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# Bus Driver Agreement Has \$2.6 Million Price Tag

School Board, Commissioners Split the Cost

By Dick Myers  
Editor

It took \$2.6 million, but school bus drivers for the bus contractors for Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) were back on the road Monday, Nov. 1 after striking the week before. The settlement announced late Friday involves the school system giving contractors monies for their drivers to receive pay hikes ranging from \$5 to \$9 an hour depending on length of experience. It also guarantees drivers payment for eight hours for every school day.

School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry said the county commissioners had agreed to split the cost with the school board. Curry said he hoped much of their cost could be absorbed from transportation savings.

Curry said their investigation concluded that other neighboring jurisdictions were paying more than the \$18 beginning hourly salary and the top of the scale \$23.50 for some drivers who had as much as 30 or more years' experience.

Even through the drivers are employed by and paid by the contractors, the school system pays contractors for a guaranteed wage for their drivers.

"I don't want to battle to get school bus drivers," Curry said of the shortage that hit the school system and gave the drivers leverage in their negotiations that in previous years had eluded them.

Curry said the drivers came to the table with nine issues but in the end settled for resolution of two of them now and the rest to battle at another time. Those two issues were pay and the eight-hour day.

The settlement gives a \$5 starting salary increase, \$7 for those in the mid steps and \$9 for the most experienced, Curry said. He noted that some drivers are only on the road for less than six hours, so they would have to agree to be available for an extra mid-day run to get the eight-hour pay coverage.

Curry observed that some social media posters had complained about the size of the settlement, saying at that hourly rate they would apply to be a school bus driver. Curry said he welcomed them, considering the shortage.



School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry

And the drivers only have 180 days of work a year.

Curry said the school bus drivers are charged with protecting the children, so the settlement was worth it.

The settlement came a day after the issue was aired at the regular Oct. 28 school board public forum

Karen Pitcher, a veteran school bus driver, said, "It saddens me that after 30 years, this is where I sit before you explaining why we deserve to be paid a better salary and better benefits. Each year, the contractors asked for more help to take care of their drivers. Each year they've been denied. So, each year we drivers return to our jobs with empty promises. Our expenses keep rising with no relief and we went years without a raise or a cost-of-living increase. And when we did get one, it was one percent. I felt that was just a slap in the face."

She added, "We take exceptional care of your children, and we are more than just bus drivers. We wear many hats. We take care of them like a nurse. We listen to them. We were friends and every year we're told how important we are. Now's the time to show us and not just tell us what empty promises."

Paul Deal, parent of children in Sunderland Elementary School, was highly critical of the board's handling of the strike. "It's quite clear that currently the district has no ability to manage this crisis."

He said the parents don't know what the bus drivers want. "The communication has been limited, vague, and incomplete."

School Board Vice President Pamela Cousins responded later: "As far as the bus contractors, just know all parties concerned, that the board of education, I can safely speak because we all have said it tonight, that we support. And we'll definitely make sure that it's

modified in a way that is pleasing to everyone as soon as possible. So don't think that there are no actions being taken. There are actions being taken."

The school board went into executive session following the meeting. The school system cancelled school on Friday because of the severe weather and the settlement was announced at day's end.

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# GOP Leader to Run for Commissioner

## Grasso to Challenge McConkey

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County Republican Central Committee Chairperson Catherine Grasso says she is running for the Third Commissioner District seat currently held by Kelly McConkey. The incumbent commissioner has not yet filed although political newcomer Evan Turzanski has.

Grasso told The County Times on Nov. 2 that she intended to notify the central committee on Nov. 3 of her resignation as chair. She said she would not hold any leadership position during her campaign.

Grasso was asked what prompted her to run. She said, "I attended many of the workshops and the meetings on the town centers and I was there when they voted to include Kelly McConkey's property into the town center in Huntingtown. I felt it was unethical. I felt that it's not how democracy works." Grasso was one of the citizens who filed an ethics complaint against McConkey.

Grasso said, "I saw before McConkey, (Evan) Slaughenhaupt and how he ran things and how we grew with what appeared to be not even a plan that's good for the county, not even a



Catherine Grasso

plan that takes into consideration our farming community, our water community, the runoff that we have, the high-density growth. It doesn't even look in Prince Frederick like traffic was even considered, what this would do to us. And then, we have the children home with COVID and many of us got to see what's being taught in our schools. And for so long, we, as the Republican Party have worked and worked to try to get Republicans

elected to the school board. And even though it's supposed to be bipartisan, it really isn't. We all know that, and we just couldn't get good candidates. And now we're getting good candidates and there's a groundswell."

She added, "Then I became aware of the (sewage) spills in the county, especially in Parker's Creek."

In a prepared statement to her followers, she wrote, "Years ago when my husband Frank was serving in the United States Army overseas, I came to Calvert County on a fishing trip with a coworker and her husband. I thought that Calvert County was a beautiful county but could not imagine living this far from family. What did these people of Calvert County do for a living? Fast forward three years and we purchased property in Dunkirk. And two years later we built our home in Calvert County. We've raised our three children in the jewel of Maryland. As years have gone by, our jewel has started to tarnish with high density growth and overabundance of traffic, a polluted toxic river and Chesapeake Bay, critical race theory taught in our schools under the guise of equity, and little regard for our farming community."

Grasso grew up in Washington, DC. "My grandmother was an Irish immigrant. I am the oldest of eight children from an Irish Catholic family. My dad was a DC police officer and I'm extremely proud of my blue-collar background."

She has an associate degree and started out working in labor unions and later for the Justice Department and then the Department of Agriculture where she managed her department's budget and then shifted to grain inspection.

She was raised in a Democratic family, but when she turned 18, she studied both parties. She said, "I felt that the Republican Party most aligned with my values, so what I did was, I registered and, being that many kids in the family, my dad and mom never said, did you register as a Republican? They assumed I registered as a Democrat, but I didn't say anything because I was afraid my family would come down on me. And their third child, my brother Craig registered as a Republican. And my dad said, your brother, Craig registered as a Republican, the first one in the family. And I said, no, daddy, I registered five years ago."

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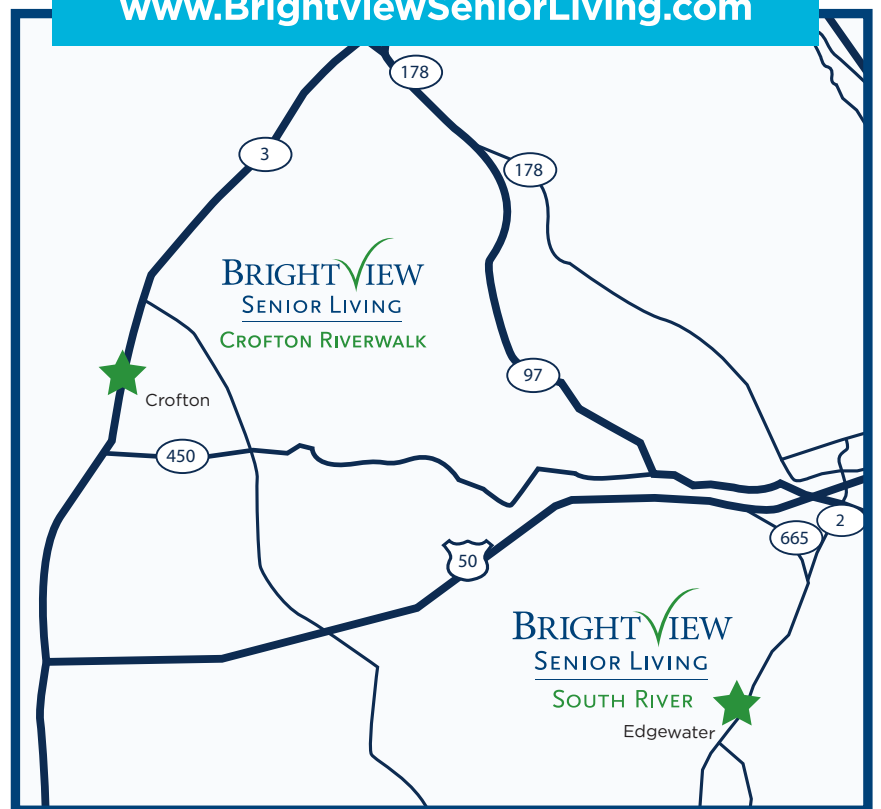
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# Why Was Prince Frederick Town Center's Size Doubled?

## Planning Commission Gets an Answer

By Dick Myers  
Editor

One of the most-often-heard criticisms of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan when it was updated in August of 2019 was the expansion of the town centers, particularly Prince Frederick. So, when the planning commission began to look in earnest at that town center's master plan update on Oct. 27, member John Toohey asked a question that was also on the minds of many citizens.

Toohey observed that the town center was 1,500 acres and asked Long-range Planner Jenny Plummer-Welker, "This expansion would bring us to more like 3,000 acres, which is double the size. Why do we want to double the size of Prince Frederick unless we do want to expand the population? Is there a reason to double the size?"

Plummer-Welker responded, "The town center concept was adopted in 1983, and it also included a town concept, which was the town surrounding the town center. The county's implementation of the town has been through the one-mile radius, which is a designated

growth area. So, the one-mile radius is already considered a growth area." She said in that one-mile radius, development could be four units per acre after having transferred development rights to it.

The new town center boundaries eliminated the one-mile radius. So, Plummer-Welker said, "Part of it is a recognition of the one-mile radius currently is a growth area. The second part, it's my understanding that when the town centers were first being considered, there was a consideration of establishing Barstow as a town center. That was not done."

Toohey responded that the answer confused him. So Plummer-Welker showed maps with the one-mile radius around the town center boundary and then the new boundary including the area with the one-mile radius. Additionally, it showed an area designated as an employment zone in the expanded town center.

