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Increase in Fire Service Assists Signals Larger Change

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A seemingly small change in the way fire departments are being asked to assist rescue squads is signaling a larger sea change in the nature of emergency medical services are provided in St. Mary's, said the county's chief emergency response official.

"We're transitioning to a career EMS system," said Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services. "They [volunteer rescue squad members] will never go away."

"Once they were the primary providers but that's not the way it is anymore; the majority of medical calls are being taken by paid personnel."

At the latest meeting of the county's Emergency Services Board — Oct. 12 — the members spoke briefly about the increase in calls from rescue squads to fire departments to assist emergency medical technicians on emergency calls.

Walker explained in a later interview that rescue squads, which now all employ paid personnel during daytime hours, may only send a few personnel for a sick call but may not be able to effectively physically transport the patient out of their home into the ambulance as one example.

This is one of the reasons why fire department personnel were being called out more frequently to rescue calls, Walker said.

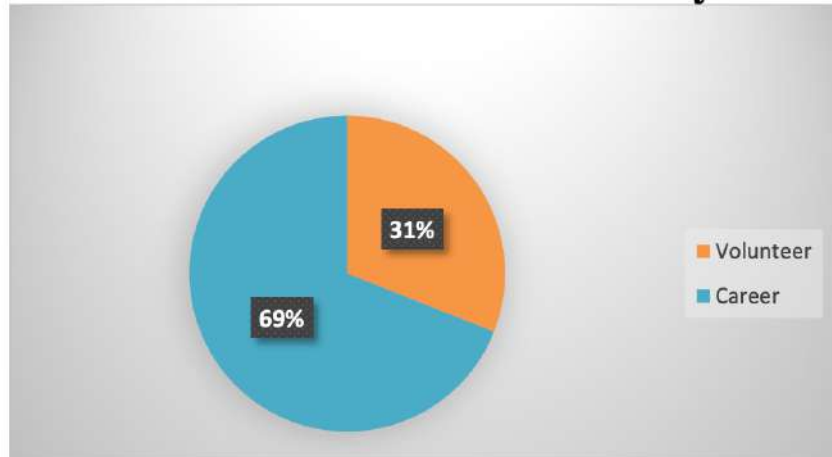
Just three years ago, before COVID-19, Walker said, it was easier for volunteers to muster the numbers on calls to avoid having to call for fire service assistance.

Walker was adamant that this change was not the "twilight" of the volunteer rescue squad service in St. Mary's, but the old days were likely never to make a return.

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The career EMS employees, some of whom had been local volunteers who were able to get paid for their work now, still needed the volunteer squad infrastructure, Walker said.

"We can't go out and buy 14 ambulances, so we use theirs," Walker said. "We need their squad buildings, our paid people can bunk there."

"Right now, it's an absolutely strong partnership; it's not the twilight of the volunteer EMS service."

Since the county instituted a paid ambulance and EMS service emergency medical calls have increased

more than 60 percent and some of the latest statistics from the county show that almost 70 percent of calls are now handled by career personnel.

The remaining 30 percent are handled by volunteers. For the Advanced Life Support Unit (ALS) the numbers are even more stark.

More than 80 percent of medical calls for the ALS unit are now being handled by career personnel; just 18 percent are being handled by volunteers, county data shows.

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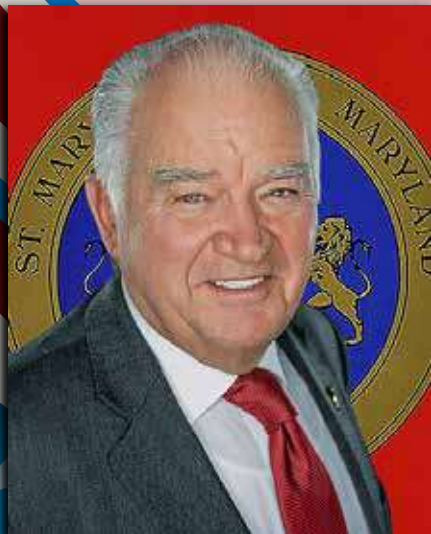
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Alleged Driver In Shooting Charged With Attempted Murder

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A North Beach resident who police say they believe was behind the wheel of a vehicle recently used in a drive-by shooting in Lexington Park is facing first-and-second-degree attempted murder charges.

Justin Tyler Chapman, 19, remains incarcerated in the St. Mary's County Adult Detention Center in Leonardtown.

The shooting Chapman is alleged to have taken part in occurred Oct. 7, court papers stated, on Suburban Drive off of Great Mills Road when masked assailants reportedly drove past a residence where Javeon Demetrius Washington, Jeshuan Marcel Proctor and Demetrius Deandre Young, were seated on the front porch and were fired upon.

The victims told responding Maryland State Troopers that the suspect vehicle was white and had distinctive damage to its front.

The owner of the residence told police there were three bullet holes in her home; troopers found several spent shell casings and catalogued them into evidence.

One of the passengers in the suspect vehicle, though, Washington told police, had their mask pulled up revealing their identity as Amir Rashad Rich.

Washington told troopers that he and Rich — who has not been charged in

connection with the shooting — had been "beefing" over social media for the past two years and that Rich had threatened Washington with violence.

According to Washington, Rich had tried to start a fight with him on the school bus as early as two days before the shooting, but Washington declined, according to police reports.

When Washington wouldn't provide his location through social media, according to police reports, Rich was able to find him anyway and told Washington he would come by and "spin up."

Rich contacted Washington after the shooting, police reports stated, and said he could have shot all three of the victims but only shot the house instead.

Police also said they captured a recording of Rich making a threat to shoot at the home of another of the victims on Forest Run Drive, court papers show.

Chapman was later identified as the owner, and according to a relative, sole driver of the 2016 Honda Civic alleged to have been used in the shooting.

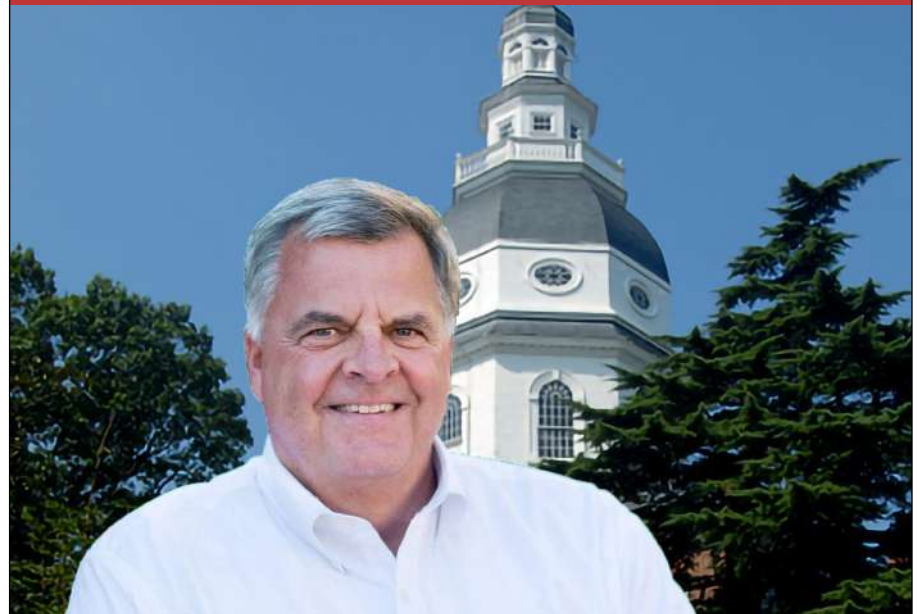
A search warrant of the vehicle turned up Chapman's wallet, police stated, and two 9mm spent cartridge casings.



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About the Author

RICHARD LORD is a Connecticut Yankee by birth and a Bostonian by the grace of God. Richard comes from old New England families such as Yale as in the University; Church as in Frederick Edwin, The Hudson River landscape artist; and Dickinson as in Emily, The American poet. However, Richard was not a product of privilege, working his way through college on scullion boats out of New Bedford Massachusetts.

Richard graduated in 1969 from Brigham Young University (BYU). Upon graduation, Richard's first professional job was as the Director of a Boys' Club of America in an African American community of Trenton, New Jersey. Richard was actively involved in civil rights and other societal movements of his generation.

Richard achieved the degree of Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the GYU, Marriott School of Business, Romney Institute of Public Service and Ethics. From that time on, Richard served in local, state, and federal government service, where in 2004 he retired from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as the Analyst-in-Charge of the Original Alien Division.

Richard and his spouse, Nancy Zoarross Ph.D., currently live on their waterfront farm off the Potomac River in Southern Maryland.

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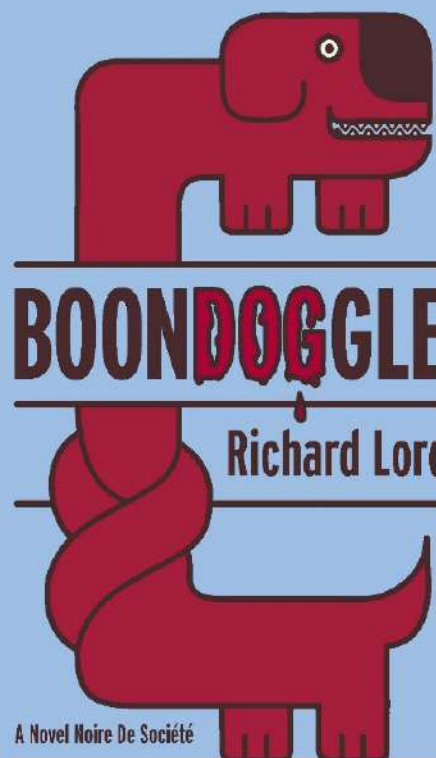
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Last Member of St. Mary's Academy Class of 1942 Honored



"Tiny" Taylor and Fr. Scott Woods

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Loretta "Tiny" Abell-Taylor, 97, visited St. Mary's Ryken High School last week and said she was impressed with the young people attending class there.

She can offer an opinion as she is the last surviving graduate of St. Mary's Academy — once its own school and now one half of the current school nestled on Camp Calvert Road — Class of 1942.

The school honored her at her 80th class reunion Oct. 20 by dedicating a tree in her name.

"I'm still thinking about it," Taylor told The County Times. "It was a month or two ago when they called me and told me what they wanted to do.

"I'm the only one of my class left; I feel like the oldest person in the world."

Taylor had three sisters, all of whom became nuns and have since passed away, she said.

"I'm the last of 10 children," she said.

But she still has fond memories of her school

days at St. Mary's Academy.

"I enjoyed St. Mary's Academy because of our teachers, they were all nuns," Taylor said. "I was active in school.

"The camaraderie I had with my classmates was excellent."

St. Mary's Academy was an all-girls school until it merged with Ryken High School decades ago.

"We got an excellent education," Taylor said of her studies there. "It was an asset to St. Mary's County, St. Mary's Academy was."

The dedication of the tree included a mass and blessing performed by Fr. Scott Woods.

"We are truly blessed to have the Taylor Family and 'Tiny T' as part of the St. Mary's Ryken legacy," said SMR President, Dr. Rick Wood. "Tiny is such a special person and we treasure being in her presence and hearing all of her stories about her time at [St. Mary's Academy].

"The oak tree on our campus will serve as a symbol of her strength and loyalty to our school community."

The tree dedicated in her honor had a plaque placed on it that reads: "The oak tree branches reach high into the heavens. Its roots dig deep into the earth, woven together, connecting heaven and earth."

Taylor said she was enamored with the inscription.

"We've always been dedicated to St. Mary's Academy, now St. Mary's Ryken," she said. "It was really an honor for them to name a tree after me."

She said she hoped the students at St. Mary's Ryken would treasure their time there just as she had.

"They'll be given something they'll never forget," she said. "It's the religion, the discipline and the social life they'll have there."

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Tests Show Water Contamination at LMS, Tech Center

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An unacceptable level of coliform bacteria was found late last week after water samples were taken from both Leonardtown Middle School and the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, which are co-located on Point Lookout Road.

Hand washing stations as well as bottled water were made available for students and staff until contaminants could be brought back down to acceptable levels.

Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith told The County Times that normal water service would take several days to reestablish.

"We probably won't have regular water service until Thursday," Smith said.

The water at both facilities comes from a well and has yet to test positive for e-coli bacteria, according to Smith.

"But even with a negative test we can't say that it wouldn't appear," Smith said.

A letter to parents of students at the facilities was released Oct. 24.

