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75° 58°F	71° 57°F	71° 51°F	61° 53°F
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers
Mon 10/26	Tue 10/27	Wed 10/28	Thu 10/29
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County Times Endorses Chris Palombi

Steny Hoyer is the majority leader of the United States House of Representatives. We are proud here in the 5th Congressional District of Maryland to have our congressman achieve such a lofty level of leadership. We sometimes take it personal, and sometimes are selfish as we hope his leadership position will provide our community with benefits, we may not get with just a “regular congressman”.

Some like to think he provides a higher level of protection for the programs and assets related to Patuxent River Naval Air Station as well as other federal assets throughout the 5th Congressional District. Maybe he does.

Hoyer most likely will win yet another term in this upcoming election. His gerrymandered district is built to protect him even more than he protects us.

We believe through most of his political career Hoyer, while we may not agree with his policy decisions, has been an honorable public servant who has worked for his district. Deep inside, in the past we have been proud to have the majority leader hail from our hometown.

This election however is not about Steny Hoyer, this election is about America. Steny Hoyer and the Democratic Party have spent the past 12 years attempting to embolden the radical left wing of the Democratic Party and now, they are in control of the Democratic Party.

Actions by the democratic party over the past four years, along with recent statements by Nancy Pelosi and Adam Schiff are shameful and appalling. She and her leadership team are a disgrace to our nation, and by his own choosing, this includes Hoyer.

Four years ago, America elected a new kind of president, one who promised to bring back the American pride, the American ingenuity, the American strength, the American worker. The leadership of the Democratic Party (and many in the Republican Party) were pressured by the international community of large businesses, banks, and governments to stop Trump at all costs.

The Obama “American Apology

Tour” which took place immediately after his election was now being threatened. Trump would make no apologies for America; in fact, he would demand a more level playing field. He had to be stopped, at all costs.

Yet Trump did exactly what he said he would do, and America was the economic and military envy of the world once again. Nations taking economic advantage of the United States were having to compete honestly, with China paying the highest price.

Nations that were threatening global peace were sanctioned and pressured to create new peace alliances and restraint against aggression.

Meanwhile Pelosi, Hoyer, Schiff, Nadler and the entire Democratic Party in Washington would spend the next four years with one political distraction after another. First a phony investigation into Trump collusion with Russia; there was no evidence that it ever happened, the collusion was with the Clinton campaign. They all knew it, but Trump had to be stopped.

Next was the phony impeachment. Another hoax yet an extraordinary effort to disrupt Trump using the most powerful tool they had, corruptly. The Democrats were going to destroy the elected President of the United States no matter the cost to our nation.

While Pelosi, Hoyer, Schiff, Nadler and the entire Democratic Party were busy keeping Trump in the middle of distraction after distraction, our enemies were busy preparing for the final take down.

A cabal against freedom, led by George Soros, was raising money, recruiting people, and providing the roadmap for an outbreak of riots across America.

At the same time, while not in concert with Soros, China’s President Xi Jinping was preparing a most barbaric act. Knowing full well his vision of a new world order led by China had been set back by the US President who was under attack at home, he would take his own actions.

Xi Jinping could not challenge the US with a military fight, he would lose even more. However, as America was

consumed with a phony impeachment trial bought on by the Democrat’s leadership and supported by the entire rank and file of the Democratic Party, Xi Jinping saw an opportunity and he took advantage of it.

He released upon the world, including his own people, a virus that would bring the world economy, including the United States economy to it knees. It was just the perfect bioweapon, not enough to cause uncontrolled death among most people, but enough to create a worldwide panic.

Xi Jinping was aware of the lethal threat to the elderly and others with certain respiratory illnesses, but that would be a rather small price to pay, at least among his own people as those were the least productive and most costly. The Chinese people are exceptionally good people; the Xi Jinping regime is barbaric. He was able to take America down without firing a single bullet.

America will recover, and the course Trump laid out will return, and China will pay a huge economic price for their actions. And our cities that have been destroyed by the rioters will be largely rebuilt, although not all as some Democratic mayors and councils will be left holding the bag for their loyalty to the rogue democratic establishment rather

than the people they were elected to serve.

Pelosi, Hoyer, Schiff, Nadler, Schumer, they all will continue their efforts to stop Trump at all costs. We would like to think Hoyer is the one who would put his country ahead of himself. We would like to think Hoyer would go back to Washington and stand up against the radical left wing of his party. We would like to think Hoyer would bring common sense back to the Democratic Party.

We would like to think Hoyer would speak out against Supreme Court packing and phony Russia investigations. That he would be an advocate for integrity on both sides of the isle. That he would speak out against stoking the flame of racial divide and speak up for all Americans.

But he will not. And that is why we are endorsing Chris Palombi for Congress.

Palombi is a man of high integrity. A former police officer, a high school coach and a well-rounded energetic individual. What he would bring to the job may not be exactly what the 5th Congressional District may need right now, what he brings to the job is exactly what our nation needs right now, common sense and America first.



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Chesapeake Beach Mayor and Town Council

There are two cliches that are often bandied about during elections. One says: "It's time for change" or alternatively "Change is good." They are espoused usually by challengers hoping to convince the electorate that there is something better available than what they have previously had.

The second cliché says: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." This is the chant by the incumbents, hoping to convince the electorate that they have a good thing going.

The key word to the latter cliché is "broke." In the case of Chesapeake Beach, the town is decidedly not "Broke."

Under the leadership of Mayor Pat "Irish" Mahoney and the six council members, Chesapeake Beach has been a well-run town, progressive and fiscally sound.

Under Mayor Mahoney's leadership the town has weathered two recent storms, the tragic, fatal townhouse fire, and the pandemic.

The fire prompted an outpouring of community support for the victims. That effort was coordinated by Town Administrator Holly Wahl, under the

leadership of the mayor and council.

Mahoney and the council acted decisively when the pandemic hit to impose admission restrictions on the water park and town beach. They were wise public safety decisions.

The town during the last four years paved the way for development of Kellam's Field and creation of a Walkability Plan to connect the town. They were all positive steps that will be concluded in the near future.

Even with the pandemic's economic hit, the town's conservative fiscal policy has allowed for a fund balance and four straight tax rate reductions.

For those reasons, The County Times enthusiastically endorses Mayor Pat Mahoney for reelection as mayor.

All the two challengers to the six council incumbents could say at a recent forum was that "Change is good."

In this case we don't feel that change is good, since they work well together as a team. We also give our endorsement to the six incumbent council members: Valerie Beaudin, Derek Avert, L. Charles Fink, Larry Jaworski, Greg Morris and Keith Parodic.



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Report: Calvert Vulnerable to Climate Change



By Dick Myers
Editor

“Water, water everywhere” is an obvious mantra to the peninsula that is Calvert County. The vulnerability of the county to climate change is underscored in a just released report by the League of Women Voters of Calvert County called “The Effects of Climate Change on Calvert County.”

The report says, “Surrounded by water on three sides, Calvert County is clearly affected by rising seas and sinking lands. Warming atmosphere and waters, subsiding land, erosion of coastal areas and changing precipitation are all increasingly affecting people, animals, and plant life. The crops we raise, the food we eat, the places where we live, work, and recreate—our very health and quality of life—are all impacted by the forces of climate change.”

A press release issued with the publishing of the report said, “Using scientific sources as well as information from farmers, watermen and other residents who are directly affected by climate change, it offers a snapshot in time for this escalating crisis and emphasizes the need for immediate action.”

A fact sheet issued with the report included the following Effects of Climate Change on Calvert County:

The Climate change we are now seeing is caused by humans

Greenhouse gas emissions from burning fossil fuels and deforestation due to development are the leading causes

Climate Change has already impacted Calvert County in the form of higher temperatures, flooding, rising waters, and sinking land all of which lead to other cascading effects.

- Climate change affects EVERYONE in all walks of life and across all economic sectors.

- Human health is highly affected by air and water pollution associated with climate change

- Higher temperatures especially threaten vulnerable people who live or work outdoors, have pre-existing medical conditions, take certain medications, or cannot afford to cool themselves.

- Wildlife are rapidly disappearing due to changing habitat conditions

- Climate change is expensive, with

extensive costs for prevention and mitigation of damage.

- The time to work to reverse causes of climate change is now.

The report says: “Maryland is one of the most impacted states in the country for climate change, after Louisiana (the New Orleans area) and Southern Florida. Dorchester County will see the greatest impacts due to its many low-lying areas. Last year, the City of Annapolis experienced a record frequency of 18 flood days. By 2030, NOAA predicts that high-tide flooding rates could double or triple; by 2050, that number could be five-to-15 times as great, between 25-75 days per year in coastal communities.”

The report emphasizes the importance of what happens on the land. It said, “Calvert residents love the rural character of our county, a position evident in the many citizen responses to the most recent County Comprehensive Planning process. The county was the first in the US to develop a county-wide voluntary Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program for land preservation. Two other related land preservation tools were added later: The Purchase and Retirement Program (PAR) and the Leveraging and Retirement Program (LAR). Under these arrangements, landowners retain their ability to farm, harvest timber, hunt, mine gravel, and otherwise enjoy their property while restricting development of their land in perpetuity in exchange for restrictions on new residential or commercial structures.”

A summary to the report concluded, “Calvert County is already experiencing the consequences of climate change that can be expected to worsen unless we all take swift and dramatic steps to reduce its human causes. Short-term savings from delaying mitigation efforts are certain to result in far greater costs in the long run as effects of climate change become more intense. There are things that Calvert residents can do now to shift away from the most damaging activities contributing to rising temperature and what it brings.”

The full report is available at www.lwvcalvert.org on the tab “Issues-Calvert.”

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Town Unveils Draft Walkability Plan

Chesapeake Beach Seeks Public Input

By Dick Myers
Editor

One of the key goals of the current Chesapeake Beach Town Council, to connect the various parts of town, is moving a step closer to reality. The public received their first look at a draft Walkability Master Plan at the virtual Oct. 15 town council meeting.

Today (Thursday, Oct. 22) the town will be hosting an online meeting for citizens to learn more about the plan and provide input.

Representatives of the consulting firm RK&K, that has been working with the town's Walkable Community Advisory Group, will present the draft -plan as they did at the town council meeting.

The plan as presented to the council includes 18 projects that the town could tackle, including a Route 260 gateway, sidewalks, walkways, and bike trails, overlooks and traffic calming measures.

Councilman Derek Favret, who sits on the committee along with Councilman Charlie Fink, said, "We previously received substantial input from residents during the 2019



Taste the Beaches event and public meetings supporting the revision of the Town Comprehensive Plan. We heard what our residents had to say and are thrilled to present the results of that input with this Walkability Master Plan. Now we want to hear from our residents again. Which projects are you excited about? Which ones would you use and enjoy most? Vote for your top 5 projects."

The citizen vote will aid the council in prioritizing those 18 projects. The next update will include a price tag for those projects.

The town has also set up two other ways for citizens to log in with their preferences:

1 – Visit the Pop-up Boards at the Library, Community Center and at Roland's Shopping Center.

2 – Complete the on-line survey

Fink and Favret, in a joint statement, said, "Chesapeake Beach Walkable Community Advisory

Group teamed up with RK&K to formalize a broad vision and list of projects developed by our community volunteers, with a goal of creating safe pedestrian access throughout the Town. The Walkability Master Plan is intended to provide design guidelines and network recommendations around three key strategies: Building a Connected Core, Enhancing Neighborhood Mobility, and Expanding Recreational Amenities.

"The Walkability Master Plan will deliver the Town a consolidated list of short-term, mid-term and long-term projects, as well as a complete roadmap for the Town to seek funding opportunities, perform feasibility studies, writing grants, and implementing walkability projects.

"Some key aspects of the projects include: a connected network of biking and walking routes, safe crossings and connections, enhanced access to points of interest, signage and awareness campaigns, and traffic calming measures."

Councilman Fink said, "Our guiding principles are access, safety, and placemaking, and each project can be measured by these goals. Projects

provide access for town residents to our businesses and beautiful natural resources. Safe pedestrian infrastructure allows residents to ditch the car and walk when running errands and looking for exercise. Many of our projects, taken together, create a sense of place by connecting and expanding walking areas; the projects tie together a future town center and main street. Our volunteers have done a great job, and they continue to work hard by attending seminars as part of Maryland's Walktober month."

The Town Walkable Community Advisory Group is comprised of the following residents: Lori Blackwelder, Madeleine Blake, Amenda Brown, Jan Ruttkay, and Theresa York as well as Fink and Favret.