Plummer-Welker noted, "One thing that the planning commission and the Board of County Commissioners can do is during the zoning regulation update is to specify what the maximum density is for



these expansion areas. It's never has thought about expanding the density of the 14 units per acre all the way out to the new edges of the town center, that it would be sort of like a wedding cake where you've got the highest density in the center and then as you go away from the town center to step it down. The draft plan does identify that higher density around the community college."

With Toohey's questions and others by commission member Wilson Freeland, the planning commission delayed making any changes in the second and third chapters of the proposed Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan revision.

The decision came after the planners listened to comments from a dozen speakers, many of whom expressed concern about the proposed update draft. Those concerns included density and stormwater

protections.

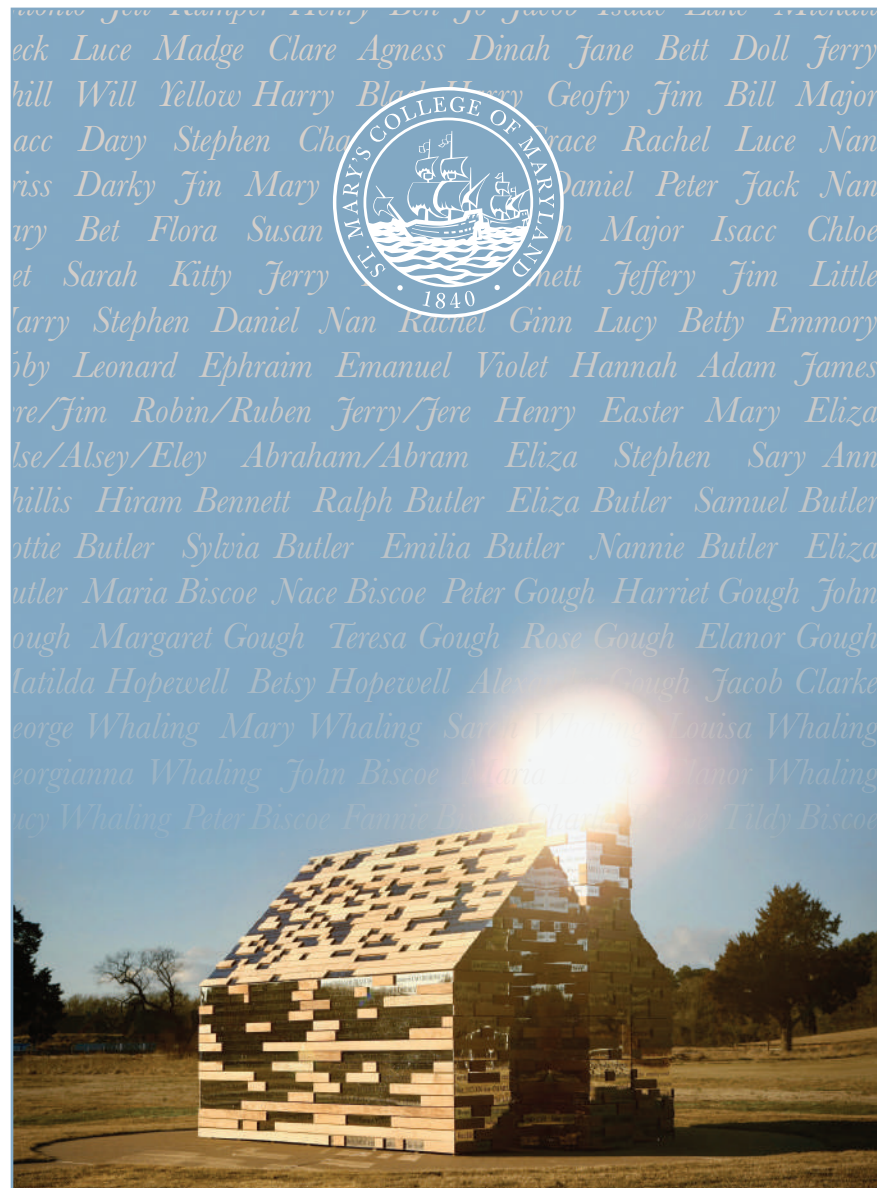
There was also concern about the process. Myra Gowans of Calvert Citizens United criticized the planning staff for their summarizing of the citizen written comments. She said the staff didn't have the expertise to analyze technical issues. Plummer-Welker categorized those as "high-level summaries."

Plummer-Welker said, however, that in addition to the summaries, the planning commission was provided with all of the complete citizen comments so they could review them.

During the almost three-and-a-half-hour meeting, the planners reviewed the other sections of the plan and did make some changes based on citizen comments and staff recommendations.

The commission will go over the staff recommendations for the unfinished chapters at their November meeting. Once they have finalized their initial review, the planning commission will hold a public hearing and finalize a recommendation to the county commissioners, who also will hold a public hearing.

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# School Board: Their Children's Experience Influenced Their Service

By Dick Myers  
Editor

When the Calvert County Board of Education met with student representatives at their Oct. 28 meeting, answers to a question from one of the students provided an insight into the motivation for the elected school board members.

Eighth-grader Allyson Jones, the Northern Middle School representative, asked, "What was your main goal when you were elected to the Board of Education?"

The members saw the question as wanting to know their motivation for running. School Board President Inez Claggett responded, "I had a student who attended Calvert County Public Schools for grades K through eight, and during that time I watched him matriculate through the system without having many teachers in front of his classroom that looked like him. I also paid close attention to some of the things that he was learning and felt that some enrichment in what he was learning could be added. I also watched him be disciplined over the course of those years and what I felt was a little bit different than some other students may have been receiving. I cannot confirm (that) because of course we don't share discipline data amongst children.

"So, I joined the CAC (Citizens Advi-



sory Council) to make it a point to learn a little bit more about Calvert County Public Schools. While on the CAC, I felt that I could join the Board of Education to make a difference, and to assist the students who I felt were not receiving an equitable education."

Board Vice President Pamela Cousins said, "My daughter started in Calvert when she was in the second grade. She graduated in 2018 from Northern High School. I became a board member when she was in the ninth grade. So, between the second grade and ninth grade, I observed a lot of disparate treatment and opportunities for students, regardless of how academically strong they were or were not. I did see different opportunities being presented to kids that weren't available to all students. So, it was during that time, just when I was observing those things that I thought that that's not fair to every student, they all deserve an equal chance to have a world-class education like the next student without any different treatment. So that was one of my

primary reasons for wanting to make a difference to ensure that each of the students had the similar opportunities."

Member Dawn Balinski said, "The reason why I got very interested in the inner workings of this large institution (we're the largest employer in Calvert County; there's a lot of moving parts) was, when my son was in middle school, I remember I was very dismayed. He was a straight A student and all of a sudden, he started getting F's and it just blindsided me. Why didn't somebody give me a heads up that he was not turning in papers, because we didn't have the automated grading systems like you do now, the online databases.

"So, I finagled my way onto a School Improvement Team there at Mill Creek Middle School and learned it's nice to have a seat at the table." She too joined the CAC and then ran for the board.

Member Antoine White said, "I graduated from Calvert High School, elementary, middle school and everything. I was here and I had a grade school experience.

My teachers were awesome. So, I had children. My son is a senior in college and my daughter attends Barstow Elementary. She's in the fifth grade.

"So, I've always been involved with service, always coached kids, mentored, Bible study, you name it. I've always felt that my gift was to serve, so running for the school board was the reason that motivated me to do it. For one, I have a daughter in school, but it's not just for my daughter, it's for all kids."

Pat Nutter was appointed to the board to replace the late Bill Phalen. He said he believes he was appointed during the pandemic because, "I think they felt because I had eight years' experience as a county commissioner, which a lot was dedicated to the educators."

Nutter noted, "I've always been interested in the schools. I preach education. I went to the schools here, my children and grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. So, I'm a big, big Calvert County school person."

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# Teachers Say They're 'Stretched to the Limit'

## Affected by Across-the-Board Staff Shortage

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert Education Association (CEA) President Dona Ostenso regularly speaks for the county's teachers during the public comment section of school board meetings. And she did so at their Oct. 28 meeting, she said, with some reluctance: "I debated signing up to speak tonight for fear that my message would be twisted by those who are looking to blame an elected school board for a problem that existed before many were even holding an office. But I know that using my voice to shed light on very real issues is necessary."

She explained: "We have a real problem facing us in 2021 that will continue to plague us if we do not recognize and address the shortage of the most valuable resource in education, our human resources: teachers, related service providers, instructional assistants, nurses, bus drivers, substitutes, to name just a few."

"This problem did not occur overnight. It is not a result of the pandemic, nor is it only a problem in Maryland. This is a crisis across the United States. The U.S. Department of Education tracks teacher shortage areas. It is reporting for the 21-22 school year that North Carolina has a shortage of qualified teachers in all grades of math and special education and all core subjects. In all elementary school grades, the teacher shortage is very real."



Calvert Education Association President  
Dona Ostenso

"Colleges are graduating fewer new teachers. According to the Economic Policy Institute, the teacher shortage was 110,000 in 2018 and could reach 200,000 by 2025."

"The shortage is crucially important to educational outcomes. As the number of available teachers declines, class sizes are rising. Having more kids in a class can also affect both teacher performance and morale. There are more books to monitor, more children to monitor more children's behavior that needs managing. The pressure on teachers to obtain high test scores, amps up stress further. It creates a vicious cycle, and it is starting to snowball. The shortage is only set to increase unless something changes."

"Calvert teachers are team players, but after nine weeks of constant instability within their school day, and last-minute schedule changes, the reactive climate is taking a toll on staff. Teachers are being stretched to the limit. The substitute shortage, vacant staff positions and the transportation issues are causing disruption to instruction. Teachers are having to cover classes during their planning. IAs (instructional assistants)

are constantly being pulled to cover in the classroom and the lunchroom, preventing them from doing their own assignments."

