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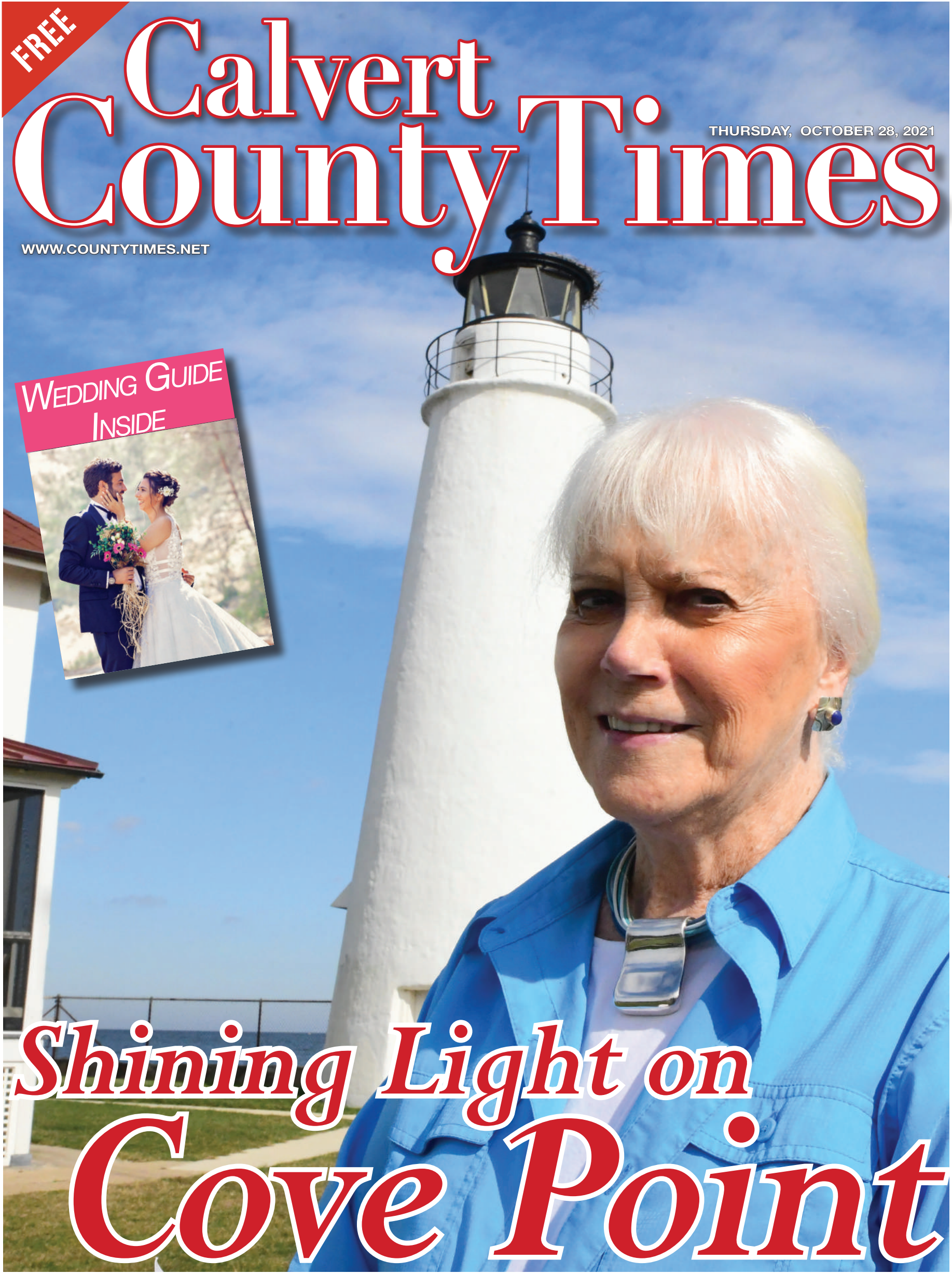
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COVE POINT 11
Carol Booker in front of Cove Point Lighthouse. She has penned a new book about the community.



LOCAL 5
Route 231 water and sewer OK'd.



SPORTS 16
Sign up for fall sports.

“...ANY MORE PRESSURE ON THAT ROAD IS GOING TO BE TOO MUCH.”
 COMMISSIONER MIKE HART ON A PROPOSED ROUTE 231 PROJECT.

WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 10/28 64° 56°F Mostly Cloudy	Fri 10/29 66° 52°F Thunderstorms	Sat 10/30 65° 51°F Partly Cloudy	Sun 10/31 68° 48°F Partly Cloudy
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New Redistricting Maps Could Shake Up Calvert Politics

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission has approved its final proposed draft maps. The commission was scheduled to hold its 34th and Final Public Meeting last night (Wednesday, Oct. 25) to conclude citizen input.

The plan as presented on the commission website, if it holds up under legislative scrutiny, could alter Calvert County's political landscape.

The final draft proposal creates a Senate District 31 that includes all of Calvert County and a substantial portion of southern Anne Arundel County, all the way up to Edgewater.

That final draft plan would remove both of the senators representing Calvert and create a senatorial district without an incumbent.

Senator Michael Jackson (Dist. 27), who was appointed to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Sen. Mike Miller, would end up in a district in Prince George's County.

Also, Senator Jack Bailey

(District 29) would end up in a district that would include St. Mary's, where he lives, and a part of Charles County.

The draft final plan also creates three House districts. District 31A would include all of the Anne Arundel portion plus a sliver of northern Calvert. That district would appear to favor an Anne Arundel resident.

District 31B would include northern Calvert north of Prince Frederick. The new District 31C would be south of Prince Frederick.

That new District 31C appears to be home for two of Calvert's current delegates, Mark Fisher and Jerry Clark, both Republicans.

A possibility might be that one of those delegates may run for the new Senate seat without an incumbent. That seat would appear to favor a Republican, since Calvert is now majority Republican.

The County Times was unable to reach either Fisher or Clark for comment.

Calvert Democrat Jason

Fowler has indicated he is running for a senate seat.

Calvert's other delegate, newly appointed Democrat Rachel Jones, is not sure if she is in the new 31A or B, since she lives in Owings close to the county line.

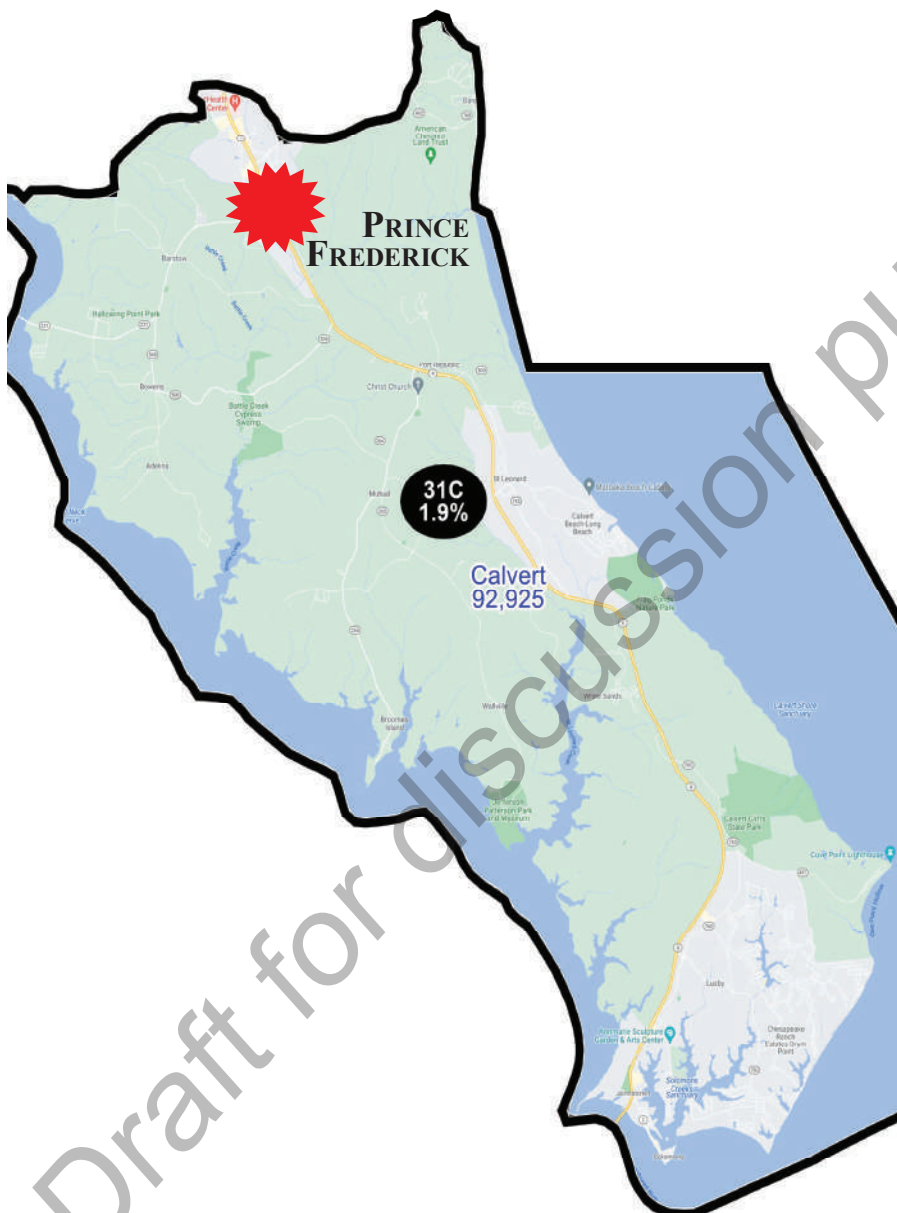
There has been some talk of convening the Maryland General Assembly in December to tackle the redistricting issue, since they must ratify the plan that prevails.

Until the decision is made, prospective candidates will not know which seat to file for.

The Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission is a balanced commission created by Governor Larry Hogan to draw "fair and representative legislative and congressional district maps for the 2022 elections."

Hogan is a Republican and the legislature is heavily Democratic.

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Proposed House District 31C.

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County Makes Pitch for New TJ Bridge

Commissioners Meet with State Officials

By Dick Myers
Editor

When representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) had their annual meeting with the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Oct. 26, they heard what was undoubtedly the umpteenth pitch in support of a new Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge. The bridge is not included on the state's six-year Consolidated Transportation Plan.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, "I just want to highlight the Thomas Johnson Bridge. As you know, it's our highest priority. There is talk in Congress of infrastructure money that can moved out to states. But what we need the state to do is prioritize the Thomas Johnson Bridge because without it being a priority, it will never get federal funding. I don't know, what's currently on the federal state priority list, but we would greatly appreciate some movement to get that bridge prioritized so that we can get some federal funding."

Hance added, "That bridge is very important to Calvert and St. Mary's counties' emergency evacuation. If something were to happen, the citizens

that we have working in Calvert that work at the base and all those subcontractors that supply the base needs, it's very, very important. That bridge, you know, it's starting to get some age on it and there have been some issues over time and we don't want to see a catastrophe happening one day."

Deputy MDOT Secretary Sean Powell, who lives in St. Mary's County, responded, "Having my office right next to the secretary, we chat about the Thomas Johnson Bridge quite often." He added, "We are trying to find innovative ways to make that happen along with many other projects across the state."

"I envision that we'll have some sort of a conversation in the future where we get both Calvert, St Mary's and the department together to see what the next steps are. So, stay tuned. We'll certainly want to have you at the table."

Hance also said, "We were told last year that because of COVID, we had some projects on Route 231 that were being pushed out that were scheduled, but we're being pushed out because of revenues. So, we'd like to see those get back on track."

Commissioner Mike Hart logged in on the bridge. "That bridge is part of

our daily life from going to work every day." He said if the bridge isn't in the state's plan, "it doesn't exist. So, when I look in the book, it's not in the book, so it doesn't exist."

Hart said of the bridge, "It's not built for what it's doing today. It's just inadequate. So, whether the state views it as a safety problem, it's just not, it would be like saying we're using dial up internet."

Delegate Mark Fisher also pressed for Route 231 improvements. He said, "When you're stopped on Adelina Road or Seagull, when you were stopped on 231 to turn onto Adelina road, or you're stopped on 231 to turn into Seagull Beach Road, just as two examples, state highway actually did a study years ago and they were shocked to find that people are coming behind you at the rate of an excess of 50 miles per hour. It's a guaranteed fatality. And the reason that's an issue with 50 miles an hour is because there's no real lane to pass you."

Powell said in his opening presentation that the state's emphasis would be on preservation of what's already there.

"The COVID 19 pandemic led to record decreases in travel and a sig-

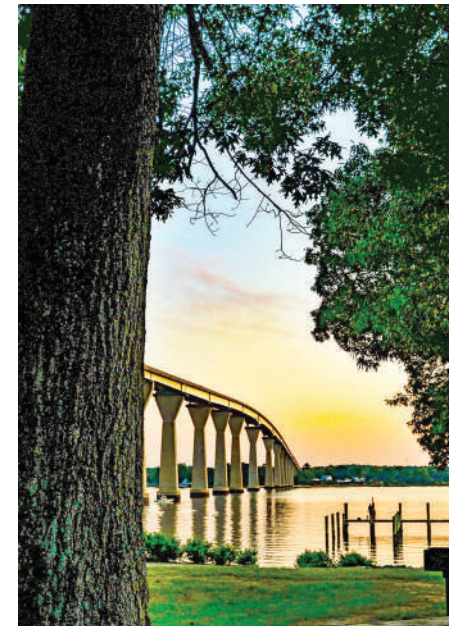
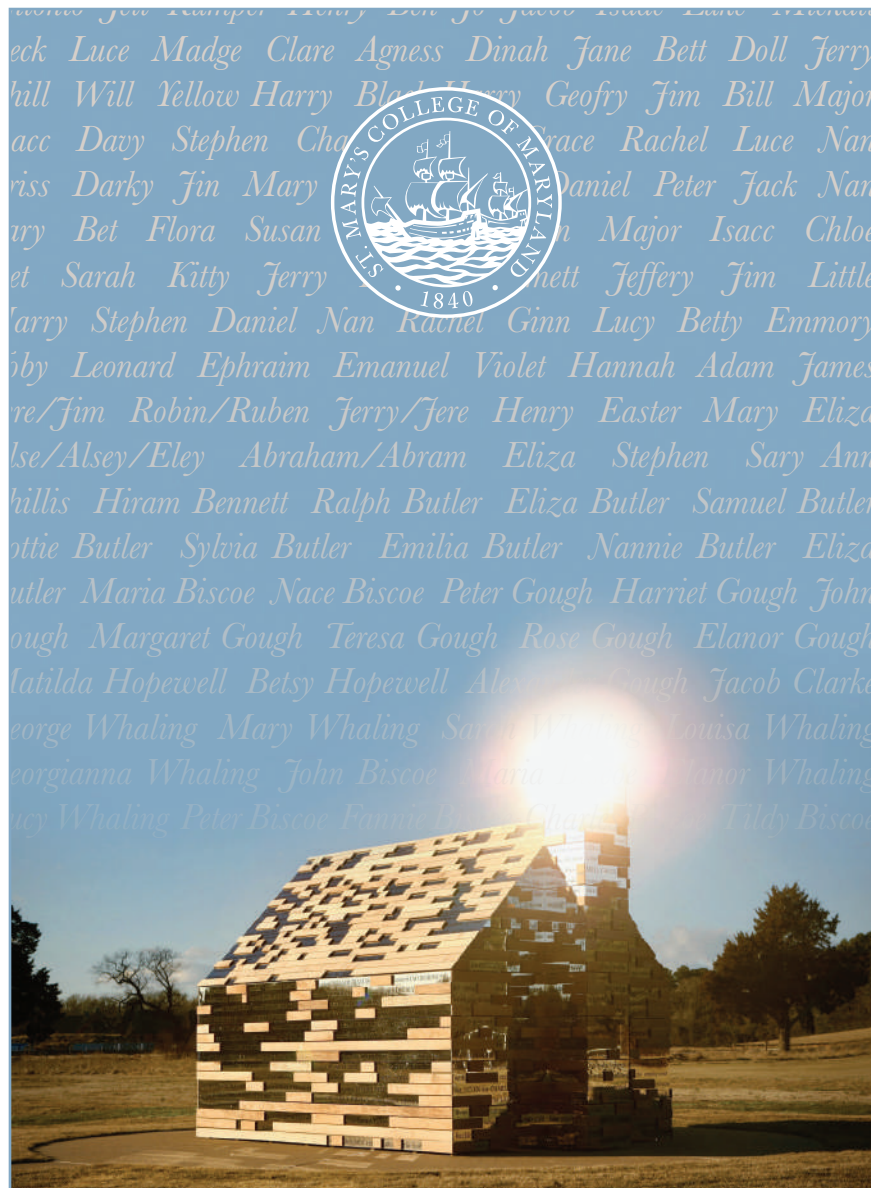


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nificant drop in revenues for our transportation trust fund. The good news is those trends have recovered in recent days. Travel volumes have reached, and in some cases surpassed pre pandemic levels," he said.

The CTP will focus heavily on system preservation, delivering major projects and planning and engineering for the future," he said.

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4:00 p.m. Program at Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland
4:20 p.m. Procession of Dignity from the Commemorative to the Waterfront
5:00 p.m. Waterfront Ceremony (includes reading the names of the enslaved)
5:30 p.m. The Reception of Reflection (includes refreshments)



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Route 231 Project OK'd for Central Water/Sewer

Allows for More Intense Development

By Dick Myers
Editor

A change in the county's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan has been approved that paves the way for more intensive development of a three-acre property on Route 231 west of Prince Frederick.

The property is located at 2470-2490 Hallowing Point Road and consists of three one-acre parcels, zoned Rural Commercial. The property is owed by Dennis and Nancy Martin and Daniel Masciantonio.

There is currently one building on the property, but two others could be allowed on it based on the zoning, but the owners reportedly have been unable to get an approved perc test to allow for them to be served by septic systems.

According to Principal Planner Tamara Blake-Wallace, a water and sewer line runs in front of the property but cannot be accessed. That line is dedicated for the county industrial park further west on Route 231.

There is, however, an existing one across Route 231 at the entrance to Stafford Road that can be accessed. It would require a change in the water and sewer plan from a category that says no service is available in the next six years, to a category that says it will be available within three years.

The change would allow commercial development of the other two lots for uses ranging from a convenience store to a small office.

Changing the county's water and sewer plan is the first step in the process that would allow the accessing of that existing line by tunneling under Route 231. Whatever is proposed for the two sites would have to get further planning approval. The property owners' consulting engineer Dan Kelsh says no tenants have yet been secured.

The proposal to change the water and sewer plan was the subject of a joint public hearing with the county commissioners and planning commission on Oct. 20. No one except Kelsh spoke at the hearing.

There are plans to coordinate development of the property with improvements to the Stafford Road intersection across the



Commissioner Mike Hart

street. That project, which would be done by the county, is yet to appear on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Kelsh said he doubted that the impact of the commercial property would cause the state to require a traffic light at that intersection, although they might be required by the state to do acceleration and deceleration lanes.

Kelsh said the entrance would be aligned with the realigned Stafford Road intersection.

After the discussion, the planning commission unanimously recommended approval of the water and sewer plan change. But Commissioner Mike Hart opposed it when it came to a vote of the commissioners. Their vote was 3-1. Commissioner Chris Gadway was not in attendance.

Hart said, "I think the road already has concerns."

Noting the state has so far resisted the county's attempts for improvements to it, Hart added, "I think any more pressure on that road is going to be too much."

The county has established the Route 231 corridor improvements as their number-one highway priority. They presented those priorities to Maryland Department of Transportation officials at an Oct. 26 meeting.

