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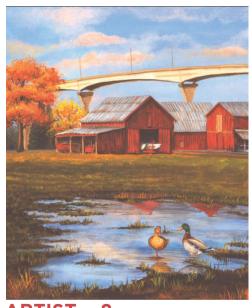
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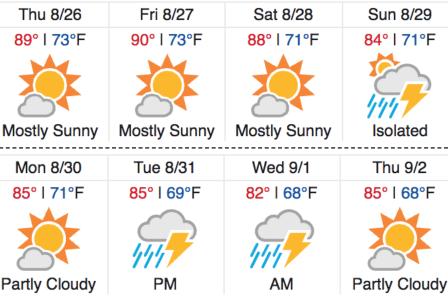


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Judge Overturns McConkey Ethics Ruling

By Dick Myers Editor

A judge has reversed the decision of the Calvert County Ethics Commission that Commissioner Kelly McConkey had a clear conflict of interest by voting to place two pieces of property he owns into an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. That vote preceded the 3-2 vote that incorporated that decision into an updated county comprehensive plan.

The ruling by retired Prince George's County Circuit Court Judge C. Phillip Nichols, former chief judge for the county, was issued Aug. 17. He ruled that then Ethics Commission Chairperson Jennifer Mazur at an Oct. 14, 2020 virtual meeting at which the decision was made had "an apparent conflict of interest and was required to recuse herself..."

Ethics commission rules at the time required a quorum for a decision. Since there were only three members at the time, although five were authorized, if Mazur had recused herself, there would not have been a quorum and the commission couldn't have voted, the judge concluded.

In reversing the ethics commission decision, Judge Nichols said, "It is discretionary with the Court whether or not to remand, and we find no compelling public interest in doing so," although he does not elaborate on how he came to that conclusion.

Mazur is no longer on the commission, choosing to not seek reappointment.

The alleged apparent conflict of interest stemmed from Mazur talking to a newspaper reporter questioning her on the ethics complaints filed against McConkey. Mazur was quoted as saying, "We have more advisory opinion requests and ethics complaints than we normally have. I cannot reveal the nature of the complaints." The paper further paraphrases her as saying they are still allegations until the board



Commissioner Kelly McConkey

completed its investigation.

The judge ruled that Mazur's talking to the newspaper violated the rule prohibiting ex-parte communication about cases.

The ethics commission ruled that Mazur didn't have a conflict of interest because she didn't have a financial interest in the decision. The judge ruled the commission erred in that decision.

The judge sidestepped the question about whether Mazur had an actual conflict of interest because McConkey had sued her and according to the judge, a favorable ruling for McConkey would have hurt Mazur's position in the suit.

The ethics commission argued through their attorney Willian Brennan that McConkey filed the suit against Mazur to interfere with her ability to vote.

The judge however did not at all address the merits of the ethics complaint against McConkey. The judge said, "The Court's review of the Commission fact finding does not permit the court to engage in independent

analysis of the evidence." He goes on to write, "Under no circumstances may this Court substitute its judgement for that of the agency." The court could, however, permit reversal when an "Error of Law' was committed.

Susan Dzurec, one of the two complainants heard by the ethics panel, said, "The decision by Judge Nichols on the Judicial Review was based on a legal technicality with the process and was NOT based on the guilty actions of Commissioner Kelly McConkey voting his own property into Town Center. The Judge didn't state that Commissioner McConkey didn't violate the Code of Ethics.

"If a person kills someone but is set free on a technicality, that doesn't mean the person didn't commit the crime or make the crime any less beingus

"If Commissioner McConkey were to get away with using his position on the Board of County Commissioner for his personal benefit, he is not only harming Calvert County citizens but every citizen in Maryland.

"We believe that The Court of Special Appeals on October 12 will decide that Commissioner McConkey violated the Ethics Code and his Oath of Office."

The Court of Appeals hearing Dzu-

rec was referring to is on the suit against the county by four citizen plaintiffs, including Dzurec, seeking to overturn the comprehensive plan update approval, in part based on McConkey's vote. That suit was ruled in the county's favor in Calvert County Circuit Court and was appealed.

The attorney for the plaintiffs, C. Macy Nelson called Judge Nichols decision "fundamentally flawed." He said his clients are continuing to pursue their appeal.

Brennan, the Ethics Commission attorney, did not return The County Times call for comments on whether the commission intended to appeal the decision

McConkey declined to comment for this story because there is still pending litigation.

He did however post on his Face-book page, "Today is a great day for me and my family. A judge reversed the ethics commission's decision against me. It's a long story, but my name has been restored. I did nothing wrong. Always stand up for yourself and don't let people with political agendas get away with this. Thank you to my great lawyer, my family who has always stuck by me, and the citizens that never doubted me!!"

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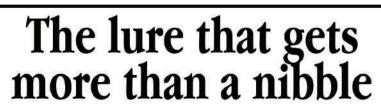
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Calvert County Couple Killed in Arizona Flood

Scott Brown Was a Former County Deputy

By Dick Myers Editor

A former Calvert County deputy and his wife were killed last week in Arizona where their All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) was swept away in a flood and found buried in sand and debris.

The Maricopa County (Az.) Sheriff's Office on Aug. 19 identified the victims as Scott and Lauran Brown, both 44, of Owings.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office, in a post on their Facebook page, mourned the passing: "Brown began his career with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office in October of 2004 as a Deputy on our Patrol Bureau. Brown later served as a detective with the Criminal Investigations Bureau and was also a member of the CCSO Special Operations Team. Brown left the sheriff's office in January of 2011 to become a federal agent but remained

active within the Calvert community."

"Brown always served with honor and dignity. He will be remembered for how he loved his family and community and how he cared deeply for those he served with," said Sheriff Mike Evans

The couple are survived by three young children. The sheriff's office wrote: "Our deepest condolences to the Brown family and their loved ones during this difficult time."

Evans further wrote: "witnesses reported seeing an off-road vehicle floating and tumbling down the flooded Camp Creek wash.

Arizona has been pummeled with torrential rains that have filled the banks of normally dry washes. The Browns were killed in an area north of Scottsdale.

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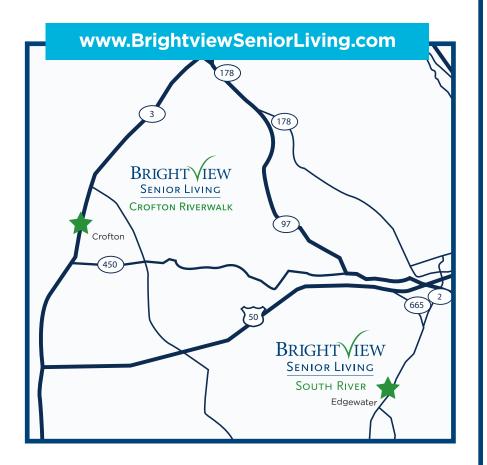
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Report: State Police in Calvert, St. Mary's Use The Most Force

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

A report, promulgated by the Maryland State Police analyzing the number of times troopers from barracks around the state used force, showed that troopers serving at the Prince Frederick and Leonardtown barracks used force more than any other state police units for 2019 and 2020.

For the prior years of 2017 and 2018 both barracks were among the top three units reporting using force on suspects to affect an arrest, with the Northeast barrack holding the top ranking.

In 2019 Leonardtown based troopers used force a total of 33 times according to the report, while Prince Frederick troopers used force on suspects 25 times.

By comparison, La Plata-based troopers used force just eight times in 2019.

Last year Leonardtown troopers used force 23 times, with Prince Frederick troopers using force 22 times.

Troopers stationed at the Forestville barracks in Prince George's County used force 18 times in 2020, the report showed.

For 2020, the times both Leonardtown and Prince Frederick based troopers used force accounted for a little over 19 percent of the 234 times troopers from all 24 barracks used force.

In 2019 there were a total of 235 times force was used by troopers stationed at all 24 barracks in the state; the times force was used by troopers from both local barracks accounted for roughly 25 percent of all instances.

The report stated that the vast majority of incidents in which troopers used force were justified – there were only a handful of complaints against troopers who used force and even fewer were found to be substantiated as unwarranted actions by troopers.

But the report does take the agency to task for not having more in-car cameras installed in state police vehicles.

"The department [of Maryland State Police] acknowledges in order to be an effective 21st century law enforcement agency, an investment in technology is a necessity," the report stated.

As of January of this year, 406 in-car camera systems were installed across 22 barracks, the report stated; the agency has instituted a special deployment schedule for camera installation in barracks that have the highest level of

use of force incidents.

As the result of an inquiry by The County Times, MSP spokesman Greg Shipley provided the following response:

"Each use of force incident is reviewed, and each must be reviewed based on the circumstances of that situation. It is important to note that Maryland state troopers used force in .03 percent of all calls for service and traffic stops and in 1.8 percent of all arrests, both very small percentages of the total citizen contacts. When they did use force, the force applied most often was soft, open hand techniques. Examples of soft empty hand control include escorts, body wraps, come-a-longs, muscling techniques, and pressure points, where no striking is involved and the trooper is only using his/her hand or fingers to apply pressure.

"The Maryland State Police is diligent in efforts to document use of force incidents. There is a low threshold for the use of force that initiates a report.