To join the Oct. 22 meeting via the web click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8697557180>. To join via phone please dial (929) 205- 6099 and enter the Meeting ID: 869 755 7180. This meeting will be recording and available for public view on the town's website after the meeting.

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Forum Features Town Council Candidates

By Dick Myers
Editor

There was a lot of love to go around during the virtual forum Oct. 14 for candidates for Chesapeake Beach Town Council, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Calvert County.

All six incumbents are running: Valerie Beaudin, Derek Favret, L. Charles Fink, Larry Jaworski, Greg Morris and Keith Pardieck. They are joined on the ballot by two challengers: Gary Curzi and Jonathan Evans.

The six incumbents were highly complementary of their colleagues, but the challengers had nice things to say about what the six had accomplished and offered themselves as change.

Evans, currently a planning commission member, said in his closing statement: "It's been great watching these guys work. I think they've done a great job. I just want to be a part of it. And if I don't get voted in, I'll continue to serve on the planning and zoning commission and just work on that 2040 comprehensive plan and hopefully work with the town council on a couple of things."

Curzi said, "From my personal experience, it's a bad idea to completely reelect everybody that's already on the town council. I think it's important to rotate some people out. I'm not saying anyone has done a bad job or anything."



In her opening statement, Beaudin, who has been on the town council for 16 years, noted to "keep our residents safe through this pandemic has to be our top priority and will continue to be so through limiting access to our town assets, the railway trail park and water park. We have also kept a keen eye on the fiscal impacts to our town budget. During this time, I have focused on town debt reduction by paying off debt early. We have saved the taxpayers \$700,000 in interest."

Jaworski said the mayor and council accomplishments include "reduce taxes, reduce debt, increased gender diversity among town staff and on various town boards and commissions, and welcome more than 10 new businesses to our town. Some personal accomplishments: These past four years I served as co-chair of the town's economic development committee and I'm a member of the county's economic development advisory commission, where I work closely with the county

and town to share information from county, state, and federal programs to assist residents and local businesses during COVID-19."

Fink said, "I've been honored to serve with this mayor and this council." He was appointed a year and a half ago to replace Stewart Cumbo. He said if reelected, "I'd like to see the implementation of some of the walkable committee's goals. I would like to remain vigilant in protecting our small-town charm and our beautiful natural resources. I want to continue to maintain fiscal responsibility and I really want to help local residents and businesses."

Favret said much of what he ran for four years ago has been accomplished: "Today, I'm happy to say new sidewalks and safety crossings have been installed and our walkable community advisory group is finalizing a town-wide walkability master plan. We've reduced local taxes four years in a row and made significant strides in reducing town debt to the tune of over \$6 million. And communication and collaboration are now the norm in town hall. That being said, there's still plenty more to be done."

Morris said, "It's really hard sometimes representing businesses and residents alike; all taxpayers depend on us

and put their faith in us to make sound decisions. Your town council and its mayor are responsible for all matters pertaining to the town. We've worked very hard and I promise that we'll continue."

Pardieck said, "We moved here because of the small-town, family friendly atmosphere, the beautiful natural environment and good schools. It's quite simply a great place to live. I know you share the sentiment and are continuing to work for you to keep it that way through ethical and effective government, expanding outdoor recreational opportunities, opposing gambling expansion, and promoting environmental, social, and fiscal practices for a sustainable future."

The forum also featured the three mayoral candidates, incumbent Patrick "Irish" Mahoney and challengers Joshua Johnson and Stewart Cumbo. Johnson did not participate and afterwards announced he was withdrawing his candidacy and throwing his support to Cumbo.

The County Times offered separate interviews to the three candidates and Mahoney and Johnson responded and those interviews ran in the Oct. 15 issue. Cumbo did not respond.

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What's Coming to Calvert County to Purchase Commercial Building Appeals Board to Hear Office Plan

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Oct. 21 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was held via ZOOM and live streamed from the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

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

2) SPR-2020-3 13, **Fox Run Shopping Center Pad Development**, located at the existing Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick on one parcel consisting of 40.69 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center-Entry District. The proposed development includes construction of three free-standing pad buildings, totaling 13,996 square feet of new construction in the remote parking area on the west side of the site, in front of the former K-Mart and existing Gordmans (Peebles). The project also includes but not limited to, parking, trash enclosures, utilities, drainage, stormwater management, landscaping and lighting. The submittal was accepted June 24, 2020. Agent: Langan

3) SPR-1381 11, **Lusby Villas**, located at 11770 Lusby Parkway, Lusby, on one parcel consisting of 26.23 acres, zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential District. The submittal proposes the construction of 276 multi-family apartment units along with an associated community center and outdoor pool area. The submittal was accepted August 26, 2020. Agent: R.A. Barrett & Associates

4) SPR-138 123, **Emmanuel Baptist Church Gymnasium**, located at 3800 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, on one parcel consisting of 5.23 acres, zoned Huntingtown Town Center, Neighborhood District. The submittal proposes the demolition of two existing trailers to be replaced with the construction of a 12,000 square foot Gymnasium with associated site development requirements. The submittal was accepted September 23, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

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

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

2) SD-13812 1, **Rebecca's Field**, Lots 1-14, located on Cox Road, in Huntingtown, within one mile buffer of Huntingtown Town Center. 14 lots, on one parcel, consisting of 51.058 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted August 26, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

3) SD-138129, **Chapline Place**, Lot 3RR & 3A, located on MD RT 4, Trasker's Boulevard and North Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick. Located in the Prince Frederick Town Center - Entry District, 2.076 acres, resubdivision of commercial Lot 3R to create Lot 3RR and Lot 3A. Engineer: COA.

Information provided by Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners will become landlords of a commercial building. The board at their Oct. 20 meeting unanimously approved exercising their option agreement to purchase a building on Main Street in Prince Frederick across from the courthouse. The agreed sale price is \$1 million.

The property described as 184 and 190 Main Street houses two commercial enterprises. The building was mentioned as a possible use for the county during discussion of options for county government space needs.

Meanwhile, the Board of Appeals has on its Nov. 5 agenda a "variance in the height limitations set forth in the Prince Frederick Town Center Zoning Ordinance...from a maximum height of 36 feet to 48 feet to construct a new County Government Administration Building. The subject property is located at 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick."

That location is currently the home of the County Services Plaza, which houses

several county agencies. Presumably the county is moving ahead with plans to construct a new office building next to that existing building.

As to the Main Street property, a memo to the county commissioners from Director of Public Works Kerry Dull said, "The option provided an opportunity for the county to explore the use of the site for the county government. An Environmental Phase One survey was conducted and has determined the property to be satisfactory. A metes and bounds survey was conducted and the survey finds the land areas of the properties consistent with their deeds."

The memo went on to say: "No impediments to the future use of these properties as a county government property have been identified during the study period. It is notable that the county would assume the Landlord's position on the existing lease and immediate use of the properties is subject to the Tenant's rights under the lease."


The building seller is Laveille Properties, LLC.

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Teachers, School Staff Criticize Safety Negotiations

School Superintendent Responds

The Calvert Education Association (CEA) and the Calvert Association of Educational Support Staff (CAESS), the unions representing over 90 percent of staff employed by Calvert County Public Schools, issued a statement on Oct. 19 about school safety related to the coronavirus pandemic and proposed return to in-person instruction.

According to a press release, "On Oct. 13, both CEA and CAESS were notified that the Board of Education was unwilling to negotiate safety protocol." The CEA and CAESS statement is as follows:

"CEA and CAESS members, jointly representing nearly all school personnel, support having students return to school for face-to-face instruction. However, the leadership of the organizations feels strongly that to achieve this it must be done in a safe manner, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Maryland Department of Health and the Calvert County Health Department.

"Our employee organizations have attempted to address safety concerns with CCPS internally and have been written off for months. We have been presented with inadequate measures or "opportunities to give input" with no real ability to affect change. At this point, staff and student safety requires formal negotiations to codify proper workplace safety procedures.

"Uncertainty troubles educators and staff about the quality of ventilation, adequacy of supplies of personal protective equipment, consistent use of masks and prevention protocols, and the response and disinfecting protocols for positive COVID-19 cases.

"Teachers have been told that if a student refuses to wear a mask to do the 'best that they can, use it as a teachable moment,' said Dona Ostenso, president of CEA. 'That's just not good enough. A single container of 75 sanitizing wipes is not going to get a teacher through a week, let alone a quarter or semester. The safety conditions we work in are the learning conditions of our students.'

"Our nurses have not received properly fitting masks. Their jobs require them to be exposed for extended periods of time to individuals who could potentially be positive for COVID-19. This is unacceptable,' said Stacy Tayman, CAESS president. 'Our building service workers have received no additional protocols in the event of a positive infection in our buildings. We learned that some of the new PPE expired several months ago.'

"CEA and CAESS are aware of several positive cases among members of the staff that have been handled inconsistently.

"We understand that keeping CO-

VID-19 out of our schools and buildings is an enormous undertaking. We also understand that we need to work together to come to an agreement on consistent, minimum standards across the school system to keep our staff, students, and community safe,' said Tayman."

The Board of Education of Calvert County recently approved a plan to bring grades Pre-K to 2 back to school on Nov. 9. The school system has proposed additional phases of returning students to in-person instruction over the next three months.

School Superintendent responded to the joint statement. He said, "There are several inaccuracies and misrepresentations in this press release.

"First, it is unfortunate that they are implicating the Board of Education, when they are really talking about their dealings with the superintendent and administration. School safety is not negotiable. Negotiations suggest that one side is for something and one is against. We are all in favor of school safety. We have declined to negotiate this. But we have requested to meet in order to discuss and work on their safety concerns. All of the issues listed in their press release would easily be answered and resolved if they would be willing to meet with us.

"Keep in mind we have had students in summer school and several hundred students in school for several weeks now and at this time there have been no documented cases of COVID transmitted to students or staff at school. We have purchased hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of PPE and cleaning supplies. Our building service workers have adopted new standards and expectations for cleaning.

"Indeed, when asked about students and masks, we point out that it is something that the teacher may need to teach first before we can decide what is next. That is what teachers do in the first weeks of school – teach and reinforce basic routines. We also need to discuss what we should do with teachers and staff who don't wear masks and fail to follow proper safety guidelines.

"It is unfortunate that they think the cleaning supplies have expired. The date on these supplies represents a "manufactured on" date, not an expiration date.

"The statement about nurses and masks is not accurate. Nurses were fitted by the Calvert County Health Department for N95 masks two weeks ago. In that fitting experience we found we needed more of one size than we had on hand leaving about 4 nurses yet to be fitted. Those masks are ordered.

"Our focus for now is to be sure we are ready for the students who will return under the PK-2 hybrid plan."

Financial Relief Grant Aimed at Local Businesses, Nonprofits

More than 280 Calvert County businesses and nonprofits have received much needed financial assistance through the Calvert County COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Fund Grant, to cover expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through two rounds of funding, a total of \$865,500 in grants awarded to 224 businesses were processed through the Department of Economic Development: 91 sole proprietors were awarded grants of \$1,500 each; 101 micro businesses received grants of \$5,000 each; and 32 small businesses received \$7,000 each.

In addition to the funding earmarked specifically for businesses, approximately \$475,000 in grant funding was administered through the Department of Community Resources to 60 nonprofit organizations serving Calvert County.

"We are pleased to be able to provide assistance to small businesses and nonprofits, who have been hit especially hard during the pandemic," said Board of County Commissioners President Kelly McConkey. "We appreciate the hard work by Economic Development and Community Resources staff to get this funding to our business and nonprofit community, whose success is crucial to Calvert County's strength and vitality."

The program, which ran from June to September, was funded through the Maryland Coronavirus Relief Fund, established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Calvert County received \$1.25 million to provide small business grants and \$500,000 for nonprofits.

Grants are being used for expenditures related to business interruption or unusual expenses incurred due to

the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as the installation of safety barriers, personal protective equipment, additional cleaning materials or training to ensure the safety of employees and customers. The grant does not require repayment.

"It is rare for economic developers to have an opportunity to provide grants like this," said Economic Development Director Kelly Robertson-Slagle. "This was a unique opportunity to be able to help business owners offset unforeseen and highly unusual expenses. It was an exciting challenge to implement this program and we're grateful for the chance to provide financial assistance to our community."

"A range of nonprofits received funding, including animal rescue, arts, civic, disability, education, faith-based, housing and senior service organizations," said Community Resources Director Jennifer Moreland. "Nonprofit organizations are the lifeblood of our community so our department takes great pride in helping them through these challenging times."

