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Fire, Rescue Control Bill Killed

Gave Commissioners Authority

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has rejected a staff proposal to ask the county's legislative delegation to give the BOCC "the ultimate authority having jurisdiction over the provision of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in Calvert County."

During a presentation of legislative proposals by County Attorney John Norris, the request from the Department of Public Safety was quickly attacked by Commissioner Mike Hart.

"My 20 percent is, if I dropped dead today, or if I'm on his board a thousand years, I do not want any control whatsoever over the volunteer emergency service. I have nothing but the ultimate respect for them. I don't propose to know how to do their job or have done their job, nor do I want to tell them how to do their job," Hart said.

The day before on Facebook Hart promised to kill the proposal. "This is not happening. Please give me tomorrow to straighten this out. I apologize for misinformation. I will handle this tomorrow."

Hart, keeping his word, moved to quash the proposal, which was seconded by Commissioner Buddy Hance. Commissioner Steve Weems said he would support the motion but would like further study.

"I would like for the staff to go back to the community and discuss this," Weems said. He added, "We made a decision based on what they (the fire and rescue community) wanted and I respect what they want and I respect what they need to do to move forward efficiently. I think it just needs discussion."

The vote was 4-1 to remove the item from the legislative package. Commissioner Tim Hutchins opposed the motion saying, "It's not about do I know that tactical piece of operation, it's about the total picture and how we're going to address this moving forward in the future. It's a different environment than what it was years ago."

In a memo to the BOCC to support the request, Director of Public Safety Jacquelyn Vaughn said, "The board recognizes that, historically, the companies have provided fire, rescue and emergency medical services in Calvert County in a long-standing tradition of volunteer service to the community and citizenry of the county. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes and thanks the companies and their members for their time-honored record of volunteer service to Calvert County. The recent integration of Career EMS clinicians describes the challenges that the all-volunteer fire, rescue and emergency medical services faces, just not



Commissioner Mike Hart

in Calvert but in many jurisdictions throughout the state and country. Past history in other counties that have transitioned from 100 percent volunteer service to a combination of career and volunteer service has shown that the local elected officials need to have the Authority Having Jurisdiction in order to ensure these services are provided uninterrupted, coordinated throughout the county and at levels that meet the demand."

Norris presented five staff proposals in all, and another one was rejected outright. Hart in the same Facebook posting the day before described the proposal as "paying for trash bags."

The proposal from the Solid Waste Division as described by Norris "is hoped to encourage recycling by not charging customers to drop off recycling at the green box sites, but would charge them for disposing of municipal solid waste or household solid waste at the green box sites."

Hart said, "I don't want to see this back on and be really clear so that I don't have to deal with this day in and day out. I don't know about the rest of you. I want this one squashed."

It was, also on a 4-1 vote, with Hutchins opposing.

The three proposals that remain are:

- Make it easier to remove a boat from the Solomons Comfort Station dock,

- Increase the county's bonding authority by a yet-to-be-determined amount, and

- Allow the county to enter into longer term lease contracts with cellular companies for use of county-owned water tanks.

The BOCC will be meeting with the delegation next month to discuss those proposals, which all require authority from the Maryland General Assembly.

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Calvert Housing Inventory Down Dramatically

Average Sales Price Up

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland's August housing market demonstrated substantial recovery from spring's COVID-related disruptions, according to housing statistics released by Maryland REALTORS®. Data from June through August show both an increase in average and median home prices, and a decline in months of available inventory, echoing nationwide trends and sparking concern over housing imbalances.

Calvert County showed corresponding results. The data showed a 17.8 percent increase in the average sales price over the corresponding period last year, to \$449,234.

The inventory at the end of the summer was at 184 units, compared to 544 last year. The average time on the market declined to 1.3 months from 3.8 months.

Charles and St. Mary's counties are seeing similar trends.

Dave Spigler, a real estate agent out of the Century 21 office in Prince Frederick confirmed on the ground what the statistics are showing. He said families stuck at home with the pandemic are looking for more space and larger houses.

"It's a seller's market," he conceded.

Statewide, "The average sales price increased year-over-year from \$361,823 to \$402,452 and the median price increased from \$310,000 to \$340,000, growth of 11.2 percent and 9.7 percent, respectively" said Maryland REALTORS® President John A. Harrison. "Months of inventory dropped 60 percent to just 1.4 months, compared to 3.5 last year, which is a historic low for the state. Moreover, the median days on market fell from 22 to 9 which aligns with stories we've heard of bidding wars and homes selling within hours of hitting the market."

"The most notable, but unsurprising, feature of the current housing market is the sharp rise in activity in rural areas," said Harrison. Seven of Maryland's rural counties have seen over 20 percent increases in average prices over last year. With the rise in working from home, commute times are less of a factor. That and the relative affordability of rural areas make urban and some suburban communities less attractive. "The pandemic has prompted individuals and families to reimagine their housing requirements, often desiring home office space and more expansive outdoor living areas."

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United Way House to be Sold Agency to Move to Smaller Space



Sign installation for United Way House & Volunteer Resource Center

By Dick Myers
Editor

The pandemic has been an especially tough time for Calvert County's non-profit community. They provide needed services in crisis situations such as we are enduring. Yet, their ability to raise funds, and the amount of funds available from a cash strapped community, have diminished.

Last week The Calvert County Times reported on the closing of the Hospice House. This week United Way of Calvert County has announced they are downsizing and selling their signature headquarters facility on Main Street in Prince Frederick.

A missive sent out to supporters from The United Way Team was labeled "We're Relocating, Change is Good."

The letter said, "Since the pandemic, the work of United Way has continued. Like many nonprofits, we have had to adapt to a 'new normal'."

On the decision to sell their facility, the letter said, "While this was a very difficult decision, it was the most financially responsible decision to make. Our mission has been and always will be our priority. While the house has been a great backdrop and steppingstone to our progress, we can continue to achieve our mission with less space. Our work has not and will not waiver, even as we go through the process of selling our building."

The letter said they are seeking the community's help in finding "our next small space."

According to their website, "United Way of Calvert County was incorporated on April 23, 1980. Since then, UWCC has raised over 14 million dollars."

In 1996 The United Way House & Volunteer Resource Center opened its doors at 530 Main Street "to act as a hub for local human service agencies," also according to their website.

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Calvert Gun Shops Takes Deaf, Hard of Hearing to the Range

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

They came from all over Maryland, Virginia and even Ohio to take the National Rifle Association's basic pistol marksmanship course at J2 Defense in Prince Frederick; some had some experience shooting while others had little.

But one thing they all shared, they were all either deaf or hard of hearing.

"I was curious because it was an opportunity to with interpreters," said Jennifer Herzog from Arnold. "I was looking for a way to do that."

Herzog said she was martial artist, practicing both Tae Kwon Do and Eskrima, and was contemplating buying a handgun.

"I would like to but I haven't decided yet," Herzog said.

Herzog would go on to shoot quite well during the range time near the end of the one-day class.

"I enjoyed it," she said of the class. "The instruction was great."

Jason and Karla Mooney, partners in the business at J2 Defense, took six students through the class which included hours of classroom learning on safety, types of guns, cleaning and maintenance, the fundamentals of shooting and marksmanship.

"Having interpreters in American Sign Language was definitely different," Karla said. "Some of them have been waiting to do something like this for years."

"It's a needful class; they have limitations that we have no idea about."

Jason said that he and his wife teach the course without cutting corners and the students who attend are often motivated to learn.

"These students seem to be just that kind of student," Jason said. "For the first class [of its kind], it went really fine."

Jason Mooney said he wanted to analyze the class and ensure that it can be replicated by other training groups interested in teaching those with special needs.

The students went through simulated shooting using the MILOS system which involves scenarios played out on a movie screen in which the shooter uses a laser-shooting handgun and decides to either shoot or not.

The computer scores how accurate they were and changes the difficulty of scenarios.

The students then moved out to an open-air range to shoot to qualify to pass the basic pistol class at Level No. 1.

"I want to learn how to defend myself and my family," said Franklyn Ash of Lanham. "I used to box and fight in MMA (mixed martial arts) so I'm not allowed to use my hands to protect myself."

"We live in tumultuous times."

Ash was interested in buying both a



handgun and rifle and he praised the volunteer instructors and interpreters who helped teach the class.

"This is a great place for the deaf and hard of hearing to learn," Ash said. "There's a larger deaf community here in Maryland."

Ash grew up in Detroit, and both he and Herzog were deaf, communicating through interpreters at the Oct. 3 class.

Stephanie Schaffer was one of three interpreters to help during the class.

"I am so glad I was able to volunteer for this course," Schaffer said. "I was most struck by one participant who flew here from Ohio because they found out there was a handgun course being offered with interpreters."

Such opportunities are few and far between for the deaf, she said.

"Many echoed a similar sentiment, because more often than not, deaf people are denied interpreters when asking for access," Schaffer said. "I wanted to make sure that people in the deaf community would have access to firearms instruction the same way I do."

Omar Chung, an Upper Marlboro resident who is hard of hearing, helped organize the class through social media; he is a gun enthusiast who is an assistant NRA instructor.

Chung said having interpreters working while instructors were teaching was the most effective way for the deaf and hard of hearing to learn.

"I want to be a full basic pistol instructor," Chung said, noting that the class was aimed at empowering the deaf and hard of hearing as much as it was about learning to shoot.

"It's more about accessibility for the deaf and hard of hearing," Chung said. "I have a lot of respect for gun dealers in the region, but they might not know about deaf culture or the deaf community."

