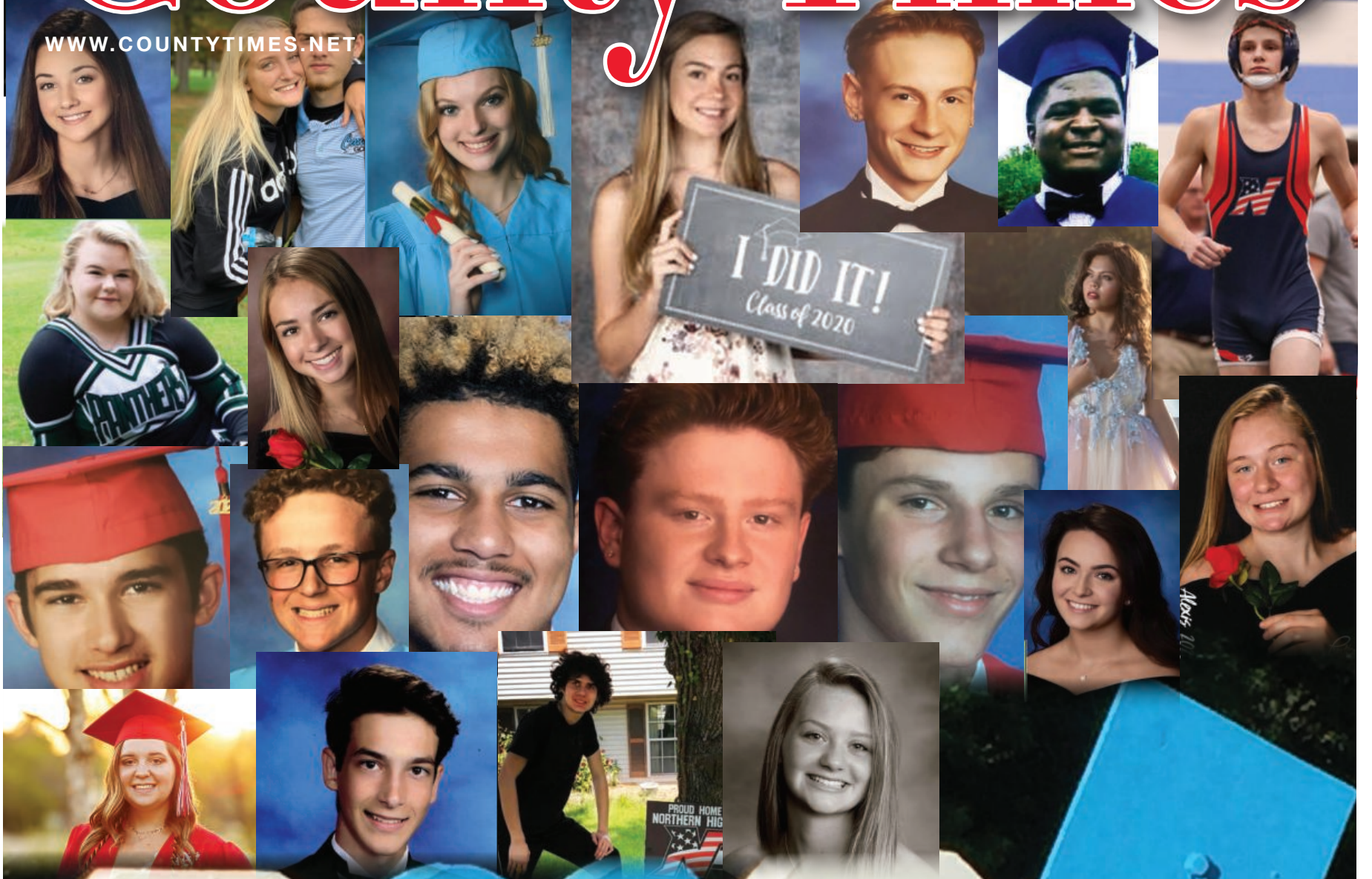


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School Board Creates COVID Budget Cushion

\$4 Million Set Aside for Unpredictable Costs

By Dick Myers
Editor

School districts all across Maryland, Calvert included, are holding their breaths about what the fall semester will look like. At this point in time, with so many uncertainties, the school systems have no other choice but to plan for as many eventualities as possible. That, however, is making budgeting a challenge since their fiscal years have not even started.

“Our entire budget going forward is uncertain because we don’t know what class sizes are going to be,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry told the school board at their June 11 meeting.

Curry was referring to several proposals to stagger classes to allow for fewer students in each classroom or fewer classrooms in service at any one time to lessen the number of students in the building and on the buses.

Curry has pointed out that the reductions in transportation costs that they have seen the past few months will surely not be accrued with the opening of school. The buses will be running regardless, he told the board at an earlier meeting.

With \$320,720 in savings because buses weren’t running, the proposal presented at the May 21 school board meeting was to use it to pay off the final two years of a GPS lease and to replace two vehicles for administrators. That passed on a 3-2 vote, with Vice Chair Inez Claggett and member Dawn Balinski opposing, fearful that they would need to use

those savings for future COVID-related expenses. The board was told at the time that costs related to the pandemic could be covered from surplus funds.

The amount of those available monies was revealed at the June 11 meeting. Chief Financial Officer Edith Hutchins told the board that figure is \$10.5 million. That breaks down to \$5,361,822.24 carried over from the current year, \$3 million in savings from the Northern High School construction account and \$2.3 million in additional budget savings (monies budgeted but unspent) this year.

Hutchins and Curry proposed using \$4 million of that additional \$5.3 million “as committed fund balance for risk management and COVID-19. These funds would be available to support purchases and initiatives related to the COVID-19 pandemic as needed. Given that there is so much uncertainty about COVID-19 and the impact the current outbreak and possible future outbreaks may have on our operations and budgets in FY 2021 and beyond, we deem it important to do some financial planning now to better enable the district to address financial needs that may arise. Examples of potential uses for these funds include (but are not limited to) purchasing personal protective equipment, hiring a cleaning service or additional cleaning staff to address sanitation requirements, increased student transportation costs if there are occupancy limits for students on buses, and more.”

That carry-over undesignated \$5,361,822.24

“will be more than sufficient to meet the operational needs of the school system,” Hutchins wrote in a memo to the board.

The additional \$1.3 million savings from operations and Northern construction will be used “as committed fund balance for health insurance to provide additional reserves for the prescription drug plan. The additional funds would be utilized as needed to cover excess costs incurred due to claims experience and to offset timing differences between payment of expenses and receipt of drug rebates for the

plan year,” Hutchins wrote. Fears of a second pandemic wave are also implicit in those concerns.

This time the board was unanimous in approving the plan for using the undesignated fund balance. The board was told their decision did not have to be approved by the county commissioners. The COVID set-aside is in addition to any federal monies the schools receive from the CARES Act for pandemic-related costs.

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Chesapeake Beach Says They're Prepared

Town Braces for COVID-19 Fiscal Impacts

By Dick Myers
Editor

Chesapeake Beach officials say they are prepared to handle the negative fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The town receives 22.3 percent of its budget revenue from “Admissions and Amusement” taxes, including its share of gambling receipts from establishments such as the Rod ‘N Reel, Trader’s, and Abner’s. That revenue has evaporated as gaming casinos have been closed by the governor’s order.

Additionally, the town generates some revenue from the Chesapeake Beach Water Park, which has yet to reopen.

Both revenue sources will depend on the governor’s next stage reopening.

The status of COVID-19 fiscal impacts on the town was the subject of a detailed report at a June 8 council work session by Mayor Pat Mahoney, Town Administrator Holly Wahl and Town Treasurer R. Dale Clark.

Mahoney predicted the summer is not lost for either the water park or the casinos. The target date for opening the water park is July 15 at 30 percent capacity. It could be sooner, Mahoney said, but he noted it takes 10 days to ramp up operations once the governor’s order is given.

Wahl said the town still would be able to generate a \$40,000 surplus if the water park

opens by July 15 but if it doesn’t open at all this year, there will be a \$588,000 loss.

Mahoney said a September open for the casinos was likely, with reduced capacity and with a full opening in November. he was likewise optimistic. “I think they will be up and running before that.”

Despite the potential losses, the town is well prepared to weather the storm, the officials said. That’s because of conservative budgeting, Mahoney said, which has led to the existence of an end of Fiscal Year 2020 surplus of \$1.5 million. Wahl predicted a \$1.3 million revenue loss balanced by a slightly more than \$1 million reduction in expenditures, of which 67 percent are capital expenses.

Of that beginning of the fiscal year surplus, Mahoney said, “It pays off in a crisis like this.”

The town council members were complimentary of the work done by staff to allow the town to brace for the COVID-19 impacts, which Mahoney said was done without any tax increases or resident service decreases.

Mahoney said the council can take some credit because it was their decisions that allowed the surplus to be created.

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Town Enacts Resolution on Racial Discrimination

North Beach Also Adopts Fiscal 2021 Budget

By Dick Myers
Editor

The North Beach Town Council at its June 11 meeting unanimously and enthusiastically adopted a resolution addressing "Racial Discrimination and Social Injustice."

Resolution 20-04 says:

"Whereas, The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of North Beach, Maryland are committed to promoting and encouraging universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

"WHEREAS, The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of North Beach are committed to the values written into the U.S. Constitution that express freedom, justice, and equality, which should be at the heart of every level of government in America,

"Whereas, considering that all human beings are equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law against any discrimination and against any incitement to discrimination,

"Now therefore be it resolved the mayor and town council of the Town of North Beach reaffirming that discrimination between human beings on the grounds of race, color or ethnic origin is unacceptable, and such discrimination is a threat to friendly and peaceful relations among

nations and citizens that is capable of disturbing peace and security among peoples,

"And be it also further resolved that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the Town Council.

"Read and adopted this 11th day of June 2020."

Mayor Mike Benton read the resolution during the meeting conducted through Zoom and attended by all council members. Benton said of the resolution, "It gives me goosebumps. We can do our part."

In other business at the meeting, the town formerly adopted a \$3.1 million budget and maintaining the current property tax rate of 0.6329. The constant yield rate would have been 0.6292.

The town is taking a wait-and-see attitude about budget impacts of COVID-19. The town is not nearly as impacted by lost gambling revenue as neighboring Chesapeake Beach, although they will be losing some revenue generated by waterfront activities since the beach is closed.

At the meeting Mayor Benton announced there would be no Friday farmer's markets this year as controlling crowds and social distancing there would be difficult. He said the event is much more than just a farmer's market, with food, drink and craft vendors generating large crowds.
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What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their June 17 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was held via ZOOM and live streamed from the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

1) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering

2) SPR-2020-308, **Patuxent Commons Townhouses**, located on the east side on North Prince Frederick Boulevard and Radio Road in Prince Frederick on three parcels consisting of 11.56 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Village District. The proposed project is to build 68 townhouse units along with required parking, utilities and associated improvements. The submittal was accepted February 26, 2020. Agent: Bay Engineering

3) SPR-2020-310, **Beach Self Storage-South**, located at 2155 South Solomons

Island Road, Prince Frederick on one parcel consisting of 6.65 acres, zoned 1-1. The proposed project is to retain the existing buildings and similar use (flex space-contractor) on west side of property. The east side will be redeveloped with five mini-storage buildings totaling 52,365 sf and necessary paved parking & drive aisles. The submittal was accepted April 29, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at ten same meeting

1) SD-2020-0054, **Patuxent Commons Townhouses**, located on Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick. Zoned Town Center, Village District, on three parcels consisting of 11.56 acres. Submittal accepted February 26, 2020. Agent: Bay Engineering, Inc.