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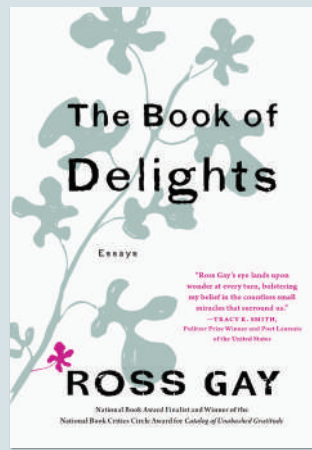
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Check-in: 7:45 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$10 per participant

The half-mile dash is for children ages 6 and younger. Participants will run on the grassy area just beside the Calvert Marine Museum parking lot.
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County Receives AAA Credit Ratings

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces the county has, for the sixth consecutive assessment, received AAA credit ratings from three independent credit rating agencies. Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Services and S&P Global Ratings assigned Calvert County their highest ratings due to the county's strong economy, robust revenues and sound financial management.

The three ratings are assigned to Calvert County's 2021 general obligation bonds totaling \$21.55 million and are reaffirmed for the county's outstanding debt.

"This sixth consecutive assessment of top credit ratings for Calvert County is a testament to our fiscal stewardship," said BOCC President Earl F. "Buddy" Hance. "It affirms our commitment to conservative financial management and highlights the county's strong economic position. These ratings also help the county achieve the best interest rates available when borrowing for major county projects, saving Calvert County taxpayers millions of dollars each year on the



repayment of bonds."

Fitch Ratings assigned its AAA credit rating based on "the county's low long-term liability burden, very healthy reserve levels, superior budgetary flexibility and prudent budget management." The agency noted these attributes combine to establish resilience to potential economic downturns.

Moody's Investors Service as-

signed a "Aaa stable" rating, citing the county's credit strengths, including a moderately sized, affluent tax base; improved financial reserves and financial flexibility stemming from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Dominion Cove Point; and manageable debt and pension burdens. "The outlook also considers the county's moderately

sized tax base that continues to exhibit modest growth benefitting from its close proximity to the District of Columbia and ongoing residential and commercial development," the agency stated.

In its rationale for Calvert County's AAA rating, S&P Global Ratings noted the strength of the county's economy, its financial management and its budgetary performance and flexibility. "We view the county's management as very strong, with strong financial policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment methodology, indicating financial practices are strong, well embedded and likely sustainable," S&P stated.

"It takes a great deal of hard work to achieve this rating," said County Administrator Mark Willis. "Our fiscal health comes through good planning, the dedication of our employees, and the support of our citizens. This is a proud moment for the county, for county government staff and for Calvert County citizens."

Press Release from Calvert County government.



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Planning Commission Returns to In-Person Meetings

Will also be Hybrid with Parallel Virtual Option

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission will be holding their first in-person meeting since the beginning of the pandemic.

The commission's Nov. 17 meeting will be held live at the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Recreation Center on Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. The meeting, however, will be a hybrid, with members and the public also able to attend virtually if they so choose.

The start of in-person meetings has been delayed several months out of concern for the community spread of the Delta variant, but also because the county's Information Technology Department was unable to get the room ready in time for hybrid meetings.

A special joint meeting between

the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the planning commission was held Oct. 19, but the BOCC was at the Brown enter and the planners continued to be in a virtual mode. They also met virtually for an Oct. 27 special meeting to discuss the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update at which the public was also allowed to speak.

At that Oct. 19 joint meeting, Commissioner Mike Hart also attended virtually.

The commissioners have been meeting in a hybrid mode for several months from their courthouse meeting room. Meeting attendees, however, have been required to wear masks because of the orders of the state judicial system for its courtrooms.

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CalvertHealth Foundation to Hold Virtual Gala

The CalvertHealth Foundation recently announced the "Giving for Gifted Hands" campaign to enhance the medical center's surgical program. CalvertHealth is committed to investing in the talent and technology to provide its patients and the community access to advanced surgical options close to home. With more than 50 surgeons on the medical staff, the needs are varied.

The campaign aims to raise \$250,000 toward the \$2.5-million project to provide more than 50 surgeons practicing at CalvertHealth Surgery Center with the cutting-edge resources needed to bring advanced surgical options – like the new bariatrics program – closer to home.

Part of the campaign, and the mainstay of CalvertHealth Foundation will be the gala which this year will be a virtual event. The Virtual Gala will be held on Saturday, November 13. Platinum Sponsors and Foundation Board Trustees, Marianne Harms, Dixie Miller and Cindy Parlett shared, "As long-time residents of Calvert County, we care deeply about our community. We know how important it is to have access to specialized surgical care—right here in Calvert County. It is one of the reasons we have each dedicated so many years advocating for the mission and vision of CalvertHealth – and we are excited to continue our support by sponsoring this year's virtual Gala."

Funds from this year's event will go toward more than 50 pieces of equipment needed from general to more complex specialty surgeries.

The exclusive, online event will feature some of CalvertHealth's top surgeons sharing plans about the health system's vision for the future; a virtual, behind-the-scenes tour of the surgery center and a few fun surprises which will be announced on the evening of the event.

With more than 50 surgeons on medical staff, the needs are varied and CalvertHealth is hoping that the community will join them virtually to hear more about how the hospital is working to meet the needs of the community.

All sponsorship and ticket packages offer an array of food and wine packages provided by Ken's Creative Kitchen to complement the evening's festivities and make the evening a truly unforgettable experience. CalvertHealth looks forward to gathering virtually on Saturday, November 13 and remain grateful for community support of this important initiative and CalvertHealth.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For businesses interested in joining the CalvertHealth Foundation as a sponsor, please visit CalvertHealthFoundation.org/GiftedHands or call the CalvertHealth Foundation at 410-414-4570.

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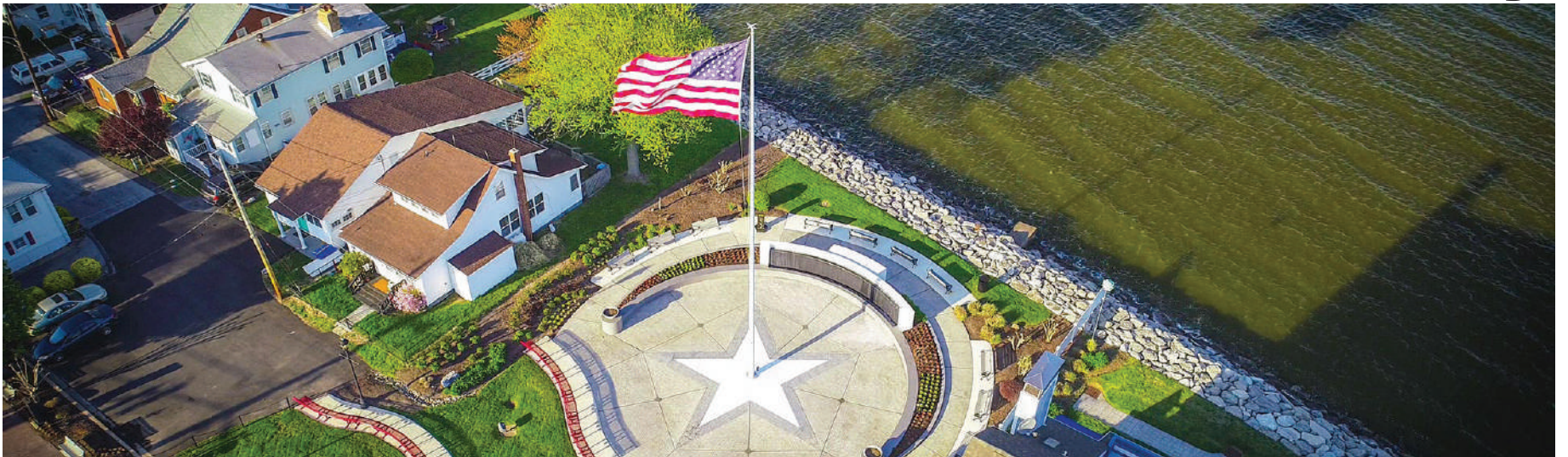
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Deadline Announced for Town Council Vacancy



The Town of Chesapeake Beach announced on Oct. 5 that there is one vacancy on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council. Per the Town Charter section C-614 "Vacancies", the Town Council shall elect a qualified Town resident to carry out the unexpired term of office for Councilman Derek Favret, who recently submitted his resignation due to relocation.

If you are a town resident and are interested in serving as a member of the town council, please submit the following to the town clerk no later than October 29th.

Registration Verification for Town of Chesapeake Beach: Please provide full name (first, middle, last), residential address (physical address where you currently reside, PO Box not accepted), date of birth.

Statement of Interest: Provide all contact information and resume. Please include any relevant information.

Public Disclosure Form Requirement:

Complete and submit a public disclosure form, accessible on the tow website.

If you complete the form via the online link it will be submitted directly to the town clerk at completion.

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Information should be submitted to Sharon Humm, town clerk, at shumm@chesapeakebeachmd.gov or by contacting town hall at (410)257-2230.

Process for Town Council election:

The Mayor and Town Council

will interview Town residents, who have been verified as registered Town voters by the board of elections, and have submitted all required information, during a town council work session. It is expected that interviews will take place on Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. with a final decision of the Mayor and Town Council during the Nov. 18 town meeting.

Meeting dates are tentative and could be adjusted.

Press Release from Town of Chesapeake Beach.