Small businesses and nonprofits applied for a grant through an online application portal and were required to show that they had experienced a revenue loss or incurred additional expenses, were in good standing with the state of Maryland and without any tax liabilities due to Calvert County.

Remaining funds will be used to provide additional financial assistance to the community through the end of 2020. The Department of Community Resources will oversee the use of these funds through a Rent and Mortgage Relief Fund as well as support for local housing agencies to provide financial assistance for eligible applicants living in Calvert County.

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Prescription Medication Take-Back Day Scheduled



Prevent unused and expired prescription medications from being misused by turning them in at a no-questions-asked event sponsored by the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAASA) and local law enforcement. Residents are urged to properly dispose of unused prescriptions Saturday, October 24 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Prescription medications may be dropped off at the following locations:

- Calvert County Sheriff's Office, 30 Church St., Prince Frederick
- Maryland State Police, Barrack U, 210 Main St., Prince Frederick
- Harriet E. Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
- Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach

- Southern Community Center, 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

In addition, the event will allow for the distribution of prevention information and FREE Deterra® RX disposal packets, while supplies last. "Study after study has shown that prescription drug abuse can be a gateway to heroin and opioid addiction," said CAASA Coordinator Candice D'Agostino. "We have to attack this drug crisis from every angle and help prevent substance misuse from beginning in our own homes."

For information about this event, call the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. at 410-535-3733 or visit www.calvertcountymd.gov/CAASA.

Press Release from Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc.

Essay Contest Winners See How Government Works



Students interested in government have a perfect opportunity to witness it first-hand.

It's called the Congressional Seminar Essay Contest for High School Students. This essay contest is a major project of The National Society of Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA) held under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation, a private nonprofit educational program in American government for high school students.

Winners receive full tuition, including seminar materials, university campus housing, and two meals daily, for a week of citizenship education about the national government, plus fun, new friends, and tours of sites in our nation's capital.

The contest is open to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students, according to Calvert County resident Grace Mary Brady, who

was formerly St. Mary's County's historic district planner. Brady is chair of NSCDA's Patriotic Service Committee, which has the contest as one of its responsibilities.

Brady feels that this year's essay contest topic is very topical: "The Electoral College was established in the U.S. Constitution as the election process for the President and Vice President. Support retaining the Electoral College or propose and support another system to operate in its place."

Brady said, "What a perfect topic for this election year and I like the suggestion of what would you replace the Electoral College with if you don't like how it operates now?"

Information about how to enter the contest can be found on the NSCDA website: <https://nscda.org>

Caregivers Must Also Care (Financially) for Themselves

If you're a caregiver, possibly for a loved one dealing with an illness such as Alzheimer's disease, you're probably already facing some significant emotional and physical challenges – so you don't need any financial ones as well. Yet, they are difficult to avoid. What steps can you take to deal with them?

First of all, you may be interested in knowing the scale of the problem.

Consider these numbers from the Alzheimer's Association: About 5.8 million Americans ages 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and in 2019, caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias contributed more than 18 billion hours of unpaid care – worth about \$244 billion in services. Furthermore, about two-thirds of caregivers are women, and one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters.

But whatever your gender or relationship to the individuals for whom you're providing care, you can take some steps to protect your own financial future. Here are a few suggestions:

- Evaluate your employment options. If you have to take time away from work – or even leave employment altogether – to be a caregiver, you will lose not only income but also the opportunity to contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or other employersponsored retirement plan. But you may have some options, such as working remotely, or at least working part time. Either arrangement can give you flexibility in juggling your employment with your caregiving responsibilities.

- Explore payment possibilities for caregiving. Depending on your circumstances, and those of the loved ones for whom you're providing care, you might be able to work out an arrangement in which you can get paid something for

your services. And as long as you are earning income, you can contribute to an IRA to keep building resources for your own retirement.

- Protect your financial interests – and those of your loved ones. You may well want to discuss legal matters with the individual for whom you are a caregiver before Alzheimer's robs them of the ability to think clearly. It may be beneficial to work with a legal professional to establish a financial power of attorney – a document that names someone to make financial decisions and pay bills when the person with Alzheimer's no longer can. And whether you or someone else has financial power of attorney, the very existence of this document may help you avoid getting your personal finances entangled with those of the individual for whom you're caring.

- Keep making the right financial moves. As long as you're successful at keeping your own finances separate from those of your loved one, you may be able to continue making the financial moves that can help you make progress toward your own goals. For example, avoid taking on more debts than you can handle. Also, try to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Of course, these tasks will be much easier if you can maintain some type of employment or get paid for your caregiving services.

There's nothing easy about being a caregiver. But by making the right moves, you may be able, at the least, to reduce your potential financial burden and brighten your outlook. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Cancer Team Focuses on Early Detection, Survivorship

CalvertHealth Honors Survivors

CalvertHealth hosted its 1st Annual Cancer Survivor Celebration at the Rod 'N' Reel Resort recently as part of an ongoing initiative to expand support services for cancer survivors. The celebration was preceded by months of pilot programs to include kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, fitness and wellness classes, cooking classes and more.

"Our goal is to improve the quality of life for our cancer survivors," said Carrie Tilley, MS, ANP-BC, RN, ANOCP®, who helped to develop the survivorship program at CalvertHealth. "Special areas of focus include physical activity and nutrition, as well as emotional and practical support."

The programs, also open to caregivers, were funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health Center for Cancer Prevention and Control. Tilley brings a wealth of experience to CalvertHealth with 17 years of experience in medical oncology having led the survivorship programs at George Washington University and the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center.

In addition to the many CalvertHealth service lines and departments that support cancer care at CalvertHealth, the event was widely supported by



Dale Morsell, a 10-year breast cancer survivor and her niece Cindy Jones and 11-year cancer survivor at the 1st Annual CalvertHealth Cancer Center Survivor Celebration at the Rod 'N' Reel Resort.

community partners such as the American Cancer Society, the Calvert County Health Department and Calvert Medical Imaging Center. Drs. Arati Patel and Kenneth Abbott, a cancer survivor himself, also attended the event to share their knowledge and passion for cancer care in our community.

Cancer survivor Kim Malone, 53,

of Huntingtown said the survivorship programs offered by CalvertHealth were invaluable in helping her find her new normal – and more importantly, her locus of control. "When I was diagnosed, I felt completely alone even though I was surrounded by all of my loved ones and all of my friends. It was a terrifying feeling," she recalls. "Once I was able to listen to others who have gone down this path and been successful and hear their insights on how to deal with different things ... it was empowering."

The celebration continues the entire month of October with the CalvertHealth Foundation Breast Cancer Virtual 5K and Mammograms & Manicures – an event to encourage mammograms during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

CalvertHealth Foundation Board Chair Denise Bowman spoke of the importance of having breast cancer treatment options close to home in a live Facebook 5K kick-off event for the month of October. A long-time Calvert County resident, Bowman shared that she was diagnosed with breast cancer in the midst of the pandemic. In her words, "If it wasn't for early detection through my mammogram, I don't know when I would have been diagnosed."

This year's 5K is being held

virtually. Participants can walk or run individually or as a team along their favorite trail or course, or perhaps from the comfort of their home on your treadmill. Registration is open now through October 30 and all participants receive a 5K race t-shirt, a finisher medal and other promotional materials provided by event sponsors Asbury Solomons and Sneade's Ace Home Center. Anyone wishing to support this great cause can register online at CalvertHealthFoundation.org.

Mammograms & Manicures, hosted by Calvert Medical Imaging Center, promotes early detection and prevention in the fight against breast cancer. All those who schedule mammograms on Saturday, October 31 will receive a free complimentary manicure set and a coupon for a free 30-minute individual nutrition counseling session. Call Calvert Medical Imaging Center at 443.721.4668 to schedule an appointment. Make sure to use the code MAMMO2020 to take advantage of this special promotion.

For more information on cancer support program at CalvertHealth, visit CalvertHealthMedicine.org/CancerCare.

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Gail Hatfield: A 35-Year Passion for Voting Rights

Adapting During a Pandemic

By Dick Myers
Editor

When it comes to elections, Gail Hatfield has pretty much seen it all. She's been with the Calvert County Board of Elections for 34 and a half years, almost 30 of them as administrator. That's until this year.

"It's definitely a difficult election this year."

She's been through "voting machines to ABM voting machines, to paper ballots, to touch screens, and now we're back to paper ballots."

"I'd say it's because we're running two consecutive elections at the same time with the same amount of people," she explained of the consequences of the pandemic on the historic 2020 general election.

You can tell things are different when you call their office on Duke Street in Prince Frederick. Hatfield explained, "For this election for the very first time ever we've actually had our main number forwarded to a call center because we can't get any work done with the phones ringing continuously. It was sent to a call center to hopefully help us. But in the long run we're finding out that we don't like the call center because people are put on hold, people can't get through, they can't get to us. And I'd rather talk to the voters personally than having someone else trying to answer their questions. It's just hard." People can reach her office directly through the courthouse number.

That connection developed over the years with the voters explains Hatfield's philosophy and why she has done it for so long.

"I think that once elections are in your blood, it's there forever," she said. "Honestly, the reason I stay so long and the reason I still am here is because I'm here to protect the voters of Calvert County.

"It's just my personal goal to ensure that even though they yell at us or they get upset, my job is to make sure that every person that takes the effort to vote, those get counted in any way possible."

She does it for her county, "I always say to keep our county number one and make sure our voters are always taken care of and that their vote counts."

That's the most basic American right. "It is. And I know we get voters that yell at me. They get very obnoxious at election time and usually it's because a lot of people are under the impression that our office is a political office. We're not political in here at all. And once I explain to them that our job isn't for the candidates, we're here to protect you. Then they kind of back down a little bit. That is what we're here for. We're here to make sure that anyone that takes the time and does do the voting that we make sure it's counted in a fair way, equal for all parties."

The parallel system of the emphasis on mail-in voting because of the pandemic and the desire for some to vote in person, and the requirements that entails, have presented this year's challenges for Hatfield's office and election boards all over the country.

Hatfield said, "The most questions that we're getting right now is where's my ballot? And that's because everyone wants it yesterday."

She added, "The governor said this time, we're not going to mail them out to every voter like Virginia and Washington did. We're going to request everyone to file an absentee ballot application prior to getting a ballot this time. So, the confusion is, a lot of people expected it to come and instead they got an application in the mail instead of a ballot. And then they have to request that application. So, it's basically a two-step process this time, which takes longer."

The deadline has passed for the request to be sent in for a ballot.

She explained, "Once they get that ballot back to us, we scan it in, we get it put into the database, we get it updated. The people can actually check the status of their ballot by going to the website (elections.maryland.gov). They can actually check where their ballot is in the process. Like, has it been received? Has it been counted?"

The mail-in ballot is secure, with the voter's signature hidden with a security flap. The ballot can be mailed in, placed in a drop box or brought to the polls on election days.

Hatfield explained, "Every person has a unique barcode on the back of their envelope. We have to scan it. We have to ensure that they signed it because if a person forgets to sign the back of their oath envelope, which is where the ballot is in it, then we have to start calling and we have to try to get them. Because we can't count a ballot without the signature." Once the ballot received is verified it can be canvassed for counting.

Everyone this year is concerned that the results of the election may be delayed. Hatfield shares that concern. "If you have received a ballot, don't delay, get it back to us today because I want to count as many ballots ahead of election day as possible so that we have the most current results election night, because we're not allowed to canvass ballots during the early voting process." Early voting runs Oct. 26-Nov. 2, so the message is: get the ballot in before then.

"I don't want to have 10,000 more ballots to have to count after election."

The safest way to ensure it is received early is to use one of the seven secure drop boxes scattered around the county at Southern and Northeast community centers, the election office in Prince Frederick and at the four county high schools.

She said, "We are actually getting more in our drop boxes than we are in the mail right now. And the drop boxes are under video surveillance, 24 hours a day. I have a big giant computer screen, like a TV monitor, out in the front office and it shows the drop boxes, and we can keep an eye on that."

For those who want to vote in person, Early Voting is at the election office only, each day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Masks and social distancing are required for early voting. "It's a small room. We're only allowed to have five to six voters in the voting room at one time," Hatfield said, adding, "When they come to the door, we also have hand sanitizer or gloves. They have to choose one of the other."

She explained, "They're going to stay six feet apart. And when they come in, they'll get an ink pen issued to them. And then

they'll use that pen throughout the whole process. And when they leave, they'll drop it in a bucket so that we can go back to sanitize them later."

As to masks, "If a person comes up without a mask, if it is not a medical reason, they will not be allowed in the voting room. They will have to vote a provisional ballot outside because some people just refuse."