2) SD-2020-0053, **Bowen's Pride**, Lots 1-18, located on N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, within the one mile buffer of Prince Frederick Town Center. 18 lots, on three parcels consisting of 40.48 acres. Zoned RCD/FFD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted April 29, 2020. Agent: Meridian Land Solutions, LLC (dba R.A. Barrett & Associates)

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Daycare Centers Adjust to Life in a Pandemic

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

One of the many key businesses that has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic is the childcare industry. Solomons Daycare Center in Solomons and Adventure Point Youth Center in Lusby, both co-owned by Beth and Dave Fost, have experienced many dramatic changes since March.

Solomons Daycare Center has been operating for 30 years, and Adventure Point Youth Center has been operating for 17 years. While the daycare watches kids ranging from infancy to kindergarten, the youth center focuses on before and after care during the school year. However, as Beth Fost explained, "In the summertime, we do a full-blown summer program with field trips and pool trips and special events on site."

Since the start of COVID-19, a huge change for both centers has been the decrease in the number of children who can come. Before the outbreak, the centers had basically reached their full capacity, with about 86 kids at the daycare and about 55 kids at the youth center.

Due to limits enforced by the Maryland State Department of Education, each room could only have one teacher and nine children. Thus, Solomons Daycare Center could essentially care for 42 children, rather than 86, in a best-case scenario. Also, Adventure Point Youth Center could accept 18 children, instead of the usual 55, into its summer program.

Initially, admittance was limited to children whose parents were essential workers. In Phase One, some children whose parents were nonessential workers could also return to the centers. Fost did mention, "But what we're finding is that there are more families now who are going back to work, and so they are starting to look for placement for their children, yet we're restricted in the how many of them we can bring back."

Prioritizing enrollment has been an interesting challenge for Fost. At first, families were charged 50 percent of tuition weekly to save their child's spot for when the center reopened to everyone. Many families were willing to commit to that.

After four weeks, the decision was made to only charge \$50 weekly to secure a spot for one's child. But another tough decision had to be made because the centers still had to pay their rent, utilities, and staff expenses.

Fost explained, "We did that through May. And we see the situation that we're still in—that we still have the reduced numbers, so we can only allow so many families to come back into care. So at that point what we had to do was pretty much a phone tree, call the parents, speak to them about what the situation was, where our capacity is going to allow us to do, and ask the families...it was basically two

choices."

The first choice was for parents to pay normal weekly tuition to keep their child's spot for when they return to work. The second choice, which was appealing for those who didn't feel comfortable taking their child to the daycare or youth center, was for parents to not pay tuition and not hold onto a spot for the future.

Another major change for Solomons Daycare Center and Adventure Point Youth Center is the structure. Fost explained, under normal circumstances at the daycare, "The children were divided primarily by ages so that we could do developmentally appropriate activities with those groups of children....there [was] a structure to our day that had the morning activities, the circle time, the story times, the center activities for the different age groups, as well as the outdoor play."

Now, however, the daycare's classrooms have children of all ages because of what the Maryland Department of Health and State Department of Education have recommended with keeping siblings together. This does mean the staff have to be extra creative. Likewise, the kids aren't supposed to share toys, they must play independently, and toys must be sanitized and disinfected after each child uses them.

Previous summers at Adventure Point Youth Center were full of activity. "We'd be divided into typically two groups of children sharing the entire space of the center," Fost noted. "They could sign in and out of what centers they wanted to be in, but when we did a structured game or a group activity or a group game, they were always assigned to their groups."

This summer, everything is different at the youth center because field trips and moving between classrooms aren't allowed. Also, the children there must wear a mask, unless they're doing something that's at least six feet away from others.

Additionally, the drop-off and pick-up process at both centers is more complicated. Parents and staff members must wear masks, and parents must wait outside to drop-off or pick-up their children. Temperatures must be taken, and health screening questions must be answered before kids can come inside.

Fortunately, Fost said, she has seen cooperation from the staff members, parents, and children. Also, as of June 11, she said that the limit of nine kids and one teacher per room increased to 14 kids and one teacher, meaning she could update families and secure their financial commitment for their child.

She said she genuinely grieves the fact that Solomons Daycare Center and Adventure Point Youth Center can't fulfill their purposes right now. "The childcare centers have always been about the children and the families and providing opportunities for,



Solomons Daycare Center Adventure Point Youth Center co-owner Beth Fost.

again, the children to be around each other to enjoy games and activities to develop emotionally and socially; we just look forward to the day that we can continue to do that because I think the children who aren't able to be in

our care right now are missing...those social relationships with one another. They're missing being around their friends."

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Calvert County Sheriff's Deputy First Class (DFC) N. Gilmore on Sunday, June 14 was on patrol in the Twin Beach area and discovered an injured Eastern Screech Owl suffering from a broken wing. DFC Gilmore rescued the owl, who she nicknamed Matilda, and whispered to the owl that everything was going to be OK, and Matilda screeched!

Wildlife rescue was notified and responded to the scene. Matilda was then transported to a Raptor Rehab where she is expected to make a full recovery.

On their Facebook page, the sheriff's office thanked Deputy Gilmore "for being an amazing HOOman! We thank you for your rescue efforts and your service to the community!"



Matilda

Corrections

In the June 11 story about the "Four Sisters of Solomons," a layout error caused the final line of the caption of their picture to be cut off. The caption should have read: "Sister Paula Gohs stands admiring her birthday parade as (l to r) Sister Ruth Parent, Sister Peggy Jacobs and Sister Grace Schmersal look on admiringly. Submitted photo."

In the June 4 story about Farming 4 Hunger, it was reported they are "a 276-acre non-profit organization located in Benedict." Actually, they only rent a 12-acre parcel and the greenhouses from Serenity Farm. They do not own or rent the entire farm of 276 acres.

The County Times apologizes for both mistakes.

School System Adopts Policy on Racism



Board of Education Member Pamela Cousins

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has adopted a resolution on racism. The resolution was introduced at the school board's June 11 meeting by member Pamela Cousins and was adopted unanimously with some minor changes.

The board also voted to incorporate the resolution within the school system's code of conduct and Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry will review the code to see if any references to racism should be added.

The resolution as presented by Cousins says:

"Whereas, the Calvert County Board of Education is outraged by the recent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor and countless other African Americans that have lost their lives as a result of racism and police brutality that persists in our country; and Whereas, the Calvert County Board of Education acknowledges racism exists in our school community and we expressly denounce racism, bullying, discrimination, white supremacy, hate and racial inequity in any form within our school community; and Whereas, racism has no place in our schools, we must protect the Constitutional rights of each person who attends or works in our district; and Whereas, the Calvert County Board of Education will not tolerate the values, structures, and behaviors that perpetuate systemic racism; and Whereas, policies, practices, and procedures that produce equitable outcomes for students of color and marginalized groups will be adopted and maintained; and Whereas, it is time to listen to, learn from, and speak up for those who have endured discrimination and intolerance. Every member of the district, individually and collectively, is responsible for creating and nurturing a safe, anti-racist learning environment where each student and staff is respected, and valued for who they are, regardless of skin color; and Whereas, curriculum and instructional materials for all grades shall reflect cultural and racial diversity and include a range of perspectives and experiences, particularly those of historically underrepresented groups of color; and "Whereas, all District staff, administrators, teachers, and support staff shall be trained on implicit bias, racism, and about how racism produces inequitable practices and outcomes; and Whereas, a racially diverse and inclusive workforce is achieved by identifying and removing bias interrupters

used during the hiring process; and Whereas, discipline processes to increase racial disparities in discipline and suspension for students of color and marginalized groups shall be eliminated; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Members of the Board of Education of Calvert County affirm our obligation to require a safe, anti-racist, and inclusive educational environment where each student and staff is treated with respect and dignity regardless of the color of their skin. We further acknowledge it is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Calvert County Public Schools to uphold the commitment to eliminate bias, racism, and inequities from our system."

The resolution followed the release of a statement by Curry and Supervisor of Equity and School Improvement Dr. Sandy Walker that said, "For many of us, the past few weeks have been very difficult. We observed the murder of Ahmaud Arbery and the murder of George Floyd. We observed Amy Cooper use Christian Cooper's race against him as a threat to his safety while bird watching. We also observed Omar Jimenez get arrested while reporting in Minneapolis. Race and racism are the common denominators.

"Although a difficult week for many of us, imagine the lives of individuals who face racism on a daily basis. Imagine the lives of individuals who carry with them the stories of mistreatment passed down from generations. Imagine how much we missed before everyone had cell phones. Imagine how much we still miss when a camera is not around. Imagine how much we miss when a pandemic does not force us to be at home with time to pay attention. Imagine how much we miss that is not as brutal or obvious, but still hurtful and becomes a burning memory to a community of people.

"Just as we cannot pretend that these injustices do not exist, we cannot pretend that we fully understand.

Curry and Walker then asked, "So, what are we to do?" and responded by saying:

- "First: believe and communicate that racism exists and is wrong in any shape or form.

- "Second: Lean in, listen, and work to understand others, especially those who hold experiences different from ours.

- "Third: learn. Every aspect of our society, both good and bad, is a direct result of our history. How well do we understand the perpetuation of racism throughout our history? How well do we understand the lived experiences of those different from us? What unintentional role might we play in the perpetuation of racism in our country? How skilled are we at talking about racism?"

"As an institution of learning, we are committed to our own learning to ensure that our system is creating a safe place for each student and adult. Please see the attached equity brochure that highlights some of our work this year in creating an identity-safe learning and working environment. We recognize that this work is never ending and ever changing. We are committed to eliminating bias, racism, and inequities from our system."

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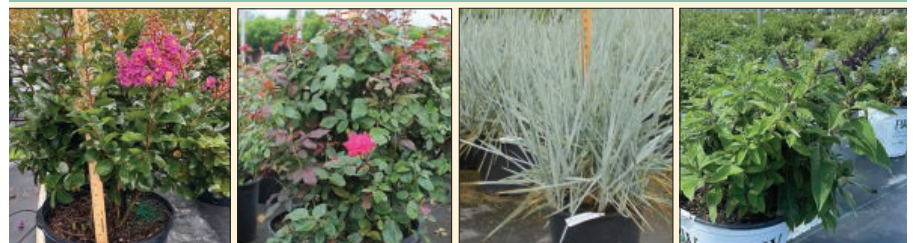
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Churches of Southern Maryland: St. Anthony's Catholic Church



Father James Stack

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach has a sizable congregation of several hundred people. Father James Stack described the church as an "older parish." Still, younger families also attend, with more than 100 kids in the religious education program.

