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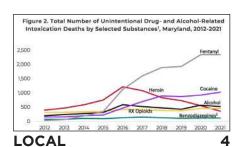
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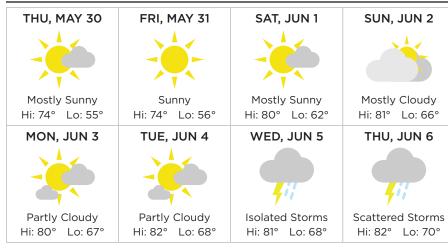
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Finding the Long-Lost Camp Chesapeake and the Boy Scout Who Became an Astronaut

By Dick Myers Staff Writer

It was quite a mystery. The Sherlock Holmes on the case, or more appropriately the Agatha Christie, was Bayside History Museum Founder and President Grace Mary Brady.

Brady told The County Times, "While preparing to give a lecture about Camp Theodore Roosevelt (Chesapeake Beach), I discovered several notes about a Camp Chesapeake (Lusby) located on the Chesapeake Bay. Camp Chesapeake was the first established boy scout camp for negroes during segregation."

Her research uncovered that in "1951, approximately 100 acres was purchased near Lusby for \$15,000. given by the Eugene and Agnes Meyer Foundation and designated as a new camp for Negro Scouts."

Camp Chesapeake was progressively developed by week-end work parties of Negro Scouts and Scouters under the leadership of Francis A. Gregory, district Chairman, and Lemuel A. Penn, camping chairman for Russell-Douglas District.

Brady said, "Over the years research led to newspaper articles from the Baltimore Afro-American, the Baltimore Sun, the Washington Evening Star, the Evening Star and the Washington Post."

The Bayside History Museum, Inc., applied to the Maryland State Daughters of the American Revolution and the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area for mini grants to pay for staff research in the hopes of finding anyone who had attended Camp Chesapeake or had photos of scouts at Camp Chesapeake.

Brady explained, "We were unsuccessful for three years until we received a phone call in March 2024."

That phone call was from Frederick Gregory, who said he attended Camp Chesapeake in the 1950s.

Brady made an appointment with him for the following week. Gregory had indicated that he had gone to school with former North Beach mayor and county commissioner Mark Frazer. Brady called Frazer who planned on visiting the museum on March 16th so he could say hello to his former classmate.

On his visit to the museum, Gregory



Grace Mary Brady and Fred Gregory

brought pictures taken at Camp Chesapeake in 1953/4. He also identified other boys that he attended camp with.

It was on that visit that Brady learned that Gregory not only was a boy scout at Camp Chesapeake but went on to become a very successful adult.

Gregory, 83, was born in Washington, DC and went on to become a United States Air Force pilot, military engineer, test pilot, and NASA astronaut as well as former NASA Deputy Administrator. He also served briefly as NASA Acting Administrator in early 2005.

Gregory was an astronaut aboard STS-44 launched at night from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, on November 24, 1991. During 110 orbits of the Earth, the crew successfully deployed their prime payload, the Defense Support Program (DSP) satellite.

The mission concluded on December 1, 1991, with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Mission duration was 166 hours, 50 minutes, 42 seconds.

Gregory's father, the aforementioned Francis A. Gregory, was one of the found-

ers of Camp Chesapeake. He was an educator who was assistant superintendent for D.C. Public Schools as well as the first Black president of the D.C. Public Library Board of Trustees. His father was given the honors of having the Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library named after him.

His mother was Nora Drew Gregory, a lifelong educator as well as public library advocate. She was also the sister of noted African-American physician, surgeon and researcher Dr. Charles Drew, who developed improved techniques for blood storage, and applied his expert knowledge in developing large-scale blood banks early in World War II, saving thousands of Allied lives, according to the American Chemical Society.

Brady said she told Gregory she didn't know whether she was more excited over having received photos of Camp Chesapeake (more than 70 years ago) or the fact that she unknowingly sat beside an astronaut. "It was the most remarkable weekend in the life of a small museum," she said.

In subsequent conversation Col. (ret) Gregory mentioned that he would enjoy visiting the old Camp Chesapeake site. Brady said, "Calls were made to the Department of Natural Resources and the Park Service to plan for a visit. Friday, April 12, 2024, was a cold, rainy raw day. We were all motivated by the excitement and anticipation of finding any remaining structures. Prior to our visit a friend of Col. (ret.) Gregory named Admiral



On an April 12 visit, Fred Gregory stands on top of the cliff at the old Camp Chesapeake. Photo courtesy of Bayside History Museum.

Paul Reason drew a site plan from featuring the layout of Camp Chesapeake from their collective 1953/54 memories."

Brady relayed the following history of the camp site, "The Young Man's Christian Association (YMCA) purchased approximately 100 acres July 6, 1926, to use as a camp for boys. This YMCA site was called 'Boy Haven'.

"YMCA 'Boy Haven' was sold to Louis L & Hazel H. Goldstein on Mary 29, 1952. The Goldstein's in turn sold the 99.25 acres of land to the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Camp Chesapeake operated as a negro boy scout camp from May 29, 1952, to September 26, 1956, when it was purchased by the Girl Scouts of the District of Columbia and became known as 'Camp Bay Breeze'.

"Camp Bay Breeze was sold to the State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Natural Resources on November 12, 1974. Today this site is Calvert Cliffs State Park."

Visit the Bayside History Museum, 4025 4th Street, North Beach any Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. until noon to see the new exhibit dedicated to the first African American Boy Scout Camp in Calvert County. This exhibit also includes information on Camp Boy Haven as well as Camp Bay Breeze.

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Drug Overdoses Decline, Long COVID Lingers

Health Department Makes Semi-Annual Report

By Dick Myers Staff Writer

Calvert County is seeing a decline in drug overdose deaths and long Covid is still hanging around, with those infected "showing persistent symptoms (months or possibly indefinitely)." Those are some of the findings presented to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Board of Health during the semi-annual report from the health department delivered May 29 by Acting Health Officer Champ Thomaskutty.

Thomaskutty reported that Calvert for the first quarter of 2024 was sixth in the state when measuring health outcomes. Of surrounding counties, Anne Arundel is 5th, St. Mary's 10th and Charles 13th.

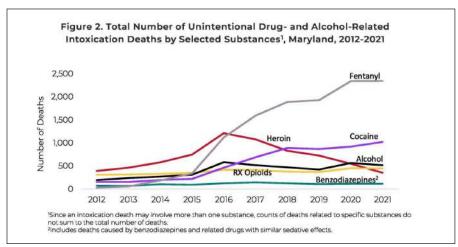
Calvert's life expectancy of 78.6 Years is exactly the same as the state of Maryland, with Calvert ranking the 8th highest. Heart disease and cancer have a higher cause of death rate in Calvert than for the state.

Thomaskutty said the following are county health measures needing room for improvement:

- Adult Smoking
- · Adult Obesity
- · Alcohol-impaired driving deaths
- Injury deaths
- Primary Care Providers
- Calvert is 19th in the state for alcohol-impaired driving deaths.

Thomaskutty said Calvert is "doing great" in:

- Teen Births
- Low birth weight
- live births



- · Child Mortality
- Uninsured
- Life Expectancy

Leading causes of death in Calvert are heart disease, cancer, COVID, stroke, accidents, chronic lower respiratory disease, diabetes, and Alzheimer's.

On COVID, Thomaskutty said, "We're pleased that currently our hospitalizations around the state are really low relative to what they were a year ago and definitely relative to what they were in 2022. But what we are seeing still is Long COVID and it's persistent right now. We're seeing folks that have had issues for months and some that continue to have after an infection. So, what we're seeing on percentages, five to 10 percent affected with COVID. Some, effects across the board, even with people who've had mild cases, they're experiencing long-term symptoms, and they're still sort of trying to ascertain how

to manage that and how to prevent it."

Thomaskutty said some of the symptoms are vague. "In fact, they use the term brain fog fatigue. You may have persistent cough, clearing the throat or may have just general malaise."

Thomaskutty went on to say, "When this presentation was finalized, we had three documented overdose fatalities this calendar year, which is lower than it has been in the past," adding, "We don't know what our projection will be by the end of the year. But right now we're trending lower and we're trending lower than we've been in almost 20 years. So that's, I'd like to take some credit for what the health department's done, but it's been a community wide effort. The sheriff's office has done a great deal to help

intervene. Hospitals have done admirable work. Even the school system has put effort forth to lower fatal overdoses.

"We still have overdoses though. People are still using illicit drugs and the nature of those drugs constantly changes. So, it's hard to keep track and keep up with the latest additive that you may see in your drugs."

As to the reasons for the decline, he said, "It's a range of things. The availability of naloxone helps. That gives in our mindset the strategy is if they recover from an overdose, they may be more motivated if the intervening days to seek treatment. And we've tried to make treatment as accessible as possible. We've opened up slots within our clinics to make sure that same-day walk-ins can come in. It's not an easy path for folks, and I don't want to pretend that I know what they go through when they're trying to get into recovery, but it tends to be hard, and it takes a lot of hands to help them achieve that."

Thomaskutty reminded the community that now is the time for the prevalence of trick-borne diseases, of which Lyme Disease is the most common in the area.

Preventive measures include:

- · Wearing repellent
- Check for ticks daily
- Shower soon after being outdoors
- Call your doctor if you get a fever or rash

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Survey Uncovers Sentiment Against Hoodies

By Dick Myers Staff Writer

A survey of teachers and support staff of Calvert County Public Schools [CCPS] appears to support a ban on hoodies in the schools.

On June 13, the Calvert County Board of Education will be voting on proposed changes to the school system's code of conduct that will include the requirement that cell phones be powered down and out of sight while students are in the classroom. There is also a proposed ban on the use of personal computer devices in school. But an effort by board member Lisa Grenis to include a ban on hoodies in school did not receive support at the May 9 board meeting.

Grenis instead proposed at that meeting that a survey be conducted of teachers and support staff about the impact of hoodies in school. They are currently allowed as long as the wearer's ears aren't covered.

Student Member of the Board Jordan Hayes said polling students was unnecessary because they had already made their feeling of support for hoodies known. Grenis reported the results of the survey at the May 23 board meeting. She said, "At our last meeting, we recommended several changes and focused on the dress code, specifically the impact of wearing hoods in schools, the impact it has on CCPS learning experience. To better understand the issue, a survey was conducted to gather feedback from our teachers and staff throughout the system. The results overwhelmingly indicated the wearing of hoods and other dress code violations present significant challenges to teaching and school safety."

Grenis reported, "The number of staff members who believe students should be allowed to wear the hoods is 236. The number of staff members against students wearing hoods was 1,035. I look forward to reviewing the survey and zeroing in on the dress code before the board finalizes the code of conduct and votes."

The comment period for the proposed code of conduct changes is open until the June 13 meeting.