If they have a medical reason, "They will be allowed to come through. But what we're going to do is we'll have a placeholder in line and when that person's turn comes to come in, the room will be empty. We will allow that person to go in, leave, and then we will sanitize. And then we will allow the next six people in again."

The same process will be used on election day, November 3. Election day locations are severely reduced this year from the normal multiple school sites to just the four high schools and the election office.

On election day at the vote centers, she said, "Because they're bigger rooms, we'll be allowing 15 voters into the precinct at a time, but it will be the same conditions. The judges are going to be taught that if they don't wear a mask, they have to vote provisional outside." Those with medical reasons to not wear a mask will be handled the same way as during early voting.

They increased the number of election judges from 10 to 16 in the vote centers.

For now, the election office is a busy place, with all the questions and all of the unforeseen problems with this year's unique situation. The office in normal times has eight employees. They've added seven temporaries.

Hatfield said, "We're fighting a double shift here. I'm running temporaries here in the night. There are just not enough hours of the day. So, we're running all day here, inputting these applications and inputting the ballots. And then I have a full staff up until 1 a.m. at night working here just to try to get it done."

They'll be at the office for eight straight days, what with early voting and election day. "That's going to be a tough problem for us." She emphasized the more ballots in early the better for them and the princess.

She noted, "Our office is closed to the public. However, we're still responding. We have put a bell outside of our office door. We have been taking care of voters all along anyway. So, if a person needs a new ballot, let's say they've spoiled the valid one and they don't know what to do. We've been telling them all, come on down here to the office, ring the bell, let us know what you need."

"We will accommodate them and fix them. That's what we've been doing here all along for the last few weeks."

Hatfield, 60, isn't quite a native countian. She said, "I was brought here when I was about seven. I went through school here. And so, you know, I'm just about there."

She was raised on a farm on Brickhouse Road in Dunkirk, moved to North Beach when she married, and she and her husband William now live on a farm in Huntingtown. They have five children and four grandchildren.

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Where Do I... Find a Dropbox?

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CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of October 5 – October 11, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,226 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-53072 On October 10, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski responded to Serenity Court in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between 11:00pm on October 9th and 12:40am on October 10th an unknown suspect(s) had thrown eggs at their vehicle. The value of damaged property is unknown.

Theft: 20-52229 On October 5, 2020, Deputy R. Shrawder took the report of a theft that occurred at Weis in Lusby. The complainant advised that sometime between September 3rd and October 4th, an unknown suspect(s) stole the tailgate and the catalytic converter off their truck while parked in the lot. The total value of stolen property is \$1,200.

Theft: 20-52466 On October 6, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski responded to W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:00pm and 9:10pm on October 6th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a handicap placard as well as multiple prescription medications from their vehicle. The value of stolen property is unknown.

Theft: 20-53138 On October 10, 2020, Corporal Curtin responded to Deep Landing Road in Huntingtown for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 3:00pm on October 8th and 7:00am on October 9th, and unknown suspect(s) stole a "Biden" political sign that was placed on Bowie Shop Road. The value of stolen property is \$1.

Theft: 20-53232 On October 10, 2020, Deputy Freeland responded to Charles Street in Solomons for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) had stolen two "Trump" flags from their front porch. The value of stolen property is \$75.

Arrests

On October 5, 2020, Deputy Bowlan conducted a traffic stop on Bayside Road at Traders in Chesapeake Beach. Upon making contact with the driver, **Alice Madeline Parks** (61), Deputy Bowlan observed Parks to appear lethargic with bloodshot and watery eyes. Parks exited the vehicle and while speaking with her, Deputy Bowlan observed two loose pills suspected to be Xanax and a third unknown pill in her front jacket pocket. Parks was detained and further search of her person was conducted resulting in an additional broken pill suspected to be Subutex. Parks was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and multiple traffic citations.

On October 5, 2020, Deputy Sampson conducted a traffic stop on Armory Road at Fairground Road in Prince Frederick. Upon making contact with the driver, **Tessa Marie Ropel** (34), Deputy Sampson observed Ropel to have

droopy eyelids, incoherent speech, and to be very jittery. Ropel exited the vehicle and a search was conducted resulting in thirteen cut straws all containing various colors of powder residue, three prescription bottles each containing a lower quantity of pills, inconsistent with the prescription dosage. Ropel was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On October 6, 2020, Deputy Hardy conducted a traffic stop on Duke Street in Prince Frederick. Upon making contact with the driver, **Trondelle Laquan Brooks** (38), Deputy Hardy detected the odor of alcohol emanating from Brooks' breath and the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Deputy Hardy also observed two open beer containers in the passenger seat. Calvert Emergency Communications advised that Brooks had active warrants through the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, as well as Maryland State Police. Brooks exited the vehicle and a search was conducted resulting in a paper fold containing a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine. Brooks was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and was served with his warrants.

On October 7, 2020, Deputy Wilder conducted a traffic stop in the area of Patuxent High School on Southern Connector Boulevard in Lusby. Upon making contact with the vehicle occupants, Deputy Wilder detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The driver, who had identified herself under a false name and was later identified as **Taylor Elaine Griffith** (22), and the passengers exited the vehicle and a search was conducted. Located in the vehicle was a small metal spoon with burn marks, and a small cotton ball belonging to Griffith as well as small pieces of copper padding and a dismantled copper scrub pad. A search of Griffith's person resulted in an orange syringe. Calvert Emergency Communications advised that Griffith was wanted on an active warrant through St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. Griffith was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and served with her warrant.

On October 7, 2020, Deputy Gilmore responded to the area of E. Chesapeake Beach Road at Harrison Boulevard in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a male subject in the roadway. Upon arrival, Deputy Gilmore observed the subject, **Brian Allen Ward Sr.** (49), who advised he was trying to hitch hike to Traders. Deputy Idol observed Ward throw something into the

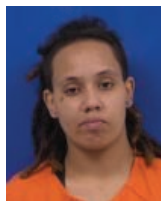
woods nearby and recovered a plastic bag containing a white powder suspected to be cocaine. Ward was detained and a search of his person was conducted resulting in a pair of brass knuckles with a knife attached, and a plastic tube containing two green suspected Oxycodone



Brian Ward Sr



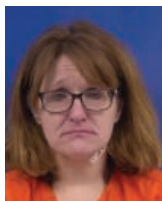
Trondelle Brooks



Taylor Griffith



Alice Parks



Tessa Ropel

pills, four yellow suspected Diazepam pills, and two white suspected Oxycodone pills. Ward was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and Dangerous Weapon-Conceal.

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

MARYLAND STATE POLICE CRIME REPORT

Disorderly Conduct - On October 1, 2020, TFC Kelly was dispatched to 1165 White Sands Drive, Lusby, Maryland, for a reported 2nd degree assault that had already occurred. Upon arrival, TFC Kelly made contact with the complainant, Elizabeth Lynne Jazwinski, DOB: 1/26/1965. Jazwinski stated that her neighbor, Michael Stephen Kubisiak, DOB: 09/26/1991, assaulted her as he was passing by. TFC Kelly arrived on scene and while speaking to Kubisiak, he became disorderly. As a result, Kubisiak was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and 2nd degree assault and then transported to CCDC without incident.

CDS Possession - Oxycodone - On October 1, 2020, TFC Rucker conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 at Brickhouse House. While speaking to the driver, Jason Roy Hoyer, DOB: 03/11/1989, TFC Rucker detected to odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed marijuana and oxycodone. Hoyer was subsequently placed under arrest for CDS: Possession - Oxycodone, and transported to CCDC without incident.

Unauthorized Use / CDS Possession - Heroin - On October 2, 2020, the complainant, Kristie Lynn Hoover, DOB: 06/15/1985, responded to the Prince Frederick Barrack to report her vehicle was in the possession of her boyfriend, Randall Keith Howes, Jr., DOB: 04/23/1985 and that he had failed to return the vehicle to her when she indicated it needed to be back. The vehicle was observed by Troopers traveling in front of the Prince Frederick Barrack. A traffic stop of the vehicle in the area of Main Street and Calvert Towne Road. Howes was found to be in possession of heroin at the time of the traffic stop, initiated for the reported unauthorized use of the vehicle. Howes will be served on a Criminal Summons by TFC Rucker. **CDS Possession - Heroin** - On October 3, 2020, TFC Kelly conducted a traffic stop in the area of 15 Cove Point Road, Lusby, Maryland. A search of the vehicle revealed three hypodermic syringes with suspected heroin residue. The driver, Anthony Allen Cantrell, DOB: 9/5/1993, was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession - Heroin. Cantrell was transported to CCDC without incident.

2 nd Degree Assault (Domestic) - On October 4, 2020, TFC Fraser was dispatched to 7025 Sawmill Road, Lusby, for a reported 2nd degree assault that had already occurred. Upon arrival, TFC Fraser made contact with the complainant, Thomas Hamilton Ellis, DOB: 1/4/1974. Ellis stated that his wife, Melanie Lee Wigton, DOB: 9/9/1974, assaulted him as a result of a previous verbal argument.

Wigton freely admitted to both shoving and punching Ellis. As a result, Wigton was arrested for 2 nd degree assault and then transported to CCDC without incident.

CDS Possession - Buprenorphine / Alprazolam - On October 6, 2020, TFC Fraser was checking the welfare of a subject reportedly passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle in the parking lot of Wal-Mart. A search of the vehicle revealed both Buprenorphine and Alprazolam present on the vehicle. The driver, Jonathan Eliot Williams, DOB: 4/19/1989, was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession - Buprenorphine and CDS: Possession - Alprazolam. Cantrell was transported to CCDC without incident.

2nd Degree Assault (Domestic) - On October 6, 2020, TFC Smith was dispatched to 114 Raymond's Way, Prince Frederick, Maryland, for a reported 2nd degree assault that had already occurred. Upon arrival, TFC Smith made contact with the suspect, James Devaughn Wilkerson, DOB: 7/30/1985. Wilkerson immediately admitted to assaulting a roommate, Mary Robin Kosmas, DOB: 9/5/1965. An investigation revealed Wilkerson had assaulted multiple people at the residence, and not just Kosmas. Wilkerson also assaulted a responding EMT who was checking him for injuries. After being transported to CalvertHealth Medical Center, Wilkerson again assaulted a hospital security staff member by kicking them in the leg. As a result, Wilkerson was arrested and charged for multiple counts of 2 nd degree assault, and after being medically cleared, was transported to CCDC without further incident.

Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) - On October 10, 2020, TFC Backus was dispatched to Calvert Towne Drive, Prince Frederick, Maryland, for a reported MDOP that had already occurred. Upon arrival, TFC Backus made contact with the complainant, Amy Lydelle Clayton Holland, DOB: 9/8/1964. Holland stated that her relative, Chinon Lakeisha Holland, DOB: 12/22/1987, was sitting in her vehicle when the suspect, identified as Ambrose Matthew Kyler, DOB: 9/4/1975, started throwing pennies and rocks at the vehicle, causing damage. TFC Backus is obtaining a Criminal Summons for Kyler for MDOP.

All persons charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. News releases are a service of the Maryland State Police. Contact the barrack, division, or unit issuing this release for more information.

Press Release from MSP Prince Frederick Barrack

County Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

There are many awareness campaigns but none more popular than National Red Ribbon Week (RRW), celebrated October 23-31. Promoted nationwide, the campaign focuses on educating everyone to the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. This year's campaign theme is "Be HAPPY, Be BRAVE, BE DRUG-FREE."

The Red Ribbon Campaign® started after drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA Agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. At his funeral family and friends wore red ribbons and this began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs.

The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG - FREE AMERICA (National Family Partnership, <http://nfp.org>).

The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAASA) is pleased to partner with Calvert County Public Schools, Our Lady Star of the Sea, The Calverton School, Calvert County Neighborhood Watch Program and Calvert County Government to promote Red Ribbon Week in Calvert County.

The Board of Calvert County Commissioners will issue a Red Ribbon Week Proclamation on October 20 and CAASA will distribute Red Ribbons to county employees and Neighborhood Watch communities.



In addition, local schools will post outdoor Red Ribbon Week signs and host in-person and virtual Red Ribbon Week activities for students and staff.

"We encourage families to use Red Ribbon Week as a teachable moment. It's the perfect opportunity to talk with your children about alcohol and other drug abuse", states Debbi Mister, president, CAASA Board of Directors.

As parents/family, we have far more influence than we think and talking honestly about alcohol and drugs can have a real impact. In fact, research has shown that kids who have conversations with their parents about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50 percent less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations (National Council on Drug). Don't let the opportunity slip away.