The current parish building was constructed in 1958, and Stack's history with the Catholic church in general is similarly established. As an ordained priest for almost 35 years, he has had five different assignments, including Cheverly and Bowie.

During his time at St. Jerome Catholic Church of Hyattsville, many Catholic schools were experiencing

issues and shutting down. But the church developed a school that had a classical curriculum. "And that was, apparently, what people wanted. And so now St. Jerome's school is doing very, very well," he said.

For the last five years, he has served at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. When he first arrived, he promised to prioritize three things: the eucharist, the authentic Catholic teachings, and the pro-life position.

Stack discussed many of the sacraments at the church, including baptism. For people who join the Catholic church later in life, he said their baptism "occurs in a program that we have called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, otherwise known as RCIA." While adults have their baptism and the eucharist and first communion during the same ceremony, the infants who are baptized progress through the Catholic religion.

Stack said, "They start going to the religious education program in first [grade], and then [in] second grade, they will they will receive their first communion, and in ninth grade they will receive the sacrament of confirmation." Later, the child will decide about marriage or a religious calling.

Religious education, a significant part of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, occurs through the fall, winter and spring. Children, rather than adults, are the focus of the program. When children get older, Life Teen is the youth group available for them to

have deeper conversations about religious topics.

Behind the church, there's a house for the Ladies of Charity and their food pantry, which is strongly supported by the parish. On Tuesdays, people from all over stop by.

Similarly, the Knights of Columbus is involved at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, whether they lead the parish picnic or wipe down pews. "They're really here to help the pastor of the parish. That's the way that Father McGivney [the founder] kind of set up the Knights of Columbus," Stack said. The men's group, which gathers on Saturdays, is also available to help Father Stack as needed.

The healing mass, which happens monthly on the first Sunday and third Tuesday, is also important at the church. Stack explained, "And that's really become very popular down here... people come from all over."

For individuals who are unable to attend mass, he said that "we bring St. Anthony's to them." This ministry for homebound individuals lets them take communion and see a bulletin so they can still be involved. And the church's active pro-life ministry involves an annual trip to the March for Life and the baby drive at the church.

Typically, mass occurs daily from Monday to Friday at 8 a.m. and on Saturday at 9 a.m. Confession is normally held on Saturdays at 3 p.m. Finally, the vigil mass happens at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, with Sunday

masses at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

In the midst of COVID-19, masses were livestreamed. Stack clarified, "But we would also have the church open during the day for people to come and visit the church...[and] we have what we call, you know, eucharist, the blessed sacrament, which is present in our church, which is the body and blood of Jesus. It's always present, so I would take the bread—the host—and put it into the monstrance so that people could come and worship and adore Jesus in the most blessed sacrament."

There have also been drive-thru confessions where individuals can drive up to Father Stack's window in his office for confession, but he's also available for those who need to see him in person.

The religious education program is over for this academic year because the church follows the calendar for the public-school system in Calvert County. But Stack is hopeful that the program will resume this fall. He also wants to have a mass and large feast this fall as a delayed version of the Feast of St. Anthony, was scheduled for June 13.

Starting on Memorial Day, the church resumed half masses and has had mass since that day. Stack said, "You know, we were sticking to those guidelines very, very closely for the good of all involved. And, at the same time, we're able to do some things."

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Wild Turtles Are on the Move

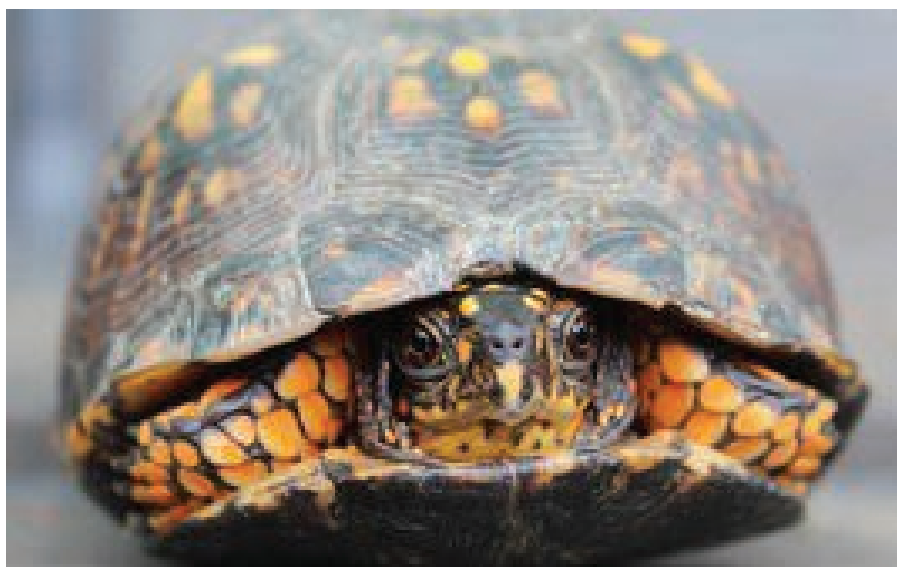


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Help Them Cross the Road, Keep them Wild

Wild turtles are currently heading to their breeding and nesting sites. During this time of year, wild turtles can often be seen crossing roads and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources urges drivers to be cautious and give turtles a "brake."

Common turtles found on the road

include eastern box turtles, snapping turtles, painted turtles and red-eared sliders.

If you need to help a turtle cross the road, check for traffic and move the turtle in the direction it was traveling, until it is safely out of vehicle lanes. Do not move the turtle to the side it started from or far away from where it is found. Turtles have spe-

cific territories and moving them too far away can cause more harm than good. Some species, such as snapping turtles, lay their eggs on land, so moving a pregnant female to water can impact her ability to lay eggs.

Handling turtles should be done with caution. Particular care should be taken with snapping turtles, which can inflict a serious bite. The animal should only be picked up gently using two hands, with your thumbs on the top of the turtle's shell and other fingers supporting the underside of the shell. Handle the turtle only as long as needed to get it to safety.

While it may be tempting to take a wild turtle home, it is important for both the well-being of wildlife and people to keep wildlife wild. Like all animals in the wild, turtles can carry diseases and parasites; conversely they can live a long time and often need specialized care. In addition, several of Maryland's turtle species are declining in the wild.

To protect turtles, the law prohibits the removal of some species from the wild. It is also illegal to possess any turtle under four-inches in length. Reptiles that have been bred

in captivity, or which are not native to Maryland, may not be released into the wild. Only individual animals that were taken from the wild may be released back into the wild, and only if:

They have not been held in captivity with any other reptile or amphibian;

They have not been in captivity for more than 30 days; or

Written authorization is given by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

People who are interested in keeping a turtle as a pet can obtain more information from the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society, which provides opportunities to adopt turtles and tortoises that cannot be released into the wild.

The rules and regulations surrounding the taking and keeping of turtles and other reptiles are designed to protect native wild populations and to prevent the spread of disease. More information about permits for captive reptiles and conditions for release into the wild, as well as species lists, is available online.

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Courthouse Implements Phased Reopening

The rapidly evolving health emergency regarding the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) requires the Maryland court system to continually review and evaluate contingency planning efforts. The Calvert County Courthouse located at 175 Main St. in Prince Frederick will remain under restricted access, with new changes to operations and court proceedings.

By order of Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, Administrative Order, there shall be a progressive, phased return to full operations by the courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, administrative offices, units of the Judiciary, the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Court and the clerks' offices of the District Court. The Courthouse continues to be restricted to emergency operations and closed to the public with limited exceptions, as outlined below, through Oct. 5, 2020, pending further order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

There are five phases described in the Administrative Order, each phase representing an increase in the level of operations by the courts in the Maryland Judiciary. The courts are currently in phase I with phase II and Phases III through V will be released prior to commencement date. Phase V is scheduled to commence on Oct. 5. Access to the courts and each of the phases are subject to modification by the Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Calvert County.

PHASE II: 5 p.m. on June 5, 2020, through July 19, 2020

Phase II represents an expansion of matters that can be heard by courts both remotely and on-site. Phase II shall include Phase I matters and the following matters listed below. To the extent that Phase II Matters may be handled remotely, courts are encouraged to do so. For any proceeding that will be held during Phase II, the court shall notify all participants necessary to the proceeding.

CIVIL:

Emergency evaluation petitions
Quarantine and isolation petitions

Emergency Habeas Corpus petitions
Body attachments
Temporary restraining orders
Scheduling conferences
Status conferences
On the record appeals
Matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

CRIMINAL:

Mail reviews, bail reconsiderations, and bench warrants including matters involving locally incarcerated defendants, consistent with the Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as it relates to those persons who are incarcerated or imprisoned, filed April 14, 2020

Arraignments for detained defendants
Extradition cases
Matters addressing competency; criminal responsibility issues not requiring witness testimony status; and discovery and Hicks issues

Deferred sentencing – for non-incarcerated defendants

Plea agreements without recommendations for sentences of incarceration; deferred sentence matters; and motions that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

FAMILY:

Scheduling conferences
Status conferences
Uncontested divorces and other uncontested family law matters

Domestic violence protective orders
Domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective order appeals

Family law emergencies that have been determined to require an expedited hearing, including time urgent matters related to special juvenile immigrant status

Emergency issues in guardianship matters

Temporary restraining orders

Default hearings

Exceptions hearings not requiring witness testimony (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)

Matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

JUVENILE COURT

CINA (DEPENDENCY): Priority scheduling for those juveniles turning 21 within 90 days of the beginning of Phase II.

Shelter care hearings

CINA matters, including, if not contested and/or by proffer, adjudications, dispositions, permanency plan, and permanency plan reviews

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) by consent and/or by proffer

Exceptions hearings (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)

Family Treatment/Recovery Court review hearings

Guardianships under juvenile causes

Adoptions concerning CINA and TPR juveniles

Matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

JUVENILE (DELINQUENCY):

Priority scheduling for those juveniles turning 21 within 90 days of the beginning of Phase II; returning from placement; with issues with permanency plans; closures of cases; and possible placement on the juvenile and or adult sexual offender registries.

Juvenile detention hearings

Peace order petitions (juvenile respondents only)

Arraignments and first appearances

Emergency delinquency hearings, including motions related to juveniles who are detained, committed pending placement, or committed, consistent with the administrative order guiding the response of the circuit courts sitting as juvenile courts to the COVID-19 emergency as it relates to those juveniles who are detained, committed pending placement, or in commitments, filed April 13, 2020

Adjudication with agreed to-plea and/or by proffer (6) disposition with consent and/or by proffer

Disposition reviews

Delinquency juvenile treatment plans and reviews

Closure of probation and jurisdiction of Juvenile Court not requiring testimony

Juvenile expungements not requiring testimony

Juvenile permanency plans and reviews, if not contested or by proffer or both

Juvenile waivers, if consented to and not requiring testimony

Exceptions hearings not requiring witness testimony (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)

Matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS:

Including drug, mental health, family/dependency recovery, DUI, veterans, juvenile drug and truancy courts. Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard or resolved in accordance with Section (i) of the Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 emergency, filed May 22, 2020, are encouraged to be taken up by the circuit courts during Phase II. Phase III is scheduled to commence on July 20, 2020. Prior to July 20, an update relative to Phase III will be released to the public.