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Chad Leo: Board of Education Candidate

Challenging Incumbent Dawn Balinski

By Dick Myers
Editor

Salisbury University student and Patuxent High School graduate Chad Leo is challenging incumbent Dawn Balinski in the Commissioner District 1 Board of Education race on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Despite Leo's age and Balinski's two terms in office, Leo (19) believes he is the most experienced.

Leo is a county native and product of Calvert County Public Schools. His two brothers are still in Patuxent High School and both parents are teachers (one in Calvert, the other in St. Mary's).

In an Oct. 5 interview with The County Times, Leo said, "I think I actually have more experience, with our schools than Ms. Balinski. I've seen firsthand the challenges of our teachers and students, whereas Ms. Balinski has not seen that challenge in 10 years. Her daughter graduated in 2010. My brothers are still in the school. I think there's a clear difference in experience. Whereas I have the relevant firsthand experience. Ms. Balinski has failed experience on the school board. It's not just the number of years that you're on a school board, but it's the amount that you have done or what you've done before. And this time on the school board our school system rankings have dropped from one



Chad Leo

to four."

Leo was vocal during the controversy over teacher safety in the classrooms which overwhelmed the school board for much of last year and he contends that Balinski was silent on the issue. "She had no plan."

Leo also chided his opponent for signing Superintendent Daniel Curry's new contract with a more than \$200,000 price tag which he said is \$20,000 more than the St. Mary's superintendent makes.

Leo said the teachers didn't endorse Balinski and don't support her. Leo was not endorsed by the teachers either.

"Experience and years of service are two completely different things. I have the experience," he insisted. "I know

what's going on in our schools. Ms. Balinski clearly does not."

Earlier in the interview, when asked why he was running, he said, "because of the inaction of my opponent, the silence on key issues, such as school safety, supporting our teachers and ethical education."

He added, "I chose to run because I believe it's time for change. We need somebody with relevant, firsthand knowledge of what's going on in our system."

"I believe my opponent is out of touch," Leo said.

He said it was a personal decision for him. "The lack of respect given to our teachers, I experienced that personally through the many stories that I've heard at home from my parents coming home every day, disgruntled because of the way they were being treated by their administrators and then not supported by their school board. From the way that my brother, who as a sophomore at Patuxent High School, would come home crying because of being bullied, which had never happened before until recently. From (the way) my other brother, who's a senior in high school, has faced simply because of being an African American male inside of the school system."

Leo, as a current undergraduate Salisbury University student is doing online learning from home. If elected, he said he would transfer to St. Mary's College. He aspires to be a lawyer.

Regarding his years in the school system, Leo said, "I think I got a quality education and I attribute that to the skills and the expertise from the talent of our educators. Unfortunately, we're losing a lot of educators due to the disrespect and lack of support that they're receiving. My high school math teacher, who I stay in touch with on a daily basis, left and went to St. Mary's County, where she is much happier."

Leo was asked how the administration fits into the school system's failures. He said, "So the school board is actually in charge of the administration, and that's one of the issues that the school board has not acted their role in the leadership of the county schools."

He said the school board approves the hiring of every administrator. "They haven't thoroughly investigated them before approving them. They haven't held them accountable when in office, especially our superintendent."

He praised current President Inez Claggett and Vice President Pamela Cousins for resisting rubber stamping everything.

"The school board is elected by the community to stand up for our community and our constituents," he said.

Regarding how the school system has handled the pandemic, he said, "I think the situation has definitely shown and highlighted the work of our educators who have gone above and beyond given

the lack of planning time they received. During the pandemic I was very disappointed at the leadership of the school board and particularly the leadership of my opponent."

He said Balinski flipped her position during a July school board meeting about the back to school plan and then more recently she supported Dr. Curry's plan for a hybrid model for younger learners when she had only received that plan that day.

Leo was asked if last year's discipline problem could abate with the teachers having more time to spend with potential offenders with the limited in-person learning. He said, "I think in a utopia it could happen. Remember, the teachers are now being placed in a position of teaching students in-person and online." So, with that double duty, he said, "I don't know if that's at all possible, given the amount of students that the teachers have right now."

He doesn't support a hybrid model. "I don't want the educators put in a position where they have to teach online and in person at the same time. We need to balance the needs of teachers with the opportunity that we have to support the struggling students."

Leo was asked how he would have responded last year to the concerns about student discipline. He said the school board members failed to go into the classrooms to see first-hand what the problems were.

He added, "I am very much against seclusion and restraint. I think it plays as an unnecessary mental and physical harm on students and educators who are being forced to use it."

"I think communicating with the special education teacher, the parents of our students and the students themselves, we can find a solution that would work best," he said.

He observed, "The reason that seclusion and restraint were happening was that there were no other options."

Leo said he has received the endorsement of the tri-county AFL-CIO COPE and "Run for Something," a national organization. He said new school board member Pat Nutter has also endorsed him.

Regarding his campaign, he said, "We have actually been the only candidate actively campaigning." He added that Balinski hasn't changed her Facebook page since January and he's been posting regularly.

"We're out knocking doors every day in a socially distance manner," he added.

Leo said, "We've really been out there talking to voters, and we're hearing the same thing. It's that it's time for change. It's time for transparency and it's time for accountability. And that's why I'm running. I'm running as that change candidate."

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School Board Candidate Dawn Balinski: Incumbent Seeks Third Term

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Board of Education member Dawn Balinski is seeking reelection to her Commissioner District 1 seat in the Nov. 3 election. She is being challenged by Chad Leo.

Balinski is seeking her third term. She served from 2010 to 2014 in the At-Large seat but was defeated by the late Bill Phalen in a reelection bid. She then ran in 2016, defeating Stephen Jones, Jr. for the District 1 seat.

In an Oct. 1 interview with The County Times, it was observed to Balinski that the pandemic has not only been difficult for students, parents and teachers, but it has been also trying for the school board, following on the heels of controversies about school security and classroom discipline. She was asked why in that climate she decided to run for reelection.

She stated, "Well, sometimes I ask myself that same question. It's a very fulfilling position. To be in the decision-making body of something so important as our public schools has always been a real draw for me. As a parent going with my kids through public schools, I always sort of wanted to be at the table helping to make decisions and just thought that my qualifications ended up matching what a good school board member would be.

"It's sure a very trying position because no matter what decision we as a school board make, it's going to be wrong for some people. When I started, we had the recession. So, for the first four years I was on the board, it was a very unhappy time with no salary increases and steps in the line. And then Sandy Hook Elementary School happened, which was where a lot of fear went through the system about how safe our schools were. So, we went through that and now a global pandemic, which is just amazing. This, I have to say, has been the most trying one because it impacts literally everyone in a county and parents are just put in impossible situations in some cases."

Balinski supported starting school online with only those unable to handle it being brought into school. Her motion to bring Pre-K to 2nd grade students back in a hybrid model failed on a 2-2 tie.

About the feedback she has received, she said any nastiness has been rare. "It's just a lot of frustration and people trying to explain their situations to us, which we empathize and it's especially (hard) for the kids, and that's why we're trying for those that just are really challenged in the online format, which we're trying to see if conditions warrant for us to be able to bring them back into the buildings Pre-K through 2nd grade. We're trying to take those first steps, which is what (Governor) Hogan has been suggesting for school systems to do. But some teachers see it as us putting them in danger and that's also a very, very difficult decision to me."

Balinski's challenger is a college student, Chad Leo, so she believes experience differentiates them. "Those that can have the steadiest hand. It is a very difficult time to navigate through."



Dawn Balinski

She added, "I know that Chad has got a lot of good passion behind his running and I encouraged him to run. But this would be very difficult for someone brand new because it's already like a firehose, when you walk in, the decisions you're asked to make. The learning curve is very, very steep. It would be difficult for the staff and all the board members to have to bring a person who's never been experienced before on the board along on a couple of the issues."

Regarding the behavior issue that subsumed the board last year, she said, "We have gotten a little bit of experience under our belt now that since we brought in students on the 21st (of September) where these are the small subgroups of students, some of whom were the ones that were the most behaviorally challenged. These are the ones though that just really need the in-person type of interaction."

She added, "Mental health professionals in our system are finding that they're able to reach children a little bit more when there's no distractions. They get them one-to-one on the virtual format and so when they're going to now start bringing people back in little by little, I think it may be a little bit different environment, and the kids may not be acting out as much."

The board, she said, trends to hear the complaints about virtual learning instead of praises. "Then when we bring this to the staff, they say, you're only hearing the negatives. You're not hearing the positives"

So, they're getting conflicting input. She said, "It's a confusing time out there, and it is going to be a very difficult decision we're going to have to make as far as whether we think the tradeoff between staying fully virtual, which is not the best, it was particularly difficult for the younger kids. What the tradeoff is to bringing them in hybrid, getting more in person, but perhaps having to play as I called it before Whac-A-Mole with this virus. We might have to shut down some classrooms and that's further disruptions to the schedule."

She added, "We're working very closely with the health department to make sure we have quick testing, tracing, isolating procedures in place to where we can hopefully stamp out, contain any kind of outbreak before it happens."

Balinski is hopeful there will be a reconsideration of the tie vote that halted plans to bring in the younger students.

The pandemic has put on hold advancing plans for curriculum improvement. She said, "Our main concern right now is just making sure that we can keep a level

of learning that is absolutely necessary for these kids."

She said the bringing in of the kids who are struggling the most is intended to allow them to catch up with what they've missed online. She believes the problems have occurred mostly in elementary school.

Balinski was asked about progress towards diversity. She said, "That's always an incredible challenge for us to convince minority teachers to come down to Calvert County."