"The presence of total coliform mandates that certain pre-

cautions be taken to ensure the safety of the individuals who use the affected water supply," the missive reads.

The samples were taken on Oct. 20 and the results returned the following day.

"On Monday... [the] Department of Maintenance delivered bottled water and hand sanitizer to both sites and signage was posted to alert staff and students," the letter reads. "Remediation includes chlorination of the entire water supply system at both sites.

"As chlorine is an irritant, alternative water supplies have been provided for drinking and handwashing."

Smith said finding contaminants of this nature were not "an uncommon occurrence" for water drawn from a well.

The water would have to be tested at least three more times, he said, both to ensure the contaminants had been eradicated and chlorine brought down to acceptable levels.

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Hollywood Brothers Charged with Drug Possession and Theft

On Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, detectives with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division served search warrants at 44025 Sandy Bottom Road in Hollywood. During the execution of the warrant, a large quantity (more than 10 grams) of raw marijuana was located within the bedroom of Justin Phillip Nelson, age 21 of Hollywood. Additionally, a digital scale and packaging material indicative of drug possession with the intent to distribute was located in Justin Nelson's bedroom. Detectives recovered more than \$7,000 in cash during the search.

Justin Nelson was charged with CDS Possession Marijuana more than 10 grams and CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute.

At the same residence, Andrew Phillip Nelson, age 27 of Hollywood, was arrested on warrants for Theft: \$1,500 to under \$25,000; Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500; Conspiracy Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500 and Failure to Appear: Misd Def/Witness from an unrelated theft investigation.

Andrew Nelson was also served a warrant on Oct. 22, 2022 for Commit Violation when License or Authorization in Suspended or Revoked and Engage in Activity Requiring License without Holding that License in an unrelated Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police investigation.

Lexington Park Man Arrested on Drug, Gun Charges

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office's Vice/Narcotics Division executed a series of search warrants at First Road in Lexington Park. The subject of the investigation, Thomas Donnell Evans, age 42 of Lexington Park, was located and apprehended with the assistance of K-9 Dyno. As uniformed deputies attempted to stop Evans to execute the search warrant, he fled into the woods. Cpl. Brandon Foor released his K-9 partner Dyno to assist with stopping Evans. As K-9 Dyno neared Evans to apprehend him by biting him on his right arm, Evans turned and struck K-9 Dyno with a closed fist. After striking the K-9, Evans continued to flee on foot toward his residence. Dyno returned to try to apprehend Evans again and once the K-9 closed the gap, Evans gave him-

self up and was taken into custody. Neither Evans nor the K-9 were injured.

Located in the search were three firearms, currency, CDS packing materials and a large quantity of of suspected MDMA, Oxycodone and Fentanyl.

Evans is a disqualified individual from owning firearms and ammunition due to previous convictions. Evans was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with:

- CDS Possion: Not Marijuana (four counts)
- CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute
- CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics (four counts)
- CDS Possession: Large amount
- Illegal Possession of Regulated Firearm (two counts)
- Firearm /Drug Traffic Crime and other firearm charges
- Harm Law Enforcement Animal

Handgun Arrest- On October 15, 2022, Dep. Truss responded to the 44900 block of Worth Avenue in California, for the reported individual with a handgun. The complainant advised Brian Duane Beatty, age 43 of Ohio, had a handgun in the center console of his vehicle. The complainant advised the handgun was observed while the parties were arguing, and Beatty opened the console and the witness observed the handgun. A vehicle search was conducted and an unloaded handgun was recovered; a loaded magazine was recovered from the glovebox of the vehicle. Beatty was arrested and charged with Handgun in Vehicle.

Theft/Drug Arrest- On October 16, 2022, Dep. Absher responded to the 21500 block of Morris Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported theft of a motor vehicle. The victim advised Joseph Paul Smith Jr., age 30 of Hollywood, stole the victim's keys and vehicle. The victim confronted Smith, who then grabbed the victim's arm, causing visible injury. Smith was located in Mechanicsville, operating the victim's vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded a suspected CDS smoking device containing suspected cocaine residue. The victim's vehicle's bumper had also been damaged while in Smith's possession. Smith was charged with Theft, Assault 2nd Degree, CDS Possession: Paraphernalia, and Malicious Destruction of Property.

Editor's Note

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St. Mary's CDC Awarded \$250,000 For St. Mary's Square Revitalization Project

On Friday October 21st, Governor Larry Hogan announced the State of Maryland awarded St. Mary's Community Development Corporation (CDC) \$250,000 to fund its St. Mary's Square Revitalization Project. The grant—provided through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)—is part of the Community Legacy program, one of six State Revitalization grant programs.

The DHCD Community Legacy program provides community development organizations and local governments with funding for projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as commercial revital-

ization and business retention and attraction. Hogan announced Friday the Community Legacy program awarded \$8 million to 64 projects in designated Sustainable Communities throughout Maryland.

In addition to resurfacing St. Mary's Square, the central marketplace of Lexington Park, the grant will also go towards the construction of a central plaza with a bus stop, bike racks, and planters to beautify the space and to encourage community events and gatherings. St. Mary's CDC will provide ongoing updates on the status of the project and expects construction to begin in fall 2023.

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New Internet Service Provider Coming to St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Chestertown-based internet service provider wants to come to St. Mary's County and provide broadband access through new fiber and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding this week to make the new partnership happens.

It represents the first significant step in years in getting a competing brand of internet service provider here.

Think Big Networks currently works with Charles, Queen Anne and Kent counties in providing alternative broadband internet service, said local director of the Department of Information Technology Bob Kelly, who worked to bring the agreement to commissioners at their Oct. 25 business meeting.

"They're very interested in coming to St. Mary's County," Kelly told commissioners. "They are a bring-fiber-to-the-premises internet service provider."

"We're actually leveraging off of the work they're doing in Charles County."

There is no exact timeline yet as to when Think Big would come to St. Mary's and begin providing service.

"This is the first step in the process," Kelly said. "It doesn't mean construction would begin this afternoon."

The willingness of the provider to enter into an early agreement with the county, Kelly said, proved their intent.

"It shows very, very good faith on the part of the company," Kelly said.

For years both citizens and commissioners have complained publicly about the level of service provided by Breezeline — formerly known as Atlantic Broadband — including outages, slow connection speeds and increasing high costs.

The county currently has a cable franchise agreement with Breezeline to provide broadband internet service and has also partnered with the vendor to use millions in American Rescue Act funding to expand fiber down long drive-ways to homes that must have it to get internet connectivity.

The franchise agreement in no way prohibits competition or grants a monopoly to Breezeline but citizens have continued to complain that there being only one major service provider in the county means conditions are approaching those of a monopoly.

"It's massive to get another internet service provider here that's going to break up the... belief of a monopoly," said Commissioner John O'Connor.

Kelly said the new deal showed promise. "I don't think there's been a commissioner who hasn't been frustrated with some aspect of internet service," Kelly said. "It's one of the most promising solutions or alternatives to come along."

Commissioner Eric Colvin, who was involved in cementing the agreement between the county and Big Think, said citizens had often had to deal with less-than-optimal internet speeds.

Colvin said the Federal Communication Commission defined broadband service at 25 megabytes per second for download and three megabytes per second for uploading.

"A lot of people don't even achieve that speed with their current connections," Colvin said.

Kelly said he did not have information on the speed at which Think Big's fiber could deliver service.

Colvin was still enthusiastic about the services Big Think could bring.

"They're hungry," Colvin said of his assessment of Think Big. "They're trying hard, they're pushing hard."

"It's increasing competition, it's providing faster service; they're providing better service."

The new MOU requires that Think Big charge at prices equal to or better than current providers operating here, county documents show, and also provide a physical business office in the county.

The MOU also states that homes within 300 feet of the main fiber line will have connecting fiber at "no charge other than applicable installation fees for the individual subscriber's drop" according to the MOU text.

"For any dwelling unit in excess of three hundred feet drop distance, Think Big will extend service and the subscriber shall pay ThinkBig's actual cost of installation from its distribution line within the network from which a usable signal can be obtained with such cost being only the incremental cost beyond three hundred feet distance for any installation," the MOU continues.

Think Big has also agreed to provide fiber connectivity for several county facilities at no charge as well, according to the agreement.

These are: Evergreen, Capt. Walter Francis Duke, Lettie Marshall Dent and White Marsh elementary schools as well as Chesapeake Charter School and St. Mary's Virtual Academy.

Other facilities to be served include: Wicomico Golf Course; Charlotte Hall Park & Ride; Myrtle Point Park; Colton Point Museum; Snow Hill Park; Hickory Hills WPS; Hickory Hills WWPS; Hollywood Water Tower; Office Building Camden Way - Engineering; Piney Point WPS & WWPS Station; Wicomico Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wicomico Shores WPS.

Kelly said in a later interview that the geographical area of St. Mary's Think Big would service was yet to be determined.

Kelly said, however, that there was nothing in the agreement to restrict it.

"They're still figuring out the design of getting here," Kelly said.

Calls to Think Big for comment on this article were not returned as of press time.

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Halloween Activities Abound This Weekend

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Halloween begins officially Oct. 31 but groups and communities around St. Mary's are busy preparing to get to trick or treating early.

William "BJ" Hall, president of the local NAACP chapter is helping to organize the third annual Halloween in the Square event set for this Saturday; the event started as a way to give children the fun of Halloween at a time when they were being isolated away from the pandemic.

"We started doing this when COVID-19 hit to give kids a safe place for trick or treating," Hall told The County Times. "We were still social distancing."

The vendors, which included local businesses who gathered in the parking lot of St. Mary's Square, used plastic tubing as chutes to transfer candy to children.

"They liked trying to catch the candy," Hall said. "It turned out to be a big attraction."

The impromptu delivery system was so popular they used it during the second year of the event, Hall said.

Hall said the event brought in between 300 and 400 children its first year and more than 500 last year.

"This year we're expecting a larger crowd," Hall said. "If we get over 1,000

kids that would be great.

"I hope everybody [vendors] runs out of candy."

In addition to free candy, this event features free haircuts for children, free face painting and special appearances from C3Wrestling, Foundation 4 Heroes, The Newtowne Players, Knowledge Boxing Center, a live DJ, fire apparatus from the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department as well as the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Hall said.

The event runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Other Halloween events around St. Mary's include the Fright Line at Patuxent River Naval Air Museum in Lexington Park, which begins at 1:30. All children in costume under the age of 12 are admitted free, and all accompanying adults pay a reduced entrance price of only \$7. Kids can participate in various arts and crafts activities around the museum at this time, and they can also trick-or-treat at each of the variously themed trunks along the flight line.

Leonardtown is also having Scarecrow Stroll event ending Oct. 30 where visitors can vote for their favorite scarecrow and Lexington Park Baptist Church is also holding a "trunk or treat" event where children can come and get candy from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 29.

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Catherine Ann Poe, "Cathy", 78



Catherine Ann Poe, "Cathy", 78, of Drayden, MD, passed away on October 11, 2022 in Richmond, VA. Born on May 7, 1944 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter of the late Catherine Mae

Adams and the late Francis Elmo Norris. Cathy was the loving wife of Barber Sinclair Webster Poe, whom she married on July 14, 1962 in St. George's Catholic Church, Valley Lee, MD. She is survived by her children Michael Poe (Julie) of Piney Point, MD, Gina Katafiaz (Brian) of Drayden, MD, her siblings Frances Trossbach (Bill) of Drayden, MD, brother and sister-in-law Clem and Agnes Johnson of Hollywood, MD, brother and sister-in-law Patricia and Jerry Poe of Watha, NC, grandchildren Dillon Poe of Newport News, VA, Brandon Poe of Piney Point, MD, Taylor Denney of California, MD, and Kailee Denney of Drayden, MD, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Cathy was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from St. Michael's in Ridge, MD in 1962. She was a homemaker.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at St. George's Catholic Church, Valley Lee, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 AM with Rev. Paul Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Stroke Foundation at <https://americanstroke.org>, Hospice of St. Mary's at P.O. Box 629, Leonardtown, MD 20659, or Food for the Poor at <https://foodforthe poor.org>.

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.