All other matters, including jury trials are hereby postponed through the end of the COVID-19 emergency, unless otherwise scheduled for telephone and/or video hearings when practicable by the Circuit Court for Calvert County.

Essential court personnel will be available to the public by telephone between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Maryland Electronic Court (MDEC) continues to be available for electronic filing and is required to be used for all MDEC counties. For pleadings not required to be filed electronically, filings will be received by mail and may be received via drop box installed in the rear parking lot of the courthouse.

Any questions or concerns relative to cases or proceedings should be directed to:

Circuit Court: 410-535-1600

District Court: 443-550-6700

The county continues to share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 through a virtual resource center on its website, including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF JOSHUA MICHAEL BROWN
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO RONIN BLACK
In the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland

Case No.: C-04-FM-20-262
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from Joshua Michael Brown to Ronin Black. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I dislike my current name and would now like something unique and more representative of myself.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 07/19/2020. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

Kathy P. Smith,
Clerk of Court for
Calvert County Maryland





For Calvert's Graduating Seniors: 2020 - A Year to Remember

By Dick Myers, Editor and Grace McCready, Contributing Writer

The year 2020 will be a memorable one for many Calvert County teenagers as they move on with their lives. It will be remembered not only as the one in which they finally graduated from high school, but also as the one in which they lived through a global pandemic while doing so largely at home at the end.

For Karley Trinidad of **Patuxent High School**, being a senior during COVID-19 has been like a rollercoaster ride. Especially regarding her lacrosse season, she felt both skeptical and optimistic. She stated, "I kind of knew it [the season's cancellation] was going to happen, but at the same time, I just kept holding on [to] that little bit of hope."

During the first two weeks that Patuxent students were at home, they didn't have homework to complete. However, Trinidad explained, "And then, once it was announced we weren't [returning to school], I was like "I actually have to get out of bed. Like, I have to do this because nobody is telling me I have to."

Trinidad officially finished her senior year on May 22, but there were many disappointments along the way. "It never felt like we had time to leave and say goodbye," she expressed.

Another thing that frustrates her is Patuxent's graduation ceremony not happening until late June. She said the graduation date was modified multiple times. "I'm glad they're trying to wait so we can do something as normal as possible, but at the same time, we only can wait so long," noted Trinidad.



PHS Graduate Karley Trinidad

Though the Patuxent graduation ceremony may not be perfect, she's still excited about the future. "I'm going to Bethany College in West Virginia...It's a really small

private school," she said.

While at Bethany College, Trinidad plans to play lacrosse and study computer science. She said the school "feels like home."

Another graduating senior at **Patuxent High School**, Katelynn Domonkos, has definitely missed that familial vibe she felt at school. She shared, "It's hard because school is your life and then it's, like, not anymore."

To finish her requirements on May 15, she had to work mostly independently, which proved to be a challenge sometimes. Her acting class was particularly difficult to do online.

The cancellation of Patuxent's spring musical, *Chicago*, was upsetting for Domonkos. She said, "We can't do our show anymore, which is really sad. Especially for all the seniors because we've worked for forever and then we can't finish it off with our last musical." During her seven years of being in the theater program, Domonkos' favorite play was *Pride and Prejudice*, which, thankfully, was performed last fall.

With Patuxent High School's drive-up graduation ceremony approaching, she isn't overly excited. However, she's looking on the bright side. "Well, it's not the ideal situation," she laughed. "I would really like to graduate with all my friends and my family, you know? But it is better than just virtual."

Though her plan to vacation in Myrtle Beach for her senior trip is currently tentative, she still hopes to brush up on her theater skills before college this fall. Domonkos explained, "I'm attending Milligan University. It's in Illinois. I'm going to be majoring in theater. I don't know exactly what I'm going to do in theater. I just want to do it because it makes me so happy."



PHS Graduate Katelynn Domonkos

A graduating senior from **Calvert High School**, Kamryn Muschette, is also hopeful about attending Meredith College in Raleigh, NC in the fall, where she plans to earn her degree in



CGS Graduate Kamryn Muschette

Biology and perhaps minor in Exercise and Sports Science.

She explained that Meredith College is eager for students to come back to campus. And she is eager to start. She's hopeful that

her mid-August departure date "gives us a little bit of cushion and time for this whole Covid-19 to blow over or at least calm down a bit, so classes are not online."

Muschette said it was "definitely disheartening" when she couldn't finish her senior year the way she'd wanted. She noted, "We didn't really get to experience a lot of things that other senior classes have gotten to experience in the past."

As a field hockey and lacrosse player, and track runner, she has a lot of athletics to keep her busy. Thankfully, she said, she got to finish her field hockey season because it was earlier in the school year. Recently, she has been working at Domino's, working out, and having minimal-contact visits with friends.

Instead of taking their senior trip in early June, Muschette and a group of her friends moved their senior trip to late July. But her summer plans aren't the only thing in her life that has been changed.

Calvert High School's graduation ceremony, currently planned for June 22-25, now has a drive-up ceremony and a virtual graduation in mind. She was actually included in a graduation panel that incorporated all of Calvert County's high schools.

Each graduate will have a designated parking spot and will be called onto the stage. She added, "And then at the end, you just get back in the car...wave goodbye to all the teachers and staff members at Calvert High."

Initially, she was upset about the arrangement and thought the plan could've been better. However, she then recognized

the reality of the situation. Muschette said, "And I got over it...they don't have any control over that."

She agrees with what others have told her about expecting the unexpected. She openly expressed, "Live life to the fullest, and expect anything to happen at any time."

A senior at **The Calverton School**, Sofia Jenkins had an accepting attitude about the recent changes to her last year of high school. Though she has experienced several transitions since mid-March, the school staff has tried to make those transitions easier.

"So, they've helped a lot [to] try to keep our spirits up and make sure nobody's feeling left out being stuck at home alone," Jenkins stated. Though she admitted how hard it was to self-motivate and finish her work without a constant encourager, teachers at Calverton thanked students for their self-motivation.

Like wise, Jenkins' lacrosse coaches sought to cheer up their players during this tough time. Her heart went out to her teammates whose last season was this spring. "But Calverton and our coaches really made it not as stressful and sad as it could've been because we still had Zoom calls here and there," she said. "We had a Zoom senior night a couple weeks ago, so that was very nice. And the moms on the team helped put together a nice basket for each one of our seniors, which really made us feel special."

She also noted that Calverton's faculty and administration have attempted to "make sure that our graduation is as normal as possible." Currently, she isn't sure whether the senior class of 27 students will celebrate inside or outside. She noted, "There was a huge stretch where we didn't even know if we were going to be able to have a graduation."



Calverton Graduate Sofia Jenkins

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Calvert High School

Graduating Class of 2020

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Lindsay Allwine
Milan Altman
Taylor America
Quintus Anderson
Wendy Aquino-Castro
Augustine Aufderheide III
Emmerson Baker
Alexandra Baker
Dylan Barbieri
David Barkley
Kayla Barth
Rmari Baxter
Tyler Bays
Loran Beamer
Rachael Beaver
Jonathan Beckwith
Dinara Beknazarova
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Gracie Bradford
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From the Principal

The Class of 2020 is such a special class of young men and women. I can think of no better group than these students to lead us into an era of peace, prosperity, and health never seen before. Farewell graduates and God speed. I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Steven Lucas, Ed.D.
Principal, Calvert High School





NHS Graduate
Alexandra Pinkham

Although the ceremony isn't set to occur until June 27, she's relieved that there will be a ceremony.

Although she's bummed that her family's trip to the Dominican Republic was cancelled, she's excited about college this fall.

Jenkins will be attending Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, PA. Her goal is to attend law school after college so she can become a lawyer. In the meantime, she plans to assist lacrosse players in the travel league, Maryland Revolution.

It was a tough couple of months as **Northern High School** (NHS) student Alexandra "Alex" Pinkham concluded her senior year. "I personally have trouble learning online. I like in-person lessons better."

Pinkham aspires to be a nursing assistant and eventually a doctor; she was part of the school's Academy of Health Professions designed for students interested in the health-care profession. "I just thought it's a good stepping stone to get into the health professions field," she said, but added, "That's hands-on, based on taking care of patients, so that was very difficult to get the same experiences online."

Pinkham was on the tennis team and since spring sports were cancelled, she missed out

on her final season at NHS. "It's pretty sad, but I'm just glad that we had a good season last year to kind of outweigh this year," she said.

It was definitely a "good season last year" as Pinkham along with senior Emma O'Kane won the 2019 Girls' Doubles Tennis Class 3A State Championship. It was the first such title in the school's history. The team was coached by George Weckel and William Marks.

Pinkham's father was in the Air Force (he has since retired) so she has moved around a lot. Her last school before Northern was in Germany. Her family moved to Calvert last year. She was asked to comment on the controversy over the new tennis facilities at NHS. She said, "I moved here last year, so I didn't experience what the courts were at the old school. So I can't really compare it to what it is now."

Like most seniors, she missed the interaction with her classmates over the last few months, but she noted, "They were mostly juniors because the curriculum at my old school was different than here. So I was placed in classes that juniors would normally take."

Pinkham is attending Virginia Tech in the fall and majoring in microbiology to pursue her career dreams. She, as all other aspiring college freshmen, is awaiting to hear what that will look like.

Meanwhile her graduation trip was put off because of the pandemic and her summer plans were also affected. "I was going to get a job, but because the MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration) closed, I can't get my license because in Germany you had to be 18 to get your license. So, I was behind when I moved here, so I'm not really sure."

As to the graduation ceremonies planned

for later this month, she said, "I like the idea of having a modified graduation where you can still walk across the stage in front of your family and take pictures."

Regarding the delay, she observed, "It's nothing we can really do; it's this month, so it's not a big deal for me."

Justin Luckett has interesting career aspirations. The **Huntingtown High School** graduating senior wants to own a casino. He cut his teeth on the business working at his father's Trader's Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach, which also has a casino.

Luckett, a Calvert County native, said, "My dad has his own business and I would like to be sort of like my own boss. That is my goal." To that end he will be attending Salisbury University in the fall ad majoring in Business Administration.

As to that casino, he said, "I have done a little bit of research and from what I know, there are no longer selling gambling license in Maryland. So, I was looking to locate kind of on the beach. Maybe like South Carolina."

At Huntingtown, Luckett said, "I played JV football my sophomore year, and I actually ran the student section my senior year this year." That involves all sports, "I

pretty much set it up. I get the students to come to the games."

Like many of his peers, Luckett had a tough time with the new normal of online learning that hit him for the final quarter of

his senior year. "I felt like it was really hard to grasp. It's not obvious to me. I always like doing schoolwork on paper and for being on a computer, it's just a big change."

He admitted, though, he began to get used to it.

He added, "My grades definitely dropped during online learning. I didn't know how to do stuff for the first couple of weeks. It took me a while, but I had to bring them up slowly."

