening. So, we want to ensure that we

enforce our restitution in Calvert County Public Schools. If a young person is deliberately breaking and damaging Calvert County Public Schools property, we'll seek restitution and restore that and ensure that we are not only holding young people accountable, but involving their parents in that process so we can continue to have one of the best school systems in the state."

At the same meeting, a proposed policy change was introduced requiring cell phones to be powered down when in a classroom. Teachers often mentioned cell phones as one of the major contributing factors to discipline problems in the schools.

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Cell Phones Off in Classroom Proposed

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of Education is seeking public comment on a proposal to require cellphones to be powered off while in the classroom. The proposal, which is included in proposed revisions to the school system's code of conduct, also would prohibit students from bringing their personal computer devices into school. The proposal was hammered out by a committee that studied the revisions.

Director of Student Services Cecilia Lewis told the school board at their May 9 meeting that school staff were surveyed and, "over 70 percent of teachers and staff requested that there be an adjustment in cell phone policy or creation of a cell phone policy, but an adjustment in practice. We don't build policy in this committee. So, we certainly wanted to honor the feedback and make the recommendations that were made to us."

Lewis said the proposal is that "students may bring cellular phones to school but are not permitted to bring in other electronic or communication devices such as personal laptops. Because CCPS provides laptops to students in grades three to 12 and iPads for students in grades pre-K through two.

"I'd also like to highlight that we collab-

orated with the department of Information Technology. They provided some feedback on this as well, and they highlighted some security concerns with personal devices in schools. So, it was a request specifically from, from their team and the feedback and the things that they worked through. On a regular basis, students may bring their phone, but once school begins, the device must be powered completely off, not on vibrate or silent mode. It must remain in a non-visible, secure location with noted exceptions in high school."

She added, "Data in our schools do support that cell phones have become a major disruption throughout the school day instructionally, and that's the basis of these recommendations."

There seemed to be general support for the policy change, although Board President Antoine White seemed to be leaning towards more flexibility than an outright ban. He said, "Sometimes I don't like to make a sweeping policy for everyone, because not everyone is abusing their phones. But when there's someone in a middle school recording something, they're not supposed to have their phones out anyway. So, you know, is there a way of possibly losing your privilege to have a cell phone or to bring a cell phone to school?"

Lewis responded, "I think we have to

weigh the benefits versus the cost. And when we're looking at safety and security and we recognize that cell phones are a major source of disruption in our schools.

"And truly we need to encourage, when we're talking about developing social and emotional skills amongst students, we want them to interact. And that's part of the issue that students are either very isolated or connected completely to their device, that in school they're not even speaking to one another. And then we wonder why they cannot resolve conflict, because there's just not a social construct in place to help them navigate conversations because they can just text or tell somebody to come down and watch this fight and video it.

"So yes, it is going to be a heavy lift to enforce. However, our role is to outline expectations and with anything else, we expect students to comply. And if they don't, then there's consequences."

Student Member of the Board Jordan Hayes questioned the ban on personal computers. She said, "I'm one of the students that uses a personal laptop. It's just more convenient for me. All of my info's in the same place. It's easier serving in a position like this."

Lewis reiterated the security concerns about personal laptops.

Several of the board members also sug-



Director of Student Services Cecilia Lewis

gested that smartwatches should be treated like cellphones.

Lewis said the code of conduct next school year would be posted online instead of providing hard copies for every student. Parents who want hard copies can request them.

Comments will be sought on the policy changes for 30 days and the school board will vote on them next month.

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Prince Frederick Man Charged with Attempted Murder

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau on May 9 around 1:35 a.m., responded to the Yardley Hills neighborhood in Prince Frederick, for the report of a stabbing.

A preliminary investigation revealed an altercation ensued between the victim and suspect, escalating into a physical confrontation resulting in the victim, Calvin Antonio Robertson, 37 of Prince Frederick, receiving multiple stab wounds. The victim was flown by Trooper 7 of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command to an area trauma center for medical treatment, where he is currently in stable condition.

The suspect, Anthony Joseph Holland, 60 of Lusby, initially fled the scene but was found hiding in the brush. Holland was apprehended and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he is facing charges of Attempted First-Degree Murder, First-Degree Assault, and Second-Degree Assault.

This appears to be an isolated incident.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to please contact Detective M. Mudd at 410-535-2800 or via email at Michael.Mudd@calvert-countymd.gov. Please reference case # 24-



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Press Release from CCSO

Handgun Recovered After Suspect Flees Traffic Stop

On May 2, 2024, Calvert County DFC Huy observed an equipment violation and suspended registration on a vehicle traveling on Southern Maryland Blvd. at Chaney Road in Dunkirk.

Deputy Huy activated the lights on her marked patrol cruiser to conduct a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle failed to stop and began to accelerate and a pursuit ensued. The suspect vehicle made an unsafe lane change into traffic nearly striking an unmarked deputy's vehicle, ran a red light, and traveled at speeds over 100 mph. Once the vehicle approached Dunleigh Drive in Dunkirk, the driver lost control due to his speed and the sharp turn in the road. The vehicle fishtailed and drove up a grassy median where it came to a rest. The driver jumped from the vehicle and fled on foot across the southbound lanes of Rt. 4 and entered the woods.

The suspect was observed to be carrying a firearm in his left hand and a bag in his right hand. Sgt. Kampf and DFC Boerum pursued the suspect into the woods where he was swiftly apprehended.

S/DFC Idol and DFC Hendrickson performed an evidence article search where the suspect entered the woods. DFC Hendrickson and his partner K9 Atlas located one "Croc" shoe and located a



Jeremiah Michael Devante Morris

loaded firearm right next to the shoe in the woods.

The suspect, Jeremiah Michael Devante Morris, 21 of Washington DC., was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with Loaded Handgun on Person, Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, and multiple counts of Fleeing and Eluding.

Press Release from CCSO

Teen Killed in Stolen Car Chase

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau responded on Monday, May 13 at approximately 1:45 a.m. to multiple calls of suspicious vehicles and suspicious subjects dressed in black masks actively breaking into vehicles in the Huntingtown area.

Deputies responded to Queensberry Drive and observed a suspect vehicle fleeing at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted in Neeld Estates in Chesapeake Beach, where multiple suspects bailed out leading to a foot pursuit. During the search for suspects, two additional vehicles entered the neighborhood at a high rate before fleeing in separate directions. Both vehicles fled on Plum Point Road, one heading toward Bayside Road (Rt.261) and another fleeing towards Route 4.

Calvert deputies apprehended two suspects following a bailout on Harbor Road in Chesapeake Beach.

Deputies pursued the other vehicle into Anne Arundel County where it collided

with a pick-up truck at the intersection of Birdsville Road and Solomons Island Road in Harwood. The driver of the pick-up truck was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The three occupants of the fleeing car were also transported to an area hospital. The front-seat passenger, a 16-year-old female, was later pronounced deceased. The driver suffered critical injuries and the rear passenger suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Including four suspects that were captured in Neeld Estates, all six are from Glen Burnie. Investigation revealed all three vehicles involved were stolen. Multiple charges are pending for all suspects.

In accordance with Maryland law, the Office of the Attorney General's Independent Investigations Division (IID) was contacted and responded to the scene of the fatal crash to lead the investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

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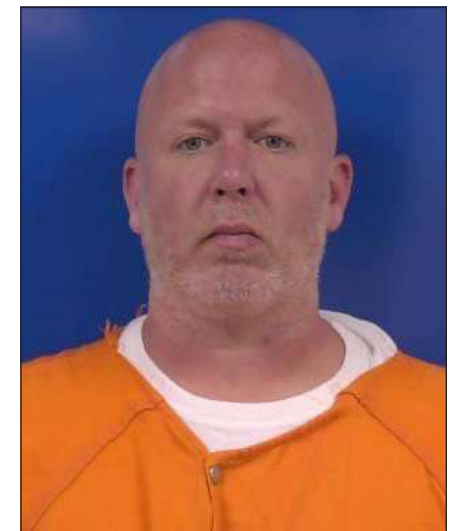
Capitol Police Officer Convicted in Child Porn Case

Jared Michael Lemon, 43, of Owings, was convicted on Friday, May 10, of five counts of unlawful possession of child pornography. The conviction followed a trial in Calvert County Circuit Court before the Honorable Mark S. Chandlee.

In late 2022, an acquaintance of Lemon's found disturbing images on Lemon's cell phone. She reported it to the police and to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Members of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Maryland State Police obtained a search warrant for Lemon's electronic devices. A forensic exam of these devices revealed 59 images of children under the age of 16 engaged in sexual conduct. Lemon was charged in connection with 5 of the images.

