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Hybrid Model to Begin in Mid-January

K-2 Jan. 11, High School Return Begins Feb. 1

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has approved a plan for rollout beginning next month of hybrid learning for all students, Pre-K to Grade 12. Under the plan the Pre-K-2 students would begin returning to part-time in-person learning on Jan. 11, followed by Grades 3-6 on Jan. 25 and Grades 7-12 on Feb. 1. The rollout for each group of grades would be over a two-week period, with half of the students reporting to school at a time.

The approval came at the school board's Dec. 10 meeting on a 3-2 vote, with President Inez Claggett and Vice President Pamela Cousins opposing as they have consistently done on several votes on hybrid learning this school year.

The decision came just weeks after the school board at their Nov. 19 meeting pulled the plug on a Pre-K to Grade 2 hybrid that had just begun after being all virtual since the beginning of the school year. At the same meeting, the board also turned down returning Grades 3-5 students for a hybrid model. Those decisions were also on a 3-2 vote, with board member Dawn Balinski joining Claggett and Cousins, because of deteriorating COVID-19 metrics.

Attempts to begin the hybrid model by School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry were rebuffed this fall on several occasions. He said at the beginning of the Dec. 10 discussion, "We are back still advocating for students to be in school."

Board member Tracy McGuire made the motion to accept the detailed staff plan presented to them for the hybrid rollout. It was her final meeting after 12 years on the board (she was term limited and unable to seek reelection on Nov. 3). McGuire said if the metrics deteriorate after the first of the year, it would still be time to pull the plug on the plan. However, the board does not meet next until Jan. 14.

Curry said he would surely halt the



Outgoing School Board member Tracy McGuire

plan if the health indicators dictated it. He said he believed he had the authority to do that.

The schedule for the rollout is as follows:

January 4-8: Virtual instruction for all students; internet cafes will be open

January 8: All teachers return to school buildings.

January 11: Students in pre-K through Grade 2 return to school (A Week Cohort)

January 19: Students in pre-K through Grade 6 return to school (B Week Cohort)

January 25: Students in Grades 3-6 return to school (A Week Cohort)

February 1: Students in Grades 7-12 return to school (B Week Cohort)

February 8: Students in Grades 7-12 return to school (A Week Cohort)

An email sent to parents over the weekend said: "Any parents or guardians of middle and high school students who would like to change their choice of hybrid or fully virtual instruction from the survey they completed earlier in the year should contact their school by December 18.

"In January, schools will communicate details about cohort assignments and daily schedules, including variations applying only to some students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)."

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Hance Elected Commissioner President

Motion to Extend McConkey Fails

By Dick Myers
Editor

Commissioner Buddy Hance will lead his board for the next year. Hance was selected at the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Dec. 15 meeting. Steve Weems will be vice president.

Hance succeeds Kelly McConkey in the position, which is usually rotated every year, although there have been occasions in which a commissioner has served two terms as president.

Commissioner Tim Hutchins attempted to extend McConkey's term for another six months. He said McConkey led the BOCC through the first surge of the pandemic and a second surge was upon us. "Optics and stability are important, that we put forth a consistent image," he said.

However, Hutchins' motion failed to garner a second. That was followed by Commissioner Mike Hart nominating Weems for the vice presidency and Weems nominating Hance for president.

It was Hance and Weems that voted against McConkey last year in the 3-2 vote in which he was elected.

It was a tough year for McConkey. In



Commissioner President Buddy Hance

addition to leading the BOCC through the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, in which meetings were held virtually and not nearly as frequently, McConkey was also in a serious accident in Dunkirk in which his car was rear ended. He also has had to fight the persistent ethics complaints over his vote to place two pieces of property he owns into the Huntingtown Town Center. That concluded the same day (Dec. 15) with the ethics panel ruling against McConkey (see separate story).

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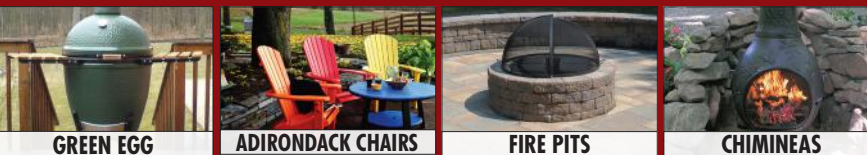
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Teachers Union Opposes Hybrid Rollout

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert Education Association (CEA) President Dona Ostenso observes that the school board is meeting virtually because they feel unsafe meeting in their regular conference room. Yet that room, the head of the association representing Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) teachers said, is larger than an average classroom. It was in that virtual setting on Dec. 10 that the board, on a 3-2 vote, decided to begin the complete rollout in January and early February of hybrid learning for grades Pre-K through 12 (see separate story).

“CEA does not support the approved timeline for re-opening schools,” Ostenso said. “As a classroom teacher of 32 years, I want students to be able to return to schools. I know the importance of face-to-face instruction; but this should not happen until it is safe to do so.”

“MSDE published the COVID-19 Guidance for Maryland Schools to assist schools with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A set of health metrics was established and agreed to by MSDE, the Maryland Department of Health and the CDC to be used as a guide for when it may be necessary to adjust in-person learning due to an increased level of risk. Since the week of November 16th, the safety metrics have not supported in-person instruction in Calvert. So why do we continue to approve dates to bring specific grade levels back into the buildings when these dates may or may not occur?”

“Instead, we should be informing our community that when the positivity rate and the new case rate meet the school reopening metrics established by MSDE for two consecutive weeks, we will then begin the transition of re-opening our schools safely.”

Members of CEA have also written to the school board and to the association about their concerns that some students, such as special needs and English as a Second Language, are in a hybrid model now.

The 10 members of the Behavior Development Program staff at Mutual Elementary School write:

“When our team agreed to come into the building and work face-to-face, COVID-19 numbers in Calvert County were low and we believed that it was safe for staff and students to be in the school building. As the numbers continued to rise, a decision was made to halt the hybrid learning of grades K-2 and pause the return of grades 3-5. It is the belief of our team that our population of students presents a greater risk of the spread of COVID-19 than the general education population.”

Special Education teacher Stephen Spivey wrote, “Given the holiday season we are upon, the winter season and the skyrocketing number of cases in our county, I feel that returning to hybrid instruction in January is too soon.”

Special education teacher of 26 years, Emily Zan wrote: “I know that home-based learning facilitated through technology is not conducive to learning for these (special education) pupils. However, neither is putting students, teachers, and staff, of only children with special needs, at risk.”

Ostenso said she is frustrated about her members inability to make their feelings known at meetings and the time it's taking to make written comments available to the public.

“Nobody communicates with them,” she said of teachers not knowing what's going on. “I don't know how I get a voice and teachers get a voice,” she asserted.

She is at a loss as to how to rectify the situation in time. Board member Tracy McGuire's term ends at the end of the year, but new member Antoine White will not be sworn in until the next school board meeting on Jan. 14, after implementation of the hybrid rollout.

And she doesn't believe Superintendent Daniel Curry's assertion he could pull the plug of the plan given his consistent commitment to the hybrid model.

And Ostenso says teachers with experience in concurrent teaching, online an in-person at the same time, are struggling with it.

“Concurrent teaching is killing them,” she said.

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Ethics Commission Rules Against McConkey

Says Vote was Conflict of Interest

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Ethics Commission has ruled that Commissioner Kelly McConkey violated the county's ethics code by participating in a vote that placed two pieces of property he owns within an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. McConkey's vote on Aug. 6, 2019 broke a 2-2 deadlock and preceded a similar 3-2 vote to adopt the update of the county's Comprehensive Plan.

The opinion in a letter dated Dec. 15 also included a comprehensive "Findings of Fact and Conclusions." The letter stated "...your participation in that vote constitutes a textbook conflict of interest."

In the letter, the Ethics Commission chose to censure McConkey instead of issuing a milder reprimand.

In the Findings of Fact and Conclusion the body rejects two of McConkey's oft stated arguments: that the complaints against him weren't signed and that Chairperson Jennifer Mazur had a conflict of interest because she spoke to a reporter about the case.

The commission ruled that the complaints were filed by email,



Commissioner Kelly McConkey

which is encouraged on the county's website and that there was no definition as to what constituted a proper signature.

As to the charge against Mazur, the commission ruled that she was only required to recuse herself if there was a conflict of interest, which they say does not exist. Further they ruled that what she said to the reporter was available in public court records.

McConkey has also alleged that the comprehensive plan really didn't do anything because it needed to be implemented by an updated zoning ordinance. But the commission detailed the importance of the master plan in guiding policy and use for funding decisions.

The commission observed that McConkey had abstained on an earlier preliminary vote on the town center. The ethics commission said in fact he should have recused himself from that vote as well.

The findings note that participation in a matter is prohibited if an individual has an "economic interest" and that clearly McConkey did.

"The Comprehensive Plan itself makes clear that Commissioner McConkey had an interest in the matter, due to the implications for his property being included in the extended Town Center boundaries."

The findings say town centers are intended to be places of economic activity and "promote business growth by providing infrastructure."

The findings also say that the law allows a commissioner to vote for the comprehensive plan as a whole, "regardless of how that plan might af-

fect their financial interests, because state law requires that they do so."

But the findings go on to say that the vote on the town center boundaries and the vote on the comprehensive plan overall "were two separate and distinct votes." The difference is that state law does not require the vote on the town center boundaries, it says.

