

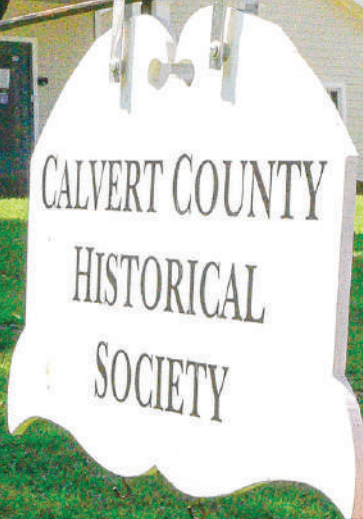
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Calvert Lags Behind Area's Growth

2020 Census Data Released

Dick Myers
Editor

Southern Maryland was the second fastest growing area of the state in the last decade, according to 2020 Census data released Aug. 12. At 9.6 percent, the three Southern Maryland counties were only outpaced by the Suburban Washington (Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's) Region's 11.2 percent. The state as a whole grew 7.06 percent, to 6,177,224.

But Calvert County's growth rate in the last decade was far behind Southern Maryland's other two counties. Calvert grew by 4.6 percent, compared to 13.7 percent in Charles and 8.2 percent in St. Mary's.

The population changes are as follows:

- Southern Maryland 340,489 to 373,177.
- Calvert County 88,737 to 92,783.
- Charles County 146,551 to 166,517.
- St. Mary's County 106,151 to 113,777.

Governor Larry Hogan noted the challenges of the pandemic in completing the census gathering task. "Despite these challenges, the participation of 2.2 million households in the 2020 Census and Maryland's number nine self-response ranking of all states means critical federal funding for our state over the next ten years," said Hogan. "The Census



data will also be used for the upcoming redistricting process. Free and fair elections are the foundation of American democracy and it's time for leaders on both sides of the aisle to end the practice of gerrymandering."

The U.S. Census Bureau, in addition to overall population numbers, also released data of the racial makeup of the country and each state and county. It showed that Maryland now has less than 50 percent of its population who identify themselves as white, a trend that also is showing nationwide, reflecting a much more diverse country.

The racial shift in Calvert was much less pronounced. The white population declined 3.2 percent from 72,235 (81.4 percent) to 69,935 (75.4 percent), while the

black population increased 1.4 percent from 11,929 to 12,100, however the black population percentage actually fell from 13.4 percent to 13 percent.

Largest racial group gains in the decade occurred in persons identifying themselves as two or more races, a 216.5 percent increase from 2,365 to 7,484.

In Calvert there also was a 72.4 percent increase in "Hispanic or Latino" persons, from 2,437 to

4,202.

In the decade Charles County went from being majority white (52 percent) to only 35.2 percent. Blacks now make up 49.2 percent of the county's population. Hispanic and Latino population increased 86.6 percent.

St. Mary's County saw a slight shift in its racial makeup, with a decline in the white population of .8 percent. White population stands at 72 percent and blacks at 14.3 percent. There was a 64.8 percent increase in the Hispanic and Latino population.

In Calvert County, the 1st Election District, even though it contains one of the county's densest areas (Lusby/Chesapeake Ranch Estates) showed a slight decline in population (.7 percent) to 28,6530.

The fastest growing area is the 2nd Election District, which includes Prince Frederick. It grew 7.7 percent to 32,444.

The 3rd Election District, which includes Dunkirk and the Twin Beaches, grew 6.6 percent to 31,709.

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CSM Requires Indoor Masking for Fall Semester

Responds to Rising Number of COVID-19 Cases

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces it is postponing its transition to Phase 4: Normal Operations and will remain in Phase 3: Reduced Operations in response to the rising number of COVID-19 cases and increased positivity rates in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties. This delayed shift in operations means faculty, staff and students will be required to wear masks indoors on all campuses at all times, effective immediately.

"We are firmly in year two of this global pandemic and we've learned a lot," CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy told faculty and staff during a college-wide forum Aug. 13. "We know a little more about how this virus behaves and we've learned how to work safely around it. With the numbers of infections on the rise, we will do our part to respond to the metrics, create the safest possible environment, and make universal indoor masking a requirement. For now, masking is really the only significant change students will see in our fall plans."

"It is an understatement to say that the CSM community had been looking forward to things

being closer to 'normal' for the fall semester which begins Aug. 25," added CSM Vice President of Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey. "But as cases and hospitalizations rise in our area, we believe it is best to be cautious."

For students, faculty and staff not much will change from how we have been operating this summer, Comey said. The following health and safety guidelines will remain in effect until further notice:

Masks must be worn at all times while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

All students and employees must take the COVID-19 Self-Assessment in the CSM Safe app before coming to campus and be prepared to show their green QR code when requested.*

Student services and instruction will continue to be mostly virtual, with some classes and services available on campus in larger spaces for safety. Therefore, classes that were already scheduled to meet on-campus will continue to meet on-campus. If there is a change, students will be notified by their instructor.

CSM new fall campus hours will

remain in effect but visitors and students should check a department's office hours to make sure that department is open prior to visiting one of the campuses.

CSM's Student Life will move forward with organizing a number of outdoor events for the fall and those opportunities to gather as a community will follow social distancing guidelines.

While CSM does not require universal COVID-19 vaccination, faculty, staff and students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Vaccinated students can enter to win prizes, with CSM's #VaxUpHawks COVID-19 Vaccine Challenge.

The public can monitor CSM's operational status at csmd.edu/ready/covid-19/. Please visit the website often for resources and updates. CSM remains in close contact with local, state and federal authorities, and will share information as quickly as possible when and if operating conditions change.

Students should make sure they are monitoring their CSM student email accounts, as well as the MyLearning course shells for their individual courses, and stay in close contact with their professors

if they have any questions about their courses.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or any other flu-like symptoms (e.g. sore throat, body ache, congestion) should not come to CSM campuses. Anyone exhibiting these symptoms will be required to leave campus immediately.

Students and their families are encouraged to download the free "CSM Safe App" for iOS (Apple) and Android devices. Those without internet access or smart phones can contact the CSM Public Safety and Preparedness Department at any CSM campus locations during fall campus hours. To contact campus security at the La Plata Campus, call 301-934-7888 or from a campus phone on ext. 7909. Contact campus security at the Leonardtown Campus at 240-725-5333 or from a campus phone on ext. 5333. To contact campus security at the Prince Frederick Campus, call 443-550-6033 or from a campus phone at ext. 6033. At the Regional Hughesville Campus, security questions or concerns can be directed to 301-539-4898.

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School Masks: Pro and Con

School Board Hears Opposing Views



By Dick Myers
Editor

The decision by Calvert County Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Daniel Curry to require all students and staff to wear masks when school starts on Aug. 31 drew pro and con comments at the school board's Aug. 12 meeting.

Brendan Connell said, "I don't think we should blindly follow what other school districts have done or what the CDC recommends, as they're not educators. I think we should apply critical thinking to this decision. Cambridge dictionary's definition of critical thinking is the process of thinking carefully about a subject or idea without allowing feelings or opinions to affect you."

He said in Maryland there have been four deaths from coronavirus in children aged zero to 19, or about 55 deaths per 100,000.

Connell added, "Although kids are unvaccinated, there's an extremely low probability of death due to coronavirus, over a 99.99 percent recovery rate, less than one per 100,000." He observed, "Suicide is around 14 per 100,000. So, coronavirus is much less than suicide and other mental health disorders that are happening because of this. So, it doesn't make any sense. The common flu and accidents are a much higher risk for children."

"And at the same time, there's a real potential for long-term harm for their education from masking. It's a psychological stressor. It disrupts the learning. It doesn't allow the ability for small children to communicate properly. Positive emotions, such as laughing and smiling become less rec-

ognizable. Negative emotions are amplified. Overall, it's like children experience more anxiety and depression, which are already at extremely high levels because of the pandemic."

He concluded, "I don't think it's ethical to put this burden on kids for the benefit of adults. Parents should have a choice, whether they feel masking is an overall benefit to their child or it isn't."

But Rev. Matt Humm, an Episcopal priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and also a parent, said, "I'm here mostly as a parent, as much as somebody who believes, as a person of faith, I'm responsible for and to other people. So, masking as I understand it is not because I like wearing masks. I hate wearing them in fact, but I wear it to keep other people safe. That's part of my belief that I'm doing things to care for other people."

Rev. Humm observed, "In my time living here in Calvert County, I've come to see that the people of Calvert County have a way of rising to the occasion when their neighbors are in need. And this is an occasion where I feel like we can rise to the occasion. And so, I want to thank all of you for making the difficult decision to mandate masking in our schools. The reason that my kids are going back in person to school is predicated on this promise."

He also noted that his church's bishop had to make the same decision recently. "It wasn't very popular, but we're doing it because we're committed to keeping one another."

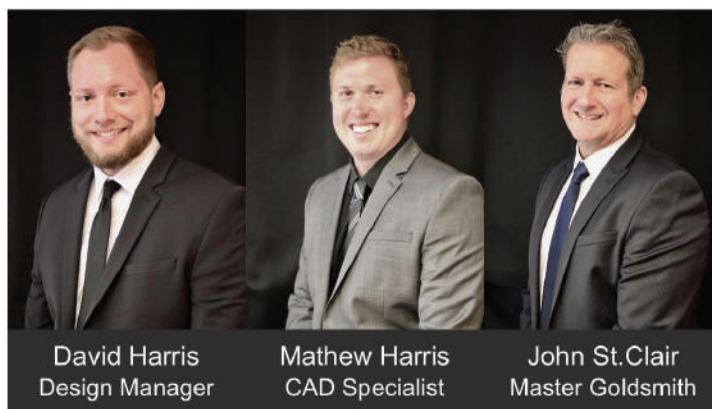
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Clarification

Mike Shisler, in the Aug 12 cover story, regrets that in his summary of the assistant principals that he worked with at Beach Elementary he omitted two: Andrea 'Chris' Banks and Dan Waldheim. Mike apologizes to Chris and Dan for his brain cramp.

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School Board Sued Over Anti-Racism Policy

NAACP Hails School System Policy

By Dick Myers
Editor

A suit has been filed in Calvert County Circuit Court challenging the Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Anti-Racism Policy and its implementation of it.

The suit by seven Calvert residents, who are either parents or grandparents, says, "In recent months, it has become evident that the CCPS, Board, and Superintendent, through the creation of new policies, practices, and procedures, seeks to implement certain tenets of critical race theory and/or social justice reform into the CCPS curriculum."

