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THU 8/18		85° /69°	Pleasant with clouds and sun	MON 8/22		81° /71°	Cloudy, a thunderstorm; humid
FRI 8/19		86° /71°	Times of clouds and sun	TUE 8/23		86° /71°	Cloudy, a thunderstorm; humid
SAT 8/20		79° /69°	Humid with a thunderstorm	WED 8/24		84° /73°	Humid with a t-storm in spots
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Wednesday, Aug. 31 has been recognized as International Overdose Awareness Day, a global event to raise awareness that overdose death is preventable and to reduce the stigma associated with drug-related death. The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA), Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee and Calvert County Behavioral Health are seeking to bring awareness to this ongoing crisis by lighting Calvert County purple – the awareness color for drug overdose and the opioid crisis – on International Overdose Awareness Day.

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Prince Frederick
- Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
Sneade's Ace Home Center
11861 HG Trueman Road
Lusby
- Aug. 15, noon to 2 p.m.**
CAASA Office
30 Duke St., Suite 104
Prince Frederick
- Aug. 16, 6-8 p.m.**
Chesapeake Beach Town Hall
8200 Bayside Road
Chesapeake Beach
- Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
Sneade's Ace Home Center
1750 Prosper Lane
Owings
- Aug. 21, 2-4 p.m.**
Chesapeake Beach Town Hall
8200 Bayside Road
Chesapeake Beach
- Aug. 24, 6-8 p.m.**
Calvert Library
850 Costley Way
Prince Frederick
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11861 HG Trueman Road
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- Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m.**
North Beach Town Hall
8916 Chesapeake Avenue
North Beach

One Dead, One Seriously Injured in Separate Motorcycle Crashes

By Dick Myers
Editor

One person has died, and another was seriously injured in separate motorcycle accidents late Saturday evening, Aug 13 in southern Calvert County on Routes 2/4 (Solomons Island Road).

According to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), deputies were dispatched "at approximately 11:39 p.m., along Solomons Island Road in the area of the Naval Recreation Center in Solomons. Upon arrival, deputies located a single motorcycle that had left the roadway and crashed. The operator, Robert Anthony McDonald, 32 of Waldorf, was ejected from the bike and was pronounced deceased on the scene by emergency personnel."

Earlier on Aug. 13, CCSO reports "at approximately 11:36 p.m., deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau responded to the area of Solomons Island Road just prior to Dowell Road in Lusby

for a serious motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle. Deputies arrived on scene and advised one adult male was seriously injured and suffered a full amputation to their lower extremity.

"Preliminary reports indicate the motorcyclist, Rushane Alexander Lee, 31 of Waldorf, ran off the roadway, crashed, and was ejected from the bike. Lee was transported to a local trauma center for injuries received."

At this time, speed appears to be a contributing factor in both crashes.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collisions is asked to contact CCSO: for the fatality or any events leading up to the crash, DFC. A. Ostazeski with the Collision Reconstruction Team at andrew.ostazeski@calvertcountymd.gov.

For the other accident, please contact M/DFC. E. Bradley with the Collision Reconstruction Team at Edwin.Bradley@calvertcountymd.gov.

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Townsel: It's Students First

Superintendent Speaks on Cell Phone, His Critics



Dr. Andrae Townsel at a meet and greet at CSM.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Andrae Townsel has responded to a hot issue during the recent primary election – cell phones in the classroom.

Townsel, at an Aug. 3 meet and greet sponsored by the NAACP at the College of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick, said, "Our young people, in my opinion, are the smartest that they have ever been. They know a lot. So, kids recognize real, and they recognize fake. And kids understand if you care about them, and they understand if you don't. So just keep it real with kids."

"I know people talk about banning cell phones. My thought is, because we have some of the smartest kids in society, why don't we teach them the proper etiquette of using cell phones in social media, in the classroom. I'd rather teach than restrict. A lot of times when you restrict, you get rebellion. So why not teach? And young people love structure."

Townsel, before his remarks, received briefings from representatives of 19 civic organizations on what they do.

Townsel started his new job on July 1, having been superintendent of the small school system in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

"What I saw when I got here," he said, "was that everyone was very welcoming. Everyone was very excited about what's coming up for kids. And one thing you must know about me, it's always students first."

Townsel added, "Also there is no hidden agenda," adding, "When I got here, I saw a lot of negative comments (on social media). Some people messaged me personally, said don't come to Calvert

County. I said, I can't wait till I get there. I was fired up."

"I think there's some fear," he said. "I don't know what the fear is. I've been in K-12 education, executive leadership for a while, and I studied it front and back. I promise you, there's nothing up the sleeve that we're trying to do to trick up kids. I promise you that you always get that from me. Truth and service."

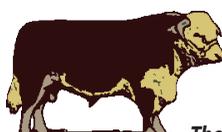
He said, "My motto is that it's students first, adult convenience, second."

Townsel said, "My mission and vision for student achievement here is to No. 1, just enhance the student experience, also while enhancing the workforce for teachers, educators, administrators. This is a hard field to be in, especially today, especially as we're emerging from a pandemic. We all saw how valuable teachers were when kids were at home in virtual learning. If that doesn't give you respect for educators, I don't know what will."

He said he was born and raised in Detroit and a product of their public schools. He got his bachelor's, master's, doctoral degree and superintendent certification from Howard University.

Townsel explained, "I began my education career in the District of Columbia. I worked at every level in education from student teacher, teacher, football coach, basketball coach, boy's and girl's athletic director, dean of students, assistant principal at the high school level, high school principal, assistant superintendent, highly effective rated superintendent (the state of Michigan nominated). Now I'm here. So don't question what I'm going to do for kids. I say that respectfully. It is students first."

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Chesapeake Beach's Super Volunteer Retires

John Bacon Honored at Reception

By Dick Myers
Editor

He's been called Chesapeake Beach's super volunteer. John Bacon recently retired after 11 years with Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS), most of the time as its president. Bacon was honored Aug. 11 with a reception at Abner's overlooking his beloved Fishing Creek, where CBOCS raises oysters for transplanting in the Chesapeake Bay.

Mayor Pat Mahoney said by way of introduction at the ceremony, "We're here to honor a very special person, John Bacon. This town is very fortunate because we have so many folks that are retired. They had a great day job, and they bring all these skills that they made six figure sums at and come down here and they work for the town of Chesapeake Beach for free to make it a better place now."

Mahoney added, "John Bacon takes things to a new level. He didn't retire. He made it his full-time job. He started a program from scratch and turned it into one that had statewide recognition."

Mahoney also lauded the late Ron Draper, who worked with Bacon in CBOCS' education program. Mahoney said, "If Ron were here, he would basically thank John for the opportunity to get together with the fifth-grade oyster trips."

"Ron, like John was elated for restoring the health of the Bay for future generations of children."

Abner's owner Bobby Abner talked about Bacon getting him involved in aquaculture.

He said, "I raise 16 to 18 million baby oysters a year now. I have one of the largest oyster cultivation bars in the state of Maryland in the Chesapeake Bay."

Abner said, "When I started here, I was a little discouraged until John talked to me. I couldn't catch any shells on it because they were under a foot of mud. So, John encouraged me to keep going and digging up shells. And now I got a very prosperous bar thanks to John Bacon."

Abner said, "I'm creating an educational aquaculture area for school kids that he inspired me to do."

"Thanks to John, it's going to be the John Bacon Aquaculture Center," he said, adding, "They're going to be able to walk all the way around it and see where the oysters are being cultivated and how they grow."

Retired educator and long-time Beach Elementary School principal Dr. Mike Shisler, who worked with Bacon on the education program, said when John and his wife Marilyn first visited Chesapeake Beach, they "came down the hill on

[Route] 260, saw the flag, saw the Bay, knew that's where they wanted to come. That was 22 years ago."

Shisler said Bacon often quipped that he got involved with oysters as penance for his long-time day job in the chemical industry.

As to his former school's involvement with CBOCS, Shisler said, "There was a time when magnet schools were large objects on the educational radar screen. And at that time, I was wondering how could Beach (Elementary) become a magnet school? And the answer was right in front of us, all around us. So, Beach could be an environmental magnet school. We had the best location in Calvert County. We could walk to Bayfront Park, aka Brownies Beach, and we could walk to Fishing Creek via our Beach Nature Trail."

Shisler explained, "Each of our Beach grades would take fall and spring walks down to Bayfront Park to see the Bay, to enjoy the Bay, to learn about our special place on the Bay."

When the Fishing Creek Trail was finished, that became their outdoor classroom, he said. "Our fifth-grade teachers made the mystery of oysters come to life for our kids -- oyster cages, learning about spat, tidal flow, water turbidity, writing down observations, being quiet and watching marsh birds, marsh wildlife, marsh smells, marsh tracks, and marsh beauty."

"John, thanks to you and your CBOCS volunteers for opening the door wider for our kids to appreciate the Bay and Fishing Creek. John, you're a teacher. You made a difference in our community," Shisler said.

Tom Horton, a teacher with the Chesapeake environmental education program of Calvert County Public Schools, said a teacher at an environmental conference he just returned from in Japan said, "These types of experiences like the students have out here, think of them almost like a pebble being dropped into a very still pond. The idea is that that influence radiates out like concentric circles from where that pebble enters the water through the student understanding, through the actions that student will take through experience."

He said students, parents, and teachers, through the program, "leave here with a new, or maybe a renewed appreciation for the role of oysters."

Bacon and the town's Public Works administrator Jay Berry became fast friends over the oysters.

Berry said, "I think the world needs more John Bacons. I've never met someone so dedicated, so



John Bacon's message to CBOCS volunteers

passionate."

He added, "There's two types of people. There are people that can tell you it can't be done and give you 10 reasons why and just shoot everything down from the get-go. And then there's a second type, John Bacon. If the door's shut, he's looking for a window, and if the window's shut, he's digging under the house. And if the house is fortified, he's going to the next house."

"We've been fortunate," Berry said. "I think of all the projects that we've collaborated and done with a small town and not having the red tape and the bureaucracy."

He said the reef in the Bay, where the oysters raised in the creek are deposited, required the signature of the governor. "It would've happened without John's tenacious, won't take no for an answer, and just hold you accountable."

For several years before COVID Bacon and Beach Elementary School art teacher Stacy Bensing coordinated a group mural project involving the entire community.

Bensing presented Bacon with a painting that contains some of the highlights from the murals.

In a video, interspersed with some live remarks, Bacon presented some of the highlights of his 11 years at CBOCS.

He said, "The beginning of CBOCS was a cold January day in 2011. The then mayor Bruce Wahl sent out invitations to everybody to come and learn about oysters and restoration of the water quality of the Bay. Because we live on the Bay and I was retired at that point, I decided to come and listen."

Entering the meeting, he said he didn't know much about oysters. "It seemed like it was pretty interesting, but I didn't have any reason to sign up for anything. So, I was walking out through the door and Kathy Johnson (town secretary) who I knew from when we bought

our house here, stopped me and said, John, you got to sign this piece of paper. And this piece of paper was to be on the water monitoring team of CBOCS. Well, little did I know that when I signed it."

He became a key member because he was an engineer. "We found out that the water quality in Fishing Creek was just fine."

Water quality is impacted by nitrates and phosphates. H said, "We were always worried come April and May of each year because of all the people that lived in Richfield Station and Bayview Hills and other places, what did they do to make their lawns green? They fertilize with nitrates and phosphates. And where do you think the nitrates and phosphate went? Into Fishing Creek. And we thought all our levels are going to go way high and low and behold for April and May of each year, they went down, and we scratched our heads and we said, this can't possibly be so. One day I was sitting out there on the trail, and it dawned on me what makes the swamp or what makes the marsh green, it's nitrates and phosphates. And that marsh was sucking up all the excess nitrates and phosphates from all the lawns."

He observed, "Other creeks are bulkhead right at the end of the lawn and into the water. And there's no marsh to suck up anything that runs off the lawn. And that's why the other creeks have higher nitrates and phosphate levels each spring."

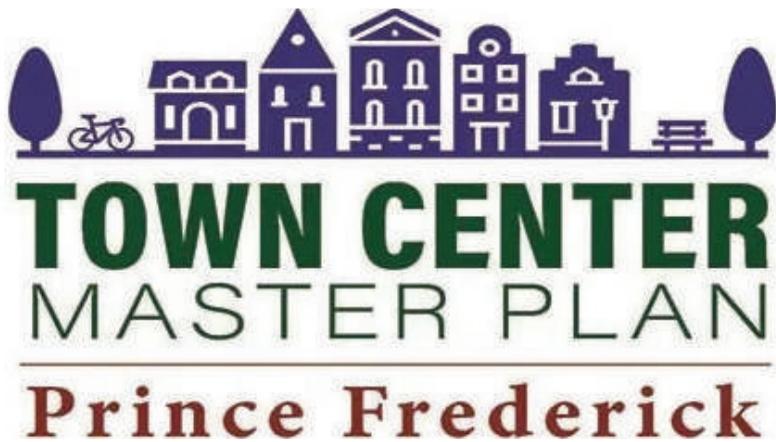
A few years into the monitoring he accepted the presidency and was in charge until his recent retirement.

"Volunteers are extremely important to CBOCS," he said, "making it a successful operation for the last 11 years. And one of our principal objectives was to put oysters in the Chesapeake Bay. And in the past 11 years, we have planted more than one million oysters in our Bay."