The opinion does not take a position as to whether the vote to extend the boundaries of the town center was a right one or not from a "policy perspective." The commission concludes, however: "Our concern is that Commissioner McConkey had a conflict of interest, knew about the conflict of interest and voted anyway."

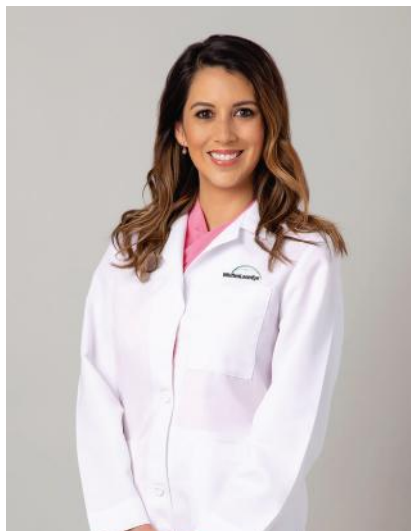
The opinion says a censure instead of the milder letter of reprimand was issued "in light of the apparent premeditated nature of the violation."

The Ethics Commission decision was unanimous from the three members. McConkey has told The County Times he intended to appeal any unfavorable opinion from the commission.

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School Board Adopts Anti-Racism Policy

Nutter Opposes, Says He'll Be Called Racist

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has adopted a controversial "Anti-Racism Policy." The policy adopted at the board's Dec. 10 meeting passed on a 4-1 vote, with member Pat Nutter opposing it.

Nutter predicted as the result of the vote that he would be labeled "a racist."

Nutter insisted that he wasn't opposed to the policy. He and others who have emailed the board criticized one of the listed purposes of the policy: "To acknowledge and understand the concept of white privilege and its impact in achieving equity."

"White privilege" is defined in the policy as "web of institutional and cultural treatment that affords white people greater access of to power and resources than people of color in the same situation."

Dr. Sandy Walker, supervisor of Equity and School improvement, said many comments had received during the 30-day comment period. He said, "A portion of respondents felt the definition 'white privilege' to be offensive or racist. A portion felt that racism no longer exists and talking about it promotes it. And a larger portion supported the policy because they felt that racism is something our system needs to address."

The board received 176 emails in support of the policy and 66 against.

The motion to approve the policy was



School Board member Pat Nutter.

made by member Tracy McGuire, who is white, as the final act of her 12 years on the board. She said, "I understand the challenges with the word 'privilege,' but that's what it is; to be white in America is a privilege. And to see it clearly is to see it from the point of view of students who do not have that and the challenges they face that my white kids did not face in the system. And so, I am very eager to approve this policy."

Nutter said he had difficulty understanding why racism was being separated out from other forms of discrimination such as religion and sexual orientation. Walker said the board did have an anti-discrimination policy but asked for a separate one on racism.

Although board members tried to persuade Nutter that he shouldn't take the term "white privilege" personally, he had difficulty not doing so. He said, "As a cop for 35 years, I never had one complaint. Matter of fact, I helped more people than I ever had to arrest. I say to you, you don't know what's in my heart."

One of the email respondents, Melissa Macuci Goshorn wrote, "The term of

white privilege in and of itself is racist. It actually directly conflicts with the definition of Individual Racism in this policy itself."

She added, "The theory of White Privilege actually negates all of the progress Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, and many others have done for equality."

She wrote, "I realize White Privilege is a media/social popular term floating around in the political space right now but let's not let it distract us from the real goal in this policy - equality for all staff and students."

Nutter wanted to know when it all ended. Would his grandchildren be burdened with that "white privilege" label?

"Is there a time when the accusation no longer applies to a certain individual?" Nutter asked the other board members.

He said with the policy language, a young African American would look at him "as just a white guy that's probably taken advantage, and that's just not me."

Board President Inez Claggett, who is African American, responded, "Mr. Nutter, there will be a lot of people who speak ill of those people who vote for this policy. That's the nature of hard decisions. They're going to hate me and they're going to hate you, but for different reasons."

Board member Dawn Balinski, who is white, said, "To me the term white privilege is just a descriptor of what happened

in our history when the dominant ruling class, that happened to be white in America, practiced discrimination and oppression against non-whites. That's a documented fact. And they did that over centuries. So as those years passed, that discrimination resulted in documented opportunity gaps where those who were discriminated against did not have equal access to economic prosperity, to social justice, or to quality education."

Balinski added, "The term helps to explain why a white family has a better chance of securing a home mortgage than a black family with the same level of income and education. It doesn't mean that that white family is racist. It means that vestiges of past discriminatory practices still exist in our society."

Board member Pamela Cousins, who is African American and the prime mover of the policy, said, "Over the last six years, I've dealt with emails, phone calls from parents, students, staff, sharing their incidents of racism in the classroom, on the buses, virtually online. Students of color, especially black students, face those horrors of systemic racism every day in our district. So, the policy is needed and overdue and it's needed to dismantle the individual, institutional and structural racism."

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Thousands in Southern Maryland pay for dentistry they never get done!

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK
Research Reporter

Statistically about 50% of the local population have dental insurance. Of that percentage only 50% of them properly use the dental benefits they are paying for. Most of them have no idea what benefits they have and how easy it is to lose them. To make the most of their dental benefits the consumer needs to understand how dental insurance works.

Dental insurance plans can be confusing. There are several components to a dental insurance plan. First there is the monthly premium that must be paid by the consumer, or in some cases their employer. There is the discount that is applied to all the dental codes that the insurance company negotiates with the dental offices. These discounts only effect "in-network" dentists and usually average about 30% off the usual and customary rate that a person without insurance would pay. Then there is the annual maximum. This is the amount that the insurance company is willing to pay on the insured's behalf per year. This typically ranges between \$1000 and \$3000 depending on the plan and how much the premium is per month.

While it certainly is a benefit to the consumer to have the lower fees that are negotiated on their behalf between the insurance company and the dental practices that are in-network, this discount doesn't make the cost of the annual fees worth the value. Those who have a healthy smile, would

likely never use the restorative benefit or at least not much of it. In other words, a 30% discount on something not being used or purchased doesn't hold any value.

Most of the insurance plans pick up the entire or at least most of the insured consumers' preventative maintenance. This is usually the procedures that are recommended to be done twice per year by your hygienist. This may include cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, exam, and the like. The insurance company would have you believe they are the hero for paying for these visits, but in fact, the consumer paid for them. They just allowed the consumer to spread the payments out throughout the year in monthly payments or weekly deductions from their payroll. Insured individuals that don't take advantage of their preventative visits by seeing their hygienist twice a year are literally throwing their money away. It would be the equivalent of paying for two nights in an upscale hotel in DC but never showing up for the stay! Who would do that? These dental visits are of equivalent value; but yet 25% of the insured public throws these visits they paid for away.

Regular preventative maintenance visits drastically reduce the likelihood of major restorative procedures in the future. It is a known fact that preventative dental care not only saves the integrity of the smile but it truly saves the patient from high cost restorative care in the future.

The dental insurance company wins when the patient waits to go to the dentist. Those

who pay for dental insurance every year but never go to the dentist are writing a free check to the insurance company. The insurance companies are keeping the money they've earmarked for preventative care as well as the entire annual maximum for those patients. Putting off dentistry until it hurts could easily escalate to \$5000 worth of treatment or much more in one year. The dental insurance company will only contribute \$1500 because that is the average maximum on any given plan which leaves the out-of-pocket due at \$3500 for the insured individual in this example. Whereas, had they gone to the dentist every year and had the work done as needed over the course of four years, their out-of-pocket may have been zero, as the \$1500 per year (\$1500 x 4 years = \$6000) would have covered \$6000 over the four year period.

But the insurance companies do not let annual maximums roll over. They have a strict use it or you lose it policy. One would think that the insured consumer would be able to accrue his or her benefits since they literally paid for them and did not use them. Not the case; leftover benefits become pure profit for the insurance companies. The insurance companies are in business to make money, not to save smiles.

Dental providers see patients every day who put off dentistry and then struggle to pay for the work they need to have done. It is very sad for both the dental provider who wants to help the patient and for the patient who is in pain or embarrassed by the condition of their smile. Dental providers want their


patients to see them as recommended but can't force anyone to do anything. This is why they try to educate them about the benefits that they have with their insurance company, so that when they need work, they understand how to best take advantage of their insurance.

Most dental plans end at the end of a calendar years. The average plan allows for a \$1500 annual maximum. Someone treatment planned today to have \$3000 in restorative treatment done, can start the procedures in November or December and finish them in January. This will allow them to take maximum advantage of the dental insurance they've paid for.

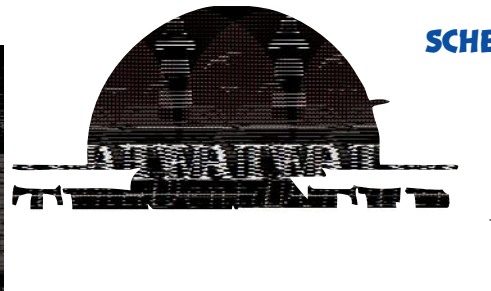
Call your dental office. Ask them if they are in-network with your insurance. If they are, schedule an appointment for a cleaning and a checkup. See if you have any dental work that needs to be done. Then ask your dental office what your annual limit is and how much remains. If you have work that needs to be done, use your annual benefit before the end of the year. Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it.