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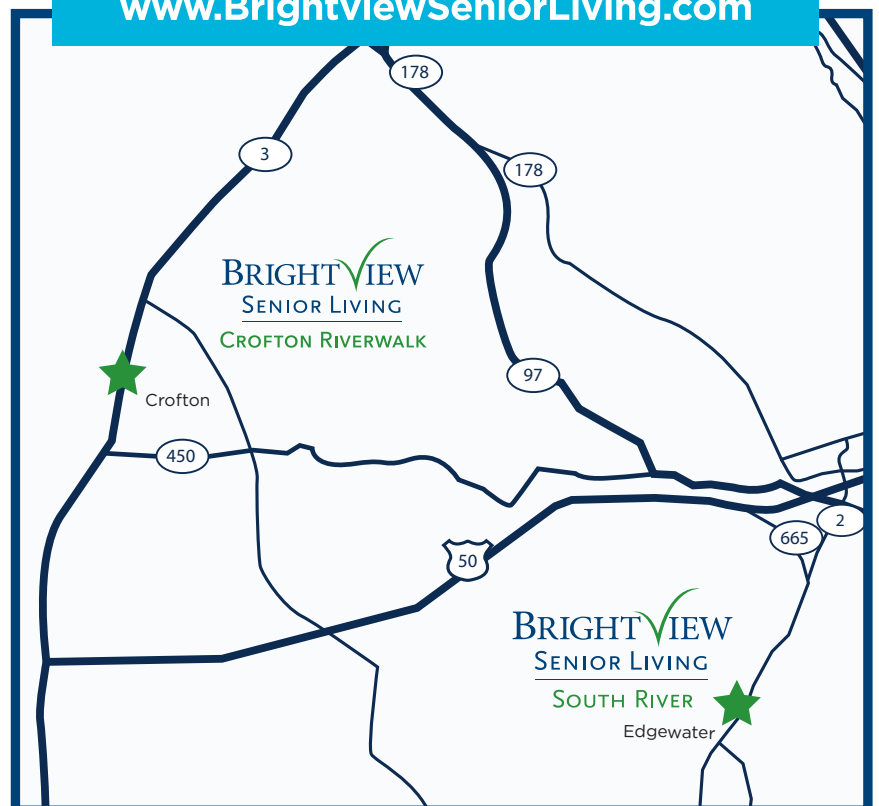
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During the week of October 11 – October 17, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,379 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 21-57556

On October 12, 2021, DFC P. Wood responded to 3500 block of Ponds Wood Drive in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of a burglary. Contact was made with the complainant who advised he returned home to find the basement door kicked in. Nothing was taken from the residence and only the door was damaged. The value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Damaged Property: 21-58410

On October 16, 2021, DFC A. Mitchell responded to 200 block of Thunderbird Drive in Lusby, MD in reference to destruction of property on a vehicle. The complainant advised there were several cracks in her windshield and that there was a hole in the center of the sunroof that was not there prior to Oct. 14. No other damage was reported. The estimated value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Damaged Property: 21-57325

On October 11, 2021, DFC C. Childress responded to the parking lot of Patuxent High School located at 12485 Southern Connector Blvd. in Lusby, MD for the report of destruction of property. Contact was made with the com-

plainant who advised unknown suspect(s) placed a traffic cone on the roof of his vehicle and discovered several "fine" scratches on the passenger door handle. The approximate value of damaged property is \$100.00.

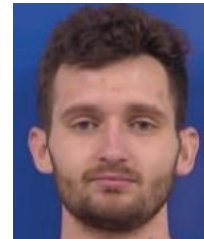
Theft: 21-57940

On October 14, 2021, Deputy B. Anderson responded to the 1200 block of Golden West Way in Lusby, MD for the report of a theft. Contact was made with the complainant who advised unknown suspect(s) stole several items off his 1980 Sailboat parked in the rear of his residence. The following items were stolen: a Hobie 18 Magnum Furler, two jib blocks, two shackles, and a jib sheet. The total value of stolen items is \$2,300.00.

ARRESTS

On October 15, 2021, at approximately 12:51 a.m., Deputy Gough responded to Hook & Vine- Kitchen and Bar, located at 4114 7th Street in North Beach, MD for the report of a burglary. Upon arrival, contact was made with the complainant who advised a male suspect had broken into the restaurant earlier in the night after the restaurant had closed. Video surveillance from the establishment

was obtained and the suspect was seen forcibly opening the door to the restaurant and making entry into the building. A lookout for the suspect was broadcasted to patrol units. Shortly after the lookout was given, CCSO received reports of a disorderly subject in the area and deputies responded to scene. Contact was made with the disorderly subject identified as **Kolten Takoda Ford**, 24 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, who matched the description and was wearing the exact clothing of the suspect in the Hook & Vine burglary. Ford was taken into custody and transported

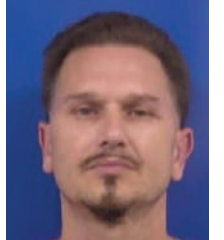


Kolton Ford

to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Burglary-2nd Degree and Burglary-4th Degree.

On October 16, 2021, DFC A. Mitchell responded to 1000 block of Gringo Court in Lusby, MD in reference to a disorderly subject. Contact was made with multiple complainants who advised a neighbor was yelling and shooting a BB gun at individuals and

residences. Deputy Mitchell observed a male subject on a deck holding what appeared to be an assault rifle. The male, identified as **Charles Raymond Corbin, Jr.**, 46 of Lusby, MD was waving the weapon and yelling at neighbors across the street. Investigation revealed Corbin had fired several BB rounds at a neighbor and distinct red marks were observed on the victim's stomach and chest. Surrounding neighbors advised Corbin opened fire on their residences, firing shots at their residence's windows and siding. Corbin was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert Detention Center where he was charged with Reckless Endangerment, 2nd Degree Assault and Intoxicated Endangerment.



Charles Corbin Jr.

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

Correction

The Oct. 21 article on the Police Accountability Board town hall incorrectly paraphrased Democratic Central Committee Chairman Duwane Rager as saying "there was a need for community oversight and thus the board should have community representation, not retired police officers."

He actually said, "We encourage [the Commissioners] to ensure robust community participation by appointing a majority of members from our own towns and neighborhoods, not just those with a law enforcement background."

The County Times regrets the error.

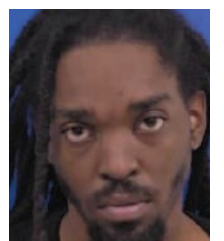
Arrest Made in Fastop Robbery

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Patrol Bureau on Oct. 19 at around 4:51 a.m. responded to the Fastop located at 8834 Chesapeake Avenue in North Beach for the report of armed robbery.

Investigation revealed a male, wearing all black with a mask entered the North Beach Fastop and approached the cashier and asked for cigarettes. When the cashier asked for identification, the suspect brandished a weapon, described as an AR-15 style long gun. The suspect brought two white plastic bags and had the cashier place all the money from the cash register inside. The suspect then fled the store on foot.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Bureau assumed

the investigation. The suspect was identified as **Bryce Everett-Earl Goggins**, 29 of North Beach. Goggins was later apprehended and is currently incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center. Goggins is being charged with Armed Robbery, Robbery, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, First-Degree Assault, Second-Degree Assault and Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500.00.



Bryce Goggins

Press Release from CCSO.

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The Story of One Calvert County Community:

New Book Tells History of Cove Point Beach

By Dick Myers
Editor

"It's important to know our past so that we make informed, intelligent decisions about our future."

The speaker was Carol McCabe Booker. She was explaining why, 40 years after buying a vacation home in Cove Point Beach with her late husband Simeon Booker, a renowned journalist and civil rights era chronicler, she decided to write a book about the community.

It has been, as other spots in the county, a community caught between the competing desires for preservation and development.

"Over the years," Booker said, "you see a lot of really ugly plants, whether they're gas plants, or power plants along the rivers, where originally it was just a beautiful shoreline. And they did it because I guess out of necessity, they needed the water. But now we're coming to a point where we can make more intelligent and informed decisions. And we really need to preserve an area such as this."

Her new paperback book, "Cove Point on the Chesapeake – The Beacon, the Bay and the Dream," has been published by a new local book publishing company called New Bay Books, founded by Sandra Martin and her husband Bill Lambrecht, recently retired from ownership of the Bay Weekly newspaper.

The book starts at the beginning, with the establishment of a lighthouse (construction was authorized by Congress in 1828) on a dangerous spit of land jutting out into the Bay, warning of the navigational hazard. But the lighthouse remained a lone resident of the property until a well-known Calvert countian saw the beautiful property around it as an opportunity.

J. Cook Webster was a state senator, Solomons general store proprietor, waterman and recreational fisherman of some note, whose catches were recorded in Washington newspapers, causing res-

idents there to desire to escape the city for a chance to drop a line in the beautiful Bay waters and hopefully to be as successful.

It was the same thing that attracted the Bookers there. "We were looking for a weekend and vacation place where my husband could fish. He loved to fish," Carol Booker related. Simeon Booker was born in Baltimore and lived there until he was six years old and the returned later as a reporter, so he was familiar with the Bay and what it had to offer.

"He liked to relax fishing and he wanted to fish on the Bay. I think he knew it was just the best fishing hole in the whole East Coast," she said of her husband who passed away in 2017 at the age of 99.

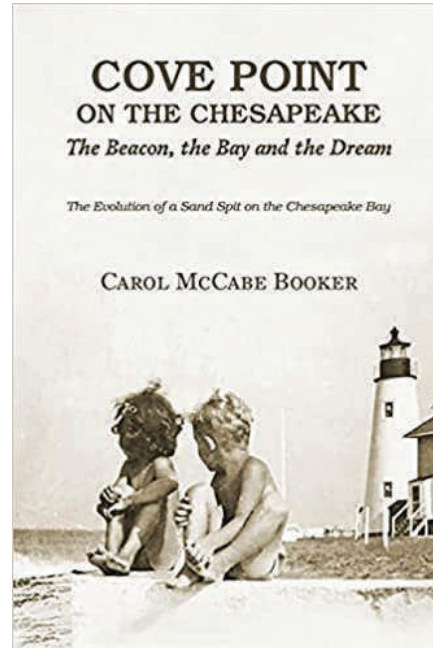
Carole Booker said, "We saw just a little classified ad in the Washington Post one Sunday, called the real estate agent, drove down and we looked out here on this cove and that was it. And we just fell in love with it almost 40 years ago."