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Work Underway on Town Center Boundary Changes

Huntingtown, Prince Frederick, Lusby and Solomons Impacted



By Dick Myers
Editor

Amendments to the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan are currently being drafted that represent a major pivot in growth policy.

As the result of work sessions on June 7 and 28, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) directed planning and zoning staff to prepare amendments to the Huntingtown, Prince Frederick, Lusby and Solomons town centers that would reduce the size of those four growth areas.

According to a release from the Department of Planning and Zoning, that county agency is currently preparing draft amendments to those four town centers. The amendments would be the subject of a joint public hearing by the BOCC and the planning commission.

The draft amendments would be to the county's comprehensive plan adopted in 2019 on a 3-2 vote. The changes include removing properties on the east side of Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, including two parcels owned by Commissioner Kelly McConkey that have been the subject of an ethics probe after the commissioner voted to include them in the town center.

Also removed is Huntingtown High School. The BOCC has been told by

staff they could get a waiver for future state funding for the school even though it is not included in a growth area.

The changes also include the removal of Phase 2 of the Prince Frederick Town Center expansion, which has been controversial from the outset. That reduction also alters the work now being done to revise that town center master plan.

The changes also involve removal of some land on Dowell peninsula from the Solomons Town Center and a parcel of land on HG Trueman Road from the Lusby Town Center.

According to the release from the planning and zoning department, "The amendment process is a formal process that will include opportunities for public input."

More information about the comprehensive plan amendments can be found at: www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/FutureCalvert, including information about future events.

For more information about the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update, you can visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/TownCenterUpdate, email TownCenterUpdate@calvert-countymd.gov or call 410-535-1600, ext. 2356.

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Schools' Quarantine Policy Questioned

By Dick Myers
Editor

When Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) open on Aug. 30, things will be pretty much back to pre-COVID levels, with one exception – there will still be a quarantine policy.

The policy says if an unvaccinated child has a COVID exposure, they must remain home for five days. But if a vaccinated child has had a COVID exposure, they may attend school.

At the school board's Aug. 11 meeting during public comment, Julie Sharpe, a mother of four children in the school system, criticized the policy.

She said, "By now, we are aware of the harm that disruptions in schooling have caused the last two years because of COVID safety measures. It isn't a point that really needs defending."

She added, "We now know that protecting kids from COVID has produced negative unintended consequences that outweigh the benefit of that protection. Our good intentions have hurt our kids."

Sharpe said the policy "discriminates against unvaccinated kids and extends the damage that we know has been done by interrupting schooling. If the vaccine eliminated transmission of COVID, the policy would make sense, but unvaccinated people are not the only ones getting and spreading COVID. We have seen that people who are fully vaccinated and boosted are still catching COVID. It is not actually a pandemic of the unvaccinated at all. The vaccine does not stop people from getting sick. So, it does not keep vaccinated people from spreading COVID."

She said, "If we are quarantin-



Julie Sharpe

ing people, because they have been exposed, we really should be consistent and not have policies that distinguish between vaccinated and unvaccinated. But that's not what I'm advocating. I don't think that it's the best idea to keep everybody quarantined."

Instead, Sharpe said, "Your COVID policy requires sick kids to stay home. Symptomatic kids should stay away from others until they're no longer symptomatic, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. All kids with no symptoms should go to school," she said.

"Kids are suffering from the overly cautious approach with questionable benefit," she insisted.

As is their policy, the board did not comment on the recommendation.

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Housing Market Slows as Prices Continue to Rise



As the end of summer approaches, the Southern Maryland housing market has shown subtle signs of slowing activity, though prices have continued to increase. Through the most recently collected data from the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors®, it can be observed that the inventory of homes in the region is not moving as they were at the same time last year. The total number of units sold during July was down approximately 27.93 percent, with the total dollar volume down 20.24 percent, for a total of \$63 million less than 2021. More evidence of these changes can be seen by the significant number of active listings in the region. Active listings are up nearly 44.46 percent from 2021, creating inventory levels that haven't been seen since before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. This change means good news for buyers, as they will have more options when it comes time to make a purchase. There has also been a slight increase in how long homes are staying on the market, up one day from the same time in 2021 for a total average of 14 days. These patterns tend to create more leverage for buyers during negotiations. That additional leverage is seen as the average sold price to original list price ratio has dropped from 101.8 percent in 2021 to now 100.6 percent. This decrease means that homes that are selling are less likely to see multiple offer scenarios pushing prices higher and that sellers are compromising with buyers more often. "While rising interest rates may be impacting a buyer's purchase power, that power still exists and should be utilized," SMAR 2021-2022 President Gregg Kantak said. "In general, home prices rarely move backward and have never moved backward in response to higher mortgage rates. Additionally, for some buyer-savers, rising interest rates could be a net positive, as they often push up savings rates." However, while the total months of inventory that is available have increased from dangerously unhealthy levels over the past few years, it is still largely considered a seller's market. More evidence of this can be seen as amid economic uncertainty over the past several months, real estate has remained

a thriving investment with home prices in our region seeing large increases compared to 2021. The median sold price of a home in Southern Maryland has gained roughly 11.81 percent from the same time last year. "Despite a continuing 'sellers' market,' a Survey of Consumer Finances, released in September of 2020 by the Federal Reserve, found the median U.S. household net worth is \$121,700. However, the difference between the net worth of homeowners versus renters is staggering," Kantak said. "In 2019, homeowners in the U.S. had a median net worth of \$255,000, while renters had a net worth of just \$6,300... a difference of 40x between the two groups. Interest rates and inventory aside, everyone who can increase their net worth should do so, and real estate is the best example." Housing market statistics from each county in the Southern Maryland region can be found below:

Calvert County

Units Sold:
146 (-35.11 percent)
Total Sales Volume:
\$73,255,973 (-26.38 percent)
Average Days On The Market:
14 (-3 Days from July 2021)
Median Sold Price:
\$472,500 (+22.50 percent)

St. Mary's County

Units Sold:
165 (-16.67 percent)
Total Sales Volume:
\$ 72,590,591 (-4.40 percent)
Average Days On The Market:
16 (+2 Days from July 2021)
Median Sold Price:
\$405,000 (+12.50 percent)

Visit <https://www.southernmarylandrealtors.org/pages/housing-statistics/> every month for additional details about the housing market in Southern Maryland. A video breakdown of the local statistics can be found on the SMAR YouTube page at: <https://youtu.be/2ennYgJaSUc> Statistics for this article were compiled with cooperation from Bright MLS, a leading housing market data source and a real estate listing service for Realtors® throughout the region/

Press Release from SMAR.

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



International Overdose Awareness Day

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Join us as we honor the memory of our loved ones lost to overdose death.

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event to raise awareness that overdose death is preventable and to reduce the stigma associated with drug-related death. This day also acknowledges the grief felt by family and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as the result of a drug overdose.

GUEST SPEAKERS

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

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

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

MEMORIAL READING OF NAMES

Sandy Mattingly, Calvert County Mom

Board Member
Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAASA)

Committee Member
Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee

MEMORIAL EXHIBIT

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

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

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The Calvert County Department of Public Works advises that the Dunkirk Park and Ride will be temporarily closed for resealing and striping work. The park-and-ride lot will be closed from 6 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 until 6 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22, 2022. All work is weather permitting. For questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 410-535-2204 or public.works@calvertcountymd.gov.

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Meals on Wheels Beneficiary of Fundraiser

On Thursday, July 14, 2022, the Dunkirk Chesapeake Grille and Deli held a fundraiser for Calvert Meals on Wheels (CMOW) which resulted in a \$239.92 donation. This amount represented a portion of the sales from June 28, 2022. Thank you to Chesapeake Grille and all the patrons who visited on June 28th to make this donation possible.

The Dunkirk location has been hosting fundraisers for CMOW for many years. The Chesapeake Grille and Deli's donation is helping to decrease food insecurity in our community.

CMOW has been selected as a beneficiary of the Giant Food Bloomin' 4 Good Program for July 2022 at the Dunkirk, Maryland location. The Giant Food Bloomin' 4 Good Program, which launched in July 2021, is an easy way for shoppers to give back. Every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the purple hanging tag sold supports a hunger organization local to the Giant Food in which it was purchased. CMOW will receive a \$1 donation for every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased at this location in July.

"Flowers can make someone's day, brighten a room, or spread a smile," said Shirl Hendley, President, CMOW. Now they can fight

hunger too. Purchase a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at the Dunkirk Giant to help fight hunger. Every bouquet sold will feed 10+ people in need."

Calvert Meals on Wheels' mission is to help homebound citizens who have difficulties preparing meals to live more independently. CMOW delivers a meal and a smile five days a week. CMOW is a volunteer organization governed by a Board of Directors. In addition to drivers who deliver meals, volunteer route coordinators manage delivery routes throughout the county. CMOW works very closely with the Calvert County Office on Aging. This office provides meals to designated locations for driver pickup, is the central contact point for new clients, and distributes monthly menus. CMOW is a United Way Agency and participates in the Maryland Charities and Combined Federal Campaigns.

For information, contact: Shirl Hendley, President, CMOW, P.O. Box 348, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678;

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<https://www.calvertmealsonwheels.org>, Facebook@calvertmealsonwheels

Press Release from CMOW.

Mt. Hope Community Center to Temporarily Close



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation advises citizens that the Mt. Hope Community Center will temporarily close Monday, Aug. 22 through Friday, Aug. 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily due to construction on the communications tower.

The community center will reopen from 5-9 p.m. each evening during the work period. Normal hours of operation will resume Saturday, Aug. 27.

Mt. Hope Community Center is located at 104 Pushaw Station Road in Sunderland. For updates on Parks & Recreation services, park availability, field closures and more visit Parks & Recreation at www.Facebook.com/CalvertCountyParks and follow @CalvertCountyParksandRec on Instagram.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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Southern Maryland Knights Donate to Charlotte Hall Vets

Each year the Knights of Columbus from Maryland descend on Ocean City in early May for their annual State Convention. This event was cancelled for the past two years due to COVID issues, so this year's event was anxiously anticipated by more than 200 members and their wives that made the trek there. For four days the men enjoyed a mix of games and meetings in a relaxed atmosphere of comradeship while the ladies held their own activities that included luncheons and social get togethers.

Once more, the Southern Maryland Hospitality Suite [hosted by Districts 2, 9, 12, and 29 from Southern Maryland] took first place at this year's Convention and set a record for winning three years in a row! Their theme this year was a spoof of the "Roaring Twenties" complete with "Flappers," "G-Men," "Keystone Cops" and "Moon Shyne the Barber!" Although the hospitality rooms do not charge their visitors for their drink and vittles, a large tip jar is provided for the patrons to



The check presentation: (l to r) District Deputy Dave Spigler, District Deputy John Weaver, Angela Quade, Sandie Johnson, Co-Chairman Tom Reumont, Co-Chairman Karen Reumont and Debby Spigler.

leave donations in return for the "goodies" provided. The Southern Maryland Districts have been donating the proceeds from these jars to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home since 2015. On Friday, August 5, District Deputy John Weaver, Former District Deputy Dave Spigler and his wife Deborah, and Brother Tom Reumont

and his wife Karen, Chairmen for this year's Hospitality Room met with Sandie Johnson, Director of Recreational Services at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and Angela Quade of the Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs with a check for \$661.54 raised during the two nights of the Convention.

These funds will be used for the

enjoyment of the men and women who served our country and made it possible for all to have the freedoms we enjoy today! The Knights are happy to include the Veterans in their efforts to serve the community and help those less fortunate than themselves.

Press Release from Southern Maryland Knights of Columbus.





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To see more of my amazing friends also available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD or view us on our website at <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/animal-care-control/tri-county-animal-shelter>

TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Tree Trimming Scheduled



The Calvert County Department of Public Works will be tree trimming on the following roads:

- Briscoe Turn Road
- Wilson Road
- Clay Hammond Road
- Cox Road, and
- Dalrymple Road.

Weather permitting, the tree trimming will take approximately 2 weeks.

If you have questions, please contact Public Works at public.works@calvertcountymd.gov or 410-535-2204.