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Case Still Under Investigation



Seized dogs at the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter

By Dick Myers Staff Writer

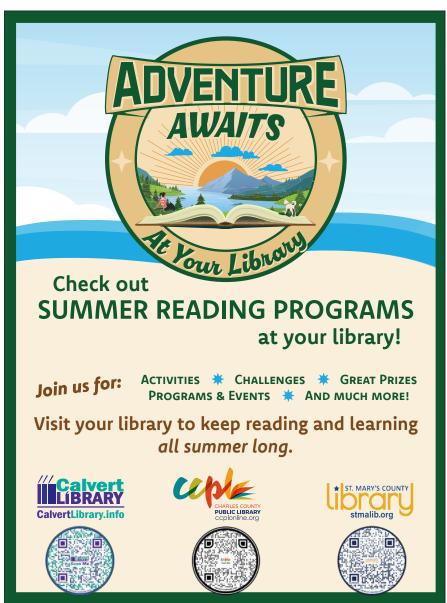
More than 70 dogs were seized from a home in Calvert County on May 14. According to the county government, the case is still under investigation.

Meanwhile the county's Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter has been busy, and so far successful, at finding new homes for them.

However, "The shelter still has about 30 dogs from this case in its care that are in need of adopters, fosters or rescue partners for placement. We have dogs ranging in size, age and breed. All dogs being adopted will be heartworm tested, microchipped. age-appropriate vaccination and will be spayed/neutered," says Sarah Ehman, the county's Public Information Program Manager

Available dogs (both from this case and others in the shelter's care) are listed on the website at https://calvertcountyanimalshelter.com/dogs. Due to the current animal capacity, the shelter is open by appointment only. Interested adopters can call the shelter at 410-535-7387 to schedule a meet-and-greet.

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Schools Plan for like Emergency

By Dick Myers Staff Writer

Calvert County Public Schools [CCPS] has initiated a "prolonged state of emergency virtual education plan" that was mandated by legislation approved in this year's Maryland General Assembly."

The plan is a recognition of the problems during the prolonged virtual education that occurred during the pandemic. Some students thrived in that environment, but many didn't, causing a learning gap when they returned to the classroom. It's also recognition that students being away from contact with their classmates caused social-emotional issues.

The new state law requires school systems to adopt a plan by June 1. The Calvert County Board of Education did so on May 23, although board member Lisa Grenis expressed concern they had not had much time to review it. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Susan Johnson told the board that they could always discuss a revision after they had more time to study it.

Johnson said, "Think back to the Covid pandemic. Senate Bill 610 defines a prolonged state of emergency as a state of emergency declared by the governor under Title 14 of the public safety article that prevents regular in-person attendance at a public school for at least 14 consecutive school days. So. this draft plan was put together by the county staff, and it was sent to Mark Willis, the county administrator, who also shared this document with his staff."

She added, "This plan that you have before you is based on the work of the continuity of learning plans that were developed soon after the shutdown that was caused by the Covid pandemic and then the subsequent reopening plans that have been shared with you over the course of the last four years.

Johnson told the board, "We learned a lot during the pandemic, and while we had a pandemic plan, we didn't really have a plan in place to address virtual instruction. So, through the course of the pandemic, we have learned a lot, and our staff has done a tremendous amount of use of the virtual platform in order to deliver instruction."

About the pandemic, Johnson said, "One of the things that we learned is that it's very difficult for a student and for teachers to deliver instruction seven periods straight as we do in a traditional schedule."

So, she said the plan addresses "how are you going to ensure attendance and engagement?" She explained, "It talks about how we'll take attendance and how we'll support kids who are persistently absent. And then talks about what is the method to provide instructional materials. One of the things that we had moving into the pandemic is that we had adopted Schoology as our learning management system. So how would we leverage Schoology? And then also, the Teams function of Microsoft



Calvert County Public Schools Chief Academic Officer Dr. Susan Johnson

Office to be able to deliver synchronous instruction. It also asks, how do you support students with 504s, or students with

Regarding assessments, Johnson said, 'One of the things that happened during the pandemic is that the state assessment stopped. So, they want us to be very clear on how we would be able to monitor whether or not students are learning. So, it outlines the benchmark assessments that we use, the universal screeners, and then if we are able to, the state assessments.

'It also asks for a provision of what we would do to make sure that we're addressing learning loss in time. So, there is a section in there that addresses that piece. A big piece that was probably not very pronounced in any of our reopening plans was the social-emotional learning support, and what is it that's going to be employed to ensure that our students are interactive and engaged in that virtual environment. It outlines how we will do regular student check-ins, how we will deploy our support personnel such as school psychologists, social workers, counselors in order to support students in different ways. And then what information will they use to develop a school health plan to ensure that we're addressing the social-emotional needs of our kids."

Johnson noted, "A major component is that communication plan," which she said "outlines how we're engaging students from culturally different backgrounds. It talks about how we're using multiple methods of communication, and it talks about how we prioritize important information. And those are things that were real lessons during the course of the pandemic of where people were getting information. So, while some information was coming from board meetings, other information was coming from town hall meetings that principals were holding and making sure that that communication is both from the system level and also from the school level."

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Good News, Bad News in Water Quality Survey

By Dick Myers Staff Writer

The annual Water Quality Monitoring Program for Tidal Creeks in Calvert County, conducted for the county by Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, contains some positive and negative news for the environment.

The report, presented May14 to the county commissioners by the lab's Dr. Lora Harris, notes some improvements in Solomons Harbor but continuing degradation of the Patuxent River as a whole.

Harris explained, "The commissioners have supported a title Water Quality Sampling Program in Calvert County since 1987. It was started by Dr. Walter Boynton, and it was expanded in 2011 to include pretty much all of the title creeks around the peninsula of Calvert County. And the things that we measure are the symptoms of eutrophication, which is the big water quality problem out in the Chesapeake Bay. We study the symptoms of that disease of the Bay, and those symptoms are the levels of dissolved oxygen."

She said, "So when we talk about the dead zone of the Chesapeake Bay in the summer, it's dead because there's no oxygen. So, we want to see what the oxygen conditions are like here in the county. We measure temperature and salinity. We measure chlorophyll, which is a proxy for how much blooms of algae there are in the water. And then we measure something called seechi depth, which tells us how much light is getting through the water column. And all of those things can be affected by pollution from nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediments, which is what we've all been working for so long to try to clean up the Bay on. And we've done about half of the work we need to do in the Bay."

The Solomons Harbor monitoring stations are at Back Creek, St. John Creek, and Upper Mill Creek. She said, "Because Mill Creek is so dominant in Solomons Harbor, we refer to this as the Mill Creek system."

First the good news — for Solomons Harbor for oxygen, algae, and how many blooms there are of that algae, "2023 was either low or right in the middle for all of those indicators of water quality health. If we look at dissolved oxygen at the five long-term sites, and these are divided into average precipitation years versus really wet years versus dry years. Last year was excellent for dissolved oxygen in Solomons Harbor."

She said the overall trend is "great" but last year was "excellent."

She reminded, "When there's dry weather, we tend to have better water quality because less stuff runs off the land and into the water."

Fecal coliform levels are also reporting lower than historical levels in recent years,



Sampling water quality

she said

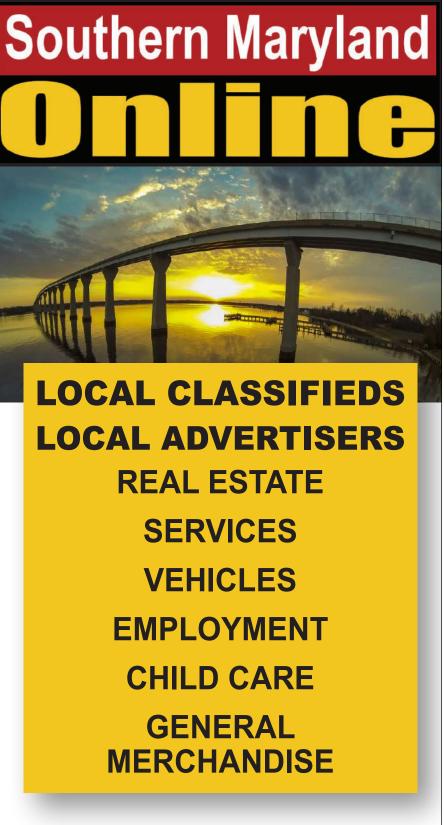
Monitoring in the tidal creeks of the Patuxent, -- Hall, Hunting, Battle, Island, St. Leonard, Hellans and Hungerford – is for algae and oxygen levels are average, she said, although "Hunting Creek and Hall Creek are a bit above average."

As to the bad news of the report, she said, "The upper Patuxent consistently has some poor degrading trends for hunting and Hall Creek. So that's something I think we need to keep an eye on. And they're often aligned with patterns in the main stem of the Patuxent. So, the bigger system, I know that there's county representation on the Patuxent River Commission that matters to us, as folks in Calvert County because the bigger river system is affecting likely our smaller sub estuaries. And it's important that we're involved in those conversations."

The report's recommendations are:

- Implement the Calvert Watershed Improvement Plan [WIP] to the maximum extent practicable. Focus on practices and locations where the effectiveness will be greatest.
- Continue to support planning and eventual implementation of sewer upgrades, BMPs, installation of enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) septic systems, riparian buffer zones, and encourage the use of pump-out facilities by boaters.
- Continue to support the local county and state environmental educational programs so the public can make informed decisions at the personal, local and regional levels.
- Consider where efforts to mitigate flooding intersect with restoration around water quality to optimize environmental management.

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- Disorderly: 16
- Domestics: 24
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 45
- Patrol Checks / School Checks: 688
- Suspicious Persons / Vehicles: 45
- Traffic Complaints: 69
- 911 Hang Ups: 61
- ARRESTS: 33

Burglary: 24-38259 On May 14, 2024, Deputy R. Contic responded to the 7600 block of Meadow Run Lane in Owings, for the report of a commercial burglary that had already occurred. Investigation revealed sometime between April 7 and April 18, three air conditioning units were stolen from the victim's warehouse. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$6773.00.

Burglary: 24-38130 On May 14, 2024, during the early morning hours, deputies from the Calvert County Patrol Bureau responded to the T-Mobile Store located at 10119 Ward Road in Dunkirk, for an intrusion alarm. Investigation revealed unknown suspects had forced entry to the building by smashing the front door glass window with an unknown object, stole merchandise, and fled the area. Further investigation revealed, that the Verizon Store located at 2969 Plaza Drive in Dunkirk, was also a victim to burglary. The estimated value of the stolen property is unknown at this time. The investigation is ongoing.



Kevin Vinson Scott

CDS Violation: 24-39115 On May 17, 2024, CCSO received multiple reports of a possible impaired driver unable to stay in a travel lane nearly striking the guardrail and other vehicles. Sgt. Kreps observed

the subject vehicle straddle the vellow dotted line. A traffic stop was initiated on Sixes Road in Prince Frederick. Upon making contact with the driver, Kevin Vinson Scott, 50 of Prince Frederick, a cut straw with a white powdery residue was observed in plain view. The traffic stop resulted in Scott performing a Standardized Field Sobriety Test. which Scott failed to complete satisfactorily. Further investigation revealed Suboxone was located in the vehicle without a prescription. Scott was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and Driving Under the Influence.



