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State Redistricting Coming to Next General Assembly

By Dick Myers, Editor
And Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

State Democrats have pushed through their congressional redistricting maps on party line votes — drawn by their own party — in a legislative special session which Gov. Larry Hogan quickly vetoed, calling them an embarrassment and a prime example of gerrymandering.

The Democrats just as quickly overrode Hogan's veto, but lawmakers on the other side of the aisle say the fight is not over.

Del. Jerry Clark (R: 29-C, Calvert and St. Mary's) called the Democratic map-making a "power grab."

Clark said when the legislators convened for the special session last week the outcome was a foregone conclusion with his party having little say in the matter.

Clark said the only hope is for a court challenge "to stop this gerrymandering."

The congressional map drawn by the legislature doesn't change the status quo in Southern Maryland, with all three counties remaining intact in the 5th Congressional District along with parts of Prince George's, now represented by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, who this week filed for re-election.

Big changes could occur, however, when the legislature tackles their own redistricting when they convene for the 2022 General Assembly session on Jan. 12.

A committee formed by Gov. Hogan has issued advisory redistricting maps that created a new senatorial district which includes all of Calvert and lower Anne Arundel. The House districts drawn include one that has both Clark and Del. Mark Fisher in it. That could open the way for Fisher to run for that new Senate district.

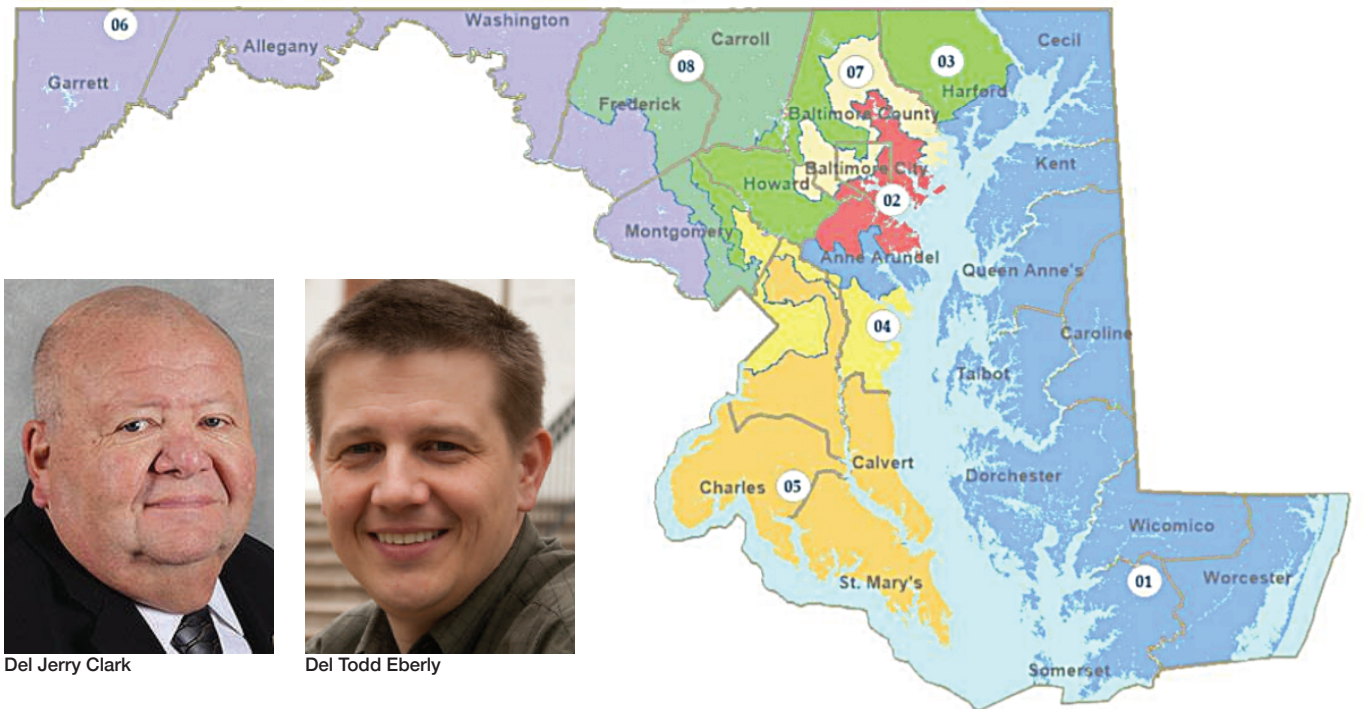
However, the Democrats may want to block another Republican Senate seat. Current District 27 Senator Michael Jackson, a Democrat, has said he would like to retain a district that includes parts of Calvert along with his home county of Prince George's.

Jackson told The County Times that he does not believe the governor's committee's plan will survive legislative muster.

Todd Eberly, professor of political science at St. Mary's College of Maryland, believes the area is protected regardless of what party is in power in Washington.

He believes the presence of Patuxent River Naval Air Station effectively insulated the region from federal funding cuts.

"I've never seen where it made a difference of federal funds flowing to Southern Maryland in a Democrat or Republican congress," Eberly said, adding that the position of St. Mary's and Calvert counties as peninsulas, as well as their strong GOP majorities, also helped insulate them from Democrat



Del Jerry Clark



Del Todd Eberly

schemes for redistricting.

"Maryland's state level districts are every bit as gerrymandered as the congressional ones," Eberly said. "But it would take some creative and likely impossible lines being drawn to change the political landscape in Southern Maryland."

"It's difficult to draw lines to dilute GOP majority here."

Eberly said it was difficult to speculate about the nature of state-level redistricting, but the congressional-level tactics used by Democrats here mirrored those of Republicans in states such as Texas, which have also been accused of gerrymandering.

"They [Democrats] weren't going to do anything to endanger losing so much as one seat," Eberly said. "We all knew where this was going."

Meanwhile a third tier of redistricting is going on locally, where a committee is considering what to do with the county's three commissioner districts.

The Calvert County Redistricting Committee will hold a hybrid public meeting Monday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. to consider options for Calvert County Election Districts. The meeting will be held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center, located at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick.

The public may attend either in person or virtually through Zoom at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Redistricting-Meeting. Participants may also dial in by phone (audio only): Toll-free: 888-475-4499 or 833-548-276; Meeting ID: 853-39200649

This will be the first of several meetings, with additional opportunities for public participation. The meeting will be recorded and available to view on the county website at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov and YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov.

Redistricting is the process of changing election district boundaries. The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) appoints a Redistricting Com-

mittee charged with reviewing BOCC election districts and boundaries following the decennial census to account for population changes.

The Redistricting Committee will consider public input on the current structure of the BOCC election districts and formulate a recommendation to the BOCC on whether to: keep the current three election districts; increase the

number of election districts; change how commissioners are elected (countywide or within their home election districts only); change how the president of the BOCC is elected, whether by registered voters for a four-year term or by the BOCC each year,

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Curry: Masks Aren't Going Away

By Dick Myers
Editor

The requirement for students to wear masks in Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) continues to be emotional and controversial. A speaker at the Dec. 9 Calvert County Board of Education meeting public comment time made it clear that some parents want to see them be a thing of the past.

But School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry doesn't think that's going to happen anytime soon.

Curry said at the meeting, "With regard to the issue of masks, I thought I'd say something about the State Board of Education's position this week. They did, as the state superintendent would like to say, offer an off ramp to get away from the mandatory mask mandate, but it's not an easy target to hit. They did indicate that they're extending the mask mandate or hope to; this has to be approved by a legislative committee. But they've changed their proposal to extending the mask mandate, but they allow there's a couple of openings. One of them is if 80 percent of the students in the school and 80 percent of the staff at the school are vaccinated. Then the superintendent could consider that school to be able to be mask optional.

"We are not near any of those kinds of numbers either for that or some of the others. There were three different off ramps. I



Calvert County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Daniel Curry

don't think we're near any of them at this point.

"So, I don't see us in that consideration anytime soon."

Before Curry gave that assessment, parent Amanda Wilson called for the school system to challenge the state school board's decision.

The board of education was originally scheduled to meet with the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners at their Dec. 14 meeting but that was rescheduled for Dec. 21.

The school board's limiting public participation to 10 speakers per meeting is sure to come up at that joint session. The school board at the Dec. 9 meeting once again rejected a motion by member Pat Nutter to rescind the policy. The motion failed 2-3.

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Teen Dies After St. Leonard Motor Vehicle Crash

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau on Monday, Dec. 13 at approximately 5:20 p.m. responded to the area of MD Rt. 4 and Calvert Beach Road in St. Leonard for a report of a serious motor vehicle collision. Due to the circumstance, the Crash Reconstruction Team responded to assume the investigation.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2018 Jeep Compass was stationary in traffic waiting for a vehicle to be towed from the left turn lane of southbound MD 4. At some point, the Jeep Compass went around the tow and attempted to cross northbound MD 4 onto Calvert Beach Road. A 2017 Ford F250 Super Duty struck the Jeep Compass.

