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SMECO Rate Increase Surprises, Shocks Customers

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last week the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) announced it would raise service rates for electricity by about 27 percent, prompting a shock amongst customers at such a sharp rise in costs.

Two St. Mary's County members of the Board of Directors for SMECO defended the increase, saying that the rise in electricity rates was closely tied to the increase in price of oil and natural gas stocks which are burned in the production of electricity.

In a prepared statement released by SMECO last week, the cooperative made the same argument as to why the costs had to go up so abruptly.

"Higher costs for oil and natural gas, which are the fuels used by electric generating plants, have spurred increases in wholesale energy costs since last fall," explained Sonja M. Cox, SMECO president and CEO. She added, "The co-op does not make a profit on standard offer service (SOS) energy charges. We work to keep our rates as low as possible by using a portfolio approach to purchasing power, with contracts for base load and peak load, structured as long-term and short-term contracts. Because of previous rate reductions, SMECO's new adjusted rates will be similar to where they were in 2017."

Local businessman Rayner Blair and long-time SMECO board member, has long advocated for keeping rates low for cooperative customers — who are also members — but agreed to move ahead with requesting the approval of the Maryland Public Services Commission for the rate increase.

"I voted for the increase because that was what we had to do," Blair told The County Times. "It's the new world we live in."

Blair said the recently completed construction of a new corporate SMECO building in Leonardtown was not connected to the rise in service rates.

"That has nothing to do with the prices increases," Blair said. "That's another issue."

Blair said the electrical cooperative, which is the sole provider of power to much of Southern Maryland with few exceptions, has moved in recent years to reduce its operational costs, which are separate from the cost of the energy it provides.

Such efforts include shutting down their offices in White Plains and Prince Frederick, leaving the facility in Hughesville and the new building in Leonardtown.

"We've brought people from two locations instead of four," Blair said. "We're still less [in energy



New SMECO office in Leonardtown

costs] that others [utilities.]"

SMECO's SOS rate is made up of the energy charge and the power cost adjustment (PCA).

SMECO has increased the residential winter energy charge from 6.56 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 8.33 cents per kWh. A residential bill issued in February for 1,000 kWh will be about \$15 higher than a bill issued in January of about \$141 for 1,000 kWh, according to an estimate from SMECO.

The summer energy rate will increase from 6.11 cents per kWh to 7.8 cents per kWh, SMECO said.

Gilbert Murphy, St. Mary's member of the board of directors, blamed the current federal administration's actions for the rising costs that SMECO had to pass through to its customers.

"They're trying to get rid of all coal production," Murphy said. "We're not energy independent anymore."

Differing from Blair's assessment, Murphy said he did believe that SMECO's operations costs had increased, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The pandemic had a lot to do with that," Murphy said. "But every business's costs have increased."

One such increase in costs was related to the use of SMECO service vehicles, which under pandemic regulations were prohibited from carrying more than one employee on service calls.

Under normal circumstances, at least two would travel in the same truck, Murphy said, but during the pandemic the two technicians had to use as many vehicles for the same call.

This meant SMECO had to spend more on fuel and vehicles than before.

"We were doing that in an attempt to suppress COVID," Murphy said.

A rate increase, though necessary, Murphy said, was not the preference of anyone on the SMECO board of directors.

"No one wants a rate increase," Murphy said. "There's not a single board member who voted for an increase just to have an increase."

"It's a pass through for our energy costs, it's nothing but a break-even."

Thomas Dennison, government and public affairs manager for SMECO, said that the rate increase for the electricity was separate from any distribution service costs.

SMECO said in its prepared statement that its transmission costs have increased, however, but did not divulge by how much.

Dennison said the sharp increase was preceded by several recent rate decreases, prompted by the lower fuel costs.

"What we pay [for the energy] is what we charge," Dennison said of how the cooperative operates. "We have not filed [with the Public Services Commission] for a distribution rate increase in a number of years."

St. Mary's County Commissioner

Eric Colvin said many of his constituents were taken by surprise by SMECO's announcement.

"I've definitely heard from constituents about it," Colvin said. "That [the rate increase] was a little disappointing."

While SMECO and other businesses can pass on their costs for energy to customers, customers must be the last in line to bear the brunt.

"It's getting harder for everyone to pay their bills," Colvin said. "I was very surprised and had no idea this was coming."

Murphy said the cooperative would act if fuel costs decreased.

"If costs do go down, we'll reduce the rates," said Murphy.

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Chesapeake Beach Council Ready to Review Master Plan

Update Recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission



By Dick Myers
Editor

The Chesapeake Beach Planning and Zoning Commission has unanimously finalized its work on updating the town's comprehensive plan. At their Jan 26 meeting, the commission adopted a resolution forwarding their recommended plan to the town council. The council at a Feb. 8 work session received an overview of the plan and is expected to begin its formal review at the Feb. 17 town meeting.

There is a link on the town website to download the proposed plan for review.

The town last updated its comprehensive plan on Jan. 20, 2011.

In the resolution forwarding the plan recommendation to the mayor and town council, the planning and zoning commission took note of the public hearing they held on November 9th of last year. Since then, the commission did make some changes.