Barbara Jean Pilkerton, 69



Barbara Jean Pilkerton, 69, of Hollywood, MD passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on October 17, 2022 at Washington Hospital Center. Born November 11, 1952 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter of the late Annie Marie Lathroum and Leo (Beanie) Aloysius Lathroum. Barbara was the loving wife of Daryl Aloysius Pilkerton, Jr. whom she married in Holy Angles Church in Avenue, MD on September 25, 1971. She is survived by her daughter Carole Jean Lundregan (Tommy); grandchildren Thomas Joseph "TJ" Lundregan and Madison "Maddie"

Marie Lundregan of Hollywood, MD. Barbara is also survived by her siblings John Ralph Heard (Rose) of Leonardtown, MD, Richard "Ricky" Wayne Lathroum (Jackie) of Mechanicsville, MD; Rose Marie Nutwell of Lexington Park, MD; and Robert Allen Lathroum of Hollywood, MD. She was preceded in death by her sibling James Benedict Heard.

A lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, Barbara graduated from Chop-ticon High School in 1970. She worked as a Teacher's aide at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, assembler at Minitel, cleaned homes for many families, all the while taking pride in caring for her parents. Barbara enjoyed bingo, painting ceramics, watching The Maury Povich Show and Cheaters. As a mother she was generous, loving and kind. She was lovingly called "Grammy Girl" by her grandchildren whom she loved beyond measure.

The family will receive friends on October 26, 2022 from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD where prayers will be said at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on October 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM in St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church with Father Brahm officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens in Leonardtown, MD.

Pallbearers will be TJ Lundregan, Johnny Heard, Lee Lathroum, Jonathan Howsare, Shawn Howsare, and Roy Fedders. Honorary pallbearers are Maddie Lundregan, Cassie Howsare, Krystle Lathroum, Josie Howsare, Jackson Howsare, Claye Howsare, and Carter Lathroum.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as Barbara made monthly contributions. https://www.stjude.org/donate/srch/donate-to-st-jude-childrens-research-hospital.html?frequency_selected=0&sc_icid=impactgiving-donate-bttn-top

We find comfort knowing that you are finally reunited with your beloved parents.

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

Condolences may be to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Services, Leonardtown, MD.

Joseph (Joe) Earl Cullison, 59



Joseph (Joe) Earl Cullison, 59, of Leonardtown, MD left this earthly world on Saturday October 15th, 2022, at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Joe was born to late John Norman Cullison, Jr. and Brenda Jean Jarboe Cullison Guy on August 5th, 1963. Joe was raised in the Catholic faith after being baptized at Holy Face Catholic Church, Great Mills, Maryland.

Joe attended mass with his family every Sunday and later served as an acolyte (altar server) through his high school years.

Joe enjoyed family trip to the mountains. Over the years visiting the Shenandoah National Parkway, Blue Ridge Parkway and surrounding areas. He enjoyed hikes, camping, fishing as well as being in the great outdoors. Also enjoyed scouting and being involved in the Fire Department.

Joe attended Little Flower School, Piney Point Elementary, Esperanza Middle School and Ryken High School. While in high school he had an after-school job working at Jane's Chuck Wagon. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort McClellan and Fort Rucker Alabama. Later worked at Stuart Petroleum and then the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship, becoming a Merchant Marine Boatswain's Mate. After leaving the Merchant Marines, he work at Taylor Rental. Later taking a position at St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission (Metcom), At the time of his death he was a Senior Engineering Technician with Metcom. When he wasn't working Joe enjoyed cooking.

Joe is survived by his fiance Sharon Sisco of Callaway, MD, his siblings Michael Patrick Cullison (Anita Lorraine) of North Charleston, SC, and Christine Marie Cullison of Great Mills, MD; stepsiblings Virginia Quade of Bushwood, MD, Deborah Burroughs of Hollywood, MD, Robin Lawrence (George) of Chaptico, MD, and Emanuel Guy, Jr. of Hollywood; uncles Benedict Paul Jarboe of Piney Point, MD; John Parron Jarboe (Maryann) of Wildewood, FL, and Robert Neal Jarboe (Nancy) of Myrtle Beach, SC. and aunt Beverly Jarboe of Hughesville, MD. and his nieces and nephews Olivia Cullison, Elijah Cullison, Allison Cullison, and Dylan Cullison of Charleston, SC.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his stepfather Emanuel Greenwell Guy SR, paternal grandparents John Norman Cullison, Sr. and Margaret Mary Combs Cullison, his maternal grandparents Parran Benedict Jarboe and Rita Alyce Tennyson Jarboe, his stepsiblings Dennis Guy, and Lisa Guy, his stepbrother-in-laws Frank Quade and James Burroughs, and his nieces and nephew Rebecca Lorraine Cullison, Jason Long, Sunni Lee Guy and Leighann Burroughs Tuemler.

The family will receive friends for a memorial service on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, with Deacon Bill Kyte officiating. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be the Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. and Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Alma Dolores Bean Norris Pinno, 93

Alma Dolores Bean Norris Pinno, 93, St. Mary's City, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2022 at her residence surrounded by her family. Born January 08, 1929 in Great Mills, MD, she was the daughter of the late James Alphonsus and Daisy Hebb Bean. She was married to Joseph Jenifer Norris for 41 years, who preceded her in death on March 11, 1988.



She then married Edward George Pinno and celebrated 25 years of marriage prior to his death on September 26, 2014. She is survived by her children, David B. (Dicky) Nor-

ris (Patsy), Texas, Carol Ann Coombs (Ronnie deceased), Great Mills, A. Virginia Pilkerton (Jay), Hollywood, Roy L. Norris, Great Mills, Debbie J. Norris (Freddy), Lexington Park, and Paul B. Norris (Saraha), St. Mary's City. Her sons, Dennis R. Norris and J. Wayne Norris preceded her in death. Surviving step children are: Krista Greenwell, Florida, Roger Pinno (DeAnna), Hollywood, Bonnie McGee (Kevin), South Carolina, and Keith Pinno (Debbie), South Carolina. Her step daughter, Erin Pinno preceded her in death. She is survived by 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and many step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. Her great granddaughter, Kaelyn J. Windell preceded her in death. Dolores was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: Ann Marie Bean, Inez E. McConnell, J. Franklin Bean, Sr., Sister Mary Grace, Beatrice A. Newbold, J. Luke Bean, Henrietta M. Moffatt, Mildred B. Jurovaty, William B. Bean, Sr., and L. Hebb Bean. She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Bean Norris and four sisters-in-law, Joyce Mayor, Inky Kopel (Bob), Mary Jean Goldsborough, and Ruth Norris.

She was a homemaker and raised eight children on the family farm. During tobacco season, she fed the workers home cooked meals which they loved. She was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Belles. After the death of her first husband, she and Ed enjoyed traveling the United States. She was an avid reader, loved playing slot machines, always took time to enjoy the flowers and red birds, and never forgot a birthday. Dolores was a good listener and friend to many people who grew to love her like their own mother or granny. She will always be remembered as a loving mother, wife, grandmother, and friend to all that knew her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD with Fr. Joseph Sileo officiating and Deacon Paul Bielewicz assisting. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Holy Face Church cemetery, Great Mills, MD. Pallbearers will be her grandsons: Dennis, Dennis Joseph, Andrew, Donald and Brandon Norris and Wayne Coombs.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and A Community That Shares (ACTS), P.O. Box 54 Bushwood, MD 20618.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

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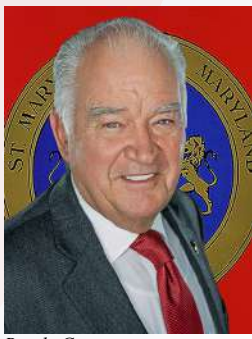
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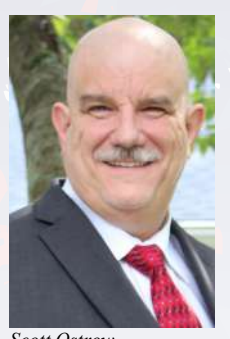
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The County Times is endorsing the full slate of Republican candidates this General Election in both state and local contests.

Dan Cox, a GOP delegate, is seeking the governorship. While controversial, he has spoken of his commitment to ensuring the freedom of Maryland citizens and that means a lot after two years of pandemic restrictions that badly hobbled businesses and was detrimental to the learning of our young people.

Michael Peroutka, seeking the Attorney General's office, also wants to bring more emphasis on the Constitutional rights of the people; he has likewise been critical of pandemic restrictions as unlawful.

Barry Glassman is a more moderate Republican and should serve well as Comptroller; he is also highly experienced as a former state senator for the 35th District and as the current County Executive of Harford County.

Both Chris Chaffee and Chris Palombi, running for U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives respectfully, deserve St. Mary's vote as they are also committed to consistent conservative values and policies.

Matt Morgan, running unopposed in District 29A, has been a dogged and determined legislator for St. Mary's. He deserves to return.

Deb Rey is vying with Democrat Del. Brian Crosby in District 29B in an attempt to return to that seat. Crosby has proved effective but Rey more closely represents

the conservative sentiments of many St. Mary's County residents.

In the District 29C race County Commissioner Todd Morgan is the obvious choice. His experience as a leader in St. Mary's, his vast knowledge of the local defense contractor industry, and his willingness and ability to work across the aisle means he would be a strong representative for the Mother County as well as Calvert, into which the district spreads.

Likewise, Senator Jack Bailey, who is running unopposed, deserves another term as a staunch advocate for both St. Mary's and Calvert counties. He also works well with certain Democrats and is a strong advocate for property rights, sportsmen and sportswomen as well as the 2nd Amendment.

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy should return to the dais in Leonardtown as should Mike Hewitt and Eric Colvin as incumbents; we hope that they will look to the immediate future and find ways to reduce the tax burden on citizens significantly and reduce county expenditures.

Voters should continue to vote to seat new-comer Mike Alderson to the District 3 seat. He has much to learn but is eager and his commitment to St. Mary's appears strong.

Scott Ostrow should get the nod for the District 4 commissioner seat; he has huge shoes to fill in filling

the seat of Todd Morgan — no one could really replace him — but he seems to have a firm grasp of finance and has said he wants to lower taxes and closely watch expenditures.

The County Times admonishes all candidates to look to making the county government a far more transparent place. This means more than having town halls and public forums. This means talking more about policy and issues at the county commissioner dais during the final moments of meetings than what weekend gatherings members attended.

This means when citizens or the media ask a question that that get a prompt and accurate answer without obfuscation or parsing of words about how the citizens' questions are fashioned.

If the county can't give an immediate answer, citizens deserve a correct and reasonable answer as to why.

This means county staff must know that they are doing the people's business and must not just say that they are not sure if they are allowed to give out certain information.

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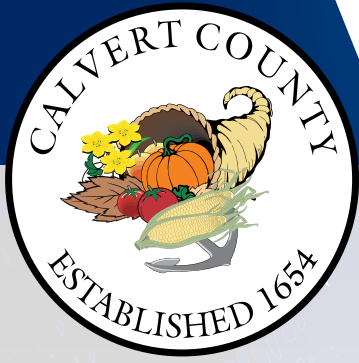
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Calvert County Sheriff:

What skills, talent or experience do you bring to the table that will help you be an effective sheriff?

Vaughn "Jay" Johnson

I bring 23 years of experience working with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. Over the course of my career, I have worked in Patrol, Criminal Investigations/Narcotics and my current assignment as a School Resource Officer. The attribute I possess that will make me an effective Sheriff is my ability to communicate with people. This is something that has served me well working in our public school system for the past 14 years. I believe my ability to communicate effectively on all levels will be a tremendous asset as I strive to improve community relations and lead the Sheriff's Office.

Editor's Note: Candidate Ricky Cox did not respond to email and phone requests with answers to the questions.

What administrative and/or operational changes would you make if elected sheriff?

Vaughn "Jay" Johnson

The first thing I want to do if elected Sheriff is evaluate the organizational structure of the agency. I want to be sure we are utilizing our personnel and resources in the most effective manner. If there are areas I identify where implementing change will best serve the agency and the citizens of Calvert County, those changes will be made. I also plan to eliminate the current point based scoring component being used by our Patrol Bureau to evaluate their monthly performance.

What type of community outreach do you plan?

Vaughn "Jay" Johnson

If elected, shifting the focus of our agency mission to include more community policing initiatives is my top priority. Establishing a strong relationship with the community will play a vital role in the direction I want to take our agency. I will ensure that deputies are more visible in the neighborhoods throughout the county, while maintaining effective lines of communication. I will encourage our deputies to become mentors and coaches, so we can strengthen our bonds with the youth of our community. I will also hold town hall

meetings to foster our community outreach initiatives.