She added, "We went home, and we both agreed and immediately called back and said we were ready to sign a contract."

Like for many who came before and after them, Booker said, "For years we'd come down on Friday night and we'd go home on Sunday night and then after a year and a half or so our little son came along, and he would cry Sunday night when we drove home because he loved it so much."

Webster was successful from the start for the same reason that hooked the Bookers. Using a local real estate agent, he began selling lots on Saturday, April 18, 1936, trumpeting Cove Point Beach as "The Atlantic City of the South."

The story of Cove Point Beach, as told by Booker, includes the tale of a Russian princess and her compound (including a chapel), the Navy taking over the beach to practice amphibious landings in advance of the Normandy invasion, the



establishment of a failed titanium mining operation, the many summers of delight for families escaping Washington for the summer, and then the arrival of a liquified natural gas plant, first for exporting and then for importing.

It's also a story of tragedy, swimmers, and even waders venturing into the dangerous waters off the beach on the other side of the lighthouse and being pulled in by a rip tide that claimed five lives over the years.

It is that dangerous section of beach, clearly marked "No Swimming" that also prompted Booker to write about the community after her husband died.

She reminds "anyone who might ever be tempted to go into the water at the point every time I get a chance."

She added, "The rip current (the point) it's just horrendous, but so many people have died there. And, the most recent ones, the two men in their 30's, the girlfriend of one of them said she had no idea."

When Cove Point was started by Cole Webster there were covenants prohibiting black people from owning property. Booker also wanted to bring race relations to light in her book. "We have a long way to go in the whole country in terms of race relations. And I think it's important to note that in Calvert County's history, it had slaves."

But they were accepted in the community when they arrived 40 years ago. "I wasn't aware of the covenant that had been in all the deeds up until 1972 or 73. The owners of the land down here kept that covenant in the deed, even though it was illegal." The community threw a party for them when they moved in.

"It's just so special. It's fabulous," is how Booker characterizes the community she has lived in, at least part-time, for 40 years and the one she has chosen to write about. She has drilled down into one Calvert County community, but the book should be of interest to more than just those who live there or have lived there. The book also tells a lot about the



history of Solomons. And also because of Cove Point Beach's unique position as home of a lighthouse, the Navy landing exercises and now the nearest neighbor to the LNG plant which is such a large industry and revenue stream for the county, it's has much wider appeal.

For instance, Grace Mary Brady, curator of the Bayside History Museum in North Beach, said of the new book, "Intrigue on every page. Compelling from the first chapter to the end. You won't stop reading. Cove Point on the Bay should be turned into a television series."

Notes on the book's cover from the Calvert County Historical Society, say, "Who knew such a quiet, tranquil place like Cove Point could be filled with such drama? A delightful book, well researched, well written, a real page turner."

Research for the book wasn't too difficult, Booker said. Folks in the community were more than willing to talk. And even though many records were destroyed in a courthouse fire, she said churches often kept good records.

And the research was also made easier because the Washington and Baltimore newspapers' archives are now online.

"The more I researched," she said, "the more fascinated I became until finally it was just like, this has to be written. And then it kind of writes itself when you just take it by decade."

The lighthouse where it all started is now run by Calvert Marine Museum and the two lighthouse keeper's quarters are available for rent for a memorable weekend. And the light is still shining, operated remotely by the Coast Guard.

Booker was asked how much else has changed over the years in Cove Point Beach. She said, "I'm looking out my window now and there's a rowboat and a few kayaks on the beach. I'm looking at the same thing that (Captain) John Smith looked at and so right here on this coast, looking at it, it's unspoiled."

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CSM Establishes 'Safer on Campus Task Force'

Will Recommend COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces a "Safer on Campus Task Force" has been established to research practices at other institutions of higher education and to recommend strategies on how CSM will implement an employee and student COVID-19 vaccination requirement by the start of the spring term, which begins Jan. 18, 2022.

"This group of representatives from across the college will take the next four weeks to study, listen, and prepare their recommendations," explained CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "In order for CSM to reopen at full capacity, we must contain the spread of the coronavirus, and the best way to accomplish that goal is to require vaccinations of employees and students. We recognize, however, that there are individuals who have valid reasons to be exempted from a requirement, and we are committed to having a process that is fair, consistent, and compassionate."

Murphy said the effectiveness of the vaccines against COVID-19 and their widespread availability allow CSM to take this next step toward increasing the number of face-to-face course

offerings, academic experiences, and other activities for students.

The Safer on Campus Task Force will provide its findings and recommendations Nov. 12.

"We strongly believe that students learn better in community," added Murphy. "We have been providing our students remote learning options for more than 20 years – which served us all well during the initial stages, and spikes of this pandemic. It is time that we provide those students who learn better face-to-face the opportunity to return to our classrooms."

Currently CSM is operating in Phase 3: Reduced Operations. Many classes and student services remain virtual; however, some on-campus classes and appointments for services are available. Visitors to campus are subject to a COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entry and mask must be worn at all times while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

For more information about CSM's operational status visit www.csm.edu/ready/covid-19

Press Release from CSM.

Workshops Help Seniors Live Well with Diabetes



In collaboration with the Calvert County Health Department, the Calvert County Office on Aging is offering a free, six-week "Living Well with Diabetes" workshop. This interactive class provides practical tips and insights to help those with diabetes and pre-diabetes learn how to manage their condition.

The workshop will be offered at two senior centers on the following dates and times:

- **North Beach Senior Center** (9010 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach) Fridays, Oct. 8 through Nov. 12,

1-4 p.m.

- **Southern Pines Senior Center** (20 Appeal Lane, Lusby) Mondays, Nov. 8 through Dec. 13, 1-4 p.m.

All materials are provided at no cost. Participants must register by calling 410-535-5400, ext. 459.

The Calvert County Office on Aging provides a broad range of programs and services that enable senior citizens to maintain the best possible quality of life.

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CSM to Host Dual Enrollment Sessions

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) invites parents of high school students to attend upcoming Dual Enrollment Program and Career and Technology Education (CTE) virtual informational sessions and learn how their teen can get an affordable and manageable jump start on their career goals. Virtual informational sessions will be held Nov. 2, 3, and 4.

The benefits of dual enrollment include savings on tuition, since dual-enrolled students pay half of CSM's regular tuition rate for their courses. College credits earned at CSM can be transferred to most colleges and universities around the country – and CSM has more than 220 transfer agreements with 67 institutions across the world. Not only that, a recent article in University Business explained that students who dual enroll in college while still in high school also leads to higher college success rates down the road. According to the article, “dual enrollment participants were 2.2 times more likely to enroll in [two- or four-year college]; were two times more likely to return for a second year of college; and 1.7 times more likely to complete a college degree when compared to their statistically-matched peers who did not participate in a dual enrollment program. Other studies show similar results when it comes to enrollment, retention and degree attainment.”

Aryanna Ferguson, 17, a senior at Huntingtown High School, is combining CSM's Cybersecurity Certification program with opportunities offered by her high school to get a head start on her career goals.

“I am pursuing internship opportunities with the Department of Defense and the Calvert County Government,” Ferguson said. “I hope to have a career in



Aryanna 'Arie' Ferguson

information technology as a Software, Network or Cybersecurity Engineer. I would also at some point like to attend law school to become an attorney and combine that with my IT skillset,” she said.

Ferguson said she finds that in addition to the coursework, the organizational skills required to complete the degree are helping to prepare her for her next steps.

“The college courses were much more rigorous and required pinpoint organizational and planning skills,” she offered. “Being organized was key to managing the time expectation.”

For more information about dual enrollment and CTE programs at CSM for high school students, RSVP to receive Zoom login information and plan to attend the Dual Enrollment Parent Information Session for your home county.

Calvert County Dual Enrollment Virtual Parent Information Night: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 6-8 p.m.

Press Release from CSM.

Public Schools, Library Receive SEED Grant

In partnership with Dramatic Results, Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) and Calvert Library have been selected to receive over \$1.5 million in funding through the Assistance for Arts Education (AAE). This funding is for the first year which runs through September 30, 2022. The grant is expected to be renewed for four subsequent years.

Coordinator of Gifted & Advanced Learning Dr. Crystal Ricks, and Youth Services Coordinator of Calvert Library Beverly Izzi worked with Dramatic Results to develop this extensive grant. The two Calvert entities, working as one ecosystem, will serve as a demonstration site for the STEAM Ecosystem Expansion Demonstration (SEED) Project.

CCPS and Calvert Library will work closely with Bowie State University's College of Education, and a variety of community-based arts groups to train, coordinate and deliver arts-integrated STEAM programs to students in Calvert County Public Schools. Calvert Library will implement the ecosystem approach in community MakerSpaces during out-of-school time to share SEED educational and professional development resources within the community.

The short-term goal of SEED is to develop the community's capacity to create and sustain high-quality, engaging, and equitable STEAM programs for students in Gifted and Advanced Learning. In addition, the long-term goal is to build arts-integrated educational pathways for a more creative and diverse workforce. The SEED project will engage instruction through arts integration,



Pictured: Beverly Allyn Izzi, Youth Services Coordinator of Calvert Library, and Dr. Crystal Ricks, Coordinator of Gifted & Advanced Learning.

with special emphasis on providing year-round, well-rounded arts education for students to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act.

The U.S. Department of Education reviewed 109 applications and funded 27 new grant awards. We are excited about this partnership and the opportunity to engage our students, families, and community in the development of our future leaders!

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Adult basketball is open to players ages 18 and older excluding high school students. The team registration fee is \$600 and registrants are in charge of forming their own teams of 10-15 players. Games are played at Northeast Community Center on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6-10 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Dec. 7. For a registration/roster form, please email sports@calvertcountymd.gov, the registration deadline is Nov. 19.

Youth basketball registration is open now through Nov. 26 or until divisions are full. Children from fourth grade to 12th grade are eligible. The cost for the first family member is \$81. Each additional family member will receive a \$5 discount off the registration fee. An additional \$15 will be due the first week of practice if a CCPR game jersey is needed. Do not

delay; youth basketball divisions fill up fast. Volunteer coaches for youth basketball are also needed in all grade divisions.