The suit alleges violations of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the First Amendment, and state education laws.

The extensive suit alleges, "There is no evidence reflecting the benefit of the implementation of this curriculum as it relates to the education of children and the development of children. The implementation of this curriculum is not in the best interest of children as it promotes racial division, suppression of thought and freedom of speech, and harms the innocence of children."

The suit goes on to say, "Concepts related to neutral application of law, equality based in the Declaration of Independence, patriotism, respect for others, merit-based rewards, and other self-evident virtues are not pillars of a white culture but are characteristics of a productive society that spans all races.

"As CCPS students recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns, and school closures, they will continue to experience heightened anxiety and depression as they return to in-person learning. To create an environment

whereby students are labeled as oppressors versus oppressed based on skin color alone will result in significant psychological harm to the students, including increased apprehension, anxiety, and depression."

The suit asks that the policies be rescinded and also asks for \$75,000 in damages.

The issue also was raised again at the public forum at the school board's Aug. 12 meeting, where a representative of the Calvert County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) lent strong support to the policy, while a parent decried it.

Jim Reynolds, whose Doctor of Education degree concentrated in student services and who spent 20 years as a community college counselor, spoke for the NAACP Education Committee.

Now retired, Reynolds described himself as "an 84-year-old white male, born and raised in Southwest Virginia. I graduated from high school in 1955, a year after the Supreme Court issued its *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision desegregating schools. Virginia, like most southern states, was very slow in desegregating their schools during my high school years. I wondered why there had to be two drinking fountains in department stores, one for black people, another for whites. I was also puzzled by the two separate waiting rooms in bus and train stations. I didn't fully understand why people of color were required to ride in the back of the bus."

He said, "We hear the elevated words of the Declaration of Independence that states that we all are created equal, but then our country had a civil war over slavery. It amended our constitution to end slavery and

therefore try to pursue a more perfect union. So, our great country came a long way, but we were still trying to create a more perfect union."

Reynolds explained, "After high school I served four years in the U.S. Navy as electronic technician and obtained a job with IBM after my discharge. My first computer class with IBM consisted of 25 white males. I am sure that I would not have gotten a job with IBM in 1959 if my skin had been black or brown, or I had been a female. My job with IBM is a good example of white privilege practice at that time.

"Unfortunately, now we have more hidden practices to control job seekers. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 65 were beneficial for people of color and for our country. Therefore, we can say our country has made some progress in reducing racist policies and practices. So, our great country has come a long way, but we are still trying to create a more perfect union." He cited examples that included an officer convicted for the murder of a "non-violent black citizen."

Reynolds said the anti-racism policy "sets the right tone to support creating a more perfect union. The NAACP supports this policy as we all work towards a country that enhances diversity, equality and inclusion in order to create a more perfect union, thereby embracing the words of the Declaration of Independence that we all are created equal."

Kyle Webber said, however, that allegations by Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry that the school system isn't teaching CRT is "a false narrative."

He explained, "Your statements on the matter are a complete obfuscation of the truth. In fact, and as it has been stated previously, you are not teaching CRT. You have implemented CRT. One need only review the anti-racism resolution or download the latest policy statement of the board of education regarding anti-racism to discover that the tenants of CRT are now thoroughly enmeshed in the policy and practices of Calvert County Public Schools. Please do not insult our intelligence any further by propagating the wildly misleading notion that because CRT is not taught as a subject in the classroom, we are somehow immune from this discriminatory and flawed ideology."

Webber debunked the notion that "CRT is merely a harmless tool, almost like a mnemonic device. CRTs aim is transformative and destructive. It commands adherence and leaves no room for dissenting views among its other gaping flaws.

"CRT creates a profound sense of

resentment and classism. It requires people who've never engaged in racism to assign themselves the mantle of oppressors and teaches that in spite of their talents, hard work and resilience, people of color are, not withstanding, hopelessly oppressed. CRT proponents will tell you that regardless of how you object or resist, their dogma is a form of systemic racism. This is patently false and also wildly unfair."

The school board also has received a letter of support from The Big Conversation Partners in Dismantling Racism and Privilege in Southern Maryland.

A missive penned by Chairperson Diane Davies said the organization at an Aug. 11 meeting offered "encouragement for your ongoing policy efforts to promote a safe and supportive environment for all students, their parents, teachers, and staff. We support your efforts, and those of other public education systems in Southern Maryland, to ensure respect, dignity, and the accommodation of students from all backgrounds."

Noting the policy was in keeping with state regulations "that every board of education develop an equity policy to the end that every student has access to educational opportunities without obstacles; therefore, we recognize that the adoption of an antiracism policy extends public understanding of the legal duty and moral imperative all share in a diverse culture. We further support the efforts you and others are making toward continual learning about ourselves and each other in scholastic studies that reveal past myths, misconceptions, and buried or forgotten facts.

"It is important that we hear many voices about our country's story. If we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a crucial misunderstanding. The words of our nation's founders 'that all are equal and endowed by their Creator with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness' remain a work in progress. Together, as teaching professionals and citizens, we may achieve not only a more complete and accurate picture of our shared past, but a better understanding of ourselves and one another."

The letter defends the need for civil discourse. It says, "We all benefit from building trust and understanding on issues important to our community, especially when those conversations are uncomfortable. In the end, fair and equitable treatment for all students is a goal toward which we all should strive to work. When we lift others up, we all benefit."

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School Board Briefed on Education Reform

Funding Share Remains Unclear

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education at its Aug. 12 meeting received a briefing on “the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future,” the education reform prompted by the Kirwan Commission.

The briefing was from Strong Schools Maryland Executive Director Shamoyia Gardiner. The group, according to its website, has advocated for the passage of the reform bill by the Maryland General Assembly in 2020 and the override of the governor’s veto of it earlier this year.

The education reform movement began, she said, in 1996 when the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) brought a lawsuit against Maryland “that challenged that the state was not fully funding its responsibility to public schools. As a result of the decision, the Thornton Commission was established. We consider this almost a precursor to the Kirwan Commission and their job was to allow for there to be more education funding available to our public schools.”

So funding is one of the key aspects of the Blueprint, which prompted school board member Pat Nutter, a former county commissioner, to want to know who is going to pay for it, county or



state. The price tag for Calvert is estimated to be \$20 million yearly by the end of the decade.

Gardiner responded, “There is a combination. It is both. All public education in the state of Maryland is jointly funded by federal, state and local sources. In some instances, the Blueprint is funded by a combination of state and local revenue. Some of the revenue comes from the online sales tax, which just went into effect a couple of years ago. As a result of the pandemic and people being at home and shopping online more, we had way more revenue in that particular fund than we expected this year, which

is a part of the reason that we were able to move ahead with the veto override. There is additional funding at the state and local level that’s allocated. There are also some transitional grants that the Blueprint gifts to local government to aid with the potential additional costs of implementing the law.”

Board member Dawn Balinski said, “I also want to give my thanks to the hard work that you guys have done to help Maryland come to this point we’re at. It’s been a long road, but I’m proud of us. And I believe that as a board, we’re going to we take our responsibility seri-

ously, and we’re going to try to use this funding as wisely as we can.”

But she asked Gardiner, “When will they make the decision on the share of funding that will be requested to come from the counties?”

Gardiner said, “When the Blueprint was passed in 2020, we actually had some charts that highlighted exactly what the local share would look like for each jurisdiction. I don’t think those charts have been made publicly available. They had to adjust some timelines and move some programs back and add a couple of things. I do think the Department of Legislative Services should have that answer.”

Earlier in the presentation Gardiner asked, “Why should we do things differently than we have done them in the past? So what does data tell us? If we look at student achievement and school per pupil funding over the course of 2000 to 2018, we see that for every student group, fourth grade, eighth grade, and reading and math, on nationally norm standardized tests, which we recognize are not the only way to see how much students are learning, we see that there’s a positive correlation. Funding increases are correlated with more student academic success.”

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Solomons Dragon Boat Festival Returns This Weekend

By Dick Myers
Editor

The 5th Annual Solomons Dragon Boat Festival, after a 2020 pandemic hiatus, is scheduled for this Saturday, Aug. 21. Sponsored by Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR), it's a family event in which teams of racers in dragon boats have good-natured competition on the Patuxent River while spectators cheer them on along the Solomons boardwalk. There's plenty to do throughout the entire day for the entire family.

The following is Saturday's schedule:

- 8 a.m.-- Team captains will meet with our Teams Coordinator and 22 Dragon representative at the Muster area in the Solomons North parking lot.

- 8:30 a.m.-- Parade of Teams to the Gazebo, Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem. Our Vendor Village is also open to the public at this time.

- 9 a.m. -- Races Begin! Make your way to the Riverwalk to cheer on your favorite teams.

- 10 a.m. -- Food trucks available for orders.

- 12 p.m. -- Break for lunch. This timing is approximate. We recommend you check out our local restaurants (or two or three!) and sample their specialty dragon drinks just for this event.

- 1 p.m. -- Races resume. This timing is approximate

- 3 p.m. -- Awards Presentation. This timing is approximate and depends upon when the day's races finish.

Everyone is also invited to the unique Dotting of the Eye Ceremony the night before, Friday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. on the lawn in front of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Join the fun as participants paint the eyes of the dragons to awaken them and wish them well in the races to come.

And there may even be a flash mob at 6 p.m. before Dotting of the Eye Ceremony on the church lawn. Wear red to join any poten-

tial flash mob.

The following are teams for the Dragon Boat races registered so far:

- Drag'n Butt from Amewas
- Keep Calm and Paddle On From Cedar Point
- Titan Tokens from Thrivent Financial
- CENTURIONS from Century21
- Patuxent Presbyterian Team
- The Homunculi from High Tide Games
- The RowHouse SOMD Teams
- PTLCC Life Savers from Personalized Therapy
- Our Tails Are Dragon Community Team
- The Landings at Piney Point Team
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Learn more about the teams at <https://somdcr.org/teams/>

The fun all goes to support SMCR. According to their website: "SMCR promotes the inclusion of persons with developmental differences into the life of our community. We advocate for individuals with special needs, to recognize the inherent dignity that is theirs because they are members of our one human family. We promote social recreational and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential.

"We provide monthly programs to provide our members with social and recreational opportunities in order to enrich their lives. Members enjoy our programs at no-to-little cost through our partnerships with businesses and organizations throughout the community."