"In addition, of the 247 incidents reported in 2020, of the 409 troopers involved, 408 were found to be justified and in conformance with Maryland State Police policy. One incident remained under investigation at the time of the report.

"There are multiple reasons that can impact these numbers. The most obvious is the frequency of contact with the public during calls for service, traffic stops and arrests.

"Leonardtown reported 23 use of force incidents in 2020. They also had 16,764 calls for service, 22,354 traffic stops, 773 criminal arrests and 234 DUI arrests that year.

"Prince Frederick reported 22 use of force incidents in 2020. They had 15,461 calls for service, 17,382 traffic stops, 547 criminal arrests and 247 DUI arrests

Compare that with Princess Anne, where five use of force incidents were reported in 2020. That barrack had 8,156 calls for service, 11,680 traffic stops, 362 criminal arrests and 76 DUI arrests

"The North East Barrack reported 21 use of force incidents in 2020 and Cecil County is obviously at the opposite end of the state. That barrack had 15,079 calls for service, 19,489 traffic stops, 1,366 arrests and 240 DUI arrests.

«You described a 'high use of force' in St. Mary's and Calvert compared to much larger counties like Prince George's Co. We have the Forestville and College Park barracks in Prince George's County. Together, those barracks reported 29 use of force incidents, higher than both Leonardtown

and Prince Frederick. Those barracks had 31,007 calls for service, 47,996 traffic stops, 1,821 criminal arrests and 1,181 DUI arrests.

Other factors can include the responsibilities a specific barrack has in a particular county. While all barracks can provide a full range of law enforcement services, there are agreements in each county with local law enforcement regarding our roles and responsibilities. In both Calvert and St. Mary's counties, our troopers are responding to every other call, regardless of location or type of call. In Carroll County, per agreement, troopers respond to calls on state roads, while local law enforcement responds to county addresses.

"In closing,... each incident is and must be considered on its own specific circumstances. Our policy requires both reporting and review of each use of force incident and that is complied with throughout our Department.

"Just this weekend in Calvert County, a suspect bit a trooper, sending him to the hospital. Recently in that same county, a suicidal teenager kicked a trooper in his face and chest. The circumstances of each incident are not reflected in the raw numbers reporting the use of force by troopers you have reviewed."

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MSP Use of Force Incidents 2020 State 2019 2020 ranking by **Barrack** 23 **33** Leonardtown **Prince 25 22 #2** Frederick 8 #21 LaPlata

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August 31: Opioid Awareness Day in Calvert

A Mom Turns Her Pain into Purpose

By Dick Myers Editor

Statistics tell a story about the opioid abuse problem, but they don't tell THE story. To get the real story you need to listen to what people like Sandy Mattingly of Chesapeake Beach have to say. She lost her son to an opioid overdose and has since formed a foundation in his honor to try to do something about it.

First those statistics from the Calvert County Overdose Prevention Report, dated July 21, 2021:

- 2015 17 fatals; 27 non-fatals
- 2016 15 fatals; 98 non-fatals
- 2017 33 fatals; 150 non-fatals
- 2018 27 fatals; 127 non-fatals
- 2019 18 fatals; 102 non-fatals
- 2020 23 fatals; 109 non-fatals

• 2021 (first half) – 13 fatals; 65 non-fatals The report notes, "Overdose-related 911 calls is a proxy measure that shows the prevalence of overdose incidents. It is important to note that 911 is not called for all overdoses and therefore the data may un-

prevalence of overdose incidents. It is important to note that 911 is not called for all overdoses and therefore the data may underestimate the true number of overdoses in Calvert County."

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August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day, billed as a "Time to Remember Loved Ones and End Overdose." Calvert County will mark the occasion with a Glow Vigil from 7 to 9 p.m. at the North

Beach Pavilion on the boardwalk. Mattingly will read the names of local residents lost in the opioid war. Her son Chase will be one of the names read. His mother describes him as "a sweet young man. Chase was smart as a whip, a whiz at mathematics. He was a bright shining star who would give you the shirt off his back if you were in need; a caring young man who would turn his car around and move a turtle out of harm's way in the street"

She admits, "Chase was no angel. He got in his fair share of trouble over the years, as they all do. However, at only 21, he was trying to find his place in life."

She said, "I was totally clueless. I taught my children about drugs." She added, "I wasn't even aware three plus years ago that we were in an opioid epidemic crisis. I had no clue because my family doesn't take any medications. My son wasn't on any medication."

Mattingly said, "I was floored. I was brought to my knees. I was in total disbelief that the officer standing at the door of my house was telling me my son was gone. There was no way it was possible."

His mom says, "Chase did not have opioid-use disorder. I'm sure he may have experimented. I know he smoked pot, which I did not condone. He had friends who were using opioid-related substances, two of whom have since died of overdoses, and



North Beach Town Hall in purple last year.

four of whom I know today are in recovery. In most cases, they have said he always refused these types of drugs when hanging out. But one early morning in February 2018, my son made a horrible mistake, ultimately the wrong choice, and he should have known better."

She said, "I am the mom who believed 'not my child' until it happened. My beloved young son was found unresponsive at a friend's house and died from a drug overdose that I would later learn was the result of fentanyl intoxication. The toxicology report showed fentanyl and Xanax."

Mattingly noted, "My son and I discussed the use of drugs over the course of his life, and he knew better. Chase was not on any prescription medications, and we never talked about prescription drugs. I had never even heard of fentanyl until it became the cause of his death."

"Chase was extremely healthy," she said. "So why would he do this? I know my son, but did he know about fentanyl? Did he know about tolerance levels? I'm sure if he did, he may not have made the choice to use something that would kill him. He may have thought twice. We will never know."

"I'm still grieving. We all will, for the rest of our lives, but I'm trying to turn my pain into some kind of a purpose."

Some families haven't agreed to have their loved one's name read at the Aug. 31 event. "I understand," she said, "but the whole purpose of the event is to end the silence and try to end the stigma as best we can"

Mattingly said, "My purpose in life now that it has drastically changed me is that I believe we all need more education. We need more inspiration and motivation to empower our youth. And we need more hope that recovery is possible in order to address this epidemic."

What she did was establish the Chase B. Mattingly for the FIGHT known as "POSI-TIVEVIBES," a 501c3 non-profit advocacy 'established in honor and memory of my son." She added, "We aim to bring about more awareness to substance abuse by educating our parents, empowering our youth and promoting hope."

One way to increase awareness is to "Light Calvert Purple" on Aug. 31. The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee and Calvert County advocacy partners are distributing free purple light-bulbs at various locations around the county. The distribution list is available on the Hope4Calvert calendar at www.hope4calvert.org.

Mattingly is on the board of CAASA and is also a member of the Twin Beaches Opioid Awareness Committee, chaired by Chesapeake Beach Councilman Keith Pardieck. He said, "The reason that I got involved is really because it was an important issue, and I feel like if more people would get involved with important issues before it touches them personally, there would be fewer people who would be touched personally."

"We formed our committee before it was even declared an emergency in Maryland," he said, adding "in many ways the county and the state and the nation have caught up and they've really started getting a lot more information and a lot more support for folks. And that's really gratifying to see."

Pardieck said when the committee was formed "there was a lot of this idea that people who get involved with drugs deserve what they get, and a lot of the 'just say no' kind of attitude that I was brought up under."

"It's not a moral issue, it's a health issue and that's how it needs to be treated."

"The more we can do to support people, I think that's the important thing to do, the right thing to do, to get people into treatment and, and let them start living a productive and healthier life," he said.

Education of course is a key to Mattingly's foundation. Its first big post-pandemic event will mix the message with sone fun at Recovery Fest on Saturday, Sept. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department. She said, "Two local tour musicians who are in long-term recovery will come in and do some live entertainment to motivate our recovery community."

She explained, "Three months after I lost my son, I was so lost myself. And I attended a Recovery Fest in Westminster, Md., where I first met these musicians. And they were a very, very big part of my recovery as a mom who was grieving and who lost her son to an overdose. These young men, they inspired me. They motivated me to help."

"We will gather up our recovery community and they will be inspired and motivated to continue their recovery home life. And hopefully if we're lucky others that are struggling will attend this. Resources will be available. The music will motivate them, the testimonies will motivate them."

Then a 5K "color run," which is a youth empowerment foundation fundraising event, will be held Sunday, September 19, 9 a.m. to noon. at Running Hare Vineyard.

It's called a color run because it's "a walk/ run where you go 3.3 miles and you're running through or walking through what's called powder stations. And we have community organizations that operate at different powder stations. There are seven of them. Every powder station is a different color, and we spray powder on the run/ walkers. By the time they've completed the course, they come back to the general field where the DJ and the PA system are, and they're covered in beautiful rainbow colors. It's very cool."

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New North Beach Council Member Selected

Replaces Gwen Schiada, Who Resigned

By Dick Myers Editor

The North Beach Town Council has elected Lauren Kabler to the council to replace Gwen Schiada, who resigned. Kabler attended her first session after the election at the beginning of the Aug. 12 meeting.

In her biography posted on the town website, Kabler said, "I have spent most of my life living in small Maryland towns on the Chesapeake Bay, from Claiborne on the Eastern Shore to Annapolis and Cove Point Beach (former Vice President of the Homeowner's Association) on the Western Shore. So, when I moved here with my family in 2017 after 14 long years in Washington, DC it was as if I was coming home. I fell for North Beach immediately."