Press Release from Calvert County

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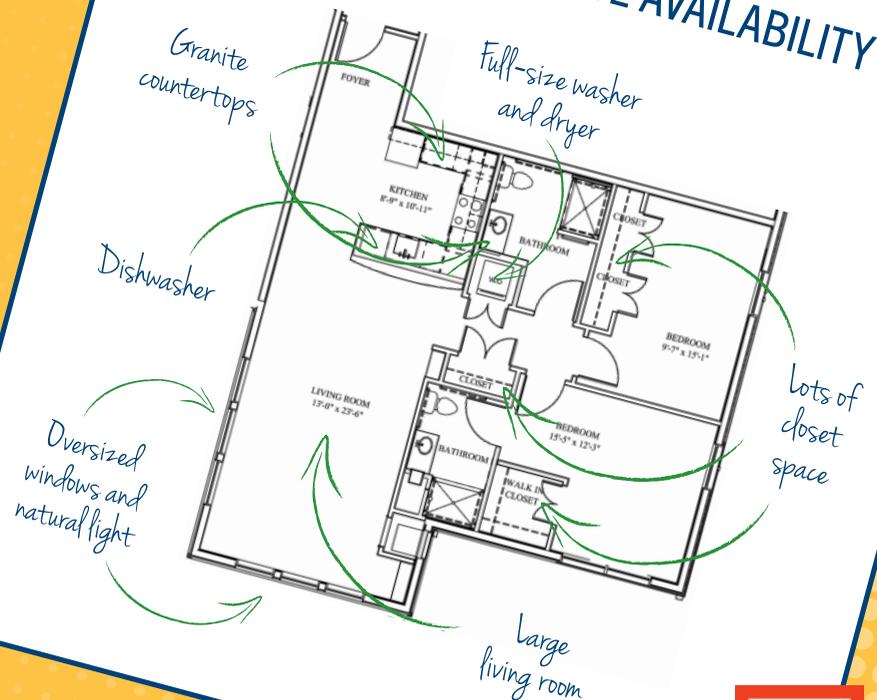
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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of August 1, 2022 – August 7, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,398 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 22-44238

On August 2, 2022, Cpl. Robshaw responded to the 7000 block of Mt. Harmony Lane in Owings, for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 11:30 p.m. on August 1 and 7 a.m. on August 2, an unknown suspect (s) attempted to steal a classic car parked in the driveway of the residence. The right axle of the vehicle was damaged/broken and the vehicle had been moved from where it was originally parked. The estimated value of damaged property is \$100.

Theft: 22-45163

On August 6, 2022, DFC Crum responded to the 2000 block of Cape Leonard Drive in St. Leonard, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) stole a Mercury, two-stroke, 15 horsepower engine and a 3 gallon gas tank with fuel lines off the victim's boat that was kept in a shed on the property. The estimated value of stolen property is \$2,100.00.

Theft: 22-44245

On August 2, 2022, DFC Gilmore received report of a theft. The com-

plainant advised a Maryland handicap placard was stolen from her unlocked vehicle between 2:30-3:30 p.m. while parked in the Safeway parking lot in Prince Frederick. The estimated value of stolen property is \$10.

Theft: 22-45063

On August 6, 2022, Deputy Ashley responded to the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center located at 130 Auto Drive Prince Frederick, for the report of a theft. Contact was made with the complainant who advised his wallet, Ray-Ban sun glasses, and shorts were stolen from a locked locker inside the locker room. The total value of stolen property is \$225.

ARRESTS

On August 2, 2022, DFC N. Buckler conducted a traffic stop in the area of Laurel Way and Bay View Drive in Lusby. Contact was made with the occupants, **Kevill Casswell Gregory**, age 41, and **Alexa Kirsten Freeman**, age 27, both of Lusby, MD. During the traffic stop, Gregory took off running and a foot pursuit ensued. Gregory was observed retrieving something from his shoe and seen ripping open a plastic bag, dumping the contents out in a grassy

area. Gregory was taken into custody and escorted back to the original traffic stop. Deputies recovered a large plastic tie-off containing 13 crack cocaine rocks totaling 3 grams and 15.5 grams of marijuana. CDS and CDS paraphernalia was recovered from Freeman's wallet. Both subjects were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where Gregory was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Obstructing and Hindering an Arrest, and Altering Physical Evidence. Freeman was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On August 6, 2022, Deputy W.



Kevill Gregory



Alexa Freeman

McDowell conducted a traffic stop in the area of 7th Street and Bay Ave in North Beach. Upon making contact with the driver, **Jason Alberto Baiza**, 20 of NW Washington D.C., a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. Baiza advised there was 5 grams of marijuana inside the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 24.2 grams of marijuana, a marijuana cigarette, and Promethazine VC with codeine. Baiza was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+ and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Jason Baiza

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

Sheriff's Office to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoints

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with MDOT's Highway Safety Office and the Maryland State Police, will be conducting Impaired driving enforcement operations in the weeks leading up to and including Labor Day weekend.

The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping the public and our area roadways safe. CCSO reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and/or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driv-



ing a car. While medicinal marijuana is legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Sheriff Mike Evans advises citizens to drive sober or arrange for a sober driver.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Press Release from CCSO

Legal Ad

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AVAILABLE

The Town of Leonardtown is accepting resumes for a full-time Assistant Town Administrator position. Responsibilities involve complex professional, administrative and management duties in providing daily oversight of ongoing town activities. The Assistant will work directly with the Town Administrator overseeing the day-to-day operations of Town Government. The Assistant Administrator will be tasked with developing a Main Street Program for the Town and working with the Administrator on capital projects and long and short-term planning initiatives.

A degree in public administration or related field or any equivalent combination of experience and training is required. Knowledge of municipal management and municipal government programs is a plus. The minimum annual starting salary is \$86,242 based on experience. Send resume and three professional references to Laschelle McKay, Commissioners of Leonardtown, POB 1, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or email Leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov. Deadline to apply is August 31, 2022.



LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS SERVING CALVERT COUNTY



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Fossilized Poop from Calvert Cliffs Gets Scientific Name



A large, probably crocodylian coprolite (fossilized feces) from Calvert Cliffs, Maryland, U.S.A., showing a subcircular opening made by a tunneling organism as it ate its way into the feces before it was fossilized.

Although we find it repulsive, there are animals that eat feces! Furthermore, if conditions are just right, feces can fossilize, and when they do, they are known as coprolites. Some coprolites preserve evidence that they were partially eaten. Nibbled or burrowed coprolites have been found along Calvert Cliffs, the world-famous cliffs along part of the western shore of Chesapeake Bay that preserve 8–20 million-year-old fossils mostly from the marine realm.

There are basically two kinds of fossils, body fossils (like shells, bones, and teeth; the fossilized remains of a once-living organism) and trace fossils (like footprints, nests, burrows, and coprolites...evidence of the activities of a once-living organism). Scientific names, consisting of a genus and species name, are given to body fossils, like one of the most famous ones, *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Scientific names can also be given to trace fossils; they are referred to as ichnotaxonomic names (hence ichnogenes and ichnospecies). "Ichnos" means "footprint" in Greek.

In a paper just published open access in the *Swiss Journal of Palaeontology* (https://trebuchet.public.springerature.app/get_content/ecc36f9a-335f-4775-ac47-44817d7262b2), Calvert Marine Museum Curator of Paleontology, Dr. Stephen J. Godfrey in collaboration with Dr. Alberto Colareta, Università di Pisa, in Italy, have given an ichnotaxonomic name to burrows that occur within large coprolites preserved along Calvert Cliffs.

The new ichnotaxonomic name is *Transexcrementum cuniculus*, Latin for "tunnel that goes through feces". This scientific name is applied to tubular (cylindrical) tunnelings in coprolites (Figures 1 and 2). The cop-

rolites themselves are trace fossils, being the evidence of the activity of once-living animals. The burrows are also trace fossils, being the feeding/tunneling activity of once-living animals, but by an as yet unknown kind (or kinds) of organism(s). Because these trace fossils (the burrows) occur within another kind of trace fossil (the fossilized feces), this compound fossil is known as a complex trace fossil. Although we don't know for sure what kind of animal produced the original feces, they are most similar to coprolites produced by crocodylians, and from their fossilized bones and teeth, we know that there were large marine crocodiles living in this area during the Miocene epoch.

The burrows often curve around within the coprolite. This suggests that the tunneling organisms were not just trying to dig straight through the feces. Rather, the curved burrows suggest that the tunneling tracemaker likely engaged in coprophagy; the term given to animals that eat feces. Not only were the coprolites burrowed, but the outside of the feces is often heavily marked with short and irregularly oriented scratches and gouges (Figure 3). These markings were either made by the feeding animal's mouth-parts or its feeding appendages, like claws.

Judging from the overall rarity of *Transexcrementum cuniculus* occurrences in the fossil record, the tracemaker responsible for the burrows might also have been rare, or fed on feces only occasionally. In a way, it is remarkable that these burrows were preserved at all. The vast, vast majority of feces did not fossilize, they were simply recycled into the ancient ecosystem as they are today.

Press Release from Calvert Marine Museum

CSM Remembers Supporters with Engraved Bricks

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation was joined by faculty, staff and honored guests June 16 at the Prince Frederick Campus to memorialize supporters with engraved bricks laid in remembrance of loved ones, and to celebrate colleagues and friends of the CSM community who serve as the college's champions. Purchased through the CSM Foundation, proceeds from the sale of the bricks go toward the student success fund.

"It gives me great pleasure to be here with you today," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy in introducing those receiving honorary bricks. "We are here to acknowledge and honor the individuals within the community who have made a difference in the lives of so many."

Bricks were placed at the A Building entrance walkway in honor of:

Casey Buffalini, donated by Casey Buffalini. This brick is engraved with "Keep rising & grinding!"

Dr. Daniel Curry, donated by the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. This brick was laid to commemorate Dr. Curry's retirement from Calvert County Public Schools, where he served as superintendent from 2014-2022 and positively impacted the lives of countless children through his leadership and dedication mission to their success in our schools over his 48 years of service.

Evie and Vince Hungerford, donated by Murphy, in recognition and gratitude of Evie and Vince's very long friendship with the College of Southern Maryland.

Christy Lombardi, donated by Murphy, to thank her for her leadership and dedication on the Board of Trustees.

Michelle Morsell, donated by Rick Johnson, to recognize her hard work and dedication to the Department of Financial Services at CSM.

Christina Ronn, donated by Rick Johnson, to recognize her hard work and dedication to the Department of Financial Services at CSM. This brick is engraved with "Education is for improving the lives of others."

John and Ginny Walters, donated by John and Millie Walters, to honor their role as loving parents and grandparents.

Jay W. Webster, donated by Murphy, in recognition of his leadership and dedication on the Board of Trustees.

Murphy then introduced incoming CSM Foundation Chair Randall Williams, who also thanked supporters for their generosity.

"Today is about recognizing you, our partners and our supporters," he said. "By honoring those who believe in the mission of the College of Southern Maryland and share in the vision to transform the lives of our students..."



that generosity and investment today, enriches our community."

Williams then led attendees in a moment of silence before laying bricks in memory of supporters who are no longer with us.

Bricks were laid in memory of:

Alice "Gene" Brown, donated by Abreellen Brown. Gene was a Calvert County native and athlete. She loved art, plants, and tigers, and enjoyed baking, crocheting, and her stories. On the top of her list was spending time with her family and supporting her son and daughter, and she could always be found in the stands with her stat book and camera.

Dr. Mary Jo Comer, donated by CSM Communications Professor Denise Gilmer-Knudson. Comer was one of CSM's most valued and highly skilled Communication adjunct faculty, devoted to teaching and committed to her students. She taught courses across three campuses each spring and fall for more than 25 years. She not only demonstrated excellence in the classroom, but also mentored many full and part-time faculty members. A favorite among our students and beloved by her colleagues, Comer made a meaningful difference at CSM.

Samuel C. Jones, a proud CSM Trustee, donated by Dr. Maureen Murphy.

An honorary brick is a lasting celebration of those who had a special connection to CSM or the Southern Maryland community. For a \$100 donation, a personally engraved brick can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, retirement, special occasion, or remember a loved one. Since its inception in 1989, the brick program has recognized over 400 individuals in the walkways of the La Plata, Leonardtown, and Prince Frederick campuses.

The CSM Foundation, a nonprofit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives – including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors. To learn more about the CSM Foundation or to donate, visit the CSM Foundation online or call 301-934-7599.

Press Release from CSM.

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, August 18

Little Minnows

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

This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult, are invited to join us for story time and a craft you can do on-site or take home, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Pirates Life for Me!

Friday, August 19

Summertime Blues

Calvert Marine Museum,
10 – 11 a.m.

Join a CMM educator on the historic Wm B. Tennon for a hands-on blue crab educational experience. This youth field program uses live blue crabs to illustrate their life cycle and how to identify male and female crabs. Discover the history of the blue crab fishery on the Patuxent River and learn the ins and outs of our annual blue crab harvest. Participants are required to have an adult accompany them for the trip. Boat capacity limit is 40 people. For ages 8 - 12. Cost is \$20 which includes 1 child participant and 1 adult chaperone. Capacity is limited; pre-registration required. To register, visit: <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/492/Mornings-at-the-Museum>

Dee of St. Mary's Sunset Sail

Calvert Marine Museum,
adults-only,
6 – 8 p.m.

Join us on a 2-hour public sail on the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's, and experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail. This Friday evening cruise is for adults-only, and you are welcome to BYOB. Capacity allows for 30 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$45 per person. To register, visit: Dee of St. Mary's Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

Saturday, August 20

Community Conversation: Violent Critical Incident Response

Middleham and St. Peter's
Episcopal Church
10210 HG Trueman Rd.
Lusby, MD
1 to 2 p.m.

The Community Life Center of Southern Calvert County invites you to a Community Conversation about Violent Critical Incident Response. The afternoon will include: A presentation of active shooter training and situational awareness by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team followed by a conversation between local law enforcement and community members.

Find out about the STOP THE BLEED program in Calvert County!
Free admission. Space is limited.
Email yoeda@comcast.net

The Beach Boys, The Temptations, and Opener The Four Tops

Live at Calvert Marine Museum's
PNC Waterside Pavilion
7 – 10 p.m.