Robbie Lynn Parker

CDS Violation: 24-39040 On May 17, 2024, members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) observed a hand-to-hand drug transaction in the parking lot of the

Walmart located at 150 Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick. Detectives made contact with Robbie Lynn Parker, 51 of St. Leonard, who admitted to selling Oxycodone. Parker was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS Distribution of Narcotics and CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics.



CDS Violation: 24-39395 On May 18, 2024, DFC Crum responded to the 300 block of Dalrymple Road in Sunderland, for a welfare check on an individual stumbling in the ${\tt Jacob\,Tanner\,Papanichola}\quad roadway. \quad Deputy$ Sylver located

Jacob Tanner Papanichola, 26 of Lusby, in a muddy field. Further investigation revealed a plastic bag containing 19 grams of cocaine was found on Papanichola's person. Papanichola was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis, CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics and Obstructing and

CDS Violation: 24-39316 On May 18, 2024, Deputy Chase observed a vehicle with an equipment violation and initiated a traffic stop on SB Rt. 4 in the area of Sixes Road in Prince Frederick. Upon making contact with the driver, Kofi Agyei Sarpong, 28 of Woodbridge, VA, a cut straw was observed in plain view. Further investigation revealed numerous cut straws and foil pieces with burnt residue throughout the vehicle. Sarpong was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Wesley Levi Willison

CDS Violation: **24-39603** On May 19, 2024, Deputy Grabill responded to NB Route 4 and Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. for a traffic complaint. Callers reported a vehicle all over the road-

way, unable to drive right of center, and witnessed the car almost hit another vehicle head-on. Sgt. Livingston observed the suspect vehicle unable to stay in its lane and initiated a traffic stop. A K9 sniff was conducted on the vehicle resulting in a positive alert. Further investigation revealed a pill bottle containing pills with a white powdery substance inside of each pill was found. A white paper fold containing a white powdery substance was also located. The driver, Wesley Levi Willison, 35 of Oldtown, MD, was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Upon arrival at the Detention Center, a secondary search was conducted and a cut straw with a powdery residue was located. Willison was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis, Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

Theft: 24-37905 On May 13, 2024, Cpl. Ward responded to the 2200 block of Deer Run Court in Huntingtown, for the report of a theft. The victim advised various tools and accessories were stolen from his vehicle parked in the driveway. The following stolen items include a DeWalt rachet/ socket set, a Milwaukee M18 fuel impact gun combination set, a Milwaukee shockwave drill/

drive bit set, a Milwaukee compact electric drill, two Milwaukee electric drill sets, a Milwaukee roller bag, and other miscellaneous items. The total value of stolen property is \$2,200.00.

Theft: 24-38230 On May 14, 2024, Deputy R. Contic responded to Dunkirk Hardware and Home Center located at 10745 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect entered the store through the backdoor and stole 11 different Sawzall blades. The total value of stolen property is \$198.20. The suspect is described as a black male, 6 foot tall, approximately 40 years old, wearing all-black clothing and white shoes. The suspect was seen fleeing in a silver crossover-type vehicle.

Theft: 24-38513 On May 15, 2024, Det. Hudson responded to the 9200 block of Dayton Avenue in North Beach, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole a wooden cabinet from the victim's porch between May 13 and May 14. The estimated value of stolen property is \$50.00.

Theft: 24-39515 On May 19th, 2024, Deputy Brown responded to Larry's Auto Service located at 9319 Pardoe Road in Lusby, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that a 1990 green skid steer had been stolen from the property between May 18 at 12:30 p.m. and May 19 at 11 a.m. The total value of stolen property is \$10,000.00.

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

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800 and reference the case number provided. Citizens may remain anonymous thru the 'Submit a Tip' feature on the Calvert County Sheriff's Office mobile app. To download, visit https://apps.myocv.com/ share/a39520678. Tipsters may also email ccsotips@calvertcountymd.gov

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The winning team of the second flight, pictured from left to right: Thomas Stadler, Mark Cayanan, Philip Atkinson, Derek Everett

The CalvertHealth Foundation held its 35th annual Benefit Golf Classic presented by Berkeley Research Group, LLC, CDI, an AHEAD Company, City National Bank and L2 Construction Management Corporation at The Cannon Club in Lothian on May 13. This year's tournament had more than 170 participants including golfers, volunteers and Grapes on the Green attendees all supporting CalvertHealth to invest and grow its Digestive Diseases and Weight Management program. This tournament has become the region's most successful tournament raising more than \$111,000.

Proceeds from this year's tournament will support CalvertHealth Medical Center to bring the best resources to our gastroenterologists and digestive health professionals. Within the last few months, CalvertHealth has brought to the community a new gastroenterologist, Dr. Hamna Fahad and a new bariatric surgeon Dr. Greg Dalencourt. They join Dr. Ramzi Alami who leads the hospital's efforts to become a Bariatric Center for Excellence where this talented team of professionals, state-of-the-art equipment, and an efficient and safe workspace bring accessible care for one of the community's greatest needs.

Since the inaugural Golf Benefit Classic in 1990, the event has raised more than \$2.1 million to fund patient care equipment and vital hospital services at CalvertHealth Medical Center. Foundation Board Chair and Golf Committee Chairman Frank Smith from Idea Solutions said, "Without all of our amazing sponsors and golfers, the tournament could not be as successful as it is today! It is an honor to be a part of this amazing annual event that has continued to grow because of the dedication and generosity of local community members."

President and CEO Jeremy Bradford

said, "I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of supporters and donors who year after year continue to support our efforts to deliver exceptional care to our community. We are forever grateful."

In total, 132 golfers took to the green making up two flights. The winner of the first flight was Waldorf Dodge and Ram and Derek Everett's Team took the top prize on the second flight. Other top winners included Mark Watson who won Closest to the Pin—Men, Stephanie Pagoota who won Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive—Women and Mark Cox Jr. who won the Longest Drive—Men.

Theresa Johnson, Vice President of Brand Strategy and Philanthropy for CalvertHealth extended special thanks to tournament sponsors Berkeley Research Group, LLC; CDI, an AHEAD Company; City National Bank; L2 Construction Management Corporation; Healthcare Triangle; AAA Transport; Armstrong, Donohue, Ceppos, Vaughan & Rhoades, Chartered; Wilmot Sanz Architects; Adfinitas Health; Atkinson HVACR, Inc.; Crothall Healthcare; Empire Graphics, Signs & Lighting; Idea Solutions; King Investments; Pathway Investment Group; Power Solutions; Sheppard Pratt; Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative; The Concord Advisory Group; The Mark Frisco Team Century 21 New Millennium; US Acute Care Solutions; Waldorf Dodge Ram; Marianne Harms; Asbury Solomons; McKinstry Consulting; Asbury Solomons; Pink & Blue Memorial Golf Classic: Dickinson Jewelers: Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc.; Just Judy; Systcom; S. Freedman & Sons, Inc.; Idea Solutions; B.K. Miller; Chic-Fil-A and Winegardner Auto Group.

Press Release from CalvertHealth

Chesapeake Beach Honors Those Who Gave All



The annual Stars and Stripes Festival on May 25 was renamed in honor of the late Maryland Veterans Secretary George Owings. Saluting the flag were Mayor Pat Mahoney and guest speakers former governor Larry Hogan and Brandon Temple, USAF. Photo courtesy Calvert County Sheriff's Office



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 10 a.m.,

Commissioners' Hearing Room, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick

Boards and Commissions Meetings

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

Agricultural Presevervation Advisory Board Meeting Monday, June 3, 2024, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Committee Town Center Meetings:

- Solomons: Monday, June 3, 10-11 a.m.
- St. Leonard: Wednesday, June 5, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Public Hearings

Budget Adjustment #2024-000477 to Accept Funding from DHCD for Defraying the Cost of Constructing Connections from Existing Networks to Residences

Tuesday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners' Hearing Room, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick

Proposed Income Tax Increase

Tuesday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.

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Proposed Real Property Tax Increase

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Find more information about all Boards and Commissions at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/GetInvolved. Now is a great time to get involved! Call 410-535-1600, ext. 2201 with any questions.





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UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

Community Appreciation Day

Sunday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hallowing Point Park 4755 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick Join us for a day full of various activities, entertainment and fun for people of all ages.



Learn more at www.CalvertAg.com/FarmersMarkets



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Thu, June 30

Reading Buddies: Young Readers

Calvert Library Southern Branch 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons 6:30-7:30 p.m.

At this event, elementary-aged children will do fun activities and read out loud to teen volunteers. Teen volunteers can earn one service learning hour for participating. It's a great way to socialize and build reading confidence! 410-326-5289. https://CalvertLibrary.info

Fri, May 31

On Pins & Needles

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

Bring your quilting, needlework, knitting, crocheting or other project for an afternoon of conversation and shared creativity. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. https://CalvertLibrary.info.

Rooftop Car & Truck Cruize Nite

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

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

NDCTheater—The Play That Goes Wrong

St. Paul United Methodist Church 7 p.m.

It's the Opening Night of Cornley Drama Society's "Murder at Haversham Manor" where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disasterous. Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through the final curtain call with hilarious consequences. Performances Friday

and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. General Admission Tickets: \$15; website—ndctheater.org; Email—ndctheater@gmail.com

Sat, Jun 1

Book Party

Calvert libraries and online 1 p.m.

Michelle Coles, our first author, is coming virtually. There will be watch parties with games and prizes at each Calvert Library location or you can watch from anywhere you are connected. Coles, a civil rights attorney, wrote the award-winning young adult book Black Was the Ink. The story features Malcolm, a Black teen from DC, whose mom is worried about his safety over the summer and sends him to stay with his father's family on their farm in Mississippi. Part of the farm had been taken through eminent domain for a highway some years prior and now the state is threatening to take the rest of it even though there is an option to take some of the farm across the road. The June 1 event will start at 1pm with a fun history trivia quiz using Kahoot and then at 2pm the author will join via Zoom to talk about the book and answer questions from attendees. Register for whichever location or to attend online.

Sun, Jun 2

Community Appreciation Day

Hallowing Point Park 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation (CCPR) is sponsoring this free event open to people of all ages.

Community Appreciation Day aims to foster a sense of unity, pride and gratitude within our community, by acknowledging the diverse talents and hard work of our community members and to thank them for their positive impact and continued support.

The event will feature a variety of activities designed to entertain and engage attendees of all ages, including live music and interactive games. Families, friends and neighbors are invited to come together in a festive atmosphere and enjoy the beauty of Hallowing Point Park, located at 4755 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. parksandrecreation@calvertcountymd. gov or 410-535-1600, ext. 2649.

Dee of St. Mary's Dockside Tour

Calvert Marine Museum 10 a.m. –1 p.m.

Step aboard the museum's skipjack for an up-close tour with crew members of her 56 ft. deck. Learn how watermen dredge for oysters, hoist the sails, and navigate the waterways of the Chesapeake. Included with museum admission.

Thu, Jun 6

Sea Squirts: Animals with a Hard Shell

Calvert Marine Museum 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Cost is free with museum admission. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive.

Ongoing

Wm. B. Tennison Public Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum Wed. through Sun., month of June 2 p.m.

Relax and enjoy a leisurely one-hour sightseeing cruise on the river aboard the *Wm*. *B. Tennison*, a log-built bugeye. Capacity allows for 40 guests. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children, infant through 12 years.