Sentencing is set for July 29, 2024. Lemon is facing up to 25 years in prison and a \$12,500 fine.

At the time of the offense, Lemon was an active-duty officer of the U.S. Capitol Police Department. Following the indictment in this case, Lemon was suspended. Further action is pending by the Department's Office of Professional




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Communication and Teamwork Saves Baby Ducks

On a typical Monday morning, the routine activity of North Beach Town Hall was interrupted by a phone call from a concerned citizen who spotted a mother duck in distress due to her ducklings falling into a storm drain. After receiving the call, Roxane quickly contacted the Department of Public Works (DPW) crew who immediately went to the location of the mother duck.

Joined by Sgt. Dean Naughton from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, they immediately got to work to save the ducklings.

The DPW crew removed the storm grate and worked together, along with Sgt. Naughton, to retrieve all twelve ducklings from the storm drain. The ducklings were temporarily placed in a box.

As the mother duck continued to pace the area and make her voice be heard, Sgt. Naughton was able to gently capture and secure her.

The DPW crew and Sgt. Naughton then transported the mother duck and ducklings to Wetlands Overlook Park where they were reunited and released into the water.

The sheriff's office would like to thank the concerned citizens, Roxane, Chris, Jim, Guy, and Sgt. Naughton for the swift communication and teamwork to bring the duck family to safety.



Sgt. Dean Naughton cradles the momma Mallard.

What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending Category 1 site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their May 15 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was in a hybrid form, both virtually and in person at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1. CSPR-142881, **Prince Frederick Town Center South, Shopping Plaza**, located on South Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, on 115-acre parcel, zoned Town Center/Forest District. This project will have private water but will utilize public sewer. Proposed about 75,000 sf of commercial retail & office space with parking and site improvements. The concept submittal was accepted September 28, 2022. Agent: COA Barrett.

2. CSPR-142988, **St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department**, located on Calvert Beach Road, Saint Leonard, on a 5.076-acre parcel, zoned Town Center/Village District Subarea B. This project will have public water but will utilize a private septic system. Proposed 4.1 acres of disturbance for demolition of the existing pavilion and construction of a two-story, 40,280-sf Fire & Rescue service building with eight double-loaded apparatus bays. The concept submittal was accepted June 28, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett]

3. CSPR-143116, **145 Adelina Business Office**, located at 145 Adelina Road, Prince Frederick, combining Parcel 120 and Parcel 250, Lot 2 for a total of 2.44 acres, zoned Rural Commercial. Proposed remodeling of existing structure for use as an office and construction of a new 7,400-sf, two-story building for business-related storage with associated parking area required for the two buildings. This project will utilize private well and septic. The concept submittal was accepted December 20, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett

4. CSPR-143112, **CCIP Lot 3R**, located at 171 Skipjack Road, Prince Frederick, Lot 3R in the Calvert County Industrial Park, zoned Light Industrial. Proposed redevelopment of a portion of the 4.5-acre lot by demolishing the existing office and constructing a new two-story office building in its place. It is further proposed to repave the southern portion of the site and to construct a storage warehouse and wall to segregate parking between the storage building yard & adjacent flex space tenants. A total of 6,524 sf of new construction with a total disturbance of 1.2-acres is proposed and the amenities will utilize public water and sewer. The concept submittal was accepted December 20, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett

5. CSPR-143134, **Kelly Generator Storage Facility**, located at 7645 and 7655 Meadow Run Lane in Owings, MD. A redevelopment of Lots 6RR (1.43 acres) and 7RR

(2.26 acres) in the Meadow Run Park Subdivision, zoned Light Industrial. Proposed construction of a 16,800-sf, two-story industrial storage facility with parking and site improvements. This project will utilize well and septic. The concept submittal was accepted January 24, 2024. Agent: COA Barrett

6. CSPR-143148, **SMILE Driveway Expansion**, located off of H.G. Trueman Road in Lusby, MD and is zoned Farm and Forest District. This project proposes an expansion of the access drive leading to the SMILE Warehouse & Thrift Shop facility. Work is proposed on the SMILE property as well as the adjoining St. Peter's Parish property, both being owned by St. Peter's Parish. Due to the necessary operation of the donation center, parking stalls that were originally created for SMILE along the east side of the building are proposed for removal from the site plan. The reduction in parking will be mitigated through a shared parking agreement. The concept submittal was accepted February 28, 2024. Agent: COA Barrett.

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

1) SD-142770, **Lusby Villas**, located on Lusby Parkway in Lusby. One commercial lot proposed on one parcel consisting of 24.87 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District, Tier I. The preliminary plan submittal was accepted January 26, 2022. Agent: COA Barrett

2) SD-142999, **Magnolia Ridge**, located on Fox Run Boulevard, Prince Frederick, on a 31.29-acre parcel, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District and will be served by public water & sewer. Proposed 164 Townhouse Units and 96 Apartments with a density of 8.3 units per acre. The project proposes 3.04 acres of recreation area and 12.58 acres of open space. The preliminary plan submittal was accepted August 23, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett

3) SD-143071, **Magnolia Ridge West**, located at Armory Road and Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, with frontage and access from Dares Beach Road & Armory Road. The project is proposed on multiple parcels totaling 26.3 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District. The subdivision proposes 79 townhome lots and associated improvements with a density of ~3 units per acre. This project will be served by public water and sewer. A total of 19.47 acres of total open space is provided, including 3.81 acres of proposed recreation area. The preliminary plan submittal was accepted September 27, 2023. Agent: COA Barrett

Concept submittals have been removed from this list. There is no assurance that those projects will reach Preliminary Plan status. If/when they do, they will be placed on this list under their Preliminary Plan project number.



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Fri, May 17

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

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Rooftop Car & Truck Cruize Nite

4165 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach
4 to 8 p.m.

On the rooftop of the Rod 'N' Reel parking garage by the Bay. DJ tunes. FREE. 866-313-5596

Night at the Museum for Friends with Disabilities

Calvert Marine Museum
5-7 p.m.

The museum and grounds will be open exclusively for guests with disabilities and their families, friends, or caregivers. This FREE evening of fun is offered through a collaboration with CCPR Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS). Enjoy the skates and rays, fish, fossils, and maritime history in a relaxed and supportive environment. Learn about river otters and meet Bubbles, our otter mascot. Poppie the opossum will also make an appearance. Explore the Discovery Room, boat basin, and Drum Point Lighthouse.

The Museum Store will be open and full of items for all ages and interests. Take a 30-minute cruise on the *Wm. B. Tennison* at 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. A calming room is available. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for each person to ride the *Wm. B. Tennison* - Call 410-535-1600, ext. 8204 or 8205 to register for a cruise.

Sat, May 18

Tri County Annual Memory Walk

Serenity Farm
6932 Serenity Farms Rd., Benedict
9 a.m.

To honor and remember those we have loved and lost through addiction. Here, there is no stigma, judgment, or guilt. Instead, the focus is on healing, hope, and recovery. This event includes:

- A keynote speaker who shares their personal experience, strength, and hope
- Planting sunflower seeds harvested from the flowers of last year's Tri-County Memory Walk
- A one-mile walk on a path through serene farmland lined with photos of lost loved ones
- Professional and peer support
- Recovery resources for family and friends affected by someone else's addiction
- Recovery resources for those affected by their addiction

Community Baby Shower

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
9-11 a.m.

Sponsored by HIPPY/Healthy Healthy/PAT and Calvert County Health Department. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

'Be Kind to Your Mind' Health Fair

Kellam's Field, Chesapeake Beach
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Also Shatter the Stigma 5K Walk/Run sponsored by the Calvert County Health Department Join the Town of Chesapeake Beach.

Pollinator Container Garden Workshop

North Beach Nature Center
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Create a pollinator container garden with the help of Master Gardeners. Plants, soil and a plastic container will be provided along with care instructions and additional resources. 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Brain Games: Mahjongg, Scrabble & More

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
12-3 p.m.

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850 Costley Way
12-4 p.m.

Play the popular miniature strategy tabletop game. Come in for casual play. Don't know how? This is the perfect place to learn. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Tue, May 21

Book Discussion

Nagoya in Prince Frederick
Dinner at 6 p.m., discussion at 7 p.m.

Join us this month to discuss "Black Was the Ink" by Michelle Coles. We will meet with the author on June 1 so let's read her book and line up our questions ahead of time! For accessibility accommodations, please contact us at least 2 weeks before the event. 410-535-0291. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Wed, May 22

Job Seeker Resources

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Maryland Department of Labor, Veterans Program, Senior Community Service Employment and Job Service representatives will be in person to meet with those seeking employment or career change. Walk-ins welcome on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. If you have questions or need more information about resources available, please contact Cheryl Thorne at Maryland Department of Labor (cheryl.thorne@maryland.gov).