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Calvert Unsure When Vaccines Will Arrive

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County will have to wait a little longer before the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines arrive here. According to CalvertHealth officials, the hospital was not on the short list of two dozen hospitals to receive the first batch because of their COVID-19 metrics. MedStar St. Mary's was the closest hospital to Calvert to be on that list, but as of press deadline that hospital still had not received their supply for their critical health-care workers.

CalvertHealth is prepared when the supply arrives. According to Teresa Johnson, vice president of Brand Strategy and Philanthropy, "For several months, the CalvertHealth Vaccine multidisciplinary team has been preparing for the vaccine release. We have the required equipment already in place to store the vaccine and our vaccinators have been trained in proper safety protocols.

"CalvertHealth Medical Center was not on the initial list of the hospitals in Maryland to receive the first shipment of Pfizer vaccines. This list came out last week from the Maryland Department of Health."

"When the vaccine is available and shipped to CalvertHealth, we are ready. Our staff have been trained and are prepared to inoculate our care team, so we can continue caring for our community who have come to count on us during this relentless pandemic," stated Chief Operating Officer Tony Bladen.

Depending on the number of doses received, CalvertHealth will be inoculating all its employees who wish to receive the vaccine following the state guidance. "Our top priority is to ensure those who are most at-risk putting themselves in harm's way receive the vaccine first, but in the end, our goal is – and continues to be – to ensure that all employees who wish to receive the vaccine are able to do so," said Bladen.

Doses for the county's long-term care and assisted living facilities will be administered through CVS and Walgreens pharmacies, according to Deputy Health Officer Champ Thomaskutty, MPH. He is not sure when that will happen.

Thomaskutty said, "Right now the health department is continuing its COVID-19 testing and contract tracing activities, while also preparing for the

eventual full roll-out of vaccines.

"The first phase of vaccination prioritizes health care personnel, first responders, residents and staff of long-term care facilities, and people at significantly higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness. Distribution of the available vaccine supply is determined at the federal and state level.

"Since the initial supply of COVID-19 vaccine will be limited, the Centers for Disease Control recommended that the first doses be allocated to essential healthcare personnel and the staff and residents of long-term care facilities. This prioritizes the infrastructure to maintain a clinical response to the pandemic as well as protecting those who are most vulnerable to the negative consequences of an infection. Subsequent distributions of available vaccines will address the remaining groups in the first phase.

"Initial distribution to long-term care facilities will be directly managed through a federal partnership with two pharmacy companies, CVS and Walgreens. These companies will provide comprehensive management of the COVID-19 vaccination process in long-term care facilities. This reduces the logistical burden on these facilities for the handling, administration and reporting associated with the vaccine. The handling requirements of the first available vaccine would have otherwise been prohibitive for many long-term care sites to manage independently.

"We are awaiting more information in regards to the ongoing availability of supply to complete the first phase of vaccination, as well as the supply for use in the general public. The review of the emergency use authorization requested for a second vaccine [occurring this week], as well as future reviews of other vaccines currently in the development pipeline will provide us with a better picture on how the community as a whole will be impacted.

"Until vaccines are widely available and used, we still have the ability to reduce the spread of this virus: maintaining social distance from non-household members, wearing a mask in public when social distancing isn't possible, washing hands regularly, and cleaning surfaces that are regularly touched."

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County to Purchase Former Exelon Property

By Dick Myers
Editor

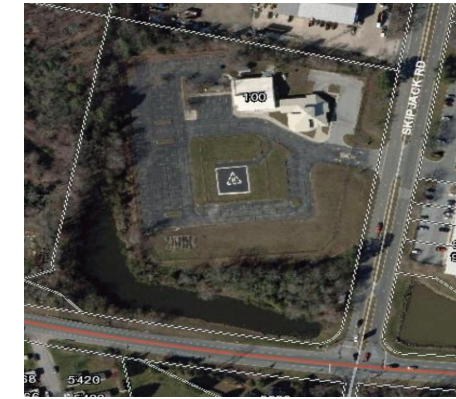
The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has agreed to purchase the former Exelon Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Joint Information Center (JIC) in Calvert Industrial Park off Route 231 in Barstow. The company closed that facility when they consolidated operations in Pennsylvania.

"I congratulate Exelon for providing property at such a reduced sale," said new BOCC President Buddy Hance.

The county feels they indeed got a good deal. The sale price for the property at 100 Skipjack Road is \$460,000. Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo told the BOCC, "The property was recently valued at \$2.6 million."

Vassallo said the country has plans for the facility:

"Relocating public safety to the JIC: – Public Safety and Fire-Rescue-EMS Offices have been separated from the other divisions within Public Safety since 2004. Having divisions in two separate buildings several miles apart makes it even more difficult to coordinate and support each other."



Aerial view of Exelon's former Joint Information Center to be purchased by the county.

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"Relocating Channel 6 to the JIC: – We will realize savings, including annual lease payments of \$45,000+ over five years, with additional cost upgrades to a noncounty owned facility. Plan is to re-purpose the existing media briefing room to a studio that is easily converted to a media briefing room, when needed, in a secure environment."

Monies for the purchase will come out of prior year's fund balance.

The approval was unanimous.

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Hogan Reactivates National Guard To Aid Vaccine Distribution

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan announced this week that he was reactivating the Maryland National Guard to aid in the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, provided by pharmaceutical giants Pfizer and Moderna, throughout the state.

Hogan said guard members would work in field teams to assist in logistical support roles to distribute the vaccine as well as help with mobile vaccination clinics and the response at long-term and nursing care facilities.

"Over the next week... every single hospital and every region of our state will begin to receive their first COVID-19 vaccines," Hogan said Dec. 15 at a press conference in Annapolis.

It was at the press conference that he announced the order reactivating the Maryland Guard.

Hogan called the coming effort the "largest and most important vaccination campaign in the history of our state and the nation" and that the vaccines "offer us real hope we are approaching the final phase of this global pandemic."

The mobile vaccination sites would be set up as more vaccines made their way into the state, Hogan said.

Hogan's announcement comes as the state has experienced 42 straight days of

more than 1,000 new cases of COVID-19 with more than 239,000 positive cases.

There are 1,799 Marylanders currently hospitalized with the virus, Hogan said.

"That's the highest number so far," the governor said.

There are 13 hospitals around the state that have reached more than 90 percent of their bed capacity from COVID-19, the governor said.

Because of the coming vaccine distribution, Hogan said, Maryland "has finally reached a turning point."

Dr. Jinlene Chan, assistant secretary of the Maryland Department of Health, called the vaccine distribution "a momentous time for all of us in the course of this pandemic."

A senior nurse at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Shawn Hendricks, has already been vaccinated among others working there, Chan said.

"Initial shipments of this vaccine... have begun to arrive," Chan said, noting vaccinations in Maryland have already begun.

Chan went on to say the vaccines will arrive in the next two weeks for every hospital in the state; nursing home vaccination will also begin within the next two weeks.

She expected a total allocation of 300,000 doses of the vaccines by the end of the month, though those numbers could change daily per the federal government.

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MARYLAND STATE POLICE REPORT

December 11, 2020

The below incidents, investigations, and arrests are, in part, demonstrative of the Prince Frederick Barrack's effort to ensure that Calvert County is a safe place to live, work, and visit

Hit and Run Collision - On November 27, 2020, TFC Costello responded to 559 Solomons Island Rd., Prince Frederick, Maryland, for a reported hit and run collision. The victim and witnesses informed TFC Costello that an RV collided with the victim's vehicle, causing it to become disabled and then fled the scene without stopping. During the investigation, it was discovered that the RV was parked nearby in parking lot of the Prince Frederick WalMart. Contact was made the operator of the vehicle, who witnesses verified was the operator at the time of the collision. As a result, Brianna Nikkole Merriman, DOB: 07/31/1987, was arrested for leaving the scene of a collision and transported to CCDC without incident.

CDS: Possession w/ Intent to Distribute - Marijuana - On November 28, 2020, TFC Marsch conducted a traffic stop on a green Toyota pickup truck bearing Maryland registration 7EE4873. The vehicle was stopped for displaying expired tags. TFC Marsch made contact with the driver, and sole occupant, Robert James Williams, black, male, DOB: 02/29/72. A probable cause search was conducted and revealed eleven (11) individually wrapped baggies of Marijuana in the vehicle. The total weight is estimated to be approximately 70 grams of Marijuana. A search of Williams' person revealed approximately \$2000.00 cash in several of his pockets. Williams was placed under arrest for PWID- CDS Marijuana and transported to CCDC.

Stolen Vehicle Registration - On December 1, 2020, TFC Marsch stopped a vehicle for traffic violations in the area of Ball Road and Route 4, in Saint Leonard, Maryland. A probable cause search was conducted. The search revealed CDS-Marijuana less than 10 grams. A check through NCIC revealed the rear registration plate on the vehicle was confirmed stolen through Montgomery Police Department. The driver, Carlos Andre Lipsey, DOB: 06/19/97, was placed under arrest for Possession of the stolen tag and incarcerated at CCDC.

