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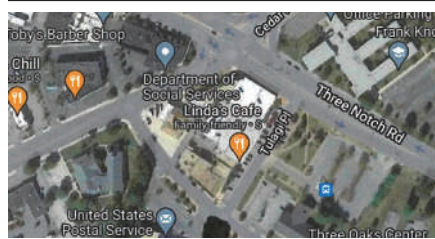
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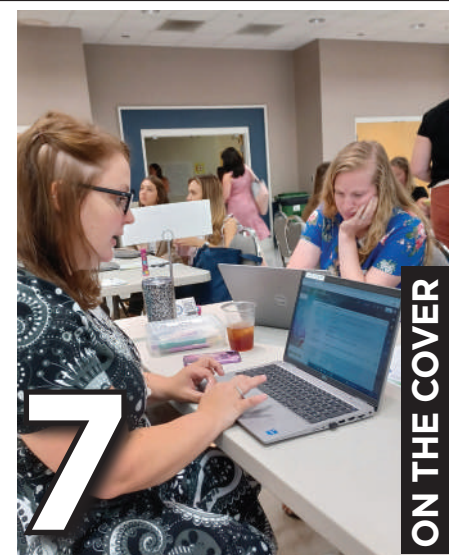
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St. Mary's Hosts Estonian Guests



Kersti Liviuu, of Parnu County, Estonia tries a P-51 Mustang simulator at Patuxent River Naval Air Museum.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For the past several years St. Mary's County has shared a bond with its sister county of Parnu in the Baltic nation of Estonia, which borders Russia and has close ties to the Nordic countries of Norway, Finland and Sweden.

This week a delegation of Parnu elected officials and government workers traveled to St. Mary's to learn more about their American sister county and look for possible opportunities for greater cooperation.

The delegation included the Mayor of Tori Vald, a rural municipality in Parnu County, Lauri Luur.

He and 14 other Estonian citizens stayed in Leonardtown during their three-day visit and sampled local cuisine from restaurants such as Sweet Bay on the town square to stuffed ham sandwiches from Chief's Bar Tall Timbers.

Estonia is a nation of just 1.6 million people and was under the hegemony of the Soviet Union until the country gained independence in 1991.

Since that time Estonia has grown into a progressive nation that has eagerly embraced technology — even declaring in recent years that internet access was a human right.

St. Mary's is also on the cutting edge of many technologies, both military and commercial, and the Estonian delegation toured the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the nearby air museum and the work being done at the county airport and innovation district project to see what the county had to offer.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the Department of Economic Development, said members of

the county government have been invited to come to Estonia and visit Parnu County in return.

Aside from the heat, which is not the norm in Estonia, the delegation members said they enjoyed their time here in St. Mary's.

"So far it's been very nice," Luur told The County Times.

Luur said that despite the differences between the two counties, he found a certain level of comfort here. "Our generation grew up with American movies," Luur said. "It's different here than in Estonia but [through movies] there are so many things that are familiar."

Luur's own municipality is a growing one, the Tori mayor said, and focuses mainly on the production of items such as furniture and textiles and other industries.

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Suspect Arrested in Great Mills Road Fatal Shooting

By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

A Forestville man has been arrested and charged with the first-degree murder of 53-year-old Anthony Charles Wright, shot dead Aug. 9 apparently stemming from an argument between the victim and his assailant.

Malcolm Carl Young, 46, faces first-degree murder charges as well as first-and-second-degree assault charges and using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed against Young in Circuit Court, before the shooting the defendant became embroiled in an argument with Kevin Chase senior which eventually continued inside Canopy Liquors on Great Mills Road.

During that time, Chase retrieved a baseball bat and a brick, charging papers stated, when he observed that Young was in possession of a revolver “but never struck or attempted to strike the defendant with it.”

Police stated that: “The argument stemmed from the defendant being disrespectful.”

Young was accompanied by Carlonte Knott, police said, who would later provide police with information in the case.

When Young and Knott left the liquor store and headed towards St. Mary’s Square shopping center, Chase followed, charging papers stated — though he did not bring



Malcolm Carl Young

either the baseball bat or brick with him.

Young and Knott walked between two buildings — a laundromat and an apartment building — and Chase continued to follow and Wright followed with Chase, charging papers said.

Chase said neither he, nor Wright, were armed court papers stated.

When the victim approached Young, according to charging documents, Young fired at him, striking him in the chest.

Witnesses told police that the shooter was Young and police were able to apprehend him near Prather Drive, charging documents stated.

Young is prohibited from possessing a firearm as he is a convicted felon, police reported in charging documents.

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Tighter Security Planned for Hollywood Carnival

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

This Friday the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department's carnival starts up again after a deadly shooting last month caused the membership to close it down and wait to formulate a new plan to make the event more secure.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said this week that the number of uniformed deputies there will be doubled from the event of July 15, in which a 16-year-old male was killed in a melee that involved what police call two rival factions of youth offenders.

But the eight deputies set to provide security for Aug. 12 through Aug. 14 are not the only layer of security.

The sheriff's office will have a command post set up in the fire house, Cameron said, which will oversee a surveillance system of cameras set up to watch both the parking lot — where the fight and subsequent shooting took place — and the carnival grounds.

The agency's Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) will also have plain clothes officers at the festivities, Cameron said.

Cameron would not discuss the

number of plain clothes officers who would provide security.

"But, I'm glad for people to know that" they will be there in force, Cameron said.

"We want families to come out and feel secure; but if there's a large presence of uniformed officers, they may not feel that way."

Members of the CIU are now "validating" the identities of suspected youth gang members and if those members are spotted at the carnival the operators will be informed, Cameron said.

It will be their decision, he said, if they want to refuse entry to those suspected gang members.

The carnival's hours have been significantly changed, with the start time at 5 p.m. and the shutdown occurring at 9 p.m., where daylight is still anticipated.

Hollywood firehouse officials have said they want to operate in daylight and avoid the late-night conditions under which the shooting occurred.

"I don't think we'll have problems with the new hours," Cameron said. "But we'll be ready for them."

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Ridge Carnival Fades In Favor of Community Social

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will not be holding its annual carnival this year but instead will hold a community social next month, according to an announcement from the company membership on social media.

The event will span from Sept. 8 through Sept. 11th and festivities will begin at 5 p.m. each day and end at 9 p.m.

Mike Ridgell, chairman of the carnival committee with the firehouse membership, said the vendor who provided the rides pre-pandemic had booked another event during the time the Ridge volunteers had scheduled their gathering.

"There were so many people opening back up after COVID-19 that it's hard to get rides booked," Ridgell told The County Times. "We just couldn't find the rides."

Games, foods and contests will be available for visitors at the carnival grounds of the fire department, located near the intersection of Route 5 and Three Notch Road, but carnival rides will be absent.

Prizes will be awarded nightly, according to the company announce-

ment, and two boys and two girls will each win a bicycle.

Ridgell said the membership still wanted to hold a community event to allow for fun and social time; the event is also the Ridge fire department's biggest fundraiser of the year.

The lack of rides also plays into their decision to change the hours of operation, which in years past was from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., to two hours earlier for start and shutdown.

There would still be ample time for fun and games, he said, but the earlier shutdown time also ensured students would not be kept out too late.

The recent fatal shooting at the Hollywood carnival on July 15 did not have an influence on their decision to change the hours of operation, Ridgell said.

"We planned that way before what happened at Hollywood," he said, noting that sheriff's deputies would be at the carnival to provide security.

The event would have no toleration for disruption, he said.

"If you get in trouble one day, you're not coming back," Ridgell said. "If you want to disturb a family event, you don't need to be there."

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Schools Opening Soon, But Teachers Still Needed



Nearly 120 new teachers began their tenure with St. Mary's County Public Schools this week.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) officials cannot say with certainty that there will not be a shortage of teachers in classrooms this coming school year, The County Times has learned.

The county has hired approximately 120 teachers in recent weeks, according to Dr. Jeff Maher, Chief Strategic Officer for the school system but there are still vacancies to be filled before school starts Aug. 24.

The first day back for teachers will be one week prior on Aug. 17, Maher said.

The school system is now busy acclimating newly hired teachers to their jobs, said Maher, in preparation for the new school year.

The county school system was experiencing the same teacher shortage as many other school districts around the nation.

"We are in the same boat as everyone else," Maher said. "Colleges are not graduating as many certified teacher candidates as they once did, but the demand [for teachers] is still very high."

"There are a number of certified vacancies that need to be filled before school starts."

Maryland law mandates that teachers without a state-provided certification — which requires either a master's degree or additional specialized education courses — can only teach in classrooms for two years before they must meet that requirement.

In the meantime, those teachers must work with a provisional certification. The bare minimum

requirement to become a teacher in Maryland is to hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

This school year the county is relying on more provisionally certified teachers that ever before.

"As of August 8, 2022, SMCPS has hired 114 new certificated staff members. We have 44 certificated vacancies remaining," Maher said.

Superintendent J. Scott Smith said, however, that the Maryland State Department of Education has issued a waiver giving provisional teachers an extra year to get their certification, given the nationwide shortage of educators.

Smith said this year would be full of expectations for both students and staff.

"This is the year, truly, when the rubber meets the road," Smith said. "We really are back to a normal school year."

"That means we're on time and our behavior conforms with the code of conduct and there will be a full expectation of a return to the traditional academic rigor we expect of students and staff."

Over the past two years the school system has had to contend with a record number of failing students, due in large part to a lack of engagement with lessons during virtual learning.

But, Smith said, summer recovery programs have been "very successful" in ensuring students get the credits they need to continue to progress in their course work.

"This year we're really going to focus on outcomes," Smith said.



Jessie Hood, foreground, attends new teacher orientation at the James A Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown Aug. 10

To help fill teacher positions in the future the school system has partnered with universities such as Towson University, University of Maryland Global Campus, University of Notre Dame, as well as St. Mary's College of Maryland to provide the course work needed for soon-to-graduate baccalaureate candidates to get their certifications much faster, Maher said.

The school system is encouraging anyone interested and who holds a baccalaureate degree to contact the school system and apply for a teaching position.

The return to school this year will also bring the operations of classrooms back to pre-pandemic norms, Maher said, though there will be a continued emphasis on sanitation and disease prevention.

The school system is also acutely aware of the mental health needs of students and has provided training to identify problematic, even suicidal, behavior or other warning signs to teachers and staff, according to the school system's reopening plan.

Mental health services will be made available to students in both in-person settings as well as those who continue to learn in a virtual mode, the plan stated.

Mental health of students took an even more pressing priority last year as one student decided to take his own life by jumping from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge. Masking of students, as per U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), is not required but will remain an option for any student who wants to do so, Maher said.

Buses will operate at pre-pandemic

capacity levels, the school system's reopening plan states, as will cleaning requirements.

But, the plan states, any bus that has a specific infection occurrence of COVID linked to it will be taken out of service and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before returning to the road.

Free and reduced meals (FARMS) for students who qualify for them will be made available at pre-pandemic levels, Maher said, which is a significant change from the past two years during the COVID-19 pandemic as free meals were made available each day to all students enrolled in the school system regardless of their economic status.

The school system has cautioned parents who were part of the FARMS program before the pandemic but did not feel the need to register during the past two years must re-register to be able to participate in the program again this school year.

Regional meal pickup sites will be established for students who may be learning from home, but who still want to receive school meals, according to the plan. Fall tryouts for school athletics began Aug. 10, the plan stated, and the school system is implementing MPSSAA sponsored athletic programs.

Smith said he expected good progress this year but it would be challenging returning to normal.

"I don't think it's going to be an easy year," Smith said. "But I think it's going to be a successful year."