Kabler told The County Times she applied for the vacant council position for "two reasons. First of all, a lot of people in the town, internal to the town government, but also external, a lot of neighbors came up to me and asked me or suggested that I apply for the position. And so, it kind of got me thinking about it.

"And the other reason is I've been a pretty active member of this community, working on flood issues, sea level rise issues, working on the Stormwater Flood Management Advisory Committee for the town. And I thought that I might be able to kind of leverage what I've been doing at the committee level and kind of make a bigger impact if I were to be a council member."

In her interview with the council, she mentioned flooding as being a major infrastructure issue for the town. She said in an Aug. 18 interview, "It's a really big issue," not only facing North Beach but other Bay towns such as Annapolis and Oxford.

"The incidences of flooding have increased drastically. I think Annapolis has over 50 days a year of flooding. And this is what they call a sunny day flooding; it was just because the sea level has risen. And when you get a high tide and a little bit of wind, the water starts to back up through the storm sewer system and you have these floods and of course you have floods when there's storms, but the problem is we're having floods when there's just rain events, thunderstorms, or no rain, just high tide."

She said the town has been very supportive with the establishment of the committee.



New North Beach Councilwoman Lauren Kabler.

"The chairperson is actually an employee of the town, the director of the department of public works. There's a lot of really active members."

She said, "This flood committee has been working hard to secure a grant, which we secured from the

(Maryland) Department of Natural Resources. And we're going to use those funds to write a flood action plan for the town."

Kabler's professional career has put her in a position to work on the issue. She said, "I am an attorney and an environmental professional with a career spanning three decades, from operating environmental education vessels for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as a licensed Captain, to writing Oil Pollution Act regulations and policy for the United States Coast Guard (active duty and reserve), to investigating and prosecuting big box store and national homebuilders for violation of the Clean Water Act for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I currently write national enforcement policy for the EPA.

"I hold a Bachelor of Arts from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a master's in environmental law and Policy from Vermont Law School and a Juris Doctor from CUNY School of Law"

To address the flooding issue, Kabler said, "That's going to take resources, it's going to take town employees implementing some of these recommendations, but it's also going to take money. And so, we're going to need the town and the town council to play a role in terms of trying to identify the grant opportunities, helping the flood committee, write the grant, working whatever kind of connections the town has with the legislature in Annapolis to try to find funds (state and federal)."

Kabler noted that whatever the committee recommends "is going to cost more money than this small town of North Beach will be able to afford."

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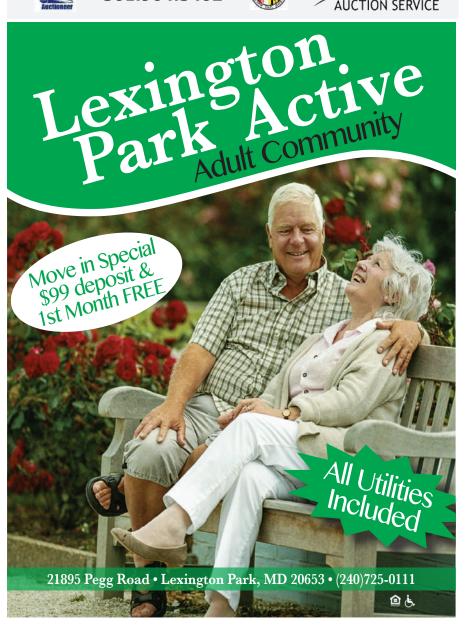
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Troutman's Art Preserves the Southern Maryland From Her Childhood

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Mary Lou Troutman is famous throughout Southern Maryland for her artwork using all kinds of mediums.

From paintings to prints on flags and coffee mugs, her artwork is everywhere in the region and often seen at serious art shows.

She never meant to be famous, despite her lifelong love of arts and crafts and a talent to match.

"I was always the kid doing something with their hands," Troutman told The County Times from her studio in Dameron in St. Mary's County. "I did a little bit of everything."

Working with arts and crafts were her favorite things to do in school growing up, being in other classes was not.

"I wasn't the most studious," Troutman said. "But I loved to get paint on me."

When she met her husband, Jeff, he was the one who convinced her to start putting her art up for show and for sale; that was

"I sold my first pen and ink for \$5 under the Drum Point Lighthouse," Troutman, 64, said. "He [Jeff] does all the shows; it's a team

"Jeff Troutman is as much Mary Lou Troutman as Mary Lou Troutman is; he had faith in me."

Were it not for him, she said, she never would have taken her painting or any other artwork beyond her lifelong Dameron home.

"I was the first to think she should show her work," Jeff Troutman said. "It mushroomed from there."

When they first met, he was going to Virginia Tech to study engineering but when they fell in love and got married he settled in Southern Maryland here with Mary Lou.

He worked as a land surveyor for several companies but he had Mary Lou have worked hard to make her artwork not just a household name in Southern Maryland but a living for them.

"We've been full time art for 44 years," Jeff said. "Mostly shows is how we survived these years."

It's a comfortable life.

"I lot of people think we're rich, but not really," said Mary Lou.

But Jeff is happy to help keep their small family enterprise going.

"My goal is to let Mary Lou paint," Jeff said. "That's what she does best."

Jeff said he and his wife plan on staying with the art business "until they kick dirt over us, I guess."

She still doesn't consider herself widely known. "I'm not famous," she said. "I'm kind of a recluse.

"My husband, he's never met a stranger."

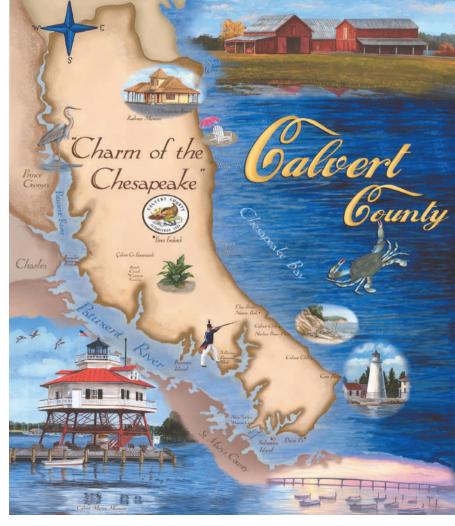
Where many people have become acquainted with Mary Lou's work has been at the store at Cecil's Old Mill on Indian Bridge Road in Great Mills. For years her artwork has been on sale there and has contributed to her growing fame.

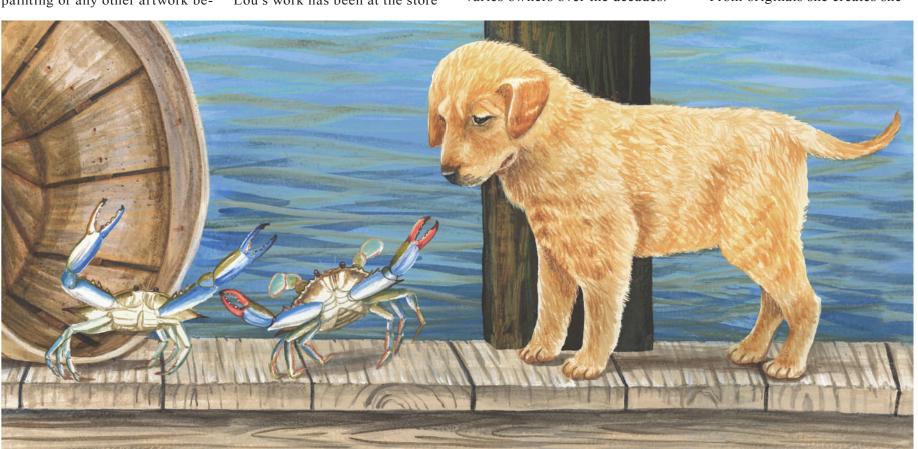
"We always want to be there," Jeff said of the relationship they've had with the store and its varies owners over the decades.

Of all the mediums in which she's worked, Mary Lou loves to paint, working in acrylics.

She's found regular work with a flag-making company, putting here artwork to fabric; that means using modern means to make her artwork adaptable.

From originals she creates she





uses Photoshop with a stylus to put it on the computer and make copies that can be adjusted to other mediums.

"Now, with Photoshop, you can do anything," Mary Lou said.

Many of the pieces of artwork found throughout the region that bear her signature are either limited editions or what she calls gift ware; anything from coasters to garden flags.

One of her best known and best loved pictures- featured on coffee mugs and in paintings is of a golden retriever puppy on a dock at odds with a crab.

It is precisely the sort of image she treasures that she wants to enshrine, one which epitomizes the good life of Southern Maryland as she knew it in her younger days.

"The things on the water are my favorite," Mary Lou said. "My heart's on the water."

But if you ask her, it's a life she sees less and less every year. "People love nostalgia," Mary

"People love nostalgia," Mary Lou said. "Most of the things I've painted are gone.

"I'm not fond of some of the things [that have happened] in the county."

She remembers an area less densely populated, more rural and with life at a much slower pace.

She remembers when people living on modest means could still afford to make their homes on or very near the water; now that is almost entirely the province of the wealthy, she said.