The Beach Boys and The Temptations will perform at CMM's PNC Waterside Pavilion! The Four Tops will open at 7 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m. with food and beverage vendors onsite. The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store close at 3 p.m. for concert preparations. For tickets visit: The Beach Boys and The Temptations, with special guests The Four Tops Tickets | Solomons, MD | PNC Waterside Pavilion at the Calvert Marine Museum (etix.com)

Free Paper Shredding

Huntingtown High School
located at 4125 Solomons Island
Road in Huntingtown
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host free paper shredding events for county residents and businesses to help prevent identity theft by destroying confidential or sensitive documents.

Proof of residency or business location is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable.

Businesses are allowed up to five banker boxes of paper per business (or the equivalent volume of five banker boxes in alternate containers). There is no limit for residents.

Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested.

Shredding events are held monthly throughout the year. For more information about recycling events, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, at 410-326-0210 or visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle

Sunday, August 21

Historical Society Front Porch Summer Concert Series

On the lawn at Linden
70 Church Street,
Prince Frederick
The 2 4 U Band,
7:00 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers. The concerts are free and open to the public. Snacks will be for sale. Overflow parking next door at Trinity United Methodist Church. Concert will be cancelled in case of rain. www.calverthistory.org

Monday, August 21

MAEVE Northern Calvert Hallowing Point Park Playdate

Hallowing Point
Park Playground
4755 Hallowing Point Road
Prince Frederick
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Come join MAEVE Northern Calvert to play at the park. Look for our members at the main playground wearing blue MAEVE bracelets. This event is open to all members and potential members.

MAEVE Northern Calvert is a Maryland chapter of MAEVE (Motherhood. Alliance. Equity. Village. Empowerment.), a non-profit organization that seeks to empower all who mother in support of one another and their communities.

Thursday, August 25

Little Minnows

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

This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult, are invited to join us for story time and a craft you can do on-site or take home, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Pirates Life for Me!

ONGOING

Wm. B. Tennon Public Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum;
Month of August
Wednesday through Friday
2 p.m.;
Saturdays* and Sundays
2 p.m. and 3:10 p.m.

Relax and enjoy a leisurely one-hour cruise on the river aboard the Wm. B Tennon, a log-built bugeye. Capacity allows for 40 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children 5-12 years, and children under 5 ride for free when accompanied by a paying adult. *There will be no cruises on Saturday, August 20 in preparation for the concert. For more information and to register, visit: <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/237/Wm-B-Tennon-Cruises>

UPCOMING

Fresh Start Back to School Event

Saturday, August 27
Southern Community Center
in Lusby.
10 am – 2 pm

Children's Aid, Inc. Operation Backpack provides new backpacks and school supplies. this year they'll provide new backpacks, school supplies, books, and door prizes to up to 250 youth in Calvert County. Local agencies and organizations will also share information about available resources.



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Michael James Quinn

Michael James Quinn, 42, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on August 8, 2022. He was born July 19,

1980 to James and Marilyn Quinn, and grew up in Bowie, Maryland with his three older sisters, later moving to Dunkirk. From a young age, Michael was an avid soccer player, and continued to follow the sport, as well as his beloved hockey team, the Washington Capitals.

He was a graduating member of the Randolph Macon Academy's class of 1998, and later spent a wild semester at the University of Akron, with the only tangible result being a university t-shirt that he gave his father, who would jokingly refer to it as "his \$7,000 shirt".

Throughout his life he held a multitude of jobs, made many friends along the way, and loved music of many genres. He was most enthusiastic about electronic music, particularly house and drum and bass. Over the years he immersed himself in the DC music scene.

After struggling for many years, he arrived and found success at Helping Up Mission in Baltimore, where he once again made many friends with counselors, therapists, and other members due to his friendly, energetic, and charismatic nature.

He was proud to be an enthusiastic member of Back on My Feet Running Club and ran in several races, including the Bay Bridge 10K.

He had recently reconnected with family, spending every weekend and holiday with his mother, sisters, nieces, and nephews — and of course, his daughter Willa, to whom he dedicated himself lovingly and wholeheartedly.

Michael is survived by his daughter Willa and her mother, Rachel Minkey; mother Marilyn Quinn; sisters Mary Quinn Jaensch and

husband Rob, Amy Quinn Meade, and Kelly Quinn; nieces and nephews Alec and Erika Jaensch, Sarah and Katherine Meade, and Thomas, Henry, and Brian Church; as well as grand-nieces Scarlett and Maren Neff. He was preceded in death by his father, James Thomas Quinn.

The family has established a fund for the welfare and education of Willa. In lieu of flowers, we ask that any contributions be made either in the form of checks payable to Willa Minkey (9440 Old Solomons Island Rd., P.O. Box 454, Owings MD 20736), or to Helping Up Mission (1029 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore MD 21202).

A reception will be held immediately following the service in Padua Hall, adjacent to St. Anthony's Church, and all are welcome to attend.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Patricia Elsie "Patty"**Horabik**

Patricia Elsie "Patty" Horabik, 58, of Huntingtown passed away on August 11, 2022, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 4th, 1964 in Euclid, OH to Ralph J. Smola and Mary Elsie (Fasham) Smola. Patty was raised in Willowick, OH, and graduated from Eastlake North High School. Patty married Michael Horabik on July 2nd, 1988. They lived in Pentagon City and then Upper Marlboro before moving to Huntingtown, MD in 2001. Patty was a very involved mom. She volunteered at her daughter's school PTA, as well as Jesus the Good Shepard Catholic Church. While volunteering at church, she enjoyed helping in the kitchen, assisting with Walking with Purpose, and was a greeter and Eucharistic Minister. Patty loved baking, reading, going to Starbucks daily,

playing Bunco, knitting, crafting, gardening, and taking care of others. She loved being with her family, including her dog Lady. She treated her nieces, nephews, their children, and Mary's friends as if they were her own. She never missed a birthday or holiday.

Patty is survived by her loving husband Michael Horabik of Huntingtown and daughter Mary Horabik of Woodinville, WA. Also surviving her are her father Ralph Smola and brothers Robert Smola (Judy), Ronald Smola, and Donald Smola (Karen), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Smola.

Contributions in Patty's name may be made to Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church or the American Liver Foundation at the addresses and links below.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

William A. Zentgraft Jr.

William "Bill" or "Billy" A. Zentgraft Jr., of Owings, MD, lost his brief battle with cancer on August 12, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Prince Frederick, MD on September 19, 1961 to William Albert and Elsie Mae (Carroll) Zentgraft. He grew up on the family farm raising tobacco, corn, hay and cattle. He graduated from Calvert High School in 1979. Shortly after, he left the farming life and worked in the boating industry for over 20 years at Topaz, Smiths, and Clarks Landing. He met the love of his life, Lynette Gabriel, from Beverly, MA, in 1998 and they married in 2003. Following the birth of their first child, William Albert Zentgraft, III, in 2005, they moved back to Calvert County. They soon welcomed their second son, Matthew Andrew Zentgraft, in 2007.

In 2011, after the passing of his father, Bill took over the family business as a Calvert County school bus contractor. He was dedicated to his work and drivers, never taking a day off, ensuring the buses were safe, clean and ready every day. He was a member of the Maryland state and local school

bus contractor associations.

Bill was a devoted husband and father and spent much of his spare time attending his children's various school and sporting events. He also loved traveling with family, especially the two cross country road trips. Bill enjoyed grilling, eating crabs, fishing at the lake in Maine, and spending quality time with family and friends. In his younger years, he was active in sports, particularly basketball and volleyball. He loved football, was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan, and a fierce competitor in the family fantasy football league. He had a great sense of humor and made many people laugh and smile.

Not a day went by that Bill wasn't working hard to take care of his family or helping others; he could fix or troubleshoot almost anything. He had a genuine and giving soul. As a member of Trinity United Methodist church, Bill served as an usher, a member of the Cemetery Committee, and helped with the HeartFELT ministry.

Bill is survived by his wife Lynette, two sons Will and Matthew, his sisters, Genevieve "Gennie" Zentgraft, and Christina "Christy" Rickett, and brother Charles Allen Zentgraft, all of Prince Frederick, MD. He also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Albert Giles Nagle

Albert Giles Nagle, 76, of Dunkirk passed away August 15, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife Marlene Nagle, children Christopher Nagle and wife Melissa of Deale, Daniel Nagle and wife Diann of Glenwood, and Troy Nagle and wife Maranda of Huntingtown and grandchildren Julia, Colin, Matthew, Logan, Jonathan, Michael, and Casper. He is also survived by his brother Robert Nagle (Barbara) of Edgewater, and sister Dorothy Jane Eger (Leonard) of Ashvill, PA, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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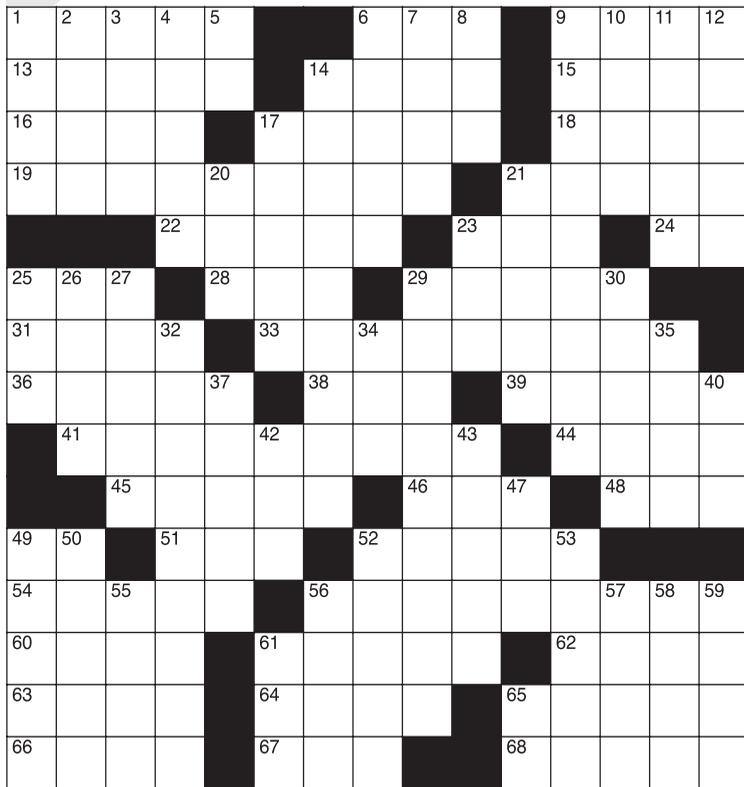
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GAMES & PUZZLES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan
- 6. Swiss river
- 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 13. Like coagulated milk
- 14. Lima is its capital
- 15. Lying down
- 16. Jai ___, sport
- 17. Egyptian statesman
- 18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
- 19. Renovated
- 21. Chadic language
- 22. 18-year period
- 23. Beverage container
- 24. Natural logarithm
- 25. The "mecca" of basketball
- 28. A way to darken
- 29. Mackerels
- 31. Actor Pitt
- 33. Places to buy seafood
- 36. True firs
- 38. Neither
- 39. Fencing sword
- 41. Italian pastas
- 44. Island nation close to the U.S.
- 45. Begets
- 46. Resembles a

pouch

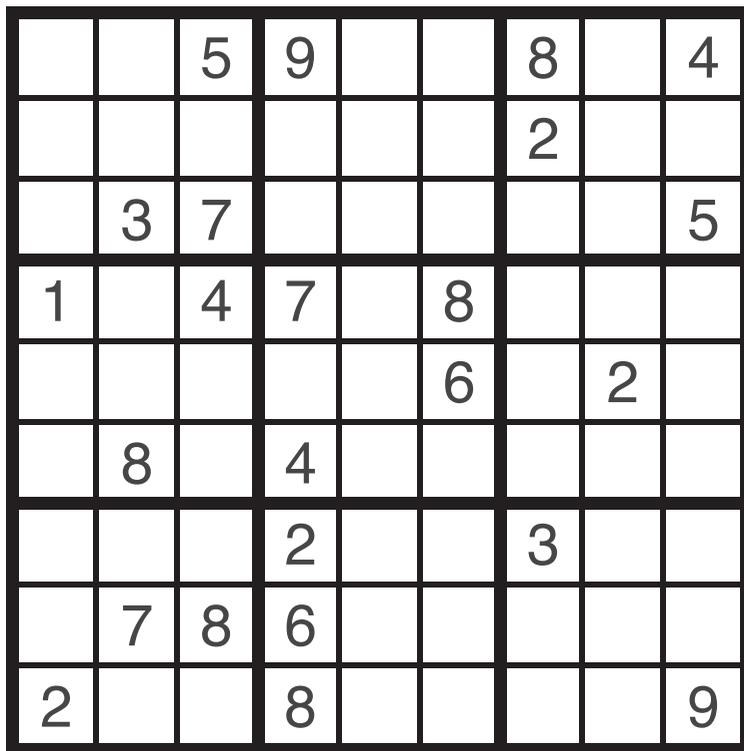
- 48. ___ student, learns healing
- 49. Sodium
- 51. Indicates position
- 52. The world has one
- 54. Partner to pains
- 56. Photographer
- 60. Chew the fat
- 61. Culture of the British Iron Age
- 62. Weaverbird
- 63. Advice or counsel
- 64. Asian nation
- 65. Brought on board
- 66. German river
- 67. Airborne (abbr.)
- 68. Leaf-footed bug genus