Professional Interview Workshop

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

This workshop will teach you best practices enhancing your interviewing skills by providing insight on dress attire, appropriate attitude, and professional etiquette and presentation. Virtual interview techniques are also discussed. If you have questions or need more information about resources available, please contact Cheryl Thorne at Maryland Department of Labor (cheryl.thorne@maryland.gov).

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and are subject to change.

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 10 a.m.,
Commissioners' Hearing Room, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick

Boards and Commissions Meetings

Meetings are held via Zoom unless otherwise noted.
Call-in information can be found on www.calvertcountymd.gov.

Architectural Review Committee Town Center Meetings:

- Lusby: Monday, May 20, 2-3 p.m.

Environmental Commission Meeting

Monday, May 20, 6 p.m.
Calvert Library, 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick

Police Accountability Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Harriet E. Brown Community Center
901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

Public Hearings

FY 2025 Board of County Commissioners Budget*
Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m.
Commissioners' Hearing Room, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick
*This is an opportunity for Calvert County Water & Sewer customers to comment on tiered billing

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Freedom Hearing Screenings

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29655 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cost: Free

Regular hearing screenings can help you identify gradually developing hearing problems before they can significantly impact your hearing and your quality of life. Dr. Becky Guy, Clinical Audiologist, of Freedom Hearing is providing free hearing screenings. Pre-registration is required to secure an appointment slot. To register, visit www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Aging/Activities-Programs/.

Lecture: Reverse Underground Railroad—Slavery & Kidnapping

Historic St. Mary's City
18751 Hogaboom Ln., St. Mary's City
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Dr. Richard Bell, author of "Stolen," shines a light on the Reverse Underground Railroad, a black market network of human traffick-

ers & slave traders who stole thousands of legally free African Americans to fuel slavery's expansion before the Civil War.

In his book, Dr. Bell (Professor of History at Univ. of MD) tells the incredible story of five boys who were kidnapped into slavery in 1825 Philadelphia and their astonishing odyssey home. "Stolen" was a finalist for the George Washington Prize and the Harriet Tubman Prize.

Sat, May 18

Learn How to Bird—SMAS Class on Birdwatching

Historic Sotterley
44300 Sotterley Ln., Hollywood
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Come learn about identifying birds, how your smart phone can make you an identification expert and how to properly use your binoculars. Immediately following the presentation, Dean Newman, an avid wildlife photographer, speaker and veteran bird guide, will lead a walk around the Historic Sotterley grounds helping you put into practice.

Mass of Remembrance

St. Mary's County Youth Memorial
20016 Point Lookout Rd., Great Mills
11 a.m.

Come and provide support to those who lost family members in their youth. The Rosary shall precede the Mass at 10:15am. Questions: smymemorial@gmail.com

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Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Annual Book Sale

Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Annual Spring Book Sale at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds offers thousands of gently used books at amazing prices! Cash, check, credit cards accepted.

Friday, May 17, 12 – 8 p.m.: Members Only Day. Join online at www.stmalib.org or at the door.

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 19, 12 – 4 p.m.

Charlotte Hall Academy: From Roger B. Taney to Sly Stallone

Join us for this virtual archaeology presentation on Monday, May 20 from 7 – 8 p.m.! Guest speaker Dr. Jim Gibb will discuss the history of the Charlotte Hall Academy. Not the earliest academy in Maryland—King William's College (now St. John's College in Annapolis)

is the earliest by a century—Charlotte Hall Academy in Charlotte Hall brought advanced education to Maryland boys from the 1790s onward. Notable individuals have been associated with the school, some appropriately (actor Sylvester Stallone), others inaccurately (Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court Roger Taney). This illustrated presentation offers a history of this local institution assembled from archaeological and archival information. Please register on www.stmalib.org with an email address to receive the Zoom link the day before the event.

Family Learning Fair: Kindness, Empathy, & Compassion

Share an evening of fun, games, crafts & food for families to help encourage young children's ability to show kindness & compassion at Leonardtown Library on Wednesday, May 22 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Registration not

required. Presented by the Early Childhood Organization of Educators for St. Mary's County, the Promise Resource Center, & the Early Childhood Advisory Council, with grant funding from the Maryland State Department of Education.

Board Game Night

Board Game Night is a casual social hangout every 3rd Tuesday evening, bringing a relaxed atmosphere to try new games and enjoy old favorites at Charlotte Hall Library. This month join us on Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring their own games. Ages 16+; under 16 permitted with parent or guardian. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Cricut Crafts: Vinyl Designs for Signs

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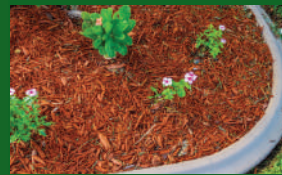
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Dickie Gatton, 83



Charles Benedict "Dickie" Gatton, 83 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 8, 2024 peacefully in his home, with his loving family by his side.

He was born on June 1, 1940 in Leonardtown, MD to the late William Carroll "Willie" Gatton and Mary Catherine (Evans) Gatton of Leonardtown.

A lifelong St. Mary's County resident, Dickie grew up in Medley's Neck. He attended Our Lady's School until its closing, and later attended Father Andrew White, S.J. School and the St. Mary's Academy.

In his early years he learned and worked beside his father farming. He was a member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department where he served for 18 years. In the 1960's he worked on Patuxent River Naval Air Station as an aircraft fueler. After the passing of his wife's uncle in 1966, Dick Robinson, he joined the family business, Robinson Funeral Home (now Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD). Along with his parents, he frequented the historical "Old" Leonardtown Jail, where his father served as the jailor and where his family prepared and served homecooked meals for the inmates.

On August 27, 1960 he married his loving wife of 63 years, Hilda Mae at St. Michael's Church, and they started their journey together.

It was not until 1973 when he and Hilda Mae began their lifelong partnership with their dear friends Frankie and Betty Lou Harris, opening G&H Jewelers; locations in Leonardtown, Wildewood, and Prince Frederick. Their many endeavors included Captain Sam's Crab House, Brass Rail Sports Bar, Swan's Hotel and Store, and raising Arabian horses on Serenity Farm in Callaway, MD. Later Dickie and Hilda Mae opened the Crystal Room in Callaway, MD. where they held and catered community events.

Dickie had many interests such as his beloved miniature horses and raising cattle. Often you would see him cheering on the

sidelines for the G&H Jewelers Woman's Softball team, and he would always be outnumbered when he was rooting for the Dallas Cowboys. His love for St. Mary's County and his hard work and dedication to his customers and friends is a testimony to the life he lived; Dickie is truly one of the last "Good ole Boys".

In addition to his wife Hilda Mae, he is survived by his sister Gloria Hayden of Hollywood, MD; his extended family Laurence and Crystal Moeller, Will Moeller (Kayla), Ben Moeller (Jenn), Bobby and Susan Bean, Steph Alvey (Ronnie), RJ Bean (Melissa), and Brenda Langley who he cherished and accepted as his own children. In addition to his parents, Dickie was preceded in death by his sister Mary Frances "Frankie" Knott, and brothers John W Gatton and James I Gatton.

Thank you to our many friends who supported us during this time. A special thank you to Dickie's caregivers who brought love and laughter into our home each day; Brenda, Candy, Jackie, Carolyn, and Anne. And, to the caring members of St. Mary's Hospice for giving our family comfort and peace.

The family will receive friends for Dickie's life celebration on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 from 5:00 -7:00 pm, with prayers recited at 6:00 pm, at Brinsfield Funeral Home. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be celebrated on May 16, 2024, 10:00 am, at St Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow in the Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Taking him home will be David Gatton, Laurence Moeller, and Bobby Bean.

Serving as pallbearers will be Butch Gatton; Eric Gatton; Will Moeller; Ben Moeller; David Harris; and Mathew Harris.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Bernie Guy, Jimmy Bean; Roy Norris; Wally Sparks; Jackie Norris; Gary Norris and Nate Ridgell.