Disorderly Conduct - On December 2, 2020, TFC Backus responded to Dowell Road and S/B Route 4, Dowell, Mary-

land for a reported disorderly subject on a Calvert County Public Transportation bus. TFC Backus made contact with the complainant and driver. While trying to ascertain what was going on, TFC Backus was approached and interrupted several times by a passenger on the bus, later identified as Melvin Lee Mackall, DOB: 03/07/1959. Mackall appeared intoxicated and continued interfering with the investigation. TFC Backus ordered Mackall to turn around and place his hands behind his back for disorderly conduct. Mackall refused and a brief struggle ensued. TFC Backus was able to gain compliance and Mackall was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and incarcerated at CCDC.

Missing Person - On December 10, 2020, Mary Gay Dobson responded to the Barrack and reported that she had not been able to contact her daughter in the last two days. Dobson feared her daughter was missing or being abused. Her daughter, Tara Lee Newman, a white female, DOB 08/24/1984, is homeless and has no fixed address in Baltimore City Maryland. Baltimore City Police Department was contacted and advised of the incident. Initial searches and patrol checks for Newman yielded no results. All phone calls to Newman's phone were channeled to voicemail. Newman's phone could not be pinged. All initial attempts to locate Newman have yielded negative results. Dobson subsequently contacted the barrack again and advised she received a text from Newman's phone advising Newman was ok but Dobson when called the number, there was no response. This incident is currently being handled as a Missing Person incident in liaison with Baltimore City PD. If you have information concerning the whereabouts of Tara Lee Newman, please contact TFC Smith of the Prince Frederick Barrack at 410-535-1400.

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.

Press Release from MSP Prince Frederick Barrack

Deputies Investigate Dunkirk Home Invasion, Shooting

Calvert County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies on Monday, Dec. 14, shortly after 3:30 a.m. responded to a residence in the Dunleigh subdivision in Dunkirk following a targeted home invasion / robbery.

Upon arrival, deputies located two adult male victims inside the residence. One victim was found suffering from a gunshot wound and was flown from the scene. The second victim was ground transported to a nearby hospital. Both men are in serious

but stable condition.

Investigation revealed two suspects had already fled the scene in a vehicle prior to law enforcements arrival. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to please contact Detective T. Yates with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800 ext. 2151.

Press Release from Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of December 7 - December 13 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1194 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 2020-63867

On December 13, 2020, Sgt. Dean was flagged down by a citizen in the area of Yardley Drive and Orwell Court in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown person(s) had thrown a 12-inch wooden stick at their exterior light breaking the glass. The value of the damaged property is \$50.

Theft: 2020-62769

On December 7, 2020, Deputy Ostazeski responded to Sneade's Ace Hardware in Lusby, MD for the report of a theft. Upon Deputy Ostazeski's arrival, he made contact with the on-duty manager. The manager advised a customer reported he located an empty box on the shelf, which should have contained an angle cutter. After reviewing the surveillance camera, they learned the theft occurred on December 4, 2020. The value of stolen property is \$130.

Theft: 2020-62775

On December 8, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to the ARC of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick, MD for a report of tampering with vehicles. The complainant advised an unknown subject(s) removed catalytic converters off three of their vehicles. The value of stolen property is \$4,500.

Arrests:

On December 8, 2020, Deputy McDowell responded the area of Manor Court and Academy Dr. in Owings, MD for a suspicious vehicle. The occupant of the vehicle was identified as **Krista Noelle Hall** (29). Deputy McDowell observed a clear-cut straw and a white powdery substance in the passenger seat. While on scene with Hall Deputy McDowell was informed Hall had an active warrant. At that time, Deputy McDowell placed Hall under arrest. Hall was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Poss Paraphernalia, CDS: Poss Paraphernalia and served with her warrant.

On December 10, 2020, Deputy S. Naughton responded to Walgreens in Lusby, MD for the report of trespassing. Upon arrival, Deputy Naughton made contact with a subject later identified as **Wendell Knott** (47). Knott had a "No Trespass" order on

file for this establishment which he was aware of prior to this event. Deputy Naughton placed Knott under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property.

On December 11, 2020, Deputy Parks responded to Walgreens in Lusby, MD for a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Parks made contact with the subject later identified as **Wendell Knott** (47). Knott had been trespassed from the store recently and was aware of the "No Trespass" Order. Knott was standing outside the store drunk and asking customers for money as they entered the store. Deputy Parks placed Knott under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property and Disorderly Conduct.

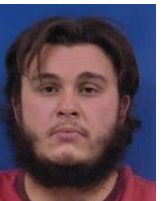
On December 13, 2020, Deputy Idol advised units in the Prince Frederick area he observed a pick-up truck traveling at a high rate of speed south on Solomon's Island Rd. Prince Frederick, MD. Deputy Plant and TFC Bauer spotted the vehicle in the area of Trasker's Blvd. Prince Frederick, MD. The vehicle then made a U-turn onto Steeple Chase Dr. Deputy Plant and TFC Bauer activated their vehicle emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop in the McDonald's parking lot. The driver of the vehicle was identified as **Francisco Duarte** (23). As Mr. Duarte opened his center console, Deputy Plant observed two unopened alcoholic beverages. Deputy Plant detected the odor of Marijuana emitting from the vehicle as well. The occupants of the vehicle were asked to exit the vehicle and a search was conducted. Mr. Duarte told TFC Bauer he had a handgun in the vehicle. TFC Bauer began the search and located a Glock handgun and ammunition. Mr. Duarte was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Firearms-Access by Minors, Loaded Handgun in Vehicle and Handgun in Vehicle.



Wendell Knott



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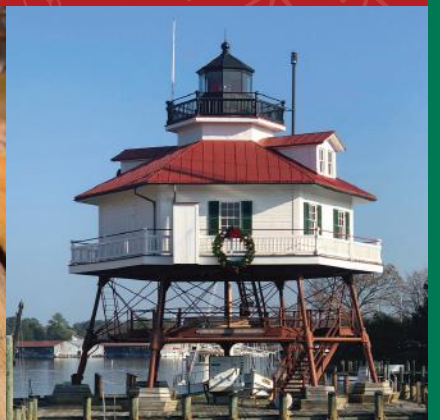
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Tri-County Council Staffer Earns Award

George Clark, Transportation Demand Management Specialist and NAS Patuxent River JLUS Project Manager for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) was given the Outstanding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Professional Award by the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) Chesapeake Chapter.

“We’re immensely proud of George and his accomplishments. George’s work to promote effective transportation is vital to our region and we’re thrilled to see his hard work and dedication be acknowledged,” said John Hartline, Executive Director of TCCSMD.

The Outstanding TDM Professional Award, a part of the 2020 ACT Chesapeake Chapter Awards, is new this year. This award is presented to a TDM professional that best demonstrates a commitment to promoting and advancing commuter transportation options in their region. Mr. Clark works with Commuter Connections, Commuter Choice Maryland, and a plethora of regional organizations to help promote carpooling, vanpool-



ing, telework, flexible work options, biking programs and or other TDM actions to employers and employees.

For more information about TCCSMD and the ACT Chesapeake Chapter, visit www.TCCSMD.org and www.ACTWeb.org.

Press Release from TCCSMD

Pet Owners Urged Caution During Holiday Season

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the Calvert County Department of Public Safety reminds pet owners to be extra cautious. New sights, sounds and people can cause pets to become over-stressed and may prompt them to act out.

To reduce stress on pets and ensure the safety of others, it is advised to secure pets when visitors are present. Pets may not react well to new people or young children and may become confused, scared or overprotective, causing them to bite unintentionally. If a pet does bite, please secure the animal immediately and seek medical attention.

Pet owners should ensure gates stay latched and doors remain closed when pets are outside to keep them from potentially escaping. If an animal does become loose, citizens should fill out a lost pet report online at www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com/lost. The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter will not take lost-and-found reports over the phone.

It is also important for pet owners to remember that certain holiday foods, flowers and plants can cause harm and, in some cases, can be deadly to pets if ingested. Guests and children should be cautioned not to feed pets table scraps because foods that vary from the animal’s normal diet can make them sick. If you suspect your pet may have ingested something and is acting differ-



ently, contact your veterinarian or the nearest emergency veterinary hospital right away.

For a list of foods and plants that can be harmful to pets, visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals online at www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter provides compassionate, humane care and treatments to the shelter population and responsibly finds new homes for animals in the community. The shelter is currently open by appointment only as a precautionary measure to slow the spread of COVID-19. Adoption inquiries can be made by phone or email. For more information about the animal shelter, please call 410-535-7387 or visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

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St. Leonard Native Serves Alongside French Navy

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Hobbs, a native of St. Leonard, is currently serving on an exchange with the French Marine Nationale as a part of the Personnel Exchange Program.

Hobbs is a U.S. Navy pilot who's been responsible for flying the MH-60S operationally and the T-6B as an instructor.

"I am currently flying the AS-65 Dauphin with the French Navy," added Hobbs.

Hobbs, a 1999 St. Mary's Ryken high school graduate and 2007 University of Maryland graduate, joined the Navy 18 years ago, shortly after 9/11.

"Growing up close to Naval Air Station Patuxent River, I remember seeing naval aircraft everywhere and thinking about how cool it would be to do that for a job," Hobbs said. "Somewhere along the way I decided to take a swing at it, and fortunately, I was able to realize my goals."

The Personnel Exchange Program provides one-for-one exchanges between the U.S. Navy and personnel from other military services, including foreign services. The objective of the program is to integrate participants into the host organization as though they belonged to the service



Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Hobbs

to which they are assigned.