Were mistakes made by the sheriff's office in the handling of the Leah Clark death investigation, and if so what would you change to ensure they don't happen again?

Vaughn "Jay" Johnson

Although I was not involved in the investigation, I would have handled things differently had I been Sheriff at the time of the incident. Based on the circumstances, I would have made arrangements to have the entire investigation turned over to an outside agency right away. A life was lost that day and it was our duty to ensure the investigation was unbiased and beyond reproach. I believe we let the Clark family down and that is unacceptable. If elected, I will implement policy changes to ensure similar situations are handled differently moving forward.



Vaughn Johnson

Calvert County State's Attorney

What skills, talent or experience do you bring to the table that will help you be an effective state's attorney?

Bob Harvey

I'm a prosecutor, not a politician. I make decisions based upon the law and the facts, not personal preference. I tell the truth. I have 40 years of criminal trial experience to anchor me. I've earned the reputation as a tough, effective, crime-fighter. I'm an excellent manager of people. I treat others with dignity and respect. I have solid relationships with judges, law enforcement, and community partners. I know how to get things done. I've assembled a staff of first-rate legal talent. Together, we have done a good job of keeping Calvert a safe place to live and work.

Rick Piereck

As a trial attorney, I have managed thousands of cases. I have supervised staff in both a military and civilian capacity, including supervising other attorneys. My military and extensive leadership background will help me structure training programs and effectively manage the State Attorney's staff improving proficiency and morale. I hold a degree in Public Admin-

istration which will help me to effectively administer the office. I am an effective communicator and work well with others, which will strengthen relationships with our partner agencies. I have the stamina and vigor to assume the role of a proactive State's Attorney.

Is the office staffed to the appropriate level to provide the necessary service for the citizens of Calvert County?

Bob Harvey

During my term in office, I have gained the trust of the County Commissioners. This has enabled me to increase staffing to meet the demand for services. In 2021, we added 1 attorney and a digital evidence coordinator to process police body-cam videos. In 2022, despite a County-wide "soft" hiring freeze, we added an attorney and a victim advocate to our Domestic Violence Unit, nearly doubling its size. For 2023, I am requesting another attorney and a paralegal to bolster restitution collection and provide liaison to the Police Accountability Board. The Commissioners have been very supportive of our efforts.

Rick Piereck



Rick Piereck



Bob Harvey

The office appears to be appropriately staffed. With the evolution of technology, I would like to see an in-house information technology and/or demonstrative evidence support person to assist in investigations and trial presentation.

What type of citizen outreach do you plan?

Bob Harvey

I announced on October 6 that I will be sponsoring Calvert County Crime Summit and invite community leaders and the public to come tell me what we can do to improve criminal justice. I have greatly expanded

outreach to homeowner's associations and schools. I have personally visited every high school to speak with criminal justice students. I have created a "shadowing" program that allows students to attend court with my prosecutors. Finally, I am an active participant in the Day of Law Program which brings home-schooled students to the Courthouse to learn about criminal justice.

Rick Piereck

I plan upon continuing to meet and communicate with community organizers regularly and updating the community about the status of cases. I will periodically meet with homeowner's associations and neighborhood watch programs to determine their needs. Finally, I would like for the State Attorney's Office to have an expanded role in the county's Citizens Academy, or work with the Calvert County

Sheriff's Office to develop a Citizens Police Academy with participation of the State's Attorney's office. I would also like to see ongoing involvement at community events so citizens can have more access and trust in the State's Attorney's Office.

Do you propose any types of special courts (youth, veteran's, etc.) if elected?

Bob Harvey

I will expand services available to veterans through our mental health and drug court dockets. Our judges have stated that we do not have the numbers to support a separate Veteran's Court. Sowe are moving forward with a more nuanced approach, one that's supported by the Veteran's Affairs Commission. The Chief Judge of Maryland's District Court has agreed to help identify veterans entering into the criminal

justice system. Once we identify eligible veterans, we will connect them to mentors who can guide them to resources. I'm not prepared to wait for grant funding; this is something we can do now.

Rick Piereck

I will work to establish a Veterans Treatment Court (VTC). VTC is different from other programs we currently have in Calvert County in three major ways. First, the VTC offers a structured environment to help support veterans. Second, the VTC has a mentoring component to help veterans adjust to civilian life and hold them accountable. Finally, the VTC includes the involvement of the US Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") that helps cut through red-tape and link veterans to services within the VA. There are over six hundred VTCs throughout the USA, and they have proven to significantly reduce recidivism

Maryland Senate District 27

What skills, talent or experience do you bring to the bring to the table that will help you be an effective state senator?

Michael Jackson

As a young man, I joined the Marine Corps and that time helped to inspire my dedication to service. I have been fortunate to have a career in the public safety field and to ascend to the rank of Sheriff of Prince George's County. I believe that experience, along with my experience as an elected member of the Maryland General Assembly, has uniquely equipped me to represent the interests of Southern Maryland in Annapolis.

Al Larsen

I have leadership experience as a former Naval Officer, manager for a large aerospace company, and board member for several community organizations. As a systems engineer, I am trained to evaluate cost vs. benefit vs. risk, to balance competing requirements, and to analyze proposed changes for unintended consequences.

What will be the most pressing issue for the 2023 legislative session?

Michael Jackson

The most pressing issues currently facing both Calvert County and Maryland as a whole are combatting rising inflation and lessening corresponding tax burdens on Maryland residents. As a legislature, the General Assembly must do everything within its power to mitigate rising costs for goods and services and to provide tax incentives that improve the quality of life and create jobs in our communities.

Al Larsen

Education. The public schools have neglected the

core curriculum of reading, writing, math, and science and have embarked on a "woke" agenda of CRT and gender awareness. As a result, one-fourth of our students are testing below the BASIC level for reading, and they have been for the past 20 years. The Thornton Commission has dictated increased funding for 20 years with no results. Now we have the Blueprint for Maryland's Future which dictates even higher funding levels. We must return to the original purpose of our schools: to teach reading, writing, math, sciences, history, and civics.

What should be done with the state surplus?

Michael Jackson

It's unusual for the state to carry a budget surplus but, largely thanks to COVID recovery funding from the federal government, we find ourselves in that place. We have to do everything within our power to return as much of the budget surplus to taxpayers as possible while also ensuring that we provide the necessary recovery funds to both workers and employers who have been negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic.

Al Larsen

The estimated surplus of \$7.5 billion is 12.3 percent of the \$61 billion FY23 budget. Since this money came from taxpayers, a significant portion should go back to taxpayers. A three-month gas tax holiday is estimated to cost \$300 million. We could easily afford to take a six-month gas tax holiday. In addition, we should refund \$500 to \$1000 to each individual taxpayer. Assuming we have 4.2 million individual taxpayers, a \$1000 refund to each taxpayer would return about \$4.2 billion, leaving \$2.7 billion for infrastructure and the Rainy Day fund.

Is there anything that the Maryland Gen-



Michael Jackson



Al Larsen

eral Assembly can do to address inflation and/or insure the state continues on a path of economic growth?

Michael Jackson

While inflation is typically a result of national circumstances, it is vital that the state plays a part in the recovery from the related economic downturn. We have to look at a variety of options including, but not limited to, tax incentives and stimulus plans that will put more money back in the pockets of everyday Marylanders, state retirees, veterans, and job creators.

Al Larsen

We need to incentivize the growth of businesses that manufacture or produce a product. A "product" can be either a physical item or intellectual property, so long as the product has more intrinsic value than the cost to produce it. That is how "wealth" is created and is the core of any viable economic engine. A reduction on the business tax is one such incentive that will benefit not only the core manufacturing business, but the supporting businesses such as retail and service industries.



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2022 Calvert County Endorsements

The race for two at Large Board of Education seats could be the most important on this year's general election Calvert County ballots. The school board was made elected from being appointed out of recognition that parents and the general public should have a say in how their children are being educated and how taxpayer money is being expended. The current school board has lost sight of that.

The most glaring example has been their failure to remove the 10-speaker limit at their meetings. Originally a pandemic measure, it is now a pig-headed reluctance to listen to those who voted for them. Lisa Grenis and Jana Post are the only two candidates who have unequivocally promised to vote against the policy and should be elected to help right the ship at the Brooks Administration Building.

We endorse Buddy Hance to return as a voice of reason to the county commissioner board and Todd Ireland to join him as an At-Large Commissioner. In doing so we would like to congratulate Democratic candidate Chelsea Anne Montague for articulating some important needs such as affordable housing.

Mike Hart should also be returned for a third term as 1st District Com-

missioner. He has his finger on the pulse of the community.

And Catherine Grasso should be rewarded for her courageous challenge to Kelly McConkey's ethics violation. She will be a bright spot on the new board.

We endorse Ricky Cox for sheriff although we would like to remind him of the need to reach out to the public for input and guidance.

Bob Harvey has done a good job as state's attorney since being appointed three years ago and the voters should elect him for a full term.

District 27 State Senator Michael Jackson, although a Prince George's County resident, has shown he is equally interested in Calvert and has also shown he can collaborate well with his Republican colleagues Sen. Jack Bailey and Delegate Mark Fisher.

For Delegate, District 29C which represents the southern portion of Calvert County, we strongly endorse Todd Morgan.

As a successful businessman, 12 years as a very good County Commissioner, and the clear understanding of how Annapolis works, Todd Morgan along with Mark Fisher will be a strong and reliable voice for Calvert County.



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- Evaluating, monitoring and reevaluating County budgets to ensure funds are spent reasonably.
- Taking a look at Calvert County's traffic conditions, with focus on safety and reasonable commute times for our citizens.
- Advocating and supporting our schools in retention and recruitment of educators and their support staff. Ensure the schools obtain what they need to provide our children the best education.

Mark S. LYNCH

for Register of Wills of Calvert County

As a resident of Calvert County for 18 years and 39 years as a practicing attorney specializing in estate administration and probate, Mark Lynch has the experience and commitment to the residents of Calvert County to bring fresh ideas to the Office of the Register of Wills.

PROPONENT:

ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) to reduce litigation and probate expense;

Public Outreach program "Where there's a Will...There's a Way" to reduce estimated 50% of Calvert County residents who have no estate plan;

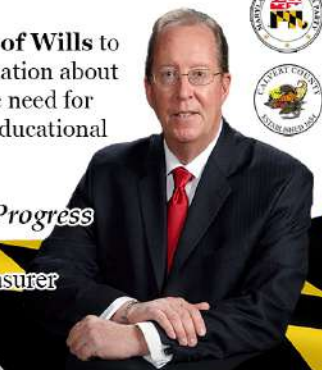
Implement public access **On-Line Will Registry** to enable citizens to verify will safekeeping at Register of Wills;

Electronic probate administration to reduce overall costs of estate administration and improve efficiency.

Governmental Facebook Page for Register of Wills to promote the services of the office, publish information about Wills and Trusts, increase public awareness of the need for estate planning and publish "Meet the Register" educational town hall videos.

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Register of Wills

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- I have the legal knowledge, technical expertise and experience (44 years) to assist and guide you.
- The majority of our estates are prose (without an attorney). We meet with families and help them during one of the most traumatic times in their lives, the loss of a loved one.
- As Chair of the Maryland Registers of Wills Association Automation Committee, under my leadership, all Maryland Registers have one of the most advanced systems in any state office, and has received National recognition. Before the end of 2022, our new web-based program will be in operation further enhancing our services.
- I am a member of the Probate/Fiduciary Subcommittee to the Maryland Court of Appeals Rules Committee, and a member of the Joint Committee with Estates and Trusts Section of Maryland State Bar.
- An advocate to keep people informed, I speak regularly to groups at the Library, Hospice, Senior Centers, Retirement communities, churches and other organizations.
- I am a member of Mt. Harmony Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church and serve on the Finance Committee.
- I love serving the people of Calvert County and I will continue to provide compassionate, professional, and courteous service with confidentiality to ALL.

NOV. 8

By authority: Martha W Grahame, Treasurer

Vote Before Election Day



Early Voting Centers

There will be three Early Voting Centers for Calvert County voters:

Fairview Vote Center 8120 Southern Maryland Blvd. Owings, MD 20736 (building behind Fairview Library)	Community Resources Building 30 Duke St., Lower Level Prince Frederick, MD 20678 (old library, across from post office)	Southern Community Center 20 Appeal Lane Lusby, MD 20657
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Important Dates

- **2022 General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022**
- **2022 General Election Early Voting: Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 through Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022** (includes Saturday and Sunday)

Voting hours are 7 a.m.-8 p.m. for each day of early voting. For more information, visit the [State of Maryland's Board of Elections](#) website.