The 2018 Jeep Compass was operated by Laura Rae Turnbaugh, 45, of Chesapeake Beach. Turnbaugh was flown to Washington Hospital Center via Trooper 7.

The Jeep was also occupied by two rear seat passengers. One passenger, a 13-year old female, was flown to Children's Hospital via Trooper 7. The other passenger, a 16-year old male, was ground transported to CalvertHealth Medical Center where he was succumbed to his injuries.

The 2017 Ford F250 was operated by

Stephen Thomas Knott, 45, of St. Inigoes. The driver and passenger of the Ford F250 refused medical treatment and were released from scene.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Unit has been working throughout the night to determine the causation and contributing factors to the fatal crash.

Based on the numerous witness statements from citizens who saw the collision occur, physical evidence collected on the scene and vehicle evidence, it has been determined that the driver of the Jeep Compass failed to stop at a dedicated left turn light, failed to obey a traffic control signal and failed to field the right of way. At the time of the crash, the signal was a solid red left turn arrow. The Ford F-250 vehicle that was traveling northbound on MD Route 4 entered the intersection on a green signal.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Unit is continuing the investigation and a full report will be forthcoming once all the evidence is analyzed and reports from partner agencies are obtained.

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Police Accountability Board Makeup Still at Issue

Aired at Second Public Meeting

By Dick Myers
Editor

Even though the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has reduced to a maximum of two of the nine members of the proposed Police Accountability Board (PAB) with previous law enforcement experience, that's two too many according to some of the speakers at a Dec. 9 public meeting.

About a dozen people spoke at the second meeting to solicit public input on the makeup of the board mandated by the Maryland General Assembly for all Maryland counties as part of police reform. County Attorney John Norris conducted the meeting. Citizen participation versus law enforcement experience still is the major stumbling block.

James Field said he was a "survivor of police brutality," after being stopped for a car light being out.

After being forced to the ground and handcuffed, Field said one of the officers said, "Who are you going to call now?"

Field charged, "Police see themselves as a uniformed gang," adding, "they feel they are entitled to preferential treatment."

School board member Antoine White, who is African American, said, "I also was a victim of an incident in the county," adding "I was treated pretty badly."

He said though he reported it and "it was taken care of."

Both speakers supported an all-citizen PAB.

On the other hand, several speakers urged support of former commissioner Tim Hutchins' plan for a board heavily weighted with former law enforcement officers.

Newly elected Republican Central Committee Chairman Cal Steuart said, "We don't want to get in the way of our police officers protecting the county."

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," Steuart said.

Calvert County NAACP Branch President Michael Kent praised the revisions made by the BOCC. Although admitting the proposal wasn't perfect, he said, "Overall it's a very good effort from where we stand."

But Christina Mackall called for the board makeup to be 50 percent minority instead of mandating just three of the nine members be minority.

"The PAB needs to be people who look like me," said Mackall, who is black.

But another speaker said the makeup should reflect how the county looks.

Norris reported the BOCC made the following changes since the first public meeting:

- Members of the Accountability Board must, to the extent practicable: – Represent reflect the racial, gender, and cultural diversity of Calvert County, including express provisions that:



County Attorney John Norris

(1) women be 50 percent of the membership; and

(2) Not less than three members shall be from minority populations within the county.

– Be composed of not less than two members from each County Commissioner District.

and – One member should be a mental health practitioner.

• Members of the Accountability Board shall be eligible to sit as a juror, meeting an adaptation of the requirements of Md. Ann. Code, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, § 8-103

– Not having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year and received a sentence of imprisonment for more than one year,

unless pardoned.

– Shall not have a charge pending for a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year

and – Must be able to comprehend spoken and written English and speak and write English proficiently enough to complete a standard form application for appointment.

• To be eligible for appointment, a retired law enforcement officer must have been separated from law enforcement for a minimum of three years.

• The length of term of appointment has been reduced to three years, and no member may serve more than three terms.

• The Chair of the Accountability Board no longer need be retired law enforcement officer, but the requirement of State law that the Chair have "relevant experience", is carried forward.

• It is no longer required that the Chair of the Accountability Board serve as the Chair of the Charging Committee.

• The Charging Committee will elect its Chair from among its members annually at its first meeting on or after July 1.


• The Chair of the Charging Committee shall serve no more than two consecutive terms as the Chairperson.

Norris said the BOCC will hold a public hearing before finalizing the makeup of the PAB.

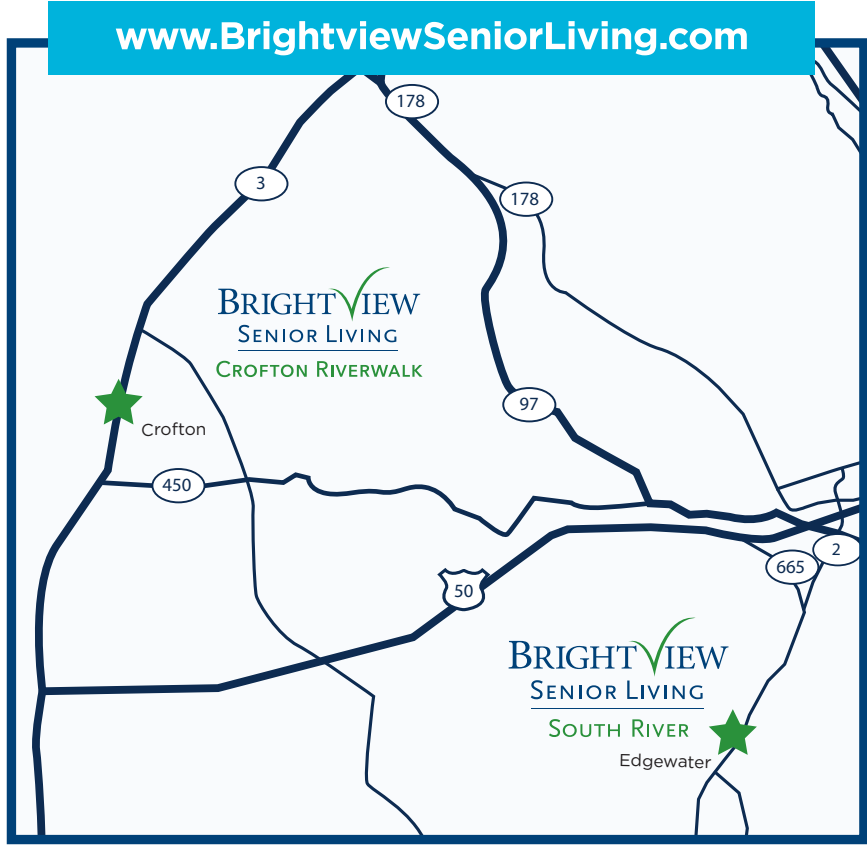
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Deputy Parks asked the student if he was ok, but due to the emergency at hand, the student was

not able to respond vocally. The student, Lucas Craun signaled to Parks that he was choking. Parks successfully performed the Heimlich Maneuver on Lucas, which ultimately saved his life.

The sheriff's office is happy to report Lucas is ok and beyond proud and grateful for Deputy Parks swift thinking and lifesaving actions.

Press Release from Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioners Seek Authority for Local Bid Preference

Part of Requests to Legislature

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will be asking the county's legislative delegation for authority to create a policy for giving bidding preference to county firms.

The proposal is part of a seven-item legislative package that will be presented to the lawmakers before they go into session in Annapolis on Jan. 12 of next year.

The idea has come up on several occasions recently in which a local company missed being the low bidder by a small amount.

Commissioner Chris Gadway, new to the job, wondered why there wasn't some mechanism to allow the preference.

Although it has been kicked around before, there has been fear of retaliation by neighboring counties against Calvert companies bidding there.

The proposal doesn't mandate it but only gives the county authority to do it at a later date after a public hearing.

"Without this we can't do anything," Gadway said at the BOCC Dec. 14

meeting at which the package was unanimously approved 4-0. Commissioner President Buddy Hance wasn't in attendance.

One of the items to be presented doesn't require legislation. The report from the county's Compensation Review Committee doesn't recommend any changes in compensation for county elected officials.

Other items to be presented to the legislators are:

- Authorizing county staff to do marine construction duties without needing a special license, similar to state and federal employees.
- Earmarks the county's five percent hotel tax for marketing instead of the monies going into the general fund.
- A placeholder for capital bond authority. The exact amount of the request has not been determined.
- Gives the county the authority to enter into multi-year contracts.
- Allows Sunday hunting on public lands during hunting season. It's currently allowed on private lands.

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1) **SPR-2018-286**, Calvert Gateway, Lot 4 (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk, on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center.

Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering

2) **SPR-2020-315**, Dunkirk District Park-Tennis Courts/Parking Lot (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at 10750 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Dunkirk, on one parcel consisting of 81.42 acres, zoned Dunkirk Town Center.

The submittal proposes additional amenities and parking to the existing public park. Scope of the project consists of three groups of tennis courts, parking lot and an ADA accessible restroom building in the back portion of the park. Also being proposed is a new on-site septic system, connection to existing on-site water well and site electrical service for lighting the tennis courts and parking lot.