"One teacher said that her IA has been pulled out of the classroom more times than she has been present."

"CEA recently conducted a pulse survey of its membership. When asked if this year presented the same challenges as any school year overwhelmingly 536 of the 627 who answered this question disagreed or strongly disagreed."

"This is not a normal year. And teachers in Calvert are feeling unsupported on top of dealing with staffing shortages and COVID-19 quarantines. Teachers are working to combat both student learning loss while tending to the real social and emotional needs."

"Students came to school after and during the trauma of the pandemic. One member commented. 'We keep hearing self-care wellness, yet we are being completely run into the ground. If we have no energy to give our students and their families, let alone ourselves, how can you be what everyone needs, whose lives depend on us? The superintendent for Richmond Public Schools in Virginia announced that schools will close the week of November 1st through the fifth, as teachers and staff are at the risk of burnout. schools will be closed on the first and the third specifically for mental health days. The district

also announced they would act on several stressors that were in their control. New programs, initiatives or curriculum would be introduced, and they would scale back nonessential activities. We need to do less better, and we need to heed this advice here in Calvert."

Osteno added, "According to the survey, lesson planning, loading materials into Schoology and school-based meetings where the top two activities that were monopolizing their time during the workday. Teachers feels like it's just one more thing being added to their already full plates. Seventy percent of the members who completed the survey do not believe that they are adequately supported to have a healthy work-life balance. Few outside of education realize the pressure that has been placed on educators to continually do more with less, because it is for the good of the students that we can and must do better for our staff so that they can optimally support our students and community."

Ashe concluded, "For all of the educators and support professionals who keep the school system running each day, we must collectively address and resolve the issues over which we have power. I urge you to reflect on how to fix the situation instead of letting another day go by, that will inevitably compound and exacerbate the impact on us all."

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# Chesapeake Beach Man Killed in Accident

By Dick Myers  
Editor

A Chesapeake Beach man was killed Oct. 28 in a single car crash in Lothian.

The deceased was identified as Michael Magtutu, 64.

According to the Anne Arundel County Police Department, Magtutu was the driver of a 2006 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that was traveling northbound on MD Route 4 near Talbot Road. According to the report "The driver of the Chevrolet left the roadway and drove into a cluster of various sized trees. The vehicle overturned and came to rest on its roof amongst the trees. This caused serious injuries to the driver who was extricated by two witnesses to the crash: an off-duty nurse and a retired law enforcement officer. The driver of the Chevrolet was treated by Anne Arundel County Fire Department personnel but was ultimately pronounced deceased at the scene."

Magtutu's body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's Office (OCME) in



Baltimore where an autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death.

The report says, "Preliminarily, the primary cause of this crash is the driver of the Chevrolet failing to stay in his lane of travel. At this time, it is unknown what caused the Chevrolet to leave the roadway. The Traffic Safety Section is investigating and anyone with any information is asked to call 410-222-4700."

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Registration begins at 5 pm

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## New Infrastructure & Planning Coordinator

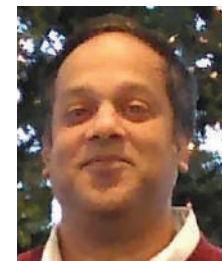
The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) recently welcomed George Kandathil as the Infrastructure and Planning Coordinator. Kandathil's breadth of expertise and educational achievements position him for success in this new endeavor.

In this newly-created position, Kandathil will spearhead planning initiatives developed in response to regional demand. He will manage targeted programs and analyze infrastructure trends and needs. Whether proposing solutions for statewide thoroughfares or supporting non-motorized initiatives that create recreational pathways, Kandathil strives to improve mobility and quality of life on a regional scale.

"My sincere hope is that my position impacts the region in a very positive way," Kandathil shared. "Through communication, planning, and research, I intend to coordinate with government officials, private industry, and other stakeholder groups to ensure that Southern Marylanders are able to continuously maintain and improve their standard of living."

Living and working in East Asia for seven years, Kandathil developed insights on sustainable modes of transit. "From public hearings to bicycle planning to even autonomous vehicle technology, I love all things transportation," he said.

A commitment to fulfilling the needs



George Kandathil

of evolving communities led him to pursue an MS in Transportation Planning and an MBA from the University of Maryland, College Park. Kandathil brings years of planning achievements to the Tri-County region. One key corridor project he developed won accolades from the Washington State Government.

"I was attracted by the opportunity to play a role in improving the lives of Southern Marylanders and others throughout the region. The Tri-County Council deals with several issues that are essential to everyday life, and I am happy to be a part of them," said Kandathil.

TCCSMD is confident that Kandathil's depth of experience will enrich the safety, sustainability, and ease of access for people living and working in the region.

"As an organization, we're devoted to building better, stronger communities. Hiring an Infrastructure and Planning Coordinator is a step forward as we meet regional needs today and anticipate them tomorrow," said TCCSMD Executive Director John Hartline.

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Press Release from TCCSMD.

## Benjamin C. Bradlee DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN JOURNALISM

FEATURING YAMICHE ALCINDOR, WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

"Truth in Journalism: Reporting on Politics and Identity in America"

Monday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.

Michael P. O'Brien Athletics and Recreation Center

Alcindor will look at the current political issues facing America and share her experiences reporting on international, national and local dynamics. She will offer her observations on White House and Washington politics, her thoughts on how social justice issues impact the country's future and her analysis of the latest stories surrounding elections.

Campus visitors must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and be able to present proof of vaccination upon request by College officials. If campus visitors are not vaccinated or cannot show proof of vaccination, they must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival to campus. Face coverings must be worn indoors at all times.

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# County Announces Veterans Day Holiday Schedule

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners announces county offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans Day. In addition:

- The Appeal Solid Waste Facility, which includes the landfill and transfer station, and all county customer convenience centers will be open with normal hours of operation.
- The Solomons Septage Receiving Facility will be open Thursday, Nov. 11 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Water & Sewerage billing and customer service office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11. On-call crews will be available for water and sewer service emergencies only at 410-535-3491.
- The county senior centers will be closed and Meals on Wheels will not be delivered. However, homebound seniors are provided shelf-stable meals in advance.
- There will be no county bus service Thursday, Nov. 11. Regular service will resume Friday, Nov. 12.
- Calvert Library locations will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11. Online services will be available during this time. Digital services and materials are available 24/7 on calvertlibrary.info.
- The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store will be open with normal hours Thursday, Nov. 11.

Admission will be free for active military, veterans and their families.

- The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter and Animal Control Division will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11. An animal control officer will be available for emergencies.
- All community centers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11.
- All recreation parks including Dunkirk, Hallowing Point and Cove Point parks will be open with normal hours.
- Chesapeake Hills Golf Course will be open Thursday, Nov. 11, with normal hours.
- Flag Ponds Nature Park and Battle Creek Cypress Swamp will be closed.
- Kings Landing Park will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with final entry at 4 p.m.
- Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center will be open Thursday, Nov. 11 with normal hours of operation.
- Breezy Point Beach & Campground is closed for the season.

Find information on Calvert County Government services online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov). Stay up to date with Calvert County Government on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](http://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd) and YouTube at [www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov](http://www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov).

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

# Calvert's New and Relocated Businesses

Calvert County is committed to fostering a dynamic and competitive business climate to ensure economic growth and sustainability. New businesses are a sign that the Calvert County economy continues to thrive. These new businesses help stimulate the economy and provide employment opportunities for local residents.

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Economic Development congratulate the following new and relocated businesses:

### New Businesses

- Bark and Bath Pet Salon  
240 Town Square Drive, Lusby  
410-231-2527
- DMH Plumbing & Excavating, LLC  
Huntingtown, MD  
443-771-2579
- RE/MAX Dunkirk Gateway  
10720 Town Center Blvd., Dunkirk  
301-855-8600
- Ross Dress for Less  
835 North Solomons Island Road,  
Prince Frederick  
410-535-0185
- SWT Fitness, LLC  
10078 Southern Maryland Blvd.,  
Dunkirk  
443-286-0799
- Vaughan Cheese Counter & Bar



4116 7th Street, North Beach  
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### Relocations

- Subway Dunkirk Gateway  
10730 Town Center Blvd., Dunkirk  
301-855-5544
- Verizon  
2969 Plaza Drive, Dunkirk  
443-964-5997

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development works to help all businesses succeed, from small, local businesses to large, national enterprises. For information on the Department of Economic Development and the many services the county offers the business community, contact the department at 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880, or by email at [info@ecalvert.com](mailto:info@ecalvert.com).

Find information on Calvert County Government services online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov).

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# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of October 18 – October 24, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,520 calls for service throughout the community.

## Burglary: 21-59113

On October 20, 2021 at 3:50 a.m., Deputy Aley responded to Lex Pharmacy located at 36 S. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a commercial burglary. The complainant advised two unknown suspects forced entry into the business using a crow bar in an attempt to steal prescription medications. The suspects were wearing reflective vests, ski masks, and dark-rimmed glasses – possibly safety glasses. They were observed on surveillance footage leaving the store carrying two bottles of laundry detergent and appeared to be operating a white 4-door Dodge Ram pickup truck. Anyone with information relating to this incident, is asked to contact Detective Jernigan at (410) 535-2800 ext. 2772 or Sarah.Jernigan@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case number 21-59112.

## Burglary: 21-59112

On October 20, 2021 at 2:47 a.m., Deputy Contic responded to the Lusby Pharmacy located at 11870 HG Trueman Road in Lusby, MD for report of a commercial burglary. Upon arrival, deputies observed the front door to have been forced open. The ATM was tampered with, but nothing appears to have been stolen. Anyone with information relating to this incident, is asked to contact Detective Jernigan at (410) 535-2800

ext. 2772 or Sarah.Jernigan@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case number 21-59112.