Vote by Mail

In order to vote by mail, you must apply before every election cycle.

- Download the [2022 Mail In Ballot application \(pdf\)](#).
- View the [instructions for voting by mail](#)
- [Online Vote by Mail Application](#) (Must have a Maryland's driver license or MVA-issued ID card)

Maryland offers voting by mail for any eligible registered voter, including for [overseas and military voters](#).

For more information on voting by mail, visit the [State of Maryland's Board of Elections](#) website.

General Vote By Mail Deadlines

Nov. 1, 2022 - For a ballot to be mailed to you, the application must be [received](#) (not just postmarked) in our office by Nov. 1, 2022.

Nov. 4, 2022 - For a ballot to be sent via internet, the application must be received (not just postmarked) in our office by Nov. 4, 2022.

Nov. 8, 2022 - For a ballot to be returned. All ballots must be postmarked, dropped off at our office, a polling place or at the ballot drop box by Nov. 8, 2022 by 8 p.m.

Calvert County ballot drop off locations

There are four ballot drop off locations for Calvert County voters:

Calvert County Board of Elections 30 Duke St. Prince Frederick, MD 20678	Fairview Vote Center 8120 Southern Maryland Blvd. Owings, MD 20736 (Building behind Fairview Library)	Northeast Community Center 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach MD 20732	Southern Community Center 20 Appeal Lane Lusby, MD 20657
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HOW TO VOTE BY MAIL

- 1. Mark your ballot**
 - Use a blue or black pen to mark your ballot.
 - Fill in the ovals completely to show your choices.
 - Do not write on your ballot anywhere else.
- 2. Pack your return envelope**

Put the following in the included official return envelope:

 - Your completed ballot. Do not put another voter's ballot in your envelope.
 - If you receive help, please complete the Certification of Person Assisting Voter form.
- 3. Sign and date the return envelope**
 - Sign and date the voter's oath on the return envelope.
 - After you sign, fold the flap over and seal it at the top and bottom. This will cover your signature.
- 4. Return your ballot**

Return your ballot using one of the following methods, no postage required:

 - **Drop Box**
Drop off your ballot at a secure drop box.
 - **Vote by Mail**
Mail your ballot so it is postmarked by Election Day.
 - **Vote Center**
Drop off your ballot at any voting location in the county, or at your local board of elections office.



Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

After reading the article on Dr. Arati Patel in your Oct. 13 edition, I knew I had to respond.

It was a very good article, but something was missing.

That is the fact that she a very warm and caring person and treats you that way.

After my wife was diagnosed three years ago with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer, I felt my life — and especially my wife's — was over.

We were blessed to be referred to Dr. Patel and she assured us everything would work out.

She was correct with her diagnosis and treatment, and today my wife is doing very well.

Dr. Patel will always have a special spot in our hearts.

We couldn't have done it without her.

Don Yeager
Hughesville, MD

To The Editor:

Of the local elections to be decided on November 8, I would argue the outcome of the St. Mary's County school board election between Dorothy Andrews and Marsha Williams is of utmost importance.

Both candidates promote their advocacy for parents, students, and teachers. However, Williams' responses to a teachers' union questionnaire reveals the underlying nature of her advocacy. For example, she opposes allocating public funding to home and privately schooled students. If the public schools are doing so well, why are they afraid of school choice? She supports mental health services in the schools. If the content of the National Association of School Psychologists website is representative of those services, children are in dire jeopardy of "woke" indoctrination. She supports teachers having "professional autonomy and the deference to teach the truth in their classrooms," seemingly without the oversight of parents. She supports "community" schools that will further undermine the rights and roles of parents.

Williams supports the formation of an Educational Equity Advisory Committee to promote the preferential treatment of students based on stereotyped group identities. Equity is a subterfuge that incorporates critical race theory into the administration of the public schools and "culturally relevant teaching" in the classrooms to indoctrinate children to be color conscious rather than color blind.

Williams appears to be an establishment-style, go-along-to-get-along, candidate to maintain the status quo for those people and groups that presently control the public schools. In contrast, Andrews has said the time has come to create a "new normal" in the public schools that serves parents and children above all others.

In the aftermath of the COVID closure of the public schools, and the failure of "virtual learning," the realization exists that school board elections do matter. I suggest the election of Dorothy Andrews.

Vernon Gray

Legal Ads

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland to consider public input on updates to the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management and Recycling Plan.

The draft update can be viewed at: <http://go.boarddocs.com/md/stmarysco/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJXJ3L4AF420>.

Those wishing to address the Commissioners may participate in-person, or by email, written correspondence, or prerecorded video submissions. The public hearing may be viewed on SMCG Channel 95 or the SMCG YouTube Channel.

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via;

- Email: csmc@stmaryscountymd.gov
- U.S. Mail: PO Box 653 Leonardtown, MD 20650
- Submit a 3-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmaryscountymd.gov no later than 5:00 PM, November 22, 2022.

All submissions will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or seven (7) days following the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Guidelines are subject to change.

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact the County Commissioners Office at 301-475-4200, Ext. 1340. Proceedings are televised live and/or recorded for later broadcast on television. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act. Photographic and electronic audio and visual broadcasting and recording devices are used during the Commissioner's meetings. These are public meetings and attendance at these meetings automatically grants St. Mary's County Government permission to broadcast your audio and visual image.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



AUTUMN REFLECTIONS

I am loving the beautiful autumn golds, red, and oranges of the changing leaves...my husband not so much. Heaven forbid more than one leaf grace our front or back door area, or the concrete apron in front of our garage or they will face the wrath of the crazed man with the leaf-blowing machine.

Well, our Boston trip from two weeks ago for my cousin's son's wedding was wonderful, and my nerves got better once we were at BWI. One embarrassing moment for me was when we had to go through that TSA machine where you have to stand on the yellow feet marks and hold your arms in the air, much like the Leonardo Da Vinci drawing where the man is standing inside a circle within a square known as the "Vitruvian Man". The TSA agent said empty your pockets, so I stood in the machine with my arms upright and outstretched while holding my Chapstick, blood pressure pill, ½ an Excedrin Migraine, boarding passes, and my ID and thought I was fine and walked out quickly. Next thing I know the TSA agent says, "Hold it" and takes the wand only to my ankles. If you have seen my ankles, then you know that I have "kankles" due to RA and Lymphedema. I told the lady that there was nothing sinister stuffed in my socks that those really were my ankles. It was a little embarrassing, but we laughed about it, well...she did.

When we got to the rented VRBO house and saw my cousins Frank and Judy, and their spouses, and their extended family and two friends, it was like the decades of not seeing one another in person truly disappeared. The photo I have attached is of myself, my cousin Frank and his sister, my cousin Judy. It's just like when we were younger on my visits to New Jersey. What you can't see is that Cousin Frank was tickling mine and Judy's sides. It was like being with my brothers. The ceremony and reception was held at The Old Peabody Theatre in Peabody, Massachusetts: the oldest concrete structure in America. When I first walked up the steps I saw the gray, drab concrete walls and thought it looked so cold and industrial, but then turned and saw the beautiful layout of chairs and the handmade trellis to serve as the altar made by the groom (my cousin's son Frank, Jr.) and the beautiful flower arrangements by the bride Sarah, and her friends. And then I looked towards the reception in the back half of the huge space and saw all the fairy lights strung across the ceiling and



the tables with the hand cut wood slabs and 3 vases of candles ringed with vines and thought how beautiful and warm. The bride and groom created all the centerpieces and even made the wooden gift bookmarks, etched by Sarah. It was beautiful, and a weekend I will treasure.

Something else I treasure is having my column anniversary this month. It doesn't seem like 14 years, but by gosh, I have wandered, and you all have wandered along with me with all the crazy things that come out of my head. I am still trying to get used to the new way of submitting every other week, and I know next week, like last week, I will panic and think, "Oh my gosh, I forgot to write my column this week" or, "Is this the week I am supposed to be writing?" I have adjusted my phone calendar, but I still get the anxiety.

As always, I love all your e-mails, texts, messages, and calls, and how so many of us have become true friends. And it's always fun when someone I haven't met in person says, "I feel like I know you really well, but don't remember meeting you before" then we figure out that they read this column. I look forward to all that, because as is said, "You never know what someone else, or someone in their family may be going through" and your kindnesses and encouragement, and e-mails checking on me if I miss a column mean so much to me. Life is truly an adventure, every day; sometimes it is that crazy rollercoaster that you wish would slow down, but if it wasn't a crazy adventure, then life sure would be boring...and who wants that right? So, thank you for continuing to read my first 14 column years; I'll keep going if you will.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

CREDIT AND MANAGING YOUR FICO SCORE

What exactly is "credit"? When you obtain a credit card or a loan from a bank, you are borrowing money. The credit card company or the bank charges you interest to borrow the money. You are expected to repay the money you have borrowed with the interest. If you repay on time, you have indicated you are a trustworthy borrower and you will be deemed worthy of borrowing more money at better interest rates than others.

Why does this matter? Because for some large items that we purchase, like a car or a house, most of us cannot pay the full amount for the item up front with cash. We will have to buy the item on credit. That means that everyone needs a credit rating in order to be able to borrow money if they have to.

How do you get a credit rating? Your payment history is reported to three credit bureaus. TransUnion, Equifax and Experian are the three major credit reporting companies. If you have ever had debt you have paid off on time, like credit card debt or mortgage debt, the three major credit reporting companies have a file on you—not only that, they have given you a FICO score. FICO stands for Fair Isaac and Co., a company that helps other companies determine a person's credit risk based on a person's credit history. The FICO score is the most widely used. According to their website, FICO provides predictions of consumer behavior to help businesses make "faster, more profitable decisions." What that really means is, they give you a number and based on the number, you will or won't qualify for credit. FICO is a score that is widely used by banks and mortgage companies to determine whether you will qualify for a loan or a mortgage.

Every thirty days, each one of your creditors sends an update to the three credit reporting agencies and your credit report is updated. If you have paid your bills late, you will create a negative credit report. A bankruptcy will remain as a negative on your report for ten years.

Your credit profile and your FICO score are constantly being updated based on information the credit reporting companies receive. It is critical that you know what is in your credit report—not just with one credit bureau, but with all three.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you are protected if there is inaccurate information on your credit report. You are entitled to receive your credit report annually without charge.

The FICO score gives certain weights to your credit history—for example, your payment history represents 35% of your FICO score; your amounts owed is 30%; the length of time you have had credit accounts for 15% of your FICO score, new credit is 10%, and the type of credit you have is 10%. FICO scores range between 300 and 850. Of that, you want a score around the mid-700s. The higher the FICO credit score, the better. A cred-

it score below 600 means you are a higher credit risk—so, lenders may not want to lend to you or, if they do, they will charge higher interest to lend you money.

How do you fix your FICO score or maintain good credit?

1. On your "payment history", pay your bills on time. Late payments and collections will hurt your score. If you have missed payments, get current and stay current. Information is constantly updated so even if you have had trouble in the past, your current status as a good credit is important. You need to know that paying off a collection account will not remove it from your report—it will usually stay on your report for seven years. If you are having trouble paying your creditors, contact them and work out a payment plan—showing consistent payments to the creditors should help to repair your scores.

2. On your "amounts owed" if you owe more than 30% of your credit card's limit, your FICO score will be lowered. Try to keep your balances low. Pay off your debt rather than acquire more credit cards. DO not close credit card accounts to increase your score or open more credit card accounts just to increase the available credit you have. Those actions can lower your score.

3. If you are new to credit, don't obtain many new accounts in a short period of time—new accounts will lower your average account age which will have a larger effect on your credit score than if you didn't have a lot of credit information. Credit history must be built up over time. Open a couple of credit card accounts, pay regularly and let the history build.

4. On "new credit" be careful. Your FICO score can be lowered just by the number of inquiries for your score from multiple creditors—even if they do not extend credit to you. If you want to shop for a rate, do so within a discrete period of time, like 30 days, so that it does not appear that you are seeking massive amounts of credit from many creditors. It is fine to request your own credit report. That will not affect your score.

5. On "types of credit" you should apply for and open new credit card accounts only as needed. More accounts will not raise your score. If you have a new credit card, use it sparingly and pay it off quickly. Someone with no credit cards will have a lower score than someone who has paid off their credit cards responsibly.

