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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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Unsuccessful Delegate Candidate Files Defamation Suit

Stems from Facebook Postings by Lusby Couple

By Dick Myers
Editor

A Calvert County businessman and unsuccessful candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates in the July 19 Republican primary, has filed a suit against a Lusby couple seeking a million dollars in damages for defamation and other charges.

Kevin Merillat, through his attorney Arnold Abraham of Baltimore filed the suit July 16 in Calvert County Circuit Court against Vaughn and Dominique Evans. Merillat, a St. Leonard resident, owns Merillat Pools of Owings and ran against incumbent Delegate Mark Fisher for the District 27-C seat. Fisher easily prevailed in the primary.

Merillat alleges defamation, false light, intentional interference with economic relations, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

According to the suit, the charges stem from a May 20 incident at the Tavern in St. Leonard in which the defendants allegedly overheard a conversation between Merillat and another man. The suit says, "Defendants subsequently intentionally mischaracterized the conversation and falsely attributed statements to Merillat."

The suit goes on to say Dominique published statements on Facebook "that falsely indicated Merillat was a racist and affili-



Kevin Merillat

ated with a hate group (KKK)."

The suit says Merillat reached out to Calvert County NAACP President Michael Kent who concluded "The Defendants heard no specific references made by Plaintiffs regarding any person's color, race or racism of which they had alleged."

Merillat said the Facebook postings harmed his business, Merillat Pools, interfered with his election and caused him emotional distress.

The suit says, "Being portrayed as a racist is akin to wearing a scarlet letter and leaves one with a loss of dignity and pride."

The Evans couple, in court filings by their attorney, have asked that the case be dismissed.

A pre-trial conference is scheduled for next January. Merillat has asked for a jury trial.

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Appeals Court Sides with Ethics Commission in McConkey Case

Rules that Commissioner Committed Ethics Violation

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland's second highest court has ruled that a judge erred in overturning the Calvert County Ethics Commission finding that County Commissioner Kelly McConkey had a conflict of interest when he cast the tie-breaking vote to place two properties he owns within an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. The unanimous decision by the three-judge panel upholds the ethics commission decision "imposing its strongest sanction -- a cease and desist order and a letter of censure, rather than a letter of reprimand," according to the Aug. 17 opinion by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals (COSA).

McConkey lost a bid for re-election in the July 19 Republican primary to Catherine Grasso, one of the original complainants against McConkey to the ethics commission.

On December 15, 2020, the Ethics Commission opinion said the complaints against McConkey "presented a textbook example of conflict of interest."

Much of the legal wrangling in the case stemmed from a newspaper article in which then Ethics Commission Chairperson Jennifer Mazur was quoted as saying, "We have more advisory opinion requests and ethics complaints than we normally have. I cannot reveal the nature of the complaints." At no time did Mazur mention McConkey.

When the ethics commission ultimately held a hearing at which McConkey was present, his lawyer asked that Mazur recuse herself because of her statements. And by that time McConkey had filed suit against Mazur and it was argued that because of that she had a financial interest in the outcome of the decision.

Mazur at the hearing stepped down as chairperson but participated in it. She said she stepped down because she was seeking a legal opinion. The commission ruled she did not have a conflict and she voted. McConkey's lawyer argued that seeking the legal opinion was admission of guilt.

The ethics commission ruling was overturned by retired Prince George's County Circuit Court Judge C. Phillip Nichols, who ruled that Mazur should have recused herself and if she had the commission would have lacked a quorum to make a decision.

The appeals court child the judge for his decision. On the ruling the court wrote, "In our judgment, the facts before us are essentially undisputed. The sole question is whether the Ethics Commission committed legal error in the decision that it reached on the basis of those undisputed facts. The Commission did not err."

The appeals court went on to write: "Commissioner McConkey argues that



Commissioner Kelly McConkey

Ms. Mazur had a conflict of interest because she had an economic incentive to rule against him in order to minimize the damages that he could recover in the suit that he had filed

against her. The Ethics Board responds that the Commissioner filed a frivolous lawsuit as a pretext to require Ms. Mazur to recuse herself, and thus to deprive the Commission of a quorum and to prevent the Commission from taking any action against him. We agree that Commissioner McConkey attempted to conjure the illusion of a conflict in order to derail the case concerning his ethical violations."

"The Commissioner refrained from serving the complaint against Ms. Mazur (and Calvert County) for more than a year, which suggests that he was not thirsting for justice, but was using the complaint for an ulterior purpose -- to interfere with the ethics case against him," the appeals court concluded.

The court also said, "In short, the Commissioner's lawsuit did not create anything resembling a conflict or an apparent conflict of interest. To the contrary, the lawsuit was a transparent effort to deprive the Ethics Commission of a quorum in order to prevent it from deciding the case."

As to Judge Nichols' opinion, the court said, "As a matter of policy, it is unsound to presume the existence of an apparent conflict of interest when an official does what she ought to do and consults with an attorney about whether she does or does not have an actual or apparent conflict of interest. Public officials should be encouraged to consult with counsel to ascertain their ethical responsibilities; they should not be deterred from consulting with counsel out of a concern that they will be deemed to have had an apparent conflict."

The McConkey vote on his properties is also one of the key issues in a suit against the county by four citizens seeking to overturn the decision that followed the Huntingtown vote -- to adopt the comprehensive plan, with McConkey also casting the deciding vote.

The Court of Special Appeals upheld the circuit court's decision affirming the commissioners' right to approve the plan. That decision was appealed and will be heard by the state's highest court next month.

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Veterans Affairs Commission Makes First Report

By Dick Myers
Editor

According to a survey of Calvert County veterans, better access to Veterans Administration (VA) benefits and services, mental health and medical care and transportation to VA facilities are needed.

The newly formed Calvert County Veterans Affairs Commission conducted the survey earlier this year and received 230 responses.

Respondents also expressed the need for legal services and had quality of life concerns, according to a presentation made to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Aug. 23.

The commission held their first meeting slightly more than a year ago and the Aug. 23 presentation was their first annual report to the BOCC. It was presented by Vice Chair Jeff King, assisted by members Dr. Brandon Temple, Patricia McCoy and Wilson Parran.

Among the commission's representation are members of each of the county's four American Legion posts.

King noted that the commission's purpose is "Honor, advocacy and respect for Calvert County

Veterans." And that is reflected in their new logo.

Their vision: "All Calvert County veterans are receiving the benefits and services to which they are entitled."

And their mission statement is "To advocate for all Calvert County veterans and their families while fostering a spirit of fellowship for veterans in our community."

In addition to the survey, King said one of their first accomplishments was the update of the Veterans Resource Guide.

Commissioner Mike Hart expressed concern about the transportation issue. County Administrator Mark Willis said public transportation is available to the new VA Community Based Out-patient Clinic in Charlotte Hall. King said the concern was for transportation to facilities outside the region. He said there are 7,200 veterans in the county based on the 2020 census.

King said the involvement of the American Legion posts was critical to their success, but as around the country, the posts are aging.

Temple said the younger veter-



Calvert County Veterans Affairs Commission members

ans and women "don't see themselves as veterans." He added, "We need to break that vision."

McCoy, former Post 206 commander, said the role of women in the military had changed dramatically in recent years from when she served in Vietnam.

Commissioner Chris Gadway said navigating the VA is most difficult for those who aren't retirees but are veterans. He said he has spent the last 20 years since getting out trying to figure out the VA. He did say, though, that the VA has improved dramatically in the last six years.

King said one of the commission's next steps was to advocate for "expanded local tax credits for veterans less than 100 percent disabled."

They also, he said, are going to

be involved in creating an "Operation Greenlight for Veterans," which the week of Nov. 7-13, surrounding Veteran's Day, honors veterans by lighting the community in green.

At the meeting, State's Attorney Bob Harvey, speaking to the need for legal services, said he is working on having someone at intake in the legal system identify whether they are a veteran or not to better help his office determine if extra services are needed.

The commission goals for the future, King said, are:

- Increase our understanding of the demographics of Calvert's veteran population in order to better serve them
 - Continue to increase public awareness of CCVAC
 - Participate in regional/state-level veterans' efforts
 - Study feasibility of providing services locally
 - Develop FY24 budget request
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Lauren K-Hunt, Calvert County Mom

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

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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 tributes.

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

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- Calvert County Mobile Crisis Team
- Celebrate Recovery



QUESTIONS?

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Back-to-School Quarantine Policy Revised

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) have changed the proposed policy requiring quarantining for unvaccinated students and staff with close contact with someone with known or suspected COVID-19 but no symptoms.

The policy originally promulgated did not require vaccinated students and staff to quarantine.

Based on new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and local and state health departments, CCPS is now saying: "Staff or student/child can continue to work in or attend school and childcare regardless of vaccination status."

The policy does say, however, "Those who can mask should do so for 10 days from the last day of exposure. A test at three to five days after exposure is recommended, especially for those who cannot mask (ex. children under two years of age)."

For those with COVID-19 symptoms, the policy says:

"Staff or student/child should not attend or work in a school or childcare setting

"COVID-19 testing is recommended

"If test is negative, may return when symptoms have improved, no fever for 24 hours without medication, and applicable criteria in the Communicable Diseases Summary have been met."

For those with a positive test for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms:

- "Staff or student/child must stay home for five days from the start of symptoms or from the date of the positive test if no symptoms
- "After day five, may return if symptoms have improved and no fever for at least 24 hours without medication
- "Upon return, must wear a mask



for five additional days (except while eating, drinking, sleeping or outside)

- "If unable to wear a mask, may return if they have a negative test at day five or later; otherwise, they should remain at home for days six to 10."

The following visitors' policy has also been announced:

- "Until further notice the following social protocols must be followed while in CCPS buildings and offices:
- "Face Masks are optional.
- "Sign-in and sign-out is required at all school buildings and offices.
- "We encourage proper hand hygiene and sanitizing.
- "Social distancing is encouraged while on school properties.
- "Anyone that is ill with COVID or experiencing COVID-like symptoms or has been directed to isolate within the last five days will not be permitted on school property. Those entering on day six through 10 must mask.
- "If you become ill while in a CCPS building or office, please notify a staff member and leave immediately."

The College of Southern Maryland has also reversed its previously announced vaccination policy (see separate story elsewhere in this issue).

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Randy Smith: Dunkirk VFD Charter Member Inducted into State Hall of Fame



Randy Smith with his wife Renee and Dunkirk VFD President Dave Stream.

By Dick Myers
Editor

He has 45 years as a volunteer firefighter, including the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department's first African American president and its vice president and assistant chief, president of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association and recent recognition by the African American Fire Fighters Historical Society for his many accomplishments within volunteer fire service in the State of Maryland.

And now Randy Smith, the only active charter member of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, has been inducted into the Maryland State Firemen's Association's Hall of Fame, a prestigious honor awarded to only 10 members of volunteer fire, rescue or EMS departments every year.

Smith was honored for his service at the Aug. 9 meeting of the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners.

Smith and his twin brother and other siblings were born in Washington, DC and orphaned at a young age when their parents abandoned them. They were eventually adopted by their great uncle and great aunt, Laura and Clement Smith, Calvert County farmers. He was raised in Calvert and went to Calvert High School and was in the first class (1976) to graduate from the new Northern High School.