12. Make more attractive

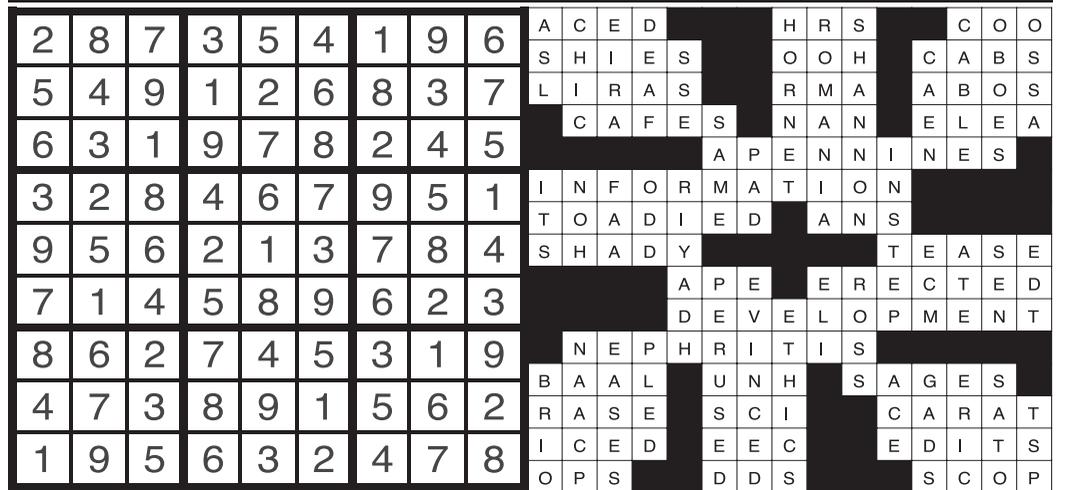
- 14. Horses
- 17. Slight projection in typefaces
- 20. Male parent
- 21. Jack and Jill are two
- 23. After B
- 25. Licensed for Wall Street
- 26. Missile with about 600-mile range
- 27. Goddesses
- 29. A day kids love
- 30. Oily secretion
- 32. One-tenth of a meter
- 34. A father's male child
- 35. One point east of southeast
- 37. Silk garments
- 40. Cool!
- 42. The color of anger
- 43. Trade profession
- 47. It can get you around
- 49. Mother-of-pearl
- 50. Hurt
- 52. Legendary slugger Hank
- 53. Polio vaccine developer
- 55. Incline from vertical
- 56. Sea creature
- 57. Actress Kate
- 58. Affirmative votes
- 59. Nothing
- 61. Pie ___ mode
- 65. Expresses surprise

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mark left behind
- 2. Cry weakly
- 3. Ancient region in modern Syria
- 4. Farewell
- 5. Blue grass state
- 6. Genus of mosquitoes
- 7. S. Israeli city
- 8. You can get stuck in one
- 9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
- 10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 11. Tigers legend Fielder



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Thursday, Aug. 18

Church Revival

First Missionary Baptist Church
August 18 & 19, 2022, at 7:00pm

First Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting its Church Revival, August 18 & 19, 2022, at 7:00pm nightly, followed by an Evangelism Workshop on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 10:00am. Evangelist Manuel Scott, Jr., Manuel Scott, Jr. Ministries, Inc., Los Angeles, CA is our guest services will be in person (150-person limitation); as well as virtually. Join on-line via Free Conference Call website, type in your browser joinfreeconferencecall.com/fmbc0 or you may call in, the phone number is 617-691-8533. For additional information please contact First Missionary Baptist Church at 301-863-8388, and located at 46370 Pegg Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Masks are required & temperature checks for in person."

7th District VFD Auxiliary Kevin's Corner Kafe Fundraiser

Kevin's Corner Kafe
24509 Point Lookout Rd.
Leonardtown
11a.m. to 7:30p.m.

The Auxiliary will receive a percentage from certain items on the menu being- 4pcs. Chicken Cole slaw & Fries \$10.99 Fisherman Platter—Fish, Shrimp &

Scallops \$13.25

Shrimp Basket Steamed or Fried \$14.99
12 pc. Fried Chicken, 24 Crab Balls & 2 Family Sides \$45.99

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Saturday, Aug. 20

Pork Loin and Beef Sandwich Sale

August 20th & 21st
21690 Colton's Point Rd (Rt. 242)
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 221 is sponsoring a pork loin and beef sandwich sale. Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches will be sold on both Saturday and Sunday, August 20th & 21st, at American Legion Post 221 @ 21690 Colton's Point Rd (Rt. 242), in Avenue, MD. The event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and sandwiches will cost \$8.00 each. Check post221.webs.com/apps/calendar/ for other Post events. Call (301) 848-9458 for further information.

Texas Hold'Em @ HVRS

23469 Rescue Lane
Hollywood
6p.m. to Midnight

\$85.00 buy-in for \$20k in chips. Rounds are 20 minutes each. Doors open at 5 pm, tournament starts at 6pm. BYOB, food and sodas will be available for purchase.

See www.hvrs.org for more info. Chance for 50/50 included in your buy-in. Tables deal their own cards, dealers are not provided. Late Entries permitted until 1st break, approx. 7 pm cut off. No rebuys allowed. Pull tabs for sale as well. No ATM on site.

PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS AT THE RESCUE SQUAD, NOT THE FIRE HOUSE

Sunday, Aug 21, 2022

Corn Hole Tournament

24580 Clarkes Landing Road
Hollywood
Noon to 4p.m.

A cornhole tournament benefiting the Hollywood Rescue Squad will take place on Sunday August 21st. Check in will begin at Noon and will close at 12:45 with the first set of games beginning at 1pm. This tournament will be a random draw and you will be assigned a partner for the day. There will be a bracket board with player names along with their first start time. Players are to check back into the check-in tent after each game for their start time of their next

game.

Top three teams will receive cash winnings.

The cash amount for prizes will be determined on the amount of teams registered and will be posted the day of the tournament.

Rules:

- Boards will be 27 feet apart
- First team to 21 points wins
- 1 point if bag is on the board and 3 if bag goes in the hole
- No points if the bag touches the ground
- The score for each round in the game is determined by calculating the difference between team totals for the round (Points canceling each other out for example one in the hole for one team and three on the board for the other take away is 0 for that round)

Please email gevitts@hvrs.org or hwa-then@hvrs.org to register.

Thursday, Aug 25, 2022

Pizza Hot Line Food Truck Fundraiser

2nd District Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
45245 Drayden Rd.
Valley Lee
3p.m. to 10p.m.

Percentage of food sales supports the 2nd Dist. VFD & RS.

POC for the event is Mike @ Poppy613@msn.com

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Travel The World: Ecuador

Learn all about Ecuador from an Ecuadorian and find out on what city the Equator line is located and the phenomenon behind it! Monday, August 22 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. on Zoom. Our presenter will discuss tourist attractions, language, customs, cuisine, clothing and even The Galápagos Islands! You'll even learn some common expressions in Spanish used there! Experience the world from the comfort of your own home in our ongoing series. This presentation is sure to delight, entertain, educate and inspire. This program includes a Q & A session! Register to receive the link to the Zoom meeting on www.stmalib.org.

Bad Art Expo

You may be good at art, but have you ever tried being bad? Teens

and tweens are invited to join us on Thursday, August 25 from 3 – 5 p.m. at Lexington Park Library for our Bad Art Expo. We've got the supplies you need to create your own Disaster-piece! This program is intended for tweens and teens. Registration is required for this event. Wear clothes you won't mind getting messy in and bring your wildest imagination. The winner will receive a trophy for their bad art piece. May the worst art win! Register on www.stmalib.org.

CreativeBug - How to Knit

Join us on Thursday, September 1 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Leonardtown Library to watch a video tutorial via CreativeBug providing a basic understanding of materials, knots, stitching, & patterns. Staff will be available to help and answer questions. Did you know that with your St. Mary's County



Library card, you can access CreativeBug? Are you feeling particularly crafty? Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit? This may be the program for you. You are welcome to bring your own materials if you have them (needles, yarn, scissors, etc.), though there will be some provided. Registration is required on www.stmalib.org.

Waterfowl Hunting and Boating Safety: Presented by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Most boating accidents occur in open motorboats of 16 feet or less in length; and hunters are more likely to drown than to die from an accidental gunshot wound. Join us on Saturday, September 3 from

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Leonardtown Library. This course addresses the factors that contribute to boating accidents while hunting or fishing. Topics covered include loading and maneuvering your boat, anchoring, lights, visual distress signals, sound producing devices, capsizing, swamping, and man overboard. Learn about the new Engine Cut Off Switch law; and how to avoid the dangers of hypothermia. This is a classroom course, not an on-the-water course, and does not provide actual underway experience. Presented by The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Solomons Flotilla. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



SHELBY AND THE PUMPKIN STALK



I know a lot of people reading this may be gardeners or have farming backgrounds, but me, I grew up on a suburban ½ acre lot in Clinton, so please don't make fun of me too much. Only one or two of my friends' parents in the different neighborhoods of Clinton had a vegetable garden in their yards, though there were large farms of course like Miller Farms, Parker Farms, and the Oursler family farm. One friend had an older sister, whose boyfriend convinced their father that the plants he had been tenderly nurturing were a new variant of tomato plant...you can see where this is going, and it was the early to mid-70s.

So having a limited garden background, I was a bit stunned to see that over the last month, we found a mutant vine growing inside a circular area in the middle of our driveway. My husband was pulling weeds, wonderful soul that he is, and stopped when he saw this thick vine with just a few large leaves beginning to grow. He had me look at it, and I agreed that this was not any ordinary weed. We thought maybe pumpkin, squash, or watermelon since my husband and I like to throw the fruit and vegetable scraps out in the yard, though not usually in the little circle.

Once the beautiful bright yellow flowers began to bloom we knew for sure we had a pumpkin plant starting its journey. I found out that the main difference between the male flowers and female flowers is that the male flowers have a long, straight stem, and the female flowers have a shorter stem with the pumpkin (green at this point) right underneath the flower. I sat on the railroad ties around the circle this morning watching bees just going to town in the pollination process. Afterwards, I thought that I really shouldn't sit on any of the railroad ties in our yard because I have seen one too many snakes coming out of openings or from underneath if the ties are moved over the years. My husband had been planting flowers in the back yard and weeding around our also "mutant extra-large mum",

and said he unearthed quite a few harmless snakes, which means I will not be doing any weeding back there. But luckily this morning, I was so fascinated with this long pumpkin plant that I forgot about snakes completely.

What I find hard to believe is that these vines grow at least 6' each day. We keep having to move the main vine and two pretty good-sized offshoots back into the circle, so no one drives over it. I give it another month or so and the vine will be a complete circle. Now, if we had actually tried to plant this, it would have never grown on its own. I imagine the seeds are from all the pumpkins I put on the railroad ties for fall and Halloween. Normally a few pumpkin plants start up in the backyard where we have our pumpkin chunkin' tree for the grandkids at Thanksgiving. The grandkids have a blast trying to smash and break open those pumpkins so the squirrels and whatever other creatures eat pumpkins can have their own Thanksgiving feast just like in one of my favorite childhood books, *Old Man Rabbit's Dinner Party*. Another one of my old beautifully illustrated *Uncle Wiggily* books has a story about sharing food and kindness with others, and I hope that is what we are doing for the little animals.

I read that the offshoot vines can be cut at certain points then the cut ends covered in dirt to prevent infection. This helps make the main stem healthier and to grow larger pumpkins though I would be sacred I would kill the whole plant. I think I would love to just have lots of little pumpkins for decoration. Maybe there will be enough for some pumpkin pies. I am getting ahead of myself though; don't want to get my hopes up to find out that the same creatures I want to feed after the pumpkins are grown will decide they want late summer appetizers.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

A View From The BLEACHERS



THE ONLY WAY OUT

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

It was a beautiful June day. Brilliant sunshine made ball caps a practical necessity, not just a fashionable accessory. The blessings of low humidity spared all the clamminess typical of mid-Atlantic summers. Best yet, the day in question, a Wednesday, would be filled with recreation and lack even a trace of what dominates most mid-weeks – work.

Three friends met locally for a short trip north. Two others huddled for a jaunt south. The quintet met in the middle – Washington D.C., generally, Nationals Park, specifically. Each one a busy dad, they had started an annual tradition of catching a ball game together a decade ago. They never missed a year through 2019. Then COVID foiled their plans the next two seasons. This being the reboot, it carried increased spirit and an upspoken feeling of gratitude. After a quick greeting inside the park, beers were in hand, playful ribbing ensued and belly laughs echoed from their seats. Three years apart evaporated in minutes; COVID proved no match for strong friendships.

I first heard Jimmy Buffett's "A Pirate Looks At Forty" when that milestone was decades off my bow. Now it's trailing nine years off my stern and this "pirate" is staring at 50. Make sense of that - even in a pair of blown out flip flops while wastin' away in Margaritaville - I cannot. Suddenly the Talking Heads lyric "And you may ask yourself, 'Well, how did I get here?'" makes perfect sense.