Your credit score is critical to whether or not you can obtain a loan. Do not take it for granted. Pull your credit report, check it for errors, dispute the errors and monitor your credit report consistently. If your FICO score is low, try the tips we have suggested to raise the score and research this area by going to the FICO at www.fico.com for further information.

Join us on the third Wednesday of every month for a no-charge seminar on this and other topics. 11am at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-226 to arrange a seat.

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**TRUNK OR
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS FOR VETERANS DAY

In observance of the Veterans Day holiday, all St. Mary's County Government administrative offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, 2022. Offices will reopen with regular operating schedules Monday, Nov. 14, 2022.

The six (6) Convenience Centers and the St. Andrews Landfill will be open for normal business hours.

All three St. Mary's County Library branches (Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown and Lexington Park) will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, 2022.

All Senior Activity Centers (Garvey, Loffler and Northern) will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, 2022. There will be no Home-Delivered Meals.

The St. Mary's Transit System (STS) will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, 2022.

The Department of Recreation and Parks School programs and facilities will be open for normal business hours.

The St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and the Old Jail Museum will be open for visitors from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Wicomico Shores Golf Course will be open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., and the Riverview Restaurant will be open 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

THE TACKLE BOX FISHING REPORT

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

It was a cool September and a cooler October so far, so we have the perfect conditions for a super rockfish season. The stripers are in the Potomac and Patuxent in good numbers and size. Lure casters in kayaks and bigger boats are finding fish both blind casting around structure and chasing breaking fish.

Trollers are doing well with tandems and small umbrellas deep; and with single bucktails in the shallows. Number 17 and Number 18 Chrome Tony spoons trolled behind a 12 ounce in-line weight is ideal for these fish.

The consistent cool weather has cleared up the water and now the perch have fled the creeks and schooled up in the 30-to-40-foot edges. The perch are gathered around structure also, and excellent catches are being made by jiggers around the pilings of the Benedict bridge and the Solomons Bridge in the Patuxent.

The rockfish are in the Potomac in big schools on the Maryland side in the mouth of the Wicomico from Cobb Island to St. Clements Island and at Ragged Point. They are always moving and will be on one side of the river or the other on any given day. A tried-and-true technique is to get out in the river and cruise around until flocks of gulls show the location of the fish. You can troll around the fish or cast to them using bucktails, jigs, and swimming plugs. These fish are 20" to 30" with the majority about 22" to 24". The Patuxent is the same with fish scattered from Benedict to Cedar Point.

A big advantage is the Potomac's allowance of two a day, minimum 20". Maryland waters limit is one per day at 19 inch minimum.

The fishing is really good now. Let's go get 'em.



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- Processional Walk from the Commemorative to the College Waterfront

Waterfront Ceremony

- Choral Program
- Reading of Names of The Enslaved
- Candle Lighting
- Libation Ceremony

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In the event of inclement weather, event will be held in the Nancy R. & Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center. Transportation provided for those unable to walk the procession route.

A View From The BLEACHERS



62...MEH

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.

It was 1998, impossibly 24 years ago now. As summer charged into fall, the days would start early – had to. With a long commute and work day, it was imperative to clock in just after the sun turned night into day. Things were going to happen in the night – big things, historic things, things I’d be writing about nearly a quarter-century later – that could not be missed. This being a time long before recorded, instant-advancing programming, my derriere had to be on the couch, in front of the television by 7 p.m. – no compromise.

The daily ritual that September and early October looked something like this. An alarm clock would start the day with a piercing pulse that hurt – psychologically and physically. In desperate need of smelling salts and a standing eight count, I would stumble into the shower semi-conscious. The cobwebs would clear as I shuffled to my truck. Did I shave? Did I use both soap and shampoo? Did I use soap on my head and shampoo on my body? Whatever – efficiency mattered more than hygiene.

I would exit the driveway by six, rip through the gears while hauling down Route 4 and report to work by seven. This would ensure an exit by 5 p.m. and a return home an hour later – just enough time to eat, select a beer and land punctually on that aforementioned couch. The day would end deep into the night and sometimes into the next morning. Then insufficient sleep. Then that obnoxious alarm...again.

It was a fabulous grind.

The carrot this rabbit was chasing was baseball history. Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs were conducting an epic assault on Roger Maris’s single-season home run record. Every night baseball history was under siege, then being re-written. By September 8, McGwire had broken the record with his 62nd home run; he ended the season with 70. Sosa was neck-and-neck with McGwire down the stretch and finished a close second in this magical run with 66.

We know now that it was too good to be...natural.

Maris hit 61 bombs in 1961

to best Babe Ruth’s 1927 record of 60. By 1998, Maris’s record had stood several seasons longer than Ruth’s and had, until the late 1990s, never been threatened. In fact, until 1997, no major leaguer had hit more than 52 home runs since George Foster recorded that number in 1977. Then everything changed. Between 1997 and 2001, McGwire, Sosa and Barry Bonds alone recorded seven seasons of 58 or more homers. Peak ridiculousness arrived in 2001, when Bonds, at age 36 and having never hit more than 49 home runs in a season, launched 73. Soon enough, the disgusting realities of the steroid error – an abject failure of the sport – claimed all innocence.

Eventually Aaron Judge, circa 2022, was going to happen – a guy having a spectacular season who threatened Roger Maris’s record – and, with it, so would a forced confrontation with baseball’s willful and pathetic tarnishing of its most cherished records. Judge hit 62 home runs this season, officially setting a new American League record; but for many purists (and those for whom character matters), Judge is now the all-time single-season home run king.

That it is unclear how to judge Judge, that his march to 62 was more “meh” than a captivating experience rivaling 1998, that I lost no sleep or adhered to no strict routine to catch his at bats, is the consequence of a sport and a generation of athletes that lost all ethical mooring. The steroid era eviscerated the statistical baseline, cheated history, disrespected players of the past, undermined players of the present and future, and spoiled the experience for fans. The best that can be said of bandits like Bonds, McGwire and Sosa, and complicit, money-drunk executives and owners, is this: theirs is a cautionary tale of the inescapable permanence of ethical compromise, of silence in the face of perversion, and of personal and institutional dishonor.

For everything Judge did right this summer, his incredible accomplishment was unfairly minimized by a sport that once did so much unforgivably wrong.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com



The Way We Were...

HISTORY AND STORIES OF ST MARY'S COUNTY FROM LONG AGO TO JUST YESTERDAY

THE UNSOLVED ASSASSINATION OF “THE ANGEL OF ST. MARY’S”

On the morning January 7th, 1933, 73-year old Miss Ida Kirk, a wealthy spinster and philanthropist, known variously as the “Angel of St. Mary’s County” and the “Angel of Budd’s Cree”, along with her friend, Mrs. Elva Gibson, wife of Rev. Joseph P. Gibson, Rector of Christ Church in Chaptico, set off from the Christ Church rectory in Miss Kirk’s car headed to Washington.

A mile and a half down Chaptico Road (Rt 238) from the rectory and travelling at 30 mph, the car exploded. Miss Kirk was gravely injured, her body mangled from the waist down. Mrs. Gibson sustained little more than a twisted ankle.

Ida Kirk died two-days later in St. Mary’s Hospital. The case remains unsolved to today. Who would want to harm this generous spinster – and why?

The cause of the explosion was determined to have been dynamite attached to the car. It could have been rigged only by someone familiar with blasting. Investigators found that at least one stick of dynamite had been set under the floorboards on the driver’s side. It was set-off, possibly by a fuse wired to the tailpipe along with gunpowder extracted from multiple shotgun shells. When the tailpipe heated, the gunpowder acted as a “cap” and ignited the fuse. A pre-mediated and carefully planned assassination.

Suspicion immediately turned to John Gross, 45, a “stump-dynamiter” as Washington’s “Sunday Star” called him the day after the incident. Miss Kirk had ordered Gross to leave her home about a week earlier having found him in the company of her maid. According to reports, the man left in “obvious anger”. However, no firm evidence could be found to charge him with the crime – although, based solely on his skill handling explosives, he appeared to be a prime suspect.

Another theory held that that Reverend Gibson had some sort of grievance against Miss Kirk. West Lyon, a retired farmer living in Chaptico and who arrived on the scene about twenty-minutes after the blast, said that, “They found the cut gun shell and



Ida Kirk's Angel.
(Photo by J. Scott Ridgell)

some copper wire used to make the (dynamite) bomb in the rectory yard. It was an expert that did it.”

However, this theory was also dismissed as it was apparent that whoever rigged the contraption had done so during the night and no motive could be found.

Finally, attention turned to Ida Kirk’s last will and testament.

After Kirk died, a dispute broke out over the legitimacy of her will. John H.T. Briscoe was the executor. Nina Semmes Folwell, a first cousin of Miss Kirk who received nothing in the will, challenged its validity. It had been written a year earlier and there were apparent differences in the typeface used in the document. The dispute continued until 1942 when Mr. Briscoe asked that a Mr. Hewitt Griggs Robertson, a lawyer representing some of the beneficiaries, be allowed to work with him to settle the estate, at Briscoe’s expense.

Ida Kirk asked in the will that a life-sized marble statue of a guardian angel be placed in her family’s lot at the Christ Church cemetery. The memorial still stands and can be found to the rear of the church.

Ida Kirk. The Angel of St. Mary’s County.



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Thu, Oct 27, 2022

Wings

VFW Post 2632 California
23282 Three Notch Road
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

This Thursday,
Wings and Tenders
Queen of Hearts and Money Tree,
Tickets go on sale at 5 drawing at 7.
Karaoke 7 to 11

Fri, Oct 28, 2022

SMTMD Acoustic Open Mic

Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Road
Chaptico
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Come to Christ Church Parish Hall in Chaptico to enjoy some fine acoustic music performed by local talented singers and songwriters. Musicians of all skill levels are warmly invited to perform.

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in advance if you'd like to sign up to perform. Visit www.smtmd.org for more information.

Sat, Oct 29, 2022

Halloween On The Square

St. Mary's Square Shopping Center
21600 Great Mills Rd.
Lexington Park
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FREE Community Event featuring:
FREE Candy! FREE Pumpkins!
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Halloween Trail for Children
Local Businesses & Organizations
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Special Appearances from:
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o C3Wrestling
o Newtowne Players
o Fire Trucks
o Live DJ & More!

Pax Museum Trunk or Treat

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum
22156 Three Notch Road
2p.m. to 3:30p.m.

The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum invites you and your children to come out to our "Fright Line" for a fun-filled Trunk or Treat. All children ****in costume**** under the age of 12 will receive free access to the museum and all accompanying adults will receive a reduced admission of \$7 only from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. During this time kids will be able to participate in various arts and crafts throughout the museum, as well as trick or treat down the flight line at each of the variously themed trunks.

Sun, Oct 30, 2022

Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Patuxent Presbyterian Church
23421 Kingston Creek Road
California
11 a.m. to Nonn

Calling all students (Pre-K to Grade 12)! Join us for a Pumpkin Decorating Contest on Sunday, October 30th from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Patuxent Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall for our 5th Sunday Celebration! Lots of crafting materials, candy, prizes, and enjoy the reading of "The Pumpkin Parable!" ALL WELCOME (and feel free to join us for 9:30 a.m. worship first!)