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County Wants Federal Funds To Improve Base Traffic

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county government is seeking federal grant money from the Department of Defense to make improvements to roads surrounding Tulagi Place in Lexington Park, which sits right across from Gate 2 of Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

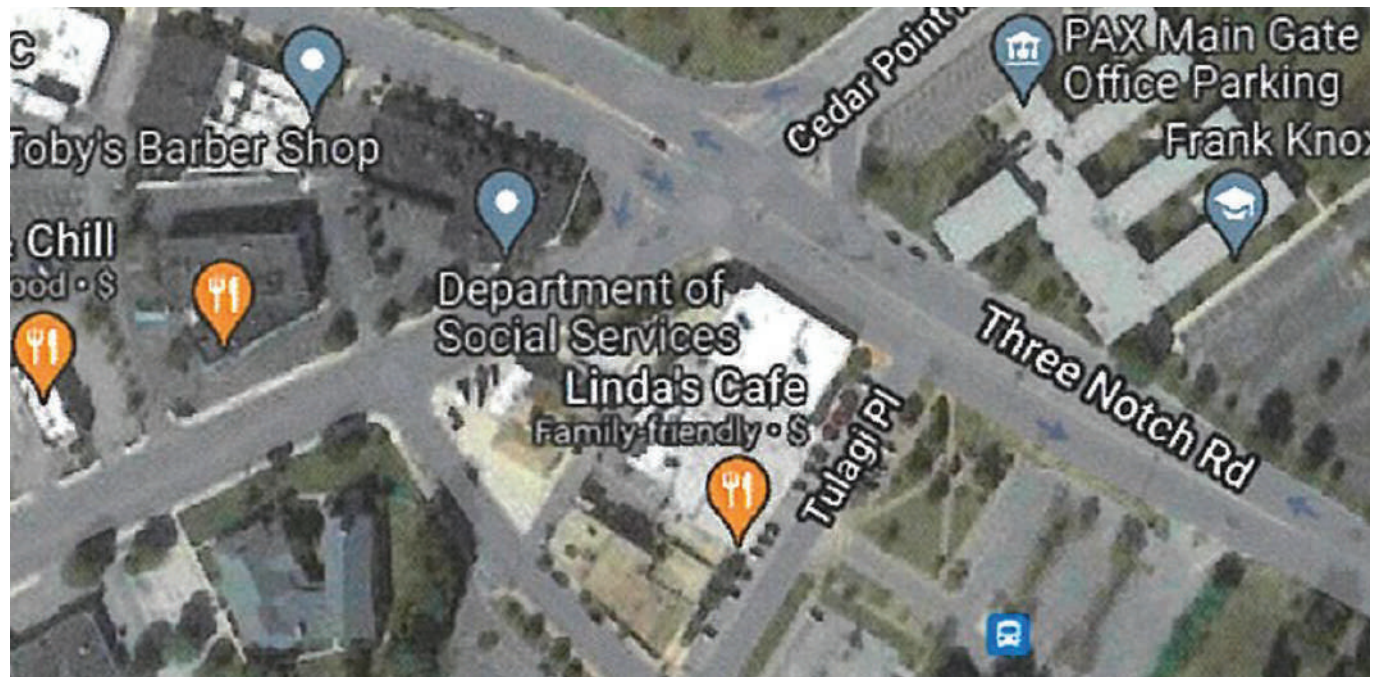
The request for nearly \$3 million is part of the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) that authorizes the use of federal grants for community construction projects that benefit military installations.

The county was successful in getting DCIP funds for a crosswalk, sidewalk and lighting project in front of Gate 2 last year, Department of Economic Development Director Chris Kaselemis told elected leaders and base leadership at a joint meeting Aug. 2.

“It was the only DCIP project awarded in the state of Maryland,” Kaselemis said. “It was only one of 13 across the country.”

The county already has a grant application in for the Tulagi Place project, Kaselemis said.

Public works chief Jim Gotsch told county and base leadership that the county was only waiting on State Highway Administration



approval to build the project that received the grant award last year.

“This year some of the downtown core is going to get replaced,” Gotsch said, noting that a large group of buildings on Tulagi Place are set to be vacated and demolished to make way for a new Royal Farms convenience store and fueling station.

“What we’re looking at from the county side is how do we get

traffic... we don’t want this intersection to have problems,” Gotsch said, noting the Gate 2 intersection with Great Mills Road.

Gotsch said the county was considering finding a way to connect Tulagi Place southward to Willows Road so a motorist could find a way back across Great Mills Road without getting into the Gate 2 intersection.

An extension of sidewalks on

Willows Road was also included in the DCIP grant application as well as an extension of the bike path there to allow bicycle access to the base.

The total project cost is \$2.5 million; the grant request is \$1.8 million and the county match is \$767,370, according to planning documents.

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License Plate Readers To Help Sheriff Combat Crime

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office currently uses license plate reader technology on several of its patrol vehicles that allows the agency to quickly identify vehicles suspected of being used in crimes.

But the agency continues to pursue the acquisition of four permanently-based license plate readers that would be placed at key positions in the county to monitor potential criminal suspects entering and is leaving St. Mary's.

Capt. David Yingling, acting assistant sheriff, told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and command staff of Patuxent River Naval Air Station last week that the recent surge in violent crime means that the license plate readers could be more valuable than previously believed.

"We've had a surge in cross jurisdictional crime, people coming into St. Mary's County... and escaping," Yingling said at the Aug. 2 joint meeting.

Yingling said the privacy of citizens would still be a paramount concern in using the license plate readers.

"There will be no attempt to track where they are going just who is coming in and out of our county," Yingling said. "It provides a signifi-



cant counter-intelligence capability to protect our national assets.

"We get lots of requests to work with NCIS (Naval Criminal Investigative Service)... that will provide the base with a tremendous amount of capability."

Yingling said the county's "unique geography" allowed for only a few entry and exit points.

The technology works by passively scanning all license plates entering or exiting the county, Yingling said,

which would be stored for later investigative use.

That data could be compared with a "hot list" of stolen or otherwise suspect vehicles, he said, in real time as well.

The readers would operate in either day or night and in all weather.

The locations of the readers would be Route 5 at Mohawk Drive, Route 6 and Route 234 at the county line with Charles County and at Route 4 at the Thomas Johnson Bridge.

The project is funded with American Rescue Act monies and is projected to take 18 to 24 months to complete.

Yingling said the planning and siting process would be significant as the placement of the readers would take State Highway Administration approval as well as coordination with SMECO and the county government.

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Modern genealogical research can be traced to the 1890s with the growth of historical societies, pioneer associations, family reunions, and organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Society of Mayflower that sought to confirm the hereditary of applicants and members. In the early 1970s, the book and subsequent TV miniseries *Roots* heightened interest in family history and genealogy.

In the past, historians and genealogists have not enjoyed the most pleasant of relationships. As bibliographer Sheila O'Hare commented, "To historians, genealogists are obsessive collectors of meaningless minutiae, enthusiastic but woefully untrained, churning out dubious family trees studded with even more dubious famous names. To genealogists, historians are utterly out-of-touch academics, obliviously offering one jargon-dripping tome after another to an uncaring and uncomprehending world."

But this mutual antipathy is now, fortunately, in the past. At a recent Historical Society event, anthropologist Raquel Fleskes neatly wove the strands of DNA, genealogy, and social histories together, creating a comprehensive picture of life in the 18th century Chesapeake area. Indeed, it the merger of genealogy and social history that leads to a full understanding of our ancestors,

the lives that they lived, and, often, the challenges and choices that they made.

Historian Edward Saveth saw the value of collaboration between genealogists and local historians, writing:

"Genealogy, as Henry Adams said, has a strong element of personal interest lacking in History. The shelves of genealogical and local historical societies are filled with histories of families whose prominence is generally confined to the locality, written by people still less well known. Most of these are not much more than padded genealogies and are not likely to be useful to the historian. However, the bare genealogical record—births, deaths, lines of descent—can be helpful in the study of family mobility and 'in the technique of family reconstruction,' which is one of the aims of historical demography in studying the early American family."

While many of us might well take issue with Saveth's comment about "padded genealogies", the point is clear: amateur genealogists can place their ancestors in the social and historical contexts of their era through the study of history and the historian can grasp human interactions and behaviors of the past through genealogical records.

At some point in nearly everyone's life, curiosity arises about the why, when, and where of our pasts. The more we dig, the more we want to learn. The resources are abundant. The St Mary's County Historical Society and the St Mary's County Genealogical Society are good places to start!

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On July 28, local first responders with the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department were awarded a grain rescue tube and specialized training from Nationwide and Maryland Grain Producers through Nationwide's Grain Bin Safety advocacy campaign. The resources will be used to help protect against grain entrapments, which result in dozens of deaths across rural America.

Every year, thousands of farmers and commercial grain handlers risk their lives by entering grain bins to remove clumped or rotted grain. As rural communities have come to know all too well, the risks of entering grain bins continue

to be overlooked.

"It only takes seconds, or a simple mistake, for an adult to sink in the quicksand-like flow of grain and become fully entrapped or engulfed," said Brad Liggett, Nationwide's president of Agribusiness. "Adding to the risk is a lack of rescue equipment available to local fire departments and emergency responders who are called for help when a worker becomes trapped."

To help lead the fight against these accidents impacting agricultural communities, the country's leading insurer of farms and ranches', Nationwide, began its Grain Bin Safety campaign in

2014 to bring awareness to the hazards of entering grain structures and to equip fire departments with the resources needed to respond effectively.

Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department is one of more than 58 fire departments to receive these resources through the 2022 campaign, and one of more than 265 fire departments to benefit from the program since its inception.

The grain rescue tube delivery and training was conducted by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) and included simulations of entrapments and rescues using a state-of-the-art grain entrapment simulator,

which is loaded on a trailer and able to hold about 100 bushels of grain.

Since 2014, at least five fire departments have put the tubes and training to use to save the lives of workers trapped in grain bins.

"With long-standing roots in agriculture, we're thankful for the work America's farmers do and for the contributions of our valuable partners who help us make a difference with this campaign in rural communities," said Liggett.

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

Drug Arrest

On July 17, 2022, Dep. Budd was in the 46000 block of Yorktown Road in Lexington Park, for a warrant service and made contact with **Xavier Lavale Fields**, age 30 of Hollywood. Fields was operating a vehicle, and located inside the vehicle was a baggie containing suspected cocaine, a scale and empty packaging bags. Fields was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and served outstanding warrants for Burglary and Violation of Protective Order.



Xavier Fields

Drug Arrest

On July 21, 2022, Dep. Budd responded to the 20000 block of Old Great Mills Road in Great Mills,

for the report of an unconscious male inside of a vehicle. The individual was identified as **Jawaan Montell Carroll**, age 37 of Great Mills. Located inside the vehicle were two baggies of suspected cocaine, a digital scale, and packaging material. Carroll was charged with CDS: Possession With Intent to Distribute and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Jawaan Carroll

Property Destruction/Drug Arrest

On July 23, 2022, Dep. Reynolds responded to the 18500 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. The suspect vehicle was located and attempted to flee from Dep. Reynolds and drove through a

fence. The operator of the vehicle was ultimately taken into custody and identified as **Lavonte Devow King**, age 31 of Lexington Park. Located in the vehicle were several packages of suspected suboxone. King was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Malicious Destruction of Property. King was also served an outstanding arrest warrant for Assault 1st Degree.



Lavonte King

Assault

On August 6, 2022, Dep. Jerew responded to the 45800 block of Patuxent Lane in California, for the reported assault.



Jonathan Ruark

Investigation determined **Jonathan Ray Ruark**, age 38 of California, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the face several times, causing visible injury. Ruark was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Assault

On August 4, 2022, Cpl. Carberry responded to the 26600 block of Johnson Place in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Darlene Marie Buckler**, age 23 of Mechanicsville, punched the victim in the head and bit the victim, causing visible injury. Buckler was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Darlene Buckler

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IMPORTANT NEWS CHANGES TO TOWN REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

Effective July 1, 2022, St. Mary's County and Leonardtown real property tax will be on one bill.

The St. Mary's County Treasurer's office, on behalf of Leonardtown, will collect the taxes and forward payment to us.

Each bill will have a separate line item that will include the Leonardtown Town tax.

Please pay St. Mary's County directly for all taxes.
The new remittance address is: St. Mary's County Treasurer
P. O. Box 642
Leonardtown, MD 20650

As always, please forward your property tax invoice to your mortgage lender if your taxes are paid out of your escrow account. IMPORTANT You will still be required to contact Town Hall for any Town utilities (water, sewer, or trash)

IN THE MATTER OF EUGENE MATTHEW MITCHELL FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO MATTHEW GENE MITCHELL

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-22-000504

Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from EUGENE MATTHEW MITCHELL to MATTHEW GENE MITCHELL. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Personal preference.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 09/05/2022. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

Tackle Box Fishing Report



Captain Bernie Shea's party last week with mackerel and bluefish.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Spanish mackerel, spot, bluefish, bull redfish, and white perch lead the news this week as we reach the apex of summer heat.

Spot love warm water and they are now transitioning into Jumbo size. The Patuxent and Potomac are loaded with spot. Bottom fishermen are loading up using lug worms, Fishbites, squid, and lug crawlers to catch them. Bloodworms are the favorite bait for spot and many other species, but the bloods coming out of Maine are very few and expensive.

Trollers are using planers and small spoons (Clarke and Drones) to catch spanish mackerel and bues. The fish are in the ship's channel from Cedar Point to Smith Point. Look for the birds and schools of bait on the surface. Remember, The creel limit for bluefish has been reduced to THREE!

There are big bull redfish in the lower bay in schools mauling about. They can be caught blind trolling big spoons, or big bucktails and Mojoes. They will also take surgical eels as will cobia. The fish come up to break chasing alewives (menhaden) and mack-

erel. They can be jigged with big bucktails and cast to when sighted.

There are still cobia to be caught chumming with hooks baited with live eels. But, they don't want to act right in the heat and during the spawn. The action will improve by the middle of August, giving us a month to target them until the season close in mid September.

Rockfish are in the least active period with heat reducing their energy and appetite. They will bite at night in the deep holes for bait fishermen. They will take cut bait and really love soft crab. Early morning finds them eager to take top water plugs and swimming lures in the shallows. The exception to lackluster stripers is the live-lining in the upper bay where the action remains excellent. The rockfish season will reopen in the Potomac August 20.