She added, "We have put a full-on push in the school system to reduce the amount of inappropriate behavior that tends toward racist behavior or intolerant behavior of anything, religion, or the LGBTQ community."

Balinski boted, "We're actually putting it into our curriculum. We're teaching tolerance; we're doing social, emotional development in small grades all the way up. So, we're trying to help kids become more tolerant in their acceptance of different subgroups of different minorities."

Regarding the racial graffiti incident at Calvert High School, she said, "We were having courageous conversations for two years, and teachers were doing book studies and after-school group discussions and so much good was happening and for five graduated students of Calvert County to do that horrific incident. It was deflating for every single person in the administration plus the board members."

She said Calvert High School has started a series of town hall meetings to address the problem.

Regarding School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry's performance, she said, "We have relied on his in-depth experience as a superintendent to bring us through. It's new ground for everybody, but he's got good rapport with the other superintendents around the state. And that's important. We are really relying on our board of education members who are very tied in with other board members around the state. So, it's that kind of open communication when we learning good things from each other. Dr. Curry is very good at that and passing along best practices to our school system."

Balinski and her husband moved to Calvert 26 years ago when he got a job in Upper Marlboro. They were attracted to the county's school system.

Their two children attended public schools and are now in their upper 20s.

According to her biography on the school board website: "Balinski earned her bachelor's degree from Auburn University and her master's degree in international business from the University of South Carolina. She co-founded an engineering firm that designs underwater equipment with her husband. Balinski currently serves as the treasurer of the Maryland Forestry Boards Foundation."

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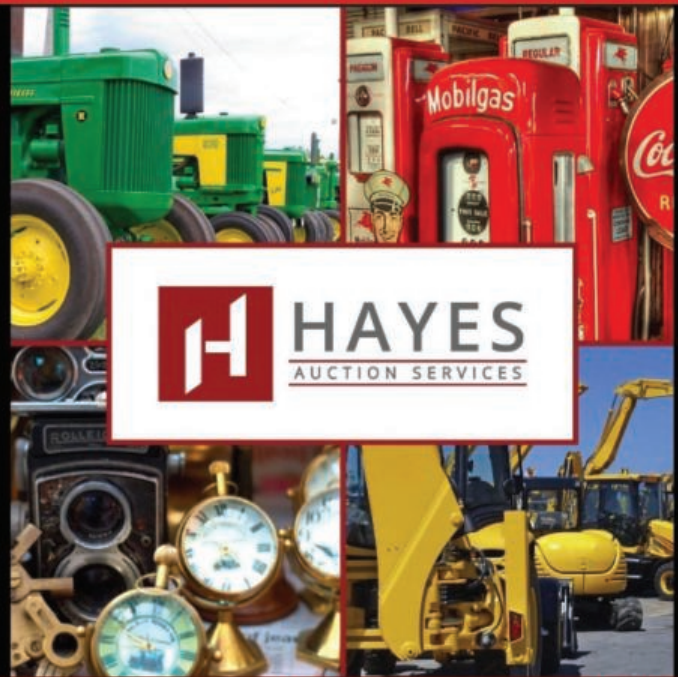
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Legislation Establishes New National Heritage Area

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) and Senator Ben Cardin (MD) released the following statement Oct. 5 announcing legislation to designate Southern Maryland as a National Heritage Area (NHA) to further commemorate, conserve and promote important natural, scenic, historic, cultural and recreational resources in St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles and Prince George's counties. Senator Chris Van Hollen is an original co-sponsor of the legislation.

National Heritage Areas are partnerships among the National Park Service, states and local communities in which the Park Service supports state and local conservation through federal recognition, seed money and technical assistance. Unlike lands within the National Park System, which are federally owned and managed, lands within heritage areas typically remain in state, local, or private ownership – or a combination thereof.

“I’m proud to introduce this important legislation to designate Southern Maryland as a National Heritage Area and ensure our treasured natural and historic resources are preserved for generations to come,” said **Congressman Hoyer**. “Our legislation will provide federal funding to support conservation efforts in our region, which in turn will grow our local economy. I thank the Members of the Maryland Delegation for their support of this legislation.”

“A Southern Maryland National Heritage Area will boost awareness and federal support of a part of the state whose resources need to be better protected, whose story needs to be comprehensively told, and whose beauty needs to be more widely appreciated,” said **Senator Cardin**. “This new legislation will help direct federal seed money to spark the growth of programs and partnerships designed to boost a wide range of tourism and historic and

cultural preservation initiatives.”

The largest site of the original Maryland colony, St. Mary's City was the seat of colonial government until 1708. Religious freedom was first codified in 1649 with “An Act Concerning Religion” (or, the Toleration Act) that provided the foundation for the religious liberty clauses in the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In addition, the area holds historic significance as the location where the first person of African descent served in a legislature in the U.S. (Mathias de Sousa, 1642); the first woman petitioned for suffrage (Margaret Brent, 1648); UNESCO designated a Slave Route Site of Remembrance; and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe gained recognition of their ancestral home.

This heritage area is also the location of the National Religious Freedom Byway, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, and sites related to the American Revolutionary War, War of 1812, American Civil War, WWI and WWII, and the Project Mercury human spaceflight program. Most recently, the area includes Mallow's Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary.

by Senator Cardin and Congressman Hoyer authorizes \$10 million in appropriations, of which not more than \$1 million may be used in any fiscal year, with a 50% maximum federal cost-share.

Congress has established 55 National Heritage Areas since 1984. Maryland currently is home to one intrastate and two interstate National Heritage Areas, the Baltimore NHA, Journey through Hallowed Ground NHA (Md., Penn., Va., W.Va.), and Appalachian Forest NHA (Md., W.Va.).

Press Release from Rep. Steny Hoyer and Sen. Ben Cardin.

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF CARINNA MARIA DeSANTIS
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO KYLE MAXWELL DeSANTIS
BY AND THROUGH HIS/HER MOTHER
In the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland

Case No.: C-04-FM-20-486
Notice

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from CARINNA MARIA DeSANTIS to KYLE MAXWELL DeSANTIS. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: This is my child's preferred name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 10/23/2020. 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.

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Growing During a Pandemic

Sneade's ACE Hardware Doubles in Size

By Dick Myers
Editor

The pandemic has hit small businesses especially hard. Many are retrenching, what with capacity limitations, social distancing and mask requirements, and reluctant consumers. Yet one Calvert County based small business just doubled in size, expanding from two to four locations.

Sneade's Ace Home Centers, with locations in Owings and Lusby, has just purchased two Ace Hardware stores in St. Mary's County, in Leonardtown and Charlotte Hall, and began operating them on Oct. 1.

Sneade's origins go back to 1975 when Dave Sneade and his father Wilson purchased Tucker's Hardware in North Beach.

Dave's daughter Dana Banyasz explained, "My dad was actually in college and my grandfather was in the banking world. He was a director of a bunch of different banks. He did bank mergers and then was just tired of doing that and saw an article in the newspaper for a little hardware store for sale. And he was like, 'I'm going to do it.'"

Wilson Sneade said, "I can't handle the stress. I'm going to probably have a heart attack," his granddaughter reported.

"It was a leap of faith, for sure," Banyasz said, noting her parents "had \$300 to their name and this hardware store. It was tough definitely in the beginning. Their growth was slow."

They stayed in North Beach until the late 80s when they purchased Owings Lumber, a hardware store with a lumber yard. It continues to be the family business anchor.

"That's how we got into the lumber business," she said, adding, "It's funny, we bought Owings Lumber just because we wanted the building that was bigger and we honestly had no plans of staying in lumber. We were just going to continue with the hardware."

But customers kept asking for it, "so



The Sneade family (front row) Sydney Rae, Brantley (back row) Adam, Kelsey, Dave, Lynnne, Dana, & Ben

then we'd order more and then they'd be like, 'Are you going to carry this again?' So, then we'd order more. And so that's when it morphed into having the full drive-through lumber yard that we have now."

"It's added a great contractor base to our stores, which has been really fantastic. It's been awesome," she observed.

Next came the purchase of the Solomons Ace Hardware store, then located on Routes 2/4 near the Navy recreation center, in the 90s and later still a move to the existing Lusby store.

Banyasz was born in 1986 and has been involved in the business since her very early years. Her parents, including her mother Lynnne, eventually bought the business from Dave's father and now mother, father, daughter, and son-in-law Ben own and run the business.

"Hardware has been our life forever," Dana Banyasz said.

And even though the business grew on a steady course over the years, they have always had an entrepreneurial spirit, she said.

"You can't stay stagnant in retail; it's constantly changing. And so, we're constantly looking for ways to improve our customer's shopping experience and make it better and different," she said. "And that's kind of how we've tagged ourselves as not your average hardware store because we do offer a variety of stuff from like the gifting department that we have when you first come in."

Part of the plan, she said, was to move away from a store that just appealed to men to have something for women as well. Her mother these days is especially involved in buying for the gift department.

Banyasz graduated from Salisbury University in 2008 with a major in management and minored in accounting. "Right after that is when I joined the business full time, but it was kind of all-ways like a summer job or in the afternoons or evenings."

She is Director of Operations for the company and as such has been deeply involved in their takeover of the two St. Mary's County stores. Her husband, who

joined the company three-and-a-half years ago, also is active in that transition.

The expansion, she said, "it's something that we've always kind of wanted to grow the business, and especially once my husband joined, because then I had a partner through all of this. We've just had it on our hearts."

She said the company has been working with the former owner, Al Rudman, for a while, "just to find out when the time was right for them and it was right for us."

She conceded, "It's crazy that it lined up right now in the middle of a pandemic. Who would have thought?"