Participate in Red Ribbon Week by encouraging a family conversation about what it means to be healthy and alcohol and drug-free.

Press Release from CAASA.

Leadership Class Experiences Energy & Environment

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2020 on Oct. 8-9 participated in the last of nine educational sessions for LSM's 2019-20 Executive Program - Energy and Environment.

The two-day event began at St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's Marlay-Taylor Water Reclamation Facility where the class received an overview of Metcom's operations, learned about the wastewater treatment process, and toured the on-site lab which conducts water quality testing and analysis. The afternoon portion of the session was conducted virtually, allowing class members to hear from representatives of Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO). These presentations provided an overview of energy production in the region and gave the class insight into the organizations' leadership structures.

The second day began with a visit to the Loveville Produce Auction, allowing the participants to experience "commerce in action" while observing interaction of the Mennonite and Amish agricultural community with local restaurateurs, grocers, and individuals who purchased from their harvests. Several

class members got in on the bidding action, taking home pumpkins, floral arrangements, and other seasonal produce. The participants then traveled to Farming 4 Hunger where they had an opportunity to learn about the farm's origin story, mission, and daily operations. The class also participated in several team-building activities to help them gain a fuller understanding of the impact of the organization and its programs on a larger scale.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a nine-month, tuition-based program and is designed and dedicated to educate and inspire a diverse group of current and emerging leaders to create collaborations and partnerships to impact the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and incorporates a cross-section of the region to include diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, and gender.

For more information, please contact Denise Foster, Executive Director Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-SOMD, via email denise@leadership-somd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org.

Press Release from LSM.

ST. MARY'S
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The National Public Honors College

FROM ABSENCE TO PRESENCE
THE VIRTUAL DEDICATION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE
TO ENSLAVED PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND
Saturday, November 21, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.

The Commemorative is an immersive art experience that honors the story of resilience, persistence, and creative problem solving that defined the lives of the enslaved individuals that lived in St. Mary's City between 1750 and 1815. Constructed on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus, the Commemorative provides visitors with the space to acknowledge and learn from the lives of those who once toiled there, while providing a place for reflection and introspection about the nature of slavery and its connections to modern society.

This virtual dedication will feature a keynote message by nationally-known writer Jelani Cobb. This artistic construction being erected near the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium features commissioned work by artists Norman Lee and Shane Allbritton of RE:Site and poet Quenton Baker.

TO EXPERIENCE THE VIRTUAL DEDICATION, VISIT:
WWW.SMCM.EDU/COMMEMORATIVE/

Marrick Properties Donates Welding Equipment

Helps Trade Students Perfect Their Skills

Marrick Properties recently donated a weld test bender that will give College of Southern Maryland (CSM) welding students an opportunity to evaluate the strength and integrity of their welds. The \$1,316 piece of equipment is used by inspectors to bend weld specimens and provides immediate feedback to students as they perfect their skills. The equipment also allows instructors and students to see if there are weak points in welds.

"This donation is a game changer for our welding program," said CSM Director I, Master Trainer, Accredited Training Sponsor Representative Michael Langton. "Adding a weld bender – which literally bends a cross-cut section of metal to test the strength of the weld – to our welding lab is a tremendous asset for our trade students."

The equipment was purchased through a donation from the Marrick Properties Inc. Endowed Fund which was established to enhance the college's trade programs and provide scholarships for CSM students.

"We are grateful to Marrick Properties for providing our students with this equipment," said Langton. "Marrick Properties' support of CSM through the years has been immeasurable. They are truly our partners in education."

The Center for Trade and Energy Training (CTET) at the Regional Hughesville Campus offers a 30,000-square-foot building containing multiple state-of-the-art labs for students to receive hands-on training in several trades including:

A Welding Lab fitted with 20 welding booths

A Carpentry Lab outfitted with tools, materials and equipment

A fully-equipped Electrical Lab with structural building mock-up

An HVAC Lab complete with operational HVAC systems

A Plumbing Lab with resources that imitate both residential and commercial plumbing systems

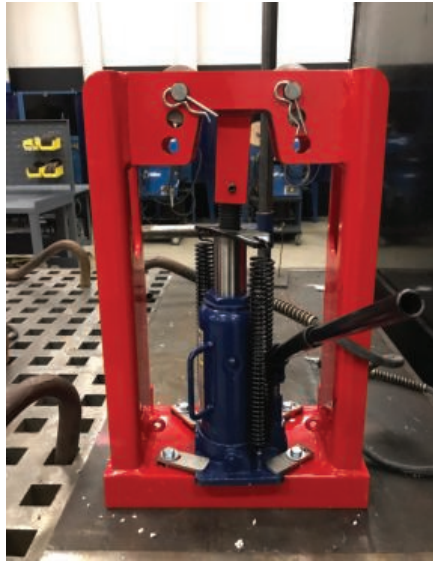
A Core Lab, featuring basic hand and power tools for a proper introduction to a career in trades

A CAD lab with color plotter

4 classrooms for instructional use;

A computer lab with 20 computer stations and 1 conference room

CTET provides residents direct access to specialized training in career fields that have remained essential throughout the global pandemic and continue to have substantial growth potential. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the following projections are made for job growth between 2012 and 2022:



Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Commercial Refrigeration (HVAC): Employment of HVAC mechanics and installers is projected to grow 21 percent, faster than the average for all occupations. Job opportunities for HVAC technicians are expected to be excellent, particularly for those who have completed training at an accredited technical school or through an apprenticeship.

Electrical: Employment of electricians is projected to grow 20 percent. With greater efficiency and reliability of newer manufacturing plants, demand for electricians in manufacturing should increase as more electricians are needed to install and maintain systems.

Construction: Overall employment of construction laborers and helpers is projected to grow 25 percent, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Plumbing: Demand for plumbers is projected to grow 21 percent. Job opportunities are expected to be good, as some employers continue to report difficulty finding qualified workers.

Welding: Employment for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers is projected to grow 3 percent from 2019 to 2029, about as fast as the average for all occupations. The nation's aging infrastructure will require the expertise of welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers to help rebuild bridges, highways, and buildings.

For more information on how CSM is taking precautions to safeguard our students, please consult our webpage: <https://ready.csm.edu/covid-19/>.

Learn more about CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus online <https://www.csm.edu/about/locations/regional-campus/>

Press Release from CSM.

St. Mary's Featured in "Best 386 Colleges" Guide

St. Mary's College of Maryland is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduates to earn their college degree, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company profiles and recommends St. Mary's College in the 2021 edition of its annual college guide, "The Best 386 Colleges."

The Princeton Review also includes St. Mary's College in the following lists within the guide: Best Northeastern, Best Value Colleges, Green Colleges, and ranked the College #5 in the Top 50 Green Colleges.

According to the guide, "Students fortunate enough to attend St. Mary's College of Maryland receive a "top tier education" wherein they have ample "opportunity to try new things and explore their interests." That extends beyond the applauded "research-based curriculum" to the environment—"the campus is absolutely gorgeous"—and even the food in the "great dining hall." Where St. Mary's shines most, however, is in its academic offerings, which "reflect the challenges that [students]

will face in the workplace," particularly for those in the STEM field who "can really get a leg up by doing publishable work even prior to grad school."

Only about 13 percent of America's 3,000 four-year colleges are profiled in the book, which is one of The Princeton Review's most popular publications. The company chooses colleges for the book based on data it annually collects from administrators at hundreds of colleges about their institution's academic offerings. The Princeton Review also considers data it gathers from its surveys of college students who rate and report on various aspects of their campus and community experiences for this project.

The Princeton Review's school profiles and ranking in "The Best 386 Colleges" are posted at <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges> where they can be searched for free with site registration.

Press Release from SMCM.

Professor Awarded Archeology Grant

St. Mary's College Professor of Anthropology Julia King was recently awarded a \$110,000 grant from the National Park Service to fund a complete archeological overview and assessment of Piscataway Park in Prince George's County, Maryland. This project will be conducted through a Cooperative Agreement under the Chesapeake Watershed Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit.

The Cooperative Agreement was signed August 14, 2020, and the project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Piscataway Park is a unit of the National Park Service administered by National Capital Parks—East. The park is located in Southern Maryland along the banks of the Potomac River. This park is significant because of the rich archeological resources located within the park and their impact on our modern understanding of Native American societies in the Eastern Middle Atlantic. Situated approximately 25 miles downriver from Washington D.C., lands within the park were home to the Potomac Valley's indigenous inhabitants for thousands of years—dating as far back as 6,000 years ago and through the 1500s. Among the occupants were the Piscataway Indians of Southern Maryland whose ancestors still live nearby today.

Piscataway Park is the greatest resource of pre-contact and contact period American Indian archeological resources in the National Capital Region of the National Park Service. The park has been the subject of several archeological investigations, but there has never been a synthetic report of this work or a formal organization of this material for management needs. The scope and breadth of existing archeological collections also lend themselves to addressing future research questions related not only to the history of Piscataway Park, but also the Native American communities that once lived there.

The archeological overview and assessment will describe and assess the known and potential archeological resources at Piscataway Park. The overview reviews, summarizes and synthesizes existing archeological data in detail, assesses past work, identifies gaps in our understanding of the archeological data, and determines the need for and recommendations for future studies. The document will be a core baseline archeological resources management reference for the National Capital Parks—East unit. This project will also critically examine and evaluate museum collections from archeological sites in the park to assist in understanding the history of the park. Furthermore, this work will develop recommendations for future research for management of park resources and public education.

Julie King is the principal investigator for the project, with Scott Strickland '08 serving as research and GIS coordinator. The grant also includes funding for an assistant archaeologist, likely to be an SMCM alum, and two student assistants.

Pending available funding, King and NPS may continue the project into 2022 and beyond with a new cooperative agreement. Additional work will likely entail reviewing and assessing archaeological collections, completion of updating state site forms, and updating archeological site condition assessments for the National Park System's online Cultural Resources Inventory System. Further work may also involve the production of a publicly accessible document (excluding sensitive archeological information) that will provide a detailed history of the Native American experience as linked to Piscataway Park, along with a Finding Aid/Collections Assessment document to complement the Archeological Overview and Assessment Document.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Memorial Scholarship to Aid CSM Adult Part-Time Students

Sisters Carolina and Oda Solms have honored their mother Melissa Ann Solms-Baruth by establishing a memorial scholarship fund in her name. The scholarship will financially assist College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students in all fields of study.

Solms-Baruth, who passed away in 2014, was a dedicated mother and wife, as well as an avid photographer and waterfront real estate professional. In 2007, she began publishing Southern Maryland Woman magazine with her eldest daughter. The community magazine remains in publication today. Solms-Baruth was an equestrian who enjoyed traveling and jewelry making. She was also an active CASA volunteer and supported the St. Mary's Mediation Center.

"Our mother was a life-long learner. She was curious about everything and constantly developed new interests. She was a true believer in the power of education to transform one's circumstances and we had discussed creating a scholarship at CSM with her many times," said Oda Solms. "This seemed like a very natural way to remember our mother and honor her legacy."

At the time of her passing, then CSM Foundation Member Jay Lilly laid a memorial brick in Solms-Baruth's memory at the CSM Leonardtown Campus in front of

the campus' Wellness and Aquatics Center (Building D).

"A brick has been laid in memory of Melissa Solms-Baruth by CSM Foundation Board member Jay Lilly who is here with us today," the program read. "Kind and generous, she devoted her life to her family and friends."

The Melissa Ann Solms-Baruth Memorial Scholarship Fund was established with a \$1,000 pledge and a promise of subsequent gifts added over time. It will provide financial assistance for tuition, fees, books and other related supplies to CSM students. To be eligible, students must be a resident of Southern Maryland; possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; possess and maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average; be attending part-time (at least six credits) at CSM; and be a returning adult student (at least 25 years of age). Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need and to students who are underrepresented minorities in their chosen field of study. Applicants must also submit an essay describing any hardships or obstacles they have faced and how this scholarship will help them achieve their goals.

Students may begin applying now for this scholarship through CSM's Scholarship Finder.

Press Release from CSM.

Museum Issues Virtual Anniversary Challenge

CMM Celebrates 50 Years

This month, the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) will turn a whopping 50 years old! To commemorate this major milestone, the museum announces its 50 Miles for 50 Years Virtual Challenge.