White perch are plentiful and hitting tiny spinners and bait in the creeks and rivers.

The weather will change by the end of the week and we have a beautiful weekend in the forecast. We only have two weekends before school starts, so there is no time to waste to get in some serious fishing done with the kids.

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Mary Helen Farrell

Mary Helen Farrell, 93, of Compton, MD, passed away on August 4, 2022, in Leonardtown, MD. Born on March 28, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Edith Mabel

(Bussler) Farrell and the late William Joseph Farrell, Sr. She is survived by her sibling Arthur Farrell of Compton, MD, as well as many nieces and nephews. Mary Helen was preceded in death by her siblings Bernard Farrell, Leonard "Tink" Farrell, William "Bill" Farrell, Jr., Hattie (Farrell) Ryce, Alice (Farrell) Rice and Louise (Farrell) Payne.

Mary Helen was born in Morganza, MD, and graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1946. She grew up on the family farm and in 1951 she accepted a job with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company (now Verizon). She completed her initial training in Baltimore City, Md, and then worked in the Glen Burnie, Annapolis and Leonardtown locations until her retirement in May of 1992.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and enjoyed many events and trips with the group. She also enjoyed travelling with her friends and family, including cruises, bus trips or just taking a drive. Mary Helen was an active parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and provided support for many parish activities and events. She enjoyed hosting friends and family at her home in Compton, MD, especially at Christmas.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 15, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM with Father Ryan Pineda officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Jay Farrell, Gary Farrell, Ronnie Farrell, Dale Farrell, Les Shetler and Rick Jennings.

Contributions may be made to A Community That Shares (ACTS) 21808 Colton Point Rd, Avenue, MD, 20609.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangement provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Mary Helen Bush Nelson

Mary Helen Bush Nelson, "Tiny", 93, of Charlotte Hall, MD, formerly of Chaptico, MD, passed away on August 3, 2022 in La Plata, MD.

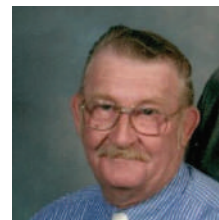
Born on October 5, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Liza Louise Baker Bush and the late Herman Bush. Mary was the loving wife of the late John Cornelius Nelson, Sr., whom she married on October 24, 1948 in St. Mary's County, MD, and who preceded her in death on October 9, 2003. She is survived by her children Helen Nelson (John) Butler, Sr. of Charlotte Hall, MD, Linda Brock of Laurel, MD, Dinah Nelson, of Clinton, MD, Lillian Nelson of Silver Springs, MD, Mary Anne

Nelson of Silver Springs, MD, James Nelson of Upper Marlboro, MD, and John C. Nelson, Jr. of Upper Marlboro, MD, Lynn Nelson her siblings Alice Bush of Lexington Park, MD and Dorothy Bush of Washington, D.C., 21 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her children William H. Nelson, Lawrence J. Nelson, Steven G. Nelson, Lewis X. Nelson, sister in law Claudette Nelson and her siblings Joseph Bush, William Marshall Bush, John Walter Bush, Daniel Bush, and Ann Brown.

Mary graduated from St. Mary's County Public Schools. She was a domestic homemaker and enjoyed bingo, gospel program activities at the senior center, and puzzle and activity books. Mary enjoyed collecting Washington Commander Football Team memorabilia and ceramics.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bryantown, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM with Father Roy Conley officiating. Interment will follow in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Darryl Nelson, Thomas Bush, Arnell Bush, Lamont Brock, Timothy Bush, and Brock Nelson. Honorary pallbearers will be James Bush, Clyde Nelson, Jamel Nelson, William Nelson, Jr., John Butler, Jr., and Michael Brown.

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Joseph Frank Bussler, Sr.

Joseph Frank Bussler, Sr., 78, of Compton died July 30, 2022 at Medstar Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton, MD. Born February 29, 1944 in Leonardtown, MD, Frank

was the son of the late John William Bussler, Sr. and Agnes Cecelia Russell Bussler. Frank is predeceased in death by his brother, John William (Johnny) Bussler, Jr. Frank was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, living in Medley's Neck in his early childhood and moving to Newtowne Neck, Compton around the age of six. He attended Father Andrew White School and Leonardtown High School. He later received his GED from La-Salle Extension University.

Frank married Mary Pauline (Polly) Abell Bussler on January 17, 1970 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Newtowne Neck, Compton, MD and together they have celebrated 52 years of marriage.

Frank is also survived by his children: Joseph Frank (Frankie) Bussler, Jr./A.J., of Loveville, MD, William Perry (Billy) Bussler/Sherrie of Bristol, TN and Paula Maree Large/Taylor of Compton, MD, 5 grandchildren: Emma Bussler Herbert/Jason, Dalton Bussler, Savannah Bell-Bussler, Jackson Goldsborough and Willow Large. Frank is also survived by his Aunt, Catherine Stencil along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In his younger years, Frank drove a school bus for the St. Mary's County parochial school system, including driving his future wife, Polly, to parochial school. He held other various jobs such as a laborer for a local septic

system company while helping to farm some of the local Compton area. Frank worked for the St. Mary's County Board of Education for 40 years, retiring in 2010. He began his career as a custodian and worked various jobs during his tenure with the "Board", eventually becoming a Maintenance Roofer.

Frank was a huge #3, Dale Earnhardt fan and enjoyed watching the NASCAR races. He enjoyed being outside and working/planting the garden, cutting grass and his John Deere 530. He was a huge country and bluegrass music fan. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren at various sports and dance events and the family of animals that the grandkids were raising. They all had special names. . .Luna, Eve and Augustine the goats, Francis the dog and Oliver and Diesel the miniature pigs. Frank assisted the grandkids as they prepped some of the animals for the county fair.

Contributions in his memory can be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church or St. Francis Xavier Manor House Fund, 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD or a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangement provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Steven Francis Moran

Steven Francis Moran, 65 of Hollywood, MD passed away on July 31, 2022 at home.

He was born on October 26, 1956 in Patuxent River, MD to the late Florant

Otto Moran and Pearl (O'Kane) Moran.

Steven was affectionately known as "Steve" or "Smiley". He was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, Maryland. He was employed by LSI, Inc. for over 20 years as HAZMAT Warehouse Manager. Prior to that he was employed by DPA and Wyle as Senior Logistics Analyst. He married his loving wife, Eugenia Murphy on September 6, 1986 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Lexington Park, MD. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Patuxent Lodge 2393 and a faithful member of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, Hollywood. He enjoyed taking trips to Ocean City, MD, playing basketball, golfing, and playing in the Pool League.

He is survived by his wife, Eugenia, his brother, Gerald "Gerry" Moran (Mindy) of Valley Lee, MD; his nephew, Ricky Falkenstein, his sister-in-law, Nora Falkenstein (Rick) of California, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Graveside Service will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery on a date and time to be determined.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Commander Matthew Mark**Matthias**

Commander Matthew Mark Matthias, 50, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 18, 2022 at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital with his loving family at his side.



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Matt was born on June 12, 1972 in Seattle, WA to Joe Matthias and Pamela Frost Klein.

After enlisting in the U.S. Navy upon graduation from high school, and serving for two years with the Fleet Acoustic Sensor Operations Training Group Pacific and HSL Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron, Matt attended the USNA Preparatory School in Newport, RI before entering the United States Naval Academy. Matt graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1997 where he earned a B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering. After completing 27 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Navy, Matt was honorably discharged and retired in March 2022.

Matt's aviation career began with training at Pensacola after graduating from USNA, earning his Wings of Gold in 1999. After winging, Matt reported to Helicopter Training Squadron 8 and subsequently served with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 42. Following a three-year tour on the Commandant of Midshipmen's staff at the Naval Academy, Matt reported to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 22 and served for several years with Commander, Strike Forces Training Atlantic. Matt enjoyed all of his aviation tours, especially the Counterdrug Operational missions. Matt's leadership and expertise proved to be valuable assets to the CENTCOM Senior Staff when he served on the CENTCOM HQ staff. Matt's 3-year billet at CNIC HQ (Commander, Naval Installations Command) leading the reserve fire-fighting operations contributed significantly to CNIC's mission success rate.

Matt received many awards for his dedicated service, among those are the Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Immediately after graduation Matt married his beloved wife, Maria at the Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, MD. Together they celebrated over 25 wonderful years of marriage and raised four amazing children. Matt was a devoted husband and father, and spending quality time with his family was his greatest joy.

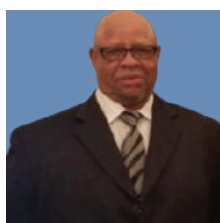
In addition to his beloved wife Maria, Matt is survived by his four children: Virginia, Elizabeth, Matthew and Zhou, and many wonderful family members and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Lexington Park, MD with a note for My Special Treasure, an orphan ministry which was especially meaningful to Matt. A service will be held at Cornerstone Presbyterian on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

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Robert Henry Short Jr



Robert Henry Short Jr, age 68, affectionately known as "Buddy" by family and close friends, entered into eternal peace on August 1, 2022 at

his daughter, Linda's home with family and friends by his side.

The sun arose upon Robert Henry Short Jr on January 27, 1954 when he was born to the late Robert Henry Short, Sr. and Arline Elizabeth Short. The sun set during the night hours of August 1, 2022, when Robert was called home to be with his Heavenly Father.

Robert was the fifth of fourteen siblings growing up in a large family built the foundation of Robert's profound love and dedication to family. He attended St. Mary's County Public Schools. Robert was a gifted mechanic, loved driving big trucks and rabbit hunting. He had a soft spot for his six dogs. Also, he was known for his pretty blue eyes. Robert valued his children, family and dogs. His ability to love was one of the greatest gifts.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Arline Short and four brothers: Raymond, John, Louis and William's widow (Tamara). He leaves to mourn his death; his wife, Rayne, his daughter Linda and his sons Robert Henry Short III (Tip) and Jermaine; 7 grandkids, Marketta, Nakia, Davonna, Deja, Jawon, Dijonna, Scarlett, Chloe and 3 great grandkids, his one sister, Barbara Elizabeth and eight brothers: Stanley, Bernard (Patricia), Joseph (Theresa), Raoul (Camille), Glenn, Floyd, Charles (Tina) and Rodney (Sharon). Robert also leaves to cherish his memory a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends.

Robert was well known and loved. He will sorely be missed by all who knew him.

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Algie Addison St. Clair



Algie Addison St. Clair, 88, of Indiantown Farm, Chaptico, MD, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2022, surrounded by his family at home.

He was born on February 3, 1934, in Dentsville, Maryland to the late Marshall Sedwick St. Clair and Ada Maude (Cooksey) St. Clair.

Algie spent his early childhood years in Dentsville, MD. At the age of 12, he moved to Indiantown Farm in Chaptico, MD, where he spent the remainder of his life. He attended Margaret Brent High School in Helen, MD. After school, he began farming. During that time, he met and fell in love with Nancy Garner. They married on September 10, 1960, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Chapel Point, MD. They spent nearly 62 wonderful years together. Their marriage resulted in six children: Desiree Spears (Robert) of Chaptico, MD, Mary Hancock (Ronnie) of La Plata, MD, Janet Thompson (Billy) of Bel Alton, MD, Lucy St. Clair of Leonardtown, MD, Michael St. Clair (Tabitha) of Leonardtown, MD, and Joseph St. Clair (Katie) of Chaptico, MD.

For most of his life, Algie attended LaPlata United Methodist Church. At age 81, he converted to Catholicism and joined the parish of Our Lady of the Wayside in Chaptico, MD. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather (aka Gooddaddy), and farmer. He was employed by Indiantown Farm for over 60

years. He was born to farm.

He began farming at the time of work-horses but over the years traded horses for Massey-Harris and Farmall/International Harvester tractors. He grew many crops including corn, wheat, hay, and tobacco—and the family vegetable garden. He also raised various livestock and especially enjoyed the Black Angus cattle. One of his favorite parts of farming was caring for newborn calves that had been abandoned by their mothers.

Algie was a hard worker—quiet, reserved, and forever constant. Some say you could set a clock by him. Even the cows recognized his faithfulness and came to feed when they saw his truck.

He enjoyed spending time with his wife and family. He could often be found on the porch watching the hummingbirds, enjoying his ice cream, and thinking about the farm.

Algie was predeceased by his wife, his parents, his sister, Rennie Kenlon, and his brothers, Cecil St. Clair, Preston St. Clair, and David St. Clair.

He is survived by his children, 18 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

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

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

Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. in Charlotte Hall, MD.