True to that confession of confusion, "The Mindful Midlife Crisis" podcast often has my ear. Michelle Pan stopped in for a recent episode to discuss her COVID pregnancy and six months as a first-time mom. The content was largely expected – the shock, the grind, the lack of sleep and the unexplainable joy. Then Pan got to the good stuff. She described part of her post-partum depression as an identity crisis. After totally committing to her daughter's care, she began to wonder who she was other than a mother. Pan – a trainer, yoga instructor and all-around wellness practitioner -

had had an enriching career, but struggled with "mom-guilt" as she sought a new personal and professional balance.

On that delightful June afternoon at Nationals Park, I stared at a team of mostly strangers and pondered how much had changed since our last trip here in 2019. Juan Soto was still in right field, though, and despite the rumors about his Washington future, his age (23), remaining team control (2.5 seasons) and generational talent made his departure seem farfetched. I would have bet an expensive round of stadium pints that day on Soto being a National deep into his 30s. Six weeks later, Soto was in fact the key to the franchise's future, but it was via a historic trade to the Padres for a handful of prospects, not a record-setting contract extension.

As one of my pals in our Nats group likes to say, "There's just a lot going on." He often uses the quip to add a hint of shameless martyrdom to a mundane plight – working a little overtime, in-laws coming to town or the Steelers losing a couple games. But there is truth in his nonsense. The world is stranger now. The Nats are unrecognizable. D.C.'s football team has a new name, logo and fight song. The Orioles are...pretty good! Similar to Pan's struggles adapting to motherhood, I am, like many parents my age, struggling to adapt to a quasi-adult child heading off to college. Parenthood is an ever-evolving gift. Macro-level, America has arrived at another inflection point in its history, as it is apt to do. Something was triggered in 2016 and amplified by the pandemic; it continues to threaten our commitment to our national concept, to democracy, to truth, and to ourselves.

Identity crises are indeed everywhere. But I'll figure mine out. You'll figure yours out. The Nats roster will become more familiar and "Commanders" will feel less awkward. And if history is any guide, America will find its footing too. As for the how, Pan made a suggestion by quoting one of her tattoos: "The only way out is through."

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ing generations. She volunteered and judged local, regional and international science fairs. She used her professional society, the International Council on Systems Engineering, to support scholarship opportunities for students pursuing careers in STEM. She always worked to give back to programs that supported her daughter and other young women in the sciences.

Above all she cherished her family and friends. She enjoyed family game and movie nights, and long phone calls with loved ones. She enjoyed spending time with her daughter: drinking tea out of one of her collection of teapots, getting their nails done, baking together, and getting rowdy at live concerts. Her various hobbies included crocheting, listening to music, and gardening. She would collect wild plants on walks to propagate for her garden and was also particularly proud of her collection of African Violets.

The ocean was her happy place, and she started a family tradition of having to make one last stop to say goodbye to the ocean before leaving the beach. She also enjoyed going to Walt Disney World and never missed an opportunity to wear her mickey ears.

She is survived by her husband, John Walker and her daughter, Julie Walker and her brother, Joseph Merk. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at First Saints United Methodist Church, 25550 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. After the service, the family will be hosting a celebration of her life at their Maryland home.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made on her behalf to the Best Friends Animal Society can be made at <https://everloved.com/life-of/judith-walker>.

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

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John E. Schlemann

John E. Schlemann, 69, of Lexington Park, Maryland, passed peacefully in his sleep on August 11, 2022, at the Washington, DC, Veterans Administration Medical Center. He was born on June 6,



1953, in Fairfield, Ohio, to Mary C. (Baily) Schlemann and Lawrence W. Schlemann of Hamilton, Ohio.

John attended Stephen T. Badin High School in Hamilton, Ohio, where he graduated in 1971. John joined the Army in the 82nd Airborne Division after high school. John worked for Colliflower & Petersen Marine Construction in St. Mary's County Maryland as a pier builder and shoreline worker for many years until his retirement. His love of the water and outdoors was his passion. This love for the outdoors led him to Outdoor Leadership School where he was a part of a group that climbed Mt. McKinley. John was also an avid history buff and loved Civil War Reenactments.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and nephew Michael A. Schlemann of Portland, Maine. John is survived by his loving companion of many years Linda Palchinsky and her daughter Melissa, of Lexington Park, Maryland. His son Jesse (Julie) Bush, two grandchildren Aaron and Audrey, a brother Lawrence A. (Anne) Schlemann of Kittery Point, Maine, sister Laura A. Schlemann Brossart of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and many special nieces and nephews. Also leaving behind his much-loved animals, his cat Stonewall Jackson and his beloved dog Lucky who will miss their daily walks on the shore and forever companionship.

A Celebration of Life will be held later. Memorials can be made to: Stephen T. Badin High School, 571 New London Road, Hamilton, Ohio, 45013, Class of 1971.

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

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TRUE OR FALSE - PROBATE

Contributing Writer:

Lynda J. Striegel

I have often heard from clients that they have a Will so their loved ones will not have to go through probate. True or false? False. When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, that property must go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones. It doesn't matter whether you die intestate (without a Will) or with a Will.

What does holding property in my sole name mean? For real estate like your house or for cars and trucks, for example, the title to the property is in your name alone. If you hold any property this way and you die, then the property has to go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. Another reason is pure chaos. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. Since many people are not at all organized about what they own, the personal representative has to reconstruct the estate before they report on it. One of the filings is called an "Inventory". This is a listing of all the property held by the deceased when they die. If the deceased has not been an organized person it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died.

For example, if the deceased has not left a detailed list of investments they have, often the only way to know for sure what the deceased owns when they die is to wait for the mail for at least 3 to 6 months for quarterly or semi-annual reports on dividends or interest. Keep in mind that all filings made during the probate process are publicly available.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. Without challenges, most probates are administrative. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Some clients say that the personal representative has no liability for making filings in a probate proceeding. False. The personal representative is a fiduciary—that means they are under a duty to settle and distribute the estate in accordance with the terms of the Will and the law. Fiduciaries cannot act in their own self-interest. They must make sure investments are reasonable and monitored and they must make full and accurate reports to the Register of Wills or Orphan's Court.

Most people faced with the duties of a personal representative consult an attorney and ask them for help to prepare the reports for filing. This costs money in legal fees, but gives the personal representative some comfort that they are correctly performing their duties.

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that

their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills or the Orphan's Court to be effective. If you think you will lose your Will, then paying a small fee to the Register of Wills office to keep your original on file is a convenience to you. Otherwise, the effectiveness of a Will depends on whether it is properly executed, not whether it is filed somewhere. You can keep your Will in a safe place. But, the original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." False. If you die without a Will and you have a spouse and children, then the estate (property held in your sole name) will go 50-50 to the spouse and the children. The only way your estate will go solely to your spouse when you die is if you have said so in your Will.

If all of your property is held in joint name with your spouse and you die then your spouse will take sole ownership of the property. And, there will be no probate because you have not held any property in sole name when you die. So, with a married couple, it is not unusual for one spouse to die and leave everything to the other spouse and have no probate. However, when the surviving spouse dies holding all the property in their sole name there will be probate.

If your Will says your personal representative doesn't have to file a bond, that means no bond is required. False. Even if the Will says no bond, the Register of Wills requires a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

The only clear alternative to probate is a Living Trust. True. With a Living Trust, all property of the deceased has been placed into the name of that person's trust so that when they die there is no property held in sole name, so no probate. The person creating and funding the trust is called the Grantor and the Grantor may also be the Trustee. When the Grantor/Trustee dies, a successor trustee is appointed under the trust to take over. Having a Living Trust is the only way to avoid probate. But, the Living Trust provides other benefits. First, it is private, transfers to beneficiaries are immediate (no waiting 8-12 months) and there are no legal fees upon such transfers. With a Living Trust all property is accounted for when creating the trust so there is no chaos trying to figure out what a person owns when he or she dies—it's all set forth in the trust. The Living Trust also offers protection is a Trustee is incapacitated. In that event, the successor trustee simply uses all the assets in the trust for the benefit of the incapacitated person without having to do more. Can there be probate even if a person has a Living Trust? Yes, if the person has forgotten to place property into the name of the trust, that property must go through probate. However, a different form of will, called a "pour over" will is used in the probate process. This will states that the Living Trust is the guiding principal for the disposition of assets.

The probate process needs to be understood by anyone considering whether or not to create a will or a living trust.

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In Remembrance

Michael Tietjen at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow immediately at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Bushwood, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mac Lawrence, Jr., Jason Graves, Paul Abell, Anthony Covington, Donovan Wathen, and Kenny Hammett. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be the great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the 7th District Rescue Squad or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home,

P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Sister Mary Rosalie Bean



Sister Mary Rosalie Bean, CSJ (formerly Sister Mary Leo), a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, West Hartford, CT, entered eternal life on July 10, 2022, at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, CT. She was born in Vally Lee, MD, on September 5, 1943, to the late Joseph Leo Bean and Helen Genevieve (Redman). Sister entered the Community on August 31, 1961, and celebrated her Profession of Perpetual Vows on July 2, 1969. At the time of her death, Sister was 78 years of age and in her 61st year of Religious Life.

Sister Rosalie earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Diocesan Sisters College, West Hartford, CT, a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Central Connecticut State University, and attended the

University of St. Joseph, taking courses in Spiritual Direction. In 1991 she received the Child Advocacy Award from North Central Coalition for Children, INC., and in 2015 the Award of Excellence Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Excellence Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Sister Rosalie taught in several schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford and Diocese of Norwich as an educator at heart and an advocate for children's rights. During her teaching career, she served in both the classroom and administrative positions as principal, including St. James School in Stratford and St. Gabriel School in Windsor. Discerning a call to mission, Sister Rosalie went to St. Joseph Sinoe School in Liberia, Africa, in 1973. She loved the adventure and opportunity to apply her special listening skills while challenging students to be and do their best. Raised in a large agricultural family with her 15 siblings, Sister Rosalie felt at home in the vast expanse of Liberia, among families working and living off the land, as did her own family. Unfortunately, illness brought Sister home long before she anticipated.

More teaching assignments awaited Sister Rosalie. She accepted a part-time role as Vocation Director for the Community. Her involvement in the civic community included working with Citizens for a United Windsor and as a consultant for the Religious Education Program at St. Gabriel School. In addition, she collaborated with the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Mental Health Association to raise awareness of the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families.

Sister Rosalie loved a good time, high-spirited parties, and country music at its best. No gathering was complete until Sister played her latest country CD and had everyone up on their feet on impromptu dance floors. She had an exceptional sensitivity to the seasoned members of her religious community and believed that everyone lives the mission at every

stage of life. Sister Rosalie initiated a program called "Chew the Fat," an opportunity for her Sisters to gather, reflect on the daily paper and talk together about the world, national, and local happenings. Sister encouraged their daily prayers for the needs of people everywhere.

We wish to thank the nursing staff at Lourdes Center in Wilton and, most recently, St. Joseph Living Center staff for the compassionate care given to Sister Rosalie during her extended last years of illness. We also thank the Daughters of the Holy Spirit in Putnam, CT, for their presence and support of Sister Rosalie, accepting her as another sister-in-community among their own religious sisters who live at St. Joseph's.

In addition to her Sisters in Community, Sister is survived by her brothers, all living in Maryland: George (and Kathy); Gregory; Andrew; Robert (and Diann); John (and Libby); and Francis (and Gloria). She also leaves her sisters in Maryland: Leona Unkle (and Bennie); Gennie Williams (and Wayne); Joan Sebring (and Dick); and Evelyn Bean. Along with her parents, Sister is predeceased by her sisters Neadurra Ellen (Hall), Lucy Ann, and her brothers Joseph William, David, and Charles Bernard.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health conditions and restrictions for licensed facilities, a graveside service was held on Friday, July 15, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Cemetery on Ringgold Street in West Hartford. If unvaccinated, please wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sister Rosalie's family ask that you consider a memorial donation in Sister's name to the Sisters of St. Joseph, c/o Office of Mission Advancement, 650 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. Fisette-Batzner Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, has care of the arrangements.

Isaac Joseph Yoder

Isaac Joseph Yoder, 89, of Mechanicsville, MD died on May 25, 2022, at his residence. Born on January 30, 1933, in Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Soloman Yoder and Katie Zook Yoder. He was a lifetime farmer and the loving husband of Elizabeth Yoder. Isaac is also survived by his son, Steven I. Yoder of Charlotte Hall, MD, and daughter, Maryann Yoder Hertzler of Mechanicsville, MD, both adopted, twenty grandchildren; forty-seven great-grandchildren; his brother Uria Yoder of

Mechanicsville, MD, and sisters, Elizabeth King of Mechanicsville, MD, Veronica Kurtz of Charlotte Court House, VA and Edith Esh of Mechanicsville, MD. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother Solomon Yoder and sister, Katie Esh. Services were held on May 27, 2022, at the family cemetery. All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Judith (Judy) Barbara Walker



Judith (Judy) Barbara Walker, age 65 of Hollywood, MD passed away on August 2, 2022 at home. Judy was a resident of St. Mary's County, MD for the last 26 years. She was born on January 14, 1957 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Joseph F. Merk and Thelma Wilby Merk.

Judy graduated from Philadelphia High School for Girls in 1974. After high school she earned her BS in Mathematics Education from Penn State University in 1978. After marriage she earned a second BS in Computer Science from Arcadia University 1986 followed by her MS in Computer Science in 2002 from Johns Hopkins University. She married her college sweetheart, John Walker on April 21, 1979 in Philadelphia PA. Together they enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states, and after retirement bought a winter home in Flagler Beach, Florida fulfilling her lifelong dream of living by the shore.