"I'm currently on an exchange with the French Marine Nationale, living and working in Southern France," Hobbs said. "The challenge of daily activities here is what I find the most gratifying. My job is 100% in French, both in the aircraft, and on the ground. I thought that my French was good when I arrived here, but I've been able to see it improve monumentally over the last couple of years."

According to Hobbs, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Saint

Leonard.

"Growing up in Southern Maryland, for me, was like living in a Norman Rockwell picture," Hobbs said. "It was the type of place where people would go out of their way to help someone in need on the side of the road just because that's what decent people do. I think when you are raised in that environment, you become part of a community and you realize that there are things bigger than yourself. That translates directly to being a member of a team and working together to accomplish a task, which is what we do in U.S.

Naval aviation and the U.S. Navy overall."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Hobbs is most proud of his time as a flight instructor in Pensacola, Florida.

"For nearly three years I had the honor of taking student naval aviators, many of whom had never piloted an aircraft before, and not only teaching them how to fly, but watching them become competent aviators," said Hobbs.

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Hobbs, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"To me, serving in the Navy means that I have the good fortune to put on a uniform every day and lead the men and women that I love to work with," said Hobbs.

By Ethan Carter, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Community Responds to Help Domestic Abuse Shelter

Calvert County Commission for Women (CCCW) on Saturday, Dec. 5 held a drive-by, drop-off donation campaign for Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter. The two-hour donation event, held in the parking lot at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, resulted in a successful turnout with generous donations.

Domestic violence is a pandemic within a pandemic that has been compounded by COVID-19. Having promoted awareness about domestic violence during October, the CCCW became aware of Safe Harbor's supply needs and took action to ensure all shelter residents and staff remain safe by soliciting donations of cleaning products, hand sanitizers, soap, masks, diapers, paper goods, socks, and toiletries. The response from the Calvert Community was unprecedented, filling 5 SUVs, a sports car, and a minivan full of items. There were many individual donations, including a bag full of lovely handmade cloth masks. All ages were involved including students from Patuxent High School led by a social studies teacher who brought a carload of items collected from her Teaching Academy and Women's History classes. Commission for Women members were there to direct traffic, load the donations and deliver items directly to Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor, Inc. board members passed out brochures to encourage continued charitable support.

On behalf of Commission for Women, Chair Joan Winship, expressed her



SUV with donations for Safe Harbor

heartfelt thanks to donors, "The response was beyond our expectations. It certainly put us in the holiday spirit and provided much needed supplies for Safe Harbor. We are grateful for all who participated!" A Safe Harbor staff member conveyed her appreciation for the way that Calvert County "continues to show up and show out for Safe Harbor!"

Anyone interested in donating may leave items at the door of the Sheriff's Office in Prince Frederick, which has 24/7 coverage, with a note indicating it is for Safe Harbor, Inc. [Please note that Safe Harbor cannot accept clothing and does not need toys.] Financial contributions may be sent to: Safe Harbor Inc., P.O. Box 801, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Press Release from Calvert County Commission for Women



CCCW delivering donations

Little Free Libraries Rolling Out

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Southern Maryland Meats (SMM), a program of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), is installing 'Little Free Libraries' throughout the Southern Maryland region of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's.

Be on the lookout for the eye catching SMM red barns in your neighborhood! The miniature barn libraries are easy to spot with their standout red and white paintwork and Southern Maryland Meats logo prominently placed above the barn doors.

The libraries are designed to promote the Southern Maryland Meats program livestock producers in a fun and engaging way and encourage awareness of the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives. Each library will provide free reading materials for the community to borrow, including a copy of *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* who is most known for her inventions of groundbreaking improvements for farms around the globe.

"The Friends of the Baden Library is excited to put our Little Library to use," says Gwen Ashley who stewards the Baden Community Center

library. "We are hopeful that it will serve our community for those who aren't able to access the public library because of time constraints. Being located near the Community Center, it will be a great place for "grab and go" reading material."

Little Free Library (LFL) is a worldwide non-profit organization that increases access to books through the creation of book-sharing boxes. These libraries are housed in parks, playgrounds, neighborhood common areas, on school grounds, at government buildings, at farmer's markets, and other regional public/private venues to boost community involvement with the intention of inspiring readers. To date, there are more than 90,000 libraries globally.

Southern Maryland Meats is continuing to search for groups or individuals to host libraries throughout the Southern Maryland. To apply to host a SMM Little Free Library, contact Rachel Norris (240)528-8850 ext. 306, or email: rnorris@smadc.com.

To see the current list of Southern Maryland Meats libraries, visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/> and search "SMM" under the Library Name heading.

Press Release from SMADC

Cross-College Transfer Allows Interim CSM VP

Comes from Montgomery College

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announced that College-wide Dean of English and Reading at Montgomery College (MC) Dr. Rodney Redmond will serve as CSM's Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs effective January 2021. Redmond stepping into the interim vice president position at CSM marks a unique cross-college transfer between community colleges in Maryland and sets the stage for professional development opportunities that build leadership pipelines across the state's academic institutions.

"Dr. Redmond brings deep community college experience and a strong passion for our mission," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "He has served in a variety of academic capacities at Montgomery College: professor, department chair, associate dean, dean, acting vice-president and provost, and now college-wide dean. Additionally, Dr. Redmond has a keen interest in participatory governance and was involved in the design and implementation of the model currently used at Montgomery College.

Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president of Montgomery College, called Redmond an extraordinary leader at MC, who brings a powerful equity lens to pedagogy and process.

"I have no doubt that Dr. Redmond's experience will be an asset to CSM during this transition period," said Pollard. "Dr. Redmond works tirelessly to expand opportunity through higher education and I know he will bring that same energy to his interim role at CSM."

Redmond began his career in education more than 20 years ago. Initially, working in secondary education as a sophomore level English teacher, he later transitioned into a career in higher education. Within the higher education arena, he has worked as an adjunct professor, teaching English Composition and Developmental English, at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio before joining the English faculty at the Rockville campus of MC. During his tenure as an English faculty member at MC, he served in various roles including his work as a member of the Assessment Center Advisory Committee, the English Discipline Steering Committee, the English CLEP coordinator, the English Competency coordinator and chair of the department of English Composition, Literature and Professional Writing.

"I look forward to serving as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at the College of Southern Maryland," said Redmond. "Maintaining continuity of service while the institution prepares for its next chief academic affairs officer is pivotal in these challenging times. I am happy to support that continuity.

"The partnership between the



Dr. Rodney Redmond

College of Southern Maryland and Montgomery College, making this leadership development opportunity possible, is a bold move and a first for both institutions," he continued. "The colleges' willingness to share human resources expands the leadership development pipeline in ways unimagined among community colleges in the state of Maryland. It also demonstrates the innovation and creativity of Dr. Maureen Murphy and Dr. DeRionne Pollard – both of whom are exceptional community college leaders."

Redmond will continue in the interim position while CSM conducts a national search for a new chief academic officer to replace Dr. Eileen Abel, who left CSM Nov. 30, 2020 to become executive director of the University System of Maryland Southern Maryland (USMSM).

Redmond has also served the MC as the representative to the local NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program and chair of the board of directors for The Bernie Tetreault Scholarship Program. He is a member of the National Council of Black American Affairs, Community College Humanities Association, Rocky D's Angel Connection Advisory Board, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, Fraternity, Inc., and served as a panelist with the Maryland Arts and Humanities Commission. He earned his bachelor's in English Education from Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. After matriculation at Rust College, he received his master's from the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. He completed his doctorate in Higher Education Administration, focusing on community college leadership, from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Press Release from CSM.

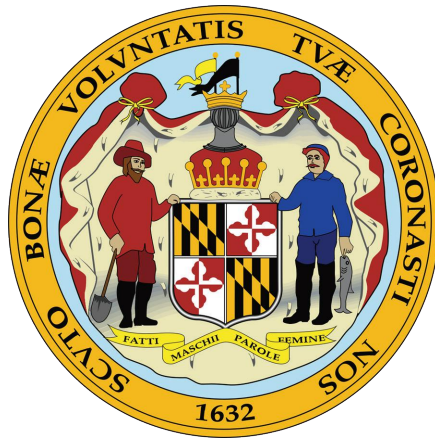
Students Chosen as General Assembly Pages

Two seniors from Calvert County Public Schools have been selected as student pages for the 2021 Maryland General Assembly (MGA) in Annapolis. Chloe Niedzielski of Huntingtown High School and Makayla Seay of Calvert High School will represent Calvert County during the legislative session. Lucy Ramos of Northern High School was selected as the alternate.

The students selected for this prestigious, highly competitive program demonstrate a strong knowledge base, as well as superior communication and problem-solving skills.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, "We have so many well-qualified students who would thrive in this program. Congratulations to Chloe, Makayla, and Lucy for being chosen. We are proud to have you represent our school system."

This year, the MGA "Re-imagined" Virtual Page Program will be a modified version of the traditional program. Students will not work from the State House complex and will instead attend



virtual meetings with senators and delegates and participate online in legislative sessions and committee hearings.

Begun in 1970 by House Speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe and approved by the Maryland State Board of Education, the program is designed to interest youth in state government, foster leadership and provide students with worthwhile experience in state government.

Press Release from CCPS.