The submittal was accepted October 28, 2020. Agent: WBCM

3) **CSPR-138210**, First Lutheran Church Addition (*Olivia Vidotto x2379) Located at 6300 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Huntingtown, currently on one parcel consisting of 5.6 acres, zoned RCD.

An approved Replat with a second parcel owned by the Church, will bring the total acreage to 8.1 for the proposed project. The submittal proposes construction of a one story 2,900 square foot addition with basement to the existing church. Existing classroom trailer will be removed upon completion of this project. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Wilkerson & Associates

4) **CSPR-138164**, Prince Frederick Crossing, Phase 4 (*Olivia Vidotto x2379)

Located at 30 Thoroughbred Drive, Prince Frederick, on 2.3 acres zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Forest District. The proposed project includes 20 townhouse units and a future commercial area to be developed at a later date. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent:

Bay Engineering

(5) **CSPR-138234**, Lynco Flex Space, CCIP Lot 45C (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at 65 Jibsail Drive, Prince Frederick, on Lot 45C of Calvert County Industrial Park, consisting of 208 acres, Zoned I-1.

The project proposes a 9,000 square foot Flex Space facility and associated improvements on the site. The submittal was accepted April 28, 2021. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

(6) **SPR-138176**, Armory Square (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at 435 North Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick on 12.95 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District.

This project proposes approximately 109,050 square feet of new commercial buildings, parking lots, utilities and related infrastructure. The submittal resumed agency review May 5, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

(7) **CSPR-138218**, Barstow Convenience Center (*Olivia Vidotto x2379) Located at 340 Stafford Road, Prince Frederick on three separate parcels consisting of 83.07 acres, Zoned RCD/EC.

The project proposes replacement of the existing recycling center with a new facility that includes improved customer parking, vehicular circulation and separating public vehicles from County vehicles. Site utilities will be connected to services currently supplying the existing maintenance building. The submittal was accepted June 23, 2021. Agent: WBCM

(8) **CSPR-138320**, Dunkirk Gateway Business Center, Lot 11 (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at 10375 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk on 2.66 acres, Zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Pro-

posed 10,395 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements.

This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted July 28, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering

(9) **SPR-142728**, Lusby Villas (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at 11770, Lusby Parkway, Lusby on 26.23 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District.

Proposed 276 Multi-Family Apartment Units, community center, associated parking lots, utilities and related infrastructure. This project is on public water and sewer. The submittal was accepted September 22, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

(10) **CSPR-142742**, Magnolia Ridge (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at the corner of Dares Beach Road and Fox Run Boulevard, Prince Frederick on 31.20 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Village District.

Proposed 96 multi-family apartment units and 164 townhouse units with associated site improvements. This project is on public water & sewer. The submittal was accepted October 28, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

(11) **CSPR-142744**, Dominion Energy Regional Park (*Christine Finamore x2321) Located at 10495 S. Solomons Island Road, Lusby, on 179.44 acres, Zoned RCD.

Proposed Phase I, includes multi athletic fields, bathroom facilities, pavilions, trails, a mountain bike course and pump track, totaling 14,495 gross square feet of development. 650 parking spaces are provided per the approved Park Master Plan. This project is on public water & sewer. The submittal was accepted November 17, 2021. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates, Inc



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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of November 29 – December 5, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,527 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 21-67561

On November 30, 2021, Deputy Murphy responded to the 2900 block of Stinnett Road in Huntingtown, MD for report of a burglary that had already occurred. The complainant advised sometime between 6 p.m. on Nov. 29 and 6 a.m. on Nov. 30, unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through the unlocked door and then exited through a separate locked back door. Nothing appears to have been stolen.

Burglary: 21-67305

On November 29, 2021, Deputy R. McCourt and S/DFC Flynt responded to the 3600 block of Basking Ridge Drive in Huntingtown, MD for the report of a Burglary in Progress. The complainant advised she heard noises in the basement and discovered the basement door to have opened after confirming it was closed moments prior. Nothing appears to have been stolen. A nearby witness observed a man in the woods wearing a black jacket/hoodie with a white stripe running away from the witness into the woods. No other suspect information is available at this time.

Destruction of Property: 21-68476

On December 4, 2021, Deputy T. Bowen responded to the 800 block of Whispering Pine Circle in Lusby, MD for a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised the rear window of her vehicle had been smashed out. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1,000.00.

Destruction of Property: 21-68658

On December 5, 2021, Deputy Strong responded to the 12400 block of Catalina Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised two vehicles parked at the residence had lewd graffiti drawn on the windshields of both vehicles. The value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Destruction of Property: 21-68246

On December 3, 2021, Deputy Morrison responded to the 7800 block of Arbor Way in Owings, MD a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised she observed an intentional key mark approximately 1.5-2 feet across the left front and rear door of a vehicle parked at the residence. The vehicle had not been moved in several days. The estimated value of property damage is \$500.00.

Theft: 21-68202

On December 3, 2021, Deputy T. Bowen responded to 1200 block of Adelina Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) broke into his shed and stole a red and

white Honda CR-125 dirt bike. The value of stolen property is \$5,000.000 and estimated value of damaged property is \$25.00.

ARRESTS

On December 3, 2021, Deputy Ashely and DFC R. Evans responded to report of a burglary in progress in the 600 block of Silver Rock Road in Lusby, MD. Upon arrival, deputies observed two males at the front door of the residence trying to break in. Investigation revealed one of the suspects, **Michael Dean Pistorio II**, 21 of Lusby, MD had repeatedly kicked and beaten the front door in. Pistorio was detained and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with for Burglary-First Degree, Burglary-3rd Degree, Disorderly Conduct and Malicious Destruction of Property Less than \$1000.00.



Michael Dean Pistorio II

On December 5, 2021, Deputy Morrison responded to the Safeway located at 80 W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of trespassing. The complainant advised **Robert Webb Owens III**, 27 of no fixed address, had been trespassed indefinitely from the property on Nov. 6, 2021. Owens was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing: Private Property.



Robert Webb Owens III

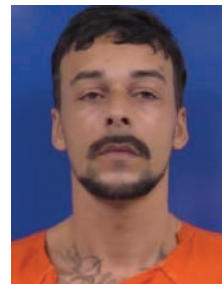
On December 4, 2021, DFC T. Buckler responded to 12300 block of Rousby Hall Rd in Lusby, MD for a possible burglary. Investigation revealed **Michael Sean Marshall**, 35 of Lusby, MD had stormed onto a neighbor's property and initiated a verbal altercation with the victim. The victim attempted to get away from Marshall, but Marshall followed the victim to his residence and continued the



Michale Sean Marshall

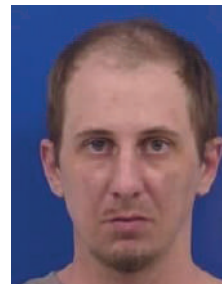
confrontation. Marshall attempted to kick the victim's door in, in an attempt to break in the home. Marshall was detained and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Attempted Burglary-3rd Degree, Assault-2nd Degree, Resist/Interfere with Arrest, Failure to Obey a Reasonable/Lawful Order.

On December 3, 2021, Deputy Aranda conducted a traffic stop on southbound Rt. 4 in the area of Ferry Landing Road in Dunkirk, MD. The driver, **Brandon Wells Parker**, 33 of Prince Frederick, MD, advised he had an active warrant through the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear for an assault case. Deputy Aranda confirmed the active arrest warrant and placed Parker in custody. A vehicle search revealed two hypodermic syringes and two burnt soda can bottoms, both containing heroin residue. Parker was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Brandon Wells Parker

On December 2, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker responded to Chance Ct. and Armiger Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a subject passed out in the roadway in front of a vehicle. The subject was identified as **Kyle William Samson**, 32 of Prince Frederick, MD, who appeared to be under the influence. Samson advised there was controlled dangerous substances inside his vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 9 hypodermic needles, two plastic cut straws, several capsules of suspected heroin and one capsule of Xanax. Samson was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Kyle William Samson

On December 4, 2021, DFC Boerum conducted a traffic stop on southbound Rt. 4 in the area of Sherry Lane in Prince Frederick, MD. The driver, **Malcolm Carl Young**, 45 of Forestville, MD, made an unsafe lane change and cut off a vehicle nearly causing an accident. Upon making contact with Young, a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. Deputy Boerum observed marijuana in plain view. A vehicle search revealed a knife, a plastic bag of raw marijuana, and two plastic bags containing a whitish rock like substance (suspected crack/cocaine). Young was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

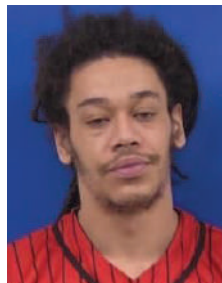


Malcom Carl Young

On December 1, 2021, Deputy Tavares and Deputy Savick conducted a traffic stop in the area of Bayside Road and 15th Street in Chesapeake Beach, MD. The driver, **Brittany Anne Rainbolt**, 34 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, was operating a vehicle with an inoperable taillight and failed to produce a vehicle registration. A vehicle search revealed, clear plastic cellophane with a white powdery residue (suspect crack-cocaine) and a clear tube also containing a white powdery residue (suspected crack-cocaine). A search of the passenger's person, **Caden Edward Dalrymple**, 27 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, revealed two clear smoking devices and one capsule containing a white powdery residue. Rainbolt and Dalrymple were detained and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Rainbolt was charged with CDS: Possession Not Marijuana and Caden was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Brittany Anne Rainbolt



Caden Edward Dalrymple

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

Calvert Loses a Legend: B

By Dick Myers
Editor

He was proud of being a World War II veteran, having served in the Navy and awarded the Asiatic-Pacific, American Theatre, and Victory medals.