To find out more information about SMCR and the Solomons Dragon Boat Festival, go to <https://somdcr.org/>

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Land Preservation Acreage Price Increased

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Aug. 10 meeting approved an increase in the per acre price they are willing to pay for the Purchase and Retire (PAR) program intended to preserve agricultural land.

The 4-0-1 vote (Commissioner President Buddy Hance recused himself) raised the price from \$4,000 per acre to \$4,500. At the same time, they also established that as the price for buying and selling land going into the county's new TDR (Transfer of Development Rights) Reserve Fund.

Environmental Planning Regulator Ronald Marney explained in a memo to the BOCC: "The Board of County Commissioners established the Purchase and Retirement (PAR) Fund in 1992 to 'purchase, retire and permanently remove Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) from the development rights market, thereby protecting additional farmland acres from development.' The BOCC also this year directed staff to establish a TDR bank pilot program that moving forward will be called the 'TDR Reserve.' This is a county managed program that will facilitate TDR sales between farmers and developers and act as a revolving fund.

"There is \$2,451,675 in the budget available for PAR Fund purchases and for the TDR Reserve for FY 2022. The funding includes a small portion of agricultural transfer taxes which are funds dedicated for agricultural preservation totaling approximately \$30,000. The remaining funds come from prior year Land Preservation Fund balances of approximately \$1,500,000 and contributions from the County's General Fund of \$921,675."

Marney said, "The Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (APAB) recommends a purchase price of \$4,500 per TDR for the FY 2022 PAR cycle and TDR Reserve. Their recommendation is based on a collaborative effort with the TDR Committee who originally proposed the TDR Reserve. The price reflects state preservation easement values and Calvert land prices



Commissioner President Buddy Hance

that tend to be higher than neighboring counties in Southern Maryland. Based on this the recommended price is believed to be fair and equitable.

"The general fund contribution of \$921,675 shall serve as the budget for the TDR Reserve as previously approved by the BOCC. This allocation of the general fund for the TDR Reserve is a onetime contribution which is intended to function as seed money for the pilot program. The remaining \$1,530,000 would be attributed to the FY 2022 PAR cycle."

Commissioner Mike Hart, during the discussion, expressed reservations about increasing the purchase price out of fear it would have the unintended consequence of spurring unwanted growth. In the end he voted for the price increase, saying he hoped the impact would be as intended.

Hance, who is a farmer, told The County Times that landowners would make a moral decision on which program to enter, since the purchase price is the same, based on their own beliefs. If they don't want the monies used for development, they would go into the PAR program. If that doesn't matter, they could enter the TDR Reserve program.

The county will advertise for landowners interested in entering each program.

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Where Do You Put 27,000 Index Cards of Calvert County History?

In the Historical Society, of Course

By Dick Myers
Editor

This is a story about how one woman's love of Calvert County manifested itself in 27,000 4-by-6 index cards. It's a story of her dedication and persistence but likewise a story of her daughter-in-law's equally impressive dedication and persistence in cataloging all of those cards so everyone can use them.

According to the Calvert County Historical Society, "Ailene Williams Hutchins was born on November 1, 1919, to John Wright and Ruby Williams in the family farmhouse on what is now called J. W. Williams Road, near Barstow in Calvert County. She was a graduate of Calvert County High School and Western Maryland College, receiving her master's degree from the University of Maryland. Following a teaching career and position as guidance counselor with the Calvert County School system and her marriage to T. Reid Hutchins in 1963, she began delving into research."

You have to love a place in order to love its history, and Calvert County was her passion, according to her daughter-in-law Carolyn Mohler, president of the historical society. "It was definitely her passion. It was just so obvious. And I'm sure that anybody that she's been with would quickly learn that this was a passion of hers."

Throughout her lifetime, Hutchins published numerous articles in magazines and journals relating to Calvert County and Maryland history. Beginning in 1971, and continuing for over ten years, she wrote a weekly column named Calvert County Then and Now on local history for the Calvert County Recorder and also became a contributing writer for the Calvert Independent. In 1997 she authored the first of four books: *Memoirs of John P. Broome*. She went on to write, *Calvert County Early Land Records*, published in 1982, *Hunting Creek Hundred* in 1992, and *Our Infant Zion - History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church* in 2000.

According to "Letters from Linden and Postscripts," the summer newsletter of the historical society, "Ailene served as secretary of the Calvert County Historical Society for 25 years and was a founding member of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad Museum. Additionally, she was a charter member of the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum Advisory Board and served on that board for 23 years. Ailene's additional talents and honors included being organist for St Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick for over 35 years, serving as Judge of the Orphan's Court of Calvert County and becoming Chief Judge, and volunteering for Calvert Hospice and Calvert Meals on Wheels. She loved reading, playing bridge, flower gardening which included cultivating old roses, crocheting, cooking, traveling, and crabbing. Above all, she loved to spend time with her family which included 21 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren who lovingly

called her, 'Amah.' Her husband Thomas Reid Hutchins was a past president of the Calvert County Historical Society. Reid passed away on April 7, 1988, at the age of 82. Ailene left us a little over 15 years ago on Friday, June 23, 2006. She was 86 years old."

Everyone remembers that during Hutchins' 40 years of researching Calvert County history, she would write what she found on 4-by-6 index cards. When she passed away that body of work totaled 27,000 handwritten cards.

When Hutchins died Mohler said it was her mother-in-law's desire that the cards be donated to the historical society. "That was her wish and I really wanted to make sure that that that happened."

And in fact, it has happened. On Aug. 11 an upstairs room at Linden, the society's headquarters in Prince Frederick, was dedicated to her collection and her writings. At the dedication Mohler explained that the project didn't happen right away. The family didn't feel the timing was right.

"So, the cards had been sitting up in our garage attic for years and years," she said, "and pretty much inaccessible because you had to scoot along on the floor to find anything up there. So, there were only a few people that had me look up any cards for them during that period of time, but I've always wanted to make sure the cards got here."

With the pandemic keeping everyone at home, it seemed the perfect time to begin the laborious task of cataloging all of those cards.

"I have every single topic that she included in here," she said, adding, "I have a notebook out in the hallway... which lists her 3,700 topics that she included. And 27,000 cards. What I did was to put how many cards were under each topic. So if somebody wanted to do some research, they'd be able to find what they might be looking for, find how the name might be spelled one way this time, and another way another time, maybe find out something about the properties and something about what information she has in the county going back to the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, post offices, whatever it is, she probably had it."

Mohler admitted to the attendees at the event, "I'd have to say that I also became engrossed in these cards inside. I was working on them and would stop and read some of them and copy them. Well, that many cards you can't look at all of them, but some of them were really interesting."

Mohler in an interview with The County Times said that Hutchins' was particularly interested in the histories of the Williams and Hutchins families, but also the Bowen family, since there are so many of them in Calvert County.

"She was a very organized person and I think she started looking for information on her family and it just led to so much more and she had such a great interest in



Carolyn, Phillip, and Ann Norfolk stand in front of Ailene Hutchins portrait in the room dedicated to her collection

all of this," Mohler explained. "She enjoyed talking about it too, just to us, to people one on one, but she also enjoyed sharing all of that and she just enjoyed it."

The family would learn of her research the previous week at regular Sunday dinners. "We'd often hear about what she had learned new that week, about history in the county, whatever she might be (working on) or what was going on," she explained.

Courthouse fires destroyed local records over time, so Hutchins daughter Ann Norfolk remembered going with her mother to the state archives for research.

Carolyn's husband Philip, Ailene's son, said she was naturally inquisitive. "My mother would just go search out people she knew. She just visited everybody and people that would not necessarily realize that the homes they lived in were so important and that their history was important. She just went and talked to those people and photographing their very old homes. It was important to her to get to everybody and to do it in person and to get real information straightforward and about their family, much of which was never recorded in any way."

"The main reason these cards got here is because of Carolyn's persistence and determination to get this done," Philip said. "Now, our mother was persistent, but Carolyn's mother was also persistent. I think that's where she got into this."

Ailene's other two children, Tim, who recently retired as county commissioner, and David, a minister, were unable to attend the dedication ceremony.

Carolyn Mohler said, "I would say my interest in the county history came from my father and grandfather. My father was Arthur Wilson Dowell, Jr." Her grandfather was state's attorney for 34 years and her father was in the property insurance and life insurance business.

She was encouraged to join the historical society by former commissioner Hagner Mister after she retired in 2008.

Even though she insists that she didn't participate in the vote to have the room dedicated to her mother-in-law and didn't encourage it, she says it's the perfect spot for those records. "We really would like to increase our visibility in the county and not

only for long-time residents but for newcomers also, so that they can learn about the area where they're living."

Of their headquarters in historic Linden, she said, "It's just a great place to do research, but also, we have a good gift shop there, lots of interesting local books available for sale. And if you're a member, you get a 10 percent discount."

Linden will be the venue for some upcoming free concerts, including the local Classic Country / Rock and Roll Band "Country Memories Band" tonight (Thursday, Aug. 19), 7:30 to 9 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers and come to enjoy!

The Riverside South Band" will be performing on Sunday, Oct. 10, 3 to 5 p.m.

Calvert County Historical Society Director John Johnson said of the Hutchins collection, "it is a significant gain for the historical society in terms of background information of facts and stories related to the county history and the people and community that we have. She collected these cards over years, hand wrote each one and had cross-references between the cards so that she could write these magnificent stories for the newspapers that she did for 10 years. She wrote a story a week as I understand it for newspapers for 10 years. And if you do the math, that's a heck of a lot of stories."

He added, "She was a great researcher and very meticulous with her annotations about where she would gain the material."

When people come in to do research, Johnson said, "We would have somebody accompany them to help them do the research."

Johnson noted, "What my goal is is to make the Calvert County Historical Society more interactive in the community and alive and a fun and engaging part of researching history and learning about the value of Calvert County."

The Calvert County Historical Society is at 70 Church Street, P.O. Box 358, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone (410) 535-2452 or email to cch-admin@calverthistory.org

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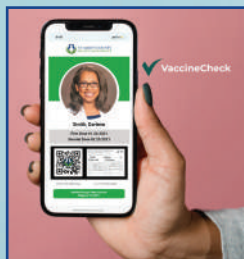
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Meals are served daily Monday through Friday at noon. Reservations are required. There is a \$5 fee for individuals ages 50 to 59, and donations are accepted for those 60 years and older. For the menu or to register, seniors may contact their senior center of choice.

Senior centers are offering exercise classes and have fitness rooms available with equipment and light weights, free for adults 50 and older. Seniors must sign a waiver and schedule an orientation before using the fitness room.