Cove Point Lighthouse

Calvert Marine Museum Every Wed., Sat., and Sun. in June 1-4 p.m.

The Cove Point Lighthouse grounds are open to the public during the summer months to enjoy a view of the Calvert Cliffs, explore the base of the lighthouse tower, and learn about the history of the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay. No admission required. NOTE: The beach is not open to the public.

Sunday Afternoons with Poppie

Calvert Marine Museum Every Sun. in June 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Make your Sunday afternoon memorable by coming to visit with our very own Pop Star "Poppie," our Virginia Opossum. You can join the Poppie paparazzi in the museum lobby with one of our educational interpreters, learn all kinds of fun possum facts, and visit our Museum Store for possum fan gear. Since the welfare of our animals is our primary concern, Poppie's ability to visit with her adoring public may occasionally be subject to change on short notice.

Upcoming

Juneteenth Community Celebration

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard Saturday, June 15 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For this 28th annual event, the NAACP anticipates thousands of visitors to this free celebration. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact us at naacpcalvert@gmail.com or hollandnmd@aol.com.

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- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 16. Former French coin
- 17. Levels the score
- 19. What stage performers do
- 20. Egyptian Sun god
- 21. Localities
- 25. Spherical body
- 26. Licensed for Wall Street
- 27. Perfect
- 29. It's on many people's heads
- 30. Boxing's GOAT
- 31. Photo
- 32. Popular HBO show
- 39. Popular music awards show
- 41. Pouch
- 42. Lake in Botswana
- 43. Unruly group
- 44. One-fourth
- 45. Very eager
- 46. Edward __, author and writer 48. Flying insect
- 49. Dragged forcibly
- 50. Thus far
- 51. Not just "play"
- 52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
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- 5. Secret get-togethers
- 6. Type of tea
- 8. Where the action is
- 9. Cast out
- 11. Crime group
- 14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
- 15. Accept and handle
- 18. Sacrifice hit
- 19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
- 20. Month
- 22. Most thin
- 23. Naturally occurring material
- 24. Luke's mentor __-Wan
- 27. Postmodernist Austrian "House"
- 28. Aquatic salamander
- 29. Baseball stat
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Talk rapidly and unintelligbly
- 33. Paddle
- 34. Caregiver (abbr.)
- 35. Old Irish alphabet
- 36. Japanese city
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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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Thu, May 30

NAACP Meeting: Affordable Housing in St. Mary's County

Church of the Ascension 21641 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park 6:30 p.m.

Opportunity to learn about the soon to be built 40 affordable housing unit called Villas at Lexwood. The speakers are the builders: Chase Powell, Director of Development at Green House Housing and Christopher Longmore, Managing Partner of Dugan, McKissick & Longmore.

Table Talk: A Group for Women!

Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd., California 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ladies, join us in the Fellowship Hall for appetizers. We will explore four questions about the importance of discipleship. Walkins welcome, but RSVPs preferred to Laura Rhodes, Small Groups Director at: paxpressg@paxpres.org.

Sat, Jun 1

Community Yard Sale

Greenbriar Neighborhood Intersection of Green Leaf Rd and Silver Slate Dr., Lexington Park 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Greenbrier neighborhood (off of Hermanville Road in Lexington Park, by Gate 3 and Homegrown Farm Market) is having its annual community wide garage sale, both in the common area (the intersection of Green Leaf Rd and Silver Slate Dr) and throughout the neighborhood. There are over 400 homes in the area, so surely you can find what you're looking for at one of the many, many yard sales!

Free CPR/AED Training

Leonardtown Library 23630 Hayden Farm Ln., Leonardtown 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Would you be ready to assist in an emergency situation? Join us for community CPR/AED education to gain valuable skills that could help save a life.

MedStar Health team members will lead a free 1-hour compression-only bystander

CPR/AED education class in recognition of our Community Day of Action for National CPR and AED Awareness Week. Open to participants age 12 and older. No cost.

Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GLB-WVJ for details and registration.

Third Annual Great Mills Road Clean Up

21641 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park Volunteer sign-in: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Arrive by 9 a.m.

Join St. Mary's CDC for our THIRD YEAR of cleaning up Lexington Park!

Volunteer on Great Mills Road or in your neighborhood to help grow a more beautiful, safe, and hopeful community. Tools, water, and a celebratory lunch will be provided.

Wear your walking shoes You aren't required to bring any supplies, but if you can, here is a short list of some items that may come in handy: hats, gloves, water bottles, tools (e.g. leaf blowers, trash grabbers, string trimmers, & a beach wagon or backpack). Gloves, water, and sunscreen will be provided. We also welcome donations of trash bags and any of the items listed.

Please register by May 25th at: tinyurl. com/gmr-2024. The first 100 sign-ups are guaranteed a free T-Shirt!

Stay up to date on our Facebook: www.

facebook.com/SMCCommunityDevCorp Park at St. Mary's Square, BK, or Checkers. No church parking!

In case of extreme weather, the rain date is June 8. Find updates on our Facebook!

Upcoming

Dolly and Me Tea

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department 24801 Three Notch Rd, Hollywood Saturday, June 8 12 p.m to 3 p.m. Deadline to register is Friday, May 31

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER for the Dolly and Me Tea hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

Come join Cinderella for a magical afternoon. This will be an afternoon tea with fun and exciting activities. Cost is \$25 per ticket. There will be a table decorating contest, raffles, vendors selling doll clothing and more! Finger sandwiches, scones, desserts and tea will be provided.

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Special Olympics Maryland-St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 921, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Scotty Howard, 84



Mary Scott Howard, age 84, of Macungie, Pennsylvania passed away on May 24, 2024. Mary, known as Scotty to all her family and friends, was born April 21, 1940 to Bradford

and Mary Stiles in New York, NY.

Scotty was married to Thomas B. Howard, her spouse, for 43 years, until his passing in 2008. She is survived by her children Leslie (Steve) Doyle, Julie (Paul) Berger, as well as step children Tom (Deborah) Howard, Ron (Bettye) Howard, Allen Howard and Marguerite (Bart) Morrison, grandchildren Jennifer Doyle, Matt Doyle, Andy (Pamela) Berger and Anna Berger, great-grandchildren, Madeline, Liam, Aiyana, Benny, Sincere and Ray as well as 7 step grandchildren and 14 great step children and her niece Betsy (Chris) Gillon and her family. She was also preceded in death by her sister Nancy and stepson Mark.

After graduating from Franklin High School in Reisterstown, MD, she went on to attend Parsons School of Design in NYC. Scotty was a professional artist/wildlife artist for almost 60 years.

of gardening where she was happiest, her songbirds, her beloved dogs through the years, sailing and being a long time, active member of the St. Mary's River Yacht Club in Southern Maryland for over 36 years. She was also passionate about her letter writing and poetry she created for family and friends.

Amemorial service will be held in St. Mary's City, Maryland at Trinity Episcopal Church at a date to be determined- please check the website online with Nicos C. Elias Funeral Home, Allentown, Pa., www.AllentownFunerals. com. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 207, St Mary's City, MD 20686.

Shirley Suite, 85



Shirley Ann Suite, 85 and a half, of Bushwood, Maryland, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Shirley was a lifelong resident of St.

Mary's County, Maryland and was Seventh District through and through. She was born on November 9, 1938, in Chaptico, Maryland, to the late William "Dusty" Albert Graves and Mary "Sally" Violet (Hayden) Graves.

Shirley married the love of her life Andrew "Andy Gumps" Raymond Suite on June 8, 1963, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, Maryland. They immediately moved into a home in Bushwood where Shirley resided until the time of her passing. Together they celebrated 27 years of marriage until Andy's passing after a lengthy illness on October 26, 1990. Her love and devotion for Andy was conveyed each and every day as she stood by his side during his illness. From their loving marriage came three children, Joseph "Joey" Leon Suite (Stacey) of Avenue, Maryland, Robert "Bobby" Andrew Suite (Jennifer) of Bushwood, Maryland, and Mary "Chrissy" Christine Mills (David) of Leonardtown, Maryland. Shirley is also survived by her two granddaughters, Kimberly Elizabeth (Suite) Orofino (Phil) of Mandeville, Louisiana and Brooke McKenzie Mills of Leonardtown Maryland. Shirley is also survived by her sister, Catherine "Cathy" Owen

(Charles) of Lusby, Maryland.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Shirley was also preceded in death by her siblings, William Morris "Snookie" Graves (Shirley), Bernard "Buster" Graves (Theresa), Mary Ethel Oliver (Harry), Albert Ignatius "Billy" Graves (Alice), Guinette Alberta Bean (Jackie), Ella Christine Graves, Annie "Ann" Elizabeth Ridgell (William "Orem"), her beloved niece, Deborah Jenkins, and beloved nephews, Michael Graves and James Francis Morgan.

Shirley lived for her family. In her teenage years, she lovingly cared for her sister, Christine, and met her every need. She loved to cook and held frequent cookouts with her closest family and friends. Shirley shared her passion for wrestling with her late sister, Ann, and together they cheered on their favorite wrestlers. She also took many trips with her sister, Cathy, and brother-in-law, Charles. They shared many memories and lots of laughs together.

Shirley worked most of her life and was no stranger to hard work. Those little hands of hers worked non-stop; they did everything, including working on a farm, waitressing, babysitting her grandchild, and shucking clams at Capt. Sam Bailey's Shuckhouse. Shirley also worked at St Mary's Nursing Center for 10 years prior to her official retirement.

Many times, you could find Shirley in her kitchen either talking on the phone to one

of her sisters, playing pitch, picking crabs, or making up a batch of crabcakes to share with others. Shirley had a heart of gold and would literally give you the shirt off her back. She was dedicated to her friends and family and would quickly jump into defense mode like no other.

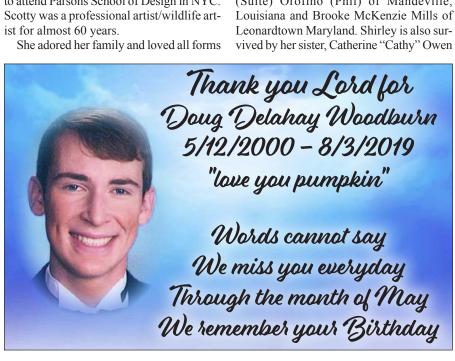
The family extends their sincere thanks to Hospice of the Chesapeake as well as her sister, Cathy, and brother-in-law, Charles, who graciously opened their home to Shirley and cared for her in her final days.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father Kevin Fields officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Wayne Oliver, Gary Oliver, Craig Oliver, Shawn Marlow, Brandon Marlow, and Mike Lacey. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dusty Ridgell, Dustin Ridgell, and Joseph Friess.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to A Community that Shares (ACTS), P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618, and/or the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.





In Remembrance

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Paulette Burroughs, 80



Paulette Dale Burroughs, 80, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away peacefully at her home on May 21, 2024.

Born on February 22, 1944 in Rocky Mount, NC, she

was the daughter of the late George Dennis Batts, Sr. and the late Pauline Dale Smith.