At the Aug. 9 commissioner meeting, Alberta Gray, who raised him after his great aunt and uncle passed away, said, "I'm very proud to have Randy my adopted son, my friend, and to recognize him to be the person that he truly is. He has a very kind heart, very helpful and willing."

His twin brother Rodney said, "I'm very proud of him. We come from an orphanage background and yes, I went off to the military. That's where I got a

lot of my foundation. To see him where he is today, where we came from is an accomplishment in itself. So, I'm so proud of him."

One of his many jobs as a teenager was at Wayside Groceries on Route 4 pumping gas. "I would see the fire trucks go by," he said. He was on the football team and some of his teammates, "when this fire department opened up, they joined."

So, he started hanging out with his teammates. And then while working at the Chevy dealership he became acquainted with the fire chief, Ray Stein, who moonlighted as a mechanic at the dealership.

"And my stepfather would bring in parts on our way home from the Chevrolet dealer," and Stein told him his stepson was hanging out at the firehouse.

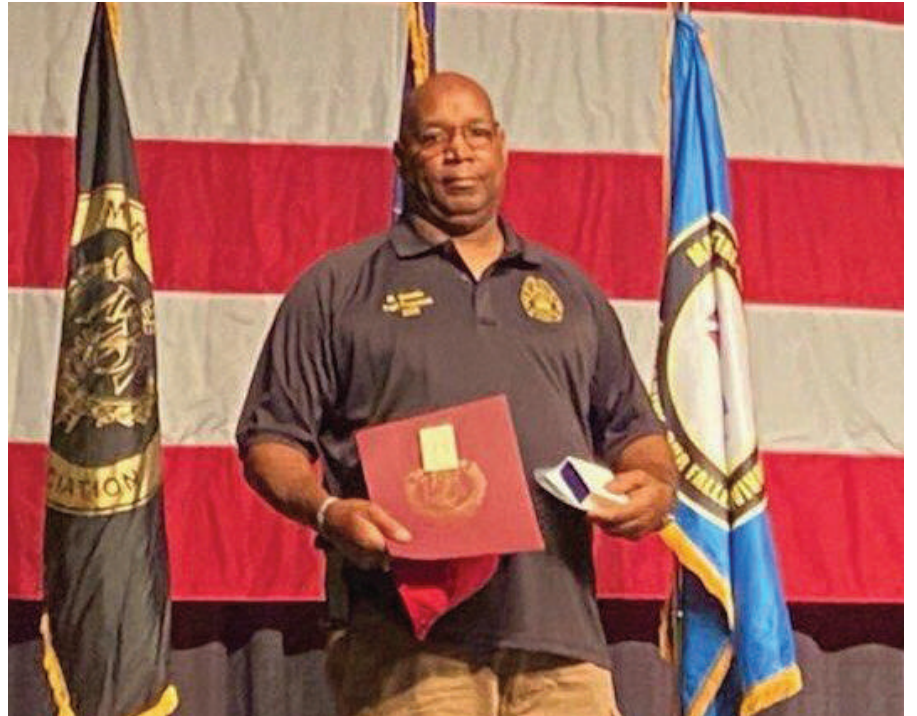
"I've been trying to get him to join," he said. "So, from that, that's how I joined the fire department."

With the help of a board member at the fire department, Smith got a job with Prince George's County, where he stayed until he retired.

He did apply at one time to be a professional firefighter, when a court case ordered more minority hiring in that county, but wasn't accepted, which he said was a blessing in disguise "because I got to be in the volunteer fire service. You can't put a price to me on the experience for free you get in there. The training is free, and the life experience is free. You get to be around any and everybody, it's not just my color," he said, adding, "You get the satisfaction of giving back to the community."

"You could make a difference. So, it is more rewarding, and you can't really put a price on it either."

What was it like being African American in a fraternity that was historically



Randy Smith at Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame ceremony in Ocean City.

white. He said initially when Dunkirk was part of North Beach Volunteer Fire Department there were some problems. He said he heard people say, "who let me in and stuff like that."

"In the scheme of things, I guess somehow, I learned or trained myself to not put a lot of credence and a lot of time or interest on negativity. I focused on what I could do and how I could do it and try to stay as much positive as possible. But I did go through, even in my own station...little pranks and initiation."

His acceptance through example included building and equipment engineer, sergeant, and "then working my way up like that."

And of course, he ran calls as long as he was able to. "When I wasn't working, I lived in here (at the firehouse)."

"I even developed a rapport at the local laundromat," he said. "We used to have bingo on Fridays and the lady says, you busy at that fire department, just bring your stuff down here and leave it. I'll take care of it."

"I was the president for a couple of years, two different times. I was an assistant vice president for a couple times, served on the board of directors and then...assistant chief." He regrets the department did not vote him in as chief.

"I don't know where I'd be if I hadn't made the decision to join the fire service," he said. "In life you have some things that are positive, and you have some things that maybe not. So, I tried to figure out ways that I can contribute, especially now with my age and health."

"I would never have gained a lot of the education. The professionalism of the fire service and the training of fire service that can be used beyond the

fire service, because at the end of the day, it's about customer service. It's not about me. It's about how we provided a service to the community."

That service now includes becoming a member of the Maryland State Fire Association executive board "which helps advocate for the volunteers." Part of that is working with the legislature and testifying on bills.

The state board also acts as an intermediary between the volunteers and the paid professionals.

Smith was president of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Association for 2020-2021, unfortunately a COVID year. "I could have just very well shut down, but we used our government experience and everything else and we managed to keep the association viable and together."

About interesting young people, particularly young black men, to get into volunteer fire service, he said, "We have to do a better job of that."

Smith observed, "I believe it would be a good initiative to take the training to youth facilities, group homes, low-risk jails or facilities as part of a reform program. Some folks, all they need is a chance or an opportunity to be exposed to something different and new that could change their life and help them be able to feel good about themselves and encourage them to give back to their community while staying away from some of the negativity that we read about and hear about."

At the commissioner presentation, his cousin Louise said, "We graduated from Northern High School in 1976. He truly had the heart and desire to be a fireman. And I'm so, so, so proud of him."

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Questions Surface Over Proposed Solomons Senior Complex

Would Replace Former Holiday Inn

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a text amendment to the county and Solomons Town Center zoning ordinances that paves the way for a senior housing complex to replace the former Holiday Inn. However, the project has raised some concerns from several of the commissioners.

The approval came after a joint public hearing with the planning commission on Aug. 23 at which the planners also recommended approval. There was no public testimony during the hearing.

The change allows for senior living facilities within the Solomons subdistrict in which the land for the project is located.

Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook explained at the public hearing that the developers of the project proceeded in good faith when they saw on the department's website that the project was allowed in the zoning subdistrict. However, that electronic version was in error Cook explained and the official hard copy version at the department's office showed

senior housing wasn't allowed. The text amendment removed that prohibition.

When the error was discovered, the county's Department of Economic Development requested the change for the developer.

The project proposes 103 assisted living and memory care units and 77 independent living units.

At a work session earlier in the day, Commissioner President Buddy Hance wondered who was going to be responsible for emergency services for the new complex – the taxpayers or the developers? He observed there were several other senior facilities nearby, including Asbury Solomons.

Hance said that one of the senior facilities, which he didn't identify, had promised to provide its own emergency services but has failed to do so.

The county Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) requires adequate roads and schools but doesn't address other requirements such as emergency services, water and sewer and law enforcement for a new development.

The planning and zoning staff are cur-



Former Holiday Inn in Solomons

rently working on a revision of the APFO that would include other services. Cook said the revisions should be ready for BOCC review in September.

At the joint hearing Commissioner Kelly McConkey asked how much a new ambulance would cost and he was told it was upwards of \$1 million. He asked if the developer shouldn't be required to provide a new ambulance.

Cook noted that the subject of the public hearing was to correct a mistake and that issues such as McConkey raised were more appropriate for the site plan review by the planning commission when the

project is submitted.

The area is served by the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department, the county's busiest company. The department is considering relocating farther north closer to Chesapeake Ranch Estates when they build their planned new facility. That would take them farther away from the Solomons senior living facilities. Hance suggested the commissioners receive data from the Solomons company about calls from the existing facilities, which would help them assess what is needed for the new project.

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Lusby Church Earns Historic Preservation Award

By Dick Myers
Editor

Olivet United Methodist Church in Lusby is this year's recipient of the Calvert County Historic District Commission Historic Preservation Award.

Historic Preservation Planner Christopher Sperling told the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Aug. 23 that the awards have been presented since 1989, with one exception for 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, "to recognize outstanding achievements and excellence in protecting and preserving Calvert County's cultural heritage."

The award was for the church's refurbishment of stained-glass windows, addition of columbaria, and garden improvements.

Sperling said, "Around 2019, the Trustees of Olivet UMC addressed the obvious need for cleaning and preservation of the historic stained-glass windows of the sanctuary. The 15 windows are original from the 1912 construction. They include some interesting historical information in the lower portion of each window. Six windows have the statement, "Presented By" with individual names. Nine windows have the statement, "In Memory Of" with individual names. The earliest date of birth mentioned in the glass is 1839 and the latest date of death mentioned is 1911. The surnames are well-known in southern Calvert County, especially of course, in the history of Olivet and Lusby."

Sperling said, "The windows were cleaned, re-glazed, the wooden framing on the outside painted, and now are protected with plate glass on the outside. Generous gifts from the congrega-



Olivet United Methodist Church

tion allowed the project to be completed."

Additionally, he said, "The Cemetery Committee and the trustees arranged for three columbaria to be added to the historic cemetery. Preparation for this addition was coordinated with the Calvert County Planning and Zoning Department. The Olivet Garden Guild has created more beauty in the garden areas of the church grounds."

Sperling noted, "Two important factors which guide the work are a focus on native plants and a plan for storm water management. The gardens were given a Bay-Wise Award in 2021 by the Calvert County Master Gardeners, a program of the University of Maryland Extension."

The church's Finance Chairman Bob Evans, who is also a member of the Calvert County Historic District Commission, said the work accomplished was a dedicated volunteer effort of church members.

Pastor Alex Thomas expressed similar sentiments and thanked the commissioners for the award.

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Police Shoot Man During Chesapeake Beach Barricade Incident

Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies on Friday, August 19 at 9:47 p.m. responded to the 8300 block of Autumn Crest Lane in Chesapeake Beach to attempt service of an arrest warrant for First-Degree Assault.

The suspect, Ronald Joseph Garraway, 59, of Chesapeake Beach, advised he was armed, refused to exit the residence, and barricaded himself in an upstairs bedroom. A barricade was declared and a perimeter was established.

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team (SOT), Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), and specially trained officers with the Conflict Management Team (CMT) responded to the scene and attempted negotiations. Officers from both the Charles County Sheriff's Office Emergency Service Team (EST) and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (EST) were on scene to assist.

Calvert County sheriff's deputies began coordinating a plan with the goal of taking

the man into custody as safely as possible. Throughout the early morning hours, several attempts at negotiations were made, however, the suspect suddenly fired at officers. Officers then discharged their firearms striking the suspect. Officers were able to safely exit the home.

Emergency service teams entered the residence, located Garraway, and rendered aid. Garraway was transported to Med-Star Washington Hospital Center in stable condition.