He wasn't the only one. "Most of my friends were on the same page with me and we were like, 'Hey, this is really hard.' The directions weren't really clear what they were giving to us."

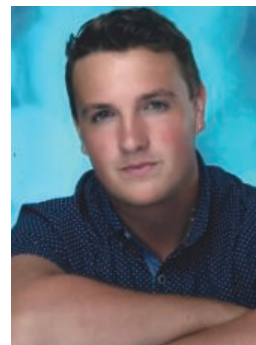
He said those he's leaving behind when he goes off to college are hoping for a return to normalcy next school year. "My sister is actually a sophomore and she's going to be a junior. And, she's hoping that it'll be the same."

His father's business has also had to adjust over the past few months, from carryout, to outside seating to now having 50 percent capacity inside. Luckett will be working with his father this summer as well, "and just hang out with my friends and hope they have a great time before college."

He's also a competitive dirt bike racer and hopes the tracks will be up and running this summer.

At the time of the interview, Luckett was still unsure what the graduation ceremonies at Huntingtown would look like. They are planning to have seniors walk across the stage and be filmed. He is hoping his parents will be able to attend. He said, "I think since it's a big accomplishment, parents should be able to be there."

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Congratulations Hurricanes Class of 2020! I have never been prouder of a graduating class than I am of this one. You persevered and maintained a positive attitude through many bitter disappointments. You are going to do great things. Thank you to your many contributions to the Huntingtown High School community and best of luck!

Rick Weber - HHS





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LOVE MOM AND DAD

Congratulations Class of 2020!



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Mackenzie,

We are so proud of all you have accomplished and so excited
to see where you take this next chapter in your life!
The world is yours and we can't wait to see what you do with it!
Wherever you go, go with all your heart!
Congratulations Class of 2020!
We love you so much!
All of Us

Congratulations Class of 2020!



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CONGRATULATIONS MADISON! CAN'T WAIT TO
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PROUD OF YOU!

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Ashley
McMullen

*Congratulations on your High School
graduation, Ashley. We are proud of your
accomplishments and wish you much
success in the next chapter of your life.
Love, Mom, Dad and Michael*

Congratulations Class of 2020!



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Always keep a song in your heart.
Congratulations!
Love Mom and All your Bros

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Congratulations Snookums
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You did it!
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Mom & Family

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You've made it so far already, we can't wait to see
what the future holds for you.
Randolph Macon is the next stop towards your
bright future. You make us proud and we know
you're going to go far.
The sky is the limit and always remember that we
love you to the moon and beyond.
Congratulations on your graduation!
Love, Mom, Pop and Gog



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We are so incredibly proud of the
young man you strive to be every day.
Keep shooting for the stars Bubba.
Always and Forever Tyler!
We love you, Daddy, Cat, Ashlee,
Troii, Addie, Mariah, Makayla,
Serenity and Airi

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Alexis S. Parks - Class of 2020



Alexis,
It seems like it was yesterday when
you were born and now you are
officially an adult. It has been our
honor to watch you grow from a
joyful, adventurous, and loving girl
into a smart, beautiful, caring, and
capable young woman. Your strong
character, determination, and hard
work will take you far in life. We are
so proud of your accomplishments!
You have overcome challenges with
your strength and determination.
You are beautiful, confident, and
driven. Enjoy this next chapter in
your life. Thank you for the love,
laughter and happiness you have
brought into our lives.



*"Promise me you'll always
remember you're braver than you
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- Winnie the Pooh

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From the Faculty

PHS staff would like to congratulate each of you on this amazing accomplishment. The class of 2020 has experienced a senior year unlike any other. Your hard work, perseverance, and commitment to Paxnation is greatly appreciated. You leave a legacy at Patuxent High School that will always be remembered. PHS is proud to know that you are leaving as graduates, ready to take on an ever changing and challenging world. You will make us proud. Set your goals, work hard, and never give up. You will reach your goals and beyond. The world is yours to make your life exactly what you want it to be. Patuxent High School would also like to thank parents, guardians, and other family members for their continued support of the Class of 2020.

Best Wishes,
Patuxent High School Staff and Administration





CLASS 2020



Congratulations to our grandson William Scott.
I hope your dreams take you to your highest hopes, to the window of opportunity and to the most special places your heart has ever known.
Love you so much,
Mamaw, Pop Pop & Hoss

WILLIAM SCOTT



CLASS 2020



We're so proud of you. Never stop chasing your dreams because,
"The Moment You Give Up, Is The Moment You Let Someone Else Win"
~Kobe Bryant
We love you! Mom, Dad, Jack and Dani.

Austin Barrett



CLASS OF 2020



We are so sorry that this year did not end the way we all hoped it would which would have concluded with us showering/embarrassing our PAX Class of 2020 Graduate of Distinction and AP Scholar publicly with our family's signature "extremely loud but loving" displays of praise for you at the Equestrian Center but that does nothing to diminish how extremely proud we are! We can't wait to see what you accomplish next as you begin your next chapter at the University of Florida. We just know it will be just like you - exceptional!
With Love & Extreme Pride,
The Lopez, Dow, Gold, Jafari & Brady Families

KYLIE LOPEZ



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Congratulations on your High School Graduation.
You finished the high school race stronger than ever.
Now keep pushing yourself as you begin a new race in college.
Good Luck at the University of Tampa.
We Love You!
Mom, Dad & Ricardo

GABE AMISANO



CLASS 2020



Lauren 2020,
Let your star shine!!
Love you way up!!!
Mom, Dad, Chris and Megan.

LAUREN MURPHY



CLASS 2020



Congratulations Jarrett ...
Proud of you!
Heja! Heja! Heja!
Vad du ar bra!
Mémé, Morfar, Emmanuelle,
Fredrik och Agnes
From  Sweden 

JARRETT LOEFFLER



Congratulations on your academic and athletic achievements throughout your four years at Northern High School. We are excited for what the future holds for you at Salisbury University in the fall.
We couldn't be more proud! We love you!
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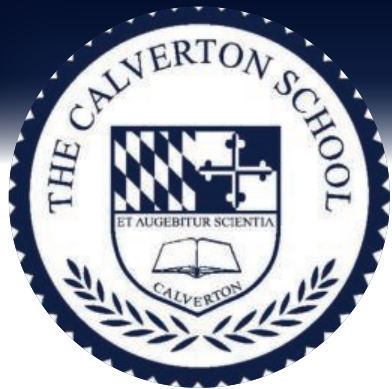
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From the Principal

Congratulations you all persevered and should be very proud of yourselves. I know NHS staff are very excited and sad to see you leave. Please be sure to visit us when school is back in session, so we can say good bye the proper way. Best of luck in the future.

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From the Headmaster

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Solomons Dragon Boat Festival Cancelled

But Dragon Quest is Coming

Hear ye! Hear ye! There's an elusive invader wreaking havoc in our realm of Southern Maryland and throughout the modern world. And now, it has even caused our Solomons Dragon to literally fall to pieces, curtailing his annual August appearance and eliminating the entire Southern Maryland Community Resources' (SMCR) Solomons Dragon Boat Festival this year! But we shall not be conquered this easily!

Announcing SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020! All brave lords and ladies of the realm, and citizens of their respective fiefdoms, are called to step forward and join SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020! Do you have what it takes to help us locate the pieces of our dragon from the far reaches of the realm, put him back together, and slay the elusive invader?

The QUEST takes place on August 15, but preparations are already underway. Cedar Point Federal Credit Union, has led the way on this quest by anteing up a healthy sum for the cause, thereby claiming the title, Ruler of the Realm. Others are encouraged to ante up as additional sponsors in order to ensure a successful quest. Various levels of sponsorship are offered: Nobles, Knights, Defenders, and Merchants of the Realm.

Artisans of the Realm desiring to peddle their wares or foodstuffs are encouraged to join us as well.

Citizens of the Realm are those who choose to participate in the Quest itself, and all are encouraged to do so, vying for

prizes in the process! Participation will require personal chariots (vehicles) with each rider donning personal helmets (masks). Each chariot team is asked to register its riders and will be assigned a starting time between 9 AM and noon. Each chariot will be taxed \$25 per rider, age 16 and above, to join the QUEST. Those under 16 ride FREE! Each chariot team is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$100 through personal fundraising efforts, but of course much higher goals are encouraged to better benefit SMCR of the Realm (and for your team to qualify for much greater prizes)! Sir Somdcr.org stands ready to offer its services to assist each chariot team in raising these funds!

Just as the Annual Solomons Dragon Boat Festival has in the past, SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020 serves to provide merriment for the people of the realm, while also raising greatly needed funds for Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that helps to bridge the gap for individuals with developmental differences. This year's merriment will abide by the ever-changing mandates of the realm regarding social distancing as we seek to locate the pieces of our dragon, reassemble him, and help slay this elusive invader.

Visit us at www.somdcr.org to sponsor, register to participate in, or simply sign up to be kept abreast of SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020 developments. "For SMCR and our Dragon!"

Press Release from SMCR.

New Chesapeake Beach Traffic Light Activated

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) crews on June 12 activated a new traffic signal along MD 260 (Chesapeake Beach Road) at Harrison Boulevard/Limerick Lane in Calvert County.

Portable variable message signs are in place alerting drivers of the new traffic signal. The new signal will allow eastbound and westbound MD 260 to operate as a single intersection. MDOT SHA installed an overhead hazard identification beacon along the eastbound MD 260 lanes prior to the intersection along with "SIGNAL AHEAD PREPARE TO STOP WHEN FLASHING" signage.

New geometric improvements include:

Changing the northbound Harrison Boulevard lane configuration to provide a through travel lane and a shared through/right turn lane.

Changing the lane configurations in the MD 260 median to pro-

vide a dedicated left-turn lane and a shared left turn/through lane on northbound Harrison Boulevard and a shared left turn/through lane on southbound Harrison Boulevard.

MDOT SHA will monitor operations at the intersection and remind motorists to use caution when traveling through the area. Customers who have questions about this work may contact the MDOT SHA District 5 Office at 410-841-1000 or shadistrict5@mdot.maryland.gov

MDOT SHA works hard to maintain safe traffic mobility in work zones for our crews as well as our customers. Drivers need to stay alert, focus on the road and look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highway workers. For a list of all major MDOT SHA projects, go to roads.maryland.gov. For a look at real-time commute conditions, go to md511.maryland.gov.

Press Release from Town of Chesapeake Beach

Worshiping in the Sun



The congregation of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church (last week's Churches of Southern Maryland profile) of Lusby gathered outside to resume services on June 7. Photo by Joan Hoerning for Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

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Underwater Grasses and Climate Change

Scientists Say They Offset Acidification



Scientists have discovered that the recent comeback of underwater grasses in Chesapeake Bay not only removes nutrient pollution, improves water clarity, and provides habitat for baby crabs and rockfish, but may also offset the growing problem of acidification as climate change impacts the nation's largest estuary.