But she noted she believes things wouldn't have gone too much differently even without the pandemic, except for having to wear a mask every day.

She said, "It's still the basics of getting in there and getting into the nitty gritty of learning everything about how they do business here and learning all the customers here."

It's been a good fit because the new stores are also Ace Hardwares and have been operated similarly. The sizes are similar although the two new stores don't have lumber.

The Ace brand is a cooperative. She said, "We're all independently owned. We can make our own decisions and kind of do what we want. It just is a bunch of stores that get together that we have larger buying leverage." That allows for discount pricing, she said, along with marketing support.

Banyasz said, "The customers so far have been so welcoming to us. And it's crazy how many customers cross between our stores in Calvert and the stores here (in St. Mary's), which is pretty cool to see."

As to potential changes at the new stores, she said, "You know, right now we're just kind of laying low a little bit where we're going to see how everything operates. Of course we're going to come over and kind of put our Sneade spin on it. The Rudmans have done a great job in the community and built a great business and our goal is just honestly, to build upon what they built."

Ben Banyasz noted, "We are firm believers that we're called for an ultimate purpose."

As to the expansion, he noted, "The whole driving force around us wanting to grow is we want to have an impact on not only the community, but ultimately our staff. And so, we want to spread anything positive and exciting that we can do to make people's lives better. That's one of the main reasons why we want to grow, and they're not going to grow to be too big where we can't make an impact on those people that we're ultimately serving within our organization and community."

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CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of September 21 – September 27 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,258 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 20-50152

On September 24, 2020, Deputy Sturdivant responded to Ketch Road in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between June 21st and September 7th an unknown suspect(s) stole the power module from their boat. The value of the estimated property is \$600.

Damaged Property: 20-50321

On September 25, 2020, Deputy S. Naughton responded to Short Bow Trail in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between September 23rd and September 25th several of their vehicles had been scratched. The value of the damaged property is \$3800.

Arrests:

On September 21, 2020, Deputy Savick responded to E. Chesapeake Beach Rd. Owings (Dash-In) for a disorderly complaint. The complainant advised a male subject **Vernon K. Pumphrey, Jr. (64)** was inside the store threatening the clerk and damaging property. Deputy Savick located Mr. Pumphrey in the parking lot and asked him several times to lower his voice and stop cursing. Mr. Pumphrey continued to yell, curse, and not follow Deputy Savick's commands. Deputy Savick placed Mr. Pumphrey in custody and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where Mr. Pumphrey was charged with disorderly conduct and malicious destruction of property.



Vernon K Pumphrey Jr

On September 21, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski was clearing a call at Walmart in Prince Frederick when he

observed a male that appeared to be passed out on the side of the building. Deputy Kwitowski made contact with the individual identified as **Robert A. Rice (54)** to check his welfare. While speaking with Mr. Rice, Deputy Kwitowski observed the strong odor of alcohol; Calvert emergency communications advised Deputy Kwitowski that Mr. Rice had an active no trespassing order in place for Walmart. Deputy Kwitowski placed Mr. Rice under arrest for trespassing and intoxicated public disturbance and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center.



Robert Rice

On September 21, 2020, Deputy Sampson conducted a traffic stop on Prince Frederick Blvd. Prince Frederick. Deputy Kwitowski and Sergeant G. Shrawder arrived on the scene to assist. A scan of the vehicle by Sgt. Shrawder's K9 partner resulted in a positive alert. As the occupants of the vehicle exited, **Randolph Joynes (60)** admitted to having CDS. Mr. Joynes handed Deputy Kwitowski a pill bottle containing pills. The amount of pills in the prescription bottle and fill date of the prescription did not match up. Mr. Joynes then advised he had more CDS in a jacket pocket. The additional pills were located wrapped up in a receipt. After further conversation with Mr. Joynes Deputy Sampson suspected Mr. Joynes was selling his prescription. Mr. Joynes was transported to the Calvert Coun-



Randolph Joynes

ty Detention Center and charged with CDS Possess – not marijuana (Alprazolam), CDS Possess with intent to distribute (Alprazolam), CDS possess paraphernalia, and CDS distribute paraphernalia.

On September 23, 2020 Deputy Trigg and Deputy Plant responded to Liberty Ln. in Huntingtown for a disorderly complaint. The complainant advised there was someone at the residence trying to fight his or her daughter. Upon arrival, Deputy Trigg asked **Jordan C. Miller (20)** several times to get back in her car, Jordan did not comply. Deputy Trigg placed Ms. Miller under arrest for disorderly conduct, and fail to obey a reasonable and lawful order of a law enforcement officer. Deputy Plant arrived and Ms. Miller was transferred to Deputy Plant's patrol vehicle and Ms. Miller was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center.



Jordan Miller

On September 25, 2020, Deputy Sampson observed **Robert A. Rice (54)** walking out of Safeway in Prince Frederick. Deputy Sampson has had previous encounters with Mr. Rice; Deputy Sampson knows Mr. Rice is banned from Safeway and the Calvert Village Shopping Center. Deputy Sampson made contact with Mr. Rice and placed him under arrest, transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center charging Mr. Rice with Trespassing – private property.



Robert Rice

On September 26, 2020, Deputy

Hardy conducted a traffic stop in the area of S. Solomon's Island Rd/Par-ran Rd. St. Leonard. Deputy W. McDowell was assisting with the traffic stop. Deputy Hardy detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Calvert emergency communications advised that one of the occupants identified as **Chicago A. Garner (25)** possibly had an active warrant. As all occupants of the vehicle were exiting, Mr. Garner was observed to have something in his pocket that was weighing his pants down. When asked about the item Mr. Garner did not respond, Mr. Garner then turned and began to flee. A foot chase ensued and Mr. Garner entered into the thick woods and his hands could no longer be seen, Deputy W. McDowell deployed his agency issued taser, Mr. Garner was apprehended and placed in handcuffs. Mr. Garner was searched and CDS was located. Calvert emergency communications also confirmed the warrant to be active through the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. EMS arrived on the scene and transported Mr. Garner to CHMC where he was evaluated and treated. Mr. Garner was then transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was served with his warrant and charged with CDS Possess- not marijuana (suboxone), obstruct and hindering, and fail to obey reasonable and lawful order of a law enforcement officer.



Chicago Garner

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

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Bicycle Ride for Vocations Scheduled

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By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

An often overlooked and unfortunate result of the pandemic is the impact legitimate charitable fundraising groups that support the community in so many necessary ways. Traditional large dinners, BBQs, fairs, parades, bingo games, and raffles to mention a few are not being held due to the difficulties in meeting social protocols and limits for the number of participants at our gatherings normally scheduled throughout the Tri County area on a regular basis.

Yet, groups are still pursuing new legitimate means and methods of raising needed funds to support ongoing programs to benefit others.

One such project in preparation for mid-October is the "Ride For Vocations" to be held in Charles and St. Mary's counties. It is a bicycle journey of 100 miles from Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata down to St. Mary's City and back with as many as seven rest and refreshment stops at Catholic parishes along the route. It is an endurance event not intended for sissies, although there is a shorter 55 miles event that will be conducted concurrently with the main event.

Each registered rider pays a \$10 entry fee and then seeks sponsors for his participation; the goal is the rider will obtain a total of \$250 in sponsorship donations for his or her efforts.

Previous rides have attracted men, women, high school students, priests, deacons, and seminarians. With two weeks to go, this year's event has nearly 100 riders signed up including

19 women, two high school students, one from Good Counsel HS in Olney and one from St. Mary's Ryken e in Leonardtown. Additionally, 15 seminarians, seven priests, and two deacons are attempting to complete this long trek. And there is a seven-year-old riding with his mom, but they may be using the safer, shorter, comfortable alternate "Mechanicsville Trail" in the northern part of the county.

The idea for a bicycle "ride" came about five years ago when Father Larry Swink, the Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish came up with this means of endurance once he was no longer able to run in 26.2 mile marathons due the wear and tear running had on his physical ability. He figures 100 miles of cycling would be the equivalent of running a marathon and the idea caught on. When folks showed interest in joining him it was decided this might be a good means of producing needed funds for assisting the Archdiocese of Washington in recruiting and assisting young men interested in becoming seminarians with hopes of being ordained priests once they complete their studies. An ongoing shortage of priests continues to be one of the biggest challenges facing the Church today. The Saint John Paul II seminary in DC receives the proceeds from this event.

Since its inception, the Ride for Vocations Team has participated in several rides across Maryland including the Sea Gull Century Ride in Salisbury in 2016 that attracted 30 local riders. The next year the St. Mary's Century Ride had 50 team participants. Two other rides were

held in Indian Head in 2018 and 2019. This year's event is the first Ride hosted by the local Ride For Vocations Team.

Father Swink has been a priest for 15 years and pastor at Sacred heart for the past five years. He is being assisted by Julie Ferrero and James Hojnowski, a Knight of Columbus leader in Charles County who harnessed many Knights of Columbus councils throughout Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties to help in bringing this large endeavor together.

The bridge prohibits thee ride from being held in Calvert, although their members come over to St. Mary's to participate.

The Knights are an international Catholic men's fraternal organization committed to supporting our priests and religious members and charged with taking care of our families and the community. There are 140+ active councils with approximately 26,7000 members volunteering their efforts throughout the State of Maryland. There are 15 councils in Southern Maryland with 2,001 members.

An important feature of this year's race is the participation of Jonathan Terrell, a renown athlete who rose to fame after completing seven marathons on seven continents in seven days! This tremendous feat brought him national fame in 2018. Unfortunately, he was hit by a motorist months later and was confined to a wheelchair for several months and went through an extensive rehabilitation and has only recently been able to walk normally once more. He is a very successful financial advisor

and corporate counselor in Washington. He is looking forward to riding and being a part of this event.