Dreamt up by CMM Board Member Nancy Wieck, the challenge begins on October 18, the museum's 50th Anniversary. From that date until November 18, the community is invited to participate by completing 50 miles of activity at their own pace and at their own place. This could mean walking, running, biking, hiking, swimming, or even skipping. Registration is \$25 per person and participants will receive a commemorative sticker of the museum's otter mascot, ready for exercise, in the mail. All you have to do to participate is register online at calvertmarinemuseum.com/50for50.

Donations are also accepted through the registration website and an anonymous donor is offering a \$5,000 match. In addition, several local businesses have already stepped up as official sponsors. The CMM Board of Governors would like to thank Bird Barkman Financial Strategies Group of Wells

Fargo Advisors, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices McNelis Group Properties, and CalvertHealth Breast Cancer Virtual 5K Run/Walk for their generous support.

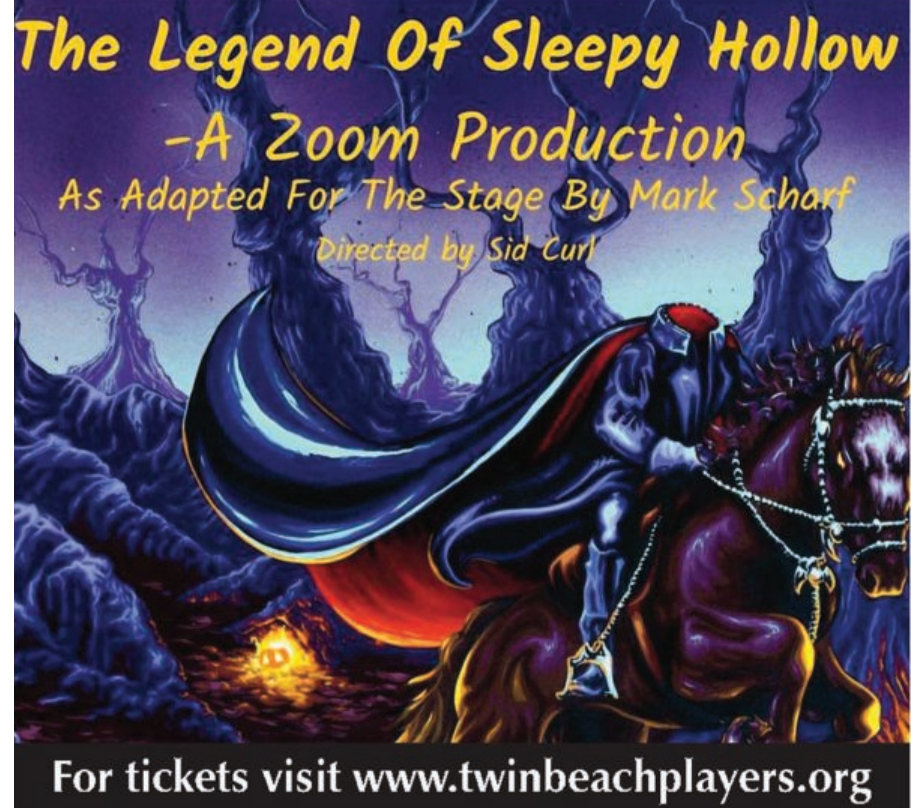
Throughout the month, participants are encouraged to share their progress and stay connected with each other through the event website listed above and on Facebook.

"Each week, we'll send out a fun challenge card that can be printed at home. This could be anything from a fossil hunt guide to a Waterside Music Series playlist to use during your run or walk. The whole museum really came together and we're excited to take the next step and get the community involved," said CMM Events & Facilities Coordinator Veronica Jordan.

For more information about this virtual event, to register, or donate to the museum's 50 for 50 campaign, visit calvertmarinemuseum.com/50for50. To become a sponsor, please contact Lisa Howard at 410-326-2042, ext. 16 or Lisa.Howard@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from CMM.

Twin Beaches Players Presents Classic Halloween Story



Need a scary story for Halloween? You've got it!

Twin Beach Players is presenting "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," playwright Mark Scharf's adaptation of the classic Washington Irving story about the Headless Horseman this Halloween as a Zoom Production.

It will be shown Friday and Saturday, October 30-31 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, November 1, at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit www.twinbeachplayers.org, or www.showtix4u.com/event-details/41524. Tickets are priced at \$15 per individual, or \$20 per family.

Press Release from Twin Beaches Players.

Sotterley Hosts Ghostly Days & Haunted Nights

The year 2020 has been a year of change for everyone, and since we are unable to hold our Ghosts of Sotterley event due to COVID, we are making certain that fall activities and ghostly fun are still to be had at Sotterley! Two weekends of fun will be taking place, with both in-person and virtual offerings!

On the weekends of October 23 - 25, and October 30 - November 1, Sotterley will have two weekends of family and ghostly fun. First, join us at Sotterley for "Ghostly Days," during our normal visitation hours each Friday through Sunday to enjoy the beautiful site with some added family fun. Kids (and adults!) are encouraged to wear their costumes, and there will be a scavenger hunt that takes you around the site.

Fill in your sheet and then turn it in for a bag of treats before you leave! Take a photo of yourself in costume and link it to Sotterley's Facebook page while you are here - you will then be entered into a contest to win a prize. There will be a haybale kid's area on the front field plus farm equipment will be on display. Normal visitation fees apply. In addition, you can buy a pump-

kin grown in Sotterley's own pumpkin patch! Pick your own pumpkin in the field, then pay for it in the Visitor Center.

And for those of you who miss the ghostly fun of our annual Ghosts of Sotterley event, join us for "HAUNTED NIGHTS" - four Virtual spooky stories created by some of your favorite Ghosts of Sotterley actors! On each of the Friday and Saturday evenings of both weekends (October 23, 24, 30 & 31), we will post a video of a ghostly story on Sotterley's Facebook, our website, and YouTube channel. Four evenings with four different stories of Twisted Tall Tales of Southern Maryland - bringing a little of our Ghosts of Sotterley into your home.

While there will be no cost to view these videos, in a year when Sotterley has been unable to hold any of its normal fundraisers, please know that we will gratefully accept on-line donations or would love to welcome you as a new member!

For more information visit www.sotterley.org, Sotterley's Facebook page, or call 301-373-2280.

Press Release from Sotterley.

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Lear Closes Potomac Season with Nationals Win

Kyle Lear drove to his second win of the season in last Saturday nights 35-lap "Kevin Cooke Memorial" Limited Late Model event at Potomac Speedway. The win for Lear, behind the wheel of his trusty Rocket no.151, was worth \$2222 and it would mark his 23rd career victory in the division.

Willie Milliken and Kyle Lear shared the front row for the start of the event with Milliken surging into the top-spot as the field entered turn one. Milliken appeared to have the fastest car as he lead until the 18th lap, until he tangled with a lapped car, sending him to the rear and Lear into the lead. Lear would eventually pace the remaining circuits but would have to fend off a pesky Andy Fries to preserve the win. "Willie got us there at the start but we went with a harder tire and I think we'd of had something for him if he hadn't gone to the rear." Lear stated in victory lane. "We've struggled the past few weeks and a big thanks to all the crew and sponsors who've stuck behind me." Tyler Emory, Dale Murphy (in a career best finish) and Milliken, who came from the rear of the field, completed the top-five. Heats went to 2020 track champion Derick Quade, Milliken and Lear.

Matt Hill blasted from his second starting spot to collect his first Potomac win of the season in the 30-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. As Hill lead, Dale Hollidge and 2020 track champion Jeremy Pilkerton swapped second until Pilkerton took it for good on the 27th lap. In the end, Hill would lead all 30 circuits aboard his Longhorn no.84 for his 5th career Potomac feature win and the \$1500 top prize. "I love this race track and we love coming here." a Jubilant hill said afterward. "This has been such a crazy season and to get a win down here tonight is awesome." Hollidge, Walker Arthur and Matt Quade would round out the top-five. Heats went to Pilkerton and Hill.

In the 30-lap «Dale Reamy Sr. Memorial» Street Stock event, PJ Hatcher continued his incredible season as he took his 7th straight Potomac feature win. Hatcher charged into the race lead at the drop of the green and was never challenged en route to his 15th career division feature win and the \$1056 pay day steering his ARC Race Cars built no.777. "I just

don't know what to say." An emotional Hatcher quipped in victory lane. "We have so many great people and sponsors who support us, this is just an incredible feeling." Dylan Rutherford, Walter Crouch, Kory Sites and Ben Hamilton trailed at the finish. Heats went to Hatcher and Crouch.

Mikey Latham tallied his 5th win of the season in the 25-lap Hobby Stock main. Latham and Mason Hanson each shared the lead until Latham took it for good on the 23rd lap to score his 17th career division win and the \$600 winners check. "There's nothing like winning the nationals." Latham stated. "We had a good car all weekend and this is a big win for my mom and dad and everyone who supports us." Jason Wilkins was solid in second with 2020 track champion Buddy Dunagan, Dylan Rutherford and Robert Tyree completing the top-five. Heats went to Latham, Wilkins and Hanson.

In support class action, Joey Suite and Shawn Payne split the two U-Car features with Cody Stamp and former division champion Nabil Guffey taking Strictly stock events. Suite's U-Car triumph was his career first with Payne collecting his 6th checkered of the season. Class rookie Stamp's victory was his 3rd of the season with Guffey tallying his 2nd of 2020. Jamie Eicholz (Modified) and Art Workman (Sportsman) took wins in the Southern Delaware Vintage Club events.

Limited Late Model feature finish (24)

Kyle Lear, Andy Fries, Tyler Emory, Dale Murphy, Willie Milliken, Bruce Kane, Derick Quade, Jonathan Raley, Michael Alderman, Samuel Bryant, Sam Archer, DJ Groft, Danny Garrett, Scott Wilson, Wayne Bryant, Kurt Zimmerman, Jamie Lathroum, Walker Arthur, Danny Zechman, Austin Stover, Billy Tucker, Kirk Evans, Eric Groah DNS-Chuck Cox

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish (20)

Matt Hill, Jeremy Pilkerton, Dale Hollidge, Walker Arthur, Matt Quade, Megan Mann, Ronnie Martin Jr., Timmy Booth, Corey Almond, Joey Love, Mike Raleigh, Will Pritchard, Brian Coe Jr., Ed Pope Jr., Brad Rigdon, Ben Scott, Chuck Bowie, Carl Vaughn, Tommy Armel DNS-Vaughn

Haywood

Street Stock feature finish (18)

PJ Hatcher, Dylan Rutherford, Walter Crouch, Kory Sites, Ben Hamilton, Scotty Nelson, Randy Zechman, Zach Myers, Mike Grady Jr., Dylan Welsh, Ben Pirner, Deuce Wright, Earl Brooks Jr., Russell Fox, Bryan Kerns, Walter Staub Jr. DNS-Ronnie Dennis, Hank Stonestreet

Hobby Stock feature finish (21)

Mikey Latham, Jason Wilkins, Buddy Dunagan, Dyaln Rutherford, Robert Tyree, Wes Givens, Hilton Pickeral, Brian Maxey, Mike DeBeers, Colin Long, Trent Clemmons, Wyatt Hanson, Troy Kassiris, Paige Vasallo, Austin Lathroum, Blake Jacobs, Cole Johnston DNS- Billy Crouse, Stevie Gingery, Rusty Hanbury

Strictly Stock feature finish (Friday) (11)

Cody Stamp, John Hardesty, Daniel Knodle, Bryan Allen, Brian Johnson, Bob Todd, Stephen Suite, Casey Sheckles, Nabil Guffey, Ray Hutchins, Travis Dye

Strictly Stock feature finish (Saturday) (12)

Nabil Guffey, Cody Stamp, Bryan Allen, Ray Hutchins, Stephen Suite, Bob Todd, Casey Sheckles, John Hardesty, Brian Johnson, Travis Dye, Johnny Hardesty, Daniel Knodle

U-Car feature finish (Friday) (15)

Joey Suite, Tim Steele, Owen Lacey, Faith Lacey, Mackenzie Smith, Seth Hood, John Burch, Brooke Bowles, Ryan Quade, Allen Griffith, Stephen Suite, Shawn Payne, Robert Wilson DQ- Ryan Clatterbuck, Dominic King

U-Car feature finish (Saturday) (14)

Shawn Payne, Ryan Clatterbuck, Dominic King, Tim Steele, Kristy Whitehouse, Faith Lacey, Bailey Tolson, Mackenzie Smith, Lonnie Hobbday, Owen Lacey, Brooke Bowles, Stephen Suite, Joey Suite, Robert Wilson,

Southern Delaware Vintage (10)

Jamie Eicholz (Modified), Roscoe Clough, Art Workman (Sportsman), David Tucker, Terry Chaney, David Tucker II, Robert Packowski, Harold Sylvester, Robert Blann DNS-Todd Miller

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway.