Paulette grew up in a Navy family and as a child traveled all over the country. Their travels eventually brought them to St. Mary's County where she planted her roots. She graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1962. While there, she met her future husband, Eugene Wallace Burroughs, Sr. and they were married on November 21, 1964.

Paulette was a beautiful, smart, funny, creative and extremely talented woman. She loved her family and friends. She especially loved her grandchildren who she played with the heart and enthusiasm of a child herself. She loved to dance and was an excellent dancer. She was a hard and dedicated worker, at home and at the many jobs she had over the years. She was full of energy and unafraid to tackle any project, and spent many late hours perfecting them.

Paulette was probably best known for her artistic talent. There was nothing she could not do and do it to perfection. Some of her many talents included oil painting, quilting, and sewing, but she created so many other amazing things as well. We were all proud of the grand champion ribbons she won at the St. Mary's County Fair for her quilting and sewing skills.

Paulette was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church where she performed many duties over the years including communion preparer and Sunday school and VBS teacher. She headed the food pantry for many years and volunteered with the fall yard sales, community blood drives at the church and Christmas in April. She also worked in the kitchen to help prepare meals after funerals. Putting her artistic talents to use for the church she crocheted the alter cover, led the craft group that made crafts for the Christmas bazaar and made hundreds of prayer shawls given to those in need.

Paulette is survived by her husband. Eugene Wallace Burroughs, Sr., her son, Eugene Wallace Burroughs, Jr. (Rhonda) of California, MD and her daughter Vicki Gay O'Reilly (Sean) of Mechanicsville, MD. Also surviving her are her brother Phil Batts (Janice) of Mechanicsville, MD, her sister Kathy Snipes (Steve) of Rocky Mount, NC, her sister Debra Winstead (Charles) of Rocky Mount, NC and her brother Joe Batts (Tereca) of Clayton, NC. Also surviving her are her grandchildren; Brittany Zalesak (Gregory), Evan O'Reilly, Ian Burroughs and Tessa O'Reilly and her great grandson, Charles Zalesak. She was preceded in death by her father, mother and brother, Dennis Batts, Jr.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner

Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Mechanicsville, MD, with Rev. Darryl Kemp officiating. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and/or Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Bootsie Norris, 77



Bootsie Norris, 77, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully in Fairmont, West Virginia on May 19th, 2024. He was

born on May 31st, 1946, to Evelyn Wood and Louis Norris in Dameron, Maryland. Bootsie is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Thomas (Sonny) Norris, Marion Ann Foote, and Cathy Foote. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Norris, and his brother. Allan Norris (Mary).

In 1969, he married Anita Robrecht at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, Maryland. Together, they had three children; James (Jamie) Louis Norris Jr (Renee), Kim Gray (Mancil), and Kristen Turner (Chris). He had eight grandchildren; Lauren Norris (Billy), Abi Norris, Parker Norris, Mancil Gray, Brooklyn Gray, Skylar Turner, Chase Turner, and Mackenzie Turner, along with two great-grandchildren; River and Isla Gaines.

Bootsie was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County before moving to Clinton, Maryland, and later settling in Fairmont, West Virginia. Bootsie attended St. Michael's Catholic Elementary and High School, where he laid the foundation for a life rooted in community and service.

Serving his country, Bootsie spent two years in the Army as a cook at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Here, he honed his culinary skills, particularly his talent for cooking for large groups. After his service, he pursued a career as an electrician, starting with the Architect of the Capitol. His career took him to Patuxent River, where he became head of Emergency Services at Public Works until its restructuring. He then worked at the Manned Flight Simulator before retiring. Not one to stay idle, Bootsie later continued his career at J.E. Richards Electric and then as the electrical lead for The Gaylord at National Harbor until his second retirement.

Bootsie's contributions to his community were numerous. He was a proud member of the American Legion Post 255 in Ridge, where he continued to serve and support his fellow veterans and community members. He had a passion for coaching, as he guided his son's Little League and Elementary School basketball teams, instilling sportsmanship and teamwork. He also enjoyed coaching the Legion's women's softball team and playing on the Legion's men's

softball team. He organized large-scale men's and women's softball tournaments in the county, drawing teams from across Maryland and beyond. He was inducted into the St. Mary's County Softball Hall of Fame for his exceptional playing and coaching.

Known for his culinary skills, Bootsie was especially famous for the Legion's fried chicken and his delicious stuffed ham. He often catered weddings and other events, bringing joy and delicious food to many. Because of his culinary skills, he was asked to open and operate the Olde Ridge Inn Restaurant and Bar, further cementing his place in the community. It was there where he experienced one of his proudest moments, the naming of the softball field after his father, "The Louis Norris Memorial Ballpark." While owning the Olde Ridge Inn, he sponsored spectacular fireworks displays, creating lasting memories for the community.

Bootsie was always ready to lend a hand, particularly with home improvement projects and electrical jobs. There was hardly a time when he said "no" to friends and family in need.

Later in life, Bootsie took up golfing and enjoyed spending time on the greens with his son and friends. He also enjoyed fishing with his son Jamie, his grandchildren, his nephew Bo, and his great-nephews. He loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events, always cheering them on with pride. He leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication that will be cherished by all who knew him.

A celebration of Bootsie's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Legion Post 255 or St. Michael's School (PO Box 259 Ridge, MD). Bootsie Norris will be dearly missed but never forgotten, as his spirit lives on in the hearts of those he touched.

Norma Fjeldheim, 87



Norma Jean Fjeldheim, 87 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 19, 2024 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital with her beloved son at her side.

She was born on April 19, 1937 in Chicago, IL to the late Norman Russell Fjeldheim and Linea Ann Strom

Norma grew up in Kodiak Island, Alaska with her parents and sister. She travelled extensively across the United States, living in Wisconsin, Illinois, Washington, South Carolina, and Alabama. Her hobbies included halibut fishing, photography, flower gardening, and training dogs.

She is survived by her son, Russell D. Fjeldheim of Leonardtown, Md, her grandchildren: Vicki Flower, and Nicholas Beenethum, and many great and great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Lee Fjeldheim, sister, Nancy Lee "Penny" Carter; granddaughter, Annette Beenethum; and grandson, Raymond Norman Fjeldheim.

All services will be private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Shirley Alvey, 93



Shirley Viola (Bailey) Alvey, "MeMa," 93, of Hollywood, MD, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital surrounded by her loving family on May 24, 2024. She was born in Washington,

D.C. to the late John Lewis Bailey and the late Marion Rae Maddox on March 31, 1931. She married the love of her life, George Ray Alvey, Sr. (Ray), on April 11, 1953, and had 48 wonderful years of marriage. Together she and Ray raised nine children.

In addition to her parents, Shirley is predeceased by her two brothers, William (Billy) and John (Jr) Bailey, her sister, Patricia (Patsy) Spalding, her loving husband, Ray Alvey, her son, George Alvey, Jr., and her granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Price.

Shirley is survived by eight of her children: Sharon Cullison ("Junior") of St. Inigoes, MD, Bonnie Alvey of Leonardtown, MD, Linda Bourgeois (Mark) of Great Mills. MD, Sandy Hayden (Marty) of Hollywood, MD, Joseph Alvey (Brenda) of Hollywood, MD, Shirl Hagen (Jeff) of Hollywood, MD, Annette Hancock (Calvin) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Karen Johnson (Mike) of Hollywood, MD, 12 grandchildren; Christie Agamaite (Jason), Raymond Alvey (Tina), Trudy Latham (James), Mark Bourgeois, Jr., Jason Hayden ("Missy"), Branden Alvey (Catherine), Brian Alvey (Stephanie), Calvin Hancock (Stacey), Katherine Trueblood ("Jeff"), Allison Mashburn ("Nick"), Gabriella Alvey, and Jeffery Hagen Jr, and 21 great-grandchildren; Julian Alvey, Haley Alvey, Kyleigh Agamaite, Ethan Agamaite, Mitchell Agamaite, Chase Latham, Travis Latham, Adriana Bourgeois, Elaina Bourgeois, Bianca Bourgeois, Madeline Havden, Kimberley Havden, William Havden, Alexander Alvey, Lillyana Alvey, Cassandra Alvey, Quincy Alvey, Lilly Hancock, Zoey Hancock, Jett Trueblood, and Sophie Trueblood.

A lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, Shirley was a homemaker and raised her nine children with great pride. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren dearly and was very proud of their life accomplishments. She would reminisce about all the great memories she made with her family. She loved to go to her favorite restaurant, The Melting Pot, then get hot Krispy Kreme Donuts for dessert. She enjoyed playing Words with Friends and helping her grandson, Jeffery, hide his forbidden snack evidence.

Our fondest memory is taking Mom on a trip to PA to go shopping. We were standing in the lobby of the Hilton, Mom with her clothes in a Walmart bag, only to find out we were in the wrong hotel. The reservations were in the little hotel behind the Hilton. We returned to the car and laughed until we cried.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 3, 2024, from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner

AN UNFAIR HAND

By Ronald N. Guy Contributing Writer

Caitlin Clark played her last game for the University of Iowa on April 5, 2024. Ten days later, she was drafted first overall in the NBA draft by the Indiana Fever. On May 14th, she played her first WNBA game.

Hold that thought.

Between all of this, and in the few weeks that have followed, all fire and brimstone from the biblical place down below has broken loose. The figurative first punch to Clark's nose came from WNBA legend Diana Taurasi, who spitefully predicted that Clark was about to get served a helping of humble pie from the WNBA's elite talent. Angel Reese, a college rival of Clark and never one to bite her tongue, has trolled Clark on social media – the sport within the sport.

It's easy to shout down Taurasi and Reese and scoff at the shallow mistreatment of Clark, a magic bean whose skills and broad appeal offer the WNBA an unprecedented chance to grow women's basketball to unforeseen - perhaps even unimaginable, for some - levels. Taurasi's prediction wreaks of an aging star who is unwilling to yield the stage to Clark. For Reese, jealousy is the apparent psychological quirk she can't quite suppress, not that she's inclined to do so.

Hang on, I need a sip of this truth serum. Mmm...delicious. So here it is: I love Taurasi's and Reese's reactions to Clark mania. I love the pettiness, the competitiveness, the disregard for hurt feelings or public chastising. This is professional basketball - competition at the highest level. The chummy nature of the modern NBA - and the NFL and MLB while I'm at it – is irritating. Defeats are often casually accepted. There are too many bro-hugs immediately after tough games for my liking. I yearn for the old rivals from years ago – Lakers v. Celtics, Bulls v. Bad Boy Pistons, 'Skins v. Cowboys. Professionalism and mutual respect can co-exist with genuine disdain for an opponent. Animosity also makes for better theater. It gives fans an option to identify their good and their evil and watch those forces collide on the field, the court, the diamond or the ice

Tip of the cap to Taurasi and Reese.

Back to that thought I asked to you hold. Do you see an issue with Clark's transition to the WNBA? Imagine your college season ending, getting drafted and playing your first game with a new team, in a new city, with a professional organization in 40 days. Teammates are strangers. The competition has been turned up several notches. Nothing is familiar. The pressure is palatable. Good luck.