To prepare for this rigorous journey that averages seven-nine hours to complete, there is an eight-week training plan that is recommended for any new "endurance enthusiast" willing to take on this challenge. Most participants will start preparation as soon as the weather gets better in the spring. Much of the training consists starting a daily regimen on a stationary bike to build up one's leg muscles and stamina, then short bike trips and gradually working up to 20-mile then 50-mile segments. Lots of dedication and old fashion sweat are required to meet the demands of this quickly growing sport.

A few entry slots may still be available for this ride scheduled for an 8 a.m. start on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata. Riders will be started between 8 and 8:30 and need to be back by 5 p.m. A Mass will be held in the parish church at 7 a.m. prior to the race to offer prayers for the vocations and for all of our priests and seminarians to whom this event is dedicated.

A group of folks unable to ride but wish to participate in the success of the ride are called the "Prayer Warriors" and will provide the spiritual support for all that participate and for the great need for vocations today.

For additional information for this fundraiser, contact Julie Ferrero at julieferrero1@gmail.com.



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Can You Influence Your Financial Aid Award?

Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won't always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you're probably thinking about more typical concerns – such as expenses.

How will you pay for the high costs of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child's financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what's known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college – rather, it's an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

- **Save money in your name – not your child's.** FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent's assets, compared to 20 percent of a student's assets.

- **Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid.** Many of your current assets, such as your retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the "base" year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as un-

taxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

- **Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA.** The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

- **Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA.** Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC – plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account.

Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59½, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they're worth thinking about. You might also want to consult with a college's financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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Owings Man Captures DNR Photo Contest Win



"Mud Turtle" by Charles White of Owings.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced the winners of the 2020 Natural Resources Photo Contest, with the grand prize going to Zaphir Shamma of Gunpowder for his striking photo of an eastern screech owl nestled in a tree cavity.

This year's grand prize package includes \$500, a Maryland State Parks Passport, a subscription to Maryland Natural Resource magazine, and five copies of the 2021 calendar with the winning image displayed on the cover.

About 2,500 photos were submitted by 475 photographers in this year's contest. In addition to the overall grand prize win-

ner, the judges selected first through third place winners in four seasonal categories—winter, spring, summer, and fall.

A Calvert County resident, Charles White of Owings, garnered a third-place win in the Spring category for his "Mud Turtle."

Still to be determined is the "Fan Favorite," which will be chosen by popular opinion on the department's Facebook page. Followers are encouraged to "Like" and "Share" their pick when the photos are posted the first weekend of October, with votes taken through October 12.

Press Release from MD DNR.

Calvert Author Debuts Children's Book

What! Ducks that won't go in the water! By nature, ducklings are only one or two days old when they start swimming in the water. However, two ducklings would not go in the river — even when they are three months old. What could be the reason?

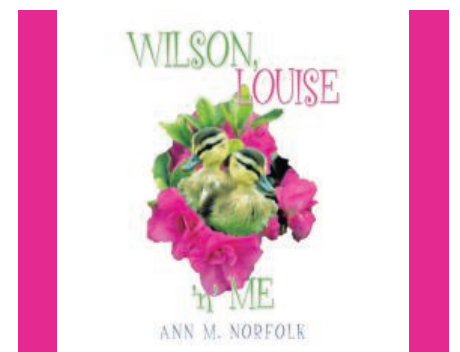
Author Ann M. Norfolk of Prince Frederick invites young readers to find the answer within the pages of "WILSON, LOUISE 'n' ME" (published by Xlibris)

Bunny, the narrator, could not understand why his best friends, the ducks, would not go in the water. So he proceeds to ask all his animal friends what they think about Wilson and Louise. This is a tale of unexpected results, teaching children the importance of relying on friends to help each other and to keep them focused on hope.

Written and illustrated by the author herself, "WILSON, LOUISE 'n' ME" is a charming read-aloud book that has 46 pages of quality, imaginary, watercolor illustrations. Each page showcases the correct identity of each baby animal. This fun adventure tale will teach young readers about friendship and the virtue of patience.

"I want readers to learn that things in life don't always go the way we think they should and by continuing to ask questions, you may get an answer," Norfolk states. "The bond of friendship is something we all want to have in our lives."

"WILSON, LOUISE 'n' ME" is available at Xlibris Bookstore.com (Hard Copy), and Amazon and Barnes & Noble (Soft Copy



only)

Ann Norfolk lives in Calvert County and has a wide experience in "schooling."

Her favorite "job" was being a mother of three sons...until, she got promoted to Grandmother status.

She is not only a writer, but an artist of many different mediums. Ann, with her husband Dale, raised six mallard ducklings and when grown, released them into the wild.

The year 2020 marks the third year that Wilson, Louise and Bunny continue to meet every day, at the same time, at the same place, by a big green bush, in her yard on the banks of the Patuxent River.

Contact nonnipiee@gmail.com to schedule a virtual read-out loud date, check availability for read-out loud book in person, or a meet and greet to get your book signed by the author.

Press Release

College Physics Department Honored

Recognized for Diversity, Inclusion Advocacy

The Department of Physics at St. Mary's College of Maryland received the Diversity and Inclusion Advocacy Recognition for its efforts to increase diversity and inclusivity in science during the all-virtual 2020 Frontiers in Optics + Laser Science APS/DLS (FiO + LS) Conference presented by the Optical Society of America on September 15, 2020.

"Nationally, there is a new awakening for the need for inclusive diversity, especially in the physical sciences. It is great to see our physics department gaining additional recognition for their sustained efforts in this important endeavor," said President Tuajuanda C. Jordan.

The physics department was acknowledged "for making long-term changes that improve diversity, equity and inclusion in its operations and culture."

"The physics department of St. Mary's College is honored to receive this recognition from the Optical Society of America. It reflects on the efforts of every member of the department's faculty and staff, along with our students and alumni. This recognition encourages us to work even more for inclusion and equity,

and we hope it provides encouragement for others, too. Ultimately, our goal is to create an environment in which all students and members of our community can achieve at the highest level," said Josh Grossman, professor of physics.

According to OSA, the selection committee was enthusiastic about the department's commitment to ensuring that all members of its physics and entire STEM community feel welcomed and are able to thrive. The department has achieved gender parity amongst its faculty and staff. The gender balance of its student population exceeds the national rate for the discipline. It reinforces these key values by including diversity and inclusion workshops and seminars as part of all courses in its curriculum.

"At St. Mary's College of Maryland, diversity is an essential part of our mission. Our physics department continues to show a commitment not only to the College's mission but to our core values in their work toward increasing diversity," said Jordan.

Like other STEM programs at St. Mary's College, the department offers an Emerging Scholars Program targeted at students from underrep-

resented groups. In the ESP, students build an identity as a physicist, along with a support network, by participating in challenging enrichment activities in a fun, cooperative setting. The physics department also participates in the American Physical Society Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Alliance (APS-IDEA) via its own departmental action team of students, alumni, faculty, staff, and outside experts.

The recognition honors the steadfast commitment and achievements of OSA members, companies or institutions that proactively work to create a more diverse, equitable and inclusive optics and photonics community.

According to OSA, the scientific community benefits from the engagement of diverse voices to enhance scientific research and application. This recognition serves to acknowledge efforts of individuals and institutions who uphold these same values through community service, professional development, mentoring, trainings and resources.

In 2019, the St. Mary's College physics department was featured in an article published by Physics Today,

titled "A Physics Department Fosters an Inclusive Environment" describing how the faculty had introduced measures to prevent exclusionary and harassing behaviors toward women and minority students. In 2017, it received the American Physical Society's Award for Improving Physics Education. Previously, the department was featured as a role model in the national report, "Phys21: Preparing Physics Students for 21st Century Careers."

The OSA also recognized during the ceremony Arti Agrawal, associate professor of engineering and IT, University of Technology Sydney, Australia; and Jennifer Burris, chair of the department of physics and astronomy, Appalachian State University, North Carolina.

"The recipients of this recognition work tirelessly to ensure that the search for scientific discovery is informed by diverse perspectives and experiences," said OSA CEO Elizabeth Rogan. "We should all be inspired by the accomplishments of these honorees who embody OSA's core value of inclusivity by prioritizing diversity in optics and photonics."

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CSM Hosts Virtual Recital

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) recommences its 2019-2020 Benny C. Morgan Concert Series Saturday, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. with a free virtual broadcast of American pianist Thomas Pandolfi. Maestro Pandolfi is recording a repertoire ranging from piano classics of Frederic Chopin to medleys of Broadway and popular songs of American composers Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin specifically for this series that will air on CSMDTube.

"We are excited to present CSM's first ever virtual music recital as part of the Benny C. Morgan Concert Series," said Acting Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Chair of Visual and Performing Arts Dr. Stephen Johnson. "It is fitting that our first guest performer in an online medium is Thomas Pandolfi. Maestro Pandolfi has performed in CSM's Ward Virts Concert Series twice before in the last eight years—second only to inaugural guest performer Brian Ganz in number of performances.

"During these pandemic times, the performing arts have had to find innovative ways to provide the entertainment that the public wants," Johnson continued. "Mr. Pandolfi joins both professional and amateur musicians who have tackled the platform of virtual performances with great success. He will be presenting his CSM performance in the informal setting

of his own living room; we are thrilled to have him kick off our year of virtual performances in music!"

American pianist Pandolfi is widely considered to be an exciting virtuoso who, with each passing season, is becoming more and more sought after by audiences worldwide, and showered with superlatives by critics for his passionate artistry and amazing technique.