Ocean acidification is a phenomenon driven by the increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere because of the burning of fossil fuels and other human-driven activities. When ocean and estuarine waters absorb this additional carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, the waters can become more acidic. Shellfish build their shells out of a compound in the water known as calcium carbonate, and scientists have found there will be less of those building blocks available as ocean carbon dioxide levels rise.

"Many researchers have shown how submerged aquatic vegetation, or SAV, can locally reinforce their own growth by slowing water flow and allowing particles to settle out of the water to allow more light," said study co-author Jeremy Testa, associate professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons.

"This new research suggests that SAV can provide additional ecosystem benefits—buffering water against acidification—far beyond the habitats where they grow. The SAV-driven pH-buffering mechanism is an unanticipated benefit of restoring SAV through nutrient management efforts."

Underwater grasses, or submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), are essential to the Bay ecosystem. They pull harmful nutrients out of the water, cause sediments to settle to the bottom so sunlight can reach plants, protect the shoreline by reducing the impact of waves and currents, and provide habitat and food for a host of important organisms, including baby crabs.

While there was a bay-wide decline of SAV from the 1960s through the 1980s, restoring these once-abundant beds has been a primary outcome of efforts to reduce loads of nutrients and sediments to the estuary and SAV cover has increased by 300 percent from 1984 to 2015. One of the largest recovered SAV beds lies in an area of the bay known as the Susquehanna Flats—a broad, tidal freshwater region located near the mouth of the Susquehanna River at the head of the bay. Today it is one of the biggest and healthiest in the Bay, spanning some 20 square miles.

In a recent study, a team of researchers were drawn to the Susquehanna Flats SAV bed to solve a puzzle of Chesapeake Bay chemistry. It was led by University of

Delaware graduate student Jianzhong Su, in collaboration with researchers from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, University of Delaware, Xiamen University in China, St. Mary's College, and Oregon State University.

The researchers found that SAV beds were sites of production for an acid-reducing compound called calcium carbonate. It was discovered that strong photosynthesis by the plants in Susquehanna flats SAV beds at the head of the bay and in other shallow, nearshore waters can remove nutrient pollution and generate very high pH, which facilitates the formation of calcium carbonate minerals. When these calcium carbonate particles and other biologically produced carbonate shells are transported downstream, they enter acidic subsurface waters where they dissolve.

The team found the carbonate particles reduced the acidity of the water by four times than it otherwise might have been.

One question critical for this buffer mechanism is whether the calcium carbonate minerals can escape trapping in the estuarine turbidity maximum zone and be transported downstream. A numerical model was used to show that the small crystals formed on the SAV beds can indeed be transported to the mid-Bay where they dissolve in acidic subsurface waters.

"Just like people take Tums to neutralize the acids that cause heartburn, SAV beds send carbonate minerals to the lower Bay to neutralize acids there," said Testa, who worked with Faculty Research Assistant Casey Hodgkins and University of Delaware researchers to make the SAV bed measurements.

The implication is that the SAV beds can potentially help to make deeper Bay waters more hospitable to shell-forming organisms. Under more acidic conditions, larval mussels and oysters are negatively impacted and the growth of adult shell-formers may also be more difficult.

Located where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay, the oldest publicly supported marine laboratory on the East Coast is a national leader in research on fisheries, estuarine ecology, environmental chemistry and toxicology research of the Chesapeake Bay and aquatic ecosystem around the globe.

"Chesapeake Bay acidification buffered by spatially decoupled carbonate mineral cycling" by researchers from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, University of Delaware, Xiamen University in China, St. Mary's College, Oregon State University was published in *Nature Geoscience*.

Press Release from CBL.

Calvert Library Reopening Book Returns

With everything else going on in the world, the Calvert Library is happy to report some good news about your library. They will be opening book returns on June 10 and beginning curbside pick-up on June 22.

The safety of staff and customers continues to be their highest priority and they have taken some extra time to plan and put software into place to make the process easy-to-use.

Materials that are returned will be quarantined for 3 days so they will stay on your account until that time has elapsed.

Materials that you check out will be ready-to-use/read but you are welcome to do an additional 3-day quarantine when you take them home.

You will be able to pick up bagged materials that you have placed on hold in the library catalog in library vestibules or via trunk delivery.

We will be releasing a series of Can Do Digital Videos

How to Check Your Account so you know what library materials to look for under your sofa and give you time to remember who you lent things to during our closure. Nothing is technically due until August 1, so you have plenty of time to find everything you have checked out and we are still fine-free.

How to Place Holds to get the items you are looking for

How to Search for Your Next Read including a brand new online Personalized Suggestions form

How to Make a Curbside Appointment using our new software

Other safety precautions:

Staff and customers (over the age of 2) are required to wear face coverings over nose



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Staff will be washing hands thoroughly and frequently.

Staff and customers will be maintaining proper distance during any in-person interactions.

For now, interactions not involving physical library materials should be via phone, email or online.

While our buildings are closed, staff are answering phones and email from home.

They won't be offering in-person group classes/events this summer but we will continue to offer high quality classes/events online. Please put June 20 on your calendar for our online kickoff for #calvertREADS. Beginning at noon on the 20th, they'll have how-to videos, pottery and cooking demonstrations, performances and more!

Calvert Library doesn't know when it will be recommended that they invite the public back in to the buildings but they're busy making adjustments inside each space to be ready to invite users back in to browse, use computers and see their librarians face to face (or at least covered face to covered face)!

They miss seeing you and look forward to returning to more normal service in the library locations in the future. In the meantime, they're glad that they'll start to be able to get books and movies and other real-life library materials into your hands starting June 22.

Press Release from Calvert Library.

Construction Underway on Prince Frederick Water Line

The Calvert County Department of Public Works announces construction work is currently underway on a water line improvement project in Prince Frederick.

ECM Corporation is installing approximately 4,500 linear feet of 12-inch water line along the Prince Frederick Boulevard corridor. Work is taking place on the northbound side between Allnut Court and West Dares Beach Road. Part of the construction in this area will occur along the grass right-of-way adjacent to the northbound paved shoulder of Prince Frederick Boulevard, while the remainder will be located out of the right-of-way. Construction in this area is expected to continue through mid-July.

Construction will then move to the area between MD 231 and West Dares Beach Road. This construction will occur in the paved shoulder of

the northbound lane. Construction in this area is expected to continue into the fall.

Traffic in the construction area will be managed with a combination of a flagging operation with alternating one-way traffic and a lane-shift operation, which will maintain two-way traffic during construction. While working hours will generally be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., flagging operations with alternating one-way traffic will be confined to the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Motorists are advised to slow down, stay alert and use caution when traveling through work zones.

For questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact the project manager, Andy Hipski, at 410-535-1600, ext. 2342, or email Andy.Hipski@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

CSM Ceremony Celebrates Nursing Graduates

Themes: Resiliency, Compassion and Battling COVID-19



The Spring 2020 College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) 58 nursing candidates for graduation crossed their final hurdle of an unforgettable life season June 5 when they attended their nursing recognition and pinning ceremony. Like most of their final months together this semester – they gathered in a virtual environment – this time to share the time-honored tradition that included speeches, showing off their decorated caps and the pinning.

The evening ceremony was held in Zoom and was the last in a remarkable series of changes the cohort faced as they pivoted to learn about, and respond to, the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the graduates are among the 20 percent of CSM's 270 nursing students who have also been volunteering since April as Clinical Externs or for the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps to support acute care staffing needs across the state in the fight against the virus.

Resiliency during the pandemic and compassionate service were common themes during the event. Mistress of Ceremonies Health Sciences Division Chair Dr. Laura Polk began the ceremony sitting before a Zoom background that displayed items from the Florence Nightingale Museum in London, England.

"It feels like March 15 was five years ago," she laughed to acknowledge when students went home to begin remote learning.

2020 – The Year of the Nurse

"Who knew that when 2020 was named the 'Year of the Nurse' in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, that the nursing profession would so unexpectedly be brought to the forefront through a global pandemic," Polk continued. "And who could have ever predicted that as a result, your nursing program would end in such an unusual way."

Polk shared with the attendees that she studied resilience as it was the focus of her doctoral work; and she even developed a tool to measure resilience.

"I can tell you honestly, that I've never known a group of people who better exemplify this trait," Polk shared. "The fortitude you have displayed over the past two and a half months has been absolutely extraordinary. Your flexibility, grit, and single-minded purposefulness will serve you well as you enter an extraordinary profession during this historic time.

"But so will the grace you've shown each other," she continued. "The expe-

rience of lifting each other up through your struggles to balance school, work, home, unemployment, personal illness, family illness, and even family loss will empower you in your role as a nurse. You are entering nursing at a time when Florence Nightingale's basic principles are more important than ever, and you will make your mark on the profession through the challenges of this pandemic. But based on your resilience the past several months I have no doubt that CSM has prepared you well, and that you will excel in your new role."

CSM Nursing Pin: 'A Symbol of Commitment'

The nursing pin is a treasured symbol CSM Nursing Professor Jeanne Hill told the graduates and their families during the ceremony. She explained how the modern pinning ceremony dates to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George in recognition for her tireless service to the injured during the Crimean War. To share the honor, Nightingale in turn presented a medal of excellence to her brightest graduates and by 1916, the practice of pinning new graduates was standard throughout the United States.

"It was decades ago when CSM's first pin was designed by the first RN class to ever graduate from the college in 1979," continued Hill, who added that the current pin was custom designed by her and her classmates when she graduated from CSM in 2001.

"Our CSM Nursing Pin is a symbol of this commitment of honor and courage to those we care for," Hill said. "As you go forth into the world of nursing, wear your pin with pride."

'This Honor Comes with Some Work'

CSM nursing alumna and registered nurse Amber Hutchins served as keynote speaker.

"For the 18th straight year, nursing has been rated as the number one most ethical and honest profession in America. Eighty-five percent of polled Americans felt that our ethical standards are 'high or very high,'" she said to highlight that "nursing ranked higher than physicians, dentists and pharmacists.

"What does that say to you?" she asked. "What it says to me, as a registered nurse, is that I have the ability to engage and escort people through very difficult times in their lives. But this honor comes with some work. We have to continue to work together to maintain that respect from the community and from our peers."

Hutchins then reflected on what the COVID-19 pandemic has meant to this class.

"What do nurses do when everyone is mandated to be hunkered down at home for fear of this new reality? They get up, put on their scrubs, comfortable nursing shoes and get to work – just like every other day," she said. "Were we scared? Yes. We still are. Scared for the health of these patients, with an ever-present internal dialogue of 'Am I going to get sick? Will I take this home to my loved ones?'"

Hutchins pointed out how nurses found ways to employ other avenues of care to help during the pandemic.

"[We were] scraping at every resource to ensure patients had what they needed," she added, including use of telemedicine, phone calls, care management, social work, navigating community resources and perhaps most importantly ... community education. "Because that is what nurses do. They are compassionate, impactful, resourceful and innovative. And you...all of you... are now part of that community."

'The World Needs a Nurse'

"The world we are entering is not the same world as when we began our journey, the world needs nurses even more," student speaker Shari Templeman told her classmates. Templeman, 33, of Waldorf, was also the 2020 Spring Commencement recipient of the CSM Health Sciences Division "Achievement in Nursing" award.