Does this seem sane? WNBA players have been doing this for years. Is any men's sport like this? None of the majors are. NFL draftees report to minicamp in May, then training camp in July. Several pre-season games follow. Their first real games occur five months after being drafted. MLB and NHL draftees typically spend years in the minors. The NBA draft happens in June, select draftees participate in the summer league and the season doesn't start until November. These are rational approaches for young players to adapt to the biggest athletic, professional and perhaps psychological challenge of their lives. Clark, Reese and darn near every other WNBA player, get about a month to go from college student to pro.

I get it to a certain extent. The sports calendar is full; to maximize eyes on television screens and butts in seats -i.e. revenue - seasons are strategically scheduled. If player wellness was part of the equation, the suggestion of starting a season a month after the college season ends would get laughed out of the C-suite conference room. But it's routine for the WNBA. So, it's no wonder Clark's WNBA transition has been choppy. She'll be fine. Reese will be fine. Not all women have been or will be, though. So how about we give them all a break - for choppy play, for early struggles, for moments of pride or jealousy – even if they don't go easy on each other. The reality is they've been dealt an unfair hand, which is, unfortunately, nothing new for female athletes.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

The Tackle Box **Fishing Report**

By Ken Lamb Contributing Writer

The stripers are hitting trolled and cast lures from boats and shoreline.

The mouth of the Patuxent has been very good at dusk and dawn for top water lures, swimming plugs, and jigs. There are reports around Cedar Point, Fishing Point, and Goose Creek for rockfish and some hefty bluefish.

Trollers and jiggers are catching slot stripers in the Potomac all around St. George Island.

Slot redfish are in the Potomac and Patuxent. I caught my first puppy drum of the year on Thursday in a tidal creek in the Patuxent, and missed a keeper at the boat (the big one always gets away).

Spot are here in numbers; early for this time of year. A boater ventured out of St. Jerome's Creek into the bay about a quarter mile and hauled in about 30 good sized spot in less than an hour using double hook bottom rigs and bloodworms.

Perch are active, but are playing hide and seek with the rays that have invaded the shallow waters looking for a meal. The rays will move off into deeper water by mid June and our perch should return to normal.

Crabs are in the creeks and rivers for chicken neckers.



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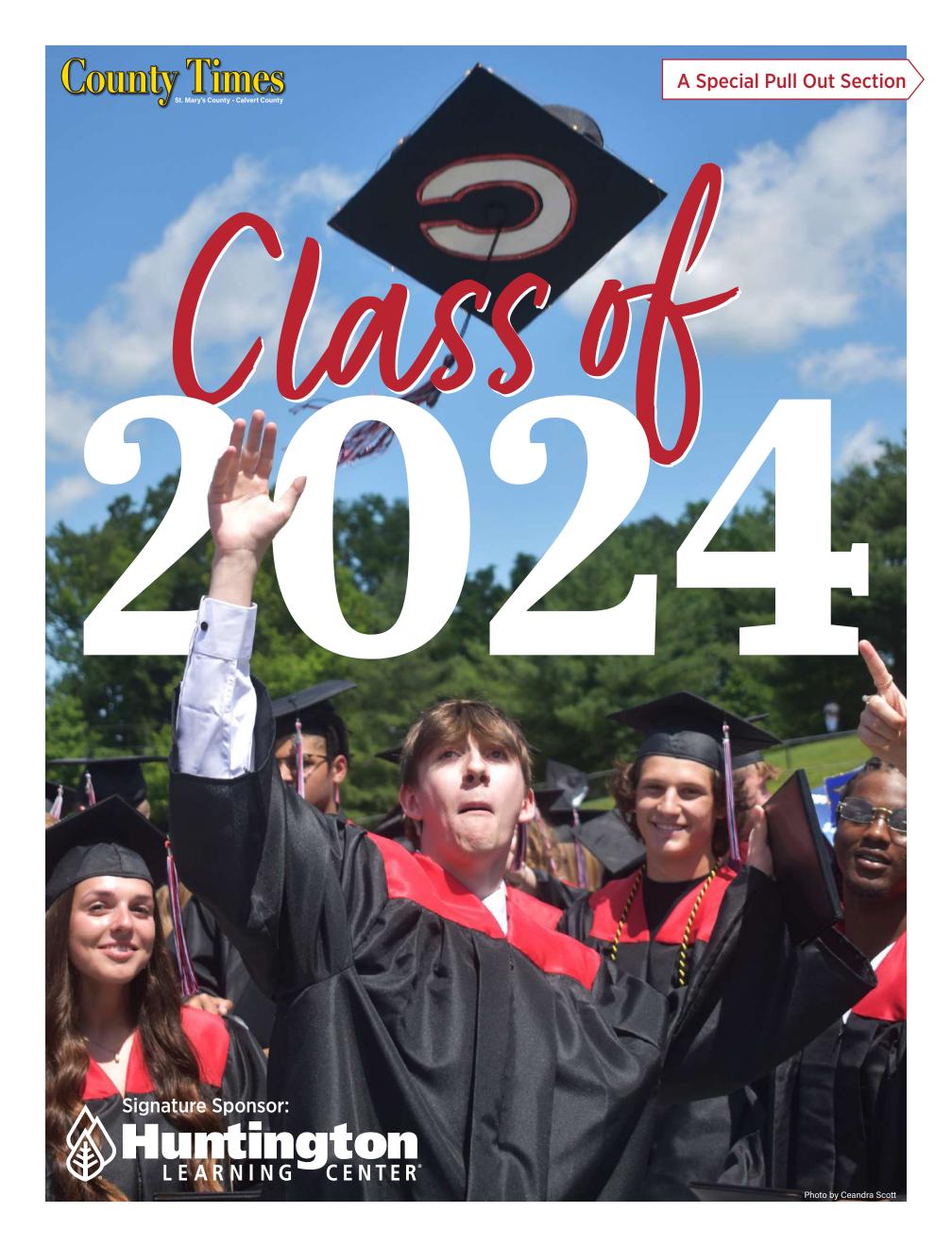
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St. Clement's Island Heritage Day Offers Free Family Fun



St. Clement's Island Heritage Day, a family-friendly event set to occur on June 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Clement's Island Museum and St. Clements Island State Park, encourages the public to visit and become acquainted with the island's past through activities relating to its history, culture, heritage and ecology.

Come celebrate the history and heritage of St. Clement's Island with a variety of fun and free activities, to include crafts, games, lighthouse tours, traditional music, and much more! The St. Clement's Island Museum will be open, offering free admission and free water taxi rides to the island for visitors throughout the day. Some additional event activities and exhibitors include:

- Music by local guitarist, Joe Norris, from 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
- Sack races, a favorite past time for guests visiting the McWilliams' hotel.
 Other games such as bubbles, a bean bag toss and ring toss will also be available. Enjoy the stilt demonstration or make a thaumatrope, a popular in the 19th century toy.
- St. Mary's County Library will offer genealogical resource information to help you get started with your family history.
- Decoy carving demonstrations with

- renowned Chesapeake Bay area carver Tom Deagle.
- Have your portrait of yourself or your family to remember the day. Images are \$5 per image and will be emailed to you. Money collected will help support the Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums. The photo is free with a Friends membership.
- Learn navigation techniques used by sailors before GPS with the Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron.
- An interpreter portraying Dr. Thomas Gerard, the first owner of St. Clement's Island, will offer insight into colonial living and using "pieces of eight" as a form of currency.
- The Friends of Newtowne Manor House will share the fascinating history of the Newtowne Manor House, an 18th century structure located in Compton, Maryland.
- Hands-on kids' activities from Historic St. Mary's City about Maryland's First Capital.

For more information on this and other events happening at St. Clement's Island Museum, please visit and follow: Facebook. com/SCIMuseum.

Annual Men's Health Day Saturday

St. Mary's County Government's Department of Aging & Human Services invites the community to join in celebrating Men's Health Month this June! Their annual Men's Health Day event will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center, located at 23630 Hayden Farm Lane in Leonardtown. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. This year's presentations include:

- Promoting Prostate Health
 Presented by: Hillary McDonald,
 PA-C, Chesapeake Urology Associates
 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- Planning Ahead: Advance Health Care Directives, Hospice Services, and more!

Presented by: Rachael Okun, LCSW-C, Hospice of St. Mary's County 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Along with the guest speakers, Men's Health Day will feature informational displays, health screenings, and lunch provided by Mission BBQ.

This event is free and open to the public; however, pre-registration for this event is strongly encouraged. To register, please visit: stmaryscountymd.gov/menshealth.

For more information, contact the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager, Sarah Miller at (301) 475-4200, ext. 1073, or sarah.miller@stmaryscountymd.gov.



Next Generation Jammer Wins Top Improvement Award



The Next Generation Jammer Mid-Band (NGJ-MB) team recently won the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Edward H. Heinemann Award for implementing a critical design change to the NGJ-MB pod by removing the Aft Pivot Assembly (APA) from the pod design, saving millions of dollars and hundreds of hours in testing, and fielding the capability.

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Presented annually to the individual or group of individuals within NAVAIR who achieved or helped achieve significant improvement in the design or modification of an aircraft or an aircraft system, the Edward H. Heinemann Award honors the legendary Douglas Aircraft Company chief engineer/designer of many naval aircraft. This award is sponsored by the Association of Naval Aviation.

Part of the Airborne Electronic Attack Systems Program Office (PMA-234), the NGJ-MB team is responsible for fielding a jamming capability to meet current and emerging electronic warfare threats and ultimately replace the legacy ALQ-99 Tactical Jamming System (TJS) currently used on the EA-18G Growler aircraft.

The APA was originally designed as a mechanism to aid in pod longitudinal rotation during a jettison from the EA-18G Growler, particularly at high speeds. During flight testing, engineers discovered that loads were being transferred from the EA-18G pylon to the APA, resulting in the possibility of exceeding the maximum load capacity of the APA.

This solution was an incredible collaboration between the program office, Naval Warfare Centers, the test community, big Navy, and industry," said Capt. David Rueter, PMA-234 program manager. "Faced with several cost-prohibitive options to resolve the issue, the team found an innovative solution to remove the APA in its entirety, while still providing a suitable jettison envelope to the fleet that matches the legacy ALQ-99."

To ensure testing timelines were met, the team conducted a robust cost-benefit analysis, directly involving the fleet warfighter on what would be acceptable. The first step

in this process was to ascertain if a reduced jettison envelope would be beneficial. Since the EA-18G Growler would also be carrying the ALQ-99 TJS pods in conjunction with NGJ-MB for the foreseeable future, this became the starting point. In concert, engineers sought to determine what matching the reduced ALQ-99 jettison envelope would do to the NGJ-MB jettison characteristics while engaging the fleet on the suitability of what that envelope would be.

Within weeks, a decision was reached, with supporting evidence showing that the NGJ-MB jettison characteristics were allowable at ALQ-99 airspeeds while gaining concurrence from the fleet. Further, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) engineers determined that this jettison envelope could be achieved without conducting any jettison testing and by using computational fluid dynamics analysis only. Since the program originally planned on conducting a jettison program over the course of six months using four jettison NGJ-MB pods, the cost savings of nearly \$3 million was remarkable. Additionally, this freed up the jettison pods to be used elsewhere in the program in aeromechanical testing and fleet training, saving even more time and money.