Albert Norman "Norm" Bleakley



Albert Norman "Norm" Bleakley, 74, of Mechanicsville, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2022 at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

Norm was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland to Al and Marie Bleakley and was big brother to Thomas "Tom" Bleakley. He spent his early years spending lots of time enjoying the outdoors developing his passion for hunting alongside his brother, cousins, and close friends. At 18, Norm enlisted in the Marine Corps and served as a sniper in Vietnam. Upon his honorary discharge from the Corps, Norm continued his service to others by joining the Baltimore City Police Department. While serving he received numerous citations and awards for his service to the

community. Norm's career changed course as he took a job at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in their Security Department. It was here that he met and married the love of his life Patricia "Gail." Together, they blended two families into one. Not one to leave his devotion to service to others, Norm, his wife and children served the communities as Fire and EMS. Norm and members of his family volunteered for both the Solomons Firehouse and 2ndDistrict. Norm was also an avid volunteer with a number of dog rescue groups. His primary focus was on senior dogs and he spent countless hours providing them the love and comfort of a warm home to live out their senior years.

For his second act, Norm found his true calling when he decided to become an adjunct professor for the College of Southern Maryland. For almost two decades, he worked to mold the minds of the young adults in St. Mary's County, relishing in the bonds he made over the years with his students. Teaching was his greatest passion, and he fought to the end to continue being there for his students.

In addition to his loving wife Gail, Norm is survived by his sister-in-law Linda, his children Tricia (Robbie) Aud, Michele (Tony) Pink, Thomas "T" Bleakley, and Jessica (Tom) Stringer; Grandchildren Brandon Aud, Benjamin (Yhamira) Aud, Brian Aud, Bailey Aud, Brodie Aud, Baylei Aud, Jason Pink, Sierra Bleakley, Emily Stringer and Jillian Stringer; Great-Grandchildren Trent and Ariyah Aud.

Norm was preceded in death by his loving parents, Al and Marie Bleakley, his brother Tom and nephew Tyler.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, with prayers live streamed at 4:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22945 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Norm's name be made to the Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 and Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue Organization, 60 Vera Cruz Road, Reinholds, PA 17569.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



THE SHADY SIDE



My husband and I are having the battle over low hanging tree limbs again. The battle inevitably comes up in the mornings when we have time to have our morning wake-up beverages together out front in the firepit area; hot tea for me, coffee for him. We enjoy starting our day quietly outside enjoying the birdsong, the breeze, if there is any, under our canopy of trees.

I love the low hanging boughs because they not only block the sun from my eyes but give me that “secret garden” feel. It’s so lovely, and then at some point during my bliss, my husband will say, “Some of these limbs have to go, so I don’t hit my head on them when I mow.” Sometimes I just nod my head (not really meaning it), others I give a sideways glare, and other times I say, “But isn’t it nice that the sun doesn’t shine in our eyes, and how it feels so cozy in here?” I usually just get a no in response. Quite a few of these limbs are pretty thick, so I don’t know if my hands can get the large hedge clippers to close on them. I’d like to cut them in a pleasing pattern, so they aren’t just cut straight across like bangs. I know is artful and creative, so he would do a nice job.

And also, I love my husband and don’t want him to be scarred for life by sharp branches...really, I mean that. But I sure do love those beautiful leaves and the shade they bring on blistering hot days. Plus, Mindy loves her shady sanctuary too after she lays out in the hot sun on the grass, turning every 15 minutes to bake each side, with occasional squirming moments on her back doing her “happy dog dance”. When Mindy is fully baked. She slowly gets up, stretches, and heads back to the shady side. Not a bad life. And I know it feels good on her arthritis.

There are many times I will have Mindy inside my air-conditioned

workshop with me where she will rest on her blanket by the door until I end up having to go back in the house for something. But instead of following me inside, Mindy will walk a little way into the back driveway and lay down on the large hot rocks and audibly let out a contented sigh. I tell her that people pay a lot of money for those hot rock treatments. She can only lay on the rocks so long before she is heading back out front to the cool grass under the trees.

So today I have been working up the gumption and go out and cut those low hanging limbs to protect my sweet husband. Of course, I have quite a few other things on my daily to do list first before I get to the leafy limbs. And then I just remembered that those big hedge clippers probably need to be cleaned and oiled first or they won’t cut anything, and I do have to get Mindy’s bedding in the dryer, vacuum, do pool customer calls, etc., etc., and...well darn, I am looking out the office window and it seems to be getting cloudier and darker out there. Gosh, I guess I better get the outside cushions in and then do those inside tasks first before getting all hot and sweaty outside. Plus, it is getting darker; I bet it is going to rain, better give up on cleaning those hedge clippers today.

Of course, there’s always tomorrow morning, though it will have to wait until after our lovely morning together time, and if I’m lucky my husband will see how truly beautiful our shady sanctuary is that he won’t even mention cutting those cooling leafy limbs...well, at least until it’s time to mow again.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby

Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook

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WHEN CAN YOU CHOOSE RETIREMENT?

If you’re like most people, your work has been a central part of your life. So, wouldn’t it be nice to have the flexibility to decide when you no longer want to work?

Many people of retirement age have achieved this type of control. In fact, two-thirds of workers ages 65 and older say they work primarily because they want to, not because they have to, according to a 2021 study by Edward Jones and Age Wave. But that means that one-third of workers in this age group feel financially compelled to work. This doesn’t necessarily mean they dislike the work they do — but it’s probably fair to say they would have liked the option of not working. How can you give yourself this choice?

You can start by asking yourself these questions:

- When do I want to retire?

You’ll want to identify the age at which you wish to retire. You may change your mind later and move this date up or back, but it’s a good idea to have a target in mind.

- What sort of retirement lifestyle do I want?

When you retire, do you anticipate staying close to home and pursuing your hobbies, or do you hope to travel the world? Would you like to spend your time volunteering? Open your own business or do some consulting? Clearly, some of these choices will require more resources than others, so you’ll want to follow a financial strategy that aligns with the retirement lifestyle you intend to pursue.

- Am I saving and investing enough?

As you chart your course toward your retirement journey, you’ll want to assess the sources of income you’ll have available. If you think you may be falling short of achieving your retirement goals, you may need to consider saving more.

- When should I start taking Social Security?

You can begin collecting Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly payments will be much bigger if you wait until your “full” retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. Your decision about when to take Social Security will depend on several factors, including your other sources of income and your family history of longevity. Of course, as you’re probably aware, the Social Security system is facing significant financial stress, so it’s possible that we may see changes to Social Security, based on actions Congress could take. In any case, you might want to be fairly conservative in estimating how much Social Security can contribute to your retirement income.

By addressing the above questions, you can get a clearer sense of when you might reach the point at which work is optional. But you’ll also need to consider other factors, too, such as how much you enjoy working or when your spouse or partner is planning to retire. In any case, the sooner you start planning for this next phase of your life, the better position you’ll be in when it’s time to make the transition.

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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Aug 11

Educational Video:

The Codebreaker: Wife, Mother, Hero

Loffler Senior Activity Center
21905 Chancellors Run Rd
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10a.m. to 11a.m.

American Experience Presents the story of Elizabeth Smith Friedman, a suburban American wife whose work as a cryptanalyst sent gangsters to prison and brought down a Nazi spy ring in Argentina in World War II. Register for this video by going to www.stmarysmc.com/aging. If you do not have access to e-mail and the internet, you can still leave a message on our reservation line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. 16 seats available.

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9a.m. to 1p.m.

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2. Dixon Family Farm
3. Olga's Cakes
4. Olivin's Olive Oils & Balsamic Vinegars
5. Unforgoatable goods
6. Beez Knees (Ice Cream)
7. Boon Doggie Farm
8. Zekiah Farms
9. Intoxi-Cake-Tion
10. Achterberg Acres (brining seasonal produce!)
11. Tobacco Barn Distillery
12. Mully's Brewery
13. Free State Ciders
14. Gigi's treats
16. Nativo Spices & Empanadas!
18. Sotterley (Growing for Good)

Thursday, Aug 18

7th District VFD Auxiliary

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Kafe Fundraiser

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11a.m to 7:30p.m.

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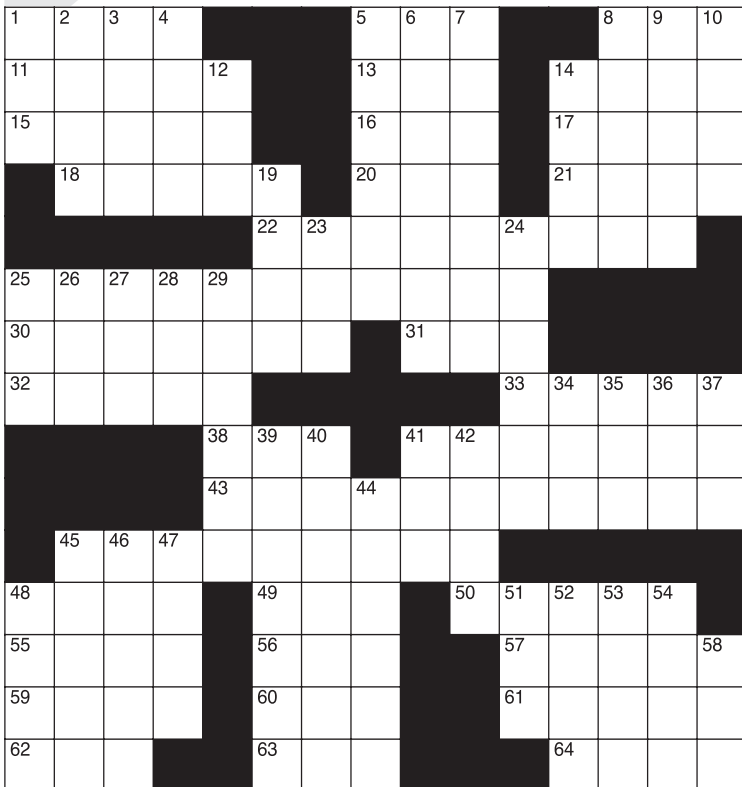
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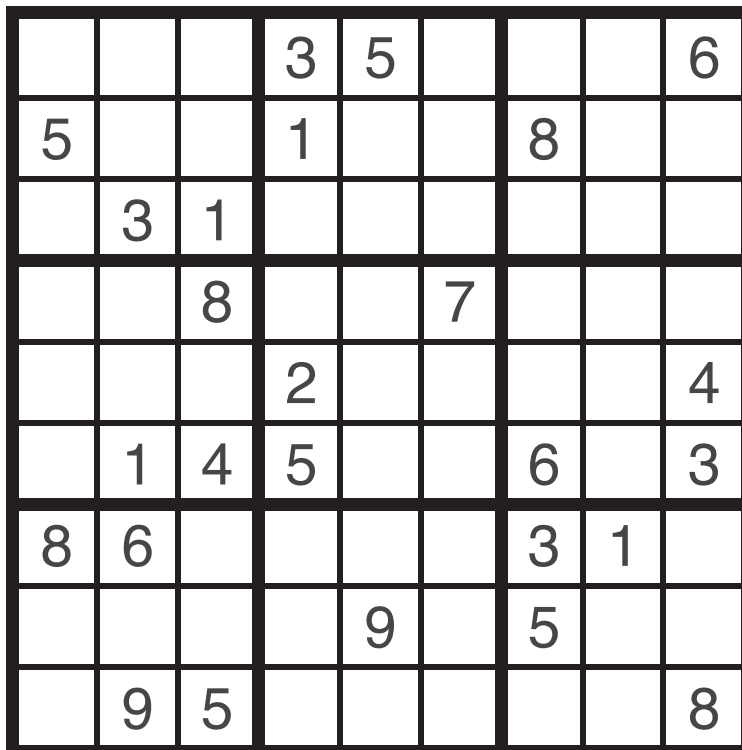
- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Time units (abbr.)
- 8. Pigeon's murmur
- 11. Moves aside in fright
- 13. Partner to "ahh"
- 14. Taxis
- 15. Monetary units of Turkey
- 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 17. Prolific Italian opera composer
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. One's grandmother
- 21. Ancient Greek City
- 22. Italian mountain ranges
- 25. Data
- 30. Acted in an obedient way
- 31. Autonomic nervous system
- 32. Not on the up-and-up
- 33. Mock lightly
- 38. Mimic
- 41. Built
- 43. A neighborhood
- 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
- 48. Semitic fertility god

- 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
- 50. Wise people
- 55. Tear down
- 56. __-fi (slang)
- 57. Diamond weight
- 59. Frosted
- 60. Predecessor to EU
- 61. Makes changes to
- 62. Some are secret
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Norwegian river
- 4. People with impaired hearing
- 5. Large stinging paper wasp
- 6. Bucharest is its capital
- 7. River in Ireland
- 8. Type of TV
- 9. Double-reed instruments
- 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. French commune
- 19. Alike
- 23. A bachelor's apartment
- 24. Foot part between

- the ball and ankle
- 25. Belonging to a thing
- 26. Japanese classical theater
- 27. Supervises flying
- 28. Not even
- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 34. Electronic countermeasure
- 35. Consumed
- 36. American politician (abbr.)
- 37. Sun up in New York
- 39. Casually looked through
- 40. Revealed the presence of
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Study of moral values and rules
- 45. Civil Rights group
- 46. Makes less severe
- 47. Made an emotional appeal
- 48. Vivacity of style
- 51. One who is highly skilled
- 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 58. Recipe abbreviation



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Patricia Jean "Patty"**Hinkle Mehosky**

Patricia Jean "Patty" Hinkle Mehosky, 68 of Lusby, MD, left us to be with the angels on July 29, 2022.