Rookie basketball registration is open to children in second and third grades to learn fundamental skills of basketball. The program meets once a week for eight weeks beginning Saturday, Jan. 8, 2021. The cost is \$50 per child and clinics will be held at various locations throughout Calvert County. The deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 31.

Youth wrestling registration is now open. Children ages 4 through 14 are eligible. CCPR offers youth wrestling in the southern/central part of the county. Registration is \$80 for the first family member with each additional family member receiving \$5 off the registration fee. Practice will be held at Patuxent High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Nov. 23 through March 10.

Winter sports registration can be submitted online or by calling 410-535-1600, ext. 2649. Please email sports@calvertcountymd.gov with questions about winter



sports registration.

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A View From The BLEACHERS

SUNDAY WORSHIP



By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The first decision of every Sunday in the fall was made on Saturday night. Would I awake at an ungodly weekend hour to attend 8 a.m. mass with my dad, or wait for a later service, either 10:30 a.m. or noon, with my mom? From memory (dangerous and perhaps unfair to her), she was always non-committal. She never comprehended the frustration this caused, bless her non-football-addicted heart.

The dilemma, of course, was getting home by 1 p.m. The 10:30 a.m. mass would easily accommodate my deadline. A regular noon mass would cut it dangerously close; an ambitious homily or my mom turning into Chatty Cathy on the way to the car would eviscerate the thin schedule margin. Special feast days, and the promise of an extended session, were non-starters.

The magic of one o'clock, you ask? Ah, yes. That was the most common starting time for - forgive me of this sacrilege but I cannot tell a lie - my most devout form of Sunday worship: the Washington Football Team's game.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of "Football Team" during the first three decades of my life. Games simply were not missed. Short of some crisis, when the burgundy and gold took the field, my eyes were affixed to a television screen and my emotions for the subsequent three hours and mood for the next two days hung in the balance. Normal life stuff - schoolwork, chores, vacations... even church - never stood in the way. Without an ounce of guilt or subsequent regret, I even watched a game in the hospital after my son was born.

It's nothing like that anymore. When I watch, which is with increasing infrequency, it is absent any emotion. Love has transitioned well past anger and frustration to astonishing indifference.

Dan Snyder, in just over two decades, has ruined the greatest sports love of my life. For the first decade, it was easy to defend Snyder's antics - spending frivolously, recruiting Steve Spurrier, coaxing Joe Gibbs back to the NFL - as well-intended, if misguided passion of a fan-boy made owner who was managing year-to-year, swinging for the fences and shoving all his chips to the middle of the table - for good or

ill. It rarely worked, and sometimes ended disastrously, but it was never boring.

After the miserable and ill-fated Jim Zorn era flamed out (cringing while typing/reminiscing), Snyder appeared to stabilize with the hiring of Mike Shanahan, a proven, two-time Super Bowl winning coach. Then in 2012, the franchise stumbled on Robert Griffin III and mercifully seemed capable of sustainable success. But ever since Griffin's wounded knee collapsed in a playoff game against the Seattle Seahawks, it has been a slow, steady decline on the field and a Harvard case-study-worthy disintegration off it.

For the Washington Football Team, the product on the field hardly matters. The bottom line, sports teams are measured by - wins and losses - are of little consequence. An abysmal record, an under-performing defense and lack of a franchise quarterback is noise when compared to the corporate apocalypse Snyder has sowed.

Pick your abomination. A misogynistic culture? Racist/homophobic/misogynistic emails between team leadership and a now former NFL luminary (Jon Gruden)? The embarrassing retirement ceremony of Sean Taylor's number that was rushed, dubiously timed (just after the Gruden email controversy) and included photos of the family in front of port-a-johns and a herd of people standing all over the makeshift sideline memorial? The disturbing juxtaposition of a pink-adorned FedEx Field to promote breast cancer awareness while learning senior officials circulated emails of bare-breasted woman like a pack of middle school boys with a commandeered Playboy magazine? A federal criminal investigation of the team's head trainer? The WFT offers them all! Congress is now firing off letters to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell requesting information on its investigation of the WFT and the alleged 650,000 unearthed emails.

What horror could await from that vault of correspondence?

Don't answer that. I can't take it anymore. When you love something that refuses to be nothing short of a disgrace in return, let it go. No more Sunday schedule conflicts for me, mom. Any mass will do.

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Letters to the Editor

Environmental Implications of Favoring the Economy

For too long, the US government has put the economy over the issue of climate change. Both hold great importance, but I argue that the environment as a whole and the state of the planet for years to come is a far more significant and time-sensitive issue than preserving the American economy. This can be seen in several previous Trump-era policies or rather the lack thereof. Former President Trump was known for his environmental deregulation, hoping that this would improve the US economy and boost GDP. He openly voiced his support for coal miners and big oil on several occasions and completely overturned several environmental regulation policies including those meant to regulate air pollution, water pollution, chemical safety, drilling and extraction, and many more. He even pulled the United States out of the highly supported Paris Climate Agreement in which almost every nation on Earth has been in support of.

This pattern of looser environmental regulations made by those in office has the opposite intended effect. The environment itself has a significant impact on the US economy. We need the environment to provide us with food and clean water, clean air, normal weather patterns, and different cultural and recreational services. With decreased environmental regulation comes climate change approaching at a faster rate which will cause extreme weather events, higher temperatures, higher sea levels, and increased habitat and species loss among many other adverse effects. This in turn can greatly affect the economy by weakening our food supply, destroying infrastructure and factories, harming trade overseas, and increased health problems across the country which will no doubt take a toll on GDP.

Climate change for too long has been overlooked and underestimated by our government. With the Biden administration taking office, the health of the planet is being pushed higher on America's list of priorities. While President Biden has implemented new en-

vironmental regulation policies that will help protect the Earth for years to come, reinstated previously overturned Trump era environmental policies, and not to mention rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement, this is not enough. There needs to be higher carbon taxes on businesses, stronger protections on wetlands and forests, more renewable energy sources, stronger EPA oversight, and stricter laws that protect threatened or endangered species if we are to truly make a bigger difference.

Overall, the United States is responsible for an extreme amount of greenhouse gas emissions every year. The greed and neglect of our government is destroying our planet and before we know it, Earth will be long past saving and the government's addiction to preserving the US economy in the short term will be to blame. Americans cannot wait for our government to magically come to its senses. We need to vote for congressmen/women, local officials, and presidential candidates that take climate change seriously and will take immediate, drastic action. For example, deals like the Green New Deal will welcome a new economy based on renewable energy and significantly eliminating carbon emissions within the United States. But Democrats have struggled for years to get this deal passed.

In short, while the US economy is very important to the government, its citizens, and everyone in between, our environment needs our immediate attention. The US government needs to drastically reorganize its priorities and implement new climate policies that help the planet and break our chains with big oil and gas. A quote from University of Arizona professor, Guy McPherson, summarizes this perfectly, "if you think the economy is more important than the environment, try holding your breath while counting your money."

*Amber Ewing
St. Mary's College of Maryland -
Class of 2024
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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, October 28

Transfer Thursdays

College of Southern Maryland, 1 a.m., Zoom.

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 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. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>.

Friday, October 29

“Frankenstein” Performance

North Beach Boys and Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714; 8 p.m.

Frankenstein begins as Captain Robert Walton is on an Arctic expedition and rescues Victor Frankenstein from the cold. Frankenstein had been pursuing the Creature he created and brought to life. Having learned of Frankenstein’s travails, Walton retells the tale of the monster’s creation and the resulting mayhem as the story, like the creature, comes alive onstage. The Creature sets out on his own to seek his education and identity, but remains full of anger at Frankenstein for creating him. Frankenstein, filled with remorse, seeks peace and solitude, while trying to keep his bride-to-be Elizabeth and other loved ones safe. When the Creature confronts Frankenstein about creating a female companion for him, the doctor refuses and the Creature vows the most hurtful revenge: he will find and kill Elizabeth. For tickets, visit www.twinbeachplayers.org.

Saturday, October 30

“Frankenstein” Performance

North Beach Boys and Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714; 3 p.m.

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Sunday, October 31

Optimist Club Trunk or Treat

140 Calvert Fair Drive, Prince Frederick MD; 1-3 p.m.

Join the Optimist Club of Calvert for a Trunk or Treat on Halloween! Free admission. Costumes encouraged. Photo Opportunities. Don’t forget your treat bucket! Located in the Calvert County Fairground parking lot. For more information about the Optimist Club of Calvert, please visit www.CalvertOptimists.org

Hound of the Town

Town of North beach Boardwalk; 1-4 p.m.,

A costume parade just for dogs and dog lovers! This dog costume parade will take place on the Boardwalk. Owners will walk their furry friends along the parade route where they will be introduced and judged by our panel of judges. All proceeds benefit Calvert Animal Welfare League. The prize categories include: Best Dog Costume, Funniest Costume, Best Dog/Owner Costume Combo, Scariest Costume, Best Overall Hound of the Town Prizes will be awarded at the end of the parade. Only dogs can be entered in the dog parade. How to enter: Register the day of the event starting at 12 pm. Fee to enter is \$10 per dog. Donations to C.A.W.L. are graciously accepted in addition to the entrance fee. Questions? Call 410-535-9300 or 443-646-2415

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Chesapeake Church Pumpkin Patch Party

Chesapeake Church, Huntingtown; 6-8 p.m.

The Pumpkin Patch Party is a free community event designed to offer a positive, upbeat, family-friendly, spook-free mega block party venue, with the largest Trunk ‘N’ Treat candy maze in the county! Decorated vehicles line the commuter lot with trunks packed with enough candy to serve hundreds kids.

In addition to the Trunk ‘N’ Treat, the event will also have a moon bounce, corn-hole, face painting, a dance floor and music, and a fire pit and s’mores, and a costume parade. There will also be Calvert Kettle Corn, hot chocolate, and coffee for the whole family to enjoy.