"As soon as someone dies [and leaves a rural or waterfront prop-



Mary Lou and Jeff Troutman

erty] someone buys it and builds a mansion," Mary Lou said. "It's sad; I don't want to leave what I have."

She's happy living the modest life she loves; she is in her studio eight hours a day working on projects.

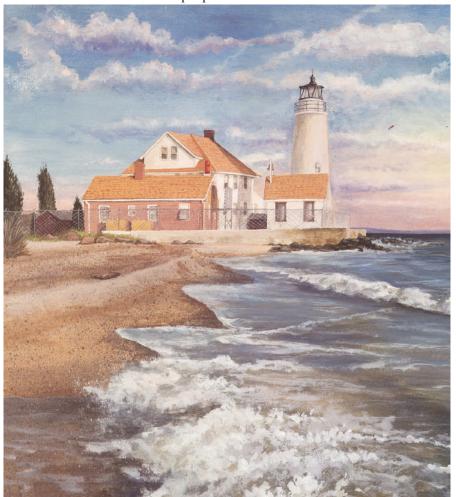
"You don't need a lot," Mary

Lou said.

Mary Lou said she will continue to do what she loves doing and will explore different mediums and modes of expression; right now she's working on taking print copies of old Southern Maryland maps and cutting them into shapes of crabs.

As always, she said her home will be her inspiration and she has no intentions of slowing down.

"I never had enough hours in the day to do what I wanted to do," Mary Lou said. "I'm reliving my childhood when I paint." guyleonard@countytimes.net







Local News **The Calvert County Times** Thursday, August 26, 2021

Spending Plan Released for \$18 Million Pandemic

Funding

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a plan for the spending of almost \$18 million in federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The monies are intended to provide pandemic-related relief to counties. Half of the money must be allocated this year and the other half next year, although the monies don't actually have to be spent until the end of 2026.

The plan includes providing premium pay for essential workers, completing broadband service, temporary EMS staffing, and monies to aid businesses.

County Administrator Mark Willis noted that county staff had put in requests of \$106 million for the federal dollars. But he also observed that the federal monies were only the beginning of what is expected to be a flood of additional funding from the infrastructure plan now being debated in the House of Representatives.

Willis said that some of the projects included in the ARPA funding may also be covered by the infrastructure bill, so projects could be substituted at a later date. "I think the fact that this is laid out over multiple years, we always have the ability to come back and update how we're spending this particular funding," he said.

Here are some of the ARPA funding



Calvert County Administrator Mark Willis

highlights:'

- COVID-19 Non-Profit Grants -- \$900,000
- End Hunger Grant -- \$1,066,000
- Health Department Revenue loss, School System1 -- \$899,433
- Health Department Revenue loss, Behavioral Health -- \$413,196
- Premium Pay for Non-Teleworking, Essential Employees -- \$2 million (Cap at \$6,240 for any single worker)
- Point (FY21 Fund) Breezv -- \$500,000
- Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center HVAC -- \$1.5 million
- New Position: Home Inmate Monitor at Detention Center -- \$84,000

for first year.

- Broadband Buildout -- \$3,200,000
- Economic Relief for Local Businesses -- \$1.2 million
- Temporary EMS Staffing: Cover salary and benefits of the temporary staff for the three transport units (two Basic Life Support and one Advanced Life Support) and one chase vehicle until the hiring and training process is completed -- \$1,527,144
- Department of Public Works Infrastructure Repairs; repair/improve various aging storm drain systems/ culverts -- \$2 million
- Department of Finance and Budget Temp Position -- \$84,000
- Department of Finance and Budget New Position: Accounts Receivable -- \$84,000.00
- Contingency of \$1,000,000 (5.6 percent)

The breakdown would be:

- FY22 Total Cost: \$11,301,105
- FY23 Total Cost: \$5,508,574
- FY24 Total Cost: \$1,203,574
- Combined Total Cost: \$18,003,126 Willis said that the ARPA funding was intended for five general categories:
 - Support public health response
 - Address negative economic impacts

- Replace public sector revenue loss
- Premium pay for essential worker

Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure (stormwater infrastructure is included in this category.)

The county's plan was to use the monies for non-recurring costs, but Commissioner President Buddy Hance observed that it did include two new positions that would have to use county funds in future years.

Hance also noted that the broadband funding didn't address the next phase - high-speed internet, "maybe not to every house, but at least scattered enough throughout Calvert County to get the business community hooked up and schools and all those kinds of places.

Commissioner Mike Hart reacted to the large amount monies being made available and the potential for more. "I I'm just speechless the amount of money and we're such a small jurisdiction. And what are we looking at over two years, roughly 18 million for one of the smallest counties in the state of Maryland. It's unbelievable, it truly is. I don't know how anybody who looks at the big picture could conceive that the American public could ever pay this back, but you just go to the Treasury and just keep printing it out, and you put any label on it to justify it."

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154th Calvert County Jousting Tournament





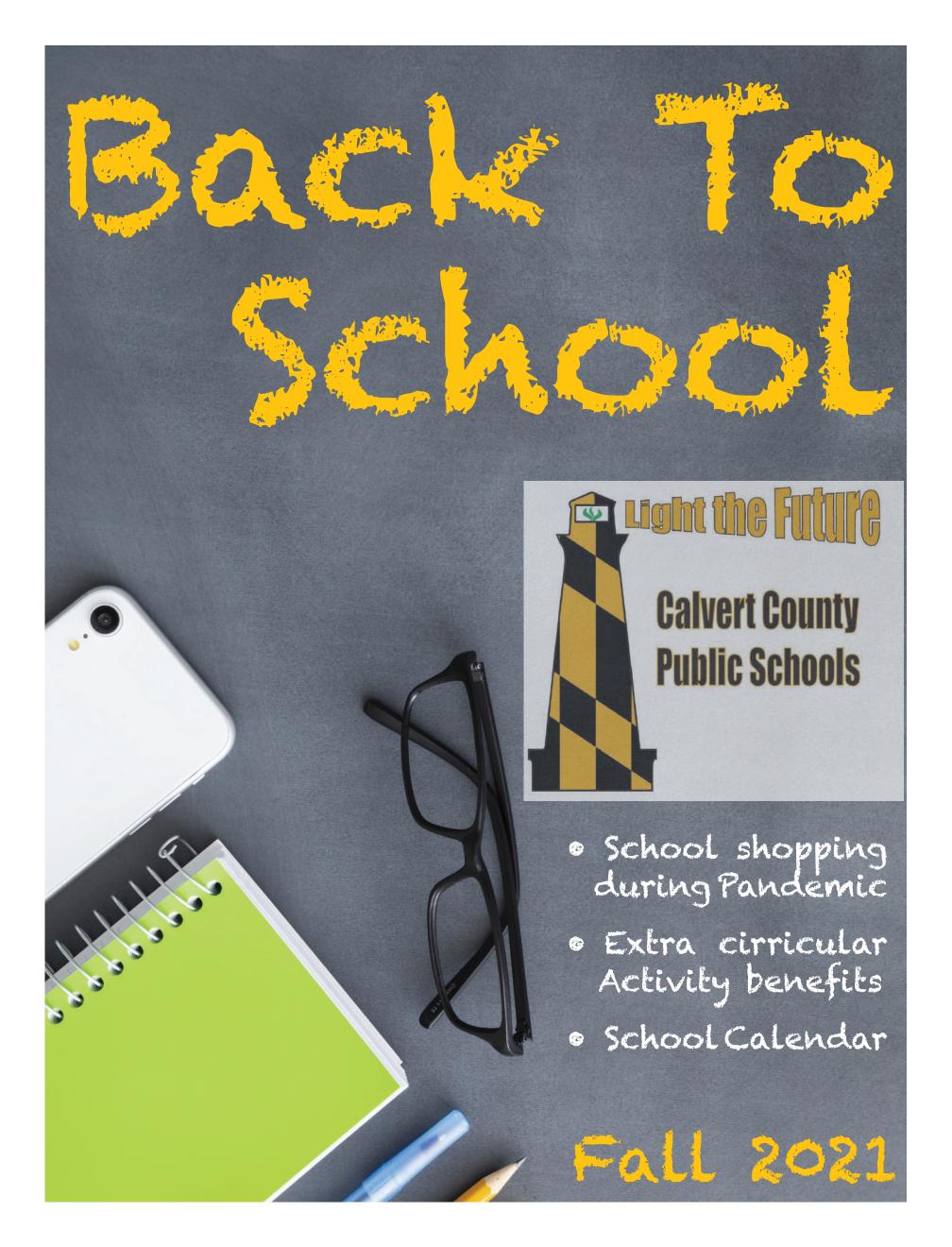


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410-586-0565

Jousting 12 Noon, Church Bazaar & Children's Corner 10am - 2pm Colonial Church & Music 1pm - 4pm (Air Cond)/Box Supper –noon- 6:00pm (Take Out Only)



Calvert Cour School Schedule

August

• Orientation for Grades 6-9

- First Day for School Students
- Pre-K & K Conferences

September

- Pre-K & K Conferences
- Staggered Pre-K & K First Day
- Holiday Labor Day (schools and offices closed)
- 9/11 Remembrance Observed

- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – Prof Dev & Collaborative Planning
- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) SLO Development