"The new design proved to be extremely effective, with no impact on pod performance, and all initial load concern issues were eliminated," said Capt. Jared Goul, NGJ-MB deputy program manager. "While this problem and solution may seem small in comparison to much larger projects, it stands as a testament to the highest level of performance from a cross-functional government and contractor team. The speed of analysis and execution was unmatched and sets the standard for what NAVAIR and NAWCAD strive to accomplish.'

"This award recognizes our highly talented, joint cooperative U.S. and Australian team, and highlights the diversity of agencies supporting the development of these critical capabilities for the warfighter," said Rueter.

PMA-234 and the Royal Australian Air Force share a joint cooperative partnership on NGJ-MB and capability development.

Time to Register for Summer Camps & School Age Care

St. Mary's County Government's Department of Recreation & Parks announced the opening of registration for Summer Fun Camps and School Age Care programs for the 2024-25 school year.

St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks offers a variety of summer camps for children, ranging from age 4 through rising 10th graders.

Summer Fun Day Camps begin the week of June 24th and will run for one-week sessions through August 9, 2024, from 7 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Summer Fun Camps are located at the Carver, Hollywood, and Margaret Brent Recreation Centers.

Sports Camps are available for ages 6-18 throughout the summer. These one-week (4 day) sessions will be held at various locations throughout St. Mary's County. Camps include archery, baseball, basketball, soccer, gymnastics, cheer, swim, tennis, pickleball, karate, and softball.

This summer, Recreation & Parks has partnered with St. Mary's County Public Schools to also provide Sports Academies at the county's three high schools. Sports Academies are open to rising 3rd - 9th

graders (2024-25 school year) and instruction is provided by high school coaches.

Registration is also now open for School Age Care programs for the 2024-25 school year. Openings remain at Lettie Dent Elementary and Leonardtown Elementary. Limited openings remain at Chesapeake Public Charter School, Duke Elementary, and Evergreen Elementary.

Please note: the School Age Care program at Hollywood Recreation Center (Hollywood Elementary) is scheduled to re-open for the 2024-25 school year; however, the program has not yet received sufficient registrations. Families are encouraged to register prior to June 24, 2024. A final determination whether the site will re-open will be made by July 1, 2024.

Register online for camps and school age care at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/ recreate or in- person at the Recreation & Parks main office, located in the Patuxent Building at the Governmental Center, at 23150 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown. If you have additional questions, please call (301) 475-4200 ext. 1800.

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On Monday, May 27 while conducting proactive traffic enforcement on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, MD, Deputy Joseph Senatore observed a Ford Expedition with the exhaust system dangling beneath it and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver tried to evade the traffic stop by turning into a neighborhood and driving at a high rate of speed until ultimately stopping in a residential driveway.

Upon contacting the occupants of the vehicle, Deputy Senatore observed suspected CDS paraphernalia in plain view inside the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle uncovered additional suspected paraphernalia, suspected cocaine residue, and crack cocaine.

The driver of the vehicle, identified as Karim Martinez Bouarfa, 27, of Lexington Park, was arrested and transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with three counts of CDS: Possession - Not Cannabis and three counts of CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and is awaiting a bond hearing.



Karim Martinez Bouarfa

Letters the Editor

'Education, experience, and maturity'

I appreciate all the support I received and I want to thank those people who voted for me in the recent school board primary election for the at-large seat. It was a remarkably interesting experience.

Now, I want to encourage those who voted for me to vote in November for Brandie Edelen. She offers a combination of education, experience, and maturity that makes her most qualified. Her education includes graduate college degrees in psychology and human services. Her relevant experience includes that of a special education teacher and an adjunct college professor. She has an extensive background in community service. Also she has a successful small business she started in the recent years. More so, Brandie has the maturity gained as a mother of six children in the St. Mary's public schools. With this blend of a

teacher and a parent of school children she understands the feelings of students, teachers, and parents. As her recent endeavor as a business owner this also gives her an added bonus with the knowledge of budgeting.

The role of the board of education is so important. It is to determine and adopt educational policies, rules, and regulations, and establish curriculum guides and courses of study. Policymaking is understanding the relationship with decision-making. Brandie is not at a disadvantage in collaborating with the other members of the school board and the superintendent of schools. She will not be a "junior varsity" member.

I most strongly endorse Brandie Edelen.

Thank You Angela Wathen

Theft Suspects Sought





The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office seeks assistance identifying and locating the individuals shown in these pictures in connection with a suspected theft from a local business.

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Tipsters can also call Crime Solvers 24/7 at 301-475-3333 or send a text to Crime Solvers at 274637. Type "Tip239" in the message block and select SEND. After you get a response, continue your conversation.

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Legal Notices

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Resolution No. 2-24 request for Annexation of three parcels of real property owned by Cedar Lane Senior Living Community III, Inc., as follows: 1) Tax Map 40, Grid 6, Parcel 71, Tax Identification No. 03-036065, consisting of 25,894± square feet of land; 2) Tax Map 41, Grid 1, Parcel 220, Tax Identification No. 03-017044, consisting of 3.9100± acres of land; and 3) Tax Map 40, Grid 6, Parcel 133, Tax Identification No. 03-040186, consisting of 1.3400± acres of land, which properties are contiguous and adjacent to the corporate boundaries of the Town of Leonardtown.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 3:00 p.m. on June 10, 2024 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Resolution No. 3-24 request for Annexation of a parcel of real property consisting of 19.51± acres of land shown on Tax Map 41, Grid 1, Parcel 195, Tax Identification No. 03-016781, and owned by Alfred S. Mattingly and Joan C. Mattingly, which property is contiguous and adjacent to the corporate boundaries of the Town

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 3:00 p.m. on June 10, 2024 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

Enhanced Work Zone Safety Laws Take Effect June 1

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration is reminding motorists that changes to state law governing the use of automated speed enforcement in work zones take effect June 1, with additional changes effective January 1, 2025.

Designed to help protect highway workers as well as motorists and their passengers, the new law allows speed cameras to be placed in more work zones across the state. In some larger work zones more than one camera may be deployed.

The law also increases fines for violations detected by work zone speed cameras. Currently, Maryland's fine is \$40. Beginning June 1, 2024, the fine will increase to \$80.

In January, Maryland's work zone speed violation fines will convert to a tiered system (see chart) based on how fast the vehicle is traveling above the speed limit. Also, all fines will double when workers are present. Motorists should be aware speed limits are reduced in many work zones and are clearly posted.

Additional changes to current law effective January 1 include updates to work zone signage and lighting requirements to help designate the work zone and identify when workers are present. Cameras will be equipped with flashing blue lights to alert motorists.

The new rules are part of the Maryland Road Worker Protection Act, approved by the General Assembly during the 2024 session and signed into law by Governor Wes Moore on April 9.

The package was among recommendations from the Maryland Work Zone Safety Work Group formed by Governor Moore after the March 2023 work zone crash on the Baltimore Beltway that claimed the

lives of six highway workers. The work group was chaired by Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and included members from the Maryland Department of Transportation, industry and labor organizations, safety advocacy groups, law enforcement agencies and citizens.

The intent of the SafeZones program is to have all motorists travel at safe speeds; however, after the state recovers operating costs, any remaining citation funds from the enhanced work zone speed camera program will enable the state to expand purchase of safety equipment, explore new and innovative methods and technologies to improve work zones safety, and fund safety improvements on roadways.

Between 2018 and 2022, there were 7,193 work zone crashes in Maryland, or roughly 1,500 each year. Forty-four people were killed in those crashes and 2,769 were injured. Many of the victims are highway workers, but others are drivers and their passengers. In 2023, 12 people died in work zone crashes, and thus far in 2024 another eight have died – the 2023-24 total includes 14 workers and six drivers and passengers.

Maryland's highway professionals work in the midst traffic – often high-speed traffic - to improve the state's transportation network and enhance mobility for all users. The State Highway Administration and its partners at the Motor Vehicle Administration's Maryland Highway Safety Office remind everyone to practice safe driving behaviors at all times, and especially in work zones. Remember to slow down, avoid distractions, never drive impaired, always wear seat belts, and move over in work zones when possible. It's the law.

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St. Mary's Schools Get **No Increase in State Funding**

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The state has allocated approximately \$7.8 billion, an increase of about four percent, according to local school system reports, for all school system across the Maryland.

But St. Mary's County gets no increase this year, said Tammy McCourt, assistant superintendent for Fiscal Services and Human Resources at the May 22 school board meeting.

"An increase of four percent is what is being funded to support the Blueprint [for Education]," McCourt told board members. "For St. Mary's County it's an increase of zero percent.'

The state has allocated \$144 million to support local schools, the same as the previous budget year.

The school board was receiving a briefing from McCourt before voting to finalize its fiscal 2025 operating budget, which had increases funded in large part by the county government through an increase in the local income tax to its maximum rate of 3.2 percent by county commissioners.

The Blueprint allocates funding by so-called wealth equalization, McCourt said, for example, Alleghany County received a 21 percent increase but Calvert County, which is considered to be far wealthier had its allocation reduced by 20 percent.

The state's new allocation formula also takes into consideration the cost per student in each system but does not account for inflationary increases or "the natural cost of doing business," McCourt said.

According to McCourt's report the county is near the bottom of all 24 jurisdictions for per-pupil funding at \$17,056.

Only Carroll, Cecil and Queen Anne's counties have lower per-pupil expenditures.



Schools CFO Tammy McCourt

By comparison Baltimore City's per-pupil allocation is the highest in the state at \$22,751; it is also among the poorest performing school districts in Maryland.

"We stretch every dollar in St. Mary's County," McCourt said.

The biggest increase from the school system came from the county commissioners with an additional \$7 million to help fund increased teacher salaries and money for bus drivers and transportation needs.

The fiscal 2025 budget increased to \$134.4 million from \$127.4 million from fiscal 2024 regarding the local amount.

With the current funding plan, McCourt said, the school system is still behind by about 54 full-time employees but that is significantly better than the 100 or so vacancies the school system was anticipating had it not received more money from the county.

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Testing of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Sirens on June 3

There will be a full-cycle test of the alert dents should tune in to one of the local radio and notification sirens throughout St. Mary's, Calvert, and Dorchester counties on Monday, June 3, 2024, at noon.

This includes a three-minute activation of all sirens within the 10-mile area around Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. All citizens should be aware of this scheduled testing and relay this information to friends, family, and neighbors.

The testing is conducted to check siren operation and increase public awareness of the alert and notification siren system. If the sirens sound at any other time, resistations for information and instructions.

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Leonardtown Softball, Baseball Teams Take State Championships

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Last week student athletes at Leonardtown High School took the state championships in both girls' softball and boys' baseball; in the first case it was the first time the school had ever taken the state title in softball in its history and in the second case the first state title in baseball in almost 40 years.

Coaches of both teams said their players worked hard all season to achieve the top ranking in their sports and showed strong teamwork both on and off the field.

"It was a huge deal," said Kim Schrader, softball coach at Leonardtown High School. "It was the first time in the school's history we won the state championship for softball."