She was born June 14, 1954, in Montevideo, Uruguay where her father was stationed with the foreign service. In the following years she moved with her family to New York, Washington D.C., Paris, France, Stuttgart, Germany and San Diego, California. She went on to live in San Jose, California and worked as an accountant at San Jose Construction. She loved California.

In 1993 Patty moved to Maryland to marry her wonderful loving husband, Edward Mehosky. They had an amazing life together in Maryland. They worked together as real estate agents at O'Brien Realty; they managed commercial investments; they traveled all over the world and they were active socially with their many friends.

She was smart. She gave of herself to so many. She laughed and smiled and made everyone her friend. She was shy at times. Beauty was very important for her. Be it her clothes, her home, her garden, or be it the beauty of wild forests and rivers and sunsets. She could figure out any accounting challenge, and she could take care of the pigs at her sister's farm, and she could gracefully fill every room with joy and fun and life. There were so many facets that were Patty. She loved deeply and was deeply loved.

Edward took incredible care of Patty, the housework, the dogs, and the maintenance of house and grounds in her last months. Her friends Gail Siegel, Katie Reed, and her sister, Dorothy Hinkle-Uhlig, regularly visited to support both her and her husband. In her last weeks, her friends from Stuttgart Terry Lacy from Virginia, Jennifer Davis from Alabama, and Sue Shaw from Texas came to see her and she smiled in delight. Later her friends from San Jose, California, Erin and Fran Conte, and Elvis Janjic visited,

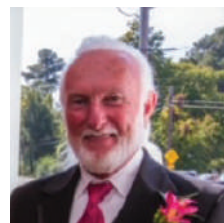
and she was happy and remembered much. She is loved by many friends in California, Maryland, and all over the world.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Mehosky, her sister, Dorothy Hinkle-Uhlig (Frank), her nephews Karl Uhlig and Daniel Uhlig (Virginia), her great nephews Henry Uhlig and Peter Uhlig, her stepson John Mehosky (Lynn), her step granddaughter Sam Mehosky, the whole Mehosky and Morga families, and many cousins, friends, and those she lightly touched.

Her sister, Dorothy, was honored to be asked to write this obituary.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. with a Celebration of Life Service at 11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD.

Please, in lieu of flowers, give a donation to your favorite charity in memory of this wonder filled, fun, intelligent, and giving woman, whom we all knew as Patty. Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

James "Jimmy" Henry Foard

James "Jimmy" Henry Foard, age 75, passed away on August 3, 2022, at his home in Prince Frederick. Born to the late Robert and

Rosalie Foard, Jimmy was a lifelong resident of Calvert County. From humble beginnings, he spent most of his life working as an auto mechanic and ran a successful business for over 20 years. Jimmy had a serious bout with tuberculosis as a young adult which inspired him to seize the moment and enjoy life to the fullest. He raced go-karts, rode motorcycles, built hot rods, traveled, and was always on the go. He was known for his great sense of humor and is often described as "quite a character." But most of all, Jimmy will be remembered for his genuine care for others and willingness to help the downtrodden. He will be woefully missed by his beloved family and

many friends.

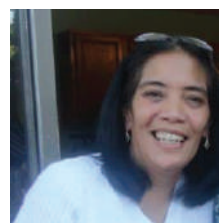
Jimmy is survived by: his wife of 20 years, Bonnie Carol Foard; daughters, Connie Rose Follin (Tommy) and Wendy Mae Rawlings (Tommy); grandchildren, Leanna Wedding, Timothy Rawlings, and Justin Rawlings; great-grandchild, Mason Wedding; step-grandchildren, Shelby and Adrian Stockett; daughter-in-law, Tina Pumphrey; and his loyal canine companion, Benjamin Klaus Foard. Jimmy is also survived by siblings Teenie Foard (Shirley) and Shirley Norfolk, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by siblings Herbie, Ronnie, Gene, and Robert Lee Foard.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 10 a.m., with a memorial service at 11 a.m., at Rausch Funeral Home in Port Republic. Interment will follow at Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens in Port Republic. Contributions can be made to the American Lung Association.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601; 1-800-LUNGU-SA; Link:

<https://www.lung.org>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Sherry Lee Jubane

Sherry Lee Jubane of Lusby, Maryland died suddenly on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at Calvert Memorial Hospital surrounded by her

family and friends. Born on August 27, 1960, Sherry is survived by her husband Donald Stotler, her son James Jubane and wife Carrie, daughter Ashley Richardt and husband Vincent, daughter Skylar Jubane, and grandson Ethan Jubane. She is additionally survived by her siblings Debra Balbaugh and husband John, Dawn Scott and husband Brad, and brother James Jubane. She was predeceased by her parents William Jubane and Eileen Sarles, and her daughter Brittany Stotler.

She was born in Washington, DC and grew up in the Maryland suburbs and graduated from Southern High School in Harwood, Maryland in 1979. She spent most of her life in Southern Maryland raising her family while passionately caring for others. She tirelessly provided homecare for the homebound whether infants or the elderly. She additionally found time to run a home cleaning business. She had a bright and energetic personality and was always on the go! She always put people first and would immediately respond to a call for help at the drop of a hat. When her busy schedule allowed, she enjoyed getting away to relax at the poolside while working on a tan. In addition to loving her family and her pup "Gizmo," she was an enthu-

siastic, die-hard lifelong Washington Redskins Fan! She made a real impact on all those lives she touched. She will be missed by so many!

Visitation will be Thursday, August 11, 2022, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

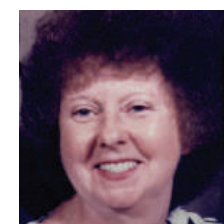
Funeral Service will be Friday, August 12, 2022, 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be private at Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road

Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Following the service, family and friends are invited to gather at the Calvert Elks Lodge #2620 on Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, MD 20678 to honor the life of this truly wonderful woman.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Sherry's name to your charity of choice.

June Delores Rainer

June Delores Rainer, 91, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away July 30, 2022 in Solomons, Maryland. She was born on March 26, 1931,

in Baltimore, MD. to the late John Wm. And Nancy Mister Gibson, Sr. Besides her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband, Thomas H. Rainier, nephews: John E. Gibson and Thomas H. Gibson, niece Linda Gibson Jaworski, and brother and sister-in-law John and Alma Gibson, Jr.

June may have been born in Baltimore, but her heart was in Calvert County, she loved to reminisce about what it was like growing up in Calvert, when it was country. She was very dedicated to her family and would help any of them when she could.

She was a founding member of Bayside Baptist Church, a devout Christian, and she liked to call herself "a prayer warrior."

June is survived by her nieces and nephews: Beverly Gibson Horich (Martin), Carolyn Gibson Moore (late David), Karen Gibson Schepers (Jerry), Niece-in-law, Jessie L. Gibson (late John E Gibson) and Patricia Gibson (late Thomas H Gibson), Nephew-in-law Chester Jaworski (late Linda E Jaworski). She is also survived by her Great Nieces and Nephews: David P. Moore, Joshua S. Moore, Cheslie Jaworski Williams, Courtney Jaworski, Crystal Gibson Gallup, Patti Gibson, Tyler J. Schepers, and Alexandra N. Schepers,

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

David Guthrie Van Sickle, Jr.

David Guthrie Van Sickle, Jr. of Solomons, Maryland died Friday, July 29, 2022. He was 83.

Van Sickle was born on May 16, 1939 in Arthurdale, West Virginia to

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David and Lucy (Gore) Van Sickle. The family later moved to New York state where he graduated from Lancaster Central High School in 1957. On August 18, 1962, he married his wife of nearly 60 years, Beverly (Rohl) Van Sickle. A year later, in 1963, he graduated from General Motors Institute with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

He worked in upper management at General Motors in Detroit, MI and in Lordstown, OH, later developing their gas fields there. After retiring from GM, he worked as president and vice president in the oil and gas industry and in manufacturing companies before returning to the automotive sector as a vice president at AAA. He tested new vehicles and wrote about them. He was a yearly guest on the Today Show announcing the Car of the Year. His extensive knowledge of all facets of the latest models led him to create and produce "Autograph" – AAA's yearbook containing the specs for competing cars and trucks. He continued with auto journalism even after retiring from AAA, founding his own website, and writing insightful articles for newspapers across the United States. He traveled extensively for years at the invitation of almost every car manufacturer in the world – testing traction on Arctic ice in Lapland, participating in the rally from Paris to Beijing, China, visiting the major international car shows in Las Vegas, Chicago, Berlin, Milan, and Paris to name but a few. He was highly respected by colleagues and heads of the automotive industry alike.

Dave loved mechanics, science, and technology in general from an early age. He and his brother John took apart every piece of electronic equipment they could get their hands on – and then figured out how to put things back together. He built the family's first TV and did the electrical wiring in the houses he and Bev built. His enviable workshop contained literally every tool imaginable. He collected and rebuilt clocks. He restored several

Jeeps from the ground up and enjoyed exploring old mining roads and hiking in the Rocky Mountains with friends and family. Dave had a quick intellect and easy-going manner, making him a favorite to consult on numerous topics. He had a great sense of humor and loved a good pun. Early on, he got his pilot's license and bought a plane, taking the family on outings and visits. In later years he became an avid fisherman, practicing the sport from Vermont to Alaska and many places in between.

Van Sickle was a member of the First United Presbyterian church and was active with the youth group. He and Bev helped chaperone a group of teenagers on a bike trip to Switzerland in 1979. He was also a Mason and a Shriner in Ohio. Dave was on the board of several automotive groups in addition to being one of the illustrious jurors for the North American Car and Truck of the Year award.

Over the course of Dave's career, he and Bev moved numerous times, owning homes in Livonia, MI, Salem, OH, Chagrin Falls, OH, Fairfax, VA, Manchester, VT as well as a vacation home and family gathering place in Ouray, CO. The couple finally moved to Solomons, MD in 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Rohl) Van Sickle, his daughter Dawn Fischer-Van Sickle and his grandchildren Grace and Kyle Fischer of Karlsruhe, Germany in addition to his sister Becky Eiss of Jefferson, Georgia. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother John R. Van Sickle and his and Bev's daughter Deborah Lee Van Sickle.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be a later service in Salem, Ohio where he will be interred alongside his daughter Debbie at Grandview Cemetery. Those interested in attending may contact the family or the funeral home for further information.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Mary Ann Kivett (Tardy)

Mary Ann Kivett (Tardy), 80, of North Beach, Maryland, passed away July 29, 2022. She was born April 19,



1942 to the late Carl R. and Margaret "Dolly" (Landrum) Tardy in Washington, DC. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her sons Michael

Joseph Kivett and Cary Kiesel Kivett, grandson Jeremy Michael Kivett and sister JoAnn Tardy. She is survived by son Tony Kivett (Darlene) of St. Leonard, Maryland, daughter Michelle Terczak (Raymond) of Stafford, Virginia, grandchildren Heather Dolan (Sean), Ashley Kivett (Chris), Justin Kivett, Tyler Kivett (Kelly), Zach Terczak, Ryan Kivett (Erin), Jenna Hartley, Kelsey Hartley (Cody), Joshua Kivett (Bethany), Ashley Terczak, Charles Terczak and Kyle Terczak. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Nevaeh, Devin, Michaela, Aiden, Camden, Paisley, Addison, Gracie, Grayson, Hunter, Gabby, Caydence and Waylon. She is also survived by her brother Carl "Buzz" Tardy, Jr. (Sandy), and a host of many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

She retired from the University of Maryland 4-H Foundation in 2009, was a Life Member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and a Hall of Fame member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association. Her most cherished moments were the times she spent with her family. She was an avid NASCAR race fan and loved going to watch the local weekly races.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 20, 2022, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane,

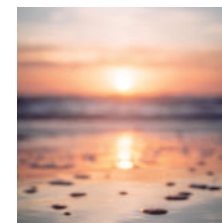
Owings, MD 20736. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Following the Memorial Service for Mary Ann, a reception for family and friends will be held at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department Reception Hall, 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in Mary Ann's name to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company, Link:

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Nanette Hall



Nanette Hall, 79, of North Beach passed away July 27, 2022.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 13, 2022, 12 noon to 2 p.m. at

Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Daryl Lynn Ferrell



Daryl Lynn Ferrell, 65, of Lusby, MD passed away on August 3, 2022 at his residence. Born August 29, 1956 in Rogersville, TN, he was

the son of the late Carl A. Pumphrey and Laura (Williams) Pumphrey.