College Initiates Special Education Minor

St. Mary's Adds MAT Certificate Program

This spring 2021, St. Mary's College will begin offering a special education minor in the educational studies program. With the special education minor, students will be eligible to apply to the SMCM Master of Arts in Teaching program with certification in elementary/middle school special education (grades 1-8).

According to Katherine Koch, associate professor/associate director of teacher education, "Students will gain a solid foundation in special education theory and practice with a special education minor. Our students work closely with local K-12 schools to gain hands-on, practical experience."

The minor in special education includes six courses that offer a basic foundation in the field of special education. These courses are also required for the MAT program with certification in special education, starting with the July 2021 cohort. This minor is recommended for students who are interested in pursuing careers related to special education, such as counseling, school psychology, and speech/language pathology, but do not necessarily plan to teach in K-12 settings. Commonly paired majors include history, psychology, and sociology.

Students completing the 10-month



MAT program, which runs July-May, receive a degree that is recognized in all 50 states. In addition to the special education certification, MAT certifications are offered in elementary with early childhood, elementary (grades 1-6); secondary (in history, English, math, social studies, biology, chemistry, physics, theater: grades 7-12); and PreK-12 (art or music) or a foreign language (French, Spanish, or Chinese).

The special education minor and new MAT special education certification were approved by St. Mary's College in 2019, and recently approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and Maryland State Department of Education.

Press Release from SMCM.

CSM Scholarship Honors Beloved Employee

To be for Students with Disabilities

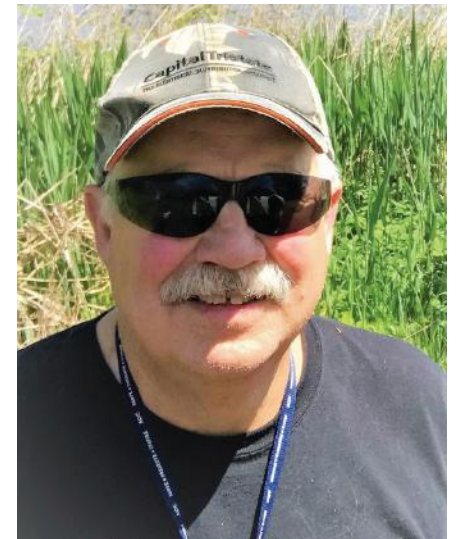
A memorial scholarship honoring beloved CSM employee Kevin Phillips has been established by his wife Regina Phillips to financially assist College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students with disabilities. Phillips was a Maintenance Mechanic at CSM at the time of his death, Aug. 10.

"Kevin worked hard to make sure that facilities at the college were maintained to ADA standards and he always provided unstinting encouragement to students with learning differences and/or disabilities," said his wife Regina Phillips. "Kevin genuinely believed that there was every reason to believe that these students could succeed at CSM."

Phillips went on to share Kevin had a special interest in the restoration of historic houses and buildings and through the years he developed a great deal of expertise and specialized skills to help restore properties to look as they did when they were first built.

"His time as a Boy Scout leader was an important part of his life and the positive impact that he left on many young people, as well as the other leaders, is immeasurable," Phillips added. "He was kind, funny, and always willing to help anybody with anything. Kevin was the one you called when you needed something, always steady and dependable. He enjoyed a good joke and telling stories to make people laugh."

"Kevin had only been with our Operation's team for just under five years, but we all had come to know him for his kindness and humor when he responded to our calls for minor re-



The Kevin Sean Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance for tuition, fees, books and other related supplies to CSM students with disabilities.

pairs, and for his involvement on our Bee Campus Committee," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "We all continue to feel his loss deeply."

The Kevin Sean Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance for tuition, fees, books and other related supplies to CSM students with disabilities. To be eligible for assistance, the student(s) must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; possess and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA; and be receiving accommodations for a disability that is properly documented with Disability Support Services at CSM.

For more information on how to apply for this scholarship and others, please visit CSM's scholarship finder at <https://bit.ly/3obxs5i>.

Press Release from CSM.

Scholarship Helps CSM Students Pursuing Construction Careers

The family of Timothy Scott Moore has established a memorial scholarship in his name to provide financial support to students in the Construction Management Technology program at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). Moore spent his entire career in the construction industry, specifically with Waldorf-based Beltway Paving, where he was a vital component of the company's operations.

The creation of the Timothy Scott Moore Construction Management Memorial Scholarship is his wife and children's way of honoring his legacy.

"By providing assistance to local College of Southern Maryland students, Tim will remain connected to the South-

ern Maryland community, where he worked and resided for decades," said his wife Lisa Moore. "This scholarship celebrates the union of his interests in education, construction and community involvement."

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must: Be a resident of Southern Maryland; possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; and be enrolled in the Construction Management Technology program at CSM. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

For more information on how to apply for this scholarship and others, please visit <https://bit.ly/3obxs5i>.

Press Release from CSM.



Letters to the Editor

Memories of Sen. Sarbanes

To the Editor:

I would like to add a personal tribute to the life and work of Paul Sarbanes, who passed away this week, in recognition of the example he set for all public servants, and his contribution to the prosperity of Southern Maryland.

During my twenty years as executive director and chairman of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, and a Charles County Commissioner, I had the privilege of working with Senator Sarbanes on many issues. I'd like to share a few examples of his thoughtful and unpretentious, yet very effective brand of leadership.

In the decade of the 1990's Southern Maryland's leaders engaged in a strategic effort to defend and enhance the federal commitment to our Naval installations at Pax River, St. Inigoes and Indian Head. The federal BRAC Commission was given the task of closing or consolidating defense installations, and the competition to keep our bases intact and growing was intense. The stakes for the region's future were enormous.

We had three critical advantages in our campaign. First, the missions of our Naval bases were critical to the national defense, the cutting-edge work they were doing was vital, and they were doing it better than anyone else in the world.

Second, our local leaders were united in making the case that Southern Maryland was ready to take on any challenges this would present, was pursuing a strategic vision for the future, and with State support would make the infrastructure investments necessary to facilitate the transfer of new activities and personnel to our bases.

And third, the members of our Congressional Delegation—Senator Sarbanes, Senator Mikulski and Congressman Hoyer—were simply the most persuasive and effective advocates in the United States Congress.

This formidable team, with Senator Sarbanes' quiet diplomacy, and reputation for integrity and piercing intellect, helped Southern Maryland achieve success in all three rounds of BRAC—an achievement unmatched by any other region of the country.

The partnership of the regional community and the Navy in facilitating the BRAC consolidations here became known nationally as "The Maryland Model." The BRAC Commission transferred 6,000 Navy high-tech R&D and administrative jobs to Pax River from Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jer-

sey, \$1 billion in payroll, and the State invested over \$350 million (in today's dollars) in the region's transportation infrastructure, schools and higher education facilities.

Twenty years later, this transformational event still has a lasting impact on the quality of life and prosperity of the three counties. It was the largest economic development project in Southern Maryland's history, and at the time was the most significant economic development project in the State.

Another example comes to mind of the impact that Paul Sarbanes generosity of spirit and thoughtfulness. Many years ago as a member of the International City/County Management Association I participated in an exchange program with the chief executive of the City of Portsmouth, England (home of the Royal Navy). He hosted me for two weeks in the UK, and I was his host for two weeks in Southern Maryland.

I made sure he saw a large slice of our history and the workings of government at all levels—local, State and federal. In Washington, D.C., we visited the Capitol and our members of Congress. The time we spent with Senator Sarbanes that day was memorable.

The few minutes of the Senator's time that I requested became a personal guided tour into the recesses of the Library of Congress, deep into the subterranean labyrinth of rare document collections, where to our astonishment, the Senator opened a file box containing the original papers of one of my British guest's American ancestors, who had negotiated the treaty ending the Mexican War in 1848, and his handwritten correspondence with Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln.

Needless to say, this was one of the most unforgettable highlights of his visit to America. The personal care and attention Senator Sarbanes gave to planning our visit that day left an indelible impression on my guest which I'm sure he shared far and wide with his friends in the United Kingdom.

Reflecting on the elected leaders I've known over the past half-century, Senator Sarbanes is one of a handful whose intellect, integrity and ability to make a difference on the issues that matter the most, made a deep and lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege to know him.

Gary V. Hodge
President, Regional Policy Advisors
White Plains, MD

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, December 17

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is Lighthouse Discovery. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Saturday, December 19

Drive-Thru with Santa and Mrs. Claus

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Goodie Bags will be given to all good girls and boys. Bring your letters to drop off to Santa. Social Distancing will be upheld and everyone will be required to wear masks, including car riders.

Holiday Market

Cardinal Creek Plant Farm; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Vendors include Breakfast by the

Bay, Cardinal Creek, Ferry Landing, Farm & Apiary, Fructose and Spice, Prosperity Acres and Windy Willow Farm. Additionally, several holiday crafters will showcase their handmade gifts, decorated wreaths, tabletop trees, flower arrangements, candles and other festive items. The Holiday Markets will be held inside a greenhouse at Cardinal Creek Plant Farm. Attendees will be required to wear an adequate face covering and practice social distancing when possible to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Food Drive and Distribution

North Beach Boys and Girls Club; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Go to the Boys & Girls Club for contactless, curbside drop off of food donations. The food distribution will be from 10 am until the food runs out. Go to the Boys & Girls Club for contactless, curbside pick up of food donations.