Pandolfi began his music career early on at The Juilliard School where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degree and where the young prodigy caught the influential ears of Vladimir Horowitz, who would become his mentor, along with legendary composer, Morton Gould. Since then he has been an audience favorite, selling out the world's most prestigious stages, including Lincoln Center Alice Tully Hall, Strathmore, The Kennedy Center, Kiev Opera House, Bucharest's Romanian Athenaeum, London's Cadogan Hall, and many others. In addition to being hailed as one of the greatest interpreters of Polish masters such as Chopin and Paderewski, this versatile pianist has received accolades from everything from Bach to Gershwin, with Morton Gould saying, "It's the finest performance of Gershwin I have heard since the composer himself."

His original and virtuosic transcriptions of works such as West Side Story

and Phantom of the Opera, are one-of-a-kind, jaw-dropping, and dramatic encores that keep audiences of all ages returning to his performances again and again. Pandolfi is a Steinway artist and when he is not on tour, resides in Washington, D.C., and is the proud father of a wonderful son and daughter.

Benny C. Morgan was a beloved music educator in St. Mary's County schools for 30 years and served as organist and choir director in several area churches. In January 2016, Morgan donated his prized Steinway grand piano to the CSM's Leonardtown Campus. Sadly, Morgan passed away several weeks later, however, with the knowledge that his generosity will add to the musical culture of CSM's students as well as the Southern Maryland community for years to come. The Benny C. Morgan Recital Series was instituted in 2016 in his memory.

The Benny C. Morgan Series is presented by sponsors Johnny Alvey and the CSM Foundation. The series is also supported by the St. Mary's County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.

To enjoy this CSM special performance, tune into the CSMDTube Oct. 10, any time after 3 p.m., by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CSMDTube>.

Press Release from CSM.



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Thelma Diane Moreland



Thelma Diane Moreland, affectionately known as "Big Mama", 70, of Upper Marlboro, MD passed away October 4, 2020. She was born September 8, 1950 in Prince Frederick, MD to

Delores Bernice (Fowler) and Gorman V. "Bootie" Stallings. She was raised in Calvert and Anne Arundel Counties, and graduated from Southern High School in Lothian. She married John Edward Moreland April 5, 1967, and they lived and raised their family in Prince George's County. She was employed as a food service cafeteria manager of Prince George's County Schools, and retired in 2017 after the passing of her husband the previous year. She enjoyed shopping, casinos and other games of chance, eating crabs, spending time with her grandchildren and spoiling her cat "Minnie Pearl".

Thelma is survived by daughters Sandra K. Moreland and Toni G. Vermillion and her husband William, Jr., and grandsons Shawn and Tyler Vermillion, all of Upper Marlboro, her mother Delores B. Fowler and a brother Carlis Byard, both of Clarksville, TN. She was preceded in death by her husband John Edward Moreland, her father Gorman V. Stallings, a sister Delores Moreland, and a brother Michael Stallings.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 8, 2020, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane

Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral service will be Friday, October 9, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Burial will be at Lakemont Memorial Gardens, 900 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035; (410) 956-3060.

Lewis Emanuel "Bob" Franke



Lewis Emanuel "Bob" Franke, 78, of Chesapeake Beach passed away October 4, 2020 at his residence. He was born January 16, 1942 in Takoma Park to Edward Ernest Franke and Mary

Catherine Weber. Bob was raised in Hyattsville and has been a resident of Calvert County for 35 years. He lived in Prince Frederick for 5 years before moving to Chesapeake Beach. Bob was employed as a truck driver for various companies and later owned and operated his own business. Bob enlisted in the United States Army in 1959 and was stationed at Fort Meade before be-

ing honorably discharged. Bob enjoyed trains, collecting antique model cars, and boating.

Bob is survived by his significant other of 14 years Deborah Macken, children Melissa Billard, Dottie Caudle, Lewis Franke, and Robert Franke, stepchildren Patricia Strong and her husband Thomas of Huntingtown, Michelle Stillwagon and her husband Dave of Chesapeake Beach and Karen Macken and her significant other Richard Bearn II of Prince Frederick.

Memorial mass will be Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8816 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714/

Interment will be private.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Margaret Ann "Peggy" Guy



Margaret Ann "Peggy" Guy, 71, of Solomons, MD died on October 2, 2020, in Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., with her children by her side. Born December 27, 1948 in Washing-

ton, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Frances Helene O'Brien Bradburn and Paul Aubrey Bradburn.

Peggy retired from the Federal Government after 25 years, where she was an Intelligence Operations Specialist for the Office of Naval Intelligence. She loved her family immensely and especially cherished spending time with her grandchildren. She also loved spending time with George and her dogs, Josie and Bojangles. Peggy enjoyed working in her flower gardens, reading, and drawing houses. She treasured spending time at Scotland Beach with family and loved looking for periwinkles and sea glass.

Peggy is survived by her children, Paul A. Guy (Gwen) of St. Inigoes, Gina M. Biscoe (Tim) of Lusby; her grandchildren, Kelby and Devlin Guy, Brandon and Ashley Biscoe; her sisters, Mary Lou Morawski and Ginger Meissner of Huntingtown; her partner, George Little of Port Charlotte, FL; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, October 9, 2020, 9-11 a.m. at Full Gospel Assembly of God, 890 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601; 1-800-LUNGUSA; Link:

<https://www.lung.org>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Betty R. Bowen



Betty R. Bowen, 88, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away on September 30, 2020 at her home in Prince Frederick, Maryland.

She was born on November 3, 1931 in Prince

Frederick, Maryland to George Frank and Mae Roberta (Buckmaster) Rawlings. She enjoyed being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved reading, music, and going down on the family farm- Meadowcreek Farm.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William T. Bowen and infant daughter Susan Diane Bowen.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia Lynn, sons, William Stuart and Harry Michael Bowen and his wife Theresa. Grandchildren; Bonnie M. Donahue and her husband Jeff, William S. "Bo" Bowen and his wife Heather and Ashley Bowen Scott. Great grandchildren; Taylor Elizabeth Stock, Colin Michael Gribble, Logan Thomas Bowen, Fiona Claire Scott and Alana Paige Scott. Step Great grandchildren; Tyler Hite, Nyla Christiani, and Delilah Escalona, Sister Esther R. Cox, Sister in law, Martha B. Jones, Brother in law Douglas Rodney "D.O." Bowen and his wife Jean, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Educated in Calvert County Public Schools, she worked as a Secretary, before she married her husband William, and worked as a Library Aide at Calvert Middle School for 8 years, but her greatest joy was being a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

A life long member of the United Methodist Church, she gave her life to Christ at the age of 9 years old. She was a member of Waters Memorial United Methodist Church and for a brief time a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday School Teacher. Returning to Waters, she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Church Historian, and Librarian. Also serving as Gospel Choir Director, she loved to

produce and direct the Christmas and Palm Sunday pageants. She loved her music and enjoyed directing the Gospel Choir. She played the piano and organ by ear. She enjoyed helping with the Fundraisers at Waters and loved to quilt, including making three quilts at the same time to give to each one of her children for Christmas.

She and her husband William were married for 61 and ½ years and he was the love of her life.

Memorial contributions may be made to Waters Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund, 5400 Mackall Road, Saint Leonard, MD 20685.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

David Melville Schumpert



David Melville Schumpert, 43, of Huntingtown passed away September 30, 2020 at his residence. He was born November 28, 1976 in Miami, FL to John Montague and Susan Melville Schumpert.

David grew up between Charlottesville and Vienna, VA and moved to Maryland in 2007. He graduated from Madison High School in Vienna and later from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in mechanical engineering. David was employed as a machinist with Kato Marine in Annapolis. David was an avid sailor and enjoyed music and biking. He also had a keen interest in photography and race cars and was an avid hockey fan, especially the Washington Capitals.

David is survived by his parents Susan and John Schumpert of Annapolis and brothers Blake Schumpert of Detroit, MI, Craig Schumpert and his wife Lydia Pellicia of Washington, DC, and Matthew Schumpert of San Francisco, CA.

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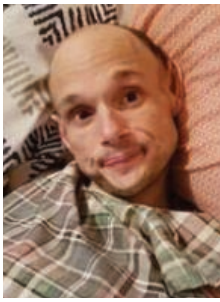
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Christopher Brian Newman



Christopher Brian Newman, 40, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on September 28, 2020 at his home in Prince Frederick. He was born on May 14, 1980 in Washington DC to Ralph P.

and Sandra Bryant Newman. Christopher graduated from Calvert High School where he played Varsity Baseball. He had a love for dogs and music, and was an avid sports fan.

Christopher is survived by his parents Ralph and Sandra Newman, brother, Paul Newman and a sister Patricia June "PJ" Newman. He is also survived by two nieces Bailey and Bella Newman and a nephew Tyler Everhart.

There will be a Memorial Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 902, New York, New York 10018.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jean Evelyn Close



Jean Evelyn Close, age 79, of Owings, MD passed away September 28, 2020 at Georgetown University Hospital. Jean was born August 5, 1941 in Newark, NJ to Mary Frances (Yutzy) and Joseph Paige. She was employed as a cashier for Safeway grocery stores. She was preceded in death by her husband Alexander Bruce Close, and is survived by daughters Marcia L. Plew and her husband Ronald of Owings, and Tina M. Mobley of Dunkirk, grandchildren Timothy and Nicole Mobley and Ronald Plew II (Kristin), and

sisters Joan Currence of Ohio and Debbi Swiger of Oakland, MD. Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Orlando Antonio Gutiérrez



Orlando Antonio Gutiérrez, 92, of Lanham passed away September 27, 2020 at his residence. Orlando was born in Havana, Cuba July 23, 1928 to Flora Izaguirre and Antonio Gutierrez

and was joined by his beloved brother Jorge in 1936.