"The world is facing new diseases and viruses; it needs skill and care," she continued. "The world needs a nurse. The world is angry and hurt; it needs compassion and empathy. The world needs a nurse. The world is exposing disparities that exist even today; it needs advocacy. The world needs a nurse. The world needs you."

Templeman worked as a stay-at-home mom for nine years before she realized she wanted to become a nurse. She describes her last two years at CSM as "incredible".

"I knew the nursing program was going to be difficult but CSM had a great reputation and my friends who went through the nursing program had nothing but great things to say about it," she shared. "My first semester in nursing school was such a welcoming experience. And today, I would tell you that my classmates are some of the most hard working and compassionate and resilient people I have ever met. We have been through so

much together. The flexibility that everyone displayed through this pandemic was amazing. We were met with nothing but compassion and grace."

CSM moved to remote operations before the Charles County Public Schools moved to virtual learning and Templeman explained that her studies were made harder when the statewide stay-at-home mandate was enacted because she suddenly had to share her 'quiet time' with her children and husband.

"I was used to online learning because I am also taking classes at Frostburg State University to get my bachelor's in nursing," she shared. "But, it was incredibly difficult to juggle adding six more hours of nursing classes in Zoom, and help my children (ages 10 and 7) with their Zoom [classes]," she explained. "Plus, my husband was teleworking. It was definitely a time for extending grace to everyone. Our instructors were amazing."

'I Never Gave, or Took Any Excuses'

CSM Clinical Simulation Coordinator Linda Goodman wrapped up the ceremony by sharing a mandate, and gratitude, using a quote from the book *Unlocking the Secret of Success* written in 2018 by Ayush Sharma.

"He says 'take responsibility for your life and you will take control of your life,'" she shared, adding, "accept the challenge required to get you where want to be. Successful people don't make excuses or blame others, they just focus on what they can do and what they have."

She said that Florence Nightingale once said, "I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuses."

Congratulations Graduates

The following are the names of the CSM students who graduated with associate degrees in nursing June 5, 2020: Dorothy Almony, Sarah Archer, Brooke Baggerly, Shanielle L. Bundy, Melissa A. Cavin, Camille N. Chambers, Karley J. Corpe, Sarah R. Crane, Roselyn Custodio, Gabrielle M. Deen, Blair C. Dowdell, Tanisha Dudley, Heather N. Edelen, Trisha Enesperos, Melinda F. Farrell, Kimberley V. Gonsalves, Kathryn Goss, Alyssa Gray, Adrian Guerrero-Villarreal, Kariana Hernandez, Cari Hopson, Darnel Hortelano, Carla N. Jackson, Victoria Janiszewski, Stephanie Jenkins Whipple, Jenae M. Jones, Sierra Jones, Tilaxmi Kafe, Amanda L. Leonard, Tabitha M. Long, Brianna Maloney, Danielle McCarthy, Emma B. Miller, Sabrina Myers, Emma Norris, Abena Boatemaa Okyere Acheampong, Veronica G. Olsen, Anna Nicole L. Pagala, Lauren A. Parker, Katelyn Permenter, Grace E. Prelog, Taylor M. Richards, Lori N. Rushworth, Silvia Sarnecki, Chelsea Sauer, Kristen Schoch, Elizabeth Soehl, Shari L. Templeman, Tina Thomson, India Vereen, Kristine E. Vermillion, Kelley Violette, Adam Warner, Lauren Welch, Amber N. Wenger, Shannon Windsor, Monique N. Wiseman and Kaleigh Summer Wood.

Press Release from CSM.

Schools Recognizes Volunteers of the Year

The Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools recognized the Volunteers of the Year at a virtual ceremony held during the June 11 board meeting. The honorees are selected by every school from among the numerous individuals who dedicate hours of service to the school community.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, "We are so appreciative of everyone who dedicates their time to volunteering, whether it is in school buildings or at home. Even during the school closure, many of our volunteers have continued to help from home in whatever way possible."

The 2020 Volunteers of the Year are:

Barstow Elementary School: Shannon Allor
 Beach Elementary School: Mary Sterling
 Calvert Country School: Jaquelin Jerald
 Calvert Elementary School: Juliana Howard
 Calvert High School: Lisa Von Nessen
 Calvert Middle School: Jacqueline Withrow
 Career and Technology Academy: Larry Ringold
 Dowell Elementary School: Veronica Lubkin

Huntingtown Elementary School: Jane Clark
 Huntingtown High School: Lori Moore
 Mill Creek Middle School: Altrimese McGlockton
 Mt. Harmony Elementary School: Ed Zumstein
 Mutual Elementary School: Lauren Clemons
 Northern High School: Raymond Chin
 Northern Middle School: Angelina Mackey
 Patuxent Appeal Campus: Altrimese McGlockton
 Patuxent High School: David Heist
 Plum Point Elementary School: Linda Carillo
 Plum Point Middle School: Kelli Jones
 Sunderland Elementary School: Michelle Rubio
 Southern Middle School: Dottie Wojciechowski
 St. Leonard Elementary School: Alexis Turner
 Windy Hill Elementary School: Jenna Lyons
 Windy Hill Middle School: Sandy Hunting

Press Release from CCPS.

CSM Bestows Faculty Excellence Award

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) honored Biology Professor Dr. Tracey Stuller with the college's Faculty Excellence Award. The award honors faculty for outstanding achievement in classroom teaching, contributions both to their department and the college, professional development and community commitment. Stuller has distinguished herself among the science and engineering division through her engagement with her students and her service to the college.

"Dr Stuller is one of those faculty members that every college needs," said CSM Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Eileen Abel. "She is an excellent teacher. She is passionate about helping students. She commits to her work with let's-get-it-done attitude. She is an excellent colleague and she just represents the best of CSM faculty. Dr Stuller deserves this award and we thank her for her years of dedication to educating the students of CSM."

"I was thrilled to be nominated and doubly thrilled to be chosen," Stuller shared. "Over the years, I have watched the caliber of professors who have been selected for this award and I am so honored to be among them."

"As a teacher she consistently earns high praise and recognition from her students," said Science and Engineering Division Chair Jean Russ. "She is regarded as approachable and knowledgeable as well as an excellent instructor. She provides thoughtful input during division-wide discussions and is among the most productive members of the division in service to the college and her students. She displays passion for her subject, genuine support for her students and a commitment to the mission of the college."

Stuller teaches anatomy at the Leonardtown Campus where she also participated in the effort to restore that campus' nature trail and advance the efforts to make CSM the first Bee Campus in Maryland. According to Russ, Stuller's "work and results stand as rich and substantive testimony to her professionalism and commit-



Dr. Tracey Stuller receives CSM's Faculty Excellence Award.

ment to the college, her students and the very concept of giving."

Stuller has worked for the college for more than 20 years and was awarded tenure in October 2019. The Charlotte Hall resident is a licensed veterinarian and shares her talent and expertise at the local humane society as a visiting vet.

"Students need to know that course information has relevance otherwise it is hard for them to see the value in it," she said of her teaching philosophy. "When possible, I tie current events and even advertisements back to my courses. Additionally, I pull from my experience as a practicing veterinarian and use cases that I have seen to illustrate key points and to highlight the concept of "One Health" which emphasizes the value in cross-collaboration among disciplines and encourages students to take a more global view of the concepts they are learning."

Stuller said she also likes to take her classes on the road to infuse interest and experience. "Today's students are juggling so much," she added. "Being reasonable and flexible with policies, acknowledges students' diverse challenges and emphasizes that above all things, I value the learning."

Press Release from CSM.

CSM Awarded Grants Supporting Students, Community

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) was awarded 36 grants totaling \$6.7 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. A large portion of the monies arrived in mid-April when CSM received \$2,707,755 in federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help the college with its response to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the multiple awards, project proposals totaling more than \$700,000 are pending award notification from funders such as the National Science Foundation and other public and private organizations. What follows is a glimpse of the funding since the first of the calendar year.

COVID-19 Assistance

Under the CARES Act Student Emergency Aid, the U.S. Department of Education granted CSM \$1,289,511 to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus and \$1,289,511 to provide emergency financial aid to students for expenses related to the disruption of on-campus operations. An additional \$128,733 was granted to CSM under the CARES Act Strengthening Institutions Program to address CSM's continuing institutional needs related to the pandemic. In late May, CSM disbursed \$1,124,855 directly to 2,042 of its students who met eligibility criteria.

Grants were also received to support the CSM Hawks Emergency Fund which was established by the CSM Foundation to support CSM students during the pandemic—whether educational or personal—with one-time financial assistance to help with enrollment-threatening emergencies. Needed funds came from:

\$2,500 from WesBanco Community Relief Fund

\$2,500 from Charles County Charitable Trust COVID-19 Emergency Fund (Round 2)

\$20,000 from Chaney Enterprise Foundation through the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County

"CSM's Grants Specialist Lesley Quattlebaum does an outstanding job collaborating with our faculty and staff to target appropriate funding resources, building relationships and writing incredibly lengthy and detailed applications all aimed at ensuring our students' success," said CSM Vice President of Advocacy and Community Engagement and the Executive Director of CSM Foundation Michelle Goodwin. "The amount of coordination with our many subject matter experts is impressive, and so is the CSM-wide effort to compete for these funds."

Learning Initiatives

CSM was awarded \$20,000 from the Maryland Open Resource Textbook (M.O.S.T) Initiative – Institutional Open Educational Resource Grant Program offered by the University System of Maryland Kirwan Center. This grant will support strategic institutional efforts to increase access, affordability and achievement for CSM students through systemic incorporation of open educational resour-

es (OER) into teaching practice.

CSM was successful in this highly competitive grant cycle as one of only two institutions to receive the award to support significant advances in OER adoption, scaling and sustainability in support of student success. Additionally, CSM will receive strategic planning and implementation support.

Thanks to a \$863,053 Consolidated Adult Education and Family Literacy Services Grant from the Maryland Department of Labor, CSM will be able to provide low/no cost Adult Basic Education (ABE), GED Preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL), EL civics and family literacy instruction in Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert counties. These classes help to prepare students to enter career pathways to either post-secondary education or through continuing education workforce training. The Maryland Adult National External Diploma Program (NEDP) is also offered. NEDP is a nationally recognized high school diploma option for adults, 18 and older.

Charles County Mediation Center

The Charles County Mediation Center is located at CSM's La Plata Campus to provide a confidential process for residents involved in a dispute, or who need to have a difficult conversation with the help of trained mediators. This year, the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office awarded CSM \$22,000 through the Community Mediation Performance Grant for the Charles County Community Mediation Center.

In addition, CSM was awarded \$65,000 through a Conflict Resolution Project Grant, also offered by the Maryland Judiciary Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office to help build out the Community Conferencing practice, which provides participants who are involved in and affected by a conflict or crime, a safe and structured space to resolve matters.

Velocity Center

Included in the FY 2020 grant summary is \$100,000 from a Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond to go toward the CSM Velocity Center in Indian Head. These funds assisted with completion of the build out and capital equipping of the project.