In accordance with Maryland State Law, The Maryland Attorney General's Independent Investigations Division (IID) was contacted, but based on a lack of qualifying factors, declined to handle the investigation. The Calvert County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate.

Additional details will be released as they become available.

Press Release from CCSO.

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 driving a car. While medicinal marijuana is legal, driving under the influ-



ence 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

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of August 8, 2022 – August 14, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,427 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 22-46673

On August 14, 2022, DFC Boerum responded to the 3600 block of Pine Tree Drive in Port Republic, for a burglary complaint. The complainant advised sometime between 4 p.m. on Aug. 13 and 11:10 a.m. on Aug. 14, an unknown suspect (s) entered the unlocked residence and stole an empty brown leather suitcase and a Remington tree limb saw. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$200.

Burglary: 22-46206

On August 12, 2022, Deputy Aley responded to the 600 block of Carlsbad Court in Lusby, for the report of a burglary that already occurred. The complainant advised sometime between August 4 and August 9, an unknown suspect (s) broke into the victim's residence and stole six credit cards, three 25oz bottles of Jack Daniel's Whiskey, and approximately 5-10 DVDs. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$300.

Damaged Property: 22-45648

On August 9, 2022, Deputy Gough responded to the 12400 block of El Segunda Lane in Lusby, for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 9:40 a.m., an unknown suspect (s) shot and shattered the victim's passenger side window of a vehicle parked outside the residence. Deputy Gough observed the window to be heavily cracked with a silver pellet stuck in the center. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$260.

Damaged Property: 22-46381

On August 13, 2022, DFC Anderson responded to the 13000 block of Barreda Blvd. in Lusby, for the report of damaged property. Contact was made with the complainant who advised unknown suspects threw rocks at the victim's garage door causing damage. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$20.

Property Destruction: 22-46681

On August 14, 2022, Deputy Aley responded to the 2700 block of Diamond Court in St. Leonard, for the reported property destruction. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) placed an explosive device in the victim's metal mailbox causing it to explode around midnight. No injuries were reported. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$150.

Theft: 22-45492

On August 8, 2022, DFC R. Shrawder received report of a theft. The complainant advised her purse was left on the North Beach Boardwalk and when the victim returned to retrieve it, the purse and its contents had been stolen. The es-

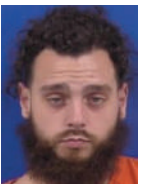
timated value of stolen property is \$75.

Theft: 22-45814

On August 10, 2022, Deputy Huy responded to the 4300 block of Dalrymple Road in Chesapeake Beach, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 6 p.m. on Aug. 9 and 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 10, an unknown suspect (s) stole several pieces of lawn equipment and tools from the bed of a work truck parked outside the residence. A gas pruner, a leaf blower, and two Skilsaws were among the stolen items. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$1250.00.

ARRESTS

On August 9, 2022, Senior Deputy Flynt was conducting a patrol check at the Wawa in Prince Frederick and observed a vehicle pull into the gas pumps with no lights on. Deputy Flynt proceeded to check the welfare of the driver, after being parked at the pumps for over an hour. The driver, **Michael David Warren, II**, 26 of Shady Side, MD, was found asleep in the driver's seat. In plain view, a glass smoking device and a green leafy substance were observed.



Michael Warren II

A vehicle search revealed several smoking devices, a zip lock baggie containing a white powdery substance, a yellow package containing suspected marijuana, three individual bags of marijuana weighing approximately one ounce each, and one clear Zip-lock bag of marijuana, weighing approximately 8 grams. Warren was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+, CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On August 8, 2022, Senior Deputy Flynt responded to the Safeway located at 80 W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, for the reported trespassing.

Contact was made with **Marci Bethany Pitt**, 26 of Prince Frederick, MD, who was previously trespassed indefinitely from the property. Pitt was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Trespassing: Private Property.



Marci Pitt

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

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 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!

Saturday, August 27

155th Calvert Co Jousting Tournament Christ Church

3100 Broomes Island Road
Port Republic
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In one day, in one location, travel back in time to the family friendly simple pleasures of yesteryear. Enjoy the delights of the church fair. Browse the attic treasures, peruse captivating books, visit the children's corner for face-painting, savor a hot dog, fresh lemonade and a snow cone, take home homemade baked goods and preserves. At noon head to the jousting field to cheer on Sir Knight and Fair Lady as they spear rings as small as 1/4 inch on running horses. Mid-day cool off in the historic Christ Church for soothing organ recitals. Top off your day with the church supper family style in an air-conditioned hall or boxed and ready to go featuring homemade fare of deviled crab, fried chicken, ham (choice of 2), potato salad, apple sauce and more. Return to Christ Church with family and friends! For more information, please feel free to visit our website at www.christchurchcalvert.org/155th-jousting-tournament-and-bazaar/ or call at 410-586-0565.

Fresh Start Back to School Event

Southern Community Center
Lusby
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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.

Toy Boat Building

Calvert Marine Museum
1-4 p.m.

Make a toy boat from in the Corbin Nature Pavilion! Space and materials are limited. Visitors will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. For ages 5 and up. Museum admission required, with a suggested donation of \$2 per boat Sponsored by the Patuxent Small Craft Guild.

Sunday, August 28

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us on a two-hour public sail aboard 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. Capacity allows for 30 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$35 for ages 13 and up; \$15 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are not permitted. To register, visit: <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>

ONGOING

Wm. B. Tennison 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 Tennison, 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-Tennison-Cruises>

UPCOMING

Yard Sale

Calvert Pines Center
Center 450 W Dares Beach Rd
Prince Frederick
September 10
8 a.m. till noon.

Senior Council Yard Sale, Sign up for table rentals until all tables

are rented. The table rentals are \$15 each. You must come to the senior center to sign contract and pay by check or cash. For more information call the center at 410 535 4606.

Big Conversation

September 11
2-5 p.m.

Living and Coping with Trauma: The Unseen Force. The online ZOOM session is Sunday, September 11 from 2-50 p.m.

Register through Calvert Library.

Pre-registration is required at <https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/event/7018570>

8th Annual Craft and Vendor Show

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Saturday, October 15
9:30a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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Calvert County School Schedule 2022-2023

August

31
Fifth & Sixth Age Drop-In
Fifth Grade Orientation

September

1
Classes begin at 8:00 A.M.

5
Labor Day
School Closed

26
Rosh Hashanah
School Closed

October

5
Yom Kippur
School Closed

31
School Closes at 12:30 P.M.
Professional Development

November

11
School Closed
Parent/Teacher Conferences

22
School Closes at 12:30 P.M.
Grandparents' Day -
Thanksgiving Break begins

23-25
Thanksgiving Break
School Closed

28
School resumes
at 8:00 A.M.

December

16
School Closes at 12:30 P.M.
Last day of classes before
Winter Break

19-31
Winter Break
School Closed

January

2
School Closed
Winter Break

3
School resumes
at 8:00 A.M.

16
MLK, Jr. Day
School Closed

February

17 • School Closed
Parent/Teacher Conferences

20
Presidents' Day
School Closed

March

10
School Closes at 12:30 P.M.
Last Day of classes
before Spring Break

13-20
Spring Break
Schools Closed
21
School resumes
at 8:00 A.M.

April

7
Good Friday
Schools Closed

10
Schools Closed
Professional Development

May

26
School Closes at 12:30 P.M.
Field Day

29
Memorial Day
Schools Closed

June

7
School Closes at 12:30 P.M.
Lower School Moving Up Ceremony -
9:30 A.M.

9
Graduation - 9:30 A.M.
Leonardtown High School

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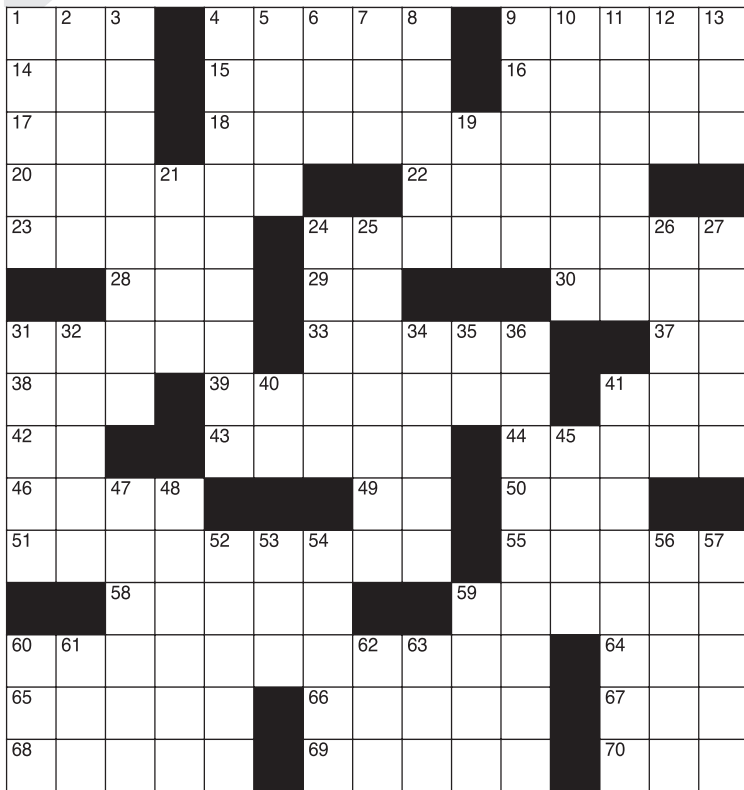
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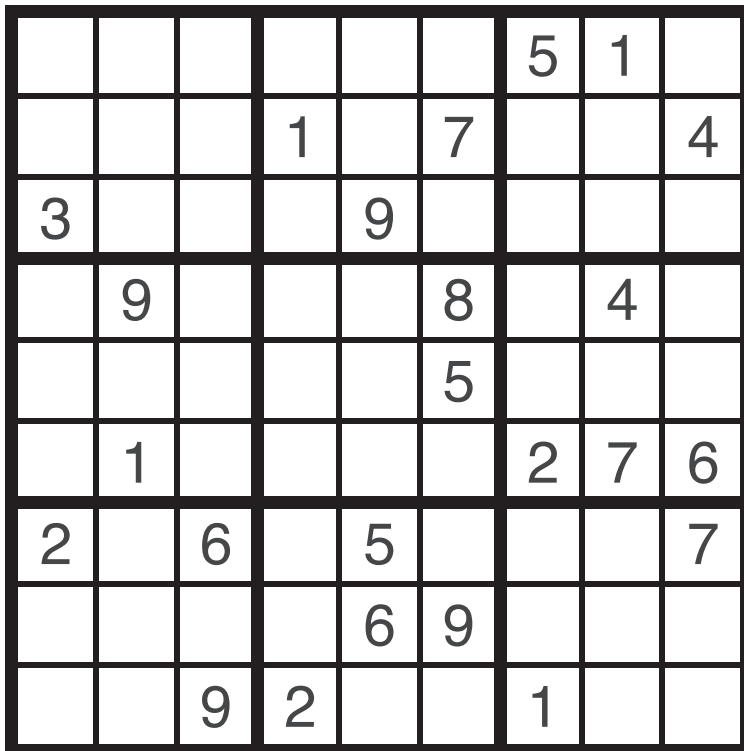
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- 4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
- 9. Popular California/Nevada lake
- 14. Go quickly
- 15. Fatty acid in soaps
- 16. Brand of fuel stations
- 17. State of fuss
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Members of a household
- 22. Asserts to be the case
- 23. Type of infection
- 24. With metal inlays
- 28. Chinese philosophic principle
- 29. Early multimedia
- 30. Employee stock ownership plan
- 31. He investigated Clinton administration
- 33. Shells
- 37. Six
- 38. Snakelike fish
- 39. Capital of Kenya
- 41. Influential group (abbr.)
- 42. Used to chop
- 43. It comes as a case
- 44. Challenges
- 46. Small amounts