Questions? Contact Joy Hill at jhill@bgcsm.net or 301.379.4876.

Ongoing

Holiday Market Place

CalvART Gallery; Thursday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Paintings, photography, pottery, clay works, jewelry, steampunk, woodworks, cards, and much more! Shop online at calvartgallery.com.

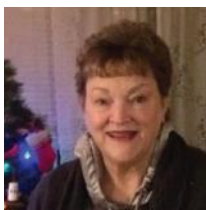


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Jacquelyn (Jackie) Maxine Pergal Jones



Jacquelyn (Jackie) Maxine Pergal Jones passed away December 12, 2020 at her residence. She was born on October 24, 1946 in Washington, DC, the daughter of the

late John (Jack) Frederick and Margaret Maxine Mateer Pergal. Jackie worked as an administrative assistant at various companies but was most proud of her position with the American Cancer Society. She enjoyed listening to music, her favorite's being Queen and Alabama, traveling, communicating with all of her friends on Facebook and spending time with her family. She is survived by her children; Roxane Marie (Sompayrac) Brennan of Rose Haven, MD; Raymond Eugene, wife Lane Sompayrac of Chesapeake Beach, MD; Rhonda Colleen (Ashcom), husband Raymond Stack of Chesapeake Beach, MD. Grandchildren; Jesse, Christopher (CJ), Cody, Nicholas (Nick) and Cierra. Great-Grandchildren; Jaxon, Cameron and Logan. Blended-family; Grandson Bobby Coggins Jr. Great-granddaughters Avery and Riley. She was known by all the grandchildren as "Grandma Honeybuns", Nieces; Carla and Joni, Nephews; David Jr. Alan and Alex. She is also survived by a brother-in-law David Hill, Sr. She was preceded in death by her sisters Nancy Hill and Terrie Ostraski and grandson Eric.

When she died on December 12, 2020 an ANGEL went back to Heaven.

Due to Covid restrictions, services for Jackie will be private and limited to family members. Those not able to attend may view the services on the Rausch Funeral Home Facebook page beginning at 11:55 Thursday December 17, 2020 at the following link <https://m.facebook.com/RauschFH/>

Interment will be in Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754

Albert Michael DeToto

Albert Michael DeToto, 79, of Deale passed away December 12, 2020. He was born February 11, 1941 in Washing-



ton, DC to Michael and Marie (Lunsford) DeToto. Al married Valerie Nieman on May 25, 1977 and they moved to Deale in 1982. He was employed as a delivery

driver for Coca Cola in Washington DC and later started his own drywall business. Al's passion was music, he was the singer, drummer, and played guitar for many years with his band The Naturals, playing in various bars and restaurants throughout Maryland. Al enjoyed music, BINGO, gambling, animals, racing homing pigeons, woodworking, Italian food, going out to eat, and going to the local fairs. He was also and avid fan of the Baltimore Orioles, Washington Redskins, and WWE Wrestling. Most of all though, Al loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter Presley. Al was a fighter to the end and will be greatly missed.

Al is survived by his daughter Shanna "Shelly" DeToto and husband Randy and son Randy DeToto, all of Chesapeake Beach, 9 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and his wife Valerie DeToto. He was preceded in death by his children Steven Wayne and Tina Marie DeToto, wife Wanda DeToto, brother William DeToto, and dog Ariel.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a limit of 25 people in the visitation room. If you are sick or had an exposure to anyone who is sick, we ask that you refrain from coming to the services. The services will be livestreamed on the Rausch Funeral Home Facebook page starting at 12:55 PM on Saturday, December 19. The service will start at 1 p.m.

Burial will be at Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Audrey Mae Loveless MacWilliams



Audrey Mae Loveless MacWilliams, age 98, passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 9, 2020 at Riderwood Village, Silver Spring,

Maryland.

She is survived by two sons, Heber MacWilliams III of Shaker Heights, OH, and Michael Lee MacWilliams, Sr. and wife Gayle of Columbia, MD; five grandchildren, Kara MacWilliams of Rockville, MD; Michael MacWilliams, Jr. (Kathleen) of San Francisco, CA; Lauren Wisniewski (James) of Arlington, VA; Diana Danner (Raymond) of Cleveland Heights, OH; and Paul MacWilliams (Amy) of Falls Church, VA; seven great-grandchildren, Anne Wisniewski, Valerie Wisniewski, William Wisniewski, Morgan Danner, Alexandra MacWilliams, Adela MacWilliams, and Audrey MacWilliams, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Born in Owings, MD, on January 17, 1922, Audrey Mae was a daughter of the late Bernard Guy Loveless and Ethel Griffith Loveless. She was preceded in death by her husband Heber MacWilliams, Jr., as well as her three brothers Bernard Loveless, Jr. (Dorothy), Edmund Loveless (Margaret), and Morris Loveless (Jean).

Audrey Mae was devoted to her family, yet found time to serve her community and her church. She was president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the North Beach (MD) Volunteer Fire Department and President of the North Beach PTA. In 1953, the family moved from North Beach to Churchton, MD. She served as Postmaster of Churchton from 1963 to 1984 and was the unofficial "mayor" of the town during those years. She served on the Credit Committee of the NAPUS (now Signature) Federal Credit Union from 1976 to 2014. Being a child of the Depression, she was not inclined to lend money to people with multiple maxed-out credit cards. She served on many local Boards and Commissions. She was known for her forthright "tell it like it is" approach in dealing with issues, large and small. She had little patience for dithering. She felt a deep need to try to right any wrong she encountered. She was an active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Owensville, MD.

She didn't have indoor hobbies. She loved to be outdoors. She enjoyed working on her grounds and gardens. After the death of her husband in 1979, she enjoyed traveling the United States and around the world. Audrey Mae was especially supportive of the mission of the South Anne Arundel Lions Club, serving as its President and winning the Lions' prestigious Melvin Jones award for leadership. From 2000 to 2012 she delivered Meals on Wheels to needy individuals in south Anne Arundel County. After 60 years in Churchton, she moved to Riderwood Village in 2013.

A private service will be held. Because Audrey Mae's services are private, her family requests that flowers in her memory not be sent. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to South Anne Arundel County Lions Club, c/o Jennings, PO Box 159

Galesville, MD 20765 or a Charity of One's Choice,

A private burial will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, MD.

William (Bill) Alexander Norris



William (Bill) Alexander Norris passed away on December 9, 2020 at the age of 78, in his hometown of St. Mary's County, Maryland from

complications of COVID-19. Born on June 5, 1942, he was the son of the late James and Gertrude Norris who raised him and his 7 siblings on a 100-acre tobacco farm in Hollywood, MD.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Bill served on the Prince George's County Police Department until he retired as a lieutenant in 1992. His hobbies were hunting, crabbing, sporting clay shooting and napping! He was a humble, gentle, and honorable man that listened more than he spoke. William Shakespeare wrote "Men of few words are the best men," and that was true in his case.

Bill is survived by his wife Jeanne Ferguson Norris whom he married in 1995; siblings Ann Sweeney, Ray Norris, David Norris, Michael Norris, Ronald Norris, and Teddy Norris; his children Hollie Brogunier and husband Carl, and Chris Norris; stepchildren Donny Ferguson, Jan Peregoy, and Shelley Ferguson; grandchildren Nathan Brogunier, Allyson Brogunier, Lyndsey Stephens, and Derek Ferguson; great-grandchild Jolene Stephens. Bill was preceded in death by a brother Patrick Norris.

Bill will be remembered for his love of the water, dad jokes, the silly little jigs he would only do for his kids and grandkids, and the feeling that you were always safe and protected in his presence.

No immediate services will be held due to COVID-19. A celebration of life will be planned for a later date.

Rufus Edward "Sonny" Milor



Rufus Edward "Sonny" Milor, 89, of Solomons, MD and formerly of Hyattsville, MD, passed away on December 9, 2020 at the Asbury Health Care Center. Born

April 2, 1931 in Mt. Rainier, MD, he was the son of the late Howard A. Milor and Helen (Tate) Milor.

Sonny graduated from McKinley Tech in Washington, DC in 1949 and attended George Washington University for one year studying accounting. He served in the United States Marine Corps from January 1952 until January 1954 and was assigned to the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. Sonny's employment included working in sales for Hudson Supply and Equipment, working as an Assistant Buyer for S. Kann Sons Department Store, and as Building Manager for Woodward and Lothrop. He enjoyed Washington sports teams especially baseball and football, and he enjoyed working in the yard. Sonny was a Master Mason for Mt. Hermon

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Sonny is survived by his wife, Barbara M. Milor whom he married in Mt. Rainier United Methodist Church; his children, Elizabeth "Liz" Milor and her husband Glen Worrell of Silver Spring, MD, Waverly Milor of Charlottesville, VA; one grandchild; and siblings, Howard A. Milor, Jr. of Middletown, MD and Irvin Milor of Elkridge, MD. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Helen Moyer, Kathrine Largent, Ronald Milor and Harry Milor.

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

Benjamin Leroy Lane, Jr



Benjamin Leroy Lane, Jr., Age 72, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 08, 2020 at his home in Prince Frederick MD.