## Damaged Property: 21-59926

On October 23, 2021 Deputy Strong responded to 5200 block of Long Beach Road in St. Leonard, MD for the report of a hit and run accident. Upon arrival, Deputy Strong witnessed several gashes in the driveway, ruts and tire marks in the yard, and the homeowner's mailbox in three pieces. The wheel well and front grille of a vehicle were discovered nearby. The value of damaged property is \$50.00.

## Theft: 21-59559

On October 21, 2021, Deputy Wilson responded to the 1500 block of S. Solomons Island Rd., in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 11 a.m. on Oct. 21, unknown suspect(s) stole a silver 16ft ladder and a white heater from outside the business. The value of stolen property is \$350.00.

## Theft: 21-58768

On October 18, 2021, Deputy C. Murphy responded to a reported theft. The theft occurred in the 700 block of Keith Lane in Owings, MD on Oct. 16. The complainant advised two trailer tires were removed and placed into a white GMC Yukon with silver/chrome

rims and tinted windows towing a U-Haul trailer. The U-Haul trailer had the word "MADISON" on the side below an unknown photo. The suspect is an unknown male. The approximate value of stolen property is \$50.00. Anyone with information regarding this theft or the suspect vehicle is asked to contact Deputy C. Murphy at (410) 535-2800 or Christopher.Murphy@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case # 21-58768.

## Theft: 21-59018

On October 19, 2021, DFC Callison responded to 13000 block of Iroquois Way in Lusby, MD for the report of a stolen Maryland Registration plate. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) stolen the rear registration plate off of a vehicle parked at the residence sometime between Oct. 12 and Oct. 19.

## Theft: 21-58692

On October 18, 2021, Deputy Free-land responded to Washburn's Marina located at 14250 Dowell Road in Solomons, MD for a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised two unknown suspects broke into the Coca-Cola vending machine on the property. The suspects removed the cash dispenser and stole approximately \$20.00 in cash. The value of damaged property is estimated to \$1,000.00.

## ARRESTS

On October 23, 2021, Deputy Dymond attempted conducted a traffic stop along southbound Rt. 4 just prior to Rt. 231 in Prince Frederick, MD for a vehicle nearly stalled in the roadway. The operator of the vehicle failed to respond to the deputy's emergency equipment and attempt to effect a traffic stop. The vehicle eventually came to a stop on top of the median. Contact was made with the driver, **Keith Leroy Harrod**, 49 of St. Leonard, MD, who was unresponsive to deputy's commands. Upon making contact with the driver, a strong odor of PCP was emitting from the vehicle. A probable cause search was conducted and a single partially smoked cigarette dipped in what appeared to be Phencyclidine (PCP) was discovered in the driver's side door. Harrod was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance – Not Marijuana, Driving Vehicle While Impaired by a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Negligent Driving and other traffic related offenses.



Keith Leroy Harrod

## State Police Investigate Owings Armed Robbery

Maryland State Police are on the lookout for two masked men who committed an armed robbery and assault in Owings early in the morning of Oct. 31.

The armed robbery took place shortly before 6 a.m. at a convenience store/gas station in the 100 block of Chesapeake Beach Road in Owings. Two masked men walked into the store and placed items on the counter for purchase including chewing gum and material to fix a flat tire.

One of the men, who appears to be Caucasian, is wearing black pants, a black rain jacket, a black baseball style hat with a blue brim, and a blue medical style face mask. The other man also appears to be Caucasian and is wearing a red and black mottled hooded sweatshirt, a medical style facemask, gray sweatpants with three black stripes down each leg, and a baseball hat with unclear coloring.

Shortly after placing items on the counter, one of the men removes an apparent firearm from his waistband and points it at the cashier and steps behind the sales counter. The other man then steps behind the counter and while his accomplice uses

a firearm to strike the cashier in the head. Both suspects remove cash from the register before taking it out and tossing it onto the floor. The cashier refused medical treatment at the scene.

Troopers from the Prince Frederick Barrack and the Criminal Enforcement Division responded to the scene to begin an initial investigation. Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office also responded to assist.

A few items of clothing from one of the suspects were recovered in a nearby residential neighborhood including the pants and jacket. Surveillance footage from the scene was obtained. Maryland State Police crime scene technicians responded and processed the scene for evidence.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or who may recognize the masked men pictured is urged to contact the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack at 410-535-1400. Calls may be kept confidential.

*Press Release from MSP Prince Frederick Barrack.*

## Editor's Note:

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

## Public Notice

### COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN INVITATION FOR BID OPEN END CONTRACT SERVICES FOR LINE STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

Sealed bids, addressed to the Capital Construction Coordinator, and marked "BID FOR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORKS" will be received at the office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown, PO Box 1, 22670 Washington St. Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 before December 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

A pre-bid meeting will be held, November 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Leonardtown office conference room. A bid opening will be scheduled for December 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All potential bidders are invited to attend.

The work to be performed under the contract consists of furnishing labor, equipment, and materials for services for Line Striping and Pavement Maintenance. Questions must be submitted in writing to Tony Wheatley, Capital Construction Coordinator at [tony.wheatley@leonardtownmd.gov](mailto:tony.wheatley@leonardtownmd.gov).

The Commissioners of Leonardtown reserve the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

By Authority:  
Laschelle McKay  
Town Administrator

# Sheriff Evans on Retirement from a 'Dream Job'

*'Looking Forward to It and Hoping It Comes Slowly'*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans was a state trooper in the county in the 80's and 90's. It was what he always wanted to do.

He was 38 years old when tragedy hit. "I got an infection from a simple surgery," he explained. "It caused me to retire from the state police. And I was in the prime of my life."

It struck him hard. "You have no idea. I went through depression. It was incredible what I went through, so I can understand what a lot of people go through. What kept me together was a much stronger family, some good friends that kept working out. And I was fortunate because the way the law was written, although I couldn't be a state trooper again, I could be a court security guy. And that's what I did. Even though it was a deputy sheriff, it was called court security, and I was able to come back and do that job."

The idea of running for sheriff came about when he attended his 20-year high school reunion and ran into an old classmate Vonzell Ward, who told him he was running against Lawrence 'Bootsie' Stinnett for sheriff. "And I said, 'Vonzell, I love you like a brother, but if you could be sheriff, I can too.' And when I saw what he did and what happened, that he was elected sheriff back in 1998, the thought process in my mind was, you know, maybe I can come back and do something more for this county."

And he did run and won in 2002 and is now in his fifth term and eyeing retirement next year.

"I ran on the way I treated people as a state trooper," he said, and his being out in the county "involved in a lot of coaching with kids and adults and I was pretty active in the community and my church and all of that paid off."

Of this election, he agreed, "It was a second chance. And I think I made the most of it. And it's been a dream job for me. I've just been dealt with a dream job."

He credits the men and women of his department. "I've been blessed with great people and a family that's been behind me and an advisor like my father, being a former state trooper. He was a guy that would tell me, 'Think about that. Don't do that. And he's still in my mind today.'"

He talked with his late father about whether he should run again or retire. Evans said his father advised "you have nothing else to prove. You've had an outstanding career. It may be time for you to hang it up. You've done more than anybody could expect of you, especially your family, and that's something, you know, to think about, man." And I kind of wanted one more term, but when he passed, he left my family off a little better than we thought. And it wasn't a financial reason that I needed to keep on running. And he kind of made it easy for me to bow out with being five (terms)."



Sheriff Mike Evans (l) and Assistant Sheriff Lt. Col. Dave McDowell

So now that that retirement date is fast approaching, how does he feel. Evans said, "I love the job of being sheriff. I just didn't have it in me to campaign, this last time. And so, putting all that together with my family, we decided that now was the time to do it, to go ahead and leave. So, I got it both ways looking forward to it and hoping it comes slowly. And I'm anxious about it, you might say."

He's retiring at a time when policing, nationally and in Maryland, is in turmoil. The county is moving ahead, based on state legislation, with creating a Police Accountability Board (PAB).

The changes didn't influence his decision. "That doesn't bother me, especially because the county we live in, in Calvert County, the citizens here respect us. They like us. As a sheriff, I'm responsible for them and to them to give them the answers they seek and to protect them as best as possible."

When Evans was asked if the changes enacted by the legislature were necessary, he bluntly responded, "Hell no. That was a knee-jerk reaction to a couple of bad police officers in jurisdictions not including ours and it was made by the Democratic legislature and those counties and to affect all the cops in Maryland. And that's just not the way it should have been done. I'm hoping that they'll come to their senses this legislative session and change some of those bills. Taking some of the things away that police officers have earned and deserve like the Bill of Rights for the last almost 40 years, it's just not right. It's certain people driving the bus and it's not the Republicans or the governor."

Regarding the Police Officers Bill of Rights, he said even with the protections, "when they're wrong, they're wrong and they're going to get caught if they're wrong."

Evans noted his department's embracing of body cameras. "We went out and did that on our own because we want to be transparent. Having the body cameras actually helped us in showing that some of these complaints are frivolous, inaccurate and wrong."

Citizen complaints were taken seriously, he said, and the body cameras

don't allow the deputies "to get away with anything," he asserted.

"And quite frankly," he said, "I think the deputies will tell you they're happy to have the body cameras because it exonerates them."

He said it's not at all like the fox guarding the henhouse. "No, we're professional. Our guys do their job." He noted they have called in outside help to investigate deaths while in custody.

Regarding a civilian PAB, Evans said, "They have no idea what the training we go through and the things we see every day. There would be no understanding of how we've dealt with things along the way. It's going to be someone that could have a bias, a bad experience with one police officer, and that's going to be the thing in their mind when they make a decision. And that's what's scary about this whole thing."

Regarding a recent report of one police chief training his officers to shoot to disable, Evans said he favored it, but "it would take an awful lot of training."