October

- Schools Closed (12-month employees work)
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- 14
- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) -ProfDev & Collaborative Planning
- Professional Development Schools Closed for Students

November

- End of First Quarter
- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – Teacher Work Time

- Elementary: Parent Conferences (all day) / Secondary: Professional Development -Schools Closed for Students
- First Quarter Report Cards Available
- 24-26
- Holiday Thanksgiving (schools and offices closed)

December

- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – Professional Development
- Second Quarter Interims Available in HAC
- 23
- Schools Closed (12-month employees work)
- 24-31
- Holiday Winter Recess (schools and offices closed)

January

- Schools and Offices Reopen
- Holiday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools and offices closed)
- End of Second Quarter/First Semester
- Two-Hour Delayed Opening for Students (no a.m. Pre-K) Teacher Work Time

February

- Second Quarter Report Cards Available
- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) Prof Dev & Collaborative Planning
- Holiday Presidents' Day (schools and offices closed)
- Two-Hour Delayed Opening
- for Students (no a.m. Pre-K)
 - Parent Conf/Prof Dev
- Third Quarter Interims Available in HAC

March

- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) Professional Development
- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) Teacher Work Time
- Professional Development Schools Closed for Students
- End of Third Quarter

April

- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) Teacher Work Time
- Third Quarter Report Cards Available
- 11-18
- Holiday Spring Recess (schools and offices closed; 12-month employees work 4/11-14; Central Office will be open 4/11-14)

(4/11, 4/12, 4/13 possible make-up days)

19

- Schools and Offices Reopen
- Two-Hour Delayed Opening for Students (no a.m. Pre-K) – Prof Dev & Collaborative Plan
- Fourth Quarter Interims for Seniors Available in HAC

Mav

- 2-13
- Advanced Placement Exams
- Fourth Quarter Interims for Underclassmen Available in
- 20
- Last Day for High School
- **30**
- Holiday Memorial Day (schools and offices closed)

June

- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Graduations (no p.m. Pre-K)
- Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Graduations (no p.m. Pre-K)
- Last Day for Half-Day Pre-K Students
- 10
- Last Day for Students Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (Teacher Work Time)
- Last Day for 10-Month Employees
- 24
- Fourth Quarter Report Cards for Secondary Students Mailed

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School Superintendent Asks for Patience as Schools Open

By Dick Myers Editor

The country went from a late spring sigh of relief that the pandemic may be waning to a late summer of holding our breath as the Delta variant surges.

As children have returned to school in many parts of the country, that breath holding has often been behind masks and many areas have seen increasing numbers of children becoming infected.

So, when the Calvert County Public Schools reopen for five days a week, in-person learning on Aug. 31 for the first time in 18 months, they'll be doing so amidst much uncertainty.

"We're just asking for patience," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry. "Some of this is still new to us, even though we're trying to be back to normal. We're hoping we learned a lot and we do things better. The big issue is always if your child has any of the specific symptoms that you should not send them to school until you figure out what that symptom is all about. And so, we just all have work to do. It's not just about your child, but it's about the people your child will come in contact with, that we keep ourselves safe. But at the same time, we have to take measures to keep each other safe as well."

In the early days of the pandemic, the Calvert County Board of Education took an active role in deciding whether to be in-person or virtual. They were divided and sometimes changed their minds from meeting to meeting.

When it became clear around the state that the decisions were the responsibility of each school system's superintendent, in conjunction with the state education board and the governor, the local board deferred to Curry.

Curry has been a school superintendent for 34 years in five different school districts in three states. In an interview on Aug. 20 with The County Times, Curry said the last 18 months have been the most difficult stretch of his career.

"Since 1987 I have managed floods and fires in schools, but



Calvert County School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry

never anything like that that took us out of our comfort zone for as long as this happened."

But he's confident as school opens. "We've got a good team here who are good planners for the needs of the students, and the safety of the students first. So, we're doing okay."

That team has worked side by side with him over the last 18 months as the various decisions have been made, he said. "I have what's called our cabinet, which is assistant superintendents and directors of the various departments. So, for instance, the Department of Student Services handles the health issues, supervises our school nurses, handles safety issues, handle social, emotional issues with school psychologists and social workers. They were critical in keeping us up to date on what the (local) and state health departments are saying.

"And maintenance and construction leadership, they're the ones who advise on air flow and air purification systems, where we need to enhance things.

"Transportation tells us what they can do and how they might be able to transport kids when they're only allowed to have one per seat."

"Actually, through all last year, we met weekly."

Opening day requirements like masking, Curry observed,

aren't necessarily going to last indefinitely. "We started hybrid instruction and then we stopped it for a while, because the positivity rates went way high from Christmas and into January. And then from there we started getting better and phased in our hybrid. So, we are used to looking at the numbers and the data and the recommendations of the higher authorities and making decisions on the fly. We'll expect the same thing again this year."

On the mask issue, he said, "I like to tell people, just think of it as safety equipment. No one says to me, I should be allowed to send my child to school without shoes. We would require a child to have some shoes on for sanitation, for safety, as much as anything else. And it's the same thing this time; masks are viewed as valuable safety equipment, given the environment."

If parents have questions, Curry said their school's website is the place to go for one stop information. "Many of them also have social media and email communications that they use to get information to their parents," he said.

Interestingly, their predictions for the numbers of students whose parents are opting to keep them at home for their new Virtual Academy have fallen short. "We were looking at it as just an option, not necessarily connected to COVID, as much as connected to maybe it fits the needs of families better. And perhaps some of our folks who are homeschooled, maybe they would join with us and return to us if we offered virtual schooling. But we only ended up with offering four grades, three through 12. I think we have one third grade, two fourth grade classes, and two fifth grade classes, and that's it."

He noted, "We have those who say they put in to be in the all-virtual, but now they see we're going to require masks with everyone, they feel better. 'I feel safer. So, I'm willing to come and send my child.' And personally, we have others who go the other direction. They say, 'I know you're going to require masks for everybody, but this Delta really scares me.

And I would like to get into the virtual,' and we tell them, we've already closed that out, we've already determined the staffing and based upon early signup, we don't have room, you're just going to be on a wait list if you're (want) to get into all virtual."

Some of those who opted to homeschool last year have returned their children to the classroom, but some will continue this year until things become more normal, he admitted.

As to transportation, Curry explained, "Last year when we were bringing children in for hybrid, we established a rule that just said in order for children to always be with the same group of children, in other words, in the idea of a cohort in case anyone gets tested positive, we know who you've been with. And the more we mix that up, the more challenging it can be. So, we are just going to say that wherever we pick you up in the morning is where we're going to drop you off at night."

One change, Curry noted, was "the state didn't do testing in the spring; those that were supposed to be tested in the spring will be tested in the fall. And then they'll take another test next spring."

As to lunch, Curry said, "We're going to try to schedule lunches in the cafeteria. They might get spread out so there is some space at least a space of the width of a student between kids. They'll be also identifying other places to eat. Much depends on the school and what they have available to them."

With all the negatives, the sure positive is everyone is getting back in school. Curry said, "Exactly. That is what we should be excited about. We are to get back to school five days a week, everyone in the class. Everything is going to be as much as we can make it like it was before the pandemic, except the masking and trying to maintain distance more consistency. And it won't be six feet. We'll try to maintain three feet. And even some cases we won't be able to do that. And that's all the more reason why to wear safety equipment like a mask."

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How School Shopping Has Changed in the Pandemic Era

Back-to-school shopping sales have long been indicators that the summer vacation season is coming to a close. Students and their parents may visit area stores or browse online looking for items to make the coming school year a success. Those lists have looked similar for decades, but shopping for school supplies in the pandemic era may prove to be a unique experience.

Though hundreds of millions of adults and adolescents have now been vaccinated against COVID-19, there figures to be some lingering effects of the pandemic during the upcoming school year. That could affect which school supplies families buy in the weeks to come. Here's a look at some of the latest trends.

A shift from physical stores:

According to data from IBM's U.S. Retail Index, the pandemic has accelerated a shift away from physical stores to digital shopping by about five years. It's likely that school shoppers will turn to the internet for their supplies, which means local brick and mortar shops should increase their web presence and digital shopping capabilities to reach online shoppers. This includes omnichannel fulfillment, such as buy online and pickup in store (BOPIS) options.

• Reassessment of what's essential:

The pandemic may have changed which items consumers consider essential. For

example, clothing became less significant as a greater number of students were enrolled in virtual learning. Backto-school shoppers may purchase less clothing and focus more on tech items, among others.

• Traditional supplies become less necessary:

In 2020, Deloitte forecasted that a shift in preferences and intentions would result in parents buying fewer tradition-

al supplies, such as notebooks and office supplies, as they chose to invest in digital resources to supplement children's education. That shift likely will continue into this school year.

• Support for local retailers:

Community spirit grew in the early days of the pandemic and continues now. Many people prefer to shop in locally owned stores. Eighty percent of customers surveyed feel more or as connected to their communities, according to the business in-

dustry consultant company Accenture.

• Customers are trying new brands and products:

Shoppers are trying new products out of curiosity as well as necessity. Back-to-school shopping may include novel brands and other items that may not have been readily purchased in years past.