Daryl worked in the construction field as a roofer. He enjoyed restoring and riding motorcycles.

Daryl is survived by his children, Elizabeth Schmidt of Berkeley Springs, WV, Steven Ferrell (Mary) of Hedgesville, WV and Kimberly Draina (Timothy) of Boonsboro, MD; grandchildren, Kaleb, Steven and Leyla Schmidt, and Avery and Carter Draina; and his siblings, James Ferrell, Sr. of Jefferson, MD, Mary Ferrell of Lusby, MD, Christopher Pumphrey of Lusby, MD and Tina Pumphrey of Lusby, MD. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Ferrell and his sister, Joyce Howard.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. with a Memorial Service following at 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, P.A., 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD.

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

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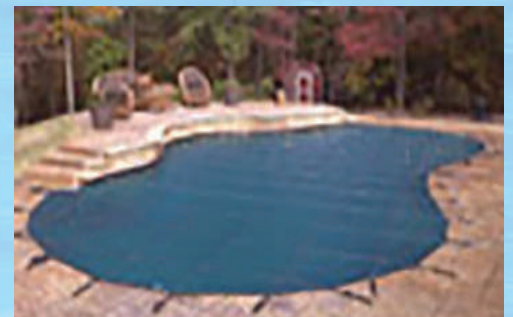
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Calvert Optimists Award Scholarships



Howard Horsmon, Interim Foundation President, Les Knapp Scholarship winner Madison Conner, Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship winner Kobe "Hutch" Valentin, Jim King Scholarship winner McKenzie Conner and Club President Christine White.

For the first time in club history, twin sisters have won two of the three scholarships totaling \$17,000. The Optimist Club of Calver-Prince Frederick awarded the \$8,000 Les Knapp scholarship to Madison Conner, the \$6,000 Jim King scholarship to McKenzie Conner (both grants payable over four years), and the two-year \$3,000 vocational scholarship to Kobe "Hutch" Valentin. All three recipients are graduates of Calvert High School.

Madison Conner will be attending the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, majoring in exercise science. After receiving her degree in that field, she intends to transfer to a university to further her education in psychology, early childhood development as well as anatomy to attain her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. Her goal is to help children with physical, sensory, and cognitive problems to achieve their highest level of independence.

At CHS, she was the editor of the Yearbook and the HS Newspaper. She was a member of the Wellness Club, National Honor Society, Varsity Softball Team, Chamber Choir, All County Choir, and an officer in CAV Student Leaders. She has volunteered at the New Life Church Food Pantry, Project Echo, Empty Bowl Supper, and has been an instructional assistant for Northern Calvert Little League. She was on the High Honor Roll for three years, received the Superintendent's Scholastic Achievement Award (three years) and Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science.

McKenzie Conner is headed to the University of North Carolina, Wilmington to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Other fields she will be exploring include early childhood education, special education, and developmental psychology. After receiving her degree from UNC she intends to pursue a graduate degree. Although she isn't exactly sure where her passion for working with children will lead, she is sure that she wants to make a positive difference in their lives.

At CHS she was an officer in Educators Rising and CAV Student Leaders. She has

been a member of the Teacher Academy of Maryland, the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and the Garden Club. She has been a volunteer instructional assistant with the Calvert County Public Schools' Extended School Year Program, a clinic assistant with Northern Calvert Little League, and a volunteer at Project Echo's Empty Bowl Supper.

Kobe "Hutch" Valentin will be attending North Dakota State College of Science to complete the Diesel Technology—CASE International Program. This program includes two eight-week internships with a CASE IH dealership in Seaford, Delaware. He will also be getting an associate degree in business. His goal is to have his own business in the agriculture equipment and diesel technology field. He intends to return to Calvert County (and along with his brother) expand the family's small local farm to a large commercial farm.

At CHS he was enrolled in the CASE Agricultural Science Program and the Calvert Career and Technology Academy where he was part of the Automotive Service Technician Program.

He was Captain (four years) of the varsity and junior varsity football and lacrosse teams, and Petty Officer 1st Class ROTC. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, Calvert County Young Farmers, National Technical Honor Society, and teacher assistant in auto 1 classroom for Skills USA.

He is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 430; received a World Conservation Award; has served for five years as a junior instructor for the Prince Frederick Hunter Safety Team; made High Honor Roll at CHS and assisted in volunteer activities with the Veterans of Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home.

The Calvert Optimist Club-Prince Frederick through their Calvert Optimist Community Parks Foundation awards three scholarships each year to Calvert County public high school graduates.

Press Release from Calvert Optimists

School Administrator Earns DoD STEM Award

Coordinator of Advanced Learning for Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Dr. Crystal Ricks has been selected as a Department of Defense (DoD) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Ambassador for the 2022-2023 school year. As an educator recognized with the DoD STEM Ambassador award, Dr. Ricks will partner with the Defense STEM Education Consortium (DSEC) to advance STEM outreach.

This prestigious cohort of DoD STEM Ambassadors will collaborate, create, and curate resources to support STEM educators across the nation in implementing high-quality STEM learning for all students.

This recognition comes as no surprise as Dr. Ricks has obtained various grants that celebrate and recognize the unique and diverse needs of gifted learners while redefining how the district serves students in CCPS' Gifted and Talented program. Under her leadership, the Gifted and Talented program became a recipient of the "STEAM to Stars" and the "This Girl STEAMS" grants that provided opportunities for girls to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through hands-on projects, while working alongside STEAM professional women across the United States.

Dr. Ricks was honored by Ellen P. Servetnick, Strategic Education Office Team Lead of the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, for her coordination of the CCPS Artificial Intelligence Primer eBook Program and "This Girl STEAMS" initiative with The Women's Initiative Network (WIN).

Most recently, Dr. Ricks secured \$1.5 million in grant funding (with the potential of an additional \$6 million) awarded by the Assistance for Arts Education (AAE) through a continued partnership with Dramatic Results®. Dramatic Results® is a California based nonprofit orga-



Crystal Ricks

nization dedicated to designing and delivering educational programming using art, design, and culture as entryways into STEM. This grant provides opportunities for students that are identified for Gifted & Talented services in grades 6th- 8th while also providing professional development opportunities for educators through robust collaborative experiences with Calvert County Library and Bowie State University.

Dr. Ricks will receive \$20,000 to serve as a DoD STEM Ambassador, receive funding for instructional materials and will contribute as a guest author for blog posts that will be featured on the DoD STEM website. She will be afforded the opportunity to present at national, state, and or local conferences to share DoD STEM resources. The DoD STEM Ambassador program is managed and facilitated by TGR Foundation: A Tiger Woods Charity. Each DoD partner will work with TGR Foundation and their selected STEM Ambassador throughout the program.

Press Release from CCPS.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of July 25, 2022 – July 31, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,543 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 22-42809

On July 26, 2022, Deputy Kwitowski responded to the 6200 block of Long Beach Drive in St. Leonard, MD, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., an unknown suspect (s) damaged the side panel of the residence possibly from a pellet gun. The estimated value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 22-42789

On July 26, 2022, Deputy Daily responded to a residence on Scarlett Drive in Huntingtown, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised a package was stolen from the front door of the residence sometime between 11:31 p.m. on July 21st and 9 a.m. on July 22nd. The estimated value of the package contents was \$127.18.

Theft: 22-43392

On July 29, 2022, Deputy T. Bowen received report of a theft. The complainant advised a handicap placard was stolen from his vehicle while parked at the Walgreens located at 110 Hospital Road in Prince Frederick, MD. The estimated value of stolen property is \$100.

Theft: 22-43642

On July 30, 2022, Deputy T. Bowen responded to the 100 block of Allnut Court in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised a handicap placard was stolen from inside her vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$100.

Theft: 22-42571

On July 25, 2022, Deputy Daily received report of a theft. The complainant advised her gold iPhone 12 Max Pro was stolen from her cart while shopping at the Walmart located at 10600 Town Center Blvd. in Dunkirk, MD. A review of store surveillance revealed a suspect removed the phone from the cart and left the store. The suspect is described as a

black male with short black hair and a mustache wearing a black long sleeve shirt, black pants, black socks, and black and gray crocs. The suspect was accompanied by a black female with dark hair and blonde highlights wearing a blue face mask, a pink short-sleeved shirt, black pants with white stripes on the sides, and flip flops. The suspect arrived and left in a dark-colored SUV. The estimated value of stolen property is \$1000.

Theft: 22-42961

On July 27, 2022, DFC Burgraff responded to the Southern Community Center located at 20 Appeal Land in Lusby, MD, for the report of a theft from a vehicle. The complainant advised sometime between 4:30 p.m. on July 25th and 4:30 p.m. on July 26th, an unknown suspect (s) cut the catalytic converter off her truck that was parked in the Southern Community Center parking lot. The estimated value of stolen property is \$500.

Theft: 22-42924

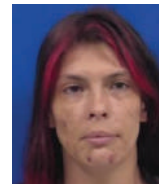
On July 27, 2022, DFC Burgraff responded to Rausch Funeral Home located at 20 American Lane in Lusby, MD, for the report of a theft from a vehicle. The complainant advised sometime between 6:30 a.m. on July 26th and 8:30 a.m. on July 27th, an unknown suspect (s) cut the catalytic converter off a van parked in the parking lot of the business. The estimated value of stolen property is \$500.

ARRESTS

On July 30, 2022, Deputy R. McCourt initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle that had crossed the center line and nearly struck another vehicle head-on in the area of Beach Drive and Catalina Drive in Lusby, MD. The driver, **Erin Nicole Stahl**, 34 of Lusby, MD, advised she did not have a driver's license. A wanted check revealed Stahl had two

open warrants for her arrest. A search of Stahl's vehicle incident to her arrest revealed a baggie of suspected crack cocaine. Stahl was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Stahl was asked if she had anything on her person and adamantly advised she did not. A secondary search of Stahl's person upon intake revealed an orange pill. Stahl was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Possession or Receiving CDS While Confined/Detained, Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement, and Obstructing and Hindering.

On July 28, 2022, Deputy Wilder responded to the 800 block of Planters Wharf Road in Lusby, MD for an indecent exposure complaint. The complainant advised a naked man was in the backyard waving a tiki torch around yelling and screaming causing a disturbance for all the neighbors to see. Deputies made contact with **Antonio Renard Kelly**, 43 of Lusby, MD, who was lying face down shouting and appeared to be under the influence of



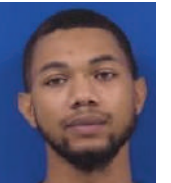
Erin Stahl



Antonio Kelly

PCP. While inside Kelly's apartment, deputies observed a small glass vial of Phencyclidine, a pint-sized glass jar full of marijuana, and a bag of marijuana in plain view. Kelly was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On July 29, 2022, Deputy Huy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation along Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **Dale NMN Garvin III**, 21 of Clinton, MD, a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed 57.6 grams of marijuana, a metal grinder, and a loaded 9mm handgun. A search of Garvin's person revealed \$1,125 in US currency. Garvin was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Concealing a Dangerous Weapon, Possession with the Intent to Distribute, CDS: Possession:-Marijuana 10GM+ and Loaded Handgun in Vehicle.



Dale Garvin III

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

Lusby Man Sentenced for Rape of Stepdaughter

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced Aug. 10 that Ryan Christopher Carpenter, 37, of Lusby, has been sentenced to 14 years of active incarceration following his conviction for second-degree rape. The sentence was imposed by Judge Mark S. Chandler of the Calvert County Circuit Court. Upon release, Carpenter will be on 5 years of supervised probation and required to register as a sex offender for life.

Because rape is a crime of violence under Maryland law, Carpenter will be required to serve at least 50 percent of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole. On average, though, violent offenders serve about 75 percent of their active sentences.

In November 2021, the minor vic-



Ryan Carpenter

tim reported to her school guidance counselor that she had been sexually abused by her stepfather. An investigation by Child Protective Services (CPS) and the Calvert County Sheriff's Office determined that Carpenter had been inappropriately touching the child over an extended period of time.

Harvey wishes to thank Kayla Shanholtz of CPS, Detective Sarah Jernigan of the Sheriff's Office, and Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca N. Cordero for their outstanding work on this case.

Press Release from Calvert County State's Attorney.

Presented by the Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee and Calvert County advocacy partners.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

Forever Heartbroken - Quaid's Story
Lauren K-Hunt, Calvert County Mom

Spreading Hope - Erica's Experience
Erica Clark, Peer Recovery Specialist
Calvert County Behavioral Health

Special Announcement - Memorial Project
Joe Davis, Executive Director
Arts Council of Calvert County

MEMORIAL READING OF NAMES

Sandy Mattingly, Calvert County Mom
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QUESTIONS?

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Sandra Mattingly at sandy.otse@yahoo.com

MEMORIAL EXHIBIT

"Lost Souls" at Sunrise Gardens (photo and shoe display), a family and friend tribute.

To submit, names, photos and shoes (optional) or for more information email Sandy Mattingly at sandy.otse@yahoo.com.