He came home to Calvert County and became a businessman.

Soon he entered a long career as a public servant.

His list of volunteer activities would go on for pages.

He was a deeply religious man.

He was a family man, completely devoted to his wife of 69 years.

Bernie Fowler, a Calvert County legend who died Dec. 12 at the age of 97 at his home at Asbury-Solomons, will probably have his lasting legacy firmly embodied in his love of the Patuxent River.

Enter the name Bernie Fowler in your computer search engine and a long Wikipedia entry will pop up, "He was a Calvert County Commissioner from 1970 to 1982, and served in the Maryland Senate between 1983 and 1994. Fowler is best known for his advocacy for the cleanup of the Patuxent River, the largest river to be found entirely within the State of Maryland.

"Prior to being elected to public office, Fowler was an avid fisherman who would wade into the Patuxent River and make note of the clarity of the water. After noticing the clarity of the water slowly diminishing, Fowler chose to run for Calvert County Commissioner in 1970 and make the health of the Patuxent River a key issue. After serving over a decade as county commissioner, Fowler was elected to the Maryland Senate, where he remained until his retirement from public office in the mid-1990s.

"Fowler, as an early-1970s Calvert County Commissioner, led the way in a lawsuit filed by downriver Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties against upriver counties. The lawsuit forced the state, the upriver counties, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to enact pollution control measures. The 1985 total of 200,000 tons of sediment reaching the Chesapeake Bay annually was reduced to 130,000 by 2004. The Patuxent River is a rarity among Chesapeake watersheds in that most of its harmful phosphorus and nitrogen nutrient overloads come from its ever-increasing areas of urban runoff, and less from its other two largest contributors, point sources (industrial, sewage, etc.) and the declining agricultural areas.



Berine Fowler and his wife Betty

"Each June at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, Fowler held a 'wade-in' into the Patuxent River, where he and others would walk into the waters of the Patuxent River until their feet were no longer visible. The event was previously held at Broomes Island but was institutionalized at JPPM in 2010. Fowler did the annual tradition in order to bring awareness to the water clarity levels of the Patuxent River. In recent years, the 'wade-in' has become a noteworthy public event, with numerous public officials joining Fowler in the walk, including Maryland Governors Martin O'Malley and Robert Ehrlich, Democratic Party congressional majority leader Steny Hoyer and U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski. The 'wade-in' has been an annual tradition since 1988."

His given name was Clyde Bernard Fowler, but no one called him anything but Bernie. He attended his last wade-in in June. Dr. Tom Miller, head of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons, was also there. He wrote the following to his staff to announce Bernie's passing:

"For many of you Bernie is a name on one of our buildings. But one does not receive that honour without having done something worth the recognition - and that is certainly the case with Bernie Fowler. Bernie was one of the finest people I have had the

pleasure of knowing - a man of the utmost integrity and compassion. A man of vision and humility. His passion for his beloved Patuxent River drove almost half a century of his life's work to restore the river to what he knew as a young man. He developed one of the first - and most impactful citizen science programs of which I know - his simple wade in, during which he measured how far out he could wade into the Patuxent River and still see his 'white sneakers.'

"His passion for the river was informed by many scientists at CBL - most notably Don Heinle (unknown to many - but another scientist of integrity), and Walter Boynton (another scientist of integrity). He was one of our biggest supporters. He was forever grateful to generations of CBL researchers and scientists who were willing to talk to him and explain their work and most importantly, explain the implications of their work. In paying tribute to Bernie - we should remember his favourite phrase - 'We must never, never give up?'"

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D: 5th District) regularly attended the wade-in and considered Fowler to be a friend. He said of Bernie's passing: "Bernie Fowler exemplified public service at its best and lived a life of extraordinary contribution. His unflinching dedication to the people of Calvert County

and to the health and sustainability of the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay were legendary. The Patuxent and Chesapeake are cleaner and clearer because he had the courage to stand up to polluters and organized Marylanders to take action for conservation. Bernie was a man I greatly admired, a mentor to me and so many others, and I was proud to call a dear, dear friend for decades.

"I was honored to wade into the Patuxent with him every year and to help him measure our progress in ensuring that future generations could truly treasure the Chesapeake and its watershed.

"I will miss Bernie's wisdom and wit, his kind nature, and his warm and engaging spirit; he exemplified Lincoln's admonition of 'malice toward none and charity for all.' Bernie was a man of great faith and a fervent American patriot.

"Bernie is now reunited with his beloved Betty Lou, his wife of sixty-nine years, whom we lost not long ago. Together, their memory will continue to be an inspiration to us all, and I join in offering my condolences to their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the extended Fowler family."

Greg Bowen served as master of ceremonies for the wade-in in recent years. Bowen, former director of the county planning and

Bernie Fowler Passes Away



Berine Fowler at the Patuxent River Wade-In

zoning department and now director of American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT), was asked what Fowler should be remembered for. He said, "I would say his passion for the environment, all aspects of it. For maintaining and restoring the waterways as he remembered it as a kid. Bernie Fowler grew up at Broomes Island and he and his family members were fishermen, oystermen and so forth. For Bernie, it hurt his heart to see the Bay decline, to see it become more murky, and to see pollution, to see so much of the upper watershed disappear. He absolutely believed that the people could fix this if we were serious enough about it."

Bowen added, "I was with him for the wade-in again this year and he was resigned. He was telling some people that finally, he didn't think it would happen in his lifetime, which saddened him for sure. But he wanted his message to be carried on that he wanted this thing to happen. And so, I'm hoping that we can all chip in and do what needs to be done."

During his time in the planning and zoning department while Fowler was county commissioner, Bowen said Bernie's influence was "profound. He was a guy thinking outside the box. Bernie believed in planning. And so, he helped create the 'Pleasant Peninsula Plan,' which was an award-winning plan because of the way he engaged the public. A lot of the plans back in that day were more just written up and then adopted without much citizen participation. But he believed that in order for a plan to have any chance of success, the public had to embrace it and to do that, they had to be a part of the planning process. That Pleasant Peninsula

Plan in 1974, he went on to form a committee to look into land preservation approaches. And that's how we came up with transferable development rights."

Bowen said the concept came from a New York idea to preserve a rail station. It was adapted for Calvert County.

Bowen was on the committee that looked at it. "The farmers, when we went to all these meetings throughout the county, decided they wanted to try it. It was not forced down from the top. It was an idea that bubbled up from the citizens," he said.

Bowen said of his friendship with Fowler, "His sincerity has always been so appealing to people that they believed in his cause and wanted to work with him."

"He was a great family man and just a great friend."

Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) President William C. Baker said, "Senator Fowler was a great CBF partner. He was a co-plaintiff in our 2009 lawsuit to compel EPA to enforce the Clean Water Act which led to the current Clean Water Blueprint for the Bay.

"And beyond his leadership for clean water and a restored Bay, his tenacity to restore his beloved Patuxent River will be sorely missed."

At their Dec. 14 meeting the county commissioners issued a statement read by Vice President Steve Weems that nored Fowler's dedication to "the health of the Patuxent river upon which our community and cultural heritage depend. He was a model citizen, a beloved leader and friend who will be dearly missed."

Del. Jerry Clark (R; Calvert, St. Mary's) worked with Fowler often during the time Clark was a Cal-

vert County commissioner. "He was a true patriot," Clark said.

Clark observed, "He is the reason we have such a wonderful Calvert County."

Clark said he always went to Fowler for advice. "I just thought the world of him."

Fowler served as state senator for three terms and represented southern Calvert and lower St. Mary's counties. Leonardtown attorney J. Ernest "Ernie" Bell, II, served alongside him for those three terms. "He was a good, decent person, even handed, very fair minded and a very principled person. I never, in the 12 years that we were together, ever questioned his integrity or his judgment. He was a very decent person. And one willing to always listen to the other person's side of the story. He wasn't one to be quick to judgment."

Bell said Fowler cared as much about St. Mary's as he did his own Calvert County.

"He was very much part of the community," Bell said. "I was really involved sports. I had a softball team, and he was one of the players on our team. He was there for every game."

"He was just such a down-to-earth guy."

A biography of Bernie on the Maryland Archives website said, "He believes that his most significant achievement in the Senate was acting as a 'guardian of natural resources.'