Back-to-school shopping may continue to look a bit different than in previous years, spawning trends that may ultimately become the new normal.



Many Benefits of Activities

School offers much more than a top-notch education. Being an engaged student involves learning lessons in the classroom but also participating in the myriad activities that begin once the dismissal bell has rung.

Participation in extracurricular activities should be a consideration for every student because of the vast array of benefits such pursuits provide. Information published in the Brandon University Journal of Graduate Studies in Education indicates that participation in extracurricular activities positively correlates with students' development both academically and personally. Research shows being involved in afterschool clubs and sports promotes greater character development, improved academic success, good time-management techniques and leadership skills, and greater interest in community involvement.

Every school offers some type of extracurricular activity — from school bands to academic clubs to volunteer groups to sports. The National Center for Education Statistics says these activities offer students opportunities to learn many valuable lessons, including group responsibility and the value of competition. Students who participate in extracurricular activities also can be exposed to a diverse array of people and cultures. Some activities also help students develop their mental and physical strength. The NCES notes that participation in extracurricular activities can foster a strong sense of connection between students and their schools, which can reduce the likelihood of school failures and dropout rates.

Extracurricular activities also are the gifts that keep on giving, particularly as they relate to future academic success. Crimson, an admissions support company specializing in increasing acceptance to highly regarded institutions, says extracurriculars are a critical part of a student's university application. Involvement in clubs and more provides a clearer picture of who a student is outside of the classroom and of-

Extracurricular



fers an opportunity to showcase various skills and interests. Furthermore, diversifying one's interests through extracurricular activities broadens a person's world view and improves self-esteem. These are benefits that can ultimately help students become well-rounded persons and successful professionals.

While people are quick to view extracurriculars for the academic advantages they provide, one often overlooked benefit is the social benefits of these pursuits. One of the best and easiest ways to make friends is through extracurricular activities. Fellow participants share the same interests and that can lay a solid foundation for lasting friendships.

Students who view extracurriculars as vital components of their school experiences can reap the rewards of being active members of their campus communities.

Work Begins on County Administration Building Project



Calvert County Government is taking the first step toward a new county administration building. Phase one includes the removal of the onsite SECU ATM and demolition of the current County Services Plaza building.

The SECU ATM was no longer available after Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021. We recognize this is a disruption in service and apolo-

gize for the inconvenience. Until the new ATM is fully operational, citizens can access several surcharge-free ATMs in the Prince Frederick area.

To find a surcharge-free ATM near you, visit https://www.se-cumd.org/branches-atms.

Press release from Calvert County government.

Free Courses Available for Job Seekers, Businesses

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) surpassed 603 SkillUp Southern Maryland registrants within seven months of the program start. To increase the skills of the region's workforce and provide residents with tools to train for new job opportunities, TCCSMD launched SkillUp Southern Maryland in January of this year.

"We're thrilled with the outcome thus far. Through SkillUp Southern Maryland, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's County residents and local businesses have access to thousands of courses for career development and onboarding training," said Ruthy Davis, TCCSMD Director of Regional Workforce & Business Development.

All Southern Maryland residents are eligible to take over 5,000 free online classes, explore career pathways, and prepare for various industry-recognized certifications. Thus far, 1,622 courses have been completed.

"This program is a spectacular free resource for those re-entering the workforce and for businesses bringing on new employees," Davis continued to say.

SkillUp Southern Maryland delivers flexible, self-paced learning that can be accessed from anywhere with a high-speed internet connection. Users will complete a self-assessment of their skills, identify any skill gaps, and automatically receive



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recommended courses to remediate those gaps. Available topics include Microsoft Office, Effective Customer Service, Project Management, Leadership, Critical Thinking, CompTIA, and many more.

To enroll online, learners can visit http://southernmaryland.skillupamerica.org.

Local businesses can take advantage of SkillUp® Southern Maryland for new-hire training. A custom curriculum can be developed based on the employer or industry. Companies can also access the platform's employer portal to identify skilled candidates or list their job openings. Interested employers can contact TCCSMD at SkillUp@tccsmd.org.

SkillUp Southern Maryland was made possible by funding from the Rural Maryland Council.

Press Release from TCCSMD.



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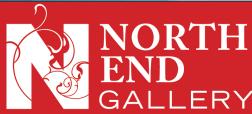
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September 1 - 30, 2021



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Enter our drawing to win a gift card to Shepherd's Old Field Market or Social Coffeehouse. Fill out your information and drop it off at the Arts Council Gallery on First Friday or any participating business until September 30, 2021. **Email** ☐ Please add me to the Arts Council newsletter

To qualify, all ballots must be stamped by 3 businesses and received by 4 p.m. Thursday, September 30, 2021. Artwork will continue to be on display through September 30.

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- 22694 Washington St.
- Edward Young III Our Father

Arrival V Studio

22660 Washington St. 2nd Floor

- Susan Carney Arrival Series II-I
- **Board & Brush Creative** Studio - Leonardtown

41665 Fenwick St. #15

Decker Dino Field

Craft Guild Shop

22760 Washington St.

- Alexandra Blake-Sanderlin The Big Guy
- **Crazy For Ewe**

22725 Washington St.

- Donna Tizol Mermaid Musings
- **Escape Rooms of Southern Maryland**

22715 Washington St. #204

- Amor Damaso Bird Of Paradise
- Wine & Design Leonardtown

41610 Fenwick St.

- □ Caitlin Wakefield Grumpy & Chunky
- The Yellow Line

22715 Washington St.

- Marie Attiliis Bennett K-inspired Austrian Landscape
- ☐ Katelyn Freese Virtual Hallway
- Ocean William Love

Fenwick Street Used Books & Music

- 41665 Fenwick St.
- ☐ Michael O'Shields Mando and Child
- ☐ Mackenzie Lewis Mr. Fox Reads
- Madison Lewis The Value of a Hug

Good Earth Natural Foods Co.

41675 Park Ave.

☐ Christina Allen Cat on Three Notch Trail

The Inn at Leonardtown

41655 Park Ave

☐ Jenn Dorsey The Adventurer's Call

Kevin's Corner Kafe

24509 Point Lookout Rd

☐ Susie Glauner Red Crab

Leonardtown Town Hall

22670 Washington St.

Joe Tizol Tribute to Watermen

New View FiberWorks

22696 Washington St.

☐ Andi Cullins Dark Heart, Covered

Shepherd's Old **Field Market**

22725 Duke St.

- ☐ Frank Roth
- Boston Library Statue Lonnie Hampton
- Moonlit Wine

North End Gallery

41652 Fenwick St.

- ☐ Philip Brill
- Scarlet Macaw ■ Nicole Stewart
- Debra

Olde Towne Insurance

- 22720 Washington St.
- Bernard Matus Variations I

Old Jail Museum

41625 Court House Dr.

Aicy Karbstein

Mariners View of the Lighthouse

- Sophia Yanez
- Square Petals

Port of Leonardtown Winery

23190 Newtowne Neck Rd.

- **☐** Emmarose Benjamin Headspace

The Rex

22695 Washington St.

☐ Libby Mikulewicz Oakley

Social Coffeehouse & Cocktail Bar

41658 Fenwick St.

- **☐** Seth Fenton
 - Summer Afternoon

St. Mary's County **Arts Council**

22660 Washington St.

- ☐ Angelica Ballard Disintegration
- Dan Ropp Who's Driving This Thing?







Stamp (minimum three required) ☐ Vote for your favorite 3 pieces

Drop off your ballot to the Arts Council on First Friday by 8 pm, or by September 30 and receive a free gift!
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60 Washington St (Leonardtown Arts Center Building)
off your completed Art Walk voting ballots to us before 8 PM and receive a free small gift! We will be hosting fun and free hands-on art activities w/cal artists Hannah Wichrowski and Rachel Naber! #LtownArtWalk or more info visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com or call









Art & Wine Reception with art door prizes will be held on First Friday, September 3rd from 5-8pm to kickoff its month-long celebration. Art demonstrations by members will take place Sept 4th & 5th in the









(behind the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept) Email 10.4checkcreations@gmail.com or Call 301-247-7611





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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of August 8- August 15, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,415 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 21-44671

On August 9, 2021, Deputy Flynt responded to 300 block of Jendan Way apartment in Prince Frederick, MD for the reported theft. The complainant advised sometime between July 28 and Aug. 8, unknown suspect(s) stole her silver Pandora bracelet. The value of stolen property is \$65.00.

Theft: 21-44927

On August 10, 2021, Deputy Aley responded to 5000 block of Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a stolen tag. The complainant advised sometime between 8 a.m. and 7:50 p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole the license plate on her rental vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$200.00.

Prowler: 21-44585

On August 9, 2021, Deputy Flynt responded to the 4000 block of Robinson Road in Huntingtown, MD for the reported prowler. The complainant advised at approximately 10:45 p.m. on Aug. 8, an unknown white male in his late teens to early 20's, with a medium to thin build, wearing a light colored, backwards ball cap entered his property. The male subject approached the front door of the residence with a flashlight, then turned around and ran away down the driveway and off the property. Nothing appears to have been stolen or tampered with.