- 49. The Golden State
- 50. Peyton's little brother
- 51. For walking in Alaska
- 55. Buddhist honorific titles
- 58. Lively ballroom dance
- 59. Capital of Albania
- 60. Late night host
- 64. Draw from
- 65. A way to utilise
- 66. One who is not native Hawaiian
- 67. A power to perceive
- 68. Bulky
- 69. Horse mackerels
- 70. Proclaim out loud

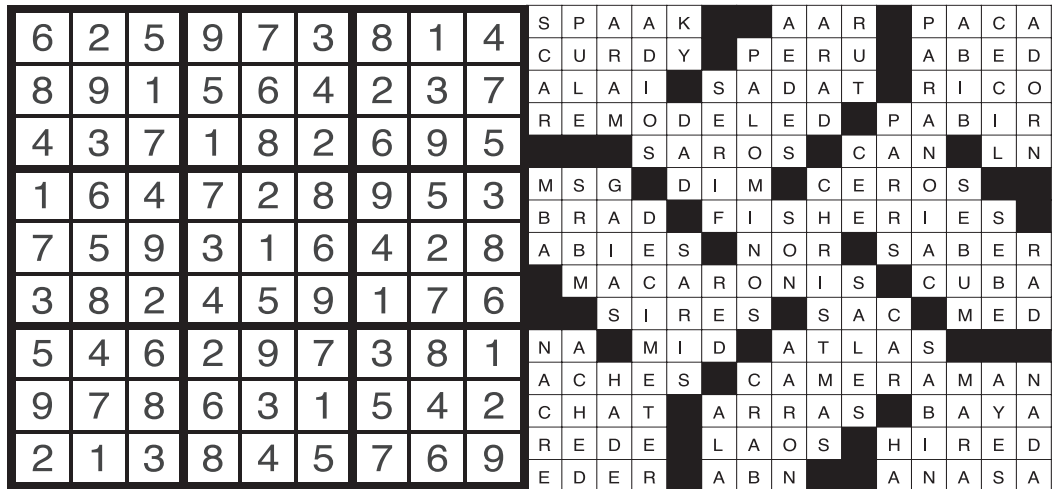
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hits
- 2. Bathroom accessory
- 3. Young
- 4. Beef cattles
- 5. It's often in soap
- 6. For each
- 7. Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
- 8. A way to leave
- 9. Emaciation
- 10. Punish with a fine
- 11. Steeds
- 12. Having eight
- 13. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 19. Mature reproductive cells
- 21. Armadillo species
- 24. Ancient country in

- what is now Romania
- 25. Extreme greed
- 26. Stars
- 27. Poems
- 31. Places to sit
- 32. One from the Lone Star State
- 34. Small rails
- 35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 36. Where coaches work
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Mammals
- 45. Resembling a wing
- 47. Beliefs
- 48. Hindu male religious teachers
- 52. Mischievously
- 53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
- 54. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 56. Horned squash bug genus
- 57. Excessively sentimental
- 59. Shared verbally
- 60. You can put it on toast
- 61. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- 62. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- 63. Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano



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HOW TO STAY MENTALLY SHARP AFTER RETIREMENT



If asked to describe how they envision retirement, many professionals might reference travel, time spent with grandchildren and various recreational pursuits. Few, if any, would mention cognitive decline. However, cognitive decline poses a significant threat to aging men and women, especially during retirement.

Researchers have long since recognized that certain cognitive abilities begin to decline with advanced age, even among elderly individuals who are healthy. However, despite that decline, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that dementias like Alzheimer's disease are not an inevitable part of aging. In fact, the CDC estimates that as many as 40 percent of dementia cases may be prevented or delayed. In addition, the CDC reports that it's not uncommon for routine memory, skills and knowledge to stabilize or even improve as the brain ages.

That's good news for retirees who want to spend their post-work life pursuing their passions and hobbies. Individuals also can embrace some strategies to stay mentally sharp in retirement.

- **Consider delaying retirement.**

Even if early retirement is a dream, it might be better to work a little longer than you had planned. A 2021 study published in the journal *SSM - Population Health* found that postponed retirement is beneficial to cognitive function for all genders, races/ethnicities, educational levels, and professional status. The study

reported that individuals who waited until age 67 to retire experienced less cognitive decline than those who retired prior to turning 67.

- **Make exercise part of your retirement routine.**

A lack of structure may seem enticing to individuals who have spent decades working. However, many retirees find that little structure loses its appeal quickly after calling it quits. When creating a new routine in retirement, include regular exercise. According to the Mayo Clinic, studies indicate that people who are physically active are less likely to experience a decline in their mental function. So daily exercise not only gives retirees something to do, but also benefits their brains.

- **Enroll in an adult education course.**

A study published in the journal *JAMA Neurology* examined the association between lifetime intellectual enrichment and cognitive decline in the older population. The study's authors found that higher levels of late-life cognitive activity were associated with higher levels of cognition. The study's authors concluded that lifetime intellectual enrichment might delay the onset of cognitive impairment. Retirees can look into adult learning programs at local colleges and universities to see if anything piques their interest.

Retirement can be everything professionals hope it will be, especially for those who make a concerted effort to maintain optimal cognitive function after they call it a career.



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Garvey Senior Activity Center

The Garvey Senior Activity Center will soon be offering evening hours! Starting Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Center will be open 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

The Garvey Senior Activity Center is co-located with the new Leonardtown Library in Leonardtown, MD. Call or visit the Center today to arrange a tour of the center and meet the friendly staff. Amenities include: Fitness Equipment, Large Fitness studios for Fitness Activities, a beautiful Art Studio, two large Activity Rooms for class and activities, a large dining room for daily noon meals, Wellness and Massage Services, Lounge Room with table games and a Billiard Table, and outdoor Pickleball Courts for adults aged 50 and above.

Hours:

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday, last entry at 4 p.m.

Phone: 301-475-4200, ext. 1080

Location

23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD

Loffler Senior Activity Center

The Loffler Senior Activity Center is located in Chancellors Run Park off of Chancellors Run Road in Great Mills, MD. Call or visit the Center today to arrange a tour of the center and meet the friendly staff. Amenities Include: Fitness Equipment, Craft & Activity Rooms, Kitchen, Large Room for Fitness and Social Activities, Reflexologist and Massage

Services, Arts & Crafts Room, Library and Senior Lounge area.

Hours

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., last entry at 4 p.m.

Phone: 301-475-4200, ext. 1658

Location:

21905 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, MD

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD

Northern Senior Activity Center

The Northern Senior Activity Center is located just north of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Call or visit the Center today to arrange a tour of the center and meet the friendly staff. Amenities include: fitness equipment, ceramics and pottery studio with kiln, Recumbent Terra Trike Bike for free use on the Three Notch Trail, library, large room for fitness and social activities, game room with pool table and card tables, arts and craft room, theater stage, conference room with space for private computer tutoring, and an outdoor patio and horseshoe pits. The Northern Senior Council supports activities at the Northern Senior Activity Center.

Hours:

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., last entry at 4 p.m.

Phone: 301-475-4200, ext. 3101

Location:

29655 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD

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Calvert County Senior Centers offer games, cards, ceramics, computer labs, crafts, educational classes, fine arts, game rooms, inter-generational activities, physical fitness, billiard tournaments, special event celebrations / activities, trips, cultural events and more! Before beginning a physical fitness class participants must fill out a Office on Aging Fitness Waiver and Release.

One-day trips are hosted through your local Office on Aging for persons aged 50-plus. The Office on Aging has taken trips to places like Lancaster, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and many places in between.

Here are the three senior centers:

Calvert Pines Senior Center

Location

450 West Dares Beach Road,
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Senior Councils

Each senior center has the support of a Senior Council that actively promotes programming and activities. The Senior Councils also raise funds for special activities and equipment. Contact your local senior center for meeting dates and times.

Staff Contacts

Phone: 410-535-4606

Phone: 301-855-1170

Fax: 410-535-1903

oamailbox@calvertcountymd.gov

North Beach Senior Center

Location

9010 Chesapeake Avenue,
North Beach, MD 20714

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Senior Councils

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Staff Contacts

Phone: 410-257-2549

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Southern Pines Senior Center

Location

20 Appeal Lane, Lusby, MD 20657

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Senior Councils

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Staff Contacts

Phone: 410-586-2748

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SOCIAL MEDIA: IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS ANYMORE



Perhaps due to the popularity of social media among a generation of young people who grew up with it, platforms such as Instagram and Facebook are often associated with people born in the 21st century. However, a 2018 study from the Pew Institute found that 65 percent of adults between the ages of 50 and 64 used Facebook and 68 percent used YouTube.

Social media is often on the receiving end of negative attention, but it's also a potentially valuable tool that can help men and women over 50 stay connected with their communities. That's not always so easy for adults who no longer have children at home. And as its name suggests, social media can help users connect with others who share their interests. Such connections also can be hard to make for adults over 50.

Adults over 50 may be more comfortable with social media now than they were a decade ago, but it's still a good idea to brush up on basic security measures that can help men and women protect their privacy as they utilize platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

- **Protect your personal information.**

No social media user has the right to access your personal information, including your address, date of birth or other data unique to you. Avoid interacting with anyone who requests personal information, employing the function to block such users from connecting with you when possible. It's also important to keep information

about travel plans private. For example, sharing details of an upcoming vacation can serve notice to potential criminals that no one will be in your house, making it a potential target for burglars.

- **Aim for quality, not quantity, when building social media networks.**

Avoid accepting friend requests from individuals you don't know. Cyber criminals often gain access to victims via social media, so limit your social media network to people you know and trust.

- **Turn off location information.**

The technology behind social media is impressive and even makes it possible to determine where users are when they tweet or post to other platforms. But many users, especially those concerned about their privacy, don't want to share location information with anyone, much less strangers. Turn off location information and routinely double check to make sure it's still turned off.

- **Discuss others' privacy concerns before posting to social media.**

Social media isn't for everyone, and some people may not want photos of themselves or their children posted to platforms like Facebook or Instagram. Prior to posting pictures or information about other people, confirm that they're OK with you doing so.

Adults over 50 are engaging with social media. But no matter how comfortable users become, it's still best to keep various social media safety protocols in mind.

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TUCKER BROWN: STILL ON THE WATER AT 84

By Florence Ballengee
Contributing Writer

During the past 20 years, St. Mary's County has changed dramatically. No longer is it the sleepy little county where farming and fishing were the lifeblood of the area. With laptops as their tools of the trade, a significant number of people are government employees and employees of government contractors.