For more information on the Pumpkin Patch Party, visit chesapeakechurch.org/pumpkinpatch. To learn more about Chesapeake Church, visit chesapeakechurch.org.

Monday, November 1

SOMD Vegan Restaurant Week

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- Hook & Vine

Follow the Facebook event page for menus and update: fb.me/e/jP8z5a81j

Tuesday, November 2

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Calvert Marine Museum, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This event is open to the community and will be held in the Harms Gallery. You may sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and search by sponsor code “CMM” or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make your life saving donation today.

Thursday, November 4

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College of Southern Maryland, 1 a.m., Zoom.

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students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>.

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum, 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

This program invites children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month’s theme is Fascinating Fish!

Sharks! Sink Your Teeth In! Lecture Series

Calvert Marine Museum, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Join us for the fourth and final lecture on Megalodon: Evolution, Body Size and Extinction, presented by Dr. Victor Perez, CMM Assistant Curator of Paleontology. The lecture is free, open to the public, and will be held in the museum’s Harms Gallery.

Upcoming

Free Oil Changes

Saturday, Nov. 6, Chesapeake Church, Huntingtown

Through Chesapeake Church’s partnership with Avery’s Automotive & Glass, Chesapeake is hosting Oil Change Day to provide free oil changes for single parents or anyone who is experiencing financial difficulty.

Technicians from Avery’s Automotive & Glass and volunteers will change the oil and filter, check fluid levels, and adjust tire pressure. They will also visually inspect belts, hoses, and tire treads. Technicians will note any additional needed work for guests so they can seek licensed mechanical advice for proper repairs. Our partners at Avery’s Automotive & Glass provide all the oil and filters for inspections.

Single parents or those who are experiencing financial difficulty who would like to receive a free oil change may sign up for an appointment at chesapeakechurch.org/oilchange.

“On Watch” Memorial Service

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m.

Join us in thanking all our veterans for their service at the site of the “On Watch” statue at the end of Dowell Road, Dowell, Maryland. Refreshments served on-site following the program.

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.

Manuela Claudia "Mani" Stansbury



Manuela Claudia "Mani" Stansbury, 59, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on October 16, 2021.

Born March 12, 1962 in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Josef Hatzel and Erica (Hahn) Hatzel.

Mani was a 1981 graduate of Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, OR. She moved to the east coast with her husband Lonnie in 1998 and they settled in Mechanicsville, MD in 1999. Mani was the Office Manager for Cullins Truck Tarping Systems in Clements, MD for nineteen years. Her hard work, dedication and friendship with her employer and co-workers was invaluable.

Mani was very giving, caring and compassionate toward all. She was always willing to help anyone at anytime. She loved all dogs and took great care of her own as well as any other in need. Whether it was nurturing a sick or injured dog back to health, or just providing weekend dog sitting services, she was more than willing to lovingly do so. No matter what the reason, any dog crossing paths with Mani was a lucky dog, and they knew it. She enjoyed camping and took great pride in

her gardening. Mani's faith was never ending. Her belief and love for God was her strength.

Mani is survived by her husband, Lonnie Stansbury, whom she married on January 21, 2000 in LaPlata, MD; Lonnie's sons, Lonnie Stansbury, Gary Stansbury and John Stansbury all of Florida; her sisters, Sylvia Adams, Faith Hatzel, and Acacia Hatzel all of Oregon; and her "pups" Dixie and Rebel.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions in Mani's name may be made to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929 or online at <https://secure.aspc.org>.

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

Angelia Ludwick "HB" Ollerman



Angelia Ludwick "HB" Ollerman, 50, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Cape Hatteras, NC, passed away on October 20, 2021 at her residence.

Born February 3, 1971 in Elizabeth City, NC, she was the daughter of Carl Richard Ludwick and the late Sharon (Peele) Ludwick.

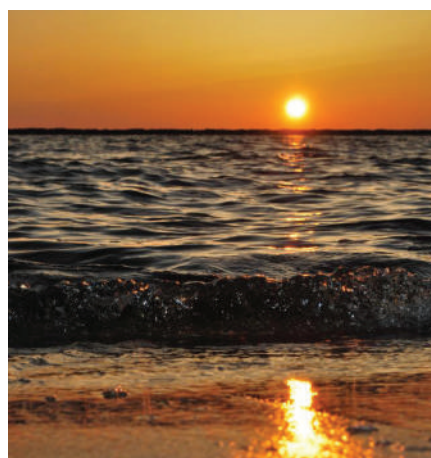
Angelia graduated from Cape Hatteras High School in 1990.

She married her husband, Andrew George Ollerman on September 19, 1992 in Cape Hatteras, NC.

Angelia is survived by her husband Andrew G. "Andy" Ollerman; her son, Richard Alex Ollerman of Lusby, MD; her father, Carl R. Ludwick of Cocoa Beach, FL; and her sisters, Heidi Ludwick Siebert and Patricia Whyte both of Cocoa Beach, FL.

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

Joan Lieber Sweeney



Joan Lieber Sweeney, born September 10, 1928, passed away October 24, 2021.

Visitation will be Friday, October 29, 2021, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home—Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 90 Alexander Lane., P.O. Box 560, Solomons, Maryland 20688.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211.

Memorial Contributions may be made to

Calvert Health Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 2127, Prince Frederick, MD 2067.

Charles Roland "Tiny" Sharretts IV

Charles Roland "Tiny" Sharretts IV, 63, formerly of Calvert County passed away October 21, 2021. He was born on October 20, 1958 to Charles "Chunk" Roland III and Marilyn (Tobin) Sharretts. Tiny grew up in Owings and graduated from Northern High School in 1977. Tiny developed a love for billiards at an early age and went on to become an incredibly talented pool player. The sport took him to many different areas where he built great friendships with those alike. He was instrumental in de-



veloping leagues in the surrounding areas. Tiny shared his sharp skills with the many students who benefited from his lessons. Tiny could be found at Bank Shots in Laurel prior to his neurological diagnosis sending the 8-ball flying. All who knew him loved him. Tiny had a keen sense of directions; he was the GPS of yesterday. There was never a time that he could not navigate his family out of being lost. He was a math wizard, loved numbers, was a fierce chess player and a great conversationalist. Tiny loved sharing stories about his grandchildren with others, he cherished time with his family and will be greatly missed.

Tiny is survived by his son Charles "TJ" Sharretts V and his wife Jessica of Duncansville, PA, grandchildren Charles VI, Emily and Olivia, sisters Margie Barrett and her husband David of St. Leonard and Lynne Sneade and her husband Dave of Huntingtown, father Charles "Chunk" Roland Sharretts III of Salisbury. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his grandson Drake and mother Marilyn Sharretts.

Tiny's family would like to thank the staff at Spa Creek (Annapolis) for the loving care and attention they provided. The family would also like to thank Hospice of the Chesapeake for their guidance and support.

The family request that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link:

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

A celebration of life will be held to honor Tiny. Please check back for continued updates.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

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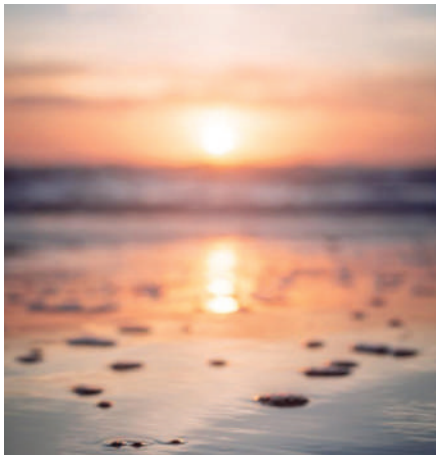
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mond, 74 of Lusby, MD passed away on October 17, 2021 in Prince Frederick, MD. She was born on August 21, 1947 in Philadelphia, PA to Elizabeth and Clyde Embry. She was the loving wife to Edward T. Raymond.

Dee graduated from Penn State University and went on to be an Accountant for a Department of Defense Contractor and for her personal clients. She moved to Calvert County, MD in May 1996 from Bucks County, PA and retired in 2010.

Dee is survived by her husband, Edward T. Raymond of Lusby, MD; children, Paul Goldstone of Philadelphia, PA, and Ali Goldstone of Venice Beach, CA; step-children, Aric Raymond of Levittown, PA, and Desiree Raymond of Putnam Co., FL; siblings, David Embry of Doylestown, PA, Lea Ann Polcino of Bristol, PA, and Wendy Mueller of Glendale, AZ; seven step-grandchildren, and one step-great grandchild.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Eleanor Mae Thomas



Eleanor Mae Thomas, 71, a lifelong resident of Lothian, passed away October 17, 2021. Eleanor Mae was born August 30, 1950 in Cheverly, MD to James Wilbur Moreland and Mary Ellen (Windsor) Moreland. She was raised on the family farm in Lothian. She graduated from Southern High School in 1968. From a young age to an adult, she worked on the family farm raising crops and tobacco. On February 9, 1974, she married the love of her life, Dennis James Thomas at St. Thomas Church in Croom, MD. Both she and Dennis were married for 47 years!

Eleanor Mae loved spending time with her family, she loved just taking a ride to go to yard sales, estate sales, and to play slots and bingo. She loved crabbing with her husband Dennis and her family. She loved watching her brother "Bo" play softball, but most important, she loved Alan Jackson, and playing her country music all throughout the house.

Eleanor Mae was preceded in death by her beloved parents, James Wilbur and Mary Ellen Moreland, her brother James W. Moreland, Jr. and her niece and God daughter, Rebecca Sue "Becky" Moreland. She is survived by her beloved husband, Dennis J. Thomas of Lothian, and daughter Joann Thomas of Lothian. Also surviving are granddaughters Amanda Hudson (Daniel) of Crownsville and Emily Parks of Lothian, sister-in-law Donna Moreland and nephew and God son, James Michael "Mike" Moreland, both of Lothian and great-nieces Madison Varlich and Caitlyn Moreland.