The states' sheriffs question the constitutionality of the legislative "police reform." Evans said, "The law says that the sheriff is sworn in what his duties are within the constitution, especially in the state of Maryland. It's pretty clear that I have the responsibility of the safety of all citizens of Calvert County. I'm responsible for how my deputy is disciplined, hiring and firing him, and this is giving it to an outside agency that doesn't have any equivalent clear understanding of how this is done. You're just giving them some latitude to probably take away a good police officer or an officer we would fire because of untruthfulness. They can make us keep them. That's the scary part that I'm concerned about is saying that someone we would normally terminate, they might investigate and say, well, I don't think it's that bad. You have to keep them."

Evans favors the proposal prepared by former commissioner Tim Hutchins for the PAB, which has heavy reliance on retired law enforcement officers.

Assistant Sheriff Lt. Col. Dave McDowell said, "He (Hutchins) did lay out a very, very well thought out plan. It's going to depend on what this board (of

commissioners) wants to do, whether they want to follow that or not. We certainly encourage them to, and I'll just say this, we've been holding our personnel accountable. I'm not going to say we don't need accountability for them, but we've been holding our personnel accountable since day one. It's not this belief that there's systemic corruption amongst police leaders or field officers. It is just ludicrous."

Capt. Brett Parrott, who is in charge of the administration bureau, was assigned to internal affairs investigations for eight years. During that time, he said, the complaint process became more transparent.

"We were able to conduct some research. We brought in some internal affairs software track support, reporting out internal and external complaints, and it's worked out really good."

He added, "Since 2007, actually we were the first agency in the state to implement a mediation process, which is an alternative to our traditional complaint process. The Sheriff's very happy with that. It provides the citizen the ability to actually talk one-on-one with the officers."

He added, "The citizens, if they feel like they have the ability to talk to the officer, tell them why they were upset with the officer, and they get a little more out of it than the traditional way." He said the new bill won't have that feature.

As he gets nearer to retirement, Evans said of McDowell: "I'm putting a lot more pressure on him and letting him do some things that I would normally do to benefit him and to benefit everyone in Calvert County so they can see who the best person for the job is."

Evans said McDowell is "representing me more at Eagle Scouts and community events, doing more speaking engagements that I would normally do."

Evans wholeheartedly supports McDowell to succeed him. Evans said McDowell told him once that he wanted the job of sheriff someday. "He got into a Johns Hopkins program, got his bachelor's degree, his master's degree. Then he wanted to go to the national FBI Academy. He did everything right. He's got so much experience that being the sheriff will be easy for him."

"The truth is being the sheriff will be a lot easier for him and a more rewarding one too."

He added, "He's got the education, he's got the know-how and he is definitely the best person to replace me for sure."

The race will be a crowded one, with Republicans McDowell and Mike Wilson and Democrat Vaughn Jay Johnson already filed. Republicans Craig Kontra and Ricky Cox are campaigning and are expected to file.

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach is holding the first sheriff's candidate's forum on Nov. 18, at 7 p.m.

*dickmyers@countytimes.net*

## CAASA Announces Mini-Grant Recipients

The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAASA) is pleased to announce this year's Mini-Grant recipients. CAASA distributed approximately \$1,800 in funding to implement programs and activities aimed at providing substance abuse prevention education and supporting the social and emotional well-being of Calvert County residents. The recipients are:

- Beach Elementary School – to assist with the school's Positive Behaviors Reward System.
- F.U.E.L. Empowerment – funding will assist with the purchase of prevention education materials and giveaways.
- Patuxent and Appeal Elementary Campus – to assist with the creation of a Sensory Path. The Sensory Path will provide a safe space where students can retreat to when feeling overwhelmed with emotions; the path will give the students a safe space to regulate their mood and behaviors.
- Windy Hill Elementary School – assist with the creation of the school's "Calming Room" initiative. This initiative will provide a safe place for students where they can de-escalate and provide positive behavior supports that meet the students' needs.

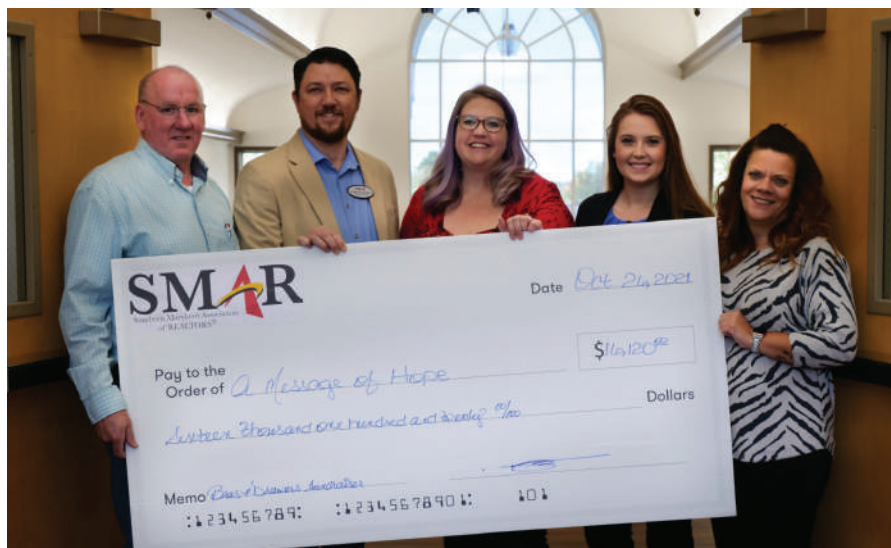


As a method to encourage the community to become involved in alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, CAASA awards funds to local community organizations/groups. The Board of Directors is excited that this year's recipients will take a proactive stance against substance abuse in Calvert County.

For information about the Mini-Grant Program or other programs sponsored by CAASA, please contact the Coordinator, Candice D'Agostino, at 410-535-3733.

*Press Release from CAASA.*

## Association Of REALTORS® Fundraiser Helps Cancer Patients



Pictured from left to right: Jimmy Hayden, Patrick Hilwig, Connie Gunn, Kate Brown, and Kelly Raley.

It was an energetic night at the Hughesville American Legion Post as community members packed the house for a fundraiser unlike any other in Southern Maryland.

The Southern Maryland Association of Realtors® (SMAR) hosted their 7th annual "Bras and Drawers for the Cause," to directly support the nonprofit "A Message Of Hope Cancer Fund." After a record-breaking fundraiser two years ago, the association has raised the bar once again, accumulating over \$17,911 in total donations.

The event featured men and women dressing in decorated "bras and drawers" and a variety of costumes, dancing around the room in hopes of raising the most money for charity.

The event also featured a live auction, a silent auction, and balloon pops. Each balloon popped contained a ticket to win a gift card donated by various local businesses.

"The night was a huge success," SMAR 2020 President and the chairwoman of SMAR Cares Tanya Redding said of the event. "Having our members and the community come together after a year that was so hard on all of us was phenomenal. We crushed our expectations, and the southern Maryland community will be the ones who directly benefit from the generosity we saw."

By the end of the night, SMAR's members and affiliates had raised a total of over \$16,120 that goes to A Message Of Hope Cancer Fund and \$1,791 for SMAR Cares, the charitable arm of the association.

On October 26, 2021, SMAR Cares Director Connie Gunn was joined by SMAR's community relations committee co-chair Patrick Hilwig, community relations committee member Kate Brown, SMAR's community relations staff liaison Kelly Raley, and A Message Of Hope President Jimmy Hayden

to present a giant check for the donation.

"This was our best year yet. Helping A Message of Hope has always been one mission and SMAR Cares is excited we can continue to fulfill our role as one of their largest supporters, year after year," Gunn said at the presentation. "Helping local families throughout our community is one of the many things Realtors stand for."

SMAR Cares is hoping to continue its charitable success with an even bigger event next year.

"This is the 7th year that they have been hosting this fundraiser," Hayden said. "We really appreciate all the support we get from the Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS®."

The association would like to take the opportunity to thank the event sponsors and major contributors: First Home Mortgage, Waterstone Mortgage, Capitol Title Insurance Agency, Lakeside Title Company, Bayview Title, REMAX 100, REMAX One, Leonard Realty, Print Links, First Washington Mortgage, Blue Crab Title, Jeff Gay, EXIT By The Bay Realty, Stage & Co and Fairway Mortgage. We would also like to thank our silent auction sponsors: Southern Maryland Blue Crabs; Seabreeze Restaurant & Tiki Bar; Carrabba's; Helen's Café; Green Turtle in LaPlata; Krystal Clear Cleaning; Lighthouse Restaurant; April Sage; East Coast Collision; Paramount Property Management; Carrie Parent; Natalie Wood; The Beauty Bar in LaPlata; and the White Plains Moose Lodge – Waldorf Division.

Coming in December, SMAR is planning a "Senior Santa" collaboration, where nursing homes will provide names of elderly residents with little to no family in their lives who can be shopped for during the holidays by community members.

*Press Release from SMAR.*

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# SMADC Announces Mini-Grant Program Funding



The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) is pleased to announce the 9th Round of the Southern Maryland Farmer Mini-Grant Program.

SMADC will begin accepting Mini-Grant applications on November 1, 2021. The Mini-Grant closes on January 1, 2022, with awards announced by mid-February, 2022.

The Mini-Grant program aligns with SMADC's mission 'to support farms and the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland and is designed to assist new and beginning farmers who own or lease existing agricultural properties with small start-up projects, and to assist experienced farmers who are looking to diversify or expand a current agriculture project. The projects should be simple in scope and must be successfully completed within one year.

SMADC awards will be up to \$2,000 per applicant and is a one-to-one match by the farmer. A total of \$41,195 in funding is available. However, it is anticipated that the number of applicants may exceed the amount of funding available, therefore grant applications will be ranked and awards may be less than the requested amount.