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Local prevention, treatment and recovery information will be provided by:

- CAASA
- Calvert County Behavioral Health (Narcen training)
- Calvert County Mobile Crisis Team
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Lawmakers Shares Priorities with New Bay Leaders

Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD-05), Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Congressmen John Sarbanes (MD-03), Andy Harris, M.D. (MD-01), Kweisi Mfume (MD-07), and David Trone (MD-06) met July 27 in the U.S. Capitol with the new president and CEO of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Hilary Harp Falk and the newly selected U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program Director Dr. Kandis Boyd. The group shared perspectives and progress on challenges including upstream accountability, blue crabs, and the Conowingo Dam, as well as the broader need to maintain unity among Bay Program partners through 2025 and beyond.

“I was glad to meet with CEO and President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Hilary Harp Falk and EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Director Dr. Kandis Boyd. Conservation efforts to protect the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries are of critical importance our Congressional Delegation,” said **Congressman Hoyer**. “I am particularly concerned about the Blue Crab shortages we are witnessing and the impact that is having on our ecosystem and our economy. I am looking forward to working closely with Hilary as she leads efforts in our state and across the region to advance our mutual goal of cleaning up the Bay, protecting its wildlife, and strengthening its health for future generations.”

“There is no higher priority that we have as a delegation than the Chesapeake Bay. Recognized by presidents as a national treasure, it is the iconic representation of the state of Maryland – quality of life, economy, culture and more,” said **Senator Cardin**. “Team Maryland has worked year after year to ensure the federal government is a strong partner with the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program and stakeholders like the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as we work to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in a sustainable

and equitable way. We welcome Dr. Boyd and Ms. Falk to the forefront of this fight. We have reason to be optimistic about the state of the Bay, but there is much more work ahead of us.”

“Protecting and preserving the Chesapeake Bay requires an all-hands-on-deck effort. Today’s meeting was an opportunity to discuss the significant progress we’ve made in these efforts but also to underscore all the work that remains ahead. Dr. Boyd and Ms. Harp Falk have already hit the ground running in their new roles, and understand the challenges we face. As a delegation we’ve fought to deliver historic federal investments for Bay cleanup efforts through annual appropriations and the infrastructure modernization bill, and we must continue to put these dollars where they’re needed most – and hold our state partners accountable in following suit,” said **Senator Van Hollen**. “I’m committed to working together to continue these efforts to preserve the Bay for generations to come.”

“As the Maryland Delegation has remained intensely committed to restoring the Chesapeake Bay and securing robust funding to support conservation projects, the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program and Chesapeake Bay Foundation have been essential partners in coordinating and implementing these efforts,” said **Congressman Sarbanes**. “My conversation with Dr. Kandis Boyd and Hilary Harp Falk reaffirmed our shared commitment to restoring and protecting the Bay Watershed, centering the voices of those most impacted by environmental injustice in our solution-making and working collaboratively with the community to be good stewards of the Bay.”

“The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and vital economic engine on the Eastern Shore, which is why I’m proud to have consistently fought for federal funding for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program and to have secured language in the FY23 Appropria-

tions bill to help eradicate the invasive blue catfish,” said **Dr. Harris**. “At the meeting, I was pleased to hear of the support from the entire Maryland Delegation and look forward to working with them, the Foundation, and our colleagues in the Senate to sustain this critical language toward eradicating this dangerous and invasive species.”

“I grew up on the water, so I understand the importance of our waterways in a very personal way. Marylanders of every stripe, including many of our small businesses, rely on a healthy Bay for food, recreation, and to make a living,” said **Congressman Mfume**. “I am proud of the work we are doing in Congress to bring federal expertise and federal money to the table as we fight for a healthier Bay.”

“Congratulations to Dr. Kandis Boyd upon her appointment as EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Program Director and to Hilary Falk for her selection as President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation,” said **Congressman Raskin**. “The Chesapeake Bay is a natural treasure and the pride of Maryland, and I’m thrilled that these two talented leaders are bringing decades of experience in government and conservation to the task of protecting and restoring the Bay. I look forward to working with my Maryland colleagues to bolster their Bay preservation efforts.”

“Protecting the health of the Chesapeake Bay is essential to Maryland’s way of life and its local economies. Every year, billions of dollars in seafood revenue and tourism benefits hardworking Maryland families, and we remain dedicated to ensuring that folks can continue to enjoy the Bay for generations,” said **Congressman Trone**. “I look forward to working with the leadership of the EPA and Chesapeake Bay Foundation to further these efforts on the federal level.”

“The Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams bind together more than 18-million people. Restoring clean water is vital to the

health, welfare, and economic strength of their communities,” **Falk said**. The science-based Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint is working to achieve that goal. We are reducing pollution and underwater dead zones are shrinking over time. At the same time, warning signs like this summer’s shortage of blue crabs demonstrate that we still have a long way to go. Climate change also threatens progress. However, today’s meeting gives me hope. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation applauds the bipartisan leadership of the Maryland Congressional delegation and others in the region who are standing up for clean water. By working together – residents, businesses, local and federal governments – we will finish the job and ensure clean water for our communities and future generations.”

“It was truly an honor and a privilege to speak with the Maryland Congressional Delegation about the most pressing issues affecting the Chesapeake Bay, its watershed, and those that recreate, live, and work in the Bay,” **Dr. Boyd said**. “More than ever it’s important to address climate change and its impact on the Bay to continue the nearly 40+ years of partnership that has provided marked improvements in the air, land, and water quality surrounding the Bay.”

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States. Its watershed, declared a national treasure in Executive Order 13508 (2009), comprises a 64,000-square-mile area and includes portions of Maryland, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia and the entire District of Columbia. The lawmakers have secured significant federal funding and worked alongside state and local governments in the seven jurisdictions, as well as federal agencies, academic, nongovernmental and other partners to restore the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem.

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Fresh Start Back to School Event Scheduled

For 13 years, Children's Aid, Inc. has been working to support our Calvert County neighbors in need. Our primary program, Operation Backpack, has provided new backpacks and school supplies to 1,500 students, giving them a fresh start for the new school year and alleviating financial burdens for their parents and guardians. The program goal is to highlight the importance of education and help students approach the beginning of the school year with a greater sense of confidence.

We are excited to announce the transition of Operation Backpack into a more community-based celebration! The Fresh Start Back to School event will provide new backpacks, school supplies, books, and door prizes to up to 250 youth in Calvert County. Local

agencies and organizations will also share information about available resources. With help from our sponsors Constellation, SMECO, Community Bank of the Chesapeake, and Cedar Point Federal Credit Union, we feel Fresh Start will be a greater benefit to the families we serve.

Fresh Start will take place Saturday, August 27 from 10 am – 2 pm at the Southern Community Center in Lusby. The event is free to attend but tickets are required. Registration is open until August 17 (or until all tickets have been reserved) and is limited to residents of Calvert County. For more information and to register, please visit www.TheChildrensAid.org.

Press Release from Children's Aid, Inc.

Citizens Invited to Help Clear the Shelters



The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter invites citizens to adopt during a month-long Clear the Shelters event in August. As added incentive in August, the shelter will waive adoption fees for the first 20 cats, dogs and small exotic animals adopted, made possible through partnership with the nonprofit Friends of the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter.

"Joining in national adoption events like Clear the Shelters helps increase the chances of our animals finding good families, and in turn creates room for more animals who need our help," said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. "Whether folks are looking to adopt or have time to volunteer, every little bit makes a huge impact. We have the opportunity to make a big difference."

Clear the Shelters is an annual, nationwide pet adoption campaign that is

spearheaded by NBCUniversal Local, a division of NBCUniversal. Since 2015, the Clear the Shelters pet adoption campaign has resulted in more than a half million pets finding new homes.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is an open admission animal shelter managed by the Animal Shelter Division of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety. Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an intake appointment call 410-535-7387. The shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. For more information about adopting from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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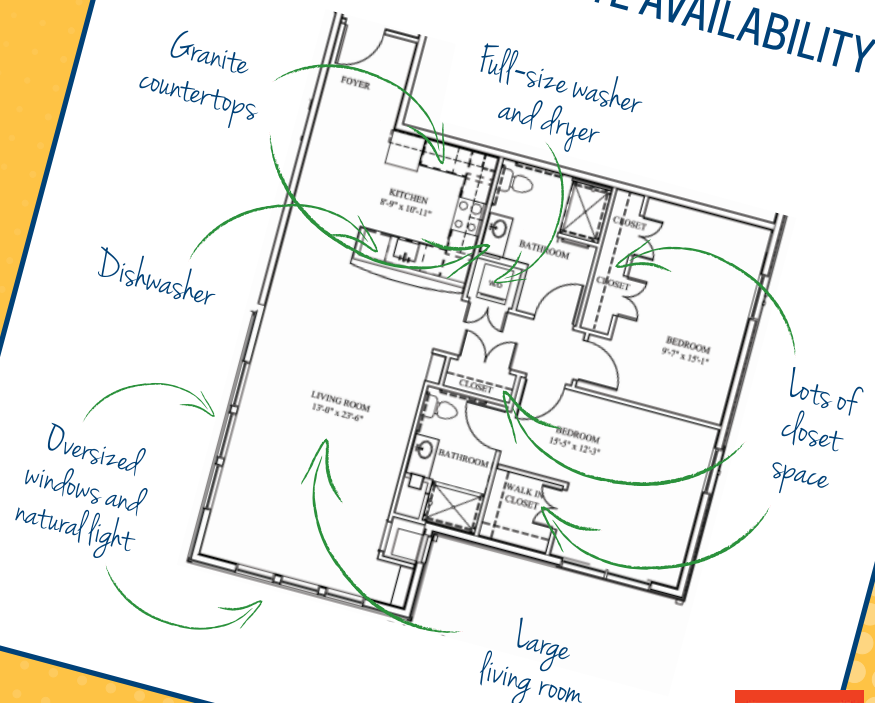
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Solomons Dragon Boat Festival Returns for Sixth Year

By Dick Myers
Editor

Once again, the Patuxent River will be filled with a gaggle (or is it a herd) of sleek dragons.

Saturday, Aug. 13 marks the return for the sixth year (with only one pandemic pause) for the Solomons Dragon Boat Festival, a fundraiser for Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR). This year 19 boat crews, largely from Calvert and St. Mary's counties, will be joined by three traveling teams which will compete separately.

This year's festival chair is Kristin Kauffman Beaver, a SMCR board member and past president. She is marketing director for Cedar Point Federal Credit Union, a main supporter of SMCR and the festival.

For folks who have been to the festival in the past, she said of what's new this year, "We have some great entertainment this year. We have two bands, and we have the Southern Maryland Drummers, which is sort of an interactive drum corps where you can play the drums also."

Of the new traveling teams, she said, "Those are typically competitive teams from Annapolis and DC."

Of the local crews of 16 people plus a drummer, Beaver said, "We've got some businesses, some churches, and actually just some friend groups that really wanted to paddle together and have fun. That's definitely a new thing that we're seeking out."

The festivities begin Friday evening at 6 p.m. on the front lawn of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church with the Dotting of the Eyes. Beaver said, "It's a tradition at the Chinese festivals. They do something like that and the idea behind it is that you paint the eyes of the dragon to wake the dragon up and wish him well for the day to come for the races. So, it's sort of a good luck charm. It's also a time for our members to come out and interface with the public and show them what we're all about at SMCR."

The non-profit, according to their website, "promotes the inclusion of persons with developmental differences into the life of our community. We advocate for individuals with special needs, to recognize the inherent dignity that is theirs because they are members of our one human family. We promote social recreational and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential."

"We provide monthly programs to provide our members with social and recreational opportunities in order to enrich their lives. Members enjoy our programs at no-to-little cost through our partnerships with businesses and organizations throughout the community."

Beaver said, "We do things like movie nights. We do tours of local parks. We have virtual events that are really cool. We do a game night where every-



body gets to participate. We've done different artistic evenings of drawing or theater. We have a full arts program called Arts for All."

She added, "We're able to do a lot through the grants that we received for that week."

The agencies that provide the day-to-day services, she said, "have to provide all of the infrastructure for their folks, the living and the life skills. And then we are here providing a lot of the fun opportunities like dances and bowling and movies and things like that. So, we've just partnered with those organizations to make sure that we can fill any gaps in what they're able to provide."

The Dragon Boat Festival is their big annual fundraiser.

Saturday's schedule is:

- 8 a.m. -- Team captains will meet with our Teams Coordinator and 22Dragons representative at the Muster area in the Solomons North parking lot.

- 8:30 a.m. -- At the Gazebo, Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem. Our Vendor Village is also open to the public at this time.

- 9 a.m. -- Races Begin! Make your way to the Riverwalk to cheer on your favorite teams.

- 10 a.m. -- Food trucks available for orders.

- Noon -- Break for lunch/ This timing is approximate. We recommend you check out our local restaurants (or two or three!) and sample their specialty dragon drinks just for this event.