"Senator Fowler's most memorable event in the Senate took place in his sophomore year when he was chosen to recite George Washington's address delivered in the Old Senate Chamber in 1783 when he resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. Sena-

tor Fowler believes that this was a great honor and a very rich experience in his career. He states that it was a moment of 'irrevocable history' to stand in the same place where so many powerful people had stood before and to read the words of our nation's first president."

Recently Fowler had been acting as an advisor to the group called Calvert Citizens United, which has filed suit against the county over adoption of the comprehensive plan update in 2019. He was concerned about that plan and said so in a letter to the Southern Maryland Sierra Club. He wrote, "In the earliest days of man's habitation of Calvert County, Native Americans and Captain John Smith alike recognized the delicate balance between the land and sea of our county. Its pristine beauty offered sustainability for all the regions' life forms, later giving way to Calvert County being named 'The Jewel of the Chesapeake.'"

He went on the say, "It's impossible to adequately express in words how angry and frustrated I am with Calvert County's newly adopted Comprehensive Plan."

He added, "The Good Lord has given us only one Calvert County. Let me quote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 'The time is always right to do what is right.' The Bible tells us to be good stewards which will be physically impossible to accomplish if the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan is implemented as approved by three members of the Board of County Commissioners. Without intervention, once this plan is executed, we will witness damage to all aspects of our lives. We will lose the option to enjoy the lifestyle the citizens of Calvert County have come to know as their home."

On November 5th, 2018, Bernie lost the love of his life, Betty, his wife of 69 years. She was the daughter of one of his best customers in his rental boat business that he started after getting out of the Navy. He had worked in the business while in high school.

Her mother introduced them. He was nine years older than she was. He reminisced in an interview last year with The County Times, "It was just love at first sight. And I think it was with her. She often told me that."

Details of Fowler's funeral had not been released as of press deadline.

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Land Trust Commemorates 35 Years with New Trail Debut



Photo by Carl Fleischhauer.

American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) held a dual celebration Saturday, Dec. 4, not only commemorating 35 years of land preservation, but also debuting their newest trail, which maneuvers throughout the recently-acquired Holly Hill property. Trail planning and work began in early 2020, not long after ACLT purchased the 405-acre property. Staff and volunteers worked tirelessly for over a year and half to ensure that the trail causes minimal ecological disturbance and traverses seamlessly along the steep ravines and streams that characterize the property. At its completion, the Holly Hill Trail adds two additional miles to ACLT's assortment of trails, connecting the Holly Hill property to the Prince Frederick to Bay Trail across Double Oak Road.

To properly break in the new trail, the event kicked off with a volksmarch, a German term which loosely translates to "people's march." Event-goers hiked from ACLT's North Side trailhead, South Side trailhead, and the trailhead at St. John Vianney church, trekking over ACLT's pre-existing trails to get to the new trail, which led hikers to the open fields at Holly Hill. It was here where attendees gathered to eat lunch, listen to live music from "Some Assembly," and hear a welcome address from President Dave Farr, as well as a few words from executive director Greg Bowen and Land Manager Autumn Phillips-Lewis.

The celebration convened around the property's historic American chestnut log barn, a pre-Civil War, double-crib structure, which has weathered its fair share of disasters in the past 12 years. At the brink of irreparable collapse, ACLT secured funding to reinforce the dilapidated barn, thus preserving a small piece of the property's agricultural history. "We were very grateful for a seed grant by Southern Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority for the viewing staircase on the west end, the doors, and the opening," remarked Bowen. "It was so cool to be able to preserve this property and save this barn."

Bowen also announced ACLT's plan to spotlight the Native American history on the landscape through the development of the Parkers Creek Heritage Trails, which will come with interpretive panels and a web page. "One of the

goals of ACLT is to understand and protect our history," Bowen said. "We are working hard to understand the relationship between land and humans in this landscape."

Following in the vein of preserving local history, Bowen divulged ACLT's ensuing effort to work with owner Gladys Jones to save the Brown's United Methodist Church, which holds historical relevance as the first African American church built in Parkers Creek. Like much of the United States' landscape, Parkers Creek has a vast and largely untold history. As stewards of over 3500 acres of land in Calvert County, ACLT has assumed the role of uplifting the stories of those who preceded us on this land.

Following Bowen's speech, which contextualized the Parkers Creek landscape in history, Land Manager Autumn Phillips-Lewis remarked on the contemporary context of ACLT's land. After 35 years, the land trust has achieved incredible feats, such as protecting over 3000 acres of forest that play a critical role in carbon storage and sequestration. However, in light of a changing climate and the president's ambitious goal of preserving 30% of the country's natural lands by 2030, Phillips-Lewis contended that "our work is not done. If anything, the stakes are higher." The work of ACLT and other land trusts is now more important than ever, and celebrating landmark successes is key to emboldening future action. Saturday's event aimed to do just that, as Phillips-Lewis assured supporters that their contributions are not in vain. "Alone, many of us feel helpless in addressing a global threat," she said, "but together we have accomplished so much, and together we will keep making a huge, positive impact."

The event concluded with a group photo, emulating the one taken of founding members 35 years prior for a National Geographic feature. While ACLT has grown and evolved since its genesis in 1986, the overall spirit of the organization has remained the same. Like the founding members intended, ACLT continues to mobilize local communities to preserve the "scenic, natural, and historic" sites throughout Calvert County.

By Mary Hoover for ACLT.



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Leadership Program Scholarships Promote Diversity



Left: Patty Stine, Executive Director, Pure Play Every Day
Right: Yonelle Moore Lee, Managing Partner & Owner, Lee Law, LLC

One of the things that makes Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) special is the way that it brings a diverse group of people together to learn from one another and bring positive change to the community. At LSM, diversity encompasses many things. From ethnicity and gender to where participants live and work, each LSM class is built to represent a wide range of people and their experiences. Class members in both the Executive and Emerging Leaders programs come from all three Southern Maryland counties and represent fields like healthcare, defense, law, and the nonprofit sector.

Recognizing that not all applicants have the backing of a large organization or training budget, LSM offers scholarships to open the door to class members who add value to the cohort and want to make a difference in their community. This year, LSM awarded scholarships to two deserving recipients: Patty Stine and Yonelle Moore Lee.

Patty Stine is the executive director of a Charles County-based nonprofit, Pure Play Every Day. The organization is devoted to encouraging “self-initiated, unstructured, undirected free play” opportunities for children to promote their problem-solving skills and emotional health. Stine hopes that through enhanced knowledge of the region and relationships established with her LSM classmates, she can accelerate the growth of her nonprofit organization. “I wanted to participate in LSM because I have been a lifelong resident of Southern Maryland and wanted to learn more about my community,” she said. “I hope to take away a new understanding of the needs of our community as well as its untapped potential,” she added.

Stine explained that being awarded a scholarship was critical in allowing her to participate in the program this year. “As a young entrepreneurial nonprofit, the tuition required to participate would not have been available in our budget for several more years,” she said. After only a few sessions, Stine already knows that the LSM experience will help her to grow personally and professionally.

“The ‘behind the scenes’ tours and candid conversations have been eye-opening,” Stine said.

Yonelle Moore Lee is a managing partner and owner of Lee Law, LLC in Waldorf, Maryland. In addition to practicing law, she belongs to several organizations that serve the tri-county area. “I wanted to participate in LSM in order to become better connected in my community,” Lee explained. “We have a unique and incredible opportunity in Southern Maryland, and I want to be aware of the resources and community leaders in each of the three counties. I hope to take away a stronger and broader sense of community beyond my own county,” she said. Lee was also drawn to the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from other community leaders.

Like Stine, Lee feels the scholarship she received played a key role in allowing her to participate in the Executive Program. “As a small business owner, we typically do not have the same access to training and networking as large businesses and government agencies. Receiving an LSM scholarship helped level the playing field and make the class more affordable,” she said. “I appreciate that LSM provides scholarships and makes an effort to include as many people as possible.”

LSM’s Executive Director Denise Foster explained that the support of LSM graduates and community partners make scholarships like these possible. The end-of-year giving campaign and additional donations that come in with alumni memberships are the primary funding sources for the scholarship fund. “It is essential to offer scholarships to give opportunities to small businesses and nonprofits who may not have the capacity to pay full tuition,” Foster explained. “Their representation in the class (and the region) is critical.”

Do you want to be a part of the LSM experience? Applications for the Class of 2023 Executive Program open in January. Find out more and learn how you can become an LSM supporter at www.leadershipsomd.org.

Press Release from LSM.

CalvertHealth Welcomes Three New Board Members



Rev. Christopher Garcia



Scott Reeves

The CalvertHealth Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of small business owner Scott Reeves, the Rev. Christopher Garcia, rector of Christ Church in Port Republic and Dr. Chang Choi, who heads up the adult hospitalist team at CalvertHealth Medical Center. Composed of volunteers from the community and the medical staff, the board plays a vital role in ensuring the organization meets the needs of the community.

“We’re excited Scott will be joining our board,” said CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague. “His background and desire to give back to the community are exemplary. We look forward to his outstanding leadership.”