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

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

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Located at the St Mary's County Fair Grounds
 Saturday June 8th 2024 11 AM to 7 PM

- Live Music-** TOTALLY STOKED 12-3PM
REAGAN YEARS 4-7PM
- Food Vendors!**
- Classic Car Show!**
- Crafts!**
- Free Vision & Hearing Screening!**
- Animal Zoo!**

Family friendly



Gate Admission \$10.00 , Food Additional
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 THRU
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- New & Used Tractors**
- New Golf Carts**
- New Lawn Equipment**
- Trailers**
- Trucks**
- Equipment**

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 Same-Day Preview Starting 6:30AM
 38250 New Market Turner Rd
 Mechanicsville MD 20659

- 2 GREAT ESTATES**
- Over 150 Guns**
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- Bows**
- Sportsman Items**

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St. Mary's County
National Lawn Mower Races

August 2nd & 3rd  **Friday & Saturday**

at Bowles Farms

22880 Budds Creek Road, Clements, MD 20624 | Intersection of Rt.234 & Pincushion Road

2-Days Of Racing

Admission Cost: \$10.00
Children 8 and under "FREE"

Food & Refreshments Available – **NO** Coolers Permitted
 Camper Sites Available - 301-904-7694

Friday August 2nd

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| Gates Open | 4:00 PM |
| Trial Runs | 6:00 PM |
| Racing Starts | 7:00 PM |



Saturday August 3rd

| | |
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| Gates Open | 3:30 PM |
| Trial Runs | 5:00 PM |
| Racing Starts | 6:00 PM |

7th District Rescue Squad: Ronnie 301-904-7694
 7th District Optimist Club: AL 240-299-1891

 More Info www.BowlesFarms.com

All Proceeds To Benefit





COMMUNITY

Culture & Cuisine

Free!

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

St. Mary's Square: 21600 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park

Cuisine, entertainment and cultural flair from diverse communities in Lexington Park and beyond.



Scan the QR code
or learn more at
www.StMarysCDC.org/LexBA

ENTERTAINMENT

- The Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers
- Traditional Filipino Tinikling Dance
- A History of Bourbon in St. Mary's County
- Fire Dance & Belly Dance
- Selections from Big Fish the Musical
- Traditional Celebration Dance from India
- Hand Pan by Joel Tuminaro
- AND MORE!

ACTIVITIES

- Dominoes Tournament (pre-registration)
- Board Game Play Demos
- Graffiti Wall
- Mad Splatter Shack
- Lionhearted Public Mosaic Project
- Dunk Tank to support the YMCA
- Children's Story Time
- AND MORE!

CUISINE

- The Puerto Rican Cafe
- Ascorpian's Touch Italian Ice
- Did Someone Say Funnel Cake
- Filipino American Association
- The Jamaican Grill
- She's Fresh Lemonade
- Uncle D's Grill
- AND MORE!



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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH HALL
In Chaptico, Maryland

SUNDAY, May 19th, 2024

1:30 – 5:00 P.M.

*Strawberry Shortcake with the "Works"
Ice Cream and Strawberry Pies*

Visit Historic Christ Church built in 1736

MIKE'S BARBECUE

**LIVE MUSIC: Bushmill Band
and Folk Salad**

ARTISTS & CRAFTERS

SOUTHERN MD BOOTSCOOTERS PERFORMANCE 1:30

Bicyclists invited to participate: Dan: dddonahue@md.metrocast.net

*Funds raised help support charities in St. Mary's County: ACTS, HOSPICE, and the
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"Family Fun in the Country with Terrific Food and Great Music"

The Parish Hall is located 37497 Zach Fowler Rd (off Rt. 234) in the Village of Chaptico.
Please call Shelby (301) 904-2532 or Church Office (301) 884-3451 www.cckqp.net

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TO
6000LB
CLASSES**

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MAY 26**

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HOMETOWN HEROES CELEBRATION

JUNE 8 2024

5:30pm to 9:30pm

LEONARDTOWN SQUARE



Join Us As We Celebrate Our First Responders Police - Fire- EMS- Dispatcher

- LIVE MUSIC
- VEHICLES ON DISPLAY
- FOOD & DRINKS
- MEET & GREET LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

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JAZZ FEST SATURDAY LINEUP



Marcus Mitchell and Joi Carter



Latrice Carr



Julian Vaughan

Stay at the Inn at Leonardtown
Discount Hotel Packages!

See website for info and reservations.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD

POTOMAC JAZZ & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Weekend of Jazz!

JULY 12-14 2024

Saturday, July 13 | Noon to 8 p.m.

Jazz Fest THE MAIN EVENT

St. Clement's Island Museum
 \$95 General / \$250 VIP

Relax waterside on the museum lawn and enjoy great music, food and gorgeous views of the Potomac!

-----Opener 1 PM-----
LATRICE CARR

-----Second Act 3:15 PM-----
MARCUS MITCHELL & JOI CARTER

-----Headliner 5:30 PM-----
JULIAN VAUGHAN

NEW THIS YEAR! Limited trolley and boat transportation from Leonardtown to Main Event!
 Purchase fares in advance on the website.

Friday, July 12 | All Day



Friday Jazz IN LEONARDTOWN

Kick off your weekend with a FREE jazz concert, dining, shopping and fun in Leonardtown.

FREE JAZZ CONCERT

at College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus

FRIDAY, 5 - 7 PM - Music by Causal Groove.

Sunday, July 14 | All Day

Jazzin' Sunday IN LEONARDTOWN

Enjoy jazz cruises, brunch, shopping, wine tastings and more throughout Leonardtown.

Leonardtown JAZZ CRUISES

Friday and Sunday

More Cruises Added!
 See website for info and tickets.

Hotel Welcome RECEPTION

FRIDAY, 2 - 4 PM - FREE MUSIC by Higher Standards at the Inn at Leonardtown!

Fun All Day in Leonardtown!

See website for schedule of activities.

AFTER PARTY AT BRÜ

SATURDAY, 10 PM
 Free admission; food and drinks separate cost.



www.PotomacJazzFest.com
 More info, tickets, discount packages, discount hotel nights and more.



MAJOR FESTIVAL PARTNERS

MAY & JUNE
LEONARDTOWN
Summer Calendar

WHARF | SQUARE | LTOWN ALLEY | BUSINESS

MAY
18

Coastal Arts Market at the Wharf

10 am - 3 pm
www.CoastalArtsMarket.com

MAY
18

Fenwick Street Books: Book Fair in LTown Alley

10 am - 4 pm
www.FenwickBooks.com

MAY
18

On the Waters Edge Concert ft. Cover Your 6: Military Appreciation

5 pm - 7 pm
www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest

MAY
21

Third Tuesday Tunes in the Square ft. Chris Dean

12 pm - 1 pm
www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest

MAY
25

RenFest SOMD - Brudergarten & Viking Axe Throwing

10 am - 8 pm
[Facebook: RenFest Southern Maryland](https://www.facebook.com/RenFestSouthernMaryland)

MAY
25

Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad EMS Week Event

10 am - 3 pm
www.lvrs.org

JUNE
1

Sizzling Summer Sidewalk Sale

Specials & sales all day - check with individual businesses for times
www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/eventscalendar

JUNE
7

June First Friday

Specials & sales all day - check with individual businesses for times
www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/eventscalendar

JUNE
8

Hometown Heroes - Concert & First Responder Fundraiser ft Red Dirt Revolution

5:30 pm - 10:30 pm
www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest

JUNE
15

Coastal Arts Market at the Wharf

10 am - 3 pm
www.CoastalArtsMarket.com

JUNE
18

Third Tuesday Tunes in the Square ft. Billy Breslin

12 pm - 1 pm
www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest

Leonardtown is blooming with events -

For all events & activities, visit:

www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/EventsCalendar



FOLK LIFE 2024 SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Join us to celebrate the 4th annual Folklife Summer Workshops! Support community-based living and the cultural traditions of Southern Maryland.



Funding is provided by the Maryland State Arts Council



Follow us



FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION go to www.somdfolklife.org, or scan the QR Code



May 18

Making Stuffed Ham (2 day workshop)

Gelli Printmaking Workshop

Environmental Youth Workshop

Located at St. Mary's College of Maryland, the Center offers a variety of workshops and programs that showcase and preserve traditional art forms.

Workshops will be held at St. Mary's College of Maryland



REN FEST SOUTHERN MD

A collaborative event with Brüdergarten Beer Garden & Viking Axe Throwing

May 25, 2024 10 AM - 8 PM



at Brüdergarten Beer Garden 22725 Duke Street, Leonardtown, MD



EVENT LINEUP INCLUDES:
Live Bands & Entertainment
Food & Drink
Visiting Local Brewers
Demonstrations
Re-enactments
Laser Tag
Artisans & Vendors
Children's Activities
Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
Costume Contest
Fairy Trail Fairy House Contest
...and so much more!

ADVANCE TICKETS:
Limited amount available at SOF Market
Adults: \$10
Kids 3-12: \$5
Kids 2 & under: Free

AT THE CASTLE DOOR:
Adults: \$12
Kids 3-12: \$6
Kids 2 & under: Free

All tickets are sold "cash only"



RenFest Southern MD is a family friendly event. However, some portions of the costumed theatre program include dialog of an adult-themed nature.

Rain or shine event! No refunds. Outside food, drinks, and coolers prohibited. RenFest garb encouraged! No weapons allowed including costume and prop items.