Judy's career was in public service as a Mathematics and Computer Science high school teacher and a software developer, software safety, flight clearance authority and team leader for many US Navy programs. She was known to some as the velvet hammer for her soft yet effective leadership style. She was well known for her intelligence and camaraderie; she was someone you wanted to work with.

Judy looked forward to the com-

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In Remembrance

Anthony Victor Ordille



“Death may be the greatest of all human blessings.” ~ Socrates

Anthony Victor Ordille, (Vic) passed away peacefully in his home on July 12th, 2022, with his wife of 42 years, Donna, holding his hand at his bedside. Born on August 17th, 1958 to his predeceased parents, Anthony A. and Kathryn Ordille in Trenton NJ.

Vic had a lifetime of challenges that he faced and conquered with sarcasm, humor, and determination.

Vic graduated from Trenton High school in 1976. After high school, he attended and graduated from Williamsport Area Community College (now known as Pennsylvania School of Technology) in 1982, with a degree in mechanical engineering technician. Upon completion of his degree, he went to work for Piper Aircraft in Lock Haven, PA. When Piper Aircraft relocated to Florida, Vic went to work at Arrow United in Wyalusing, PA. In August 1984 Vic accepted a position as a civilian working for the Department of the Navy in Ewing NJ, at the Naval Air Propulsion Center (NAPC). Vic was proud of his work at NAPC and made numerous great friends. In 1997, NAPC was part of the base closures and realignments, and Vic accepted a position at the NAWC in Patuxent River Md. Vic, his wife, and two sons started a life in southern Maryland on the Potomac River in Coltons Point, MD.

Vic enjoyed kite flying and while living in NJ went to Sandy Hook often with his wife to enjoy the beach and wind. Vic enjoyed camping and hanging out with an amazing group of close and dear friends. Vic enjoyed watching, playing, coaching, and referring soccer for the Northern Soccer League in St. Mary's County, MD. Most of all he enjoyed playing soccer and riding bicycles with his sons, Matthew and Garret. Vic's greatest source of pride is

of his sons and all they have accomplished and achieved in their lives.

Vic enjoyed playing backgammon and quite often was the winner of the game. He was always willing to teach backgammon to anyone wanting to learn. One of Vic's greatest pleasures was listening to music, he supported and recommended to everyone that he met to listen to WXPB, 88.5, located out of University of Pennsylvania. Attending live music concert and NASCAR races were an integral part of Vic's enjoyments in life.

Most important to Vic, was his love for his family. He is survived by his wife Donna, of Coltons Point, MD. His sons, Matthew (Megan) of Catonsville, MD and Garret of Brooklyn, NY. His sister Beth Samuelson (Skip) of Califon, NJ. His brother Dave Ordille (Joan) of Ewing, NJ. His cousin Diana Orme of Miami, FL. Several nieces and nephews and their children, whom he loved greatly. His wife's sister, Anna Johnson of Wyalusing PA, and his wife's brother Donald Lant of Salisbury, MD. Vic had so many wonderful friends that have been an important part of his life.

Vic graciously donated his body to the Anatomy Gifts Registry. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

We are requesting in lieu of flowers that a donation be made in Vic's memory to ACTS (A Community That Shares) PO Box 54, Bushwood MD 20618.

Collette Elizabeth "Co Co" Williams (1966 - 2022)

Rosemary Lawrence



Rosemary Lawrence, 90, formerly Avenue, MD, passed away on August 10, 2022 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD after a long illness with dementia.

She was born on April 20, 1932 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Elmer and Evangeline Norris.

Rosemary was a lifelong resident of the 7th District in St. Mary's County. She was a homemaker

from 1952-1982 and worked in the Laundry Department at St. Mary's Hospital in 1982, becoming the Laundry Supervisor, and retiring in 1998. She graduated from Margaret Brent High School in June 1951, and married the love of her life, Francis McQue (Mac) Lawrence, Jr., on September 20, 1952. Together they celebrated 28 years of marriage before his passing in May 1980. As a young woman, she enjoyed taking her skiff out on the water to row, crab, and fish. Rosemary excelled and loved playing sports, and during her years in high school was selected for the varsity teams and earned three letters in basketball, softball, soccer, and speedball. Also, during her high school years, she held various positions such as President of the Sophomore Class, Treasurer of the Junior Class, President of the Girls 4-H, and Secretary of the Home Economics Club. Rosemary was outgoing, friendly, committed to her family, and enjoyed helping her community. She was a leader of a Brownie and Girl Scout Troop, basketball coach, and softball coach. Rosemary is a Charter Member and Life Member of the 7th District Rescue Squad Aux-

iliary and served as the 1st Vice President from 1983-1990; Treasurer 1978-1979; served on numerous committees and inducted in the LASMVFA Hall of Fame in 2009. She and her husband enjoyed boating on Sundays with kids and friends in tow in which Mac participated racing whirlwind boats. There were also many Saturday nights dancing with friends.

Rosemary is survived by her daughters, Gwen Taratola (Michael), Ida Abell (B.K.) both of Mechanicsville, MD; Tina Graves (Glenn) of Bushwood, MD; her son, Mac Lawrence (Kathy) of Clements, MD; her 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and beloved husband, she is also preceded in death by her son, Stevie Lawrence (Gail); daughter Brenda Wathen; niece, Lana Cameron; and many extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 22, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM with Auxiliary prayers at 9:45 AM to 10:00 AM at Holy Angels Church, 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend



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St. Mary's County School Schedule 2022-2023

August

24 • Schools Open for Students

September

5 • Holiday

Labor Day
(schools and offices closed)

22 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities-
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities –
End of Interim Period

23 • Professional Day

No School for Students
Staff Development -
Collaborative Planning

October

11 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students -
Parent Conference Day

21 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities/
Collaborative Planning –
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities

28 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students
Professional Responsibilities
Head Start and PreKindergarten
Parent Involvement Activities-
End of 1st Marking Period
(43 days)

November

8 • Election Day

No School for Students and
10-11 Month Employees

9 • Report Card Distribution

11 • Holiday – Veteran's Day

All Schools and Offices Closed

23 • Thanksgiving Break

No School for Students and
10-11 Month Employees

25-26 • Holiday

Thanksgiving
(All schools and offices closed)

December

9 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities/
Collaborative Planning –
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities

19-30 • Winter Break

No School for Students and
10-11 Month Employees

26 • Holiday – Winter Break

(All schools and offices closed)

January

2 • Holiday- Winter Break

(All schools and Offices are closed)

3 • Schools Reopen -

Students in School

16 • Holiday Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

(All schools and offices closed)

27 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students
Professional Responsibilities
Head Start and PreKindergarten
Parent Involvement Activities-
End of 2nd Marking Period
(45 days) and 1st semester
(88 days)

February

7 • Report Card Distribution

10 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities-
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities

20 • Holiday Presidents' Day

(All schools and offices closed)

March

3 • Professional Day

No School for Students
Staff Development -
Professional Responsibilities

31 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities-
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities

April

3-6 • Holiday Spring Break

No School for Students and
10-11 Month Employees

7 • Holiday

All Schools and Offices Closed

10 • Holiday Spring Break

No School for Students and
10-11 Month Employees
(possible makeup day)

19 • Report Card Distribution

21 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities-
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities

May

12 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities-
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities

20 • Two Hour Early Dismissal

No School for Head Start and
PreKindergarten Students –
Professional Responsibilities-
Head Start and
PreKindergarten Parent
Involvement Activities

24 • Holiday Memorial Day

(All schools and offices closed)

31 • Commencement

Great Mills High School

June

1 • Commencement

Chopticon High School

2 • Commencement

Leonardtown High School

14 • Last Day for Head Start
and PreKindergarten
Students

16 • Professional Day/
Professional
Responsibilities for
Teachers

19 • Holiday-Juneteenth Day

Schools and Offices Closed

20 • Professional Day/
Professional
Responsibilities for
Teachers

20 • Last Day for Teachers

Professional Responsibilities

30 • Last Day for 11-Month
Employees

(including 3 inclement weather
make-up days)

Legal Ads

IN THE MATTER OF PAUL ANTHONY BROWN
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO PAUL ANTHONY BROWN-BEY

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-22-000495
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from PAUL ANTHONY BROWN to PAUL ANTHONY BROWN-BEY. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I'm now Morris Citizen.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 09/15/2022. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTIN SCOTT-HIDALGO LITTLEFORD
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO JUSTIN SCOTT LITTLEFORD

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-22-000307
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from JUSTIN SCOTT-HIDALGO LITTLEFORD to JUSTIN SCOTT LITTLEFORD. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I do not want two middle names on my legal documents.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 10/01/2022. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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Museum to Host Annual Children's Day



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Families can enjoy games, crafts, face painting, a bike raffle, free snow cones, balloons and much more. Outside exhibitors include the local Fire Department, Rescue Squad and many more. Hometown Karaoke & DJ Services will have everyone dancing to kid-friendly tunes. Mathnasium of California will have fun math-related activities, and the Red Cross will have family fun and giveaways.

Local author Cindy Frelan will offer

Storytime sessions about Chesapeake Bay animals. In addition, the Optimist Club of the Seventh District will provide a kiddie tractor pull and a free bike raffle for children 12 and younger. Organizers encourage families to get there early - the first 100 children will receive a free water bottle courtesy of the St. Mary's County Museum Division and sponsors.

The Optimist Club of the Seventh District will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and drinks.

The St. Clement's Island Museum is located at 38370 Point Breeze Road in Colton's Point. For more information, call 301-769-2222 or visit Facebook.com/SCIMuseum.

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

Burglary Suspect Identity Needed

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in two burglary investigations. On Monday, Aug. 15, 2022 at 3:16 am, the suspect broke into the Mechanicsville Bank of America ATM in an attempt to steal cash. Prior to this incident, the same suspect attempted to break into JMJ Firearms in Mechanicsville at 2:11 am.



Burglary Suspect

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or these incidents is asked to call Deputy Bradley Kirscht at 301-475-4200, ext. 78027 or email bradley.kirscht@stmarysmd.com. Case #s 41176-22 and 41184-22

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

Violate Protective Order

On August 6, 2022, Dep. Wilhelmi made contact with the victim who advised **Mindy Jo Blado**, age 42 of Mechanicsville, was at the victim's residence in violation of a valid court order. Dep. Wilhelmi subsequently arrested Blado and charged her with Violate Protective Order.



Mindy Blado

Assault

On August 8, 2022, DFC. Ryczyn responded to the 46800 block of Rogers Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Quinton Marquis Remied**, age 26 of Lexington Park, assaulted the two victims by punching them in the head numerous times. Both victims had visible signs of injury and Remied was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Quinton Remied

of Lawrence Avenue in Leonardtown, for the reported assault involving a knife. Investigation determined **Corey Michael Fleener**, age 32 of Callaway, brandished a knife and threatened several victims with the knife. Fleener also stabbed a wall and a mattress causing damage, and stabbed a second mattress while the victim was sitting on the mattress. Fleener was arrested and charged with Assault First Degree, Reckless Endangerment, and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Corey Fleener

Assault

On August 9, 2022, Dep. Hudson responded to the 22700 block

Editor's Note

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

Wanted Individual- Guy Vivian Butler

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Guy Vivian Butler, age 57 of no fixed address. Butler is a white male, 6'2" tall and weighs 195 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. On July 31, 2022, Butler absconded from an inpatient treatment facility after previously being charged with theft, property destruction and escape.



Guy Butler

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Guy Vivian Butler is asked to contact Detective Allison Mattera at (301) 475-4200 extension 78124 or by email at Allison.Mattera@stmarysmd.com. For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

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Civil War Group Chides Route 5 Widening

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

What's in a pile of dirt? A group of Civil War history aficionados known as the Point Lookout Prisoners of War association (PLPOW) says there could be remains of smallpox victims buried at a site that was once part of the Confederate detention camp in the southern most point of St. Mary's County.

Point Lookout, now a state park, is currently the site of a road widening and improvement project on Route 5 which leads directly into the park's interior.

But during the Civil War, Point Lookout was a prisoner of war camp that housed at times up to 20,000 Confederate prisoners even though it had a capacity of about 10,000.

Disease often broke out and in at least one occurrence a bout of smallpox killed Confederate prisoners housed there, Union soldiers guarding the camp and even black and white civilians.

The PLPOW members say that the removal of soil from the burial site of smallpox victims — to make way for the road improvements — is not being properly overseen to ensure that there are no more remains being disturbed.

"In the 1930s, human remains were removed from the east side of the cemetery, in connection with the State Highway's construction of Route 5 and reinterred in a twenty' by twenty' excavated pit behind the Federal Monument," wrote PLPOW leaders Jim and Christina Dunbar to a regional State Highway Administration official. "However, the majority of the cemetery is located on the west side of Route 5, where the current road widening project is occurring.

"Ironically, in 2009, Dr. James Gibb was denied permission to conduct a minimally invasive archaeological survey of the 1934 reinterment site out of concern that human remains may be disturbed."

The PLPOW group owns and operates their own, private memorial park next to the federal monument in Scotland where the remains of Confederate prisoners are buried and say they have observed the continued project to widen the road, which would include a bike trail.