Reeves is the president of KAIROS in California in St. Mary’s County and has more than 20 years of professional experience in organizational, program and project analytics. He founded the company in 2013 with his dad, in large part to spend more time with his two children. As the son of a retired Navy captain, Reeves takes great pride in supporting the mission of his Department of Defense customers.

He has a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in management from Towson University and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). Reeves is a Leadership of Southern Maryland graduate (class of 2014). He is active in the community volunteering for youth sports along with his involvement in KAIROS KARES, which supports local charitable endeavors.

“Rev. Garcia possesses a depth of knowledge in so many areas,” said Teague. “His passion for the hospital and its role in the community is at the highest level.”

Rev. Garcia brings a diverse

perspective to his role as board member. Since 2017, he has been the pastor at the county’s oldest church. Before entering the seminary, he was an Army lawyer for 25 years and earned an MBA. His upbringing as an Army “brat,” growing up overseas, exposed him to a wide variety of healthcare models. He also draws on his own personal experience as a prostate cancer survivor.

“I believe an excellent local hospital is part of the solid foundation for a thriving community,” said Rev. Garcia. “Patients with access to quality care at a hospital they trust will seek out care early, rather than waiting to travel far away for care. That’s better for all of us.”

Since joining the active medical staff in 2013, Dr. Choi has served as medical director for the adult hospitalist program, which specializes in caring for patients while they are in the hospital. Additionally, he has served on many committees having a direct impact on patient care including quality improvement, hospital-acquired conditions, medication safety, credentialing and critical care.

Dr. Choi is also the medical director of Informatics, which uses information technology to organize and analyze health records to improve outcomes. He also led the yearlong project to upgrade CalvertHealth’s information system to a totally new platform laying the groundwork for the hospital’s IT future.

“Dr. Choi has many years of experience with our health system and has established a strong rapport with our providers,” said Teague. “His insight as the medical representative will be particularly beneficial as we focus on our mission to provide the very best care to our patients.”

Press Release from CalvertHealth

Leadership Class Experiences Education in Southern Maryland



Pictured left to right: Dr. Eileen Abel, Executive Director, University System of MD at Southern Maryland; Dr. Maureen Murphy, President, College of Southern Maryland; Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan, President, St. Mary's College of Maryland; Dr. Maria Navarro, Superintendent, Charles County Public Schools; Dr. Daniel Curry, Superintendent, Calvert County Public Schools; Dr. James Scott Smith, Superintendent, St. Mary's County Public Schools

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2022 on Dec. 2 participated in the fourth of nine educational sessions for the LSM Executive Program. This session's topic was education in the region.

The session was held at St. Charles High School in Waldorf, Maryland and began with remarks from Dr. David Steiner, executive director of Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy. This was followed by a panel discussion on the long-haul implications of COVID-19 on education. The class also had an opportunity to further explore pandemic learning during a question and answer session with high school students from both public and private schools in the tri-county area.

The latter part of the program session featured Southern Maryland leaders in education. Executive Program participants met with the superintendents from Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties as well as the presidents of College of Southern Maryland and St. Mary's College of Maryland and the executive director of University System

of Maryland at Southern Maryland. This allowed for discussion of critical topics including school funding, teacher retention, and how community members can better support education. The group rounded out their education session experience with a field trip to the James E. Richmond Science Center.

Leadership Southern Maryland's flagship Executive Program is a nine-month, tuition-based program that educates and inspires a diverse group of mid- to upper-level executive leaders creating opportunities for collaborations and partnerships impacting the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties ensuring a cross-section of the region including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, and gender.

For more information, please contact Denise Foster, executive director, Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-7663, via email denise@leadershipsomd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org.

Press Release from Leadership Southern Maryland

St. Mary's Named a Top Green College

St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College, is one of the nation's most environmentally responsible colleges, according to The Princeton Review®. The education services company features St. Mary's College in its recently-published free resource, The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges: 2022 Edition. The guide can be accessed at www.princetonreview.com/green-guide. The College is also included in The Princeton Review's "Best 387 Colleges" Guide for 2022.

The Guide to Green Colleges is a unique resource debuted in 2010 for students interested in attending colleges with strong commitments to the environment and sustainability. The Princeton Review chose the 420 colleges based on its 2020-21 survey of administrators at 835 colleges concerning their institutions' sustainability-related policies, practices and programs.

According to the guide, "When it comes to going green, St. Mary's College of Maryland is all

about practicing what they preach. Case in point: SMCM derives an impressive 63 percent of its energy consumption from renewable sources. Even better, the college offsets approximately 115 percent of total electricity consumption through Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)."

St. Mary's College was also recently ranked 6th Best Public Liberal Arts College in U.S. News & World Report, ranked 30 among the top Liberal Arts Colleges in the U.S. by the Washington Monthly College Guide, named a 2022 Hidden Gem by CollegeRaptor.com, and recognized by Niche.com as one of the Best Small Colleges in Maryland.

St. Mary's College of Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary's College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

Press Release from SMCM.



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Tackle Box Fishing Report



By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

2021 has been an excellent fishing year for stripers, cobia, spot, perch, spanish mackerel, and speckled trout. Bluefishing was fair, but croaker did not make their usual summer visit to the bay. We are looking forward to 2022 and hope that the blossom of bait fish in late 2021 will entice our summer visitors eager to make their trip into the bay.

The striper season continues in the Potomac river until December 31. Trollers using smaller and mid-sized baits are putting on the heavy weights and doing very well on 20- to 30- inch fish. Smaller umbrellas and tandem rigs are golden for this size striper class. The bite seems to be best on an every-other-day pattern. One day is excellent, the next good. There has not been much bird activity to indicate where the schools of stripers are feeding.

There was a 48 inch striper

caught in the Choptank last week and had its photo posted on the internet. At that time it was the only big fish reported; since then there have been four or five reported in the lower Potomac. We have not seen photo evidence of any of these. There could be a surge of big fish as the season runs out. We will forward the news as it arrives.

Jiggers searching for birds indicating feeding fish in the bay are getting some fun. The striper season is now closed in Maryland waters, but catch and release is allowed.

Crappie are still active in St. Mary's Lake and local ponds. The weather forecast has no freezing temperatures for the ten days, and the high temperatures will be near 60. These are prime conditions for crappie, bass and pickerel. Live minnows will entice all fresh water fish. Fried crappie makes a fine Christmas dinner!



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Canada Goose Season Begins Dec. 17

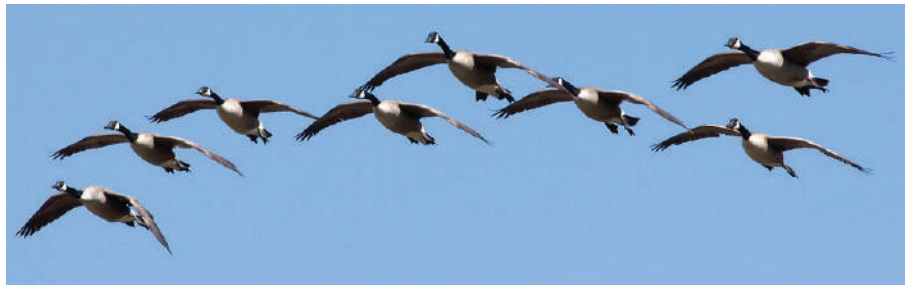


Photo by Larry Hindman, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that Maryland's Atlantic Population Canada goose hunting season opens Friday, Dec. 17. The season contains two segments, Dec. 17 through Jan. 1, 2022, and again from Jan. 13 through Jan. 31, 2022.

The daily bag limit is one goose per day in Maryland's AP Canada Goose Hunting Zone. The possession limit for all migratory game birds is three times the daily bag limit. More information on waterfowl seasons, regulations and license requirements, is available on the DNR website.

"Canada geese are one of Maryland's most iconic gamebirds," said Wildlife & Heritage Ser-

vice Director Paul Peditto. "With the decoys out, retrievers at the ready, and birds calling overhead, a Maryland Canada goose hunt is a great way for an experienced hunter to introduce a novice to the excitement and tradition of waterfowl hunting."

Licenses, stamps, and permits may be purchased online by phone at 855-855-3906, at a Department of Natural Resources Service Center or at any one of the more than statewide.

Hunters with questions may contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Service at 410-260-8540.

Press Release from MD DNR.

Let the Sports Betting Begin



Governor Larry Hogan Dec. 10 visited Live! Casino & Hotel and Horseshoe Casino Baltimore to celebrate the official launch of sports betting in Maryland after placing the first sports bet in state history Dec. 9 at MGM National Harbor. The governor was joined by lottery and gaming officials, elected leaders, and sports legends to mark the occasion.

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, December 16

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 is Animals in Winter – Migration

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>

Saturday, December 18

Holiday Farmer's Market

Deale Public Library
5940 Deale Churchton Rd., Deale MD
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy vendors and food trucks for all to enjoy. The library is also open with a family storytime at 10:30 a.m.