Scan QR code for more info!

Flag Day!
June 14, 2024 at 6 p.m.
 Bring your blankets and chairs!
 Government Center Lawn
 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown
stmaryscountymd.gov

FOURTH

AT THE

WHARF



CONCERT ★ CONTESTS ★ ACTIVITIES

July 4, 2024

3 PM - 7 PM

Join us at the Leonardtown Wharf for an afternoon of contests, activities, yard games, tasty food, and a FREE live concert featuring Midnight Sunsets! This special event is brought to you by the Town of Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Business Association, and with the support of our generous sponsors, **Jimmy Hayden of RE/MAX 100**, **Mattingley Gardiner Funeral Home**, **Town Market**, and **Earthwise Pet**. Tasty eats, treats, and beverages available for purchase.

Concert Sponsor



Event & Activity Sponsors



Events

- Midnight Sunsets Concert (5-7pm)
- Crab Derby
- Watermelon Eating Contest
- Strut Your Mutt (Dog Parade)
- Yard Games
- Ping Pong Table & Chess Table
- & more!**

Vendors

- Above Par Golf
- Frogtown Ice Cream Shop
- Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept.
- Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary
- MADE by You Studio
- Port of Leonardtown Winery
- St. Mary's County Historical Society
- Yellow Line Art Studio

**No firework display at this event*



This event/program is part of the Southern Maryland 250th Semiquincentennial, Maryland 250th, and America 250th celebrations, commemorating Southern Maryland's contributions to our nation's founding.

For more information, please visit: www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/events

SOUTHERN MARYLAND Summer Events

June

Sunset Cruise

June 1
Leonardtwn Wharf
22510 Washington St., Leonardtown
Admission: \$35

Join the legendary Captain Phil for a two-hour sunset cruise from Leonardtown Wharf. Relax, unwind, and enjoy the serene waterways of St. Mary's County as you toast to a spectacular sunset! Grab a bite before or after your cruise at one of Leonardtown's many eateries.

After boarding the Lisa S., a 48-foot charter boat, you'll depart from Leonardtown Wharf, cruise down Breton Bay and onto the Potomac River. You'll circle St. Clement's Island, where you'll get an awesome view of the historic Blackstone Lighthouse before heading back to the Wharf. (301) 904-0935

Little Explorers: From Ship to Shore

June 5, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Historic St. Mary's City
47418 Old State House Rd., St. Mary's City
Admission: \$4 per child, \$3 for HSMC Members; one accompanying adult is free. Full-day admission is included.

Pre-school children ages 3-5 years old will have a blast putting on their sea legs and participating in nautical-themed games and activities! They'll even get a chance to voyage to the edge of the St. Mary's River to explore the landscape and assist Maryland Dove crew in maneuvering a sail.

This program will meet at the State House lawn. Park at the State House parking lot: 47418 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. (301) 994-4370

Crab Festival

June 8, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
42455 Fairgrounds Rd., Leonardtown

Steamed crabs, crab soups, crab cakes, oh my! Enjoy crabs prepared in a variety of ways, plus loads of other seafood. Learn about and honor the tradition of the watermen in St. Mary's County. Plus, enjoy live music and shop artisan crab-themed goods!

Think you're the best crab-pickers around? Demonstrate your crab-picking prowess in the crab-picking contest! Each person's "pickings," which will be stripped of all non-meat ingredients, will be weighed by the contest judges.

Southern Maryland Boat Club's Rumble on the River

June 8 - June 9
Piney Point Landing
17139 Piney Point Rd., Piney Point
Admission: Free

Two days of vintage race boats and racing await you at Southern Maryland Boat Club's Annual Rumble on the River at Piney Point Landing! Bring a lawn chair to sit back and enjoy a fun weekend on the water. Grab lunch at the on-site food truck or pack a picnic. See schedule below:

Saturday, June 8th, 2024

- Heats 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- Heats 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 9th, 2024

- Heats 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- Heats 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Habitat Scavenger Hunt

June 8, 9 a.m. to Noon
Historic Sotterley
44300 Sotterley Ln., Hollywood

Historic Sotterley and Southern Maryland Audubon Society are partnering to bring you a family-friendly morning of environmental learning. Learn about all the things birds and other animals in our ecosystem need to survive, and then set out on a scavenger hunt to locate those things here at Historic Sotterley.

Calvert County Youth Fishing Day

June 8
10540 H.G. Trueman Rd., Lusby
8409 Mount Harmony Ln., Owings

Children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are invited to learn how to fish or showcase their skills in this free countywide event. We'll provide quick lessons on baiting, casting and responsible fishing practices. Participants will have the chance to fish and compete in a longest cast contest.

Sections A and B - Calvert Cliffs State Park Pond, Sections E and F - Hutchins Pond in Owings.

BeerFest

June 22, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Historic St. Mary's City
47418 Old State House Rd., St. Mary's City

Food. Music. Beer. Bring your friends, an appetite, and an outdoor chair to enjoy one of the best outdoor festivals southern Maryland has to offer.

BeerFest will feature music from local bands, food from local cuisine, and a variety of regional craft brews.

Enjoy a rollicking outdoor festival while helping to further education and research at HSMC.

Find tickets, vendor and volunteer applications, and more details at hsmcbeerfest.org

Boyz II Men in Concert

June 28, 7 p.m.
Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons

Boyz II Men, the iconic trio that has captivated audiences for over three decades, will kick off the festivities at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2024. With a string of Grammys, American Music Awards, Soul Train Awards, Billboard Awards, Hollywood Star on the walk of fame and more, Boyz II Men is a powerhouse in the music industry.

July

On the Water's Edge Concert ft. Midnight Sunsets

July 4, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Leonardtwn Wharf
22510 Washington St., Leonardtown
Admission: Free

Come by water or land to enjoy a 4th of July Concert featuring Midnight Sunsets at the beautiful Leonardtown Wharf Park. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy live music, sample award-winning wine from Port of Leonardtown Winery, purchase beer from the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department tent, and cool down with sweet treats from Frog Town Ice Cream.

Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival

July 12 to July 14
St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Rd., Coltons Point

Enjoy a weekend full of live jazz, seafood, stunning waterside vistas, and exciting events for jazz aficionados in Leonardtown and St. Clement's Island Museum in gorgeous St. Mary's County. More info for this year's festival to come!

Insectival

July 20, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Road, Solomons
Admission: ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED - \$8/person online (\$11/person at the gate, if not sold out); ages 2 & under free; members free

What's an INSECTIVAL? It's an insect festival! Join us for a day of buggy fun as we explore and get creative with the world of insects. Enjoy activities for all ages, meet community groups who love bugs, and have fun roaming the garden as you explore and have fun with insects!

August

Lawn Mower Races

August 2 to August 3
Bowles Farm
22880 Budds Creek Rd., Clements

Two days of racing. Food and refreshments are available, but no coolers are permitted.

Gates open at 4p.m. Aug 2 with trial runs at 6 p.m. Racing begins 7 p.m. On Aug. 3 racing starts at 6 p.m.

Camper sites available 301-904-7694.

Cole Swindell in Concert

August 16, 7 p.m.
Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons

Multi-Platinum-selling superstar and ACM Award-winner Cole Swindell will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024. Swindell's fourth studio album, Stereotype, has been a massive hit, producing multiple Platinum-certified No. 1 hits like "Never Say Never" featuring Lainey Wilson, "Single Saturday Night" and his 3X Platinum-selling "She Had Me At Heads Carolina."

Bad Art Night

August 23, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Road, Solomons
Admission: \$7/person (must be 21+); members FREE

It's an outrageous night of BAD ART MAKING for adults at Annmarie Garden. Guests 21 and up are invited to be inspired by the works in our galleries, then undertake some unconventional and unorthodox art-making. We'll have all the supplies you'll need to have at it. Finished artwork will be displayed for all and then cast your vote for "The Best of the Worst." Prizes will be awarded! It's a great night to let loose, get "creative", and have some fun!

A cash bar and lively music will add to the fun!

Grab a friend, come with a group, or just come alone and meet new people and join the fun. No reservations required- just come!

HELLO SUMMER

FREE SUMMER EVENTS
HAPPENING AT ST. MARY'S
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FRIDAY, JUNE 14

MULBERRY MUSIC FESTIVAL @ 6 P.M.

Featuring four great acts: .Walking Eagle, Everyday Everybody, Shamans of Sound and Gabe Stillman. Bring your folding chairs and blankets and enjoy the finest food trucks from across Southern Maryland.

Learn more: www.smcm.edu/mmfnp

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

FRIDAY, JULY 5

FRIDAY, JULY 12

FRIDAY, JULY 19

RIVER CONCERT SERIES @ 7 P.M.