While a large number of residents count on Pax River for employment, there is a place where life has not moved swiftly along the "technology corridor." Called by long-time residents "The Seventh", it is home to folks who make their living on the water. These people who make their living on their harvest of seafood are called watermen. They are hard-working people who work long hours no matter what the weather is. They gather their harvest from the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

There are those who believe it is a dying industry, but Tucker Brown doesn't agree. He has been on the water since he was eight years old when he went with his father who was also a waterman. He is perhaps the most well-known waterman and has testified before the legislature and is active politically lobbying for his fellow watermen.

When Brown was 10 years old, he had his own boat and he crabbed and sold his catch

to local people. When he was 18, he got his own workboat.

He has made his living on the water ever since. And at 84 that was a lot of years ago and a lot of experiences ago.

Born John F. Brown, Jr., Tucker got a lawyer and added Tucker to his name because that's how everyone knew him. In 1960 he married his wife of 62 years, Agnes, and she became a partner in the truest sense of the word. Agnes worked on the water alongside Tucker, ran the shuck house they had built, took orders, loaded trucks, and delivered seafood to the Baltimore packing houses.

Life has not been easy for the Browns. They have weathered the elements in their boat, and they have weathered personal and financial challenges that would defeat many. Thirty years ago, their house caught on fire; then the shuck house which was necessary to their business burned. They have endured fierce weather in a boat in the dead of winter. When the bone-chilling cold is hard to bear, Brown and other watermen board their boats and head out for the day's harvest. And all the while they work to maintain their equipment.

Brown has been an advocate and has lobbied for his way of life for many years. He has met with legislators, testified numerous times and more recently has been the chair of a committee whose work involved plant-



ing oysters to be harvested in three years. Brown and his group were able to rally the Potomac River Fisheries Commission and together they formed a partnership that resulted in successful natural oyster planting in the Potomac River. He said that the cooperation and help that was received from the Potomac River Fisheries Commission exceeded their expectations and the project has been highly successful.

Tucker Brown still rises at 3:30 a.m., gets

on his boat and "says a little prayer and a thank you" and heads out to work on the water until it's time to come home 12 hours later. When he gets back to shore the harvest must be loaded up and delivered. It is hard work but one that is in the blood. At least in the blood of the family. Brown's brother, Robert T. Brown is President of the Maryland Watermen's Association.

Brown says the best thing about being a waterman is the freedom. The freedom and watching the sun rise over the water and the trees keep him doing what he's always done. The hardest thing about being a waterman is "if you don't work you don't get paid. If you don't get paid you won't eat."

Tucker Brown has no desire and no plans to retire. When asked when he would retire, Agnes quickly said "what would we do then?" Their lives have been lived on St. Patrick's Creek in Avenue. They raised four daughters, have six granddaughters, fourteen great granddaughters and one great grandson. There were hard times, there were times the seafood eluded them. But there was no doubt that they were doing what is in the blood.

While most of us are uncertain of the future, one thing is certain. For Tucker Brown, his past, present and future will be lived on the waters of the Potomac, Patuxent and the Chesapeake.

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CHARITY'S DAUGHTER

The Point Lookout Prison Camp opened in 1863 and initially housed Confederate prisoners of war captured at the Battle of Gettysburg. Point Lookout eventually grew to be the Union's largest prison camp, hitting a peak population of 20,000 inmates in June of 1865. Housed in tents in poor condition often lacking stoves to keep them adequately heated during the winter along with a lack of blankets and clothing, prisoners experienced widespread suffering from the cold.



The prison camp at Point Lookout

While most of us are familiar with Point Lookout having visited the Confederate Memorial Park and the Federal Confederate Cemetery next door, few know about the extraordinary courage and sacrifice shown by the Daughters of Charity from Emmetsburg, MD.

Also known as the Sisters of Charity, twenty-six of these Catholic nuns served as nurses at Point Lookout, tending to Confederate prisoners and Union soldiers alike.

They arrived at the camp on July 15, 1862, after a twenty-four hour journey by ship from Baltimore.

Among the nuns making the journey was Sister Mary Consolata Conlon. Two weeks her arrival, Sister Consolata died from typhoid fever, probably contracted during the journey from Baltimore. She had just turned 20 years old.



A plaque in her honor soon to be installed at the Confederate Memorial Park at Point Lookout will tell her story:

"Having no lumber for a casket, Soldiers used packing cases and made her a coffin. In procession, the

Soldiers played a death march and Sister Consolata was buried on the banks of the Potomac River near the wharf and cottage hospital.

"After the war, when the U.S. Government started exhuming the remains of the dead, Sister Consolata's remains were taken to Washington D.C. 'She came in a box and there was a large wooden cross with her name and date of death.'"

According to accounts at the time, "when her coffin was opened 'Sister Consolata's body was found to be in perfect preservation, not a particle changed from the day of her burial, her habit and cornette [a large white head covering also known as a wimple] not even mildewed. There the little figure lay clad in her habit which looked like silk the hands clasped and holding a crucifix, the collar had turned black; the lower part of her face looked dark, but no decay; she did not have on the comette, but the toquois [a smaller head covering similar to an Amish or Mennoite women's cap], and that was black; from under it her long hair had grown and swept down the figure and then turned up again, shining yellow hair! The fingernails had grown too but she looked so still and nice!"



A Sister of Charity during the Civil War.

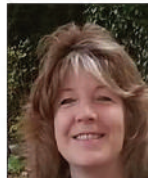
"A requiem mass was celebrated and Sister Mary Consolata was buried at Mount Olivet in Washington DC."

We'll have more about Point Lookout and the Daughters of Charity in future columns.

Learn more about the history of Point Lookout and St Mary's County at www.stmaryshistory.org

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



THE BLAZING LIGHTS OF HOME

Recently, we had our front porch railing and our two level back deck and railing redone and spruced up. My husband moved to Country Lakes and built this house in 1984, so there is always something that needs to be replaced or worked on. The wrought iron front porch railing had rusted away in a few spots where it was supposed to be attached to the concrete slab and steps. It was getting pretty rickety and unsafe. My husband said, "This is getting redone!", and when he says that it happens. We had a great carpenter do the work who was very detailed and even added the corner butcher block shelf I wanted by the front door instead of two post caps. I added 3 coats of oil-based Spar Urethane to prevent tea, food, and coffee stains on the shelf and was really happy with the outcome. I have wanted this corner shelf for years. We love to cook out on the grill a few times a week, and we love to have people over at our firepit. This way when I open the door I can rest a platter on the shelf for a minute while closing the door instead of balancing things in my hands or precariously on the old railing. I love it! The shelf will be especially handy during our annual Halloween Trails.

We picked the white railing system with the black vertical bars. There was a bit of hemming and hawing about what color solar caps, but we decided the black looked pretty sharp. My husband washed down the concrete front porch slab, steps, and walkway with muriatic acid afterwards and it looks really good. We thought about painting the concrete but ended up just liking the cleaned up version. I thought a lot about all the family and friends, some no longer with us, who have crossed that worn concrete to come in our home in friendship, fun, and love, and to enjoy happy and sad times with my husband and his first wife and their two kids, and then later, me and my two sons, and who knows how many animals as well. Painting the concrete couldn't have taken those feelings away but seeing the aged surface each day keeps the memories close.

The solar caps really dress up the front porch. We already had the brightest porch light in the neighborhood I think, so now we have a (blazing) beacon of welcome every evening. When it was time for our carpenter to re-do the back decks down to the pool area, we decided on dark gray TREX for the top deck and to only replace some boards on the lower deck and then paint the bottom deck and all stairs the same dark gray as the TREX. It looks really good. The white railing with black vertical bars looks nice against the dark gray



on both decks. My husband did find out the hard way though after walking out of our bedroom door barefooted onto the top deck that dark-colored TREX is very hot. No salesperson mentioned that detail of course. The painted wood is nowhere near as hot.

A last minute idea my husband had for the bottom of the back deck was to order extra-large 8ft high white sliding barn doors, so he can drive his mower underneath the deck. Nice idea. Then, I had an idea to add in the mix. I wanted to add a walkway from the backdoor sidewalk across the side of my workshop and back of the house to the steps leading to the lower deck pool area. Our backyard never seems to fully dry out because of all the trees, so the walk to the pool is worn and muddy. I have mentioned this over the years, but now with everything else looking nice my husband also likes the idea. Of course, now we are in the decision stage of whether to make a boardwalk or use those uneven stone slabs. This is the next project.

One thing we did agree on was getting those sharp-looking black solar caps for the back decks. I bought 26 solar caps, yes 26. The carpenter put these on in the daylight naturally. Later that night while I was watching my TV shows in the living room and Robert was watching his shows in the bedroom, he yells out for me to come in the bedroom. When I reached the doorway, I was about to say, "What?" when I looked at the bright light coming through the lace-curtained door. He said, "Yeah, it's like living on an airplane runway." I was thinking thank goodness Country Lakes left tons of trees between all the houses or we would have the villagers coming after us like they did with Frankenstein. Though I must say, when we drive down the street to our house at night past a dark stretch of the neighbor's trees, it is quite an impressive sight to see the back decks blazing their welcoming lights. I just wish those planes and helicopters would quit flying so low to the house.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
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the Navy from June 28, 1946 until his honorable discharge on April 30, 1953. During his service in the Navy, he was a fireman aboard the USS Hyman DD-732, stationed in the Mediterranean during the European Occupation after WWII. He then worked for Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company as a telephone installer, with top security clearance. He worked in the Capitol and White House during the presidencies of John F. Kennedy through Ronald Regan, and he traveled to Russia and Ireland to set up communication systems for President Nixon's trips.

David and Alta raised their family in Forestville, and then Fort Washington, MD. David coached football for the Allentown Boys and Girls Club. He enjoyed watching his children's sports during high school and college and made many close lifetime friends among the parents at Crossland and Friendly High Schools. He participated in numerous family-oriented camping trips with the Bell Tell Campers camping club. Upon retirement in the early 1990's, David and Alta followed many of their friends to Springhill, Florida, and David became actively involved in the community at St. Francis Cabrini Parish in Springhill, Florida. David served as an usher during services and as a member of the Men's Club, helping to maintain church grounds, buildings, and equipment and much enjoyed the camaraderie and teamwork among the other volunteers. David was a devout Catholic and a Life Member of the Knights of Columbus.

David and Alta returned to Maryland in September 2019 to live with their son Michael who gave him complete, loving care in his home. There were many caregivers assisting, including Lisa Armstrong, Aggie Lacey, and all family and in-laws, who were united in caring for him and his comfort during his failing health beginning with his fall in February 2022.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Wounded Warriors, Disabled American Veterans, or having a Mass said for his Intention.

Thursday, August 25, 2022 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Family, Friends and Prayers Arrangements at Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PA; 41590 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Friday, August 26, 2022- 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at Holy Angels Catholic Church, 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609

Friday, August 26, 2022- 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Post-Funeral Family and Friend Gathering at Flora Corner Farm, 26385 Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville MD 20659

Interment will be at a later date at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.

Arrangements provided by Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A. (301)475-8500/web mgfh.com.

Margaret "Peggy" Simpson Robrecht

Margaret "Peggy" Simpson Robrecht, age 89, passed away at home on August 19, 2022.