Information and assistance are offered at each center by appointment.

Residents may contact a senior center for more information, to schedule an appointment or to register for available programs:

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For details on all recreational and class offerings, residents can also sign up to receive an email copy of the Office on Aging’s monthly newsletter by contacting Program Manager Ed Sullivan at 410-535-4606, ext. 121, or email edward.sullivan@calvertcountymd.gov. Printed copies of the newsletter are available at each senior center.

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Senior Counseling Services

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Among the various perks that come with age, including increased knowledge and experience, are a whole host of discounts for the aging population. Men and women who have reached a certain age are entitled to key discounts if they know where to look.

The ages at which discounts are available vary. Auto insurance companies may provide a senior discount to drivers who are over 50. Certain restaurants offer these discounts for those over the age of 55. Retailers may begin offering discounts to customers who are over the age of 60. Many discounts can be used for recreational activities.

• **Dining out:** Why pay full price for a meal if you don't have to? A meal out with friends and loved ones becomes a bit more affordable thanks to the senior discounts available through many different restaurants, whether it's chains or independently owned eateries.

• **Hotels:** Seniors booking their stays through select hotel chains may be eligible to reduce their costs by 10 percent or more. When making the reservation, check to see if you qualify for an age-related discount. Some may be affiliated with memberships in organizations like AARP.

• **Theme parks:** Before buying entry tickets or season passes, check with the membership office regarding senior discounts. Certain items also may be discounted throughout the parks.

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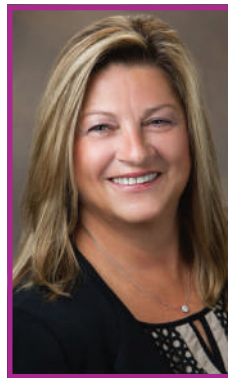
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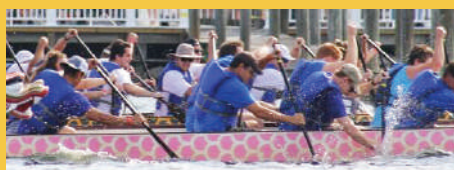
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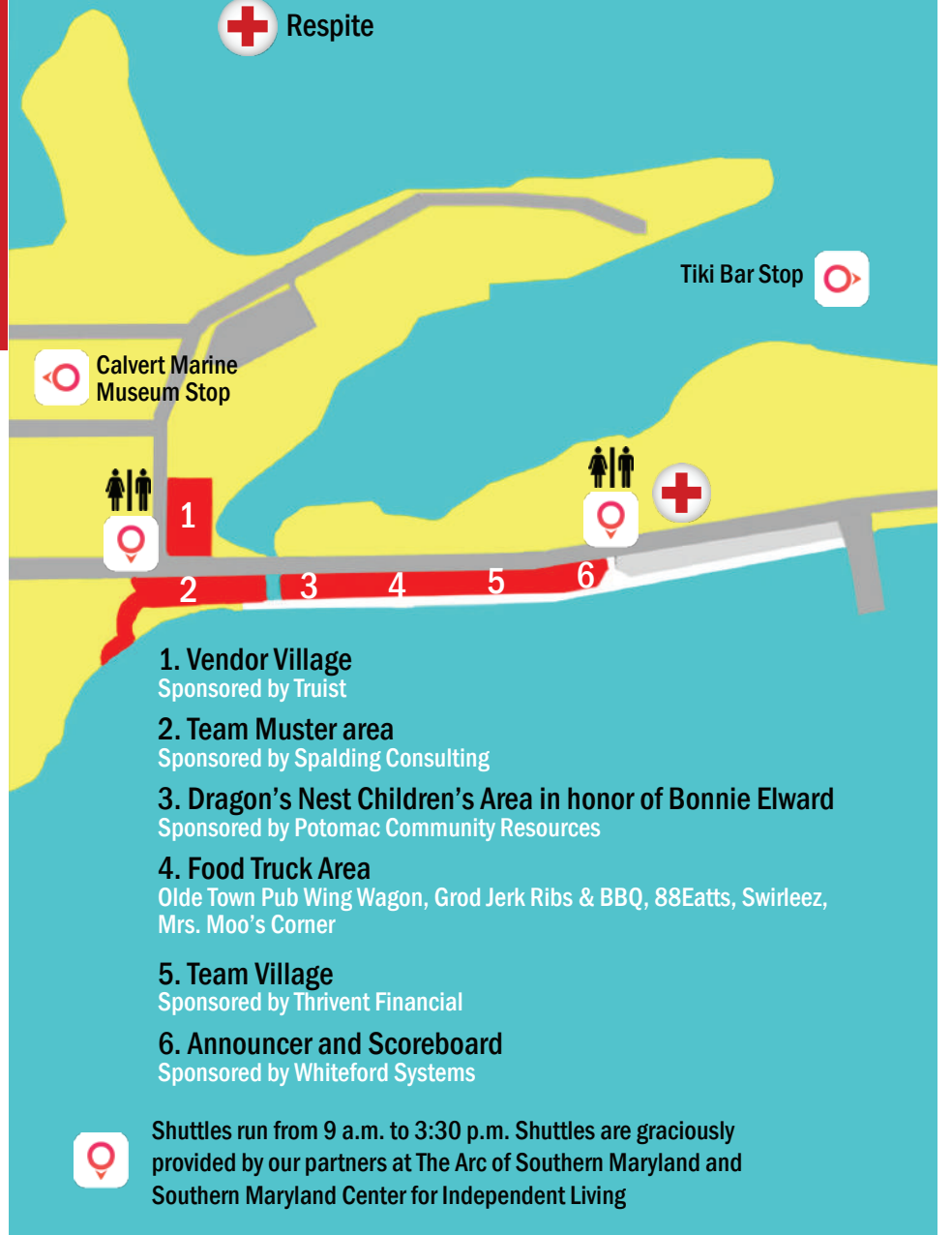
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Simple Ways to Maintain Memory As You Age

Adults confront various age-related side effects as they transition from middle age to their golden years. Skin may begin to wrinkle and hair may turn gray, but those are just the visible side effects of aging. Many additional effects are unseen, but those changes can have a profound effect on adults' quality of life.

According to the Mayo Clinic, various parts of the body are affected by aging. For example, the cardiovascular system changes as people grow older. Blood vessels and arteries stiffen as adults age, forcing the heart to work harder to pump blood through them.

Though many changes are linked to aging, other changes commonly associated with aging, such as a decline in memory, reasoning and other thinking skills, are not natural. The Al-

zheimer's Association® notes that dementia is not a normal part of aging. There are many different types of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and these are the result of damage to brain cells that affect a person's ability to communicate. That damage is not inevitable, even if it's commonly associated with aging.

The Harvard Medical School notes that fleeting memory problems experienced with aging often reflect normal changes in the structure and function of the brain. But it's important that those changes not be mistaken for dementia, and it's equally important that adults recognize there are many ways they can protect and sharpen their minds as they age.

- **Continue learning.**

HMS notes that a higher level of education is associated with

improved mental functioning in old age. The reasons for that are unknown, but experts theorize that advanced education compels people to remain mentally active, which in turn helps them maintain a strong memory. Even aging men and women who are still working in challenging fields can benefit from pursuing a new hobby or learning a new skill.

- **Use the tools at your disposal.**

It may seem counterintuitive to suggest that organizational tools like planners, maps and lists can help people maintain their memories. However, HMS notes that expending mental energy on finding car keys or trying to remember what to buy at the store makes it harder to learn new and important things.

- **Let all your senses play a role.**

HMS reports that the more

senses a person uses to learn something, the more his or her brain is involved in retaining a memory. HMS cites one study in which adults were shown a series of emotionally neutral images that were each presented along with a smell. Participants were not asked to recall what they saw, but were later shown a set of images and asked to indicate which they had previously seen. The participants had excellent recall for the odor-paired images, and researchers believe that's because additional parts of the brain were activated when participants were asked to use more than one sense.

Memory loss is not an inevitable side effect of aging, especially for adults who take steps to maintain their memories as they age.



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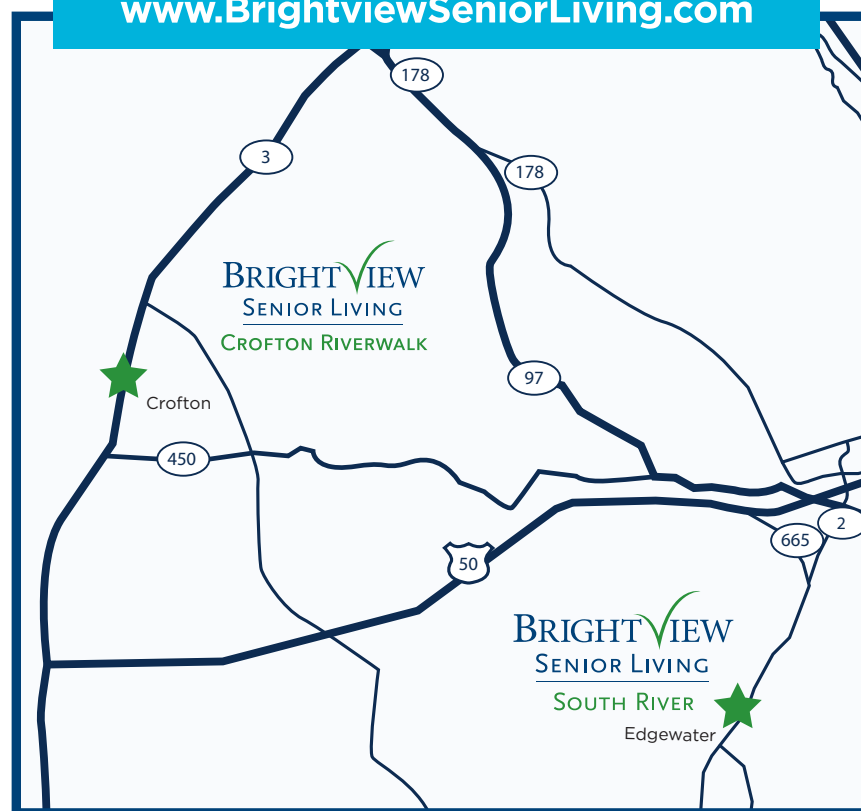
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WebMD says exercise keeps the body and brain healthy. That's why exercise should be an important component of daily life no matter one's age.

Research published in the journal *Immune Aging* found that how people age is 75 percent lifestyle and only 25 percent genetics, which underscores the importance of the lifestyle choices people make.