Featuring the Chesapeake Orchestra, directed by Jeff Silberschlag. Bring your folding chairs and blankets and enjoy the finest food trucks from across Southern Maryland. Learn more: www.smcm.edu/rcsnp

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

GOVERNOR'S CUP YACHT RACE

Greet the finishers of the 51st annual Governor's Cup at the SMCM Waterfront from 12 noon on with live music, food trucks and a cash bar.

Learn more: www.smcm.edu/gcnp

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A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a summer scene. A woman in a red bikini and a large pink sun hat is floating on a pink inflatable ring. She is holding a yellow drink with a straw. Surrounding her are various summer items: a watermelon-shaped inflatable ring, a yellow inflatable ring, a pink and white beach ball, a yellow and white beach ball, a pineapple, and several small white daisies. The background is a blue grid pattern.

SOMD Summer Fun

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17.82-17.89 -Oz, Selected
**Red Baron
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8-Oz., Selected
**Food Club
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18-Ct., Selected
**Popsicle
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49-Oz., Double Layer
**Luscious
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11-Oz., Selected
**Donut Time
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8-Inch
**Bakery Fresh
Blueberry Pie**

5.98



12-Ct., Selected
**Bakery Fresh
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Liquor and Beer



10-Oz. Cans
**24-Pack
Bud Light**

19.89



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12-Oz. Cans
**24-Pack
Yuengling**

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1.75 Liter
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1.75L
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1.75L
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750 ml, Pinot Grigio
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Nature's Best
Whiting



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Shrimp Skewers



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Lobster
Tails



9.99 16 To 20 Ct.
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Shrimp

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LIMIT ONE FREE ITEM PER HOUSEHOLD
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DIGITAL COUPON 1.00 OFF TWO
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.5 Liter
6 Pack Coke
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2.78
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Nilla Wafers
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30-Oz., Regular
Duke's Mayonnaise
SALE PRICE 2/\$8
DIGITAL COUPON 1.00 OFF TWO
FINAL PRICE **2/\$7**

6.55 To 10-Oz. Selected
Fritos
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3/\$10

12 To 17.3-Oz., Selected
Kellogg's
Cereal
2/\$8

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2/\$6

OUR SELECT BRANDS: food club, crow'n, THAT'S SMART!, RAINBOW CIRCLE, North Star, Paws Happy Life, tippy toes, simply done, PURE HARMONY, TopCare.

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The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

There are plenty of stripers (rockfish) for eager fishermen when the season opens in the Bay and Potomac this Thursday. The Patuxent rockfish season above Point Patience does not begin until June 1. The slot limit on rockfish is 19 to 24 inches, with a creel limit of one per day.

Word has it that the striped bass are in all their usual haunts now in abundance. Trollers in the channels and on the shoreline and lure casters on structure will find hungry fish.

Puppy drum and redfish have invaded local waters in the mouths of creeks in the Potomac and in the Patuxent. The reds will take paddle tail jigs, spoons, bucktails and even surface poppers. They are bottom feeders and will take bloodworm bits, clams, squid, and cut alewife or spot.

There are different rules for Maryland waters and the Potomac. Maryland allows one per day in a slot of 18 to 27 inches. The Potomac has a shorter maximum (25 inches), but allows five per day.

Catfish are biting hard in the Potomac and Patuxent.

White perch are in the creeks and rivers.

The cold snap over the weekend seemed to dull the appetites of the perch and spot. The return of warmth this week should make them hungry.



A View From The BLEACHERS



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Picture a quiet section in a stadium's upper deck. There's a ball game being played far below but it's the late innings and the lopsided score has minds drifting. Is the beer guy ever coming back? If he does, has my buzz faded too much? Will another \$15 beer just put me to sleep? The t-shirt launcher stands no chance of blasting one this high – very unfortunate. There hasn't been foul ball hit up here since the Obama administration – even more unfortunate.

You ponder all this while gazing at the illuminated diamond below and admiring the mustard stain on your shirt. It's been a long day and the beer haze has taken hold. Conscious thought begins to fade; eyes droop to half-mast. Then a booming voice, from a slightly inebriated fellow fan, echoes across the section, "I can't stand the Phoenix Suns."

It's an odd introduction. Different sport. Team located across the country. Still, the fan's volume and conviction demand attention. Where this conversation is about to meander is uncertain, but your spider senses indicate it will be polarizing. And sure enough, the opinions that follow leave those under 40 appalled at the talking fossil, and those well into middle age muttering "preach" and "facts".

The guy — let's call him Paul — just keeps talking. No one engages, not even his buddy, who offers just the occasional polite nod or "uh-huh", but everyone in the section is listening; this is far more interesting than the blowout on the field below. Paul is D.C. local and a Wizards fan. He admitted that he has no legitimate reason to dislike the Suns, Kevin Durant or former Wizard/current Sun Bradley Beal. Durant is from P.G. County and Beal toiled for years as the best player on bad Wizards teams. Neither deserve his angst. But they are getting it tonight.

It isn't personal. The Suns are just the latest manufactured "super-team" to get Paul's goat. And Durant and Beal, stars traded to Phoenix from other NBA locales, are just the latest names in the sinister "buy success" game. The Yankees and Dodgers are annual offenders. The Miami Heat started it in the NBA. The Rams pretty much bought themselves a Super Bowl a couple years ago. The NHL hasn't quite caught on yet, bless hockey's heart.

Turns out Paul's kind of a deep thinker, especially with two or six beers in his belly. He travels beyond sports. He can't stand all the fake music being made now and longs for experiences where humans play actual instruments live. He says he enjoys his kid's band concerts more than anything that AI creates and corporations push on the radio. He buys more vinyl records than downloads these days. Paul is also irritated by filtered photos and perfectly manufactured social media lives. He's 100% sure that sports offer the only true reality shows and seems prepared to fight above his weight class if necessary to defend his position.

Paul's late-inning screed got me thinking about the recent championships won by the Capitals and Nats and those won so long ago by the D.C. football team. Those teams all went through a mostly organic construction – drafted, home-grown talent – and a long, sometimes painful process of developing a championship mettle. That grind, the gradual build and bumps along the way, made the victories all the sweeter. Everything about those titles felt right.

Paul's internal conflict with hating on the Suns was not apparent during the team's underwhelming season that ended in a four-game sweep in the first round of the playoffs to the Minnesota Timberwolves, a team largely built around drafted talent. Paul reveled in the Suns' defeat and lack general lack of fight. This is what happens when individuals meet a team. The Suns are a frozen dinner; the Timberwolves are scratch made, he mused.

Paul's opinions seemed to split the section as clean as a presidential election – 50% on his side, 50% on the other. Is he a man who is gladly watching the world pass him by, or an astute being who properly rejects an increasingly ultra-processed world? Flip a coin. For me, I'm Team Paul.

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Flag Day Celebration on the Governmental Center Lawn June 14



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Summerstock Production, Cinderella who will sing our National Anthem and St. Mary's County Song during the event. For more information on Summerstock, visit [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/summerstock](https://fb.me/e/1HXIRlyuG) or follow the show dates on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/1HXIRlyuG>.

Seating will be provided, but attendees are also welcome to bring blankets and chairs to enjoy the festivities from the comfort of the lawn. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will relocate to the inside of the Leonard Hall Recreation Center, adjacent to the lawn.

Citizens may drop off flags in need of retirement to the Chesapeake Building, located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at (301) 475-4200, ext. 1340 or via email to PIO@stmaryscountymd.gov.

License-Free Fishing Days Provide Access to Angling for All

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will offer license-free fishing days for all state residents and visitors on June 1, June 8, and July 4. These annual events provide anglers a unique opportunity to explore the state's diverse fishing without needing a fishing license, trout stamp, or registration.

The department hosts license-free fishing every year on the first two Saturdays of June and on the Independence Day holiday to take advantage of peak spring and summer fishing. On these days, any individual may catch and possess finfish for recreational purposes in any tidal and nontidal waters of Maryland. All anglers must follow all current regulations, including size and catch limits found in the department's fishing and crabbing guide.

The department also has dozens of other resources to help new or experienced anglers, including angler access maps and

fish identification charts. In addition, anglers of any level are encouraged to sign up for the weekly Maryland Fishing Report, which provides up-to-date fishing information.

This year the department is encouraging anglers to catch invasive species such as snakeheads and blue catfish, which are affecting the overall Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Both fish are great options for eating and a wide variety of recipes are available on the Maryland's Best website.

Aside from these free fishing days, and certain license-free areas, anyone 16 or older fishing in Maryland must possess a license, which can be obtained or renewed online, through the department's mobile app, or in person at a department service center, a participating retail sports license agent in the state, or by calling 866-344-8889 during normal business hours.