Margaret was born on October 14, 1932 at her grandmother's home to Samuel and Margaret Simpson of Lebanon, PA.



She was the wife of Brent Matthew Robrecht, whom she married on January 8, 1955 at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Lebanon, PA. Brent passed away on April 12, 2021. They were married 66 years.

She is survived by her children: Michael and wife Tammy of Livingston, TX; Andrea and husband Robert Greer of Denton, MD; Bruce and wife June of Great Mills, MD; Keith of Callaway, MD; Mary and husband Bruce Robertson of Germantown, MD; Theresa and husband Tony Laurel of Callaway, MD; and her foster daughter Lolen Wendy Daugherty of Norfolk, VA; grandchildren Heather and husband Billy Schrader, Dallas Bonner, Travis Veltrie, Mason Robrecht, and Matthew Robertson; great grandchildren Brianna, Cameron, and Ryleigh Schrader, along with many nieces and nephews.

Margaret was the sister of Christine Odoriso of West Chester, PA and brother David of Lebanon, PA. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Anna Mae Casciotti; and brother Samuel Simpson.

She attended St. Mary's Parochial School in Lebanon and graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School in 1950. She was employed in the credit department of Sears Roebuck & Co. until May of 1952 when she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. She attended basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and trained as an IBM tabulating machine operator at Lowry AFB, Colorado. Margaret was assigned to Headquarters Air Research & Development Command in Baltimore and was quartered at Fort Holabird, MD as an Airman First Class. She loved her job and was planning on reenlisting when she met a certain Sergeant. They got along well and he was easy on the eyes, so instead she resigned and soon married Brent M. Robrecht. Together they nurtured a family and traveled across the country and overseas until he retired in 1969. They and their six children moved to St. George Island, MD, where Brent was born and raised.

Margaret worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Piney Point, MD for 20 years. She also worked in the library at the Harry Lundberg School.

Margaret was a member of St. George Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD. She taught CCD and later became a lector as well as a Eucharistic Minister, taking communion to homebound members of the parish. She was known for her deep faith, dedication to family, encouraging words, and many acts of kindness. Margaret had a strong sense of duty in whatever she did—whether to God, country or family.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at St. George's Catholic Church in Valley Lee where a Mass of Christian

burial will be held with Father Paul Nguyen as celebrant at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow at the church hall. Interment will be held privately.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of St. Mary's or the Second District Fire Department. Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com.

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

Gregory Alan "Freebird" Casoni



Gregory Alan "Freebird" Casoni, 68, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on August 17, 2022 at his home. Born on July 7, 1954 in Newark, NJ, he was the son of Dorothy Elizabeth Sayer Casoni and Paul Joseph Casoni of Newark, NJ. Gregory was the loving husband of the late Diana Lynn "Lady Di" Plummer Casoni, whom he married on January 9, 1982 in Cincinnati, OH, and who preceded him in death on April 13, 2016. He is survived by his children Tara (David) Dean of Valrico, FL, Crystal (Noodles) Nelson of Hollywood, MD, and Dawn (Bobby) Burch of Hollywood, MD, his sister Carin (Bernie) Cook of Union, NJ, his brother and sister-in-laws Richard (Darlene) Plummer of Palm Harbor, FL, Julia Broderick of Harrison, OH, David (Pam) Plummer of Lawrenceburg, IN, Jeffrey (Donnie) Plummer of Houston, T, Rebecca (Jay) Wingard of Cincinnati, OH, and Melissa Mattox of Cincinnati, OH, his grandchildren Deanne (Matt) Edwards, Lil David Dean, Dylan Casoni-Burch, Grace Nelson, Alan Nelson, Leland Nelson, Patrick Nelson, Bryce Burch, Shane Burch, Jordan Nelson, and Kacen Dean.

Kacen Dean, as well as one on the way, Ryder Dean. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Mike Broderick, and his father and mother-in-law, Richard and Edna Plummer.

Gregory left Newark, NJ after graduation in 1973 to enlist in "A" School in Orlando for the US Navy, then onto the USS Kitty Hawk. Re-enlistment landed him in Jacksonville, on the USS Saratoga out of San Diego, then to Pax River. He met his late wife when she handed him his retirement card, and they ended up in Hollywood, MD with their three daughters.

Gregory was a St. Mary's County, MD resident for 42 years. He was a Mechanical Engineering Technician. Gregory was a Past Chief Engineer, Current Engineer, and Honorary Life Member of the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad. He belonged to Bucksnot #1054, Bowling, St. Mary's Men's Horseshoe League, St. Mary's County Mixed Fun League, Over-40 Men's Softball, Abate of St. Mary's, SMALS, Knights-MC- Executive Board, VFW, DAV, All-American Hog, Blue Crab Fun Bunch Wagoneer. Gregory also coached the St. Mary's American Little League Softball.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers at 7:00 PM at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, Hollywood, MD, where a funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be David Dean, Jr., Noodles Nelson, Bobby Burch, Shane Weasenforth, Bill Anderson, and Chris Pollock. Honorary pallbearers will be Deanne Edwards, Lil David Dean, Dylan Casani-Burch, Grace Nelson, Alan Nelson, Leland Nelson, Patrick Nelson, Bryce Burch, Shane Burch, Jordan Nelson, and Kacen Dean.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House of St. Mary's and the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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

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Marie Carol Jones
9/3/1949 - 8/26/2012

My dear sister, its been 10 years since you left me, since you've been gone, it seems like time has stood still. I miss you every moment of every day.

My Love Forever
Your twin, Carolyn

Angela Pitts

Angela was born 2/21/1962 in Washington DC to David Henry Pitts and Barbara Ann Pitts. Angela was the first born of three. Karen and John followed. They lived in Prince George's county. Angela attended special schools during her school age years. First was Hillcrest Heights special center until she was 14 and moved to St Mary's county Md. in 1976. There she transferred to Green Holly. After Green Holly Angela went to the developmental center in Holywood At 21 Angela moved into the Clements group home and lived there until her passing on June 12, 2022.

Outings with her Arc family were always happy times for Angela, and she would NEVER pass up a chance to go to McDonald's and get her favorite cheeseburger, coke and chocolate chip cookies. Angela will be remembered for her warmth- she would greet everyone who

entered the house.

She was very involved with special Olympics and loved going to Towson for the games. She did the basketball and softball throw and the 50 yard dash. Angela worked for several thrift and donation centers operated by the ARC and enjoyed her work. She loved her life in the group home and had many friends. She enjoyed the trips that they took and the dinners they had. She enjoyed her photo albums and the pictures she had. She enjoyed her TV Land. She loved the older shows. She loved her family especially her mom and dad.

She will be missed by the many who loved her including her dedicated staff and former staff Alice, Donna, Janet, Vicki, Janelle, Darnisha, Dawn and Holly.

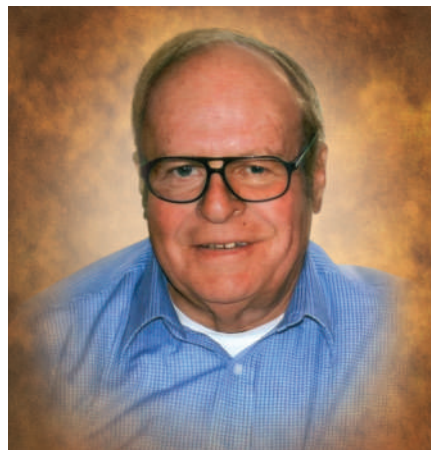
Angela is survived by her sister Karen Guy (Buddy) of Mechanicsville, MD, brother, John Pitts (Debbie) of Celeste, TX. Nieces, Chelsey Capezio (Tony) of Edgewater, MD, Nikki Duncan (Colton) of Van Alystne and Laura Pitts of Van Alystne, Nephews, Chas Guy (Meghan) of Charlotte, NC, Cory Middleton (Cassie) of Vienna, VA, and Josh Pitts of Celeste, TX.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

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

Charles Cordell Langley, Sr.

Charles Cordell Langley, Sr., "Nookie", 90, of Great Mills, MD passed away on



August 14, 2022 in Washington, D.C. Born on February 15, 1932 in Great Mills, MD, he was the son of the late Sarah Alberta Dement Langley and the late Phillip Neal Langley. Charles was the loving husband of the late Betty Ann Stanley Langley, whom he married on April 8, 1950 in Lexington Park, MD; together they celebrated 68 years of marriage. He is survived by his sister Agnes Cecilia Langley Tippett, his children Julie Ann Hinthorne (Scott), Susan Elaine Trossbach (Francis), Teresa Charlene Knott (Eddie), Linda Kathleen Langley, Charles Cordell Langley, Jr. (Anita), and Robin Minnette Butterfield (Robert), as well as ten grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Charles was preceded in death by his sister Catherine Louise Daulton, Philbert Leon (Jimmy) Langley, Anna Mae (Hoppy) Ridgell, Francis Vernon (Jake) Langley, David Troy (Toby) Langley, and Ronnie Michael Langley, and his daughter Deborah Jean "Debbie" Langley.

Charles was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and held several jobs in his early years. Later he became a logger, clearing timber from various properties. In the early sixties, he was severely injured and could no longer continue logging. He was told by doctors that he would be in a wheelchair permanently by the age of 50. It was then that he knew that he would have to find another way to support his family. That was the start of the Langley Trailer Park.

Charles loved the large family gatherings for holidays and birthdays, along with the many get-togethers for crabs. He enjoyed the regular poker games with his son-in-laws. He was a great storyteller and touched the lives of so many in this county. He was someone you could count on for help when you needed it. Charles will be greatly missed and his family will forever be remembering him in their hearts.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in Holy Face Catholic Church, Great Mills, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM with Father Jerry Gamrot officiating. Interment will follow in the church

cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Matthew Knott, Jason Knott, Tyler Knott, Charles Langley III, Wes Butterfield, and Chris Goldsborough.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's.

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

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*David Alexander "Sunny"**Reumont III*

David Alexander "Sunny" Reumont III, 93, of Avenue, Maryland, passed away on August 19, 2022 in Leonardtown, Maryland. Born on April 13, 1929 in Meridian, Mississippi, he was the son of Winifred Ready Reumont and David Alexander Reumont, Jr. He married Alta Marie Brown on September 15, 1951 at St. Dominics Church in Washington DC. He is survived by his wife and eight children, David Alexander (Diane) Reumont IV of Drayden MD, Michael Joseph Reumont of Avenue MD, Diane Marie (Harold) Burroughs of Mechanicsville MD, William Anthony (Deborah) Reumont of Charlotte Hall MD, James Keith (Minerva "Mae") Reumont of Prince Frederick MD, John Kevin Reumont of Bristow VA, Mary Ellen Connealy of Sugarland TX and Christopher Reumont of Chipawa Falls WI, his brother Joseph Henry (Monica) Reumont of Deale MD, sister Winnie (Jack) Heberle of Middletown VA and sister-in-law Mary Lou Reumont (Maurice, deceased) of Houston TX. He and Alta have nineteen grandchildren: Kristin Wurie, David Reumont V, Kevin Reumont, Michael Reumont II, Matthew Reumont, Jessica Speck, Blake Burroughs, Daniel Reumont, John Reumont Jr., Jamie Reumont, James Reumont Jr., Jacob Reumont, Rick Connealy, Samantha Orta, Gabriella Reumont, Grayson Reumont, Cory Burich, Chelsea Reumont, Julia Reumont, and nine great grandchildren.