Burglary: 21-45921

On August 15, 2021, Deputy Mason responded to the Armory Road Self Storage located 191 Armory Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised several storage lockers had been broken into and the master key locks had been cut. Unknown suspect(s) stole a 2000 blue/white TTR 90 Yamaha dirt bike from one of the units. The value of stolen property is \$1500.00.

ARRESTS

On Aug. 9, 2021, Deputy Krueger responded to the Walmart located 150 Solomons Island Road N. in Prince Frederick, MD for report of

a theft. The complainant advised, a male suspect identified as Jordan Christopher Valentine, 26 of Clements, MD, stole a black Hyper Tough 215 piece toolbox valued at \$49.88 from the store. Jordan was charged with Theft: Less than \$100.

On August 11, 2021, Deputy Mc-Dowell and Cpl. Fox conducted a traffic stop in the area of Bayside Road and Chesapeake Village Drive

in Chesapeake Beach, MD. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Gregory Cole-Baron man, 55 of Huntingtown, MD, had an active warrant for his arrest and



Gregory Coleman

was driving on a suspended license. Coleman was placed under arrest for his active warrant and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Upon arrival at the CCDC, a search of Coleman's belongings was conducted and revealed two plastic bags containing crack cocaine. Coleman was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

On August 14, 2021, Deputy Strong received a traffic complaint for a vehicle all over the roadway. Sgt. Denton and Deputy Strong conducted a traffic stop on the mentioned vehicle in the 1000 block of Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, MD.

Deputies made contact with the sole occupant and the driver of the vehicle, identified as Melissa Jean Sanford, 47 of North Beach, MD who had Melissa Sanford



slurred speech and a white powdery substance in each of her nostrils. A search of the vehicle revealed several, clear plastic baggies containing suspected heroin and \$737 in US currency. Sanford was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On Wednesday, Aug. 11 around 11:15 p.m., deputies from the Calvert County Patrol Bureau responded to report of a residential burglary in the 11300 block of Commanche Road in Lusby, MD. Preliminary investigation revealed a male suspect unlawfully entered a residence armed with a knife. A physical altercation ensued with the occupants of the home. The suspect then fled the area on foot. Deputies canvassed the area and the suspect, identified as Joseph Martin Blankenship, 35

of Lusby, MD, was located at a nearby residence. Joseph Blankenship was known to everyone in the residence at the time of the burglary. Blankenship was de-



Joseph Blankenship

tained and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with 1st Degree Burglary, 3rd Degree Burglary, 1st Degree Assault, 2nd Degree Assault, Destruction of Property less than \$1000 and Malicious Destruction of Property.

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

Calvert Ranks First in Child Support Collections

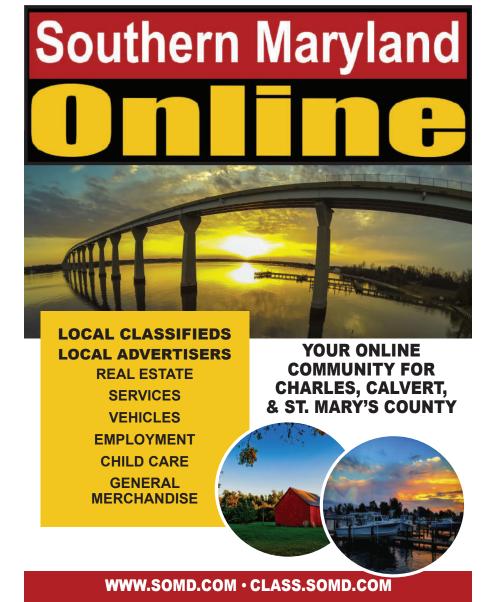
Not everyone knows that the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office is responsible for enforcing Maryland laws regarding child support. In fact, the Office has a division staffed by an attorney and three support persons, dedicated solely to this function.

Since 2017, this unit has collected over \$48,000,000 in support payments for the children of Calvert County. Currently, the Calvert County State's Attorney's

Office ranks Number in the State of Maryland in the percentage of child support collected.

State's Attorney Robert Harvey would like to congratulate Assistant State's Attorney Tammy Lafferty, Paralegal Kathy Bowen and legal secretaries Joan Helms and Christine Wells for their outstanding work.

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



Thursday, August 26, 2021 The Calvert County Times Calendar

Calvert Calendar Community

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 26

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

Friday, August 27

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 28

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.

154th Calvert Co Jousting Tournament

Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD, 20676; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This event features the traditional equestrian sport of ring jousting: spearing rings while riding a galloping horse, beginning at noon. The competition is broken down into four classes based on skill. Ring jousting has been active in Maryland for over a century and a half, ultimately becoming Maryland's official state sport in 1962. You may also visit our 19th century oneroom school until 2 p.m., shop at a bazaar (including a children's corner featuring pony rides, face painting, a balloon artist, and many other activities) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and cool off in the air-conditioned church while enjoying an organ concert 1 p.m to 4 p.m. Enjoy a box supper of deviled crab, baked ham, fried chicken (choice of 2), assorted sides, and dessert from noon to 6 p.m. (advance orders taken beginning August 23 at 410-586-0565). For more information: www.christchurchcalvert.org/154th-jousting-tournamentand-church-fair/ or call 410-586-0565.

Tuesaday, August 31

International Overdose Awareness Day Glow Vigil

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

A global event to raise awareness that overdose deaths are preventable. Pickup purple light bulbs at various locations throughout the county to lend your support. Contact Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse at 410-535-3733.

Thursday, September 2

Sea Squirts: Sharks!

Calvert Marine Museim, Sessions at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity is limited. No pre-registration: sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive.

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

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's Annual Spirit and Steeds Fall Festival

7940 N. Flint Hill Rd, Owings, MD Tickets on Sale September 1!!

Event Date: October 9, 2021, 2-7

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spirits-steeds-2021-tick-ets-162984756795

Spirits & Steeds is Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's annual fall festival! Located in our arena, over thirty local breweries, distilleries, wineries, artisans, and vendors come together to create a large, open-air market for visitors to enjoy. Come to the farm and enjoy supporting FHHR and some of our favorite local businesses! We will also be joined by award winning author, Valerie Ormond!

Visitors 21 and over can purchase a Drink Ticket for \$25 and includes a free FHHR tasting glass. Drink Tickets also include 2 free tastings at each brewery, winery, or distillery. If you'd rather not drink, we have a discounted Designated Driver/Non-Drink Ticket for \$20. Children 15 and younger can visit for free! This year our Family Fun Area will be better than ever and it is again FREE!

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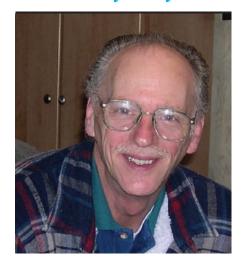




In Remembrance

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

Herbert Thomas "Tommy" Hayes



Herbert Thomas "Tommy" Hayes, 72, a resident of Holland Point, MD for forty-five years, died from complications due to cancer on Thursday, August 12th. Born on October 7, 1948 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Herbert Wendell and Mary Elizabeth (Greenwell) Hayes, Tommy grew up in District Heights, MD and graduated from Suitland High School in 1967. He served in the US Navy from 1968 to 1974 aboard the USS Forrestal. Tommy worked for American Metal Fabricators in Prince Frederick, MD as a sheet metal mechanic for forty years and retired after working for Custom Stainless Design in Owings, MD. He built custom kitchen equipment for the White House and the Inn at Little Washington among many other projects, including countless salad bars.

Tommy was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach, MD and was a skilled auto mechanic who loved to build and ride motorcycles when he was younger. Tommy enjoyed fishing, golfing, watching football and NASCAR, but his favorite thing to do was spend time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sharon Hayes; his sons, Mike Hayes of Edgewater, MD and Joe Hayes of Holland Point, MD and his grandchildren, Addison and Annaliese Hayes. He was preceded in death by his son, Tommy Hayes and his siblings, Joseph W. Hayes and Mary Tayman.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements by Kalas Funeral Homes, Edgewater, MD.

Florence E. "Betty" Violett



Florence E. "Betty" Violett, 91, of California, MD and formerly of Clinton, MD passed away on August 15, 2021 at her residence.

Born August 1, 1930 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Joseph E. Carr and Ruth V. (Phipps) Carr.

Betty graduated from Eastern High School in 1947. She moved to Southern Maryland from Clinton, MD in 1990. Betty was a Secretary for Greater SE Community Hospital for thirty years, retiring in June 1990.

Betty is survived by her children, Kathleen Hatfield and husband Jeff of Prince Frederick, MD, Robin Haley and husband Steve of California, MD and Cindy Armour (late husband Kevin) of Lusby, MD. She was beloved Nana to David, Jaimie, Jonathan, Cheryl, Leslie, Emily, John, Tim and Cody and their spouses. She is also survived by fifteen great-grandchildren and siblings, Ruth Butler of VA and Bill Carr of VA. Betty was preceded in death by her husband,

Frank L. Violett whom she married on October 28, 1949 and her brother, Eddie Carr.