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Ongoing

Annmarie Garden in Lights

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons will host Annmarie Garden in Lights through January 1, 2022, 5-9 p.m. nightly (closed Nov 29 & 30 and Dec 6, 7, 24, 25).

Advance timed-entry tickets are required. Admission is \$10/12 (depending on the date), free for ages 2;

free for Annmarie members. Visit www.wannmariegarden.org to purchase tickets and review complete safety information.

Christmas Treasure Hunt!

Artworks@7th in North Beach;
Through January 2, 2022

Artworks@7th continues to be your place for Christmas treasures! 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 items at affordable prices to help you with your Christmas list!

Upcoming

Pet Night

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons

Saturday, January 1, 5-9 p.m.

Pets are welcome at the last night of Annmarie Garden In Lights! Bring your well-behaved pet for the last night of our holiday light show! Must be on a leash 6' or shorter. Included with cost of admission; advance tickets required.

Winter Birds of the Chesapeake

Calvert Marine Museum,
Monday, Dec. 27 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Chesapeake Bay becomes home to many waterfowl during the winter months. Check out a bird watching kit to use along the museum's marsh walk and play a round or two of the bird migration game. Create a pine cone bird feeder to take home (limited, while supplies last). Activities are appropriate for ages 5-10. Program included with museum admission.

Chesapeake Oysters

Calvert Marine Museum,
Tuesday, Dec. 28 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Winter is peak harvesting season for *Crassostrea virginica*, the Eastern oyster. Programming will showcase "Rock E. Feller," the museum's giant oyster model and oystering boats in the museum collection. Create your own toy skipjack to take home (limited, while supplies last). Activities are appropriate for ages 5-10. Program included with museum admission.

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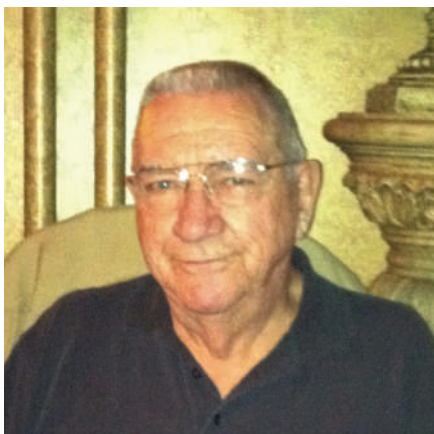
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In Remembrance

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

Charles Bland, Jr., "Bud"



Charles Bland, Jr., "Bud", 88, of Huntingtown, Maryland passed away on December 4, 2021, in Prince Frederick, Maryland. He was born December 29, 1932 in Benbush, West Virginia to the late Charles Bland Sr. and Elizabeth Davis Bland.

Charles was drafted into the Air Force, where he met his wife, and served for four years. Once he got out of the Air Force, he went back to finish his Apprenticeship at the Navy Yard. He then went on to work at Goddard Space Flight Center during the day from 1962-1979 and at night ran his business, Engineering Plastics, Inc. for 58 years. He finally retired at the age of 85. But that did not stop him from working. He made tools and repairs at home, cut grass, lifted weights and stayed busy doing something, and never slowed down.

He is survived by his loving wife, Reune Bland, father of Charles Bland, III and his wife Anita, and Kimberley Bland Koth and her husband Christopher. Grandfather of Andrea Zurkan and her husband Josh, and Jessica Hall and her husband Keith, he is also survived by six Great Grandchildren. His sisters, Ruth Hen-

shaw, Betty Sing, JoAnn Foltz, and Laura Sutherland have all preceded him in death.

All services are private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Linda L. Kelly Animal Shelter, 5055 Halloween Point Road, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

June Gayle Shepherd

June Gayle Shepherd [assed away om December 12, 2021. She was born on August 9, 1951- December.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 16, 2021, 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. ay Rausch Funeral Home—Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657.

Fimeral Service will be Friday, December 17, 2021 at

10a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home—Lusby. Interment will be in Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Virginia Marie Abercrombie



Virginia Marie Abercrombie, 94, of Lusby and formerly of Bowie passed away December 8, 2021. She was born March 9, 1927 in Baltimore to Joseph and Josephine (Kaloc) Schlosser. Virginia

grew up in Baltimore and graduated from The Catholic High School of Baltimore. She married Roy Abercrombie on July 10, 1949 and they lived in many places while Roy was in the military. They settled in Bowie in 1975 and Virginia later moved to Lusby in 2011. Virginia was primarily a homemaker and loved taking care of her family. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bowie and volunteered as a foster grandparent for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, traveling to different schools and assisting children and teachers in the classroom. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, embroidering, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband Roy Edward Abercrombie. She is survived by her children Llyern Bartholomew of Millersville, Bruce Abercrombie and his wife Erlinda of the Philippines, Kevin Abercrombie and his wife Judith Marie of Palm Coast, FL, Nancy Gerdes and her husband Jerry of Huntingtown, Brian Abercrombie and his wife Margarite of Sebastian, FL and Catherine Sengstock of Lusby. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, sister Julia Bowser of Bel Air, MD, and numerous nieces and nephews.

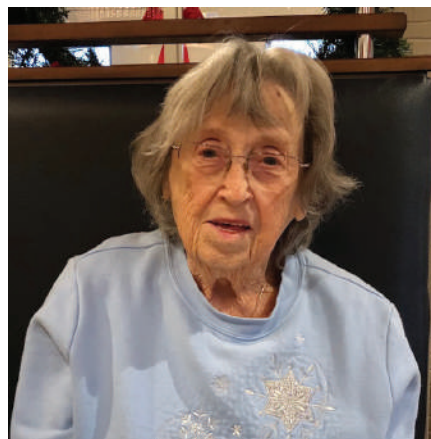
Visitation will be Thursday, December 16, 2021, 10-11 a.m. at Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church, 885 Cox Road

Huntingtown, MD 20639, Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 16501 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Joan Marie Crunkleton



Joan Marie Crunkleton, 88, of Port Republic, Maryland passed away December 7, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on October 22,

1933, in Washington DC to the late William C. and Cecelia Drury Hicks. Besides her parents, Joan is preceded in death by her brothers William C. Hicks, Jr. and Joseph A. "Sonny" Hicks.

Joan was a homemaker, and to her that was the most important job she could have. She loved her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren and other family members. In her younger years, she enjoyed crocheting afghans, however gardening was her passion. She especially loved yellow roses and her Kwanzan Cherry Tree. Joan was full of spunk and going to IHOP or Ollies were two of her favorite places. As a community volunteer, she was involved with the Meals on Wheels program for 20 years. She also loved her animals, most recently her cat Marty, but we can't forget Birdie the horse, nor her pet squirrel and goat.

Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Crunkleton, Joan is survived by her children: Patricia A. Gott and her husband Randal, Joseph A. Crunkleton, Jr. and his wife Rose, and Karen M. Brown and her husband Michael. Grandmother of: Jacob R. Gott, Patricia J. Plumer and her husband Michael, Kyle J. Gott and his fiancé Hallie, Christopher J. Crunkleton, Calvin G. Crunkleton, Joseph A. Crunkleton, III, Joshua L. Crunkleton and his wife Megan, Heather M. Espaderos and her husband Edwin, Zachary R. Brown, Tyler M. Brown, and Matthew Q. Brown. Great Grandmother of: Kyleigh M. Plumer, Parker K. Crunkleton, Lennon G. Espaderos, Levi M. Plumer and Emmett K. Crunkleton. She is also survived by her brother, F. Allen Hicks.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. at the Rausch Funeral Home, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, Maryland.

Interment will be private at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>

Annette Hutchins Wilfong

Annette Hutchins Wilfong, 101, of Solomons, Maryland, passed away December 4, 2021, in Prince Frederick. She was born on August 11, 1920, in Prince Frederick to the late Clarence Thomas and Annette Northam Hutchins.

Annette was a life-long member of Trinity United Methodist

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Church and a member of the Calvert County Historical Society. She possessed a wealth of knowledge about Calvert County history. Annette retired on July 15, 1975, after 34 years of service to the Department of Justice. She was very proud to be one of the Pioneers (first residents) of Asbury Retirement Community in Solomons. She loved living at Asbury where she was extremely active and involved in the community. The staff and residents were like family to her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband James C. Wilfong, who died April 2, 1987, brother T. Reid Hutchins, and sister Miriam H. Stier. She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many beloved friends.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

William Thomas (Bill) Purcell, Jr.

William Thomas (Bill) Purcell, Jr. of Churchton, MD passed away on Friday, December 3rd in Annapolis, MD from recently dis-



covered metastatic cancer. He was 91.

Bill was born on December 6th, 1929, in Chicago, IL, the second of four children to William Thomas Purcell and Ursula Anna Purcell (née Mattingly). He interrupted his studies in General Engineering at the University of Illinois to serve in the US Army as a radio technician (1951-1953) in Yokohama, Japan during the Korean War. After leaving the service and completing his degree, he spent most of his professional career in the tire industry, working as a tire engineer for several manufacturers including Goodyear and Farm Bureau Safemark. He then worked for many years in tire and appliance sales and did not fully retire until age 80.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and a man of deep faith who was active in his church. He was an Eagle Scout and served as a Boy Scout leader for all three of his sons who in turn reached the rank of Eagle.