He graduated high school from Colegio Baldor in 1945 where he developed an interest in engineering. He received a scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York and graduated in 1949 with a degree in mechanical engineering. While attending RPI Orlando met the love of his life on a blind date and married Helen LaBarge six months later. They were married for 67 years until Helen's death in 2015.

He began his career working for IBM in Cuba for several years. Upon receiving his US citizenship, he worked for the American Locomotive Company in upstate New York. In 1961 he moved his family, which had grown to include his five children, to Sheffield Lake, Ohio to begin work as an aerospace engineer at NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. In 1972 he was named Coordinator of Programs for Spanish Surname Americans at NASA Lewis. Orlando and Helen moved to Lanham, Maryland in 1982 as he took on the position of Hispanic Employment Program Coordinator for NASA at their headquarters in Washington, DC.

Orlando retired from NASA in 1992 but continued his passion of encouraging young people to embrace engineering as a career. He became active in the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, serving as President from 1993-95. Through his work in this organization he promoted STEM for Hispanic

students from high school through college. He described the mission of SHPE as an organization based on a process of self-help; our people helping our people improve at the college level, at the work level, at the precollege level. He received many commendations and awards for his work both at NASA and SHPE. Upon receiving an award in 2016 for his achievements and contributions to SHPE and the Latino community from the Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity at RPI he said, "Everything I've done, I've done out of love."

Throughout his life Orlando was committed to community service. He began as volunteer firefighter in Scotia, New York in the late 1950's. Throughout the 1960's and into the early 1970's he was a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Troop Committee Chairman of Sheffield Lake's Boy Scout Troop 303. For over ten years he was an active member of the local Kiwanis Club.

Orlando loved his family, people from all walks of life, parties, and laughter. One of his favorite things in life was an annual 'men only' canoe trip that he enjoyed for over 40 years. This group of family and friends was known as the River Rats. He was originally invited to attend by his NASA supervisor in 1965 and fell in love with the annual event that originated in 1947. Over the years he included his sons, friends, son-in-law, nephews, and grandsons. He seldom missed a trip during these years, participating in his last trip in 2019 at the age of 91. (His wife Helen always referred to the event as the "Scratch and Burp Weekend".)

Orlando is survived by his brother Jorge Gutiérrez (Maria del Carmen) Miami, FL, five children, Peter B. Gutiérrez (Jane) of Columbia Station, OH, Antonio O. Gutiérrez (Marsha) Jamestown, RI, Helenmary Gutiérrez Ball (Julian) of Owings, MD, Marco A. Gutiérrez (Rebecca Birch) of Eagle River, AK, and Alex D. Gutiérrez of New York, NY, eight grandchildren, Erin Gutiérrez (Ryan Conviser) of Los Angeles, CA, Alex Gutiérrez Ball of Philadelphia, PA, Everett Gutiérrez Ball of Atlanta, GA, Ian A. Gutiérrez (Lizz Kern) of Kensington MD, Emily Gutiérrez of Columbia Station, OH, Pallas M. Gutiérrez and Garrett P. Gutiérrez of New York, NY and five great grandchildren, Owen, Beckett, Milo, and Maren Gutiérrez of Los Angeles, CA and Samuel E. Gutiérrez of Kensington, MD and many dear and cherished nieces and nephews.

Orlando was a light and joy to all who met him. He will be missed beyond measure.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Link: <https://www.stjude.org/>

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Paul Nicholas Conner, Jr.

Paul Nicholas Conner, Jr., 45, of Edgewater passed away September 27, 2020. He was born August 26, 1975



in Bethesda to Paul Nicholas Sr. and Susan Marie (Crawford) Conner. Paul grew up in Mayo and attended South River High School, Class of 1993. He married Amanda Ford on February 14, 2003 and

they lived in Mayo. Paul was employed as an electrician for Pritchett Controls, specializing in HVAC work. Paul had a passion for football, he loved watching and coaching his son's youth football teams. He was an avid Washington Redskins fan and will be remembered as a hardworking and funny man with a great sense of humor.

Paul is survived by his wife Amanda Conner, children Kyla Nichole and Cadhan Emerson Conner, mother Susan M. Conner of Tracy's Landing, and brother Christopher Conner and wife Sulma of Annapolis. He was preceded in death by his father Paul Nicholas Conner, Sr. on June 19, 2020.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Marilyn "Babe" Phillips



Following a recent accident and surgery, Marilyn "Babe" Phillips, 99, was called home to God on September 27, 2020. She was born in Erie, PA on August 29, 1921 to Harry G. Mayhue and Leona H. Volkman.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Russell B. "Burton" Phillips, Sr., sons Russell B. Phillips, Jr. and Ralph F. Phillips, a great-grandson, and six siblings.

She is survived by her sisters Rowena P. Seigle and Carol A. Coberly, daughter Jeannette M. Krause (Mark), son Charlie B. Phillips, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Marilyn was a homemaker, Eastern Star member and a member of Friendship Community Baptist Church in Dunkirk. For many years she loved traveling and entering her garden produce, flowers, and baked goods in the county fair. She was an avid gardener and in later years concentrated on her orchids.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215, Link:

<https://www.dana-farber.org/> or

The Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607

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Joyce Long



Joyce Long, age 79, passed on Friday, September 25, 2020. She was born on August 26th 1941, in Philadelphia, PA to Paul Goffman and Sarah Goldberg.

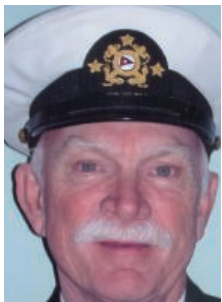
After high school, Joyce served time in the service and attended college. She later went on to run and manage a Homes and Land Magazine branch. She then went to work for FEDEX, where she retired.

In her free time, she enjoyed skiing and square dancing in her local community. She also enjoyed painting, Sci-fi, romance novels, and spending time with her Chihuahua, Lady Bug.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Sarah Goldberg, granddaughter Angela McMichael, her sister Renee Black, and her daughter, Racheal Pasquale. She is survived by her granddaughter Crystal Romine (Allen), and niece Carolyn Kaplan (Barry) and their three sons.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Warren Charles Harper



Warren Charles Harper (81) passed away peacefully on September 22, 2020 after a brief illness due to COVID-19 pneumonia and many serious complications. Warren was born

in Neosho Falls, KS on September 4, 1939, the youngest of three sons of Charles H. Harper and Elizabeth Fontella Toot Harper. He grew up in Wichita, KS graduating from North High in 1957. His professional degrees included a Bachelor of Science with a major in Watershed Management from Colorado State University (1965) and a Master of Science from Oregon State University (1969). He always had a strong work ethic and a love of the outdoors which drew him to a professional life of Forest Management and Water Quality Management. Warren worked for the US Geological Survey, Weyerhaeuser Company and the US Forest Service where

he retired as Director, Watershed and Air Management in 2002.

In 1959, he married Janet Larrick (divorced) and had three children. Kim Maureen Brannan (1961) (Mike); Mark Allan Harper (1963) (Jennifer); and Stephen Paul Harper (1970) (Lisa). In 1980, he and Edlu Thom moved from Washington State to Virginia with Edlu's children, Brent Christian Allert; Trisha Liane Frye (Tim); and Traci Deanne Shank. Their large bi-coastal family includes thirteen grandchildren: Heather Brannan; Amy Brannan Foster (Corbin); Sean Brannan (Maritza); Ryan Frye (Kristin); Rachel Frye Houde (Evan); Taylor Allert; Zachary Allert; Lindsay Shank; Kyle Shank; Tommy Shank; twins, Morgan and Mackenzie Harper; and Nathan Harper. In addition, their growing family includes seven great grandchildren, Austin Brannan; Ben, Josiah, Noah and Sadie Foster; McKenzie Frye; and Hallie Rae Houde. Two more great granddaughters are due the end of 2020, one to be named Harper in Warren's honor.

Warren and Edlu have spent twenty-five years living on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay where they enjoyed boating and the beautiful nature surrounding the Bay. Warren was known for walking two miles around the Herrington Harbor Marina five days a week with his dog, Amber. He was a past Commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club in Ridge, MD and a member of St. James' Episcopal Church in Lothian, MD and was a past Member of the Vestry. In retirement, Warren and Edlu enjoyed many travels with good friends to Mexico, Africa, China, Peru, Ecuador, England/Scotland, France, Italy, Costa Rica, the Holy Lands and the beautiful Caribbean. The couple also enjoyed cross country trips in their RV with their precious pets, Amber and Sophie, visiting friends and family along the way.

Warren is survived by his wife and companion of 43 years, Edlu Thom-Harper; six children; thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and his two brothers, Ken Harper (Neleen) of Albuquerque, NM and Maurice Harper (Judy) of Conway Springs, KS as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles H. Harper (1994) and Elizabeth Fontella Toot Harper (1970); one granddaughter, Rebecca Anne Brannan (2002) and great granddaughter, Melanie Faith Frye (2014).

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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Thursday, October 08

A Pledge to Truth and Civility 7:00pm-8:00pm.