The team shut out their opponents from Eleanor Roosevelt High School 14-0.

Schrader praised all of her players noting that Claire Radford hit her 200th strikeout of the season during the championship game.

The secret of their success was no secret, Schrader said.

"They just played hard," the coach said. "They are all great, they don't give up."

Softball has seven innings but the Raiders had shown they could go the distance beyond that on several occasions.

In a prior game against Crofton High School, the Raiders had prevailed in a game that went 12 innings, with a 3-to-2 score.

In their semifinal game that led to their championship berth, the Raiders went up against Walter Johnson High School and went to the eighth inning against them.

In that game Lindsay Hunter hit a threerun homerun to tie the game up at the end of the seventh inning.

Players would go on to score another six runs to finish out the game 12-to-6.

During the May 25 championship game, player Vanessa Brooks hit a solo homerun, Schrader told The County Times, at the beginning of the game.

"That really set the tone for the rest of the game," Schrader said.

In the third inning, Schrader said, freshman Ashley Watson scored a two-hit homerun, to start off an eight-run streak in that same inning.

"There were a lot of obstacles this sea-

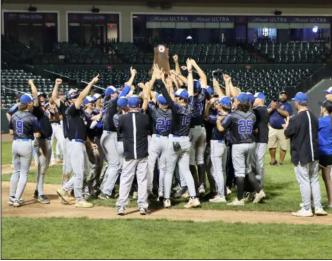


Photo by Kenneth Taitano

son," Schrader said. "I would never have put money on us being here."

The team only had a 10-person roster for most of the season, Schrader said, though it usually has 13 to 14 players.

"I'm so proud of them," Schrader said. "They proved to the rest of the world and to themselves that they could do it."

Schrader said this team was special.

"They're very tight-knit," their coach said. "And it showed on the field."

The Leonardtown baseball team's coach, Austin Guy, said he had confidence that his team, which he also said were a group of tight-knit hard workers, could make it all the way to take the championship and win this year.

All this despite the fact that the last time Leonardtown baseball won a state championship was 1987.

"I knew our guys had it in them," Guy said, noting that prior to the championship game his players viewed video recordings of their Walt Whitman High School opponents on the field to scout them out.

"The attitude our kids had leaving that room... it wasn't cockiness," Guy said. "We had enough talent to do this but, it was their attitude, too."

This was only Guy's second year coaching the Raiders baseball team, he said, but he was impressed with this team's tenacity and work ethic.



Photo courtesy of Kim Schrader

"These kids do everything together," Guy said. "They love working hard and their love of baseball is a big part of that."

Guy said the Raiders played "gritty" baseball which meant "refusing to strike out at the plate" and "putting their body on the line in the field."

"They're always trying to make things happen," Guy said.

Their opponent was a strong one but the Raiders shut out their opponent, with a 2-to-0 victory.

"They definitely were impressive on

paper with their stats and with the college commitments they had," Guy said.

The Raider coach said many fans in the community had come to support the local team

"The crowd was absolutely electric," Guy said. "That definitely played a role in our victory."

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MetCom to Sample for Lead in Water Lines

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The county's water and sewer utility will soon begin to search for lead in the service lines leading from water meters to homes, said the Metropolitan Commission's (MetCom) executive director George Erichsen last week, to fulfill a mandate from the federal government extant since 1991.

The use of lead pipes was banned in Maryland in 1972, Erichsen told Commissioners of St. Mary's County last week at a joint meeting with MetCom, but it was widely used in home construction leading up to the ban.

There is no lead in any of the wells from which MetCom draws water, nor is there any in the utility's distribution lines, Erichsen said.

The issue could lie, he said, in certain services lines from water meters to homes, he said.

"The legislation is trying to protect the public and reduce exposure to lead," Erichsen told commissioners at their May 21 meeting

The federal action line on lead in water is now 50 parts per billion, Erichsen said, but this autumn that will be reduced to just 10 parts per billion.

We're nowhere near any of that from the source," Erichsen said, noting that all of the utility's chemistry tests on their wells and lines read could not detect any lead

But, he said, many older homes could still be served by lead piping and MetCom would be able to replace those service lines, though not at the utility's expense.

MetCom was working to get grant monies to help defray replacement costs for economically disadvantaged homeowners, Erichsen said.

"There are a lot of older homes in our community," he said. "This is a large undertaking for a small utility."

MetCom would be investigating service lines for county owned properties it served as well as parochial schools and certain day care facilities, Erichsen said.

Starting June 1MetCom will be in Breton Bay, Birch Manor, Cedar Cove, Charlotte Hall, Country Lakes, Hearts Desire, Mulberry South, Persimmon Hills-Ben Oaks, rolling Acers, and Villages of Leonardtown until September 30th.

Staff will drop off bottles so the customers can collect samples. MetCom will not ask to come in the house for any reason to take a sample. Staff will have our ID badges for proof of identity.

Call MetCom at (301) 737-7400 for more information on the search for lead in water

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Delays Continue for County Ag Center

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

State bond bill documents from the 2023 legislature show that construction on the much-awaited Regional Agricultural Center (RAC) sited in Mechanicsville was to have begun in January of this year but the site upon which it is to be constructed has yet to be developed.

The RAC is designed primarily as a production and distribution facility for regional retail meat processing.

The RAC is to be centered around a full-service cut & wrap butcher operation capable of providing experienced retail meat cutting and labeling under U.S. Department of Agriculture standards of inspection, according to the project's prospectus.

It will also be able to add considerable value to other agricultural products through processes such as aging, fermentation, and

The facility is to be built on coun- guyleonard@countytimes.net

ty-owned land adjacent to Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School on New Market Turner Road.

Attempts to reach county public works staff for updates on the project's status were unsuccessful.

County land records show that the county government is currently pursuing a permit to provide a water and sewer connection to the property, currently listed as 37766 New Market Turner Road.

County land records also list the project as "in plan review."

The county competed and won against several other jurisdictions dating back to 2019 for a \$1 million grant from the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) a subsidiary of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, to begin the design work.

The total estimated cost of completing the project is about \$6.5 million.

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Redevelopment of Tulagi Place Begins



By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

A six-foot fence has been erected around the corner property at Great Mills Road and Route 235 known as Tulagi Place and an excavator with a jackhammer arm has apparently been used to break-up the sidewalk and other portions of the property that has stood for decades as one of the oldest portions of Lexington Park.

The latest work being done there shows that the days of the old building there, which once held Linda's Café, a realtor and thrift shop are numbered, to be swept aside to make way for a new Royal Farms convenience store and fueling station, the first of its kind in St. Mary's County.

The other side of the block holds the former Bay District Volunteer Fire Department.

County records with the Department of Land Use and Growth Management show that a permit to develop the site to its new form was issued by the county government in late April.

The project was approved just over two years ago by the county planning commission.

The approved convenience store is 5,154 square feet in size; the entire property is 1.75 acres in the Lexington Park Development District.

County planning documents show that the average daily trips of vehicles around the property are high; at the intersection of Route 235 and Great Mills Road there are 40,990 trips, while at Tulagi Place there were a little more than half that at 21,210 trips a day when shops were open.

At Great Mills Road and Coral Drive there are 17,480 trips a day.

The planning documents show that the project would add an additional 1,036 trips a day to the immediate area.

The positioning of the new store has been hotly debated as it sits across from Gate No. 2 of Patuxent River Naval Air Station, which already acts as one of the county's most congested traffic intersections.

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Park Hall Death Under Investigation

On Friday, May 24th at approximately 7:15 a.m., Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) responded to the 20000 block of Colby Drive in Park Hall, MD, for a report of a person not breathing. Upon arrival, deputies located a deceased male victim lying on the ground outside of the residence.

Detectives with the SMCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and a Forensic Investigator from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner responded to the scene where CID assumed the investigation. The initial investigation revealed no indications of foul play.

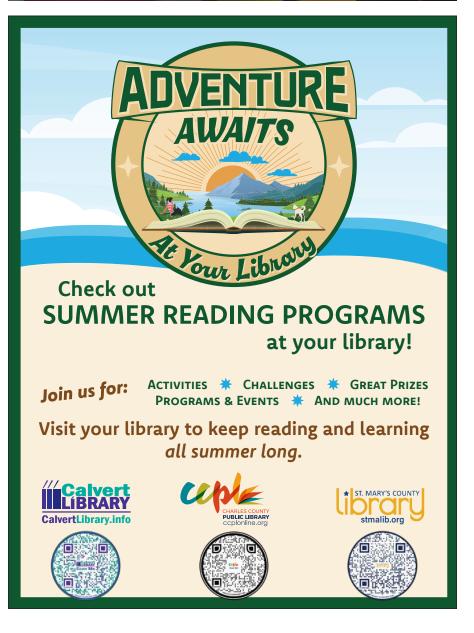
The victim has been identified as 18-yearold Evverson Tykinnley Baker of Park Hall.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Detective David Lawrence at 301-475-4200, ext. 8130, or David.Lawrence@stmaryscountymd.gov.



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Naval Academy to Stay Open

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The parent members of Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy were set to meet this week to finalize tuition rates for students for the coming school year; in short the school that has offered a unique private education in Leonardtown for more than 100 years is staying open, said Amie Milan, president of the school's board of trustees.

Though, Milan said, it won't be in its current location on the county government campus.

"We will not be in the same location," Milan told The County Times. "But the county is being flexible in our move out date."

Earlier this year the county voted to terminate the school's lease on the building it currently occupies, citing the high costs of making repairs to the aging structure and the steadily declining enrollment of the school to provide enough money to afford that maintenance.

The decision quickly led to a dramatic plea to the county government for help in finding a new site; Milan said the county has been working with the school to do just that.

It also led to an abrupt closure.

The challenge, Milan said, was finding a site, either county-owned or leased from the private sector, that would "maintain the core elements of what Leonard Hall is."

That means having enough space, out-door and indoors, to allow for the instruction of close order drill and parades.

These are some of the things that set the





school apart from others, Milan said.

"All the parents fell the same way," she said

The parents have four options in the private real estate market, she said, that they are currently appraising.

"We're evaluating what meets our goal without changing who we are," Milan said. "We're trying to keep our options open."

The school still suffers from low enrollment — they are only graduating one student from high school grades this year

— and they are focusing on bolstering it. "We have a lot of interest from families who had students here before the temporary closure," Milan said. "It will take some time to get back where we were.

"We had about 40 students before the closure."

The parents want to retain a relatively low number of students, though, she said, to maintain small class sizes.

"We absolutely want to remain small," Milan said, noting that the school has an

open house planned for June 8, just one day after the last day of classes for the year.

In that open house, prospective students will be taken through drills and shown what the day in the life of a student is like at Leonard Hall.

"Some people don't even know we're still open," Milan said.

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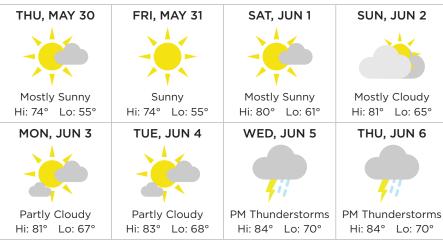




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