Grant funds may be used for equipment/services that help transition a farm's sales strategy (such as online sales, home delivery, on-farm sales, etc.), for other proj-

ects that allow the farm business to maintain and/or expand sales, for the purchase of foundation livestock, purchase of plant stock, marketing and promotion of current farm operation, new fencing, hoop house, and materials needed for value-added food production and on-farm upgrades to enhance food safety.

"In short, the Mini-Grant truly set us up for success. We were able to professionalize our operation, increase productivity, create professional jars/labels, and have stock on-hand and ready to go as demand increased overnight," said Kenna Pope Williams, a Round 5 grant recipient, "Our projections for the business were greatly exceeded and our growth continues. We are very grateful to the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission for awarding us these funds and are excited for the future of our business."

To date, the program has received 166 applications with 124 funded for a total of \$195,813.

For complete details of the SMADC Southern Maryland Farmer Mini-Grant Program, including Round 9 criteria and guidelines, and to access the online Grant application form, visit 'Farmer Resources' to find the 'Mini-Grants' page at [www.SMADC.com](http://www.SMADC.com).

*Press Release from SMADC.*

# 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 to-

ward 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.

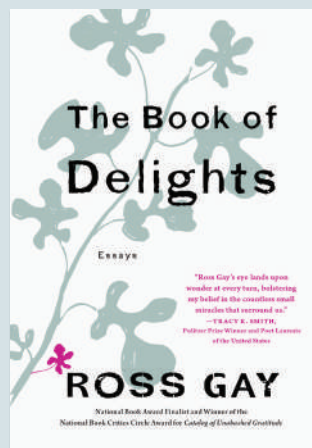
With more than 50 surgeons on medical staff, the needs are varied and CalvertHealth is hoping that the community will join them virtually to hear more about how the hospital is working to meet the needs of the community.

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](http://CalvertHealthFoundation.org/GiftedHands) or call the CalvertHealth Foundation at 410-414-4570.

*Press Release from CalvertHealth.*

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# 'Small Beauties' Exhibit Opens at ArtWorks

It's time to get ready for the holidays and ArtWorks@7th is just the place to hunt for amazing art treasures. In this month's theme, "Small Beauties," we are showcasing unique, one of a kind treasures for everyone on your gift list. We have 23 local artists who have wonderful art of all mediums for the most wonderful time of the year. There are many "Small Beauties" at affordable prices to help you with your Christmas list!

Linda Owens, potter, has magical small pieces that will charm your holiday socks off! Come see her glazed stoneware pot, 3" tall, 3" wide, with an Aralia ornamental houseplant that resembles a small tree and does well in filtered sunlight.

Donna Tizols' assorted mini canvas pours make beautiful Christmas ornaments.

Suzanne Nawrot's green jasper pendant is sure to make any woman swoon!

These are just a few options available. There are many more: bookmarks, barrettes, coasters! Get a head start on your shopping and come to our opening reception on Nov 6, from 1 to 4. Meet the artists and experience the variety



By Suzanne Nawrot

of art represented by these wonderfully talented people. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Our featured artist this month is photographer Angel Beil.

Money spent locally stays in the local economy and continues to strengthen the economic base of the entire community. Small local businesses make indispensable contributions to communities and neighborhoods. Supporting local artists allows them the opportunity to continue to serve their communities. You will often see members of Artworks@7th supporting local charities and organizations by participating in art shows, teaching workshops, and donating items for fundraisers.

ArtWorks@7th is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue (near 2<sup>nd</sup>



By Donna Tizols

street) in North Beach, Maryland. *Press Release from ArtWorks@7th*



By Linda Owens



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# CSM Recognizes Allied Health Students

*Certified as Medical Coders and Assistants, Paramedics*



Southern Maryland's newest Emergency Medical Services Paramedics include (not in order) Jack Abbott, Kace Barth, Kayla Currie, Victoria Carter, Frederick Clarke, Phillip Coleman, Gabriella DePhillip, James Doonan, Dale Gilbert, Ethan Johnson, Walt Johnson, Darren Johns, Megan Lowmiller, Keithen May, Tim McGarry, Oliva Morgan, Biscequia Powell and Nathan Sauer.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) celebrated 36 CSM graduates who became certified as Medical Coding Specialists, Medical Assistants or EMS-Paramedics during an Allied Health Career Recognition Ceremony Aug. 19. All of the students were recognized by attendees of the on-line ceremony as “hometown heroes” and for graduating in one of college’s Allied Health programs that were ranked 29<sup>th</sup> nationally six months ago.

Acting Chair of the Nursing Dr. Sara Cano was the evening’s Mistress of Ceremonies and she hosted the event in collaboration with Interim Assistant Dean for the School of Science and Health Turner Coggins. “One of my heroes and founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, once said, ‘I attribute my success to this - I never gave or took any excuse.’” Cano shared. “Because you did not give or take any excuse, you have completed the requirements for your program and have achieved your goal. We welcome you and honor you tonight,” she told the graduates.

#### Medical Coding Specialist

The graduates who earn the Medical Coding Specialist certificate completed a minimum of 37 credit hours of course work in areas from Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Medical Coding to include diagnostic and procedural coding and Revenue Cycle Management.

The nine CSM students receiving their Medical Coding Specialist certificate were Skyler Barrick, Lauren Faucette, Ann Hayes, Dajawn Knight, Amanda Mainor, Iniesha Marshal, Delaina McElvine, Jessica, Minner and Mary Noe.

“This profession combines healthcare, computers, security, turning physician words into codes for the reimbursement for healthcare services,” explained is Medical Coding Certificate/HIM Program Coordinator Professor Candi Hume. “Our Medical Coding Specialist graduates will enter the workforce as coders, billers, insurance specialists, charge entry analysts and auditors. They can work for hospitals, doctor’s offices, insurance companies, the government, and in many healthcare arenas. “This a career that will take them as long and as high as they want to go.”

#### Medical Assistants

An additional nine CSM students earned their Medical Assistant certificates and more than half of those students have already been hired to work in the field. Hume called the new medical assistants a “very intelligent and dedicated class who will become the backbone of today’s non-emergent, out-patient services.”

The newly certified medical assistants are Angela Becknauld, Ann Carter, Jennah Hutson-Latham, Morgan Green, Nedisha Oscar, Gabriela Ochoa, Thania Martinez-Ochoa, Tajhi Sesay and

Tyla Wilson.

Medical assistants provide a broad variety of services including collecting and preparing laboratory specimens, performing phlebotomy and basic laboratory tests, instructing patients about medication and special diets, preparing and administering medications, including by intramuscular, intradermal, and subcutaneous injections—including vaccinations/immunizations, as directed by a physician or other licensed provider (e.g., a nurse practitioner or physician assistant), taking electrocardiograms and providing wound care.

#### Emergency Medical Services Paramedics

CSM Emergency Medical Services Program Coordinator Dr. April Rollins celebrated 18 graduates in the Emergency Medical Services Paramedic program. Students who earn this certification are able to provide emergency pre-hospital medical care to those who have sustained potentially life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

“Every one of these graduates worked while going through school,” explained Rollins. “These students did an amazing job. COVID put a lot of stress on the EMS system as a whole and our students – many of them whom volunteer at local stations. These students were amazing.”

The region’s new paramedics include Jack Abbott, Kace Barth, Kayla Currie, Victoria Carter, Frederick Clarke, Phillip Cole-

man, Gabriella DePhillip, James Doonan, Dale Gilbert, Ethan Johnson, Walt Johnson, Darren Johns, Megan Lowmiller, Keithen May, Tim McGarry, Oliva Morgan, Biscequia Powell and Nathan Sauer.

CSM was awarded top ranking status for its Allied Health programs by Intelligent.com in March 2021. CSM was listed among thousands of public institutions in the nation, and the comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of 2,277 accredited colleges and universities, CSM’s program ranked 29<sup>th</sup> nationally. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment before being included in the education resource guide on the best public institution programs for 2021.

Encompassing credit degree programs like Nursing, EMS, Medical Lab Technology, and more, and continuing education workforce training certificates in a variety of specialties like Phlebotomy, CNA/GNA, and ECG/EKG Technicians, the Health Pathway at CSM provides a broad variety of medical training for a number of different careers. Some types of nurses and therapists can expect to get started on their careers after two years, or advance their education with certifications at CSM; medical assistants and phlebotomists can get certified in a matter of weeks or months.

*Press Release from CSM.*

# St. Mary's Ranked 6th Best Public Liberal Arts College



St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College, is ranked as the 6<sup>th</sup> best public liberal arts college in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's "2022 Best Colleges," released Monday, Sept. 13.

St. Mary's College ranks 89 on the national liberal arts colleges list, public and private. The National Liberal Arts Colleges ranking emphasizes colleges with undergraduate education and who award at least half of their degrees in the liberal arts fields of study.

St. Mary's College is also ranked as a best value school. According to U.S. News & World Report, this ranking is based on four indicators: "Academic quality relative to the average discount price paid by full-time undergraduates after receiving need-based grants; the percentage of all full-time undergraduates receiving need-based scholarships or grants; the average

discount from the school's total sticker price for full-time undergraduates; among 2020-2021 full-time undergraduates who received need-based aid, the percentage of that percentage who also received a grant or scholarship – aid that students don't have to pay back."

The college is also ranked among the top performers on social mobility, a ranking based on St. Mary's College enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants.

In addition, St. Mary's College was recently included in The Princeton Review's "Best 387 Colleges" Guide for 2022, recognized by Niche.com as one of the Best Colleges in Maryland, and ranked 30 among top liberal arts colleges in 2021 Washington Monthly college rankings.

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

# Tackle Box Fishing Report



Dwane Clomax caught this 6 lb 5 oz Bullhead catfish with Bellador Charters out of Tall Timbers. This appears to be a state record for this species.