Cardiorespiratory fitness

Many health experts say that cardiorespiratory fitness may be just as valuable a metric to determine overall health as blood pressure and lipid levels. People with a high aerobic capacity can deliver oxygen to tissues and cells efficiently to fuel exercise, according to data published in 2014 in the journal *Aging & Disease*. In a study involving 11,335 women, researchers compared V02 max, also known as aerobic capacity, in women with mortality data. Women who were fit from a cardiovascular perspective had a lower death rate from all causes, irrespective of the women's weight.

Manage stress and mood

Exercise has direct stress-busting benefits that can promote longevity. The Mayo Clinic says physical activity can increase the production of endorphins, which are the body's feel-good neurotransmitters. In addition, exercise can imitate the effects of stress, helping the body adjust its flight or fight response accordingly, and help them cope with mildly stressful situations. While engaged in exercise, people may forget about their problems as they are focused on the activity at hand.

Improve bone health

Strength training and physical activity can stave off the effects of frailty and osteoporosis, which affects bone strength. A study published in the *Journal of Internal Medicine* in 2017 found that hip fractures are associated with diminished quality of life and survival among the elderly. One in three adults aged 50 and over dies within 12 months of suffering a hip fracture, and older adults have a five- to eight-times greater risk of dying within three months following a hip fracture. Building muscle strength, balance and bone density through exercise can reduce falls and frailty, helping to prevent fracture-related health risks.

Addresses sarcopenia

The health and wellness resource Healthline defines sarcopenia as the loss of muscle mass specifically related to aging. Doctors once considered this muscle loss inevitable, and it can affect stamina and lead to weakness. However, new indications suggest that exercise is the main

treatment regimen for sarcopenia, particularly resistance training. This is designed to improve muscle strength and help balance hormone levels by turning protein into energy for older adults.

These are just some of the ways exercise can help older adults live longer, healthier lives.



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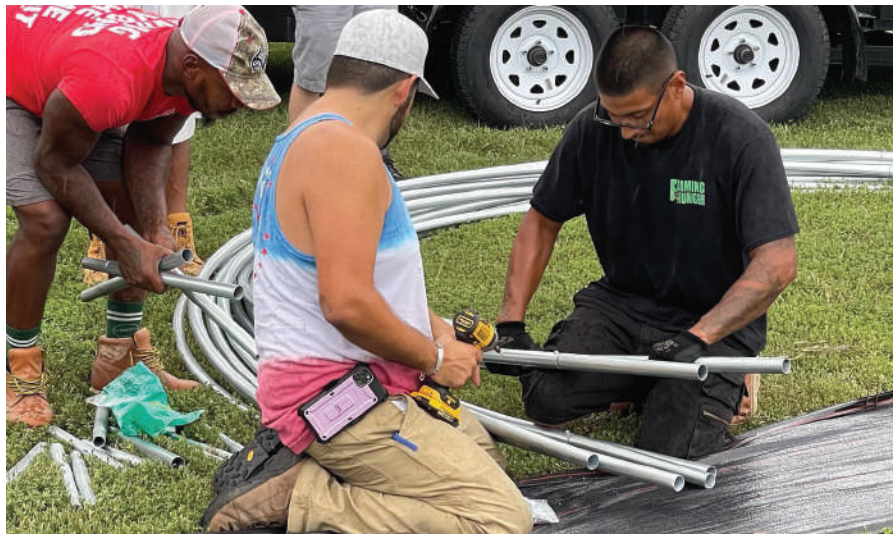


Market Garden Takes Root at CSM

A partnership between the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and Farming 4 Hunger (F4H) is growing – a new market garden demonstration, that is – at CSM’s Prince Frederick Campus. The garden will provide a “planting of the seed” to harvest” experience that provides food for the region’s hungry and teachable moments in self-sufficiency, teambuilding, service leadership, volunteerism and finding purpose.

This month, F4H staff and volunteers are working in the front field of the Prince Frederick Campus on J W Williams Road to recondition the soil, install mini greenhouse tunnels and build raised flower beds with the goal of having a September garden ready for a late-fall harvest. The yield will supplement CSM’s Hawk Feeder pantries, add additional pollinator habitats at the campus and provide workforce training, course programming and volunteer opportunities for CSM students and the community.

The idea for the garden took root about a year ago during a conversation between CSM Board of Trustee Chair Jay Webster and Farming 4 Hunger Founder Bernie Fowler Jr.—prompting the two to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) almost immediately. The MOU was approved by CSM’s Board of Trustees in March.



F4H volunteers install greenhouses at CSM’s Prince Frederick Campus.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for the College of Southern Maryland and Farming 4 Hunger as both of our missions are focused on changing lives, providing workforce development, and cultural and personal enrichment opportunities,” said Webster. “We can’t wait to see the great things that will come of this partnership.”

F4H is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2012 to serve those in need of fresh food statewide, and particularly in Southern Maryland. The organization grows and distributes more than one million pounds of locally

grown, fresh food each year from fields located at Serenity Farms in Hughesville and from a farm in Denton, Maryland. A native and resident of Calvert County, Fowler said it has been a long-time dream of his to have a Farming 4 Hunger garden in his hometown.

“F4H accomplishes its mission through unique partnerships with local farms, churches, local businesses and schools, the Maryland Food Bank, the Department of Corrections, and a great network of community volunteers,” said Fowler. “We are thrilled to add the College of Southern Maryland to our

list of partners and evolve our programming to help CSM students in any way we can. Together, I am hopeful that our partnership will serve as the model for other higher education institutions and we look forward to building this effort, and learning from it with that goal in mind.”

F4H works to feed the hungry. The F4H team also immerses itself in teaching teamwork; helping community members struggling to regain hope; addressing drug abuse and alcohol prevention for children and young adults; and helping incarcerated and formerly incarcerated citizens rehabilitate and learn new skills.

CSM Director of Strategic Initiatives and Projects Kim Yellman will lead CSM’s efforts with F4H and in September is convening a team of CSM champions who will help integrate the market garden demonstration into CSM’s academic programs, training, student and employee activities.

“We are excited about this new collaboration with Farming 4 Hunger,” Yellman said. “Along with gardening and feeding those with food insecurities, Farming 4 Hunger is committed to equity and inclusivity – both of which are core values that guide CSM’s work every day.”

Press Release from CSM.

Presented by the Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee and Calvert County advocacy partners.

International Overdose Awareness Day

Glow Vigil

Tuesday, Aug. 31 • 7-9 p.m.
North Beach Pavilion, North Beach

Join us as we honor the memory of our loved ones lost to overdose death.

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event to raise awareness that overdose death is preventable and to reduce the stigma associated with drug-related death. This day also acknowledges the grief felt by family and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as the result of a drug overdose.

<p>NARCAN TRAINING Participate in a free training on Aug. 31. All participants will receive a free Narcan kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Community Center 20 Appel Lane, Lusby 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Harriet E. Brown Community Center 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Northeast Community Center 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach 5:30-8:30 p.m. 	<p>GUEST SPEAKERS Michael A. Jackson Maryland State Senator, District 27 Capt. Dave Payne, Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Overdose Awareness Advocate</p>	<p>MEMORIAL EXHIBIT Lost Souls shoe exhibit at the North Beach pier. Register on Eventbrite to submit names and shoes at https://glowvigil-usad-endofstigma.eventbrite.com</p>
	<p>GLow VIGIL Glow sticks will be provided.</p>	<p>MEMORIAL READING OF NAMES Sandra Mattingly, POSITIVEVIBES</p>

QUESTIONS? For more information email Sandra Mattingly at sandy.otse@yahoo.com

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<p>Aug. 19, noon to 2 p.m. CAASA Office 30 Duke St., Suite 104, Prince Frederick</p>	<p>Aug. 25, 5-7 p.m. Calvert Library 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick</p>	<p>Aug. 28, 10 a.m. to noon North Beach Town Hall 8916 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach</p>
<p>Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to noon Sneade’s Ace Home Center 11861 HG Trueman Road, Lusby</p>	<p>Aug. 25, 6-8 p.m. Chesapeake Beach Town Hall 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach</p>	<p>Calvert Library 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick.</p>
<p>Sneade’s Ace Home Center 1750 Prosper Lane, Owings</p>	<p>Aug. 27, noon to 2 p.m. Calvert Library 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick</p>	<p>Sneade’s Ace Home Center 11861 HG Trueman Road, Lusby</p>
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<p>North Beach Town Hall 8916 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach</p>	<p>Aug. 29, noon to 2 p.m. Chesapeake Beach Town Hall 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach</p>	

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Friday, Aug. 27th, 3 pm – 7 pm
Saturday, Aug. 28th, 8 am – NOON
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A View From The BLEACHERS



VALUE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Admission: Nick Saban rubs me wrong. The Alabama head football coach spews Bill Belichick-ian level rudeness. Joy is a foreign emotion. And honesty isn't an ingrained trait.

Remember how Saban dumped the Miami Dolphins? With rumors swirling about a possible move to Alabama, here's Saban in late December 2006: "I'm not going to be the Alabama coach." Right. Two weeks later, he was the Alabama coach.

Of course, my judgment of Saban isn't fair. I don't know the man. My opinion has formed over years of short interactions with the press – people he apparently enjoys as much as a root canal. That hits a nerve with me (touché), for obvious reasons. Still, I acknowledge dropping the gavel on Saban prematurely.

There has to be more to Saban, layers casual observers don't see. You can't win like he has, and continue to compel parents to put their sons in your care or coax the nation's best athletes to play for you, if self-serving, curmudgeon is your consistent persona.

I recently got a peek at the Saban lurking beneath the surface.

The five-minute video started with TBS sportscaster Ernie Johnson saying, "When Nick Saban asks if you would come and speak to his football team, yes and no...not the answers. 'What time?' is the answer." Johnson had been invited by Saban to speak to his players; he had a lot to say. He talked about sacrifice, looking your teammate in the eye and saying, "I'll do anything for you", knowing your role and executing it, and being a better human. For two other points, love and value, Johnson spoke specifically about his adopted son. See his wife, upon hearing of children in need in Romania, provided the nudge to "go off-script" – from the job, two kids, house on the hill, etc. - as Johnson put it. When his wife arrived at the clinic in Romania, the nurse handed her a special needs child and said, "Don't take this boy, he's no good."