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Man Arrested for April 2 Shooting

Following an ongoing investigation by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, Jontae Lamont Proctor, 21, of No Fixed Address, was apprehended on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in connection with the April 2 shooting at Applebee's in California, MD.



Jontae Lamont Proctor

Proctor was arrested without incident in the parking lot of a business in Mechanicsville on open warrants for Attempted First-Degree Murder, Attempted Second-Degree Murder, Assault First-Degree, Assault Second-Degree, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence, related firearms charges, and Violation of Probation.

During the arrest, Proctor was found to have a fully loaded handgun on his person and was charged with six additional counts of firearms violations.

The suspect was transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown to await a bond hearing.

Jury Convicts Man for Murder of Teenager in Drive-By Shooting

State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling announced today that Latres Javontae Cockerham, 26, of California, Maryland, was convicted of the first-degree murder of a 19-year-old victim and the attempted first-degree murders of five additional teenagers for his participation in a drive-by shooting that occurred on January 12, 2022.



Latres Javontae Cockerham

"The defendant deliberately maneuvered his vehicle as his co-defendants rapidly fired bullets into another vehicle on a busy road in broad daylight, which provided for the murder of one teenager and the extreme endangerment of five others, while putting the neighboring community and all other drivers on the road at risk. It is no small miracle that additional lives were not lost," said State's Attorney Sterling. "Our thoughts remain with the victims and their families. We hope that this verdict brings them some comfort."

The defendant will be held without bond pending a sentencing hearing. He faces a maximum penalty of six consecutive life sentences, plus eight years for related firearm charges.

Sergeant Austin Schultz and Detective

Taylor Nauman of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office were the lead investigators.

Senior Assistant State's Attorneys Jeff Maylor and Donna Pettersen prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of St. Mary's County.

The Honorable David W. Densford presided over the case.

Legal Notices

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN Fair Summary of Ordinance No. 222

Notice is hereby given that The Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 222 Acquisition of Real Property for a Public Purpose. A fair summary will follow:

Ordinance No. 222- An ordinance for the purpose of approving the acquisition of a 16,978 sq foot +/- parcel of real property shown on Tax Map 133, Grid 15, Parcel 330, from RAR Associates Development Corp. for the public purpose of constructing additional parking for visitors of Leonardtown Wharf Public Park.

Ordinance No. 222 will become effective June 3, 2024. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or on line on the Towns website at www.leonardtown.somd.com.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN Fair Summary of Ordinance No. 223

Notice is hereby given that The Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 223 Real Property Tax Credit for Volunteers with the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept and the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. A fair summary will follow:

Ordinance No. 223- An ordinance for the purpose of establishing a real property tax credit for the Leonardtown real property tax for volunteers of the LVFD or LVRS.

Ordinance No. 223 will become effective June 3, 2024. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or on line on the Towns website at www.leonardtown.somd.com.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT AND REINTERMENT

Authorization has been requested from the State's Attorney's Office for St. Mary's County, Maryland to disinter the remains of John Matthew Ennis from Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. He will be re-interred with his Parents, John Matthew Ennis and Lori Mullins, parents, at Arlington National Cemetery, 1 Memorial Avenue, Arlington, VA 22211. This request is being made by John Matthew Ennis and Lori Mullins Ennis his parents.

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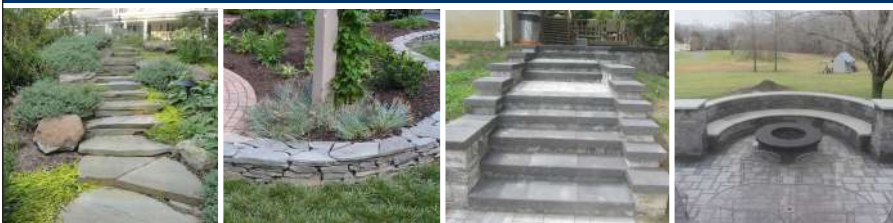


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Commissioners Fund CSM Renovation



Building A on the Leonardtown Campus

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The College of Southern Maryland could soon be renovating what is now known as "Building A" at its Leonardtown campus — it was once St. Mary's Academy before the all-female institution merged to form St. Mary's Ryken High School — and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County have agreed to help fund the project.

At their May 14 the commissioners authorized the expenditure of \$4 million, roughly a quarter of the project's total cost, to support the renovation.

"The entire expansion is just about \$16 million," said Jim Gotsch, director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation. "The county puts up 25 percent, the state puts up 75 percent."

The commissioners had approved the expenditure of the funds back in February as part of its fiscal 2025 budget negotiations.

The building to be renovated was built back in the 1930s, said Bill Comey, vice president of operations and planning for the

College of Southern Maryland.

"The building still has a lot of the 1939 issues with it," Comey said. "Water penetration, mortar decaying, all the windows are starting to rot out."

"The HVAC system totally needs to be gutted and replaced."

The object was to "bring some new life into that building," Comey said, noting that that building would be converted into a new library and learning hub for students.

Comey said the plan was to get the request for the renovation funding into Gov. Wes Moore's budget for next year.

Commissioner Eric Colvin asked if the library portion would be open to the public since it was they who were funding it in the final analysis.

Comey confirmed that anyone would be able to use the library facilities there.

The money for the project would come from a state grant, Comey confirmed, necessitating the county commissioners joining in on a petition to the state to get it.

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Commissioners Allocate Last of \$22M in Federal Rescue Funds

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county has spent nearly all of the money given to it by the federal government from the COVID-19 pandemic days — \$16.4 million according to County Finance Officer Jeanett Cudmore — with another \$2.3 million "encumbered," she said for use on other projects or programs.

"So, we're almost there," Cudmore told the Commissioners of St. Mary's at their May 14 business meeting. "There is some money that has not been encumbered yet."

The total amount given to the county those several years ago was \$22 million.

There is now \$20,861 left to allocate, Cudmore said.

"I'm concerned we've had a lot of time with this money but the deadline to allocate it is rapidly approaching," said Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Colvin recommended taking the \$20,861 and splitting it evenly between all of

the county's volunteer fire departments and rescue squads "as a one-time grant." "My math works out to a little over \$1,300 each," Colvin said.

Cudmore said by sending the remaining money out as a grant, that would allow each volunteer department to spend the money as they saw fit.

"That way the people know that money is going back into the community to save lives," Colvin said.

Cudmore explained the difference between the original \$22 million sent to the county and the \$18.8 already spent or otherwise encumbered.

She said that about \$3.2 million remained to be encumbered, fiscally speaking an encumbrance is a commitment to spend money for a particular purpose at some point in the future.

All funds must be encumbered by December of this year or they must be returned to the federal government, Cudmore said.

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Lorenzini Ahead in Judge Race

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Judge Amy Lorenzini seemed to prevail on election day over her opponent Sue Ann Armitage to keep her seat on the St. Mary's County Circuit Court after a hard fought and sometimes acrimonious primary campaign.

But, said Wendy Adkins, director of the county board of elections, there remained more than 3,000 mail-in ballots yet to be counted.

The first day for their canvassing will be today, May 16, with results available by evening, Adkins said.

Lorenzini was cautiously optimistic the day after ballots were cast.

"I'm feeling good today but I'm not going to jump to any conclusions until they certify the vote," Lorenzini said. "I'm thankful for all the people who came out to vote in the rain [May 14]."

Despite her caution the day after, the evening of election day Lorenzini's supporters were jubilant at her apparent victory while watching vote returns at The Social in Leonardtown.

Armitage, who carried many high-profile endorsements from current and former elected leaders, publicly questioned Lorenzini's integrity over accepting campaign donations from lawyers who appeared before her in criminal cases and Lorenzini's camp made much of Armitage's lack of criminal case work as an attorney.

Lorenzini prevailed both among Democrats and Republicans; she won 2,804 Democrat votes versus Armitage's 2,280 and she again won 4,982 Republican votes against Armitage's 4,482. There are just 1,024 ballots between the two women between both Republicans and Democrats.

Final certification of the election takes place May 24.

Armitage did not respond to requests for comment on the state of the race as of press time.

Lorenzini carried the endorsement of former governor Larry Hogan, who appointed her to the post two years ago as well as that of Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist. 29A).

In the race for three school board seats, long-time incumbents Cathy Allen and Mary Washington easily surpassed their challengers though both women will have to face the runner up in their race in November's general election.

Allen won 7,863 votes in the District



Judge Amy Lorenzini in Leonardtown on election night



Sue Ann Armitage at the polls

2 race with Elena Brewer's 3,218 and Anthony Lotierzo's 3,105.

Washington's lead in the District 4 primary was even greater with 8,244 votes to David Drys' 3,420.