Letters TO THE Editor

Shame on Employers of Students

To the Editor

I am a high school teacher in the Calvert County Public Schools. I am well aware that virtual learning has become an issue in county politics in recent months. Some parents feel it is necessary to protect the health and lives of vulnerable family members, while others feel it is an unreasonable burden to families who are trying to get through these difficult times while also having to manage multiple children's at-home education.

I am not writing to engage in that debate. The reality is that, whether you agree with it or not, virtual learning is happening. Virtual learning is the form of school in which our students are currently engaged. It represents their school day.

As a teacher, parent, and citizen of Calvert County, I have been shocked by the failure of a portion of our community to recognize and support this reality. I have been shocked at the number of times I have received messages from students telling me they could not attend my classes because they were scheduled to work at their part-time jobs during school hours. I've been shocked by messages apologizing for missing my classes because their boss called them into work during school hours.

I have experienced students listening to my class via an earbud as they made sandwiches for people at their fast-food jobs. I have watched, terrified, more than once as a student attended my class with her phone perched on her lap as she drove from her home in Dunkirk to her fast food job in Prince Frederick in the middle of the afternoon, a student who was trying to complete her class time while endangering her life and the

lives of everyone else on the highway so as to not anger the boss who needed her to make sandwiches for his or her customers.

I have great sympathy for small business owners. My parents owned a small business when I was growing up, and I have some idea of the challenges that entails. I also understand that during the spring, when schoolwork was online and could be completed anytime, businesses may have gotten into the habit of scheduling young people to work whenever they needed them. I can assure them, however, that school is now scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every weekday. Teachers are online with students all day long, and everyone is taking these classes seriously except, perhaps, the business community of Calvert County.

I ask employers whether, were students physically in school, they would feel it was okay to schedule students to work during the school day and to leave their classes to come to work? That is what they are doing and, frankly, shame on any employer who pulls students out of their school classes to work at their convenience. I don't know much about child labor laws, but if this is not a violation, it should be. The business owners and employers of Calvert County need to immediately stop taking school age children out of their classes to work in their kitchens, supermarkets, convenience stores, and day care centers. Their education, whether in person or virtual, as well as their safety, is far too important.

I say again, shame on you.

*Sincerely,
Gary Clites
Chesapeake Beach*

'Farewell to the County We All Love'?

To the Editor:

Calvert's favorite son, Senator Bernie Fowler told Calvert Times Editor "if the (BOCC) Comprehensive Plan that now exists goes into place, we're going to be closer to Hoboken, New Jersey, instead of [being] the Crown Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay"!

So long and a very sad farewell to the county we all love and protect if Calvert Citizens United does not continue its court battle against the Willis/SBIG 20-Year Comp Plan with its tax increasing, MASSIVE commercial/residential buildout complete with mandatory construction of public sewer and installation of a sewer treatment plant (think WSSC) paid for by existing and future homeowners. The BOCC attorney files motions which we must answer in a timely manner. The commissioners goal is to break us financially!

After a year of CCU requests being dismissed by county staff, we finally obtained the "backroom" Willis/Small Business Interest Group (SBIG) meeting minutes which the county irately declared 'non-existent.' Minutes indicate how (we) citizens were thrown under the bus. Planning Director, Mark Willis conspired with local SBIG builder/developers for five years, fastidiously organizing the "backroom" sellout of our environmentally fragile homeplace to the highest bidders. Over 100 pages of bi-monthly minutes identify roughly 12 SBIG members with 15 department heads/staffers intently memorializing builder/developer's lists of demands. The Willis/SBIG Comp Plan coalition mastered a complete PLAN REWRITE (as opposed to an UPDATE required by state). Clearly, the Willis/SBIG sellout paved the way for cashing in our "rural lifestyle" for hundreds of millions of dollars for SBIG developers. Commissioners Hutchins, Hart and McConkey approved the Willis/SBIG Comp Plan on 8/6/19. On behalf of homeowners and residents, Calvert Citizens United filed suit against the commissioners on 9/23/19 for, among other issues, illegally adopting the Plan by a 3/2 margin.

In an early-2017 SBIG meeting, Economic Development Director Linda Vassallo received the outside consultants' 2017-2022 Economic Strategic Plan Update wherein she "thanked SBIG members who participated in the focus group meetings" (while taxpayers were hard at work). Vassallo also stated "the commissioners will be given the Update in July; however, the DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC" even though our taxes paid the consultant. This Strategic Plan "laid out the methods and opportunities by which 'stakeholders' can consider the county's economic and development trajectory."

The citizen/taxpayers were not identified as stakeholders in their own county. Clearly, thanks to Willis/SBIG dealing, Calvert belongs to the Builders and Developers!

In mid-2017, minutes show Ms. Conrow, Calvert Sewer and Water Depart-

ment, informing SBIG " Maryland performed an audit on six sets of SBIG plans regarding county Storm Water Management protocols".

(Storm Water runs into the Bay/River and carries polluting elements. The scientists at Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons have updated empirical data regarding inevitable and costly outcome(s) that lack environmental protocols.)

Ms. Conrow further stated, "State was not happy with builder's level of plan detail, and in an effort to be business friendly (to SBIG) and get plans through, state found staff was lax and we were slapped on the wrist." However, homeowner have to jump through every hoop, obey arbitrary and capricious permitting guidelines and go back and forth for multi-agency reviews.

To add insult to injury, on 10/1/2020, The Calvert Times reported Mark Willis, now County Administrator (receiving \$154,000 in taxpayer funded salary) is being sued as a County employee in Circuit Court for \$450,000 in compensatory and punitive damages by a St. Leonard event planner. The case alleges Willis went on local ABC 7 making defamatory and inaccurate statements which ended in the event planner being sued by a bride-to-be. And who was the bride-to-be? The Times reports the bride is a relative of Mark Willis. Mark Willis cannot be trusted with the POWER that the Commissioners have granted him; the Willis/SBIG Agenda, the Sellout to builder/developers, the requirement that existing homeowners must tap into public sewer and NOW taxpayers may have to pony up \$450,000 for this man's erratic and egotistical management behavior.

CCU's four plaintiffs work pro bono every day doing research, interfacing with the G. Macy Nelson Law Firm, providing due diligence on "backroom" Willis/SBIG meetings, providing investigative analysis, meeting with scientists and keeping neighbors updated on suit status while working on funding the suit. As we informed you, the Judge DENIED the County Attorney's notions. The citizens next court date is November 23/24; we are asking for a Temporary and Permanent Injunction to stop the forward progression in matters of Master/Zoning/Sewer & Water Plans before both cases can work through the courts and be finalized. Ours is a precedent setting lawsuit.

When we win, our ruling will protect citizen/taxpayers in Maryland from ever facing such a sellout by elected officials and their minions.

We greatly and sincerely appreciate neighbors contributing to ongoing legal fees. CCU fights for all countians who want to determine how they live. Follow us on Facebook; our mailing address is CCU, Inc., PO Box 1018 Huntingtown, 20639.

Myra Gowans, Plaintiff Calvert Citizens United, Inc.



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Dorothy M. Gray "Dotty"



Dorothy M. Gray "Dotty" 84 formally from Bel Alton passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

She was born in Wilmington, Delaware on June 17, 1936. After losing

her mother at a young age, she and her brother were raised by their Aunt Cora Smoot. She graduated from Calvert high School in Prince Frederick in 1956.

Dotty was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxillary VFW in Bel Alton, where she peeled mounds of potatoes and was known for her special banan bread. She loved spending time with the ladies. She was a member of Saint Ignatius Church in Bel Alton and was always lending a hand for special events.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, sewing and working in her garden surrounded by her flowers.

Dotty is survived by her children Cora Suzanne Gray of St. Leonard, MD William (Bill) Bryan Childs and Sara Ann Rugg of Aurora, Colorado.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Gray and son Lawerence Gray Jr. and brother Bill Rugg and brother William Myers.

Dotty was a loving grandmother to Jeffery, William, Daniel, Nickolas, Adam, Joseph, Zacharay, Johnathan, an Jessica. She was Great-grandmother to Kara, Aby, Jeffery, Brooklyn, Jackson, Ryan and Nicolas.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Calvert County, 238 Merimac, Prince Frederick, MD.

Thomas Gene "Tom" Rance, Jr.

Thomas Gene "Tom" Rance, Jr., 70, of California, MD and formerly from Los Angeles, CA, Logansport, IN and Grand Haven, MI, passed away on October 3, 2020 at Washington Hospital Center.

Born August 31, 1950 in Grandhaven, MI, he was the son of the late Thomas Gene Rance, Sr. and Betty (Allen) Rance Wrosch.

Tom worked in sales and services for a printing and bindery for many years and then worked in various sales positions throughout his career. He loved boating

and all sports and volunteered at the Calvert Marine Museum.

Tom is survived by his wife, Freda Rance; his brother, Richard Rance (Debby) of OK, Bruce Chase (Janice) of MA; and several nieces and nephews and great-neices and great-nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Victoria Rance Cooper; and his step-father, Leo Wrosch.

All arrangements are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Make a Wish, Gift Processing, 1702 East Highland Avenue, Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or the American Diabetes Association, Attn: Service Center, P.O. Box 7023, Merrified, VA 22116-7023 or a charity of one's choice.

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

Roger Lee "Atlas" Hill



Roger Lee "Atlas" Hill, 60, of North Beach, MD passed away September 30th 2020.

Roger was born January 1, 1960 in Washington DC to the late Eugene Ralph Hill and Mary Lee Hill

(Purks). He leaves behind his sister Darlene Simpson of Temple Hills, brothers Eugene R. Hill "Buttons" of Orlando Fla, Allen K. Hill of North Beach, and Steven R. Hill "Toogie" & Wendie of Lusby. Roger had nine nieces, two nephews, foyur great nieces and a great nephew. He also leaves his long-time girlfriend of 34 years Debbie Hall.

Roger grew up in Suitland, MD moved to North Beach in 1974. As an adult he lived in Orlando, Fl. for 20 yrs before moving back to Maryland in 2009. Roger was a carpet installer by trade.

Roger loved dogs, rock 'n roll music, snowstorms & thunderstorms. He enjoyed the Beach, fishing, working in the yard and was an avid Dallas Cowboys Fan.

Memorial Service will be held Saturday October 24, 2020 @ 11am at Bayside Baptist Church 3009 MD Rt 260 Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

Edith Coon Ralon



Edith Coon Ralon, age 91, of Lusby, MD, passed away on October 14, 2020.

She was born on November 20, 1928 in Cambridge, Ohio, to

Stuart Reed Coon and Lillie Leeds Coon. She grew up in Fredericksburg, Virginia and Riverdale, Maryland and graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1947. She married Carlos Kreider Ralon on November 26, 1949. They made their home in Landover, MD before moving to Lusby, MD in 1954.

Carlos and Edith opened Ralon Music in Prince Frederick, MD in 1970. Edith later operated Ralon's Hallmark Shop for 43 years in Calvert Village Shopping Center, retiring in 2013.

Edith and Carlos were active members of Calvary Bible Church, Lusby, since 1954. They were married for 64 years until Carlos' death in July 2014.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Harold Coon and Bill Coon.

She is survived by her brother, Carlton (Chris) Coon of Berryville, VA, children, Vicki (Patrick) Presnell of Lusby, Don (Bettye) Ralon of Aiken, SC, Carlton (Debbie) Ralon of Houston, TX, Joel (Cheryl) Ralon of Lusby; Grandchildren Liz (Mike) Ralon, Charlotte, NC, Kate (Ty) Perez, Aiken, SC, Julie (Peter) Allen of Great Mills, MD, Allison (Caleb) Vandenbos of Great Mills, MD, Andrew (Lisa) Ralon of Lake Mary, FL, Audrey Ralon of California, MD, Bradley Ralon, Houston, TX, and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Calvary Bible Church Missions Fund, 8300 Nursery Road, Lusby, MD 20657. Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Alice Marie Novy



Alice Marie Novy, age 80, previously of Owings, MD and Clinton, MD passed away peacefully on September 28, 2020 at Coppers Ridge in Sykesville,

MD. Alice was born Alice Marie Harriman in Kingwood, WV on February 19, 1940. She was previously employed by the Census Bureau of the United States Government. Prior to moving to Copper Ridge, Alice was an active member and volunteer of The Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd in Owings, MD. Although Alzheimer's slowly stole her mind and life, she never lost her touch to steal the hearts of anyone who knew her. She was a gentle, kind soul, a true angel on earth.