"The use of an excavator at the cemetery site is particularly disturbing, in that we have seen no



Jim Dunbar points out a marker he believes marks one corner of a Civil War era small pox grave in Point Lookout that is next to a road widening project there

evidence that an archaeological survey to identify graves has been conducted, or any evidence that remains from the current site were previously exhumed and reinterred," the Dunbars wrote. "Our concerns regarding the boundaries of the cemetery, and the location of an identifiable 1867 concrete survey post, marked US 1, have been dismissed without consideration."

Charlie Gischlar gave a statement on behalf of the State Highway Administration.

"During this review, we consulted with parties who expressed interest in nearby cultural resources, including the cemeteries," Gischlar said. "To ensure unmarked burials are not inadvertently impacted, a professional archaeologist is monitoring construction within and adjacent to the cemetery.

"The Maryland Historical Trust concurred the project will have no adverse effect to historic sites and agreed to our archaeological monitoring approach. At this time, there have been no human remains or funerary artifacts encountered during the project. For safety and as standard operating procedures, access to MDOT SHA construction sites is closed to the public."

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County Honors Its Volunteer First Responders



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For more than 20 years the county government, with the aid of numerous local charitable service organizations, has thrown a huge field day for the volunteer fire fighters and rescue personnel complete with food — particularly free hard crabs supplied by the Lions Club — drink and fun games for their children and families, to give thanks for their service.

The county believes as many as 350 volunteers and their family members came out to enjoy a sunny but cool day on the green of the governmental center in Leonardtown Aug. 6.

James “Mock” Mattingly, a 40-year volunteer with both the Leonardtown fire and rescue companies — he is a life member of the rescue squad and past chief of the fire company — oversaw the event and said it was well attended considering it was the first to have been held since the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It was a great turnout,” Mattingly said. “After the pandemic, people were very eager to come out.

“It was great conversation, it

was a great day.”

The pandemic put considerable strain on the volunteer services, particularly rescue squads, forcing many older members to stay away from stations and avoid running calls for fear of becoming infected.

Many of the volunteers in rescue squads were increasing in age and more vulnerable to infection.

This situation exacerbated an already troubling deficit of new recruits volunteering at rescue squads, forcing the county to turn to hiring contract emergency medical personnel during the pandemic that are still staffing every rescue squad in the county during the day.

The pandemic not only took volunteers away from their rescue squads but it also pulled them away from their comrades with whom they had forged long-term bonds.

The latest Fire Rescue Appreciation Day (FRAD) was a chance to turn that isolation around, said Mattingly.

“You could renew the friendships you had with your fellow volunteers,” Mattingly said. “My

conversations with people were like ‘How are you doing? Are you still running calls?’”

The answers, he said, were usually: “Not as many as I used to.”

Mattingly still volunteers as a driver at Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, counting himself as one of the long-time rescue members who is getting older and finding it harder to run the calls he once did.

But the pressure is not letting up, even with the help of paid, career paramedics and emergency medical technicians, he said.

“We are hammered with calls,” Mattingly said. “The career people are staffing ... from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. for seven days.

“The volunteers are picking up the work from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. so there is a gap in some of these areas.”

Commissioner Todd Morgan, filling out his last term in that position, was at the latest FRAD gathering giving awards to volunteers for their service.

He said he has always enjoyed working with firefighters and medics and helping serve their needs.

“It’s been my honor for the past 12 years to serve our fire and rescue personnel as your commissioner,” Morgan said. “You all have done so much and we appreciate all you have done under some very adverse conditions.”

Mattingly said he hoped to see many more FRAD gatherings but given the continued lack of volunteers for the rescue squads, he was not sure how much longer they would last.

“I think you’ll probably see them decline,” Mattingly said. “But it’s up to the county to decide if it’s [FRAD celebration] still needed.

“But I really enjoy it; it’s a good morale booster.”

Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, said volunteers were still important to keeping St. Marys safe.

“Volunteers play a critical role in emergency response,” Walker said. “This event is sponsored by the commissioners in recognition of that.

“It is a very appropriate and proper statement of appreciation and [thanks] from our commissioners.”

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Hollywood Carnival Finishes Safely, Successfully

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department's annual carnival opened back up for visitors over the weekend and it operated all three days without any problems, said fire company president Bill Mattingly.

"We had no issues whatsoever," Mattingly told The County Times. "The turnout was lighter than we thought it would be.

"The income was down but I'm absolutely glad we opened back up."

The carnival was abruptly cut short last month on July 15 when a fight in the parking lot there erupted between two factions that the sheriff's office called groups of rival youth offenders.

One 16-year-old male was shot and killed and his alleged killer was apprehended shortly thereafter at a local convenience store and gas station.

The incident, which shook the Hollywood community and the county, led to enhanced police se-

curity at last week's reopened carnival and adjusted hours to ensure it operated in daylight rather than some nighttime hours as it did at the July 15 shooting.

The carnival last weekend opened at 5 p.m. and closed at 9 p.m.; it usually opened at 7 p.m. from 11 p.m.

Mattingly said the new hours put more strain on volunteers to arrive earlier and set up the carnival than ever before so, moving forward, the hours may once again be adjusted.

"We're not sure if 5 p.m. was a good time to open," Mattingly said.

The volunteers gave out eight bicycles as prizes on Aug. 12 and 13 each, Mattingly said, while they gave away 10 on Aug. 14.

Visitors were happy to be able to come back to the carnival, Mattingly said.

"They were absolutely glad we opened back up," he said. "They had no problem coming back and attending."

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Mechanicsville Butcher Shop Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county Board of Appeals unanimously approved a plan to construct a butcher shop on South Sandgates Road last week in a portion of the county's rural preservation district.

The project received support from several neighbors in the Della Brooke Manor subdivision, where it is set to be located, as well as a local farmer who said the facility would see significant amount of use from livestock producers.

The facility would be located on just under 21 acres, according to county planning documents.

The applicant, and the owner of the property, Steven Stauffer, proposes to use a barn already standing on his property as the butcher shop where carcasses of meat animals — slaughtered at another facility — would be brought for cold storage, cutting and processing.

The butcher shop required a conditional use permit to operate under the St. Mary's County zoning ordinance, necessitating a public hearing before the appeals board.

The facility would comprise a front office, a cutting room, a freezer and a storage space, planning documents show.

The facility also includes a holding



tank underground on the property.

The county's advanced agricultural facilities continue to increase with facilities such as the new butcher shop; a slaughterhouse operated from within the Amish community has recently received its approvals from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the county has committed to building a Regional Agricultural Center near Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School which would provide meat processing as well as product sales to the wider farming community.

Jamie Raley, president of the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau, said he and other farmers who engaged in raising livestock would need such a facility to keep their own operations profitable.

"We've had a tremendous demand for our beef," Raley said. "But we don't want to upscale to retail operations.

"He's (Stauffer) going to provide a critical service to the farming community."

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Cannabis Grow Site Gets Passing Inspection Grade

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last month the Commissioners of St. Mary's County held a public hearing on an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would effectively restrict cannabis operations, whether they are for growing, processing or distributing the substance to certain areas of the county, mostly to industrial or mixed-use development zones.

Instead of giving their opinion on the proposed amendment, many citizens told the commissioners that they wanted the current, controversial growing facility in Abell prohibited from growing any further.

One citizen even provided a video of alleged environmental degradation — to include sediment erosion — that they said was caused by the operations and continued expansion of the site in the county's rural preservation district.

But a recent report from the Maryland Department of the Environment states that the facility has complied with the state's inspection criteria after a complaint

was filed against the facility's operations.

The report states that the inspection took place July 27, just one day after the allegations were made against the site, and lasted for approximately one hour.

The evidence collected showing that the site was in compliance regarding sediment erosion was through "visual observation," according to the report.

Specifically, the inspector, named in the report as Greg Kolarick, stated that there were "no violations observed" regarding any visible pollutants in "receiving waters" or "waters of the state."

The construction of the growing facility, which includes a 50,000 square-foot warehouse complete with extensive environmental controls, came to the attention of the community in the early spring when questions were raised about how such a large operation could be built in the county's rural preservation district and in such close proximity to the watershed.

The county revealed soon after that the leadership of the land use

department had designated the project as a certain kind of agricultural use, and therefore could proceed without being brought to the attention of the planning commission, board of appeals or even required to make a public hearing.

The public outcry was considerable and the commissioners tasked the planning commission to create a text amendment to ensure such an oversight could not occur again.

The commissioners have yet to approve the text amendment on cannabis growing operations.

One of the key changes made by the planning commission earlier this spring to the draft ordinance was to ensure that a general site plan was required of any of the three kinds of cannabis-related operations.

The ordinance as originally written kept all three uses as a conditional use, which required any cannabis-related plans to go before the county board of appeals to get a variance before being able to begin work.

This still did not necessarily include the planning commission in

the development approval process.

The proposed amendment also keeps any new growing operation in the industrial, limited commercial industrial or high intensity mixed use zones of the county and out of the rural preservation district and town centers.

Setbacks of 500 feet are also required if it is situated near a school, residences, daycare facilities or substance abuse treatment facilities.

Outdoor growth is prohibited under the proposal.

The same requirements exist for cannabis processing facilities.

Dispensaries are allowed to operate in high intensity, medium intensity and low intensity mixed use zones as well as other similar zoning categories.

Operations in rural commercial limited zones and rural service center zones are also permitted.

Setbacks from schools, daycares and substance abuse treatment facilities of 500 feet are also required of dispensaries, according to the proposal.

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Latest Section of FDR Boulevard Underway



FDR Blvd at Chancellors Run Road and Fire Dept. Lane

By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

Officials with the county Department of Public Works and Transportation say that the road construction work at the intersection of Chancellors Run Road and Fire Department Lane in Great Mills, including the closing off of a traffic lane, should be completed soon.

It's one more step in completing the next section of the much-awaited FDR Boulevard, said project manager Allen Settle.

The latest span of FDR Boulevard will stretch from Chancellors Run Road to Buck Hewitt Road — it's known as section 3A of the project — for 0.8 miles, Settle told *The County Times*.

"Now what you see is excavation and grading of the roadway," Settle said, noting that the work at the intersection should be finishing up.

"That work should be completed by the end of next week," he said. "The asphalt for FDR Boulevard and Route 237 should be paved by the end of this week."

This section of the route is the next to last piece to be constructed

before the entire length is completed, Settle said.

This section is expected to be completed by May of next year, Settle said, with the advertisement for construction of the next and final section, from Buck Hewitt Road to Pegg Road immediately across from Gate 1 of Patuxent River Naval Air Station next winter.

That last section of FDR Boulevard will be just one mile in length and is expected to begin construction by spring of 2023.

The overall project, which starts back at the intersection of St. Andrews Church Road in California, has been delayed many times over the past several years.

Settle said this latest section has experienced just a few delays due to poor soil conditions or the placement of utilities, but he has been mostly satisfied with the progress there.

"Things are going well so far," Settle said.

FDR Boulevard has long been expected to help provide traffic relief for its parallel Route 235.

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County Mum In Aftermath of Pedestrian Death



The bus stop where Jay Norris' family says he was picked up and dropped off each day by an STS bus until his death July 29.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A little over two weeks ago a physically disabled man who lived in Leonardtown was struck and killed while crossing the south bound lanes of Route 5 while attempting to return home at the Cedar Lane apartments on Cedar Lane Ct.

J. Harry Norris IV, 43, — known as Jay — had just been dropped off in the rain by a county-owned and operated STS bus; shortly thereafter, Norris was struck by a 2018 Dodge Journey that was being driven by a 35-year-old Mechanicsville woman driving north on the roadway, according to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

The victim's father, J. Harry Norris III, said the family is still perplexed at why his son was dropped off in a different place than he had been for the past 15 years.

"I'm confused and bewildered by what happened," the elder Norris said this week. "I gave him \$20 a month and that was his mode of transportation.

"He knew the schedule [of the STS bus] like the back of his hand."

Norris said that for nearly the past 20 years, while his son started living at Cedar Lane, which provides assistance for seniors and the disabled, that his son was always picked up and dropped off at the front door of the facility.

The front of the facility faces Cedar Lane Ct. and has an old, heavily faded sign noting it as an STS bus stop.

"We wouldn't let him cross Route 5 at any time," Norris said of his son. "He

wasn't capable of getting across a road like that."

Norris said his son was picked up at the Cedar Lane facility, not down near the intersection with Route 5, whether the bus operators were driving southbound or northbound up until the incident in which Jay was killed.

Jim Gotsch, director of the Department of Public Works, said last week that Jay was on the south bound bus for the Great Mills route, which does not have a designated drop off or pick up point at Cedar Lane apartments.

Norris said his son used the STS bus to get to work each day; he collected carts at the BJ's Wholesale Club in California.

The north bound section for the Great Mills route does have a designated drop off point at Cedar Lane, Gotsch said.

When The County Times contacted Gotsch this week, asking why Norris was dropped off on the south bound lanes of Route 5, he said he could not comment because the matter might be in litigation.

The deceased's father, who is also the former mayor of Leonardtown, said the family has no intentions at this point to file any lawsuit against the county, rather they were waiting for the results of the investigation into Jay's death.

The county is currently evaluating how the STS bus system will continue to operate, especially whether riders will be able to flag down a bus for pickup or dropoff anywhere on the highways.

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