Charles L.V. Carrington earned just 2,509 votes.

Both Washington and Allen are the longest serving school board members with more than 20 consecutive years of service.

The At-Large race for school board was the only guaranteed to have a new board member elected, as incumbent Jim Davis declined to run again.

Josh Guy earned 6,608 votes in a four-way race, besting the runner up in his race — Brandie Edelen with her 3,550 votes.

The two will likely face each other in the November general election.

Angela Wathen got 3,443 votes while DeForest Rathbone got just 539.

Allen and Washington both ran on their extensive experience while serving on the school board, while Guy ran on instilling more discipline in schools and curbing bad student behavior.

Edelen, who teaches at the College of Southern Maryland, campaigned on the need to improve the basic skills of students who move on to post-secondary education as they often seemed to lack those that are considered necessary for success at that level, such as writing theses and completing term papers.

Though they had already clinched their respective party's nominations, President Joe Biden handily won the votes of St. Mary's Democrats with 4,221 votes out of 5,266 cast.

Former President Donald Trump also won the vast majority of GOP votes in St. Mary's with 7,755 votes out of 9,485 cast. Nikki Haley won just 1,730 votes.

Angela Alsobrooks narrowly beat out U.S. Rep. David Trone in their primary battle for U.S. Senate in St. Mary's; the Prince George's County Executive also won the primary victory statewide. She will face former governor Larry Hogan in November

who easily won the majority of Republican votes in both St. Mary's and the state.

Hogan won 5,701 votes here with the closest opponent the pro-Trump candidate Robin Ficker with 2,560.

U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer also easily won his primary race in St. Mary's and throughout Congressional District 5; here he won 4,005 votes out of 5,160 cast among Democrats.

Early voting for the general election begins Oct. 24 and runs from Oct. 31; General Election Day is November 5.

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Town Approves Fire/EMS Volunteer Property Tax Credit

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Starting next tax year active members of either the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department or Rescue Squad will be able to take advantage of a new tax credit that will exempt them from paying the town property tax.

The Leonardtown Town Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance after a public hearing May 13 that had no speakers either in support or opposition.

Only active members of either volunteer organization can participate and they must fill out an application each year with the town government.

Volunteers must also qualify for the county's homestead tax to participate, said Town Administrator Laschelle McKay.

"So basically, this means they wouldn't have to pay town property taxes," said Council Member Christy Hollander. "I think it's a great idea."

Council Member Mary Maday Slade said: "I think it's the least we can do."

In other news, the town council held a public hearing on the proposed purchase of more than 16,000 square feet of property at in the area of the Leonardtown Wharf to expand parking availability there.



Town Administrator Laschelle McKay

The land is to be purchased from RAR Associates by the Town Council with the property going to settlement by July.

McKay said the town is seeking state grant money to complete the parking project.

Mayor Dan Burris said the town was pursuing the project quickly.

"There's a lot we can do in house since we already have some conceptual plans," Burris said.

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School Board Purchase Draws Fire

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last week's decision by the St. Mary's County Board of Education to purchase a new concession building for an athletic field at Leonardtown High School has drawn criticism for its perceived high cost during a time of high inflation and budget constraints.

"In a year that the [Commissioners of St. Mary's County] raised the county income tax to the legal limit to pay for the schools, the same week the local board of education approved spending a million dollars on a snack bar is about as tone-deaf as you can get in politics," said Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist. 29A).

Board member Mary Washington made the motion to approve the purchase, seconded by board member Cathy Allen — both of whom are running for reelection to the school board this year — and it received a 4-to-1 vote.

The sole opposition vote came from Jim Davis, who is not seeking reelection to the at-large school board seat.

The total amount allocated by the school board for the project was \$921,750 with a construction contingency of \$50,000 to build a single-story, 1,380 square foot facility that included restroom facilities the current, aging structure does not have.

The cost works out to \$704.16 per square foot of building.

The builder awarded the contract was Dennis Anderson Construction.

This week, County Commissioner Mike Hewitt spoke out against the board's decision.

He expressed disbelief that after the commissioner board raised income taxes to pay for increased teacher salaries, the school board could make such a purchase.

"Del. Matt Morgan called it tone deaf, I call it poor timing," Hewitt said. "\$703 a square foot for a block building with brick... it just seems excessive."

The building would not be used to teach students, Hewitt said, and it would be open perhaps 30 to 40 times a year.

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Council Member Warns of IRS Information Breach

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Mary Maday Slade is a Leonardtown town council member but she also owns a tax preparation business, which puts her in close contact with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

She revealed this week that she and her family were the victims of identity theft regarding their tax documents and the perpetrator — unwittingly — was the IRS itself.

Slade told her story near the end of the regular town council meeting May 13.

Last year she had filed her taxes late after filing for an extension and put them in on Oct. 15.

"We get a kickback saying our taxes had already been filed," Slade said. "So we're a victim of identity theft."

By January, Slade said she had received a message from the IRS stating that she would have to reverify her identity and business credentials with the agency.

By April 26 of this year, she said, she received a letter from the IRS divulging that the agency had divulged her personal information to another person back in September of 2023 — a month before her actual taxes were filed.

"We accidentally gave your information to the wrong person," Slade said, summarizing the letter. "We, the IRS, caused you to have identity theft on Sept. 19."

"Now just think, ... eight months later is when they send me the letter."

Slade said she had found between 15 and



Town council member Mary Slade

20 cases of identity theft in her office this year, so far.

"I have no idea how many of them are caused by the IRS," Slade said. "They didn't tell me what happened."

"Do we have a disgruntled employee at the IRS? Did the IRS get hacked?"

Earlier during her public comments, she relayed that the agency had been rocked by other problems recently.

"The IRS has been really, really behind," Slade said. "Their computer system has been down for two months."

"It's been awful."

The IRS had offered no help to her in the aftermath of their admission, Slade said.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that's what we're dealing with, with the IRS," she said.

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Bids for St. Clements Island Museum Set for This Month

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After more than two years of delays the county appears ready to solicit bids for the demolition of the aging St. Clements Island Museum in Coltons Point and build its replacement.

Some of the details of the process are still being kept from the public.

"The current construction contract estimate is procurement sensitive information at this time because the county will be soliciting competitive bids soon," said Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation Gary Whipple to The County Times. "When bids are opened publicly, both the bids and the estimate can be released.

"I can say that the overall project was approved in the [fiscal 2023] budget at \$4.4 million to include all costs above and beyond construction, such as design, furnishings and equipment, network infrastructure and construction management."

Whipple briefed the members of the county's Board of Trustees for the Museum Division this week on progress for the project.

Jim Gotsch, public works chief, said the county would know the true cost of the project once bids were returned, which the county expects to come back by June.

The county's latest prospectus has the new museum, which will be two stories in height, with enhanced historical displays to include the founding of the English colony in 1634 from the viewpoint of the native Piscataway people.

Commissioner Mike Alderson, whose district the project is in, expressed frustration with the delays in the process of the



Artist's rendering of the new museum

construction approval.

The project's delays have affected important events long held on the Coltons Point property.

"We [the 7th District Optimist Club] were told we couldn't hold the Blessing of the Fleet last year because the demolition was scheduled to take place," Alderson said, noting the aging, one-story museum is still standing.

"We were told we'd be able to have the Blessing of the Fleet on the grounds [of the museum] this year."

Alderson said county staff from both the Recreation and Parks Department as well as its Museum Division had told him that state regulators had continued to "throw up road block" for the county due to the planning of the project.

Gotsch said that there were delays in the county's finance department and procurement office that had to be dealt with.

impressed at its condition, noting there was peeling paint throughout the building and the smell of mold was pervasive.

The museum stood in Coltons Point to commemorate the first landing of the English settlers in what would become Maryland, Alderson said.

"In 10 years we have the 400th [anniversary of Maryland's founding,]" Alderson said. "For the reason it's [the museum] is there, it's bad on the inside.

"It's a shame."

The County Times first reported on the museum demolition plans in November of 2022, after the county's planning commission approved a minor site plan in September of that year.

At that time Karen Stone, manager of the county's Museum Division, said the award of a construction contract was imminent.

"If everything goes according to plan we should be able to award the contract [for construction] in January and work beginning shortly thereafter," Stone had said almost two years ago.

She has also predicted that the county would be able to take up almost complete residence in the new building by December of 2023.

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"We've been trying to get this project done for two years, now," Alderson said. "The rebellious side of me wants to tell the state that we need to just go ahead and do this [build the museum.]

"Maybe it's better to ask forgiveness than wait for permission."

Alderson feared the county would have to pay more in construction costs.

"With two years of delays, we're going to have cost overruns."

The 7th District county commissioner said he recently went to the museum and was not

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