- 1 p.m. -- Races resume. This timing is approximate.

- 3 p.m. -- Awards Presentation. This timing is approximate and depends upon when the day's races finish.

There'll be about 30 different races throughout the day with each team racing three times.

One of the fun things to do is cruise through the vendor village with 20 to 30 vendors and a children's area.

Beaver said, "We have a caricature artist. We have all sorts of entertainment. We have a band called G Frequency and another band later called The Water's Edge."

"For spectators watching, they can line up along the river walk and just watch the races," she said, but "make sure you bring your sunscreen and your



bug spray."

The teams have a tent village. Beaver said, "It's always fun to see what kind of costumes are there because there's some superlative awards for best costume, best dress drummer, best team cheer, things like that."

This year's local teams are:

- Year of the Tiger -- Cedar Point Federal Credit Union

- Pax Pres Paddlers -- Patuxent Presbyterian

- Drag'n Butt -- AMEWAS

- J.F. Taylor -- J. F. Taylor

- RowHouse #1 -- RowHouse SoMD

- RowHouse #2 -- RowHouse SoMD

- The Centurions -- Century21 New Millennium

- Fishers of Men -- Southern Calvert Baptist Church

- Homunculi -- High Tide Games

- Beast Row -- Bard's Bistro

- Stayin' Alive -- The Landings & Friends

- Our Tails Are Dragon -- Our Tails Are Dragon

- Calverton Cougars -- The Calverton School

- Sync or Swim -- KBR

- Swordfish -- PAX River Fleet Readiness Center

- Goats N' Boats -- PAX River Chief Petty Officers Assoc.

Sometimes teams are short and it's possible just to show up and volunteer to join them. "The only thing is that spectator would have to fill out a pad-

dler waiver at that very moment and then they can jump right in." And you can go on the event website in advance and sign up.

You can park at Calvert Marine Museum and take one of two shuttle buses provided by Arc of Southern Maryland and Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living.

The event is a boom for Solomons businesses. Beaver said, "They love having us there. They look forward to it every year. And in fact, several of the restaurants have said it's one of their biggest days of the year."

Beaver said of her involvement, "I have always been helping out with folks with special needs. It's near and dear to my heart." She was encouraged to get Cedar Point involved by SMCR founder Bonnie Elward.

"I really enjoyed the event itself. I love event planning. And then when Bonnie decided to retire, I said, well, I guess it's my turn."

"Part of Cedar Point's mission is to be out in the community and to be a part of the community. We're always looking for events and opportunities to sponsor. We really believe in the cause. And so, we decided that it was actually going to be the main event that we sponsored that year. And I believe for the last four years this has been the largest event that we sponsored each year," she explained.

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 - 9 a.m. Races begin
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 - 3 p.m. Races end
 - 3:30 p.m. Awards presentation
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Parks and Recreation Reorganization Approved

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a reorganization of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Under the plan approved at the Aug. 9 meeting, five positions will be eliminated and nine created, several of which are part-time.

Department Director Shannon Nazzal said, "The biggest change is because we have those scorekeepers, the folks that come out to our games, they keep score. And the folks that are on site while we're doing our pickle ball league or doing our basketball league. They have been historically paid off of the voucher system, so an invoice and a check. Those should be employees because we are giving them what they need to do, how they need to do it, when they need to do it. So those should be classified as employees."

She added, "They're seasonal positions, 40 hours per pay period. So that would be 20 hours a week, for a four-month period." She said that equates to 10 or 15 percent of a full-time equivalent employee (FTE).

Nazzal, in a memo to the commissioners, said, "The Department of Parks and Recreation is continually in the process of classifying job duties and tasks while adjusting positions to fit the most efficient and fiscally responsibly needs of the community. In this case, the department is requesting to reorganize positions within the Recreation Division. This includes Office Assistant II (Grade 16), Recreation Facility Coordinator (Grade 16), Recreation Automation Specialist (Grade 21), Building Supervisor (Grade 12), and sports services. These positions equal 3.84 FTEs."

She noted, "After several positions were vacated in Parks & Recreation, staff evaluated and analyzed the po-



Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal

sitions and felt the positions would be better served by reorganizing the positions laid out in the Parks & Recreation staffing plan that included the Recreation Aide positions and Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator position. Additionally, a reclassification of the Recreation Automation Specialist to Recreation Systems Analyst I will help in recruitment and retention of a position that handles all technology for Parks & Recreation."

She said people in two of the positions eliminated had taken other responsibilities within the department and another had left the department.

Total cost of the reorganization is \$32,837, however Nazzal said \$25,000 of that was already allocated in another fund.

Being full-time equivalent employees, the seasonal workers, Nazzal said, "would get what an hourly employee would get, not a merit employee, so they would be eligible for sick leave, and that sort of thing."

She said the change would help with recruitment and retention.

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Funeral Service Held for Malcolm Funn

Rep. Hoyer Leads Tributes to Community Leader

By Dick Myers
Editor

The community paid its final respects to Malcolm Funn at an Aug. 9 service at Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown.

House of Representatives Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D: MD 5) said of community leader Funn, "I believe education and teachers are the most important people in our society. Jesus was a teacher. Malcolm was a supporter of educating the next generation, giving them opportunity. He was a member of Strong Schools Maryland, and they said this about Malcolm: 'Malcolm Fun brought so much light into the organizing spaces that he occupied. He was a voice of leadership in the organizations where he advocated for justice.' If Martin Luther king were here, he'd say a drum major. Malcolm was a drum major. He was in many ways, a man for all seasons, service to his family, service to his community, service to God."

"He and his beloved, Annette (his late wife) brought joy, faith, and community spirit to so many in Prince George's, in Calvert and the state of Maryland," Hoyer said.

Hoyer added. "He will be remembered well for being kind-hearted that understates what Malcolm Funn was," adding, "He was there to reach out, to lift up, to treat others as he would want his own to be treated. A man of faith in God and faith in his neighbors and faith in people, a man of principle and presence."

State Senator Michael Jackson (D: 27) said he met Malcolm and Annette (whom he called the "dynamic couple") through the Harriett Elizabeth Brown Commemorative Task Force. Funn had been appointed by the late Sen. Mike Miller. Jackson said Funn was "a person who was rooted in the right way, first to his God, second to his family, and thirdly to this dynamic community. And I saw in him and learned from him how to be a servant leader when necessary, but a servant and follower when most necessary."

Jackson said he valued Funn's advice about Calvert, which the Prince George's County resident had inherited as part of his legislative district. He said Funn paid him a visit in Annapolis at least once a year to share thoughts and advice.

The attendees also were read a letter from Maryland Board



Malcolm Funn

of Elections Chairman William Voelp, who wrote, "His reasoned approach brought calm to all debates and conversations. Malcolm was a true leader, a nonpartisan voice for elections and an influential board member."

On a personal note, Voelp said, "We found out that we were both members of the Southern Baptist Convention, followers of Jesus Christ and shared many friends and beliefs in common. I learned about his role in the Gideons International, the NAACP and his time as an attorney in government service. The night before his passing, I received an email from him at 11:19 p.m. showing his dedication and work ethic."

"Over the last three years, we spent many hours on the phone talking about election issues, political views, and theology. Even though we sometimes approached things differently, we always found common ground in the gospel, listened intently to each other and gained a deep respect for one another."

Voelp was a Republican appointee and Funn a Democrat. "We often joked that if two parties could listen and respect each other as he and I did, they could change the world," he wrote.

Funn's pastor at Bayside Baptist Church, Rev. Glenn Swanson, delivered the eulogy and he observed as several other speakers did that when Funn arrived in heaven the first one he encountered would have been Christ immediately followed by his wife Annette, who would have said to follow her around so she could show him what he had missed.

The county commissioners earlier in the day read a proclamation in his honor an adjourned the meeting early to attend the service. Proclamations were also read at the service from Gov. Hogan, Senate President Bill Ferguson, and U.S. Senator Ben Cardin.

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Police Reform Boards Hold First Meeting

By Dick Myers
Editor

The ambitious, legislatively mandated police reform effort officially got underway in Calvert County Aug. 10. The newly established nine-member Police Accountability Board (PAB) gathered along with members of the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) and the Trial Board.

The PAB chairman, former country commissioner and deputy county administrator Wilson Parran ran the kickoff morning meeting although members decided that the next meeting, on Sept. 14, will be at 6:30 p.m.

The members introduced themselves, talked about their background and what they liked best about Calvert County and what they hoped to accomplish.

Parran summed up many of the responses by quoting "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey: "Seek first to understand," adding, "What that means to me is getting the facts, understanding what the situation is so that whatever the decision is made is made based on facts and not bias."

With that in mind Parran said

the committee will ask representatives of the county's law enforcement agencies to appear before them to explain their current procedures.

Parran noted, however, that the Maryland State Police are under a separate state accountability system, so any complaints about a trooper will be sent to the state and not handled in Calvert County.

Parran said, "There's been a lot of work done in the background to get us where we are today. We do have a website up." The website contains a form that can be filled out for formal complaints against a law enforcement officer.

"We put it up last week. We have not received any complaints, it is my understanding, since July 1st. I informally asked the sheriff's office, have they received any complaints since July 1st? And I think they have three or four."

Parran reported that Cindy Allen is the staff person supporting the PAB and Liz Drew is the administrative assistant.

Allen explained the process. She said, "There's two ways that citizens can file a complaint. They can fill out a complaint form on the PAB website, or citizens can



Wilson Parran

also file complaints directly with the law enforcement organization. So once the complaint is filed, if it comes through the PAB website, we have three days to forward that complaint to the respective law enforcement agency."

She further explained, "Once the complaint is forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency or the law enforcement agency receives the complaint, the complaint is then investigated. Once the investigation is complete, the investigation will go to the administrative charging committee for review. If the complaint is on a deputy, it'll come to the Calvert County ACC. If the complaint is against a state officer, it goes to the state's administrative charging committee at the state level. The administrative charging committee can come to two conclusions. They can conclude that the officer should be charged or not charged.

If the officer is not charged or if the ACC determines that the allegations are unfounded, or the officer is exonerated, the ACC will issue a written opinion detailing the findings and their determination, within one year and one day from the filing of the complaint. And that ends the process. If the ACC determines that the officer should be charged, again within one year and one day of filing of the complaint being issued, the ACC will issue a written opinion, detailing the findings, determinations and any recommendations for discipline."

She added, "The officer has the opportunity to accept the discipline recommendation, and... that's the final process there. However, if the officer rejects the discipline recommendation, then the matter is referred to the trial board." Decisions of the trial board can be appealed to circuit court.

During public comments, State's Attorney Robert Harvey said, "It's very important that we ensure that whatever is done here, doesn't impair or impinge upon our ability to investigate those complaints and our ability to ensure that if somebody gets charged, both the complaining witness or victim and the police officer has a right to fair in-public trial in our courts."

Tom Phelps, secretary and past president of the local Fraternal Order of Police, said, "You all have a task ahead of you. I think we have a common goal." He said when the members talked about their love of Calvert County, "Most of the deputies at the sheriff's office were born and raised in Calvert County. We have a love for Calvert County. I think we have a common goal with you all to make sure Calvert County is safe and properly protected."

In addition to the nine member PAB, the county commissioners appointed two members to the ACC, plus Parran also serves as a member. The other two members are selected by the PAB. At the end of the public meeting, they went into executive session to select those additional two ACC members.

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FRI 8/12		79° /63°	Lots of sun; nice, less humid
SAT 8/13		79° /65°	Sunny and delightful
SUN 8/14		84° /72°	Partly sunny
MON 8/15		86° /73°	Partly sunny, a stray t-storm
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Wednesday, Aug. 31 has been recognized as International Overdose Awareness Day, a global event to raise awareness that overdose death is preventable and to reduce the stigma associated with drug-related death. The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA), Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee and Calvert County Behavioral Health are seeking to bring awareness to this ongoing crisis by lighting Calvert County purple – the awareness color for drug overdose and the opioid crisis – on International Overdose Awareness Day.

Show your support by picking up a purple lightbulb at one of the participating locations below:

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| <p>Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sneade’s Ace Home Center
11861 HG Trueman Road
Lusby</p> <p>Aug. 9, 2-4:30 p.m.
CAASA Office
30 Duke St., Suite 104
Prince Frederick</p> <p>Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sneade’s Ace Home Center
11861 HG Trueman Road
Lusby</p> <p>Aug. 15, noon to 2 p.m.
CAASA Office
30 Duke St., Suite 104
Prince Frederick</p> | <p>Aug. 16, 6-8 p.m.
Chesapeake Beach Town Hall
8200 Bayside Road
Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sneade’s Ace Home Center
1750 Prosper Lane
Owings</p> <p>Aug. 21, 2-4 p.m.
Chesapeake Beach Town Hall
8200 Bayside Road
Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Aug. 24, 6-8 p.m.
Calvert Library
850 Costley Way
Prince Frederick</p> | <p>Aug. 25, 6-8 p.m.
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