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

The storm last Friday had a monumental tide surge that had docks underwater and water in the trees. The high water mark probably measured in the top ten of the last four decades and was pretty much a surprise.

There is still a lot of debris and floating hazards everywhere in the creeks, rivers, and bay. This event will speed the migration of our summer visiting fish. Spot, mackerel, bluefish and redfish will be migrating to the ocean as the water cools and clears.

However, this is rockfish weather. Striped bass will school up and feed on the plentiful baitfish that have permeated creeks, rivers, and bay.

There was little fishing in the last four days because of the conditions. This will make us all pioneers on our next trip out. The

rock should be plentiful in the rivers for trollers using tandems and umbrellas. The fish will be active at Cedar Point Rip at dawn and dusk. The reefs south of Point No Point should be holding rockfish all day. Breakers will be popping up most everywhere attracting diving sea birds.

Catfishing in the Potomac above St. George Island is very good for bait fishing using cut alewife and mud shad. There are catfish off the shore line in Breton Bay, Chaptico, and Bushwood wharf. The upper Patuxent has plenty of big catfish.

Crappie are active in St. Mary's Lake for lure casters using tine jigs. Live minnows are excellent bait too. The bass there are jumping on deep diving crank baits.

Trout were stocked by DNR last week, and those targeting them have had good catches.

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# Calvert Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, November 4

### 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>.

### SOMD Vegan Restaurant Week

St. Mary's & Calvert counties

Back by popular demand, ALL diners are invited to enjoy animal-free dishes during this local celebration of creative and compassionate culinary delights:

#### CALVERT COUNTY

- Lotus Kitchen
- Lobby Coffee Bar & Café
- Ruddy Duck Brewery
- Hook & Vine

Follow the Facebook event page for menus and update: [fb.me/jP8z5a8lj](https://fb.me/jP8z5a8lj)

## Friday, November 5

### Tri-County Job and Career Fair.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

CSM Velocity Center at Indian Head.

Qualified and eager job seekers can meet with employers from throughout the region. Free for job seekers; registration fee applies for employers. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/11/job-fair.html>.

## Saturday, November 6

### Fundraiser Yard Sale

2915 Jalaber Lane Huntingtown, MD

7:30am-2pm

HUGE fundraiser yard sale with literally hundreds of items this weekend Nov 6th and 7th from 7:30am to 2pm. Collectors' items, estate sale items, kitchen appliances and sets, decorations, MANY unopened and gently used toys, HUNDREDS of brand new and gently used super CUTE and stylish girl's, boy's, baby's, and adults clothes and shoes, books, and so much more. Pay what you wish or can (except for collectibles). We kindly ask to spread the word in our community!

### Holiday Craft Fair

Huntingtown H.S., 4125 N Solomons

Island Rd. Huntingtown

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Holiday Craft Fair. Meet & Greet w/Santa. Kids crafts. Strolling Holiday Music.

Free Admission. Raffles. Over 50 vendors.

### Free Oil Changes

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](https://chesapeakechurch.org/oilchange).

### Freedom Hill Horse Rescue New Volunteer Orientation

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue 7940 N. Flint Hill Rd, Owings, MD 20736; 1-3 p.m.

Open to all. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

For information contact [freedom.hill.org@gmail.com](mailto:freedom.hill.org@gmail.com).

Looking for people to join our am or pm feed shifts as well as many of our 'behind the scenes' opportunities. No experience necessary. At the orientation, volunteers will learn our specific feed shift routine, how to groom a horse as well as the importance of safety and awareness when working around horses. The orientation is hands on.

## Sunday, November 7

### "On Watch" Memorial Service

2 p.m., On Watch Memorial

Join Calvert Marine Museum 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.

### Holiday Craft Fair

Huntingtown H.S., 4125 N Solomons Island Rd. Huntingtown, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Holiday Craft Fair. Meet & Greet w/Santa. Kids crafts. Strolling Holiday Music. Free Admission. Raffles. Over 50 vendors.

### Freedom Fund Virtual Fundraiser

4-5:30 p.m.

Pre-show starting 3:45 p.m.,

Price: \$40

The Calvert County Branch of the NAACP invites you to an afternoon of information, inspiration, encouragement, and entertainment. Celebrating Fighting for Justice, Civil Rights, Economic Equity and Education. We guarantee that you will be inspired, encouraged, informed, educated, and overwhelmed by 16-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives – Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

This VIRTUAL EVENT will be hosted by Cheryl Jackson, Radio Personality (Praise 104.1 DC). Enjoy entertainment by vocalist Alan Reed and musician/harpist Jeff Majors. Inspiration and encouragement by Prince Frederick native son and world-renowned basketball trainer Patrick Robinson, aka "Pat the Rock".

To purchase tickets ---- CALVERTNAACP.ORG

For information ---- call (240) 719-6966

## Thursday, November 11

### Veteran's Day

11 a.m. ceremony on the courthouse green in Prince Frederick sponsored by the county's American Legion posts.

1 p.m. at the Veteran's Park in Chesapeake Beach sponsored by American Legion Post 206. Reception will follow at the post home. The pulic is welcome.

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

### Little Minnows

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

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. 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: Waterman - Where Are the Oysters?

## Upcoming

### Concerts at Saint Nicholas

The Concerts at Saint Nicholas is excited to present Eya performing The Jesse Tree, a program for the season of Advent, November 14, 4:30-6:00pm. Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church is located at 1450 Plum Point Road, Huntingtown, MD. (410) 257-5683.

### Ward Virts Concert Series

#### The David Detweiler Quartet.

Nov. 14. 3-5 p.m.

Zoom. Join CSM for an afternoon of Jazz with the David Detweiler Quartet, featuring David Detweiler, Leon Anderson, Jr., Rodney Jordan, and Bill Peterson. Tenor saxophonist, composer, educator, and Vandoren Artist Detweiler is an Assistant Professor of Jazz at Florida State University (FSU). He has released three albums as a leader, and his album Celebrating Bird, co-led with bassist Fumi Tomita, was recently released on the Outside in Music record label. Free. RSVP to access Zoom information. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/11/ward-verts-david-detweiler.html>.

### A Mind-Body Approach to Relaxation Workshop.

Nov. 17.

2:30 – 4 p.m. Zoom.

Join CSM director of Adult and Community Education Judi Ferrara and take a moment to de-stress. Experience the power of being in a relaxed state and learn techniques that can help you deal with everyday stressors and positively impact your mind and body, leading to greater awareness and focus. RSVP to receive Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/11/a-mind-body-approach-to-relaxation.html>.

# 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](mailto:dickmyers@countytimes.net) after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

## Alice Cochran Williams



On Friday, October 29, 2021, Alice Cochran Williams went to sleep in the Lord. Alice was born on August 10, 1941 to Joseph Warren Cochran and Ruth Rebecca Cochran. Alice was a lifelong resident of Calvert County. She graduated from Calvert High School in June of 1959 and one week later married the love of her life, Gerald David Williams. From their union three children were born – David, Daryl, and Dana.

Alice re-entered the workforce once all three children were in school. She worked for the Calvert County Office of Aging and then Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (Baltimore Gas and Electric) from where she retired from her position as a managerial secretary.

Alice favorite pastimes included playing cards, boating, camping, playing word games, watching the Baltimore Orioles, and eating crabs. Our family spent most of our Friday nights at Abner's eating crabs with friends. Her face lit up whenever she saw her grandchildren. She was definitely one to spoil them.

She is survived by her children David Williams, Daryl Williams (Rene Boyd), and Dana Plater

(Roland), brothers Harry Cochran (Barbara) and Karl Anderson (Jeanne), daughter-in-law Christina "Tina" McMahon, grandchildren Ryan Plater, Travis Williams, Brooke Plater, Courtney Williams, Allison Plater, Danielle Williams, Kaitlyn Plater, and Matthew Plater, sisters-in-law Alberta Williams and Kay Quade, and many cousins, nephews, and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald (PopPop), parents Joseph Cochran and Ruth Beverly, brother Robert "Bob" Cochran, Sr., sisters Barbara Jean Lusby, Helen Tennyson, and Edna Mawyer, and niece Gail Ann Colace.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Alice's name can be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link: <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/>

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral Service will be Thursday, November 11, 2021

at 11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Burial will be in Miranda Cemetery, 4000 Huntingtown Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

## Francis James "Fran" Flagler, Jr.

Francis James "Fran" Flagler, Jr., 65, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Warminster, PA, passed away on October 27, 2021 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born December 9, 1955 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of Margaret (Keily) Flagler and the late Francis James Flagler.

Fran graduated from William Tennent High School in 1973. He was a Truck Driver for PepsiCo,

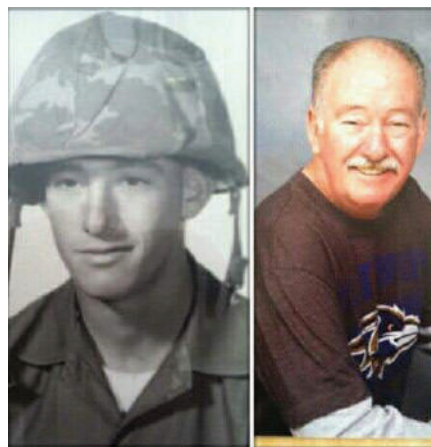


retiring from Teamsters Union local 830 in Philadelphia after thirty years. Fran moved to Calvert County from Bucks County, PA in 2008. Fran was a fan of all Philadelphia Sports (Go Birds). He enjoyed fishing, particularly with his kids and grandchildren. He loved lazy Sundays, camping, and traveling.

Fran is survived by his wife, Wende (Naefe) Flagler, whom he married in 2011; his children, Jason Flagler (Sharon) of Phoenix, AZ, Michael Flagler (Jaime) of Hatboro, PA, Sarah Rochestie (Russell) of Horsham, PA, and step-son, Nicholas Cappetta of Glen Burnie, MD; eight grandchildren; and his siblings, Peg Daidone of Boca Raton, FL, David Flagler of Horsham, PA, and Brian Flagler of Warminster, PA. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Flagler.