Bill was also an avid reader, committed runner, and a skilled woodworker. He was rarely seen without a book and had a deep interest in American history. He began running after age 50 and ran more than a dozen marathons before turning 70. He enjoyed working in his basement workshop and

recent projects included a Little Free Library and a toy chest for his grandson. He refused to let his age put limits on his life; he learned to scuba dive in his 70s and loved to swim in the Gulf of Mexico into his 90s.

He was predeceased by his sister Dorothy O'Connor, wife Barbara Joyce (Jay) Purcell (née Tucker), and daughter Lori Jean Burwell.

He is survived by his wife Marsha Herndon Purcell, sister Marjorie Maxson of Wheaton, IL, brother Richard Purcell (Flo) of The Villages, FL; three sons Wade Herbert Purcell of Atlanta, William Thomas (Tom) Purcell, III of Seattle, and Ryan Herndon Purcell (Riley Steiner) of Atlanta; son-in-law Stephen L. Burwell of Virginia Beach, VA; six grandchildren, Barbara Joyce (Joy) Burwell and Sarah Burwell Scofi (Jason) of Alexandria, VA, Anna Buford Purcell of Bordeaux, FR, Hayley Joyce Purcell of Seattle, Grace Kathryn (Kat) Purcell of Bellingham, WA, and Ellis Richard Purcell of Atlanta; and two great-grandchildren Mary Pearl (Mae) Scofi and George Burwell Scofi.

The Purcell family wishes to express profound gratitude to friends and neighbors for their support, and to the nurses and providers at Anne Arundel Medical Center for loving, compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Centenary United Method Church (Shady Side, MD) and Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Kristine Martin (Gegor)



Kristine Martin (Gegor), of Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC and formerly of Calvert and Prince George's County, a beloved member of the Martin and Beverly families, unexpectedly departed this Earthly place on December 3, 2021. She was born to Lorraine and David Monroe Martin (both deceased) at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD. She was preceded in death by two sons Eric Martin and Nicholas Gegor and her brother David Michael Martin. She is survived by three sons; Justin Gegor (Samuel Gegor), Devon Martin and Patrick C. Beverly, along with their father and good friend Patrick Beverly, her brothers' children Michael Martin and Jessica Sloanaker (Martin), two sisters and their families, Debbie Martin, and daughter Jaimie Martin, Tammy Heinrich (Dewey Heinrich) and daughter Marissa Heinrich and many other nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by Rauch Funeral Home.



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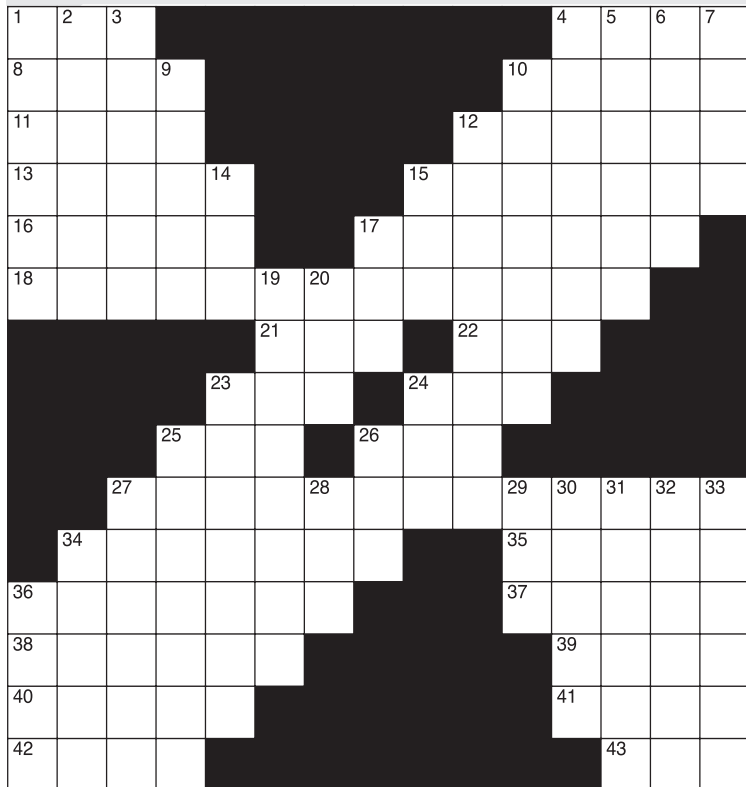
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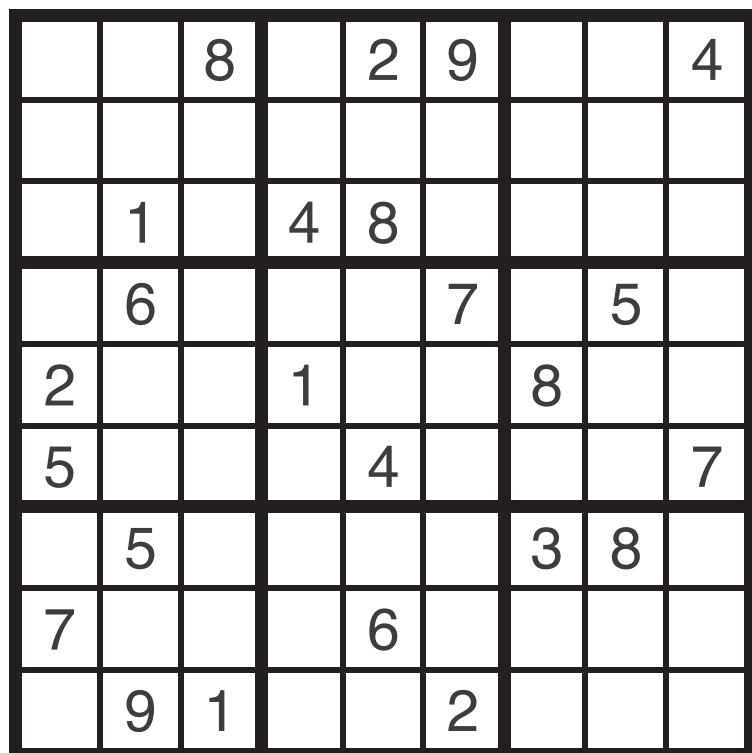
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- 27. 20th century sex symbol
- 34. Remedy for all diseases

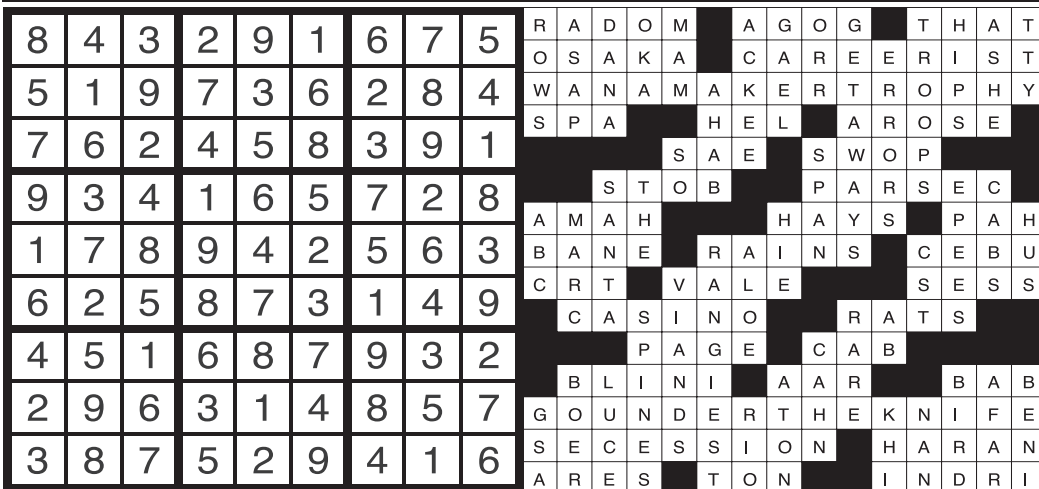
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Moved swiftly
- 37. Type of units
- 38. Madames
- 39. Indian religious god
- 40. Potentially hazardous asteroids
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. An association of criminals
- 43. A way to push content (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Town in central Brazil
- 2. Large burrowing rodent
- 3. Nerve cell
- 4. Estimating
- 5. Bakers use it
- 6. Regions
- 7. Small lake
- 9. Environmentalist nun
- 10. More kookie
- 12. Announce officially
- 14. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 15. Title given to friar
- 17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 19. Buildings
- 20. Pouch
- 23. They steal on the high seas
- 24. It's mightier than the sword
- 25. Going off on a tangent
- 26. Monetary unit
- 27. Young woman
- 28. Type of bulb
- 29. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 30. City opposite Dusseldorf
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini necessities
- 33. Elude
- 34. La __: Buenos Aires capital
- 36. An oft-enduring symbol



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