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

Calvin Edward Colwell



Calvin Edward Colwell, age 89, of Huntingtown, MD passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. He was born to Claude and Edith (Self) Colwell on March 8, 1932 in Union County, GA. He married Juanita Bucco on September 29, 1956 in Hyattsville, MD and they were married for over 64 years. Calvin served as a Fireman in the United States Navy, and was honorable discharged November 26, 1952, being awarded the Korean Service and the Navy Occupation Service Medals. After his discharge from the Navy he worked at Pepco until 1994, retiring as a Test Shop Supervisor. Calvin could always be seen at local Fire Department events, and served at Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department as a Past Chief and with the Maryland State Police Barracks as a Volunteer Fingerprint Technician. He also volunteered with the Girl Scouts and the Chillum-Adelphi Majorette and Drum Corp.

Calvin is survived by his wife, Juanita Colwell; daughters Denice Melito and husband Richard, and Paula Robison and husband Paul, grandchildren Jacob, Kim, Regina, and Gabriel and Sister Gladys Mary Barnes, Brother Jay Brown, and many extended family and friends.

Calvin never met anyone he did not consider a friend or family member, and greeted everyone with a smile. His capacity to love, his kindness and compassion are remembered by many. His legacy can be found in the numerous lives and places he impacted.

Calvin's family will greet friends on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from noon until 2 p.m. at The Hall at Huntingtown, Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department, 4030 Old Town Rd, Huntingtown, MD 20639, where Services will follow at 2:30 p.m. A reception for family and friends will be held at The Hall at Huntingtown following the Services. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Calvin's memory may be made in Calvin's name to Dementia Society of America PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901:

800-336-3684; Link:

https://www.dementiasociety.org/

Or Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, 7833 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783;

Link: http://34box.com/

The service for Calvin will be livestreamed on Zoom and can be accessed by using the following link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8108260 4485?pwd=d042blozb3M4Y01RTVNrd EIyMGc5Zz09.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Linda Lea Chaney



Linda Lea Chaney, 72, of St. Leonard, Maryland passed away August 17, 2021 in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She was born on July 20, 1949 in Cheverly, Maryland to the late C. Robert and Marjorie V. Longanecker.

Linda is survived by her husband, Benjamin Franklin Chaney, daughters; Linda Shegan (Jody) and Heather Irving (Patrick). Grandmother of Cody and April, great grandmother of Paxton, Parker, Lilly, Audrina, Christian, and Colt; she is also survived by her sister Margeann Leonard.

Linda's most happy times were spent with her husband Ben and her family on their farm. Her smile would Instantly brighten a room and her kindness and unconditional love will forever live in our hearts

A life celebration will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home

Rosa Catherine Dey

Rosa Catherine Dey, 82, of St. Leonard, MD passed away on August 17, 2021 in St. Leonard, MD. Rosa was born in Washington, DC in 1938 to Thomas and Reba Ladd. Rosa enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved reading, puzzles, slot machines, and the Florida sunshine. She especially loved her family and grandchildren. Rosa was preceded in death by her parents and her







loving husband William Edward Dey. She is survived by her children, Holly Barnes, of St. Leonard; Eddie Martin of Hawaii; Deborah Morgan of Providence Forge, VA; Robert Brashears of Cape St. Clair, MD; and Dale Brashears of Shady Side, MD. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

All services for Rosa are private. Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Austin David Fredlund



Austin David Fredlund, 20, of Lusby passed away August 16, 2021. He was born July 29, 2001 to Mark Oliver and Shannon Adelia (McCallum) Fredlund. Austin grew up in Lothian and attended Southern High School, where he played football until 2017. He then moved to Lusby and transferred to Patuxent High School, where he was a member of the JROTC, graduating in 2019. Austin was employed with NAPA and worked out of the Navy Yard supplying automotive parts to the DC Fire Department, a job in which he truly loved. In his spare time, Austin enjoyed fishing, football, reading, playing computer games, and online voice acting.

Austin is survived by his parents Mark and Shannon Fredlund of Lusby, siblings Joshua and Callum Fredlund, grandparents Mike and Penny O'Neill of Harwood, Norma Rose Fredlund of Rockville, and Patricia Muhlbach of Shady Side, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather David Dean Fredlund

and Malcolm McCallum.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Stella Mae Shane



Stella Mae Shane, 89, of North Beach passed away August 16, 2021. She was born December 28, 1931 in Covington, VA to Cline Justice and Eunice (Walton) Sprouse. Stella was preceded in death by her husband Richard Francis Shane. She is survived by her children David Adams (Patty), Stephen Adams (Gay), Teresa Hunt, and Mark Adams (Milly), stepchildren Tracy Shane King (Jeff), Barbara Shane Sparks, Brenda Shane, and Sheryl Shane Schmauder (Don), as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

A private service will be held at St. James' Parish in Lothian.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Gregory William Dare



Gregory William Dare of Huntingtown, Maryland passed away at Medstar Washington Hospital Center on August 19, 2021, at the age of 69. He was born on November 21, 1951, in Prince Frederick, Md. and, graduated from Calvert High School in 1970. Greg was the youngest son of the late Joseph Frank Dare and Katherine Henrietta (Krebs) Dare. He was also preceded in death by

his brother, Rodney Malcolm Dare, and nephew, Joseph Lloyd Bowen, III.

Greg enlisted in the United States Air Force on March 17, 1971, and was honorably discharged on March 14, 1975, at the rank of sergeant. Greg served as an inflight refueling technician (boom operator) on a refueling tanker. While in the Air Force, Greg had one tour of duty in Viet Nam and was proud of his service to his country. On October 16, 1976, Greg and Nancy Lee Hance were married at Christ Church in Port Republic, Md. He retired from Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant on January 1, 2014.

Greg is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nancy, daughter, Christy (Gary) Litka, son, Michael, sister, Shirley Dare Bowen, and nephew Blair Bowen, Sr. and many nieces and nephews. Three very special people in Greg's life were his grandchildren: Samantha and Jeremy Litka and Emily Dare. Greg will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service for Greg will be held on September 11, 2021 at Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Rd., Port Republic, Md. and will be officiated by Fr. Christopher Garcia. Visitation will begin at 2 P.M. in the church with services at 3 P.M. Burial will be on the church grounds. Due to Covid, those planning on attending are asked to please wear a mask.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home in Port Republic. In place of flowers, remembrances may be made in Greg's name to Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Rd, Port Republic, Md. 20676, the American Cancer Society, or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Dr. Gerald Winston Eastwood

Dr. Gerald Winston Eastwood, 88, of Solomons, MD passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Born February 22, 1933 in Great Falls, Montana. He graduated in 1951 from Fairfield High School in Fairfield, Montana; 1955 from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN,

and 1959 from The University at Oregon Dental School in Portland, OR. He began his career in the US Navy Dental Corps in 1959 and retired as Captain in 1981. He was a dental professor at The University of Maryland Dental School from 1981 to 1998.

Gerald is preceded in death by his parents Margaret and Floyd Eastwood and his beloved wife of 51 years Marilyn D. Eastwood. Gerald is survived by wife Patricia Eastwood, son Paul (Susan), son Mike (Anna), daughter Margy Kastner (Gary), nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren; his brother Robert



(Cathy), sister Deanna Ramey, sister inlaw JoAnn Hagquist, sister in-law Karen Olsen and numerous nieces & nephews.

A viewing and visitation will be held Friday, August 27, 2021 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. Funeral Services will follow at 1:00 pm with Pastor Josh Olson officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ASPCA, Humane Society or a charity of your choice.

Gerald was loved by all. His caring presence will be greatly missed.

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



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- 1. Ponds
- 6. "Unbelievable" musicians
- 9. Invests in little
- enterprises
- 13. Longtime Utah
- Jazz coach
- 14. Small sailboat
- 15. "Luther" actor
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Detects
- underwater objects
- 18. Harsh, grating
- noise 19. Steward
- 21. Fencing sword
- 22. Painful places on the body
- 23. "Sleepless in
- Seattle" actress Ryan
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Engineering
- degree (abbr.)
- 28. Small lump
- 29. African antelope
- 31. Electronic point of sale
- 33. Carefully chooses
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- 46. Upton Sinclair

- novel
- 48. Journalist Tarbell
- 49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- 51 Born of
- 52. Rich tapestry
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- 56. Being without clothes
- 60. Surrounded by
- 61. Remains
- 62. Away from wind 63. Dried-up
- 64. One who can see the
- future
- 65. A very large body of water
- 66. Digs up earth
- 67. Type of screen
- 68. Old Norse poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Millisecond
- 2. Spanish city
- 3. Sudden, very loud sound
- 4. Type of chair
- 5. Tin
- 6. Sea eagles
- 7. Broad volcanic crater
- 8. Some animals have it
- 9. Ottoman palaces
- 10. Divulge a secret
- 11. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 12. "It's a Wonderful
- Life" director
- 14. Poisonous perennial

- 17. Gulf in the Aegean
- 20. Clothes
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- 26. Impressive in size or scope
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- biologist
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- 32. Sings to
- 34. River in southern Italy
- 35. Supplemented with
- difficulty
- 37. Farewell
- 40. Senior officer
- 42. Utah resident
- 43. Begets
- 47. Boy
- 49. Violently break
- 50. Brief appearance
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 53. A light informal meal
- 55. Fabric with smooth
- finish
- 56. One billionth of a
- second (abbr.) 57. Ancient Greek City
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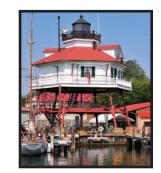
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