The Johnson's brought him home. Fast-forward to high school and Michael, since diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, connected with the basketball coach. The coach saw value in Michael, as the Johnson's

had years earlier, and made him an honorary member of the team. In Michael, who struggled to move and communicate, often using his go-to "love you" conveyed via sign language, the coach saw a way to teach his team two things: how to give maximum effort and having a heart for others.

The impact was much broader.

On senior night, Michael was the last player introduced. As the crowd cheered, Johnson said he gazed at the student section and all were standing while signing "I love you." In that moment, Johnson said he realized that a coach from Indiana and a "no good" orphan from Romania had taught a school in Georgia about love.

Powerful stuff. The video is available on YouTube if you're so inclined.

Johnson's story reminded me of another - Surf Dog Ricochet. Ricochet was supposed to be a service dog, only she struggled with aspects of her training. With an uncertain future, she was entered in a dog surfing contest and excelled. Ricochet then started working with special needs children, displaying an innate ability to surf with them - on the same board. See, she senses how to counterbalance her weight with the child's, keeping both safely on the board and riding the wave. That's amazing value. Look her up. Prepare for a heart-warmer.

Well if all that doesn't just cause the mind to race. Those from Generation-X and prior have a running joke about the Millennial-and-forward generations being sowed under the assumption they are special. Time to check the humor. We are all special. Valuable. The value might not be obvious and discovery may require going off-script and a supportive catalyst. But it's there. Have I found my value? Have I cultivated others? Have I at least been mindful and respectful of the value in others?

I'll stop there for collective contemplation of human (and canine) value; juxtaposing my prior opinion with his invitation to Johnson to speak, clearly I underestimated Nick Saban's...

Thanks, coach.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

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Two Indicted on Animal Cruelty Charges

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced that on July 19, 2021, the Calvert County Grand Jury returned indictments charging **Rodney Carlton Rance**, 52, of Lusby, and **Charles Henry Hall, II**, 44, of Chaptico, with felony animal cruelty charges for their alleged involvement in a dogfighting operation.

Rance faces 40 counts of aggravated animal cruelty based on allegations that he engaged in dogfighting, maintained premises for dogfighting, and possessed equipment and dogs for use in fights.

Hall faces seven counts of aggravated animal cruelty based on allegations that he engaged in a dogfight and transported dogs for fighting.

Trial dates have been set for January 10, 2022, in the Calvert County Circuit Court. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Christopher J. Monte.

These charges are the result of a collaborative effort between the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, St. Mary's County

Animal Control, Humane Rescue Alliance, and the Calvert County Animal Cruelty Task Force, comprised of members of the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and the State's Attorney's Office.



Charles Henry Hall, II



Rodney Rance

The investigation into the alleged dogfighting operation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact Det. Sarah Jernigan of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at 410-535-2800.

Press Release from Calvert County State's Attorney's Office.

Masks Up at the Courthouse

Due to the recent emergence of the coronavirus delta variant, and consistent with recent guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), all individuals entering the Calvert County Circuit Courthouse, including courthouse personnel, staff and the general public are required to wear a mask.

On Aug. 6, 2021, Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera of the Court of Appeals for Maryland issued the Ninth Administrative Order clarifying COVID-19 health measures in courthouses and Judicial Branch facilities, effective Aug. 9, 2021.

Accordingly, pending further order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, during the emergency period, consistent with Section (a) of the Ninth Administrative Order Clarifying COVID-19 Health Measures, the wearing of face masks is voluntary for judges, Judiciary personnel and any other persons who have completed the vaccination process, except that, consistent with the CDC guidelines, in the event any county or Baltimore City reaches or has reached transmission status of "substantial" or "high" on any day after Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. All individuals entering a state courthouse or judicial facility in that jurisdiction shall wear face masks indoors regardless of vaccination status or other related health measures until such time that the county or Baltimore City has achieved a transmission status of "moderate" or "low," per the CDC transmission status map, for 14 consecutive calendar days.

The courthouse will continue restrictions to limit the concentration of individuals and allow social distancing, consistent with state and federal guidance. The new administrative orders can be viewed on



the Maryland Judiciary website at <https://mdcourts.gov/coronavirusorders> and the Circuit Court for Calvert County website at <http://circuitcourt.co.cal.md.us>.

Mark S. Chandlee, the Administrative Judge of the Calvert County Circuit Court, has determined that all currently scheduled matters, including jury trials, in the Calvert County Circuit Court will remain as scheduled. All hearings will be heard in person at the Calvert County Circuit Courthouse. The Circuit Court will rule on any requests for conversions to remote hearings and continuances on a case-by-case basis.

Court offices are fully staffed. Court personnel will be available to the public by telephone between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Maryland Electronic Court (MDEC) continues to be available for electronic filing and is required to be used for all MDEC counties. Appointments are preferred to allow for social distancing at public counters.

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Press Release from Calvert County government.

CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of August 2– August 8, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,636 calls for service throughout the community.

Armed Robbery: 21-43651

On August 5, 2021, deputies responded to the 7 Eleven located at 3855 Old Town Road in Huntingtown, MD for report of an armed robbery. Investigation revealed a masked suspect produced a black handgun and demanded money from the registers. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'08" to 5'11" tall, weighing between 150-180lbs. He was wearing a black facemask, black hoodie sweatshirt, light blue jeans, and white tennis shoes with black accents around the ankle and on the soles. Anyone with information pertaining to this crime or the suspect's identity is asked to contact Detective S. Jernigan at (410) 535-2800 ext. 2772 or Sarah.Jernigan@calvertcountymd.gov.

Damaged Property: 21-43253

On August 3, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker responded to the 2700 block of Adelina Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime during the evening hours on Aug. 2 and the morning hours on Aug. 3, several mailboxes in the vicinity appeared to have been struck by a vehicle, smashed, and ripped out of the ground. The value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Damaged Property: 21-43944

On August 6, 2021, Deputy Sturdivant responded to 2&4 Liquors located at 6200 N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised one of the gas pumps was damaged. The estimated value of damaged property is between \$1,500 and \$60,000.

Damaged Property: 21-42987

On August 2, 2021, Deputy Wilder responded to the public parking area on Solomons Island for the report of damaged property. Contact was made with the complainant who advised his chain link fence along his property line adorned with numerous 'No Trespassing' signs attached had been cut down, damaged, and was left lying on the ground. The estimated value of damaged property is \$500.00.

Theft: 21-42980

On August 2, 2021, DFC Burggraff responded to the 12000 block of Nester Lane in Lusby, MD for theft of a motor vehicle. The complainant advised her black 2016 Dodge Journey was stolen out of the driveway. The value of stolen property is \$15,000.00.

Theft: 21-43600

On August 4, 2021, Deputy Aley received report of a theft. The complainant advised his trailer was parked in the 5600 block of N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, MD and sometime between July 15 and Aug 4., unknown suspect(s) stole the rear registration plate (tag). The value of stolen property is \$200.00.

Theft: 21-44333

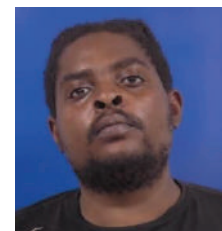
On August 7, 2021, Deputy Savick responded to the Walmart located at 10600 Town Center Blvd. in Dunkirk, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised two black male suspects, in their mid-20's, with masks on, were observed in the electronics section of the store. One of the suspects was pushing a cart with three "HP" computer towers, while the other suspect was carrying a 32" TV in a box. The suspects exited the checkout area, passing all points of sale without/attempting to pay for the items. The suspects were confronted by store personnel and at that time grabbed 2 of the 3 computer towers, along with the TV and ran out of the store. The total value of stolen property is \$660.00.

ARRESTS

On August 5, 2021, Deputy Grierson, DFC Barger and his K-9 partner Odin conducted a traffic stop along Rt. 4 and Calvert Beach Road in St. Leonard, MD. K-9 Odin indicated a positive alert on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed three Suboxone strips, two Alprazolam pills, two THC cartridges along with a cut straw with a white powdery residue (suspected cocaine) inside. The driver, identified as **Tevon Anthony Middleton**, 32

of Prince Frederick, MD was detained and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. A secondary search of Middleton's person was conducted and a scale was discovered tucked in his waistband. Middleton was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

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



Tevon Middleton

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, August 19

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. csmd.edu/transferthursdays

Little Minnows: Amazing Amphibians

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

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 take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Capacity is limited. There is no preregistration; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive.

Friday, August 20

Food Truck Fridays

Annmarie Garden; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Enjoy dinner and evening hours in the

garden! Grab dinner from one of the food trucks, take a walk, tour a gallery show, and frolic in the Fairy Lolly. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs and picnic blankets. Some evenings will include additional activities and a cash bar. This is a "pay what you can" event with a suggested donation of \$5/person (amount of suggested donation may vary). Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; rain or shine event; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Complete food truck schedule, visit www.annmariegarden.org

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum; 6-8 p.m.

Sail on the Dee of St. Mary's, leaving from the museum dock. Fee is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for children 5 - 12. No children under 5, please. Preregister by noon on the Friday before each cruise at <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>.

Saturday, August 21

Solomons Dragon Boat Festival

Solomons Boardwalk -- all day, begins at 8 a.m.

The annual Solomons Dragon Boat Festival is a fun, family-oriented event featuring teams of paddlers competing for glory on the Patuxent River! Saturday, August 21, 2021 will be a full day of dragon boat races complete with a parade of teams, lunchtime entertainment, caricature artists, children's activities, vendor village and awards ceremony.

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

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

Sail on the Dee of St. Mary's, leaving from the museum dock. Fee is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for children 5 - 12. No children under 5, please. Preregister by noon on the Friday before each cruise at <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>.

Ongoing

Enchanted Summer at the Garden

Annmarie Sculpture Garden; until September 6

Enjoy a safe, outdoor, engaging experience where you will find a variety of low-touch, no-touch fun along the trails and paths of the sculpture garden. During the

Enchanted Summer, daily visitors can explore the galleries; search for over 100 fairy houses; play in the Fairy Lolly Nature Play Space; build your own fairy house in the forest; search for gems and fossils at the Fairy Grove Mining sluice (additional fees apply); try the Wild Rumpus Run; enjoy unique photo opps along the trail; find the hidden Dragons Nest; search for the hidden tree pop paintings; and more! Grab your bug spray, pack a picnic blanket or chairs, and spend a fun, creative and active day at Annmarie. Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Details: www.annmariegarden.org

Upcoming

International Overdose Awareness Day Glow Vigil

North Beach Boardwalk -- 7 to 9 p.m.