Moving to Washington, DC in the 1930's, David graduated from St. John's College High School in 1946. He served in



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Mechanicsville Man Sentenced For Receipt of Child Pornography

Gary Lee Peksa, a former federal employee, was sentenced today to eight years in prison for repeatedly connecting his cellphone to a wireless network at the Library of Congress and searching for, downloading, and viewing images and videos depicting the sexual abuse of young children.

The announcement was made by U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves, Wayne A. Jacobs, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office's Criminal Division, and J. Thomas Manger, Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police.

Peksa, 56, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, pleaded guilty in December 2021, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, to one count of receipt of child pornography. He was sentenced by the Honorable Richard J. Leon. Following his prison term, Peksa will be placed on 20 years of supervised release. He also will be required to pay \$47,000 in restitution to victims depicted in the child pornography he received and possessed. He also must register as a sex offender for at least 15 years.

According to court documents, Peksa was a sheet metal mechanic who worked for the Architect of the Capitol at the Library of Congress. On various dates, between Oct. 11, 2018 and July 29, 2019, he used his cellphone and the public wireless network at the Library of Congress to access websites that contained images and videos of child pornography. He did so in areas including a bathroom, his office, and a breakroom. Additionally, Peksa used his personal laptop, cellphone, and WiFi service to access similar materials at home.

Peksa's conduct came to light after the Library of Congress network security operations center notified investigators of web traffic on the Library of Congress public wireless network of browsing associated with child pornography and the sexual exploitation of children. In July 2019, Capitol Police seized Peksa's cell-

phone and laptop. The cellphone had 199 images that showed minor boys and girls exposing their genitals and/or engaging in sexual activity. The laptop had 215 files that depicted young girls being sexually abused and assaulted.

Peksa was arrested on Oct. 21, 2019.

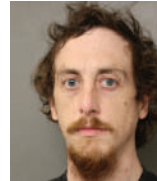
This case was investigated by the FBI Washington Field Office's Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force and the U.S. Capitol Police. The task force is composed of FBI agents, along with other federal agents and detectives from northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. The task force is charged with investigating and bringing federal charges against individuals engaged in the exploitation of children and those engaged in human trafficking.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative. In February 2006, the Attorney General created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Graves, Special Agent in Charge Jacobs, and Chief Manger commended the work of those who investigated the case from the FBI's Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force and the U.S. Capitol Police. They also acknowledged the assistance provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. They expressed appreciation for the work of those who handled the case at the U.S. Attorney's Office, including former Paralegal Specialist Kenny Nguyen, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Amy E. Larson, who prosecuted the case.

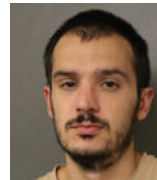
ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

Theft- On August 11, 2022, DFC. Luffey, responded to the 26800 block of Ridge Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported theft. Investigation determined **Wesley Reed Scott**, age 31 of Mechanicsville, stole the victim's vehicle. Scott and the vehicle were located at a residence in St. Inigoes and Scott was in possession of the keys to the vehicle. Scott was arrested and charged with Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking and Unauthorized Removal of Motor Vehicle.



Wesley Scott

Assault- On August 12, 2022, Dep. Walker responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Zachary Kenneth Lengfield**, age 28 of Piney Point, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the face. Lengfield was charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Zachary Lengfield

Violate Protective Order- On August 12, 2022, Dep. Cucinotta made contact

with **Datavis Jermaine Berry**, age 25 of Hollywood, regarding him possessing/attempting to sell a firearm. Berry is a respondent in an active protective order which prohibits him from possessing firearms. Berry was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



Datavis Berry

Trespassing/Malicious Destruction of Property- On August 12, 2022, Dep. Jerew responded to the 19200 block of Nelson Court in Valley Lee, for the reported trespassing. Investigation determined **Brandy Lynn Tinsley**, age 38 of Valley Lee, arrived at the victim's residence and began banging on the door. Tinsley was told by the victim to leave and she refused. Deputies also advised Tinsley she needed to leave the residence and she again refused. Tinsley also damaged the victim's door during the incident. Tinsley was arrested and charged with Trespass: Private Property and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Brandy Tinsley

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ARE YOU PROPERLY INSURED?

You probably won't see it on your calendar, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. And it is indeed important to be aware of the importance of life insurance. Are you adequately insured?

Many people aren't. About 40% of Americans face some type of life insurance gap, either because they're uninsured or underinsured, according to a 2021 survey by the research and advocacy groups LIMRA and Life Happens.

The need for life insurance is pretty straightforward: If something were to happen to you, would your family be able to continue their same lifestyle? Would the mortgage still be paid? Would your children still be able to further their education?

So, if you decide that you should acquire or strengthen your life insurance, how much do you need? Your employer may provide you with some insurance as an employee benefit, but it may not be sufficient. You might have heard that you should have coverage worth seven or eight times your annual salary. But this estimate is just that — an estimate. Everyone's situation is different, and there's really no one formula that can tell you how much insurance you require. To determine the coverage you need, you'll want to consider several factors, including your age, number of dependents, your income and that of your spouse and the size of your mortgage.

Knowing how much coverage you need is obviously important, but you'll also want to consider what type of life insurance is right for you. You have two basic choices: term or permanent insurance.

As the name suggests, term insurance provides coverage for a specified amount of time,

such as 10, 20 or 25 years. Term insurance only offers a death benefit — there's no buildup of cash value in your policy. Generally speaking, term insurance is considered to be quite affordable, especially when you're young.

Permanent insurance, on the other hand, offers a death benefit and the opportunity to build cash value. Because of this, premiums for permanent insurance — which includes "whole life" or "universal life" — are considerably higher than those for term life.

Which type of insurance should you choose? Again, it all depends on your situation and your preferences. Some financial experts advise people to "buy term and invest the difference" — that is, use the money saved on the lower term insurance premiums to invest in stocks and mutual funds. Others, however, disagree, and point to the benefits of permanent insurance, such as the ability to borrow against the cash value of a policy to pay for unexpected expenses. Ultimately, in making the choice between term and permanent insurance, you'll need to look at your entire financial picture to determine which option is best for you.

In fact, life insurance should be a key component of your overall financial strategy, along with your investment mix and the long-term goals you've set. Insurance can even play a role in your estate planning, as you determine the best way to distribute assets to your family members and any charitable organizations you support.

Life Insurance Awareness Month lasts 30 days — but your need for life insurance can endure for decades. Make sure you're doing everything you can to protect your loved ones.

Article was contributed by David McDonough

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St. Mary's Man Pleads Guilty in Jan. 6 Case

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Piney Point resident who took part in the Jan. 6, 2021 storming of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. took a plea deal in federal court Aug. 23 to one count of obstruction of an official proceeding and aiding and abetting.

John D. Andries, a former marine, faces up to 20 years in prison and up to a \$250,000 for his actions, according to his plea deal released by the U.S. Department of Justice.

His actions and the actions of others disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the presidential election, the federal government stated.

According to court documents, on Jan. 6, 2021, Andries illegally entered the Capitol Building through a broken window near the Senate Wing Door at approximately 2:15 p.m., just two minutes after rioters' initial breach at that location. Once inside, he proceeded to the Crypt and was among rioters who attempted to push past U.S. Capitol Police officers. Eventually he and others were able to surge forward past the officers and further into the building.

Andries then went up the stairs to the second floor. He crossed through Statuary Hall and made his way to the halls outside the House of Representatives Chamber. There, he filmed himself and talked to the camera, making statements such as "Think they're scared yet," and "I think the police have gotten the



John Andries

message, we ain't back'n down."

He eventually left the Speaker's Lobby area and exited the Capitol.

He filmed himself again on the portico

outside the building, stating that, "I think we're on the right side of history," the federal government alleged.

Andries remained on the grounds, and at approximately 4:25 p.m., pushed against officers trying to disperse the crowd. He sat on a ledge and refused to move, leading officers to physically drag him away from the Capitol Building, according to federal authorities.

Andries was arrested on Feb. 4, 2021, in St. Mary's; he is to be sentenced on Jan. 10, 2023.

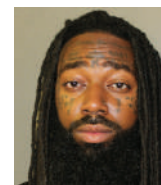
While Andries was awaiting the adjudication of his federal charges he was charged with resisting arrest after being removed from a bar in Leonardtown in February of this year, police reports alleged.

Andries was also alleged to have kicked a St. Mary's deputy while he was being arrested, police reports stated, but earlier this month Andries was given a sentence of probation before judgement in District Court after pleading guilty to a single charge of resisting arrest, according to court documents.

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Local Men Arrested for Illegal Firearms

On August 22, 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division (CID) along with members of the Narcotics and Special Operations Division, executed a search and seizure warrant in the 21800 block of Ronald Drive in Lexington Park, on **Jamarr Sherman Mackall**, age 31 of Great Mills. Mackall was located inside a vehicle and recovered from the vehicle was a rifle and quantity of ammunition. Also in the vehicle was



Jamarr Mackall



Chicago Garner

Chicago Alexander Garner, age 27 of Lexington Park. Both Mackall and Garner were arrested and charged with the following:

- Rifle/Shotgun Possession by Disqualified Person
- Illegal Possession of Ammunition
- Regulated Firearm: Illegal Possession

Citizens may remain anonymous 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.

Commissioners Approve Cannabis Amendment



The Abell cannabis facility under construction in March

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County now has zoning law to regulate the further construction of facilities related to the growing, processing and dispensing of medical cannabis after unanimously approving a text amendment on the issue this week.

They also voted to direct the county's land use and growth management staff to investigate bringing in an outside consultant to review the county's zoning approval process in anticipation of the legalization of recreational marijuana by the Maryland General Assembly next year.

The newly approved zoning amendment ensures 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.

The call for a text amendment to deal with cannabis-related facilities came out of a community uproar in the 7th District over the construction of an industrial-level cannabis growth facility — complete with a 50,000 square-foot growing warehouse with authorization for a potential second — without any public hearing or engagement.

This all happened in rural land that was ostensibly preserved from such development but that decision, which came from leadership of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management, gave the project an agricultural designation which removed it from the requirement of a public hearing.

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Commissioners Boost Broadband Funding

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved on a split vote this week a measure to spend nearly all of the county's remaining American Rescue Act funding to spread broadband connectivity even further throughout St. Mary's.

The 3-to-2 vote authorizes the expenditure of \$3.5 million to that end, leaving just about \$300,000 from the federal COVID-19 relief funds.

Citing a claim by the neighboring Calvert County government that their jurisdiction would soon have 100 percent internet connectivity, Commissioner Eric Colvin made a motion to spend the funds to ensure that the county would sooner rather than later achieve the same goal.

The motion came after an item on the commissioners' agenda from Department of Information Technology Director Bob Kelly to realign funds from so-called "middle mile" broadband projects to fund "last mile" projects to lay down internet cable to underserved areas of the county.

Commissioner Todd Morgan noted that the rescue funding did not have to be obligated until December of 2024.

"We do not have to spend this money,"

Morgan said.

Colvin disagreed, saying the time to act was now.