The public is invited to join CSM Professor of Communications Michelle Christian and CSM Instructor of Media Studies, Journalist and CSM Nonprofit Institute Coordinator Cara Fogarty to discuss how to spot fake news, the importance of checking facts and sources of information, and a variety of strategies for maintaining civility while engaging in difficult political conversations. Hosted by the College of Southern Maryland's Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership, Equity and Inclusive Diversity Office, and Student Life Department in partnership with St. Mary's College of Maryland's Center for the Study of Democracy and Student Activities Department. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Saturday, October 10

Poets' Circle 9:00am-10:00am.

Beginner or big-time, confident or compulsive, stuck or star-lit! All are welcome. Expect a friendly session of discussion, editing and support. Register to receive a Zoom link an hour before the event. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

CSM Benny C. Morgan Recital Series: Maestro Thomas Pandolfi. 3:00pm-4:00pm.

CSM hosts American pianist Thomas Pandolfi who performs repertoire ranging from piano classics of Frederic Chopin to medleys of Broadway and popular songs of American composers Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin. Free performance will be available to audiences via CSMDTube after 3 p.m. Oct. 10. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Sunday, October 11

Calvert Library's Book Bites 2:00pm-3:00pm

Listen to the first chapters of popular, new and recommended books. New chapters are posted every week. Search "Calvert Library's Book Bites" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to podcasts. Calvert Librarians read the first chapters of popular, new and recommended middle grade books that are available in our digital collection. New episodes post every Sunday at 2 pm and Wednesday at noon. Find us on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Simplecast and more! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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Monday, October 12

It's Elementary! 9:00am-9:15am

Science, technology, engineering, art, math? What will we talk about this week? Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited to join Calvert Library each week for It's Elementary! Enjoy a story followed by a fun at-home STEAM based activity using common household items! Watch this and all It's Elementary clips on Calvert Library's YouTube channel. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House.

6:00pm-7:00pm.

The St. Mary's County Museum Division presents an online tour of the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. Learn about life in the schoolhouse, and how it differed from the white schools of the day. Hosted by St. Mary's County Library. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Tuesday, October 13

Personal Finance Curriculum Training

10:00am-12:00pm.

Join University of Maryland Extension (UME) Family & Consumer Sciences Educator Priscilla Graves, for a comprehensive financial literacy train-the-trainer, focused on basic personal finance skills relevant to the lives of teens. Register for the three part series. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Online OMOB Book Discussion (ZOOM)

4:00pm-5:00pm

Join us this month on Zoom for an online discussion of "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See. The whole state is being asked to read and discuss this book as the One Maryland One Book initiative. Please register to receive an emailed link to the Zoom event an hour before it begins. One Maryland One Book is a program of Maryland Humanities. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Maryland State Library. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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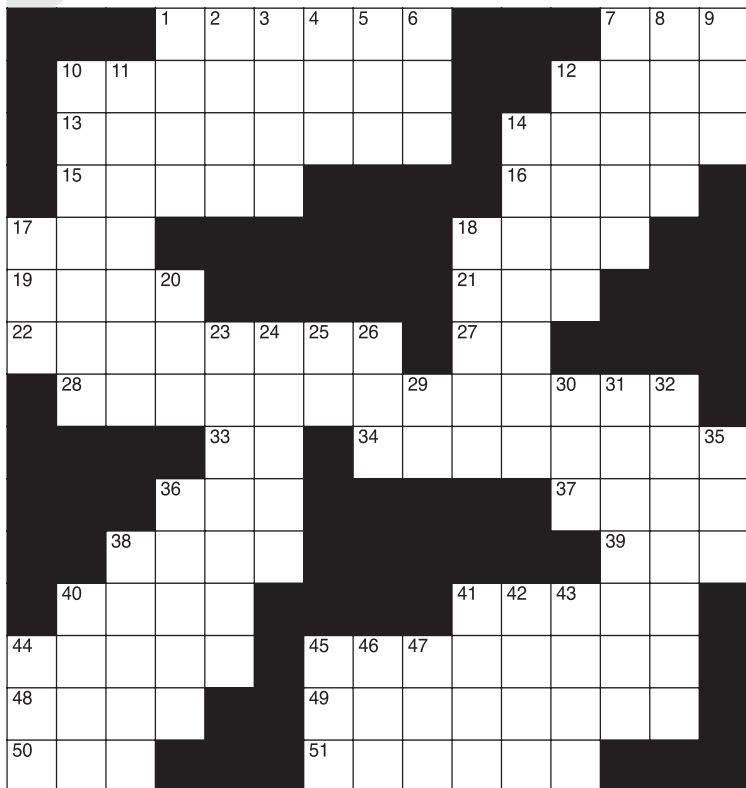
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- 1. Lunar crater
- 7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 10. Fruit
- 12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
- 13. Organism that grows without air
- 14. Heals
- 15. A book has one
- 16. Open
- 17. Twitch
- 18. Plant of the mint family
- 19. Soon
- 21. Witch
- 22. Long, mournful complaint
- 27. Killer clown film
- 28. Keeps us occupied
- 33. Influential lawyer
- 34. Formation of concepts
- 36. Insecticide
- 37. Swiss river
- 38. Actress Lucy

39. Unit of g-force

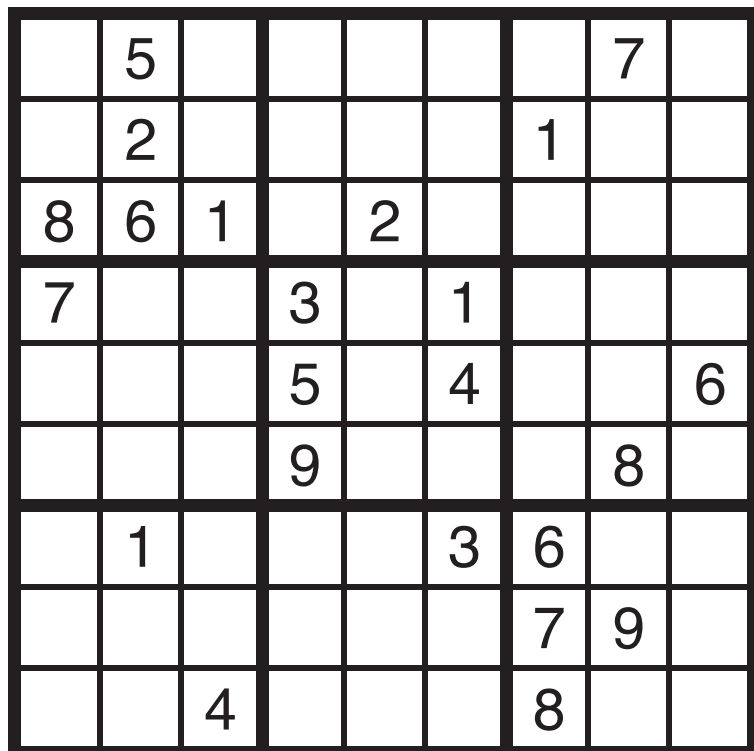
- 40. Can repel attackers
- 41. Essential oil used as perfume
- 44. Cut into small pieces
- 45. Mexican agricultural worker
- 48. Best pitchers
- 49. Benign tumors
- 50. Danish krone
- 51. Looms above

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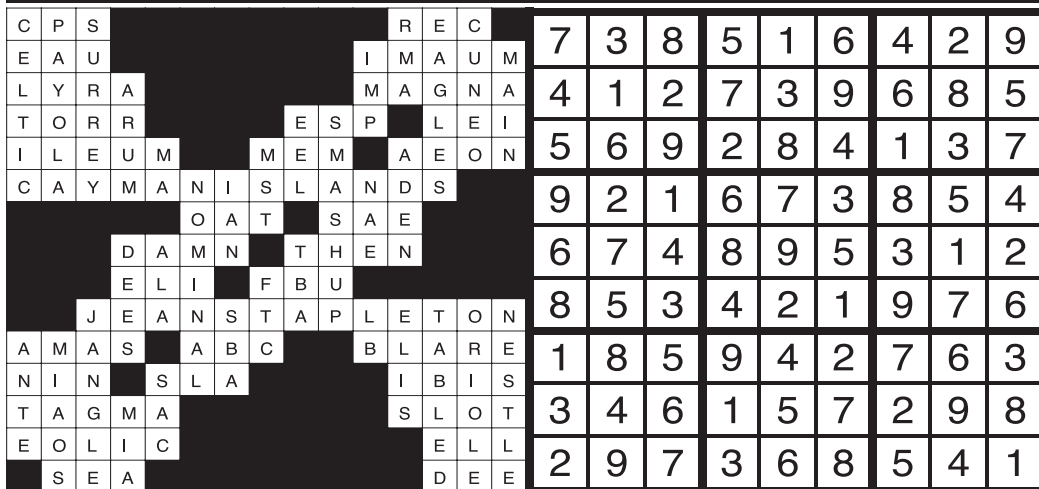
- 1. Make a map of
- 2. Cain and __
- 3. Dried-up
- 4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 5. Trading floor hand gesture
- 6. Strongly alkaline solution
- 7. Yemen capital
- 8. Military leader (abbr.)
- 9. Maintains possession of
- 10. Afternoon show
- 11. Imaginary being
- 12. Rearrange

14. Holy person or sage

- 17. __ Mahal
- 18. Backbone
- 20. Brooklyn hoopster
- 23. Intervened
- 24. Extremely angry
- 25. Indicates position
- 26. Chinese surname
- 29. Potato state
- 30. When you think you'll get there
- 31. __ Falls
- 32. Bullfighters
- 35. Born of
- 36. Small fishes
- 38. "Father of chemical warfare"
- 40. Waste matter
- 41. Skin disease
- 42. Scandinavian mythological god
- 43. __ and haws
- 44. Villain
- 45. Tell on
- 46. Difficulty
- 47. Not old



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