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Adelina Anna "Lena" Pennington



Adelina Anna "Lena" Pennington, 78, of St. Leonard, MD passed away on August 10, 2021 at Washington Hospital Center.

Born September 8, 1942 in Baltimore, MD, she was

the daughter of the late Charles Edward Battaglia and Mary (Lamartina) Battaglia.

Lena is survived by her step-daughter, Karen A. Hoffman of Owings, MD. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ronald George Parsons whom she married on June 20, 1965, her daughter, Catherine Marie Parsons, her second husband, Eugene Pennington whom she married on May 6, 2011, and her brother, Charles Anthony Battaglia.

The family requests that contributions be made in Lena's name to Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, P.O. Box 560, Solomons, MD 20688.

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

Doris Elaine Catterton



Doris Elaine Catterton, 88, of Dunkirk passed away August 15, 2021. She was born June 19, 1933 in Cambridge to Thomas Norman and Edna Elizabeth (Ruark) Bennett.

Doris was raised in Cambridge and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1951. She was employed as a telephone operator with C&P Telephone Company and eventually worked her way up to supervisor. Doris loved to sing and was in many bands throughout her life performing in New York and Atlantic City. She met her husband while performing at the Rod-n-Reel and even sang in dinner theatres with

Kenny Rogers. Doris married George W. Catterton, Jr. on August 18, 1956, and they lived on the family farm in Owings, which is now Sunny Hill Estates. When Doris moved to Calvert County, she became one of the first telephone operators in the county. Doris was the picture of perfection, she loved shopping, visiting the makeup counter at Lord & Taylor, a perfect Bloody Mary, traveling, going to the beach with her friends, and singing Patsy Cline. Most of all, Doris loved being with her husband and family.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband George W. Catterton, Jr. in 2014, son George M. Catterton, Sr. and brother Rudolph Howard Bennett. She is survived by her son Mark Anthony Catterton of Dunkirk, daughter Michelle Lynn Barbieri and her fiancé Bill Jordan of Millsboro, DE, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, August 20, 2021, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Mary J. (Holland) Sullivan



Mary J. (Holland) Sullivan, 72, of Edgewater passed away suddenly on August 15, 2021 at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis. Mary was born January 5, 1949 in

Dayton, Ohio to U.S. Air Force Col. Harold Holland and Marjorie (Gillaugh) Holland. In 1960, Mary's family moved to Fairhaven, MD. She went to Southern High School in Lothian and graduated in 1967. In October 1968, she married Barry Sullivan. Mary and Barry moved to and raised their family in Churchton and Shady Side. Mary loved her job at the Deale Library in Deale, where she worked for 35 years. She was an avid reader, loved crossword puzzles, fur

babies, and most of all her children and grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter Samantha Hoofnagle. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Barry Sullivan, daughters Melinda Jones and husband Terrell and Lindsey Horn and husband JR, grandchildren Chelsea Hoofnagle, Raquelle Jones, Felicia Jones, Dominic Horn, Damiean Horn, great-granddaughter Teagan Jones and a sister Linda Miller and her husband Frank. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Mary will be deeply missed by her family and many friends. Everyone loved Mary. Memorial donations in Mary's name may be made to your local SPCA or the Rude Ranch Animal Rescue in Harwood.

All services for Mrs. Sullivan will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Maryland SPCA, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211; Link:

<https://www.mdspca.org/> or Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, 3200 Ivy Way, Harwood, MD 20776; Link: <https://www.ruderanch.org/>

Patricia Susan "Pat" Lewis



Patricia Susan "Pat" Lewis, 71, of Huntingtown passed away August 12, 2021. She was born October 3, 1949 in Washington D.C. to Ellwood and Barbara (Ofenstein) Lewis.

Pat grew up in Palmer Park and graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School. She has called Huntingtown home since 1971. Pat was employed with Arbitron Ratings as a computer analyst before going to work for Walmart as a sales clerk, retiring in 2014. Pat loved her dogs Mindy and Molly. She also enjoyed reading, watching movies, going to the beach, cooking, and spending time with her family, especially her nieces.

Pat is survived by her brother Michael Lewis and his wife Doris of Owings, nieces Tara and Holly Lewis, Annemarie Marshall, and Jennifer Morgan and nephews Mick Lewis and his wife Christel and Rick Lewis and his wife Jeanette. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Woody Lewis.

Visitation will be Friday, August 20, 2021, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Memorial Service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be Private.

Rodney Gilbert Duley, Sr.,

Rodney Gilbert Duley, Sr., 86, of Upper Marlboro passed away August 8, 2021. He was born August 28, 1934 to Ellis George and Helen Irene (Edelen) Duley. Rodney was born and raised in the house his father built on Rosaryville Road in Upper Marlboro. He graduated from Gwynn Park



High School. He joined the United States Air Force in 1953 and retired on December 31, 1989 as Chief Master Sergeant. Rodney married Sandra Hardesty on August 31, 1984 and

they lived in the same house Rodney grew up in on Rosaryville Road. He attended Cheltenham United Methodist Church where he enjoyed attending church functions and luncheons. In his spare time, he enjoyed yard sales, antiques, hunting, fishing, visiting the Amish, gardening, riding his father's tractor, and feeding wildlife, especially his favorite squirrel Chippy who he fed peanuts to regularly. Rodney was a very giving person, who was always willing to share and help even in his final days. He would often visit the Amish and take the children ice cream and gifts at Christmas and even took a turkey for the families at Thanksgiving. While at yard sales, Rodney would buy things he didn't need, but because "someone might need it". Most of all Rodney loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. Whenever they need to make a decision, they will always think "what would Pop-Pop do". Rodney will be greatly missed.

Rodney is survived by his wife Sandra Lee "Sandy" Duley of Upper Marlboro, children Rodney G. "Roddy" Duley, Jr. of New Market, Dennis Paul Duley and his wife Janice of Easton, Timothy Michael Duley and his wife Julie of Prince Frederick, Teresa Ann Marshall and her husband Darrell of Lothian, and Chrissy Marie Hillegas and her husband Danny of Lusby, fourteen grandchildren, one great-grandson and sister Jackie Modlin Jones of Upper Marlboro. He was preceded in death by his siblings Gwendolyn Waldron, Townshend Duley, Robert "Reds" Duley, Audrey Duley DeMarr, Genevieve Duley Jowett, and Ellis "Chunky" Duley Jr. and daughter in law Trisha Duley.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Rodney's name may be made to Cheltenham United Methodist Church 11111 Crain Highway, PO Box 146,

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800-336-3684; Link:

<https://www.dementiasociety.org/>

Burial will be Monday, August 23, 2021, 10:30 a.m. at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Michelle Miller Holmes

Michelle Miller Holmes (January 23, 1957- August 8, 2021).

Michelle was born January 23, 1957 in Bozeman, Montana, the second child of Gary George and Katherine Hardy Miller while they were attending Montana State College; now Montana State University.

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She was the middle of ultimately three children; Mike, Michelle and Billy. Her two brothers loved to torment her on long cross country trips in Europe and the US. Our dad

was in the U.S. Army so there were many. She would frequently get squished in the backseat by her brothers who fondly referred to her as "Mush". Michelle was very close to both of her brothers throughout her life despite the trauma of being sandwiched on long trips. When her daughter Katie was born she was even open to the idea of holding out for a few more hours so Katie and Mike could share the same birthday; it was close.

Michelle made many epic trips with her family and brothers over the years and they were full of adventure. While traveling to Dad's funeral in 2011, Mark, Michelle and nephews Arin and Mitch were rear ended during a white-out storm between Billings and Sidney, MT. Michelle's oversized and abundance of luggage absorbed the collision and saved Arin and Mitch from possible severe whiplash. Some of the other trips included Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Outer Banks, Banff, Lake Louise and the Calgary Stampede in Canada, Portland, OR, and Seattle, WA. Over the years there have also been many crab feasts and family reunions at her home in Lusby, MD.

Michelle's parents preceded her in death. Mom in 2006 and Dad in 2011. Michelle is survived by her husband Mark, daughter Katie, brothers Mike Miller (Sharon) of Clinton, MS and Bill Miller (Amanda) of Alexandria, VA, Uncle Art Miller (Kathy) of Philadelphia, PA, Uncle Bobby Miller of Phoenix, AZ, Uncle Frank Stotler of Fort Wayne, IN, Aunt Pattie Larson (Mike) of Hermiston, OR, Aunt Val Burnison (Bob) of Sidney, MT, nephews Arin Miller of Austin, TX, Mitch Miller of Denver, CO, Ryan Miller of Alexandria, VA, niece Tamara Wallace (Chad) of Edwards, MS, many cousins and many grand nephews and nieces. She is sorely missed but lives on in our minds and hearts.

Eulogy
My wife of 33 years passed away early Sunday morning after a long struggle with a relentless illness that she had a genetic predisposition for.

Michelle was one of the kindest, forgiving, and generous persons I have ever known. She touched a lot of lives who were better for having known and loved her. Her greatest personal triumph was marrying me and giving birth to our beautiful daughter Katie but not necessarily in that order J. Her greatest business triumph, that has become a legendary in Insurance circles, was the day she and her entire department staff declined to show up for work at AON Corp. on a Monday morning because they all moved en masse to the Rust Insurance Agency to create a new department. This was a magnificent coup that we both were proud of. Michelle had a very successful

career as a VP at Rust before retiring due to the aforementioned illness.

Michelle had a wonderful time sailing the bay, skiing, traveling the world including SCUBA expeditions to various locales with Katie and I.

We are all going to miss the brightness that she brought to all of our lives.

May she rest in peace in the arms of our Lord and be reunited with her mother and father. Good bye, dearest.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Scaggs



Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Scaggs, 64, of Owings passed away August 7, 2021. She was born February 26, 1957 in Ocala, FL to Hubert H. and Naomi (Fowler) Griffin. Cindy

and her family moved to Barstow when she was a baby and she later graduated from Calvert High School. She married Buddy Scaggs on July 14, 1979 in Full Gospel Assembly of God Church and they lived on the Scaggs family farm in Lower Marlboro. Cindy was primarily a homemaker until her children were in high school and then she went to work as a sales manager for the Kellogg Company, retiring in 2012. Following her retirement, she went to work for the family business, Scaggs Site Development, as the office manager. Cindy was a member of Full Gospel Assembly of God and in her spare time she enjoyed camping in the mountains and along the New River, riding motorcycles with Buddy, especially the "Tail of the Dragon" in the Great Smokey Mountains of TN, riding in a 1967 Chevelle with the windows down on a cool summer night, Marathon running, having completed the Marine Corps and the New York City Marathon, photography, flower gardening, decorating for Christmas, her famous Christmas cookies and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Family was the most important thing in her life, there was nothing she wouldn't do to defend, protect and nurture her family.