Services will be private. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

## Larry Gene Starling



Larry Gene Starling, 75, of Dunkirk passed away October 26, 2021. He was born April 24, 1946 in Washington DC to James Dallas and Mildred Virginia (Thompson) Starling. Larry was raised in Tuxedo, MD and joined the United States Marine Corps on February 17, 1966. Larry served in country combat in Vietnam and was honorably discharged on February 14, 1969 receiving the National De-

fense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and Sharpshooter Badge. Larry married Kathleen Marks on May 30, 1966 and they lived in New Carrollton before moving to Dunkirk. He worked as a construction superintendent for many years, retiring in 2009. Larry was a member of the American Legion Post 108 in Cheverly and in his spare time enjoyed bowling, hunting, golfing, shooting pool, playing poker, and the lottery, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Larry is survived by his wife Kathleen Starling of Dunkirk, children Robert Starling and wife Sandy of Owings, Cynthia Starling of Bowie, and Bradley Starling and wife Judy of Jarrettsville, grandchildren Amanda, Holly, Jacob, William, and Spencer, and great-grandchildren Dylan, McKinley, Camran, and Kaiden. He is also survived by sisters Agnes and Brenda and sisters-in-law Pam and Joyce. He was preceded in death by his grandson Robert Andrew Starling and siblings James, Raymond, Arlene, and Debbie.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings

Memorial Contributions may be made to Nam Knights of America Motorcycle Club-Old Line Chapter, PO Box 1111,

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## Joan L. Sweeney



Joan L. Sweeney, 93, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Wheaton, MD passed away on October 24, 2021 at her residence with her family by her side. Born September 10, 1928 in Bronx, NY, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Lieber and Edna (Rohrs) Lieber.

Joan graduated from Mount St. Vincent College, NY in 1950. She and her husband, Kenneth Sweeney were married at the United States Military Academy at West Point on June 6, 1953. Joan was

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employed as a Research Librarian for the Institute for Defense Analysis for twenty-six years, retiring in June 1994. She moved to Calvert County from Wheaton, MD in 1994.

Joan is survived by her sons, Patrick Sweeney of Newmanstown, PA, Kevin Sweeney of German town, MD and Brendan Sweeney of Lusby, MD; eleven grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; and her brother, Joseph Lieber of Cincinnati, OH. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Sweeney on September 11, 1979 and her children, Brian Sweeney and Kathleen Sweeney.

Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined.

Serving as pallbearers ay the Oct. 30 Mass of Christian Burial were Sean Sweeney, Rory Sweeney, Kirk Sweeney, Ciaran Sweeney, Pat Sweeney, and Kevin Sweeney.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Calvert Health Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 2127, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or at <https://www.calverthealthfoundation.org/Joan-Lieber-Sweeney-Memorial-Fund>.

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**Georgia Lee (Miles) Hardesty**



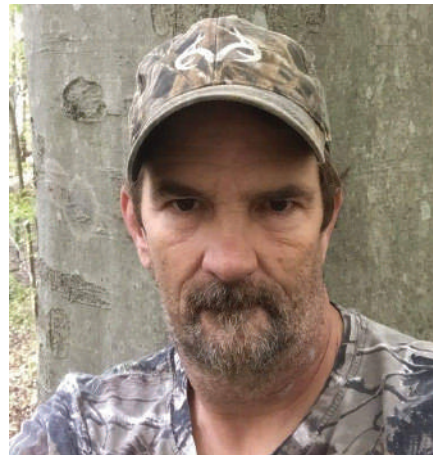
Georgia Lee (Miles) Hardesty, 84, of Huntingtown passed away October 23, 2021. She was born February 22, 1937 in Hillside, MD to Edgar S. and Marjorie B. (Jones) Miles. Georgia grew up in Hillside and attended Suitland High School. She married Maurice Hardesty in 1955 and they lived in Huntingtown. Georgia opened Hardesty Store in 1969 on the corner of Rt. 2 and Dalrymple Road. She owned and operated the country store with her husband for many years. Georgia was a former member of Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church and current member of All Saints Episcopal Church. She was a proud American who enjoyed duckpin bowling, dancing, attending bull roasts at the American Legion, country music, and the Washington Redskins. She always said she was a mother first, very proud of her children, and they never gave her any trouble. She will be greatly missed.

Georgia is survived by her children Maurice Hardesty and wife Cindy of Owings, Timothy Hardesty and wife Laura of Sunderland, Charles Michael Hardesty of Huntingtown, and Russell Hardesty of Huntingtown, grandchildren Tara, Mindy, Beau, Tabby, Josh, David, Amanda, Timmy Jr., Erin, and Emily, 18 great-grandchildren, and very special family member Linda Hardesty. She is also survived by brother Bucky Miles and wife Pat, sister Connie Haggard and husband Chuck, sister-in-law Sandy Miles, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Barbara, Charlotte, Jean, and Wilmer.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

**Daniel Wayne "Danny" Goff**

Daniel Wayne "Danny" Goff, 58, of Davidsonville passed away October 23, 2021. He was born



March 11, 1963 in Prince George's County to James "Harry" and Audrey Janet Goff. Danny grew up in Lothian and attended Southern High School. He worked as a plumber in Davidsonville for many years, a job he truly loved. Later on, in life Danny moved to Hedgesville, WV so he could spend his nights and weekends in his favorite place, on the river in the woods, all while continuing to commute back to Davidsonville for work. His family cherished the time they spent with him in West Virginia. When Danny wasn't working or hunting, he would be talking about hunting or spending time with his grandchildren, two things he loved to do.

Danny is survived by his wife Jennifer Goff of Davidsonville, children Michael Goff and wife Amanda of Huntingtown, Kristen Goff and husband Chris of Martinsburg, WV, and Kelley Goff of Martinsburg, WV, step daughter Ashley Mattero of Edgewater, grandchildren Sylus, Scarlett, Slade, Lucas, and Isabella, brother David Goff of Florida and sister Rebecca Schaaf of Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers John and James Goff.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

**Kathleen "Kathy" Schnobrich**



Kathleen "Kathy" Schnobrich, 71, of Dunkirk, MD passed away October 23, 2021. She was born on September 22, 1950 in Buffalo, NY to Walter Stanley and Eleanor (Woloczynski) Winiarczyk. Kathy received her Bachelor of Music from Catholic University in 1974. She worked for the District Court of Maryland for 27 years, where she rose through the ranks and eventually became Prince George's County Civil Division Chief. She retired in 2012. She was also an avid reader, musician, a great cook, and she loved her garden.

Kathy is survived by her sons, Norman Thomas Schnobrich, III of Ellicott City, MD, Russell Schnobrich of Dunkirk, MD; her brother Walter Winiarczyk, II, sister-in-law Karol Winiarczyk, and niece Lynn Winiarczyk, all of Buffalo, NY; nephew Walter Winiarczyk, III of Rochester, NY, and great-nephew Aidan Winiarczyk of Syracuse, NY.

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# GAMES & PUZZLES

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 5. President of Syria
- 10. Partner to flows
- 14. "Snow" in Welsh
- 15. Famed Mexican painter
- 16. Song
- 17. ticks outward from the crown
- 18. Doddering
- 19. Resist authority (slang)
- 20. Antsy
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Spills the beans
- 24. Past
- 27. The woman
- 30. One has 24 hours
- 31. Talk
- 32. It can sting
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Halfway
- 38. Chinese dynasty
- 39. Australian river
- 40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Crucifix
- 43. Defunct European economic group
- 44. "Hotel California" rockers
- 45. Michael Knight's car
- 46. Actress Ryan

- 47. A digital tape recording of sound
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Golden-\_\_ corn
- 55. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- 56. Sword
- 60. Ottoman military title
- 61. Aromatic plants
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
- 65. Political unit
- 66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets
- 67. Comfort food dish
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. One point east of southeast
- 2. Italian monetary unit
- 3. Warship prison
- 4. Tropical American tree
- 5. Alias
- 6. Normal or sound powers of mind
- 7. English county
- 8. Not compatible with
- 9. Female deer
- 10. Not late
- 11. La \_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 12. "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie
- 13. Impudence

- 21. Advises
- 23. Founder of Babism
- 25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 26. Male parent
- 27. A type of plug
- 28. Capital of Vietnam
- 29. Fungal disease
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Excrete
- 36. Unhappy
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. Coffee receptacle
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Makes full
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Take in solid food
- 46. \_\_ student, learns healing
- 47. A way to take away
- 49. Impart a lesson to
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one of two or more things
- 53. Indian city
- 54. 17th stars
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

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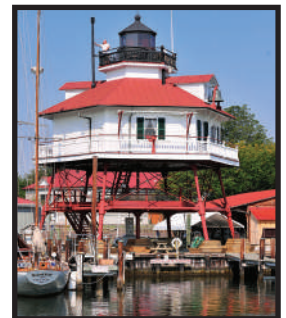
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# Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a fail-

ure to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental prob-

lems. The good news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

The fact that aligners are removeable means you can take them out whenever you eat. This makes eating more comfortable and cleaner as you will not have to worry about food particles being stuck in your braces. They also allow you to easily clean your teeth, where braces with wires make flossing and thorough brushing more difficult. The material used by Invisalign® is by far superior to all other aligners on the market. Not only is it the most invisible, it is also the fastest working material, meaning you will reach your

desired outcome in a fraction of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

Finally, with Invisalign® technology, your dentist can take a scan of your mouth and show you virtually what your results will look like, from the improved esthetics of your smile profile to the benefits of improving any occlusion issues that may be causing damage to your teeth.

The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!

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