Alice was predeceased by her beloved husband of over 50 years Robert Novy,

brother Donald Harriman, and parents Henry and Helen(Pell) Harriman.

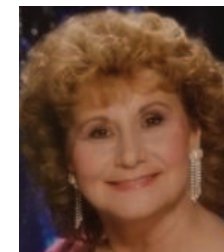
She is survived by children Michael Novy (Justine), Michelle Lewis (Edward), Gary Novy (Kimberly), Stephen Novy (Elizabeth) and Stephanie Bartee (Duane), grandchildren Angela and David (Ryan) Novy, EJ (Rebecca), Michael (Kelly) and Matthew (Ann) Lewis, Nicole Novy (Brian), Samantha Sheckles (Sam), Amanda Wood (Dillon), Kelsey and Thomas Novy, Jason Bartee (Emily) and Rachel Nelson (Tyler), great grandchildren Sienna Lewis, Margo Lewis, Holden Lewis, Cooper and Fletcher Gira, Wells Sheckells, Brooks and Braden Bartee, and cherished sister Patty Domico.

Due to the pandemic a burial service will be held at a later date.

No flowers please. Consider a memorial donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences at www.Burrier-Queen.com.

Shirley Mae Graham



Shirley Mae Graham, 85, of Sunderland, Maryland, passed away on October 14, 2020. She was born on April 23, 1935, in Washington, DC, to the late Lester and

Edna Colvin Erhardt Sr.

Shirley was employed by the United States Postal Service and was promoted to Postmaster. She served the communities of Benedict and Dunkirk before her retirement. She was a strong survivor and spent the last 15 years fighting cancer. She didn't want to give up; even in her final days, she was still fighting. She raised her children by herself and loved her family very much. Shirley always looked for the good in people and enjoyed spending time with her friends.

Shirley loved to gamble – slot machines, horse racing, lottery numbers, playing cards, it didn't matter – and enjoyed her crafts and crocheting. Her delicious pound cakes were praised by those who had the privilege of receiving one during the Christmas season.

Shirley is survived by her children: Eugene Best, Sheryl (John) Griffith, Patricia DeMarr, Jacqueline (Patrick) Blair, John (Marsha) Higgs, William Higgs, and James Higgs. Grandmother of Eugene Jr., Stacey, Charlie, John, Christy, Dan, Moe, Mandy, April, Jayden, and Alli; she is also survived by numerous great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220; 800-227-2345; Link: <https://www.cancer.org>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Frank Linwood Edwards

Frank Linwood Edwards born on October 25, 1950, passed away on October 12, 2020. He was born in Hagerstown,

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MD. He was the son of Kenneth Bruce and Evelyn Oneida (Badger) Edwards. Frank is survived by his significant other Sharon Koontz, her children that he loved as his

own, Anita Nalls (Jeff), Missy Koontz, and Rodney Koontz – all of Calvert County, MD, Grandchildren – Randy and Samantha Mobley, Jeffrey Jr., Andrew, and John Nalls, Peyton and Leland Koontz, Great Grandchildren – Mariah and AJ Hernandez, Ivan Mobley, Jeffrey III (Trip) and Dean Nalls (due in February). He is also survived by his siblings Shirley Buettner (Richard) Timonium, MD and David Edwards (Carmen) Gaithersburg, MD, niece – Kelley Ann Hughes, nephews – Scott and Glenn Reeder, Kenny and Tiff Edwards, and Derek and David Lawrence. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Vivian Hughes, her husband Sam and their daughter Tracey Leigh, and brother Kenneth B. Edwards, Jr.

Frank loved his family and his country. He was proud of his service in the Marine Corp. He was a meat cutter by trade for Safeway, County Cuts and IGA. He enjoyed playing golf, watching sports (Go Ravens, O's, and Terps), his football pool, going to casino's and good food (pass the biscuits please). He will be missed by his family and friends.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held at Brownsville Church of the Brethren Cemetery, 1911 Rohrersville Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758 at a later date.

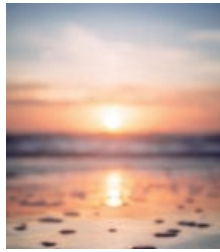
Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900 Arlington, VA 22202 or

American Heart Association, 217 E. Redwood Street, 11th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; Link: <https://www.heart.org/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Kimberlee Faye Ledsome

Kimberlee Faye Ledsome, 62, of Newburg, Maryland passed away at her home (with the love of her life) Thomas Jones



by her side on October 12, 2020. She was born on October 15, 1957 in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Preceded in death by her father, Luther Whitney Nash and her sis-

ter Roneva Nash.

Kimberlee is survived by her mother, Violet Faye Marks Boyd, husband David Ledsome, sons, Robert and Chris Ledsome. Grandmother of four, she is also survived by her siblings, Edward Nash and Daphney Stevens.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann Tippett



Patricia Ann Tippett, 78, of Lothian passed away October 11, 2020. She was born on January 24, 1942 in Washington, D.C. to Adolf and Agnes (Lepore) Juenemann. Patricia moved with

her family to Woodland Beach as a teenager and graduated from Annapolis High School. She married Guy Tippett on September 2, 1961 and they lived in Deale before moving to the family farm in Lothian in 1965. She was employed as a cafeteria manager at Southern Middle School for almost 30 years. Patricia volunteered at the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach for several years. She loved taking ceramics classes at the South County Community Center and also enjoyed quilting, crocheting and making gifts for her family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband, Guy of Lothian and a daughter Kris Annett and husband Mitch of Garland, TX. Also surviving are a grandson Patrik Tippett and wife Heather of Dallas, TX, great-grandchildren Milo and Logan Tippett of Dallas, TX, sister in law Joyce Tippett, nephew John Tippett and niece Kathy Lorence and husband Jeff, all of Lothian.

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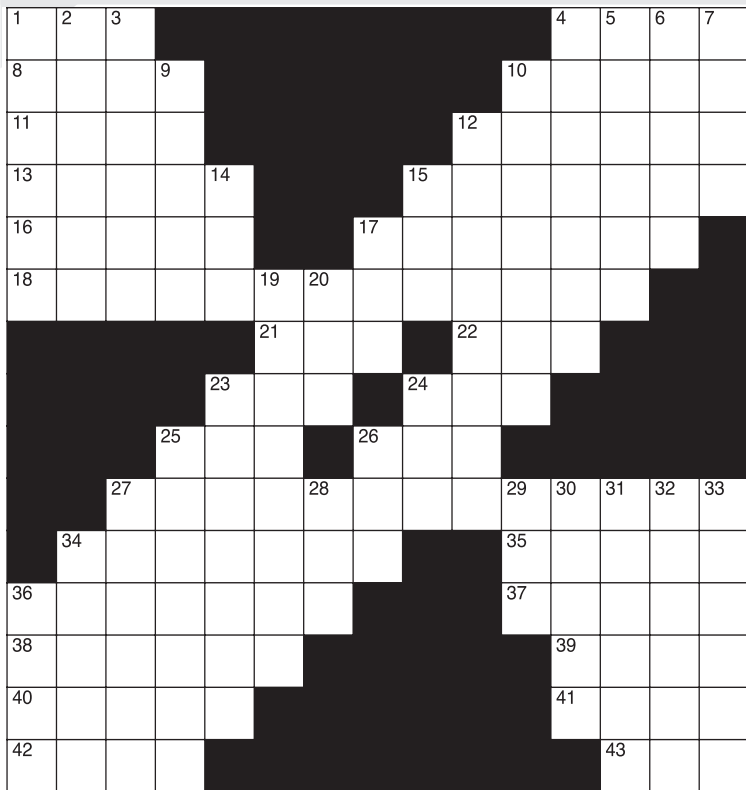
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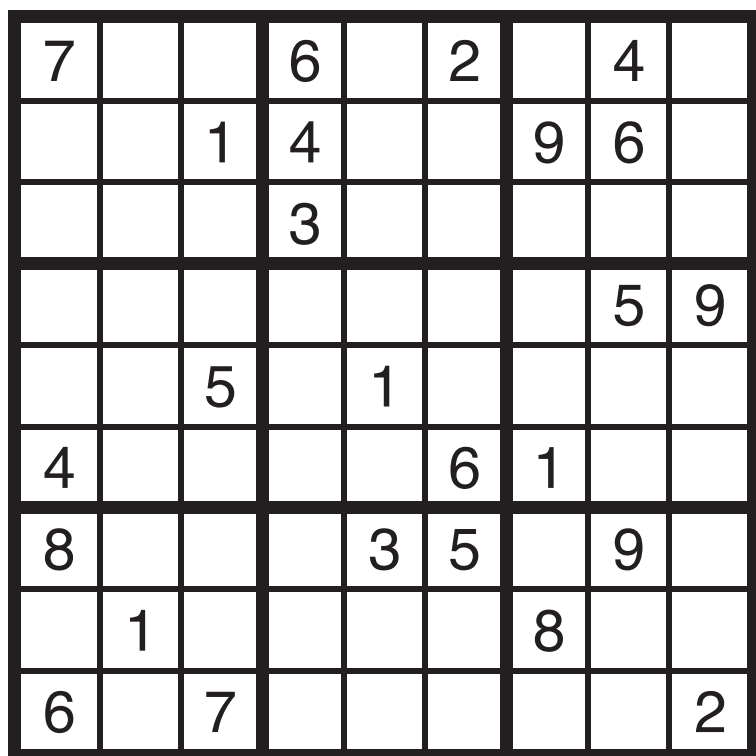
- 1. Engine additive
- 4. Undemanding
- 8. “__ your enthusiasm”
- 10. Well-known island
- 11 Not saintly
- 12. Habitual
- 13. Central parts of church buildings
- 15. Trust
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Deep-bodied fish
- 18. Live up to expectations
- 21. Snag
- 22. Partner to haw
- 23. General’s assistant (abbr.)
- 24. Sheep disease
- 25. Male term of endearment
- 26. United
- 27. Popular TV host

- 34. Overnighters
- 35. Beloved British princess
- 36. Obtains from
- 37. Third Mughal Emperor
- 38. Shares the opinion of
- 39. Central European river
- 40. Feudal estates
- 41. KU hoops coach Bill
- 42. Spreads out for drying
- 43. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan

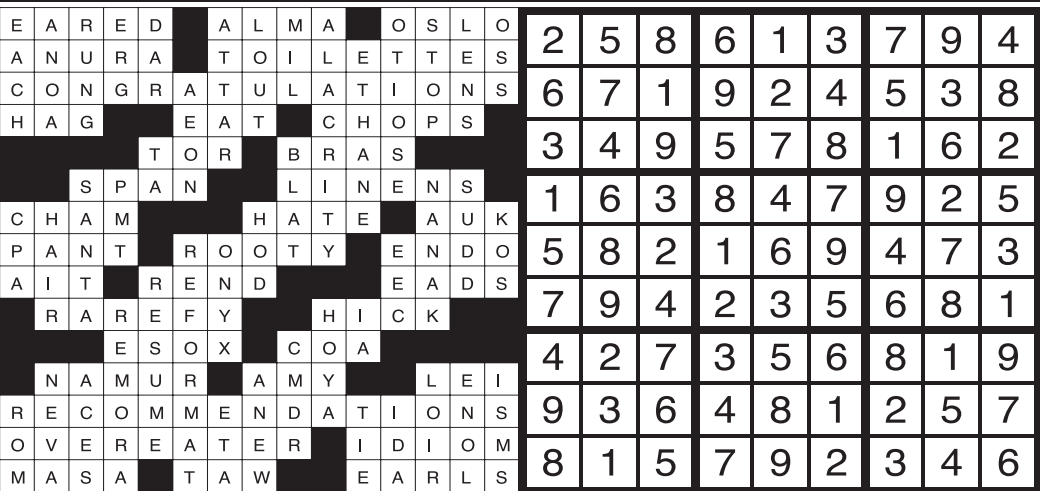
- 5. Unfettered
- 6. Originations
- 7. Famed English park
- 9. Sheep’s cry
- 10. Danced
- 12. More upstanding
- 14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 15. Type of lettuce
- 17. Place to call a pint
- 19. Backs
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Makes it there
- 24. Value
- 25. One’s convictions
- 26. Former CIA
- 27. Clashed
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 30. Athletic shoes
- 31. Roof style
- 32. Make possible
- 33. Make less dense
- 34. Healthy food
- 36. Silly

CLUES DOWN


- 1. Picturesque
- 2. South Pacific island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Establish the truth of



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