Wed, Nov 2, 2022

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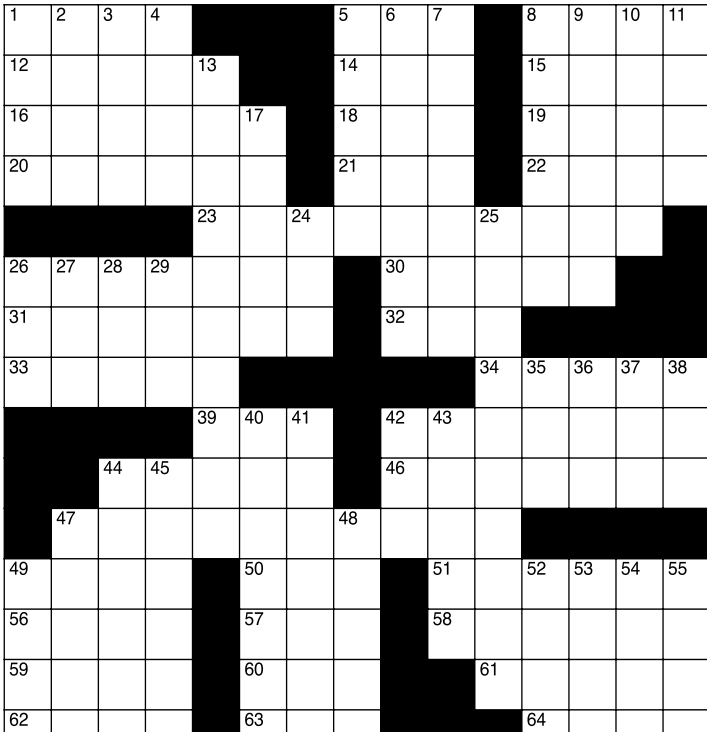


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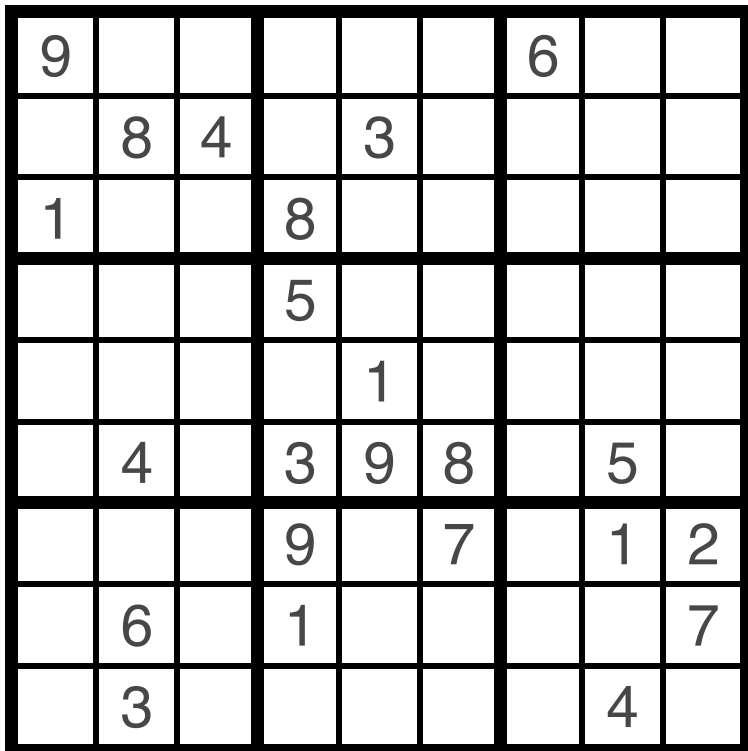
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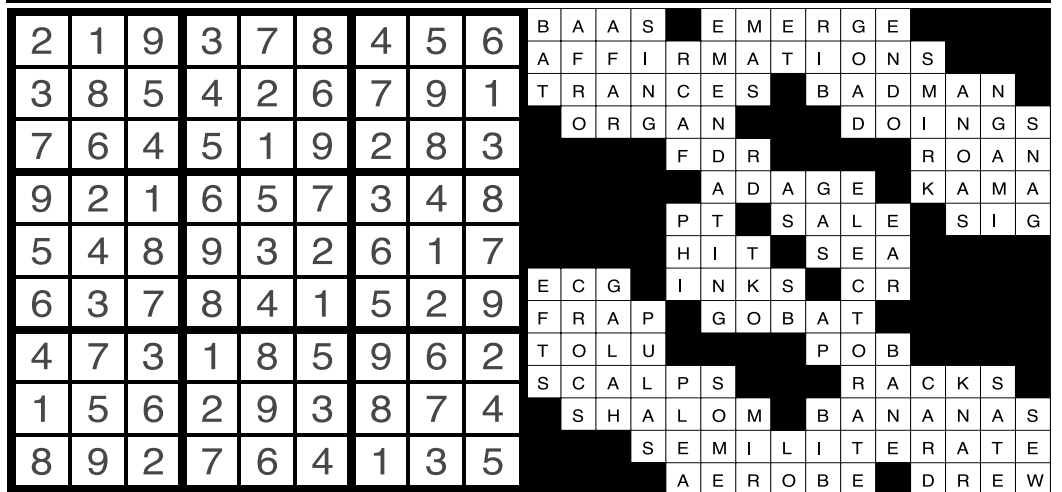
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- 1. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 5. A way to season
- 8. North-central Indian city
- 12. Emaciation
- 14. Actress de Armas
- 15. A way to score in basketball
- 16. Odd
- 18. Scripting languages on IBM machines
- 19. A right of local jurisdiction
- 20. Hard, colorless compound
- 21. Diving seabird
- 22. Wild goat of the mountains
- 23. Not shortened
- 26. Someone who learns from a teacher
- 30. Is inclined
- 31. Still asleep
- 32. Antidepressants (abbr.)
- 33. Town in Surrey, England
- 34. Indian music patterns
- 39. Birth control means
- 42. People tend to be on one
- 44. A way to keep meat moist
- 46. Home of the Crimson Tide
- 47. Pasta type
- 49. Late 1990s rapper
- 50. One circuit of a track
- 51. Surrounded by water
- 56. Late "Growing Pains" actor Thicke
- 57. Married couples say it
- 58. Drool
- 59. Sicilian city
- 60. Airline worker perk (abbr.)
- 61. Grayish-black mixture
- 62. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 63. Midway between east and southeast
- 64. Athletes who get paid

- 2. Hindu queen
- 3. Cain and ___
- 4. Hindu female deity
- 5. Islamic calendar month
- 6. Changes posture
- 7. More stubborn
- 8. Give work to
- 9. Round maps of the Earth
- 10. Gathered fallen leaves
- 11. Popular credit card
- 13. Separation of church and state
- 17. Founder of Sikhism
- 24. They ___
- 25. Where you find the milk
- 26. Institute legal proceedings against
- 27. The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
- 28. Expresses surprise
- 29. Have a debt to
- 35. Businessman
- 36. State on India's western coast
- 37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
- 38. Patty Hearst's captors
- 40. Put into service
- 41. 10-year periods
- 42. Crony
- 43. Surgical clamp
- 44. Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
- 45. Where rockers work
- 47. Valleys
- 48. Ancient lyric poem
- 49. Wise men
- 52. It lights a room
- 53. Assert
- 54. Fifth Roman Emperor
- 55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace



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Thursday, October 27

JobSource Mobile Career Center

Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Rd., Solomons, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and resume help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. This 38-foot mobile center features 11 computer workstations, smart board instructional technology, satellite internet access, exterior audio visual and broadcasting capabilities; state-of-the-art workforce applications and connectivity for wireless mobile device access., 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Reading Buddies

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

Children needing some extra help with reading build confidence reading to teens. There will be extra stuffed animals, games, coloring sheets, and snacks. Does your K-5th grader struggle with reading confidence? This program offers a safe and welcoming space for them to practice reading and interacting with older kids. How it works for young readers: Register for the event on this page Bring a stuffed animal you love Pick out a book you would like read/, Read a story to a teen reading buddy! How it works for teen reading buddies (age 13-18): Please email Jess for more information (jswain@calvertlibrary.info). You don't need to register for the event. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal. 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Friday, October 28

New Direction's "Bell, Book & Candle"

Long Beach Community Center, 5845 Calvert Blvd., St. Leonard, 7 p.m.

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are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, are available at www.ndctheater.org. Bell, Book and Candle centers on Gillian Holroyd, who is one of the few modern people who can actually cast spells and perform feats of supernaturalism. She can do that because she's actually a witch. She casts a spell over publisher Shepherd Henderson, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. Will witchery or love triumph in the end?

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. For library resources on this topic, click here! , 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Saturday, October 29

Garden Smarter: Preserving Summer's Beauty.

Community Resources Building, 30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 10-11 a.m.

This is a discussion about preservation of flowers: pressed, dried or enflourage. The same can be done with herbs, or veggies. We'll also cover canning, dehydration, and freezing. , 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Life Journey Writing

Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 2-4 p.m.

Come out to learn the empowerment/freedom tools of writing. Through sharing, writing, critiquing, and examining the classics in multimedia, we'll energize your passion, voice, vibe, and validation, and have some fun! If you've already been writing? Bring. Do you have stories you need to document for your grandchildren? Are you ready to educate others about your lived experience? Will writing help you process a life change or second

chance? Writing can be life changing. Yvonne J. Medley, facilitator, has created Sexual Assault Awareness and effective tools for relationship building; has tackled the issues of Incarceration in America (especially for females), racism, intolerance, social stigmas, and more, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

MakePlayLearn

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach; 2-3 p.m.

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Southern Maryland Bluegrass

Calvert Elks Lodge, 1015 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, 2 p.m.

Hailing from the Gateway of the Great Smoky Mountains, Seth Mulder & Midnight Run began its journey in February of 2015, at the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Made up of four like-minded musicians and graduates of college music programs, this group of friends and musicians created a band tied to the rich traditions of bluegrass music, yet one that offers a fresh approach to that "High Lonesome" sound.

COSMIC Symphony Concert-A Haunting Return

St. John Vianney Life Center, 105 Vianney Ln, Prince Frederick, 3 p.m.

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Proposed County Code Change Aimed at Transparency

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

Based on the desire of the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to enhance the transparency of county government, County Attorney John Norris has developed a proposed addition to the county code. It would, according to Norris, “Outline roles and responsibilities of the parties to a request for public records.” After a presentation from Norris at the Oct. 25 BOCC meeting, it was agreed to solicit public comment before taking the proposal to a public hearing. Norris said he would additionally reach out to organizations which in the past have complained about lack of transparency.

Norris explained, “The Public Information Act is a state law that was adopted to grant the public broad rights of access to records, balancing that right with the protection of legitimate governmental interests and safety and security, and the privacy of individual citizens.”

He added that the Public Information Act doesn’t require any government agency to create a record that doesn’t exist.

He said, “There is a presumption though, that I need to file a public information request to find out what time the transfer stations close on the weekends, or open on the holiday. Those are not public information requests. Those can be handled with a telephone call and don’t require the formality of going through a response. Public Information

Act is according to the Attorney General, based on the enduring principle that public knowledge of government activities is critical to the functioning of a democratic society. So public information requests give you access to records of what the government is doing, what it has done, sometimes what it might be planning to do.”

The code addition Norris developed sets up the procedures for making public information requests. He said, “A person can request a record by submitting a written request to the custodian.” If it’s submitted to the wrong person, whoever gets it is required to forward it to the correct person. Each department has a records custodian.

Norris said, “If the custodian grants the request for a record, they’ll produce that record as soon as possible, immediately in some instances. For instance, the Department of Planning and Zoning has identified records that are commonly requested and make them available at the front counter without having to submit a written request.”

As for the cost of a records search, Norris said, “The first two hours are free and then everything else is paid for...at the hourly rate for the employees that are fulfilling the request.”

He added, “Each director is going to develop a proactive disclosure policy of records that are available for inspection as planning and zoning has already done for some.”

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Could Lower Bridge Speed Construction?

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

“Does it have to fall into the water?” Commissioner Mike Hart was asking out loud how long it would take to get a new Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge. His audience was Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Earl Lewis, filling in for the secretary, who was ill. Lewis had in tow the heads of the various MDOT departments at the agency’s annual visit to the county on Oct. 25.

Lewis answered Hart by admitting, “Unfortunately, I do not have an answer to that question.”

State Highway Administration (SHA) Administrator Tim Smith said there may be some funding for suicide prevention, but he added, “We are moving forward with planning efforts, to look at opportunities with the Navy on whether we need to have the bridge up as high as it does. I think moving in that direction unlocks some potential opportunities. And then, let’s be honest, in the bipartisan infrastructure bill there’s discretionary funding out there as well. So, while I’m not going to give you a date, I think we’re more optimistic that we can move forward with the planning and design side of this, especially if we can lower that bridge, than we did in the past.”

The MDOT officials touted the recent opening of the replacement Nice/Middleton Bridge over the Potomac River three months ahead of schedule and on

budget. That bridge cost \$435 million while the price tag for the Solomons bridge tops \$1 billion with the road improvements needed on either side of the bridge.