"Calvert County is really putting us to shame," Colvin said. "They're going to reach 100 percent... within a year."

Colvin said requests from other county departments to use the \$3.8 million in rescue money could be addressed in the normal budget process.

But the broadband expansion effort was a specific target of the rescue act funds to allow students who did not have internet connectivity at home could learn remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who later voted against the measure along with Morgan, said the school board was reporting that they were already approaching 99 percent connectivity, questioning the need to divert nearly all of the rescue funding to one effort rather than to other projects.

Colvin countered that the continued expansion of broadband would better serve the entire community into the future.

Kelly confirmed that the county was already at 96 percent connectivity.

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County Seeks Outside Management for Market Site



The Barns at New Market

By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

Earlier this year the county government celebrated the opening of a new site in Mechanicsville — the Barns at New Market — to give local farmers a dedicated place to sell their products and replace a long-standing but insufficient location at the Charlotte Hall library parking lot.

The county states that the market has been a success, with vendors there netting sales greater than those had at the former site but the transition has apparently not been without its ongoing problems since the ribbon was cut on the project in early spring.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted this week to approve the use of \$25,000 for the Department of Economic Development to find an outside party to help manage the activity at the property.

The county had previously sought a request for a proposal from management companies, initially without success, according to county documents.

One company put in a bid, those documents stated, but pulled its bid before it could be considered.

Economic development director Chris Kaselemis said the \$25,000 the commissioners had already approved for a management group would be used towards hiring a part-time contract worker to be on site instead.

There are two barns on the site now, one that operates for the sale of seasonal goods, such as fresh produce, while the other would be for the sale of value-added or processed goods.

That barn space should be opened soon, Kaselemis told county commissioners.

Kaselemis said have such an employee there daily could help the county see emerging issues before they became too problematic, such as the possibility of getting an automated teller machine (ATM) for customers since the Amish and Mennonite farmers who take up the majority of space there cannot accept credit cards.

"Right now we're more reactive," Kaselemis said.

Donna Sasscer, manager of the Division of Agriculture and Seafood for the economic development department, detailed the problems that have surfaced there since opening.

She has been called to step in and resolve issues there in the absence of a regular on-site manager, she told commissioners.

"We jokingly say around the office that everything [on site] revolves around toilet paper," Sasscer said. "The bathroom has been the biggest issue.

"Whether it's been the need for toilet paper, the bathroom being stopped up, or someone's locked their cell phone in the bathroom on a Saturday night," Sasscer said, explaining the bathrooms lock automatically at 6p.m. Parking at the site continues to be an issue, she said, as well as people who want to sell animals there without permission.

She noted one instance in which sheriff's deputies and animal welfare personnel had to be called to deal with people attempting to sell puppies there.

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St. Mary's Welcomes New Maryland Dove

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) is ready to receive a newly built Maryland Dove — a close replica of one of two vessels English colonists used to travel to the New World and establish the Maryland colony.

The vessel is expected to sail into harbor at the city's dock between 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 p.m. Aug. 27, according to information from Historic St. Mary's City.

After the ship's arrival, there will be an 11:30 a.m. commissioning ceremony at the Margaret Brent pavilion, where the ship's log will officially be given to the museum by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM). The day continues with a ribbon cutting down at the Maryland Dove dock, officially welcoming guests aboard.

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum was the shipyard on the Eastern Shore where the new Dove was laid down and built.

At 2 p.m. Naval Architect Iver Franzen, CBMM Shipyard Lead Rigger Sam Hilgartner, and HSMC Captain Will Gates will lead a discussion about the design of the ship. This will take place inside the HSMC Visitor Center auditorium.

The receiving of the new ship marks the beginning of a year-long celebration as the new Maryland Dove will embark on a tour of the Chesapeake Bay, sharing the exhibit with Marylanders at different ports of call.

According to shipwrights who built the new vessel, the materials used in the construction of the new Dove are much closer in historical accuracy as is the shape of the vessel.

The original Dove was of European construction and built in the early 1600s.

It accompanied the Ark on its voyage to the New World in 1634 when English settlers first founded St. Mary's City.

The Ark carried the colonists and the Dove was a cargo ship that the colonists would use to travel up and down the local waterways as they explored the lands around their new home.

The Ark was rented by the Calvert family, who bankrolled the colonial expedition, but the Dove, a much smaller vessel, was owned by the colony and stayed with the



Construction of the new Maryland Dove

settlers.

The Dove would eventually fall into disrepair and on an outbound voyage was lost at sea shortly after the colony had been founded.

It was at the bottom of the ocean where the research to build the new

Dove would get some assistance

Shipwrights said submarine research of ship wrecks at the bottom of the ocean over the centuries have given them more accurate evidence of just what the ships looked like and how the sails were rigged.

Dr. Fred Hocker, a Swedish professor and researcher who has a substantial digital archive of maritime archaeological finds, assisted the shipwrights in building the new vessel.

The ship that now rests at the dock of St. Mary's City was built in the 1970s and sports three masts; the new ship will have two masts, Connor said.

The current Dove has more in common with more modern fishing vessels that have sailed Maryland's waters.

Unlike the current Dove, which is mostly a dockside attraction, the new vessel will be U.S. Coast Guard certified, which means it will be able to take on passengers to sail about the state's waters.

The new vessel already sports propellers sprouting from its stern, connected to engines that can be used during navigation.

An electronics suite controls it all, as well.

Along with engines in the hold, the vessel will also feature a modern fire suppression system — complete with steel pipes running below decks and collision and flooding bulkheads that would not have even been part of the 17th century vessel's construction.

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CSM Reverses Vaccine Policy

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland voted Aug. 19 to rescind its policy that returning students for the 2022 fall semester must be vaccinated against COVID-19, the college has announced.

"The trustees reached this decision based on numerous factors, including the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issuing new federal guidelines loosening virus protocols and erasing the distinction among people based on vaccination status," a statement issued by the college read. "Also contributing to the board's decision is that 80 percent of the Southern Maryland population is reported to be vaccinated."

The college leadership still cautioned students to be on guard against the virus as they return to classes.

"While the COVID-19 virus continues to mutate and there are recent and localized increases in cases due to a more contagious BA.2 variant, hospitalizations and deaths remain low," the college's statement read. "CSM will continue to strongly recommend that employees and students get their COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, as well as wear a mask if they are experiencing symptoms or have been knowingly exposed."

The issue of requiring vaccinations of students for the fall semester became a controversial one, with elected leaders

pressing the college leadership to rescind their policy in recent months as putting an undue hardship on students.

"I thank the CSM board of trustees and President [Maureen] Murphy for objectively reviewing the policy and agreeing to eliminate the COVID-19 vaccine mandate," said Del. Matt Morgan (R-District 29A) "During the last few months, I have had dozens of students and their family members reach out to our office about how this policy prohibited them from furthering their education.

"Hopefully, it is not too late for many of those students to sign up for fall classes."

COVID-19 vaccinations may still be required for students and employees who partner with health care facilities as part of their course work, or who are required to vaccinate per CSM's clinical partners, the college leadership stated.

Also, some student-athletes competing in other locations may also be required to show proof of vaccination.

"I am proud of the way CSM has cared for their communities and responded throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," said CSM Board of Trustees Chair Shawn Coates. "Protecting the health and safety of our students, faculty, and students will always be our top priority and this institution has done an amazing job of following the science, and being vigilant and agile in the face of this health crisis."

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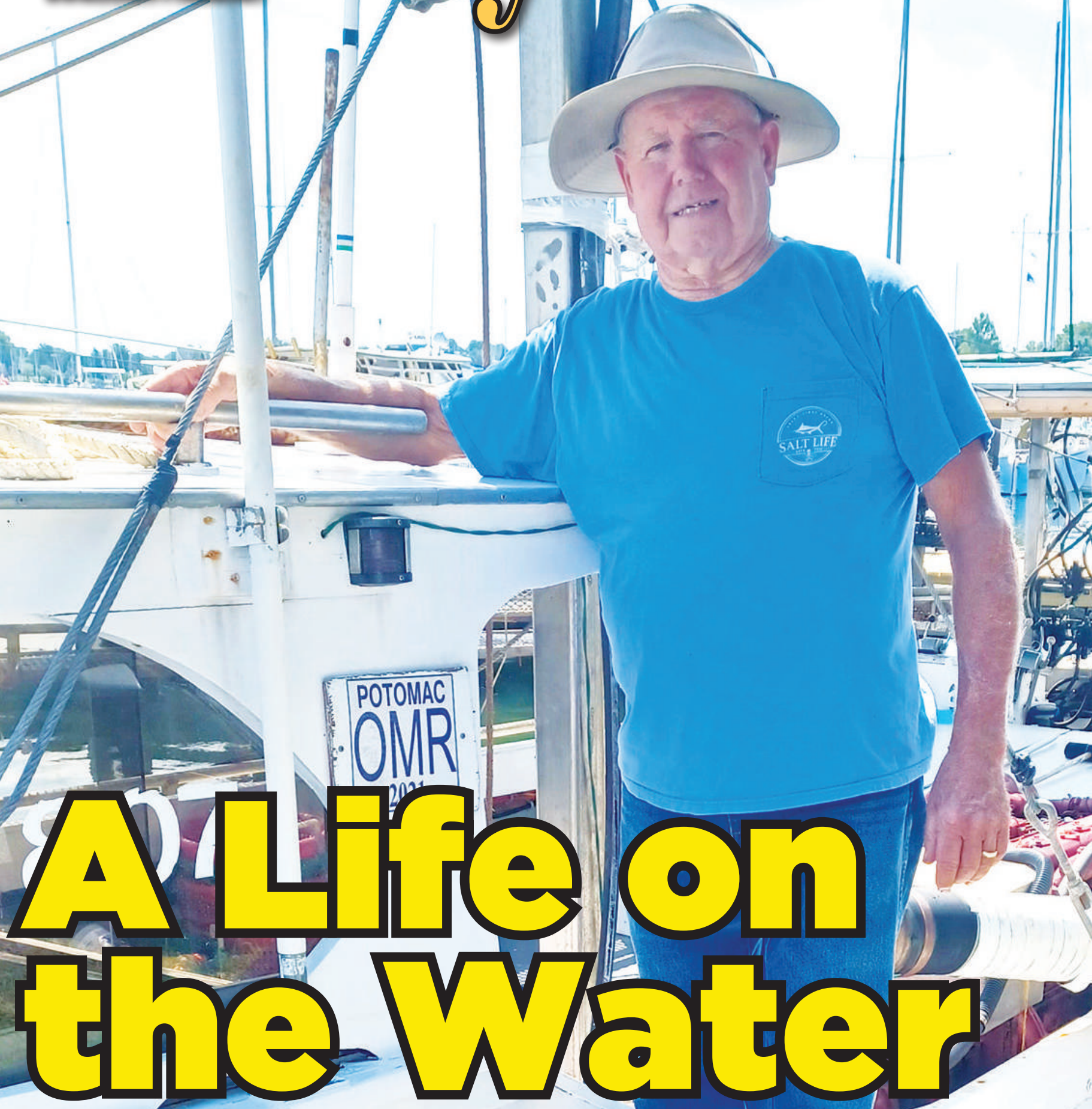
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