Cindy is survived by her husband Buddy Scaggs of Owings, children Jason Scaggs and his wife Renee of Owings and Jeana Shaffier and her husband David of Huntingtown, grandchildren Colin, Lily, Maverick, Tyler, and Codi, mother Naomi Griffin of Prince Frederick, siblings Linda Rubis, Nancy Brown, and Mark, Tim, and Ricky Griffin, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Hubert "Rebel" Griffin and brother Gerald Griffin.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

BENEFICIARIES AND INSURANCE COMPANIES

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

Many people purchase life insurance to provide cash to their loved ones when they die. They pay premiums for years on these policies and fully expect that their beneficiaries will receive the payouts on these policies promptly. Major insurance companies (all the names we know) are delaying or not paying death benefits to beneficiaries. After all, the longer the insurance company takes to pay out death benefits, the more money they make from investing the cash.

How can this happen? Easily. If you have designated a beneficiary for your life insurance policy and have not told that beneficiary they will receive a death benefit payout when you die, insurance companies take the position that they are under no obligation to go looking for your beneficiary. The beneficiary must contact the insurance company with a copy of your death certificate to obtain the payout. So, not telling a beneficiary that they are a beneficiary and that, to obtain a payout, they must take action to advise the insurance company of your death, defeats the purpose of having life insurance. What should you do to protect your beneficiaries?

Step 1: GET a copy of your beneficiary designation from your life insurance company. While you are doing that, take a look at whom you have designated as a beneficiary and make sure it's what you want. It is easy to change a beneficiary. Every insurance company will send you a change of beneficiary form but you have to ask for it.

Step 2: TELL your beneficiary that they are the designated beneficiary for your life insurance policy. Give them the name of the life insurance company, their address, and a copy of the beneficiary designation.

Step 3: ADVISE the Beneficiary that, upon your death, they must send a written request to the insurance company for the death benefit, including a copy of your death certificate, along with a copy of the beneficiary designation and proof (through a picture ID) that they are the beneficiary you have named. Send this by certified mail, return receipt requested so you have proof you have advised the company.

Step 4: If the insurance com-

pany does not respond promptly to the beneficiary's written request for death benefits, seek the advice of an attorney. In the vast majority of cases, there is no excuse for unreasonable delays in paying death benefits.

It gets worse. In a whole life insurance policy, the customer builds up a cash value to the policy. This is like a savings account. Consumers can borrow money from their policies and beneficiaries get the death payouts and built up savings in a policy when the insured person dies. Here is the problem. The insurance company can deduct the cost of the premiums for these whole life policies from the savings account in the policy. When someone dies, if the insurance company is not notified (or claims they are nozt notified), the insurance company can use all the savings in the policy to continue to pay premiums even though the insured has died. The entire value of the policy can be depleted to zero if the insurance company is not formally notified of the insured's death. Again, the only way to avoid this is to advise the insurance company in writing (by certified mail, return receipt requested) that the insured has died and death benefits are claimed by a beneficiary.

Beneficiary designations are important and change over time. Keep your beneficiary designations up to date. So many people forget the names of those they have designated as beneficiaries—from parents, now deceased, to ex-spouses. Once you have updated the names of your beneficiaries, tell your beneficiaries that they have been named by you to receive death benefits and tell them what they need to do to collect those benefits. Finally, put all your beneficiary forms with instructions for your beneficiaries in a safe place with your will, trust and other important documents. Don't have a will, trust, power of attorney or living will? Get these critical documents to protect yourself and your loved ones.

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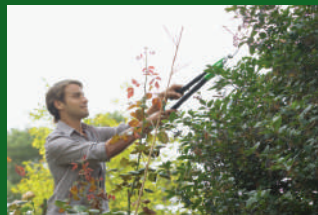
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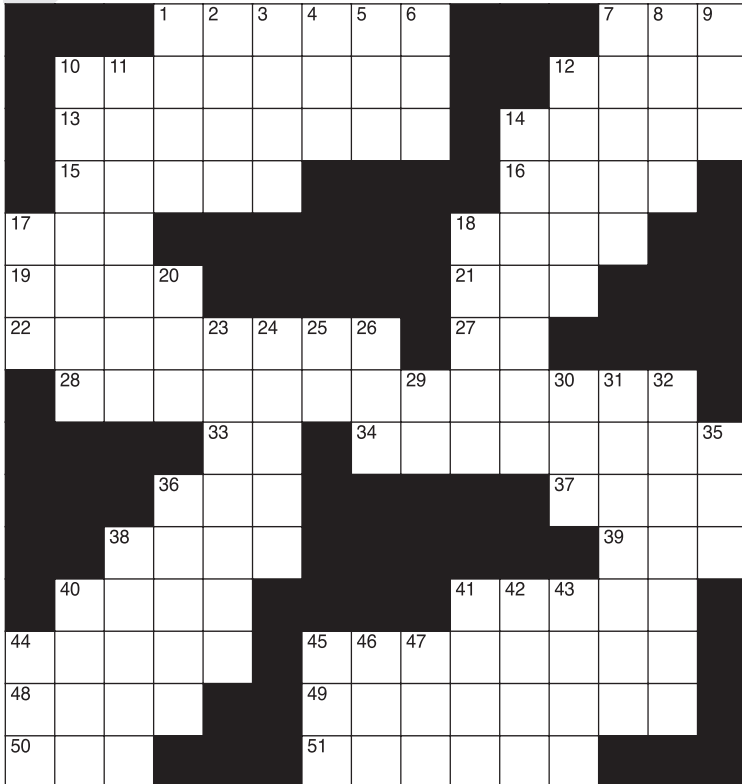
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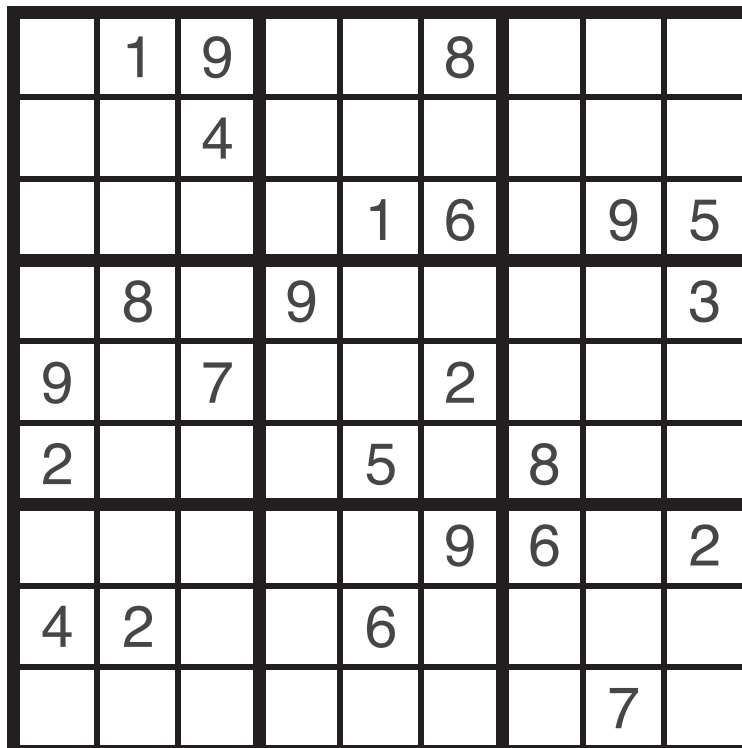
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18. Plant of the lily family
19. Tusked wild pig
21. Form of "to be"
22. Formerly
27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
28. Former First Lady
33. News organization
34. Shining brightly and intermittently
36. Brew
37. Teams' best pitchers
38. Edible fruit
39. Pitching stat
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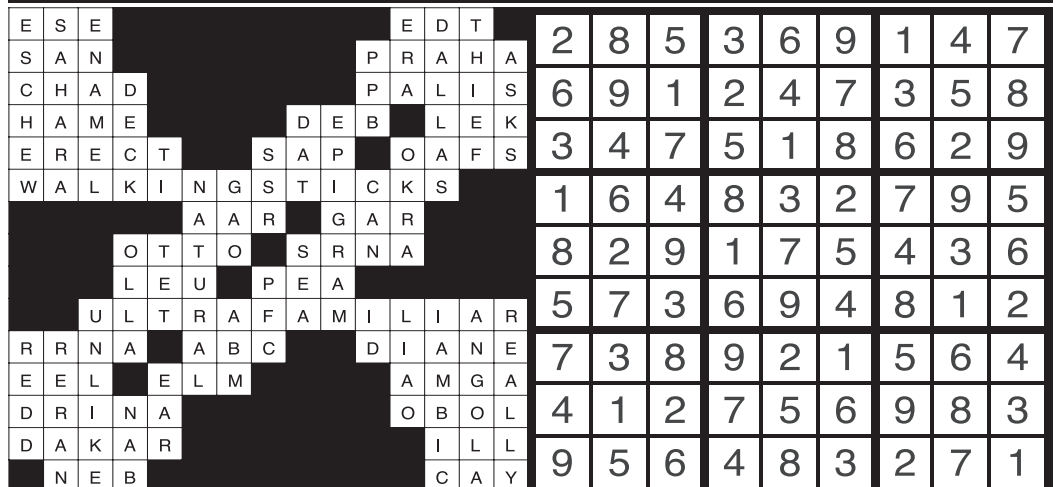
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8. Alcoholic liquor
9. An athlete who plays for pay
10. Where to get drinks
11. Japanese art form
12. Baseball great Satchel
14. Winged angelic beings
17. One point south of due east
18. Group of islands in Polynesia
20. A place to play:

- ___ center
23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)
25. Millilitre
26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
29. Railway above ground
30. Satisfaction
31. Aggregate of molecules
32. Type of barometer
35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
36. Long periods of time
38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
40. Deliver
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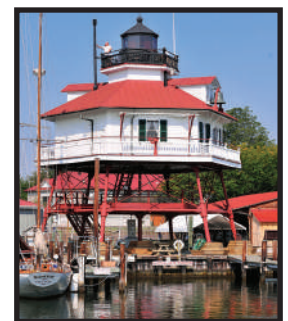
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