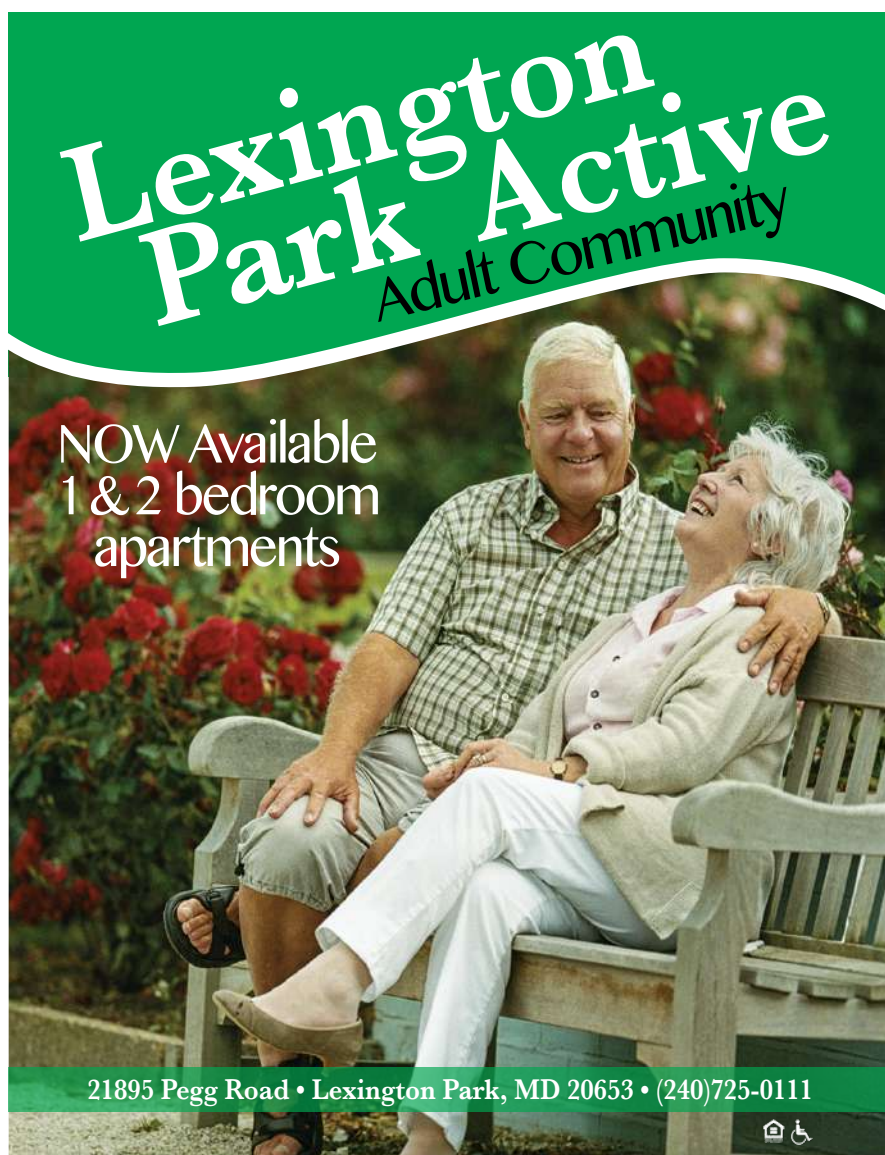
But it was pointed out that the Potomac bridge is a toll bridge and Hart noted that residents have resisted that idea. He said that unlike the Nice/Middleton Bridge, people travel the bridge every day to work and shop.

Lewis said of the Hogan Administration, “We’ve improved 100 percent of the state’s highway system, making our roads and bridges much safer and less congested. Of the 69 poorly rated bridges we identified in 2015, we have replaced or repaired all of them. We are continuing to address aging infrastructure. We now have only 26 poorly rated bridges. That’s an historical low. All these bridges are now either under construction, funded for construction or in design.”

Lewis also highlighted litter prevention. He said, “Trash litter along our highways cost us all some serious dough -- more than \$60 million over the last eight years, when averaged that’s more than \$7 million a year. Think about all that waste.”

Lewis said the signs that pop up along state highways on weekends are illegal, but enforcement is a matter of funding the weekend help.

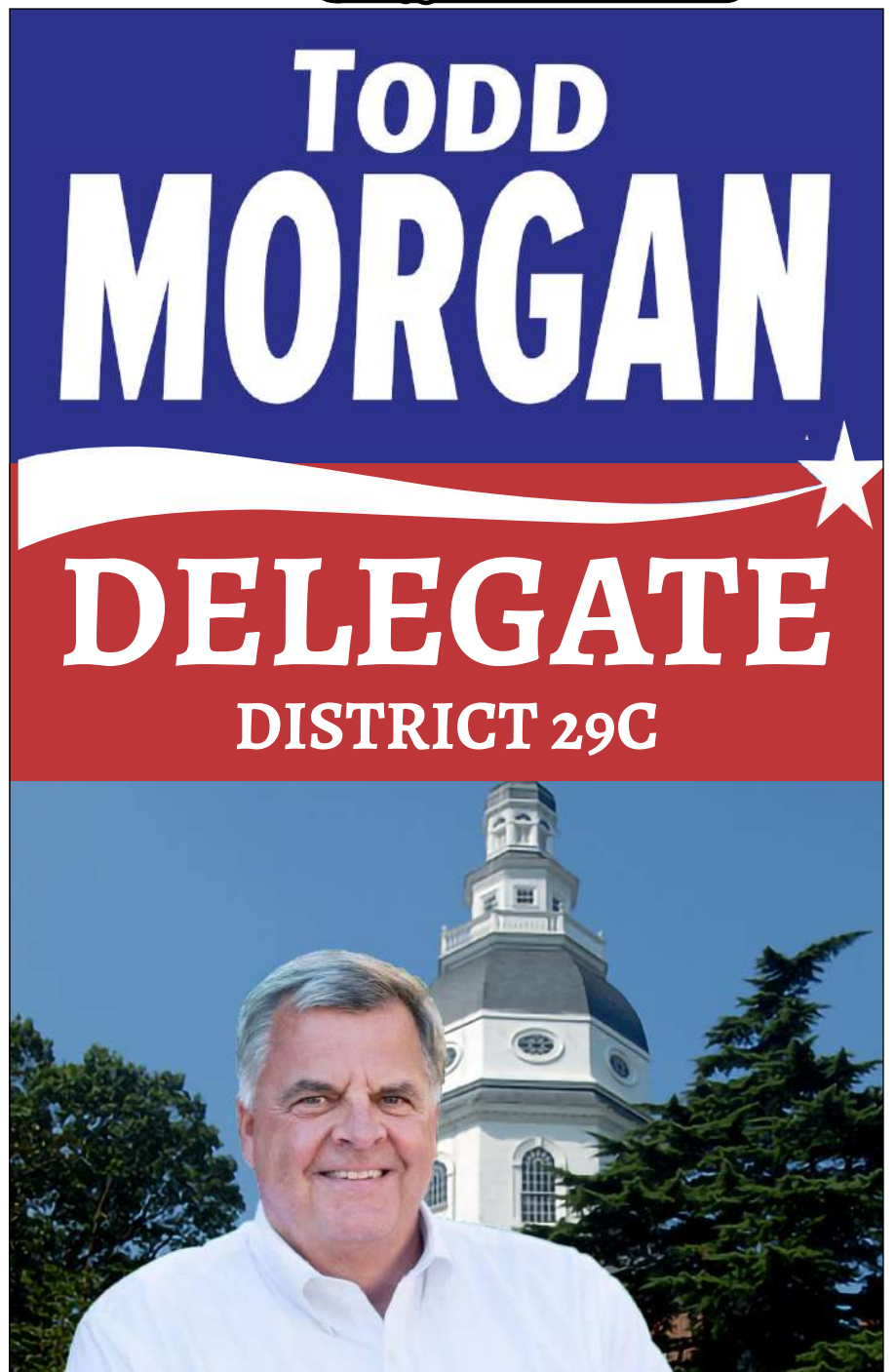
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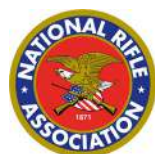
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Planners Endorse Prince Frederick Loop Road Option

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Planning Commission has taken steps to designate the preferred loop road for the eastern section of the Prince Frederick Town Center.

Planning Commission Administrator Tamara Blake-Wallace explained at the Oct. 19 meeting, “The county is currently reviewing plans for two proposed residential development projects to be located on the south side of Fox Run Boulevard between Dares Beach Road and existing Chesapeake Boulevard. This section of Fox Run Boulevard is currently unbuilt except for a small segment that extends off of Dares Beach Road that serves as the entrance to Calvert High School. The proposed residential development projects are known as Magnolia Ridge (CSPR-142742), consisting of 164 townhouses and 96 apartments and Magnolia Ridge West (CSPR-142828), consisting of 79 townhouses. Both projects are under the same ownership and being designed by Barrett & Associates, LLC.”

Blake-Wallace further explained in a memo to the commission that the Prince Frederick Town Center Zoning Ordinance has a map that offers two options for an eastern loop road. She explained, “One option for the loop road alignment includes extending Chesapeake Boulevard south of Fox Run Boulevard to Dares Beach Road. The design and construction of Chesapeake Boulevard south, however, would be difficult since it would require extensive grading of moderate to steep slopes and most likely involve two or more stream crossings. Another option for the loop road alignment would be the completion of Fox Run Boulevard to Dares Beach Road as currently platted. This option would bring Fox Run Boulevard in alignment with the intersection of Dares Beach Road and Fairground Road.”

After listening to a presentation from developer Rodney Gertz of Quality Built Homes and his engineering consultant, the planners went along with the request.

The decision came just after another presentation, a request from the county regarding Fox Run Blvd.

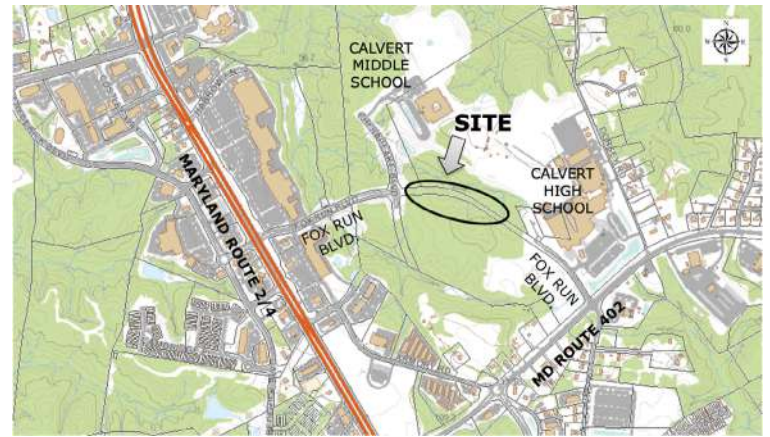
Environmental Planner Colleen Anglin explained the request for grading and clearing prior to road plan approval involving the unbuilt segment of Fox Run Blvd., which is a variable width public right-of-way. She said, “Conceptual Road design plans for the unbuilt section of Fox Run Blvd. are currently under review. The proposed road construction is included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), but final design approval and construction responsibilities are yet to be determined.”

She said the county Project Engineer Jason Leavitt submitted a request for an exception to the town center zoning ordinance to allow the grading prior to the road plan approval.

She said the Department of Public Works (DPW) made the request “to allow for the removal of excess fill dirt within and adjacent to the unbuilt section of the right-of-way. Approval of the request will not only help expedite the completion of the road but enable DPW to utilize the fill dirt on other on-going county construction projects at a significant cost savings.”

The planners approved that request, but there was some pushback.

David Bu of Breezy Point said there’s a question about whether the entire loop road is needed. “If it



Circle shows the uncompleted portion of Fox Run Blvd.

turns out that we don’t,” he noted, “then why are we building this extension? The sole function of that extension then becomes enabling the residential development that’s proposed right adjacent and puts the county in the position of taxpayer funding what’s essentially a road servicing a new residential development. So that’s an awkward political situation that I’d like you to consider.”

But Deputy Public Works Director J.R. Cosgrove rebutted, “Everybody can look at this and assume that Fox Boulevard is going to be built. We’re just trying to go get the dirt and grade it sooner so we can use (if for) the different projects. Is that a false assumption? Not necessarily. This is a capital project that’s been in the books for over a decade.”

And Gertz said the completion of Fox Run Blvd. will provide an alternate route for Calvert High School so traffic can avoid the busy Dares Beach Road/Route 4 intersection

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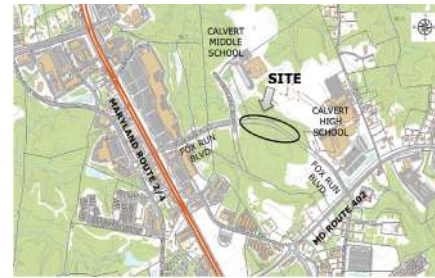
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