Eleanor Mae was known to have a heart of gold, she was caring, loving and thoughtful and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, November 4, 2021, 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 122 Bayard Road, Lothian, MD 20711

Memorial donations in Eleanor Mae's name may be made to the American Heart Association, 217 E. Redwood Street, 11th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; Link:

<https://www.heart.org/> or

American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

TRUE OR FALSE – PROBATE AND LIVING TRUSTS

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

I have often heard from clients that they have a Will so their loved ones will not have to go through probate. True or false? False. When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, that property must go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones. It doesn't matter whether you die intestate (without a Will) or with a Will.

What does holding property in my sole name mean? For real estate like your house or for cars and trucks, for example, the title to the property is in your name alone. If you hold any property this way and you die, then the property has to go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. Since many people are not at all organized about what they own, the personal representative has to reconstruct the estate before they report on it. One of the filings is called an "Inventory". This is a listing of all the property held by the deceased when they die. If the deceased has not been an organized person it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. Without challenges, most probates are administrative. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Most people faced with the duties of a personal representative consult an attorney and ask them for help to prepare the reports for filing. This costs money in legal fees, but gives the personal representative some comfort that they are correctly performing their duties. Attorneys and Personal Representatives are entitled to charge approximately 3.6% of the assets going through probate as a fee.

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills or the Orphan's Court to be effective. If you think you will lose your Will, then paying a small fee to the Register of Wills office to keep your original on file is a convenience to you. Otherwise, the effectiveness of a Will depends on whether it is properly executed, not whether it is filed somewhere. You can keep your Will in a safe place. But, the original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding

so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." False. If property is held in joint name with your spouse and you die, the surviving spouse takes ownership and there is no probate. However, if one spouse held property in sole name, you die without a Will and you have a spouse and children, then the estate (property held in your sole name) will go 50-50 to the spouse and the children. The only way your estate will go solely to your spouse when you die is if property is titled jointly with rights of survivorship or between husband and wife or you have said so in your Will.

If your Will says your personal representative doesn't have to file a bond, that means no bond is required. False. Even if the Will says no bond, the Register of Wills requires a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

The only clear alternative to probate is a Living Trust. True. With a Living Trust, all property of the deceased has been placed into the name of that person's trust so that when they die there is no property held in sole name, so no probate. The person creating and funding the trust is called the Grantor and the Grantor may also be the Trustee. When the Grantor/Trustee dies, a successor trustee is appointed under the trust to take over. Having a Living Trust is the only way to avoid probate. But, the Living Trust provides other benefits. First, it is private, transfers to beneficiaries are immediate (no waiting 8-12 months) and there are no legal fees upon such transfers. With a Living Trust all property is accounted for when creating the trust so there is no chaos trying to figure out what a person owns when he or she dies—it's all set forth in the trust. The Living Trust also offers protection is a Trustee is incapacitated. In that event, the successor trustee simply uses all the assets in the trust for the benefit of the incapacitated person without having to do more. Can there be probate even if a person has a Living Trust? Yes, if the person has forgotten to place property into the name of the trust, that property must go through probate. However, a different form of will, called a "pour over" will is used in the probate process. This will states that the Living Trust is the guiding principal for the disposition of assets.

The probate process needs to be understood by anyone considering whether or not to create a will or a living trust. The question I am most often asked is whether there is a monetary cutoff used to figure out whether a person should choose a will over a Living Trust. My answer is no. Many of my clients choose to have a Living Trust simply because it makes transition after death easier on family members and loved ones. Clients call the Living Trust the last act of love and affection they can leave for their children because it makes transition so easy after death.

Whether you choose a will or a Living Trust, I hope you will choose something to provide guidance and protection to your family and loved ones.

Join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of every month at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach for a free seminar on this and other topics. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.





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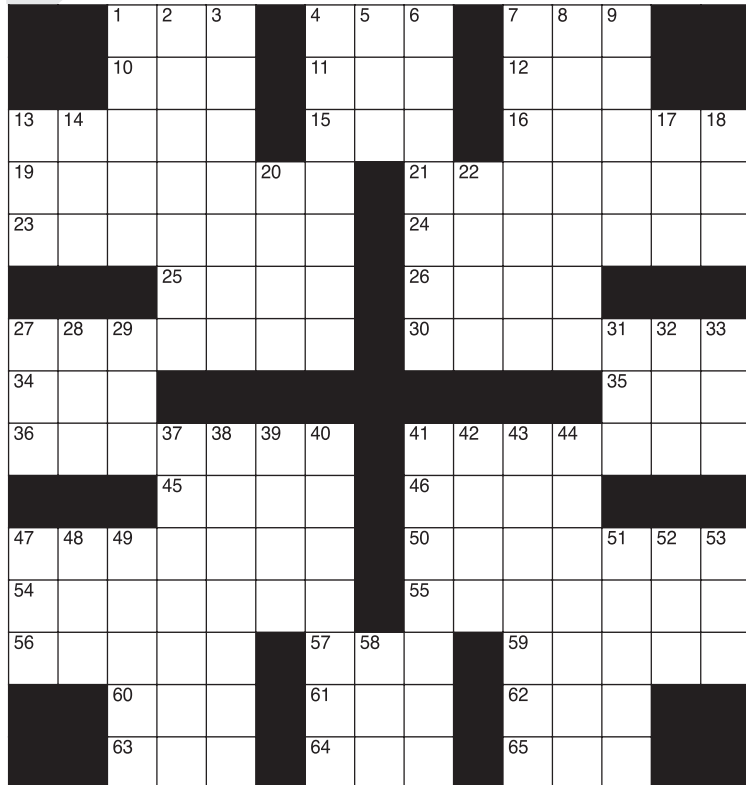
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- 23. Eye parts
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- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Require to live
- 27. Obstruct
- 30. Immobile
- 34. Expression of satisfaction
- 35. Moved quickly
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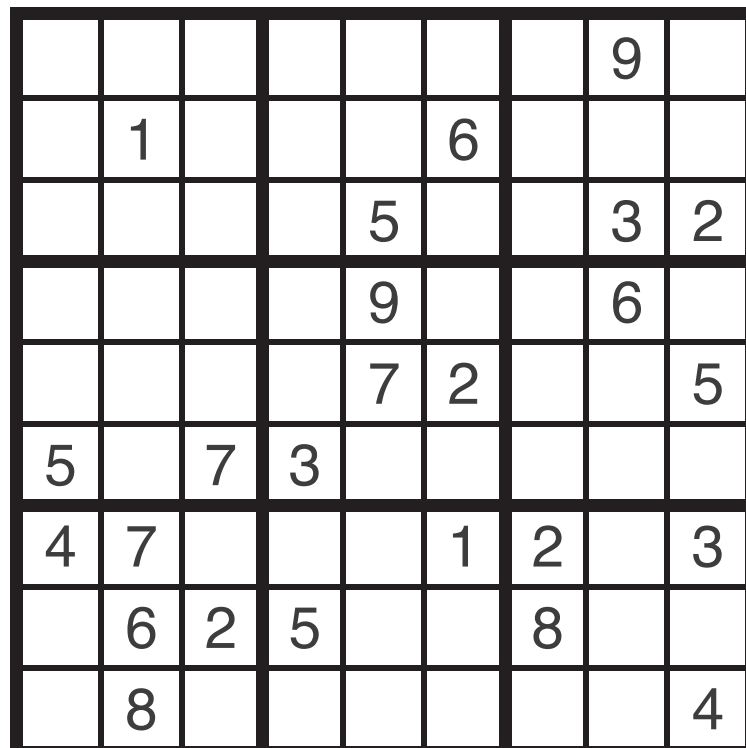
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- 64. Autonomic nervous system
- 65. "The Partridge Family" actress

- 27. Organization of N. and S. American countries
- 28. 22nd star of a constellation
- 29. Scoundrel
- 31. A way to save money
- 32. Boy or young man
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Egg-laying mammal
- 38. Salt of citric acid
- 39. Barbary sheep
- 40. Actress ___ de Mornay
- 41. Gambling hotspots
- 42. Wing-shaped
- 43. Basked in
- 44. Poison
- 47. Beats per minute
- 48. Macaws
- 49. Military vehicles
- 51. Elderly woman
- 52. Body part
- 53. Midway between east and southeast
- 58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cavalry-sword
- 2. Gland above the kidneys
- 3. Hat
- 4. Predict
- 5. A team's best pitcher
- 6. Countries
- 7. Substitutions
- 8. Peruses again
- 9. Popular food
- 13. Reciprocal of a sine
- 14. Of or relating to the ears
- 17. ___ juris: Independent
- 18. Keyboard key
- 20. Fat from a pig
- 22. AC manufacturer



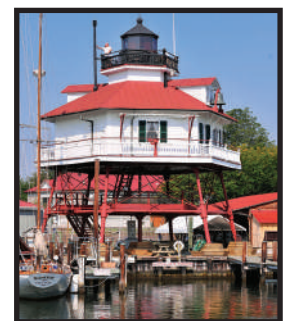
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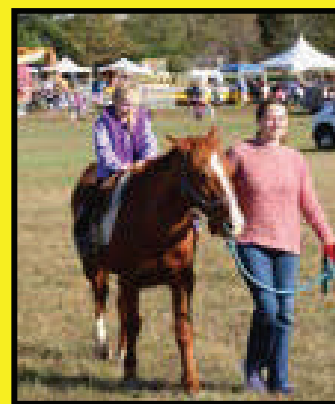
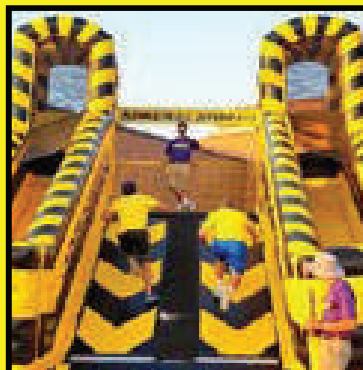
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