He is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Lane, and his three children, Melissa Gandy, Benjamin Lane, Ashley Moorehead and her husband Robert Moorehead of Prince Frederick, MD. Five sister-in-law's Kathleen Lane of Prince Frederick, MD, Rachel Adams, Tammy Parrish (Chris Parrish), Carol Harris (Ricky Harris), and Cathy Hall of Knoxville TN. Four brother-in-law's Tony Hall, Dennis Hall (Carol Hall), Greg Hall (Minnie Hall), Joey Hall of Knoxville TN. Ten grandchildren, Amanda Bisser, Katelyn Gandy, Aiden Gandy, Ryan Moorehead, Alexia Moorehead, Breyona Moorehead, and McKenna Moorehead of Prince Frederick, MD. Logan Gandy of Indiana, Lillian Kelly and Christopher Lane of Summerville, South Carolina. One great-grandchild, Colton Kelly of Summerville, South Carolina.

Born in Prince Frederick Maryland, October 17, 1948, Benjamin was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Leroy and Helen Mae Lane, and his brother Edgar Wilson Lane.

Ben was a down to earth man, with the biggest heart, loving to everyone that he encountered over his many years of life. Ben enjoyed the simplicity of life. Ben started farming at a very young age, along with working part time at A&P/Super-Fresh in Prince Frederick MD. Ben loved being outdoors, whether it was in the field, working on tractors in the barn, or just sitting on the back porch enjoying the air. Ben enjoyed spending his time away from farming with his family, from taking his grandkids to school and family gatherings at home.

Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation at 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016; Link: <https://www.kidney.org/>

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Barbara Mae Firmani

Barbara Mae Firmani, 90, of Edgewater passed away December 7, 2020. She was born October 23, 1930 in Asheville, NC to A.J. and Annie (Quattlebaum) Holstein.

Barbara later moved with her family to Washington, D.C. She married Rudy Firmani and they lived in Riverdale before moving to Turkey Point in 1997. She was a devoted homemaker who kept a tidy home and enjoyed cooking, baking and shopping.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy and siblings Harold E. "Bud" Holstein, Annie Holstein Baird, Virginia E. Holstein and Louis A. Holstein. Barbara is survived by a son Gary Firmani of Shady Side and granddaughters Natalie Ditmars and husband Zach of Annapolis and Nina Peake and husband Brian of Edgewater. Also surviving are great-grandchildren Dylan and Olivia Peake.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Gerald Hubert Griffin



Gerald Hubert Griffin, age 75, born May 23, 1945- December 7, 2020. Jerry is preceded in death by his father Hubert Hammond Griffin. Jerry leaves behind a loving

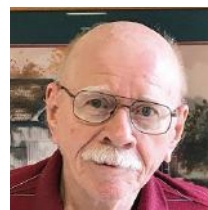
mother Naomi Griffin, of Prince Frederick, siblings, Linda Jean Rubis and husband Joseph of Frederick, Md. Brian Timothy Griffin and wife Helen, of Lusby. Nancy Lee Brown, of Prince Frederick. Mark Dennis Griffin and wife Karen, of Lusby. Cindy Ann Scaggs and husband Buddy, of Owings. And Richard Wayne Griffin and wife Pat, of Narrows, Va. Along with many special nieces and nephews.

Jerry was the owner/operator of his own trucking company before retiring to Florida and enjoyed the remainder of his years traveling.

He moved back to Prince Frederick Md. in June, 2019, due to health reasons and to be near his mother and family. In lieu of flowers please make any donations to the Parkinson's research foundation, PO Box 61420, Staten Island, NY 10306; 800-223-2732 FAX: 718-981-4399.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

William Edward Boss



William Edward Boss, 87, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away December 5, 2020 in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. He was born May 6, 1933 in Baltimore, Mary-

land to the late Henry and Mary Catherine Boss.

William served in the Navy during the Korean War on the USS Rodman. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the navy Occupation Service Medal. After his release from the Navy, he went on to work for the Social Security Administration as a computer technician where he retired after 38 years. William was a past active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick.

William is preceded in death by his wife, Susannah "Susie" Boss and a son,

Joseph Boss, and a grandson Lee Russell. He is survived by their daughter, Janie Russell, grandchildren: Christopher Boss, Marie Russell, William "Will" Russell, and two great grandsons Lucas and Max Boss.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Brenda Dutton Esch



Brenda Dutton Esch, 91, of Lusby, MD passed away on November 24, 2020 at the Calvert County Nursing Center.

Born September 19, 1929 in Widnes, England, Brenda

was the daughter of the late Frederick Dutton and Jane Elizabeth (Jones) Dutton. She was a Billing Accountant for the CRE Water Company. Brenda is survived by her son, Michael D. Esch of Lusby, MD.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvert Animal Welfare League (CAWL), 1040 Prince Frederick Boulevard, P.O. Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

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

Edward Martin "Ted" Evans



Edward Martin "Ted" Evans, 86, of Solomons, MD died on December 12, 2020. He was born on October 8, 1934 in Milwaukee, WI and adopted at birth by Edward M

Evans Sr. His early life was spent in Huntington, WV. During his school years he moved several times between there and the Buffalo, NY area. Upon graduation from high school in 1952 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. While stationed at MCB Quantico, VA he met Audrey Mae Bowen, who was then working for

the FBI in Washington, DC. They married on June 11, 1955 and upon his honorary discharge moved to Audrey's home in Calvert County, where they remained for their lifetime.

In 1956 he became a Maryland State Trooper, with an early assignment to the Prince Frederick Detachment for some eight years. The rest of his career was spent in various staff and command positions across the State, including Barrack Commander, Planning and Research, Chief, Field Operations Bureau, and Deputy Superintendent. He retired in 1986 after a respected 30-year career.

After retirement he had a second career as a field representative for Owen Jones, Real Estate Appraisals.

In 1987 Audrey and Ted purchased an older home on Saint John's Creek in Dowell. After over a year of tearing down, rebuilding, and remodeling, they finally had their dream home. A place where they, their family, and friends, could enjoy crabbing, boating, gatherings, and all the other joys of living on the water.

Ted loved his family and friends and enjoyed every moment spent with them. He especially looked forward to annual family vacations to Nags Head, NC, referring to them as the best week of the year. Other favorites were day trips with his local friends for lunch outings and the monthly retired Trooper breakfast. Ted was an avid reader of history and pop culture frequently quizzing his grandchildren on current events and modern technology.

He is survived by his children, Mike Evans (Susan), Tim Evans, Kathy Evans, Patty Castillo (Rory). Eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren, sister Mary Husted (Don), brothers John Patrick Evans (Carol), Michael Evans (Bruce), and Paul Evans. Recently discovered half siblings, Karen, John, Kyle, Todd, and Bonnie from Milwaukee, WI.

He was predeceased by his wife, his father, three stepmother, and two half-brothers (Larry & Lee)

His remains will be interred with those of his wife at Asbury Methodist Cemetery, Barstow, MD

A celebration of life will take place at a later time when Covid restrictions permit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to MSPAA Memorial Fund, Jack Howard, 1750 South Plantation Drive, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular pickup truck
- 4. Profoundly wise men
- 9. Camera company
- 14. Folk singer DiFranco
- 15. Passerine birds
- 16. Plum-shaped fruit used for preserves
- 17. Popular kids channel
- 18. Dodgers' skipper
- 20. Removes
- 22. The Atlantic is one
- 23. Badgerlike mammal
- 24. Foulness
- 28. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 29. Commercial
- 30. A type of gin
- 31. Temptress
- 33. Shuts in an enclosed space
- 37. Milligram
- 38. Actress Adams
- 39. Strive to equal or match
- 41. Health insurance
- 42. A detective's source
- 43. Small American rails
- 44. Alfred ___, Brit. poet
- 46. Crest of a hill
- 49. Atomic #52
- 50. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 51. Breaks apart

55. Register formally (Brit. sp.)

- 58. Worker
- 59. Chemical compound
- 60. Disgraced newsman
- 64. Born of
- 65. Chemical substance
- 66. Supernatural powers
- 67. Clothes
- 68. Indy footballers
- 69. Moves forward
- 70. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Driver
- 2. Bone cavities
- 3. Menacing
- 4. Where coaches patrol
- 5. Greek mythological figure
- 6. War-based board game
- 7. Midway between northeast and east
- 8. 18-year period in astronomy
- 9. Mid-century term used to describe Japanese-Americans
- 10. Large bodies of water

- 11. Eurasian ryegrass
- 12. Perform on stage
- 13. Greek island
- 19. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
- 21. One point east of southeast
- 24. Belgian city
- 25. Praise excessively
- 26. River in France
- 27. Edible lily bulbs
- 31. Quarterbacks take them
- 32. Organic compound
- 34. Tears down (Brit.)
- 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 36. Unconscious
- 40. Missouri
- 41. Firemen use them
- 45. Pig noise
- 47. Greatly dismay
- 48. Imitator
- 52. Moves by turning over
- 53. Boxing's GOAT
- 54. Swarms with
- 56. Margarines
- 57. Feudal superior
- 59. As fast as can be done
- 60. Reciprocal of a sine
- 61. Chinese city
- 62. Tell on
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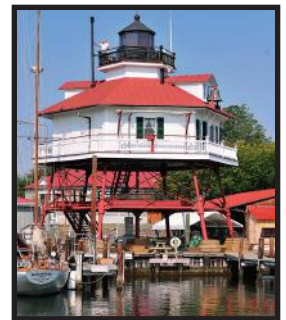
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