The CSM Velocity Center at Indian Head will have dedicated space for Navy research, ideation and design supporting small learning workshops and seminars, vendors' showcases, and use of visualization tools while maximizing the technology transfer of dual-use technologies and supporting educational partnerships.

Within this space, CSM will also host classes such as computer-aided design, cybersecurity, digital photography, drones/small unmanned aircraft systems, governmental procurement, social entrepreneurship and tech transfer entrepreneurship, among others. As a catalyst for workforce development, the Velocity Center has been described as a critical part of the future creative economic development of the town of Indian Head.

Press Release from CSM.

Letters TO THE Editor

We Grieve Yet Believe

To the Editor:

We grieve the death of Mr. George Floyd. His death was an injustice with disastrous consequences for all of us. This tragedy goes well beyond policing and is a stark reminder of the deep divisions in our society. Because of the clear injustice of Mr. Floyd's death, all of America is closely watching what unfolds. But we need to look deeper and ask how our country could have come to such a place. We are all complicit in this, by what we say and do and by what we fail to say and do.

From other police officers, we learn that the actions of these officers were contrary to official training and without justification. It is fundamental: when a person is arrested and controlled, the police officer's duty is to protect that person.

We respect our law enforcement professionals. Their jobs are dangerous and the vast majority rise to meet their professional responsibilities in the face of that danger. Many have laid their lives on the line for us. Yet we join the broad, bi-partisan condemnation of the death of

Mr. Floyd. We call for justice for him and his family.

While we share the anger and outrage precipitated by this latest example of injustice, yet we also decry the rioting that has ensued, just as we condemn the motivations of those who seek to perpetrate violence or exploit it for their own agendas.

Mr. Floyd's death needs to be a catalyst for renewal. We must work with civil authorities to remove the obstacles to constructive relationships and mutual accountability. We must re-commit to healing our communities.

Hatred and violence never heal divisions. There is a better way, perhaps the only way. From our perspective, it begins by accepting that we are all one in God's love. But, regardless of individual faith, or absence of faith, we must overcome suspicion and mistrust with respect and understanding, civility and friendship. We can set aside the extremes that divide us.

*The People of All Saints Church
Sunderland, Maryland*

Graduates: Stay Safe When Celebrating

To the Editor:

Congratulations Calvert County Class of 2020! COVID-19 has changed how you will celebrate your graduation but no matter how or where it's held be proud of your accomplishments and success.

Many Calvert County high school seniors had planned to participate in Project Graduation, an alcohol-free and drug-free celebration held on graduation night sponsored by the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAA-SA). For 32 years, students participated in the program as a way to celebrate safely with their friends. Transported by local bus drivers and bus contractors, they enjoyed hours of fun and food with the help of hundreds of volunteers, Optimist Club of Solomons, Optimist Club of Calvert and local law enforcement. This year, the venues will be quiet, buses will remain parked, volunteers will stay home, and the celebrations will be

hosted by family.

Celebrating our graduates is important and we want our students to be safe. We encourage those who are hosting parties not to encourage underage drinking or provide alcohol to those under-age. If you have a graduate planning to attend a party, have a conversation with them about the dangers of underage drinking and your expectations when it comes to consuming alcohol. Don't leave the safety of your child in the hands of their peers or an adult you don't know. Be sure you know where they are, who they are with and how they will get home. Most importantly, be available should your graduate need a safe ride home.

Enjoy this time with family and friends (COVID-19 style). Celebrate and be safe!

*Debra L. Mister, President
Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. Board of Directors*

We Will Miss Them

To the Editor:

Thank you, Dave Spigler for the wonderful tribute to the Four Sisters of Solomons (6/11/20). You caught their spirit as well and their stories. Their work in the school, and lately more in the community, have been appreciated. We have loved them for 86 years. I just want everyone to know that their leaving was not their or the parish's decision. It was the pastor's. We will miss them.

*Friends of the Sisters of Divine Providence,
Solomons, MD*

#Title IX @ Northern High School?

To the Editor:

In 1972, Title IX was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. This law states that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Almost all public elementary and secondary schools, and most colleges and universities, receive some sort of federal funding; their athletics programs are covered by Title IX. These educational facilities are bound, by law, to offer male and female students equal opportunities to play sports, which means equal quality and quantity of equipment and supplies; equal facilities such as locker rooms, fields, and arenas; fairness in scheduling games and practices; equal financial support for travel and other incurred expenses; and equal benefits and services/support from their school. Northern High School (NHS) appears to not be in compliance with Title IX.

First, a little background information; the enrollment percentage of male and female students, at NHS drawn from the most recent school year of 2019-2020, was; males-47 percent and females-53 percent, yet the percentage of male and female athletes, for that same year, was males-55.5 percent and females-44.5 percent.

The (attached) picture shows some practice fields used by sport teams at NHS. The baseball field has new sod, a privacy fence, and an irrigation system. Adjacent to the baseball facility is the softball facility. The scoreboard for baseball is three times the size of the scoreboard for softball; 8 times State CHAMPIONS. Unlike baseball, the dugouts for the Softball team do not provide protection from the sun or rain. Below the softball field, is the combined JV and Varsity football practice field which is the size of TWO football fields. The boys' JV and

Varsity Lacrosse team practice on the same field during the spring. The JV and Varsity Field Hockey teams must share a practice field with the girls' and boys' Varsity Soccer teams; four teams practicing on one field. The girls' Field hockey team does not get to play their home games in the football stadium but instead, a converted soccer field. However, they play in the football stadium at Patuxent High School at away games. Meanwhile, the tennis team, which was slated to have eight tennis courts before recent renovations at NHS, projected to have four tennis courts August 2020; two tennis courts for the girls' team and two tennis courts for the boys' team. The girls' tennis team needs five tennis courts and the boys' team needs four courts for practices and home games. After some complaints were raised, the surface of the existing two tennis courts behind Northern Middle School (NMS) has been redone. However, those will be taken away, when renovations for NMS begin. It is estimated that the building of eight tennis courts would cost \$680,000; just over 1 percent of the \$60 million operating budget. Why do the football, boys' lacrosse and baseball athletes, have superior practice and game facilities over the tennis, field hockey and softball teams? Why does Huntingtown High School have 8 tennis courts?

The Calvert County Interscholastic handbook states, "The Principal, Activities Director, and Supervisor of Athletics, have complete control over the Athletics budget for every Calvert County public school." What oversight is in place to avoid any potential bias those three individuals might have, or be persuaded to have, with such a weighty decision?

Finally, a great deal of consideration is given in recruiting football and baseball coaches at NHS. When did coaching high school football or baseball become so lucrative?

*Beth M. Bubser
Dunkirk*



In Remembrance

The Calvert County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to jenicoster@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Walton Joseph "Sully" Sullivan



Walton Joseph "Sully" Sullivan, 86, of Solomons, MD and formerly of Linthicum, MD, passed away on June 7, 2020 at Solomons Nursing Center.

Born January 16, 1934 in Scranton, PA, he was the son of the late Robert Sullivan and Vivian (Coleman) Sullivan.

Sully graduated from St. Peter's Prep in 1951. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a Radio Operator from February 27, 1952 until October 26, 1956. Sully was a Division Chief for the National Security Agency for forty two years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the BWI Thurgood Marshall Pathfinder Program and the Phoenix Society, and he organized the Jelly Beans Softball Team.

Sully is survived by his children, Walton Sullivan, Jr. (Cathy Johnston) of KY, Robert Sullivan (Nancy) of VA, Jeffrey Sullivan of MD, Sean Sullivan (Diane) of MD, Patricia Sullivan Arter (Irvin) of SC, Pamela Donohue (Patrick) of MD, Kathleen Sullivan Arban (John) of MD, and Christopher Birely, Sr. (Katie) of DE; nineteen grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren; and former wife Kathleen Sullivan. On November 6, 2014 he was preceded in death by his wife,

Lola Jane Sullivan whom he married on October 14, 1989 in Pasadena, MD. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Robert Sullivan, Jerry Sullivan and Sharon Kuhfeldt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220.

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

Catherine Louise Hall



Catherine Louise Hall, 82, of Huntingtown, MD passed away on June 14, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Catherine was born in 1937 to Albert and Edith Miller.

She was predeceased by her husband John E. Hall. She is survived by her children, Michale Hall, Patricia Bradburn, Ronald Hall, Jeanette Hall, and John Hall. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and her brother; Ray Miller of Athens, OH and sister; of Breezy Point, MD.

All services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Clare Boyle Kownacki

On June 11, 2020 Clare Boyle



Kownacki of Lutherville, MD passed away. The beloved mother of Mary Clare K. Fedor, Francis Roman Kownacki, Jr., Elizabeth Bolton and Susan Kownacki; grandmother of Megan Fedor, Stephanie and Michael Bolton and Nicholas Bruno. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Francis "Frank" Kownacki and grandson Patrick Fedor.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, PO Box 560, Solomons, MD 20688 or to the Gilchrist Hospice 555 W Towsontown Blvd W, Towson, MD 21204.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Margaret Lewis Eversfield



Margaret Lewis Eversfield, 79, a resident of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and former resident of Dunkirk, MD, passed away June 9, 2020. Mar-

garet was born October 25, 1940 in Upper Marlboro, MD to Margaret E. (Sweeney) and Thomas P. Lewis II. She was raised in Upper Marlboro on her family's farm, and graduated from Frederick Sasser High School in 1958. She was employed as a secretary with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she was secretary to the head of the USDA Research Service and retired after over 35 years of service. She was previously married to William L. Windsor, and married William O. "Bill" Eversfield May 2, 1980. She and Bill lived on their farm in Dunkirk where they raised strawberries and mums, and operated a produce stand for many years, which she continued after Bill's death in 2004. Margaret was an active member of Friendship U. M. Church, NARFE, and was a supporter of the SCAN food bank. She loved shopping, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband Bill, brothers Buck, Walter, Johnny, Frankie and Joe Lewis, and sisters Betty Dent and Cecilia Moore. She is survived by a daughter Janet L. Schmidt of Friendship, grandchildren Tina Lott and husband Michael Thomas, and Larry Lott and wife Victoria, all of Lusby; great-grandchildren Kevin, Alissa, Jonathon, Leigha, Tyler, Katie and Kolton; a brother Tom Lewis, and sisters Linda McMillan, Barbara Bell, Helen Marth, Ann Howerton, Mary Williams, and Kathryn Bradshaw.

Please be advised that services for Margaret will be private and by invitation by her immediate family. We understand that this is difficult for those who knew and loved Margaret and are unable to attend her memorial. On behalf of her family, we ask for your understanding in these difficult times.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship United Methodist Church, 22 West Friendship Road, Friendship, MD 20758.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.



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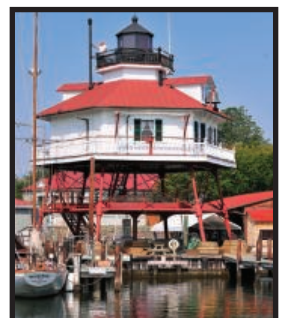
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