Before the final vote at the Jan. 26 meeting, attorney Eric Blitz, representing the Rod 'N Reel Resort, said the commission should hold another public hearing because the changes made were substantive.

Blitz said, "I believe the addition of substantive provisions requires you to hold new public hearing and failure to do so will make a comprehensive plan recommendation ineffective under Maryland law."

He said the changes included adding adequate public facilities requirements for schools, "a subject that the town has no capacity or authority to control." He said open space requirements were also added for residential developments.

But Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Jakubiak said that the argument made by the attorney was unreasonable considering that the changes that were made were the result of testimony made at the public hearing, including recommendations made by Blitz himself.

The resolution adopting the final plan recommendation said it included:

1. The collection and analyses of information on demographics, land use, infrastructure, environment, water resources, and other aspects of the Town and its surroundings
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McConkey Files for Re-election

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Commissioner Kelly McConkey has filed for re-election to a second term in the Third Commissioner District, the northern part of the county.

Republican McConkey is being challenged in the primary by Catherine Grasso, former chair of the Republican Central Committee, and political newcomer Evan R. Turzanski. The filing deadline is Feb. 22. As of press deadline there were no Democratic candidates.

McConkey's first three years in office were turbulent, with an ethics complaint filed against him (by Grasso among others) and a suit filed against the county over adoption of the comprehensive plan. So far all court rulings have been in his favor.

McConkey said there was no question about filing for re-election. "I love the job. I enjoy being able to help people with all their problems, whether it's permitting or if it's just trees falling in the road to whatever they need done. I enjoy the job. I like to serve the people. I enjoyed my six years on the school board. I've enjoyed this, the last three years."

McConkey continues to operate his business, Kelly's Tree and Landscaping. Of the addition of being commissioner, he said, "It's pretty busy. Today I was trying to put a tag on a trailer and it ended up taking me about 45 minutes to do it because I got three county calls while I was doing it. That's just how it is, you know, but I'm lucky. I'm self-employed and I've got good guys working for me. So, it enables me to put the time into being a commissioner, too."

He said of the past three years, "One thing I'm proud of is I kept my promise to the citizens that I would not raise their taxes. In my four years of being there, not only did I keep that promise, but we had actually cut their tax rate two years in a row, which may not seem like a lot, but it definitely helps out families definitely in these times that we're going through right now, where gas prices are at their highest since I think 2014 and different things that are hitting them."

He added, "Also in my three years, we've been able to keep a AAA bond rating, which is a huge savings to the taxpayers."

As to unfinished business he said, "I was very fortunate to be able to get all of our employees two back steps, that dated all the way back from 2008 to 2013, which still leaves them one step behind. We're working next year to get the third step caught up to them."



Commissioner Kelly McConkey

He observed, "A lot of counties probably would've been 'Well that's in the past and there's nothing we could do about that.' But this board stepped up and is working to get the employees what they deserve and what they were promised."

McConkey was asked about the number of projects in the capital budget and rising costs. He said County Administrator Mark Willis has done a good job holding down requests. "Now they're coming to us with reality and they're only asking for the things that they absolutely need."

He also said, "We've been very fortunate to get grants, through the state. That's helped us out tremendously with some of the storms that have happened."

He noted that cable franchise fees have in the past gone into the general fund. "This board stepped up and said, we're going to put the money out three to make sure that all families have access to Comcast internet. That way their kids can do their schoolwork. People are able to work from home and at the end of the day we ended up getting a grant. So, it's actually not costing taxpayers anything."

"Another thing that I'm really happy about is the golf course is making money for the very first time," he said, noting that the completion of the new clubhouse should also help that bottom line.

"I'm also very proud of being able to build the Prince Frederick volunteer firehouse, and we're now working on Solomons and St. Leonard," he said, adding, "And then of course we've had to hire paid paramedics to make sure the county can keep up with the demand."

He also mentioned upgrades to parks as another of the board's accomplishments.

Of the new playground in Dunkirk, he said, "I've never seen the kids happier. That was awesome."

Regarding his campaign, he said, "I don't worry about what other people are doing. I worry about what I'm doing and what I could do for the citizens."

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Public Facilities Capital Plan Presented

Includes County Building, Twin Beaches Library

By Dick Myers
Editor

The proposed Calvert County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the next fiscal year includes \$15.6 million for public facilities. The six-year CIP for public facilities tops \$46 million.

Projects in the plan include the new county administration building in Prince Frederick, a new Twin Beaches Library and expansion of Calvert Pines Senior Center.

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was presented the plan at their Feb. 8 meeting, one of six parts that make up the total CIP. The BOCC will then begin reviewing the plan to see if any changes are warranted.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance has warned of the need for some trimming, particularly in light of inflation that is impacting building costs.

Of the total costs for the Fiscal Year 2023 CIP, \$4 million would come from state funding. It is anticipated that cash will pay for slightly more than \$1 million, with \$10.5 million to

be issued in bonds.

Of the total price tag of \$28.5 million budgeted for the new county administration building at the site of the former County Services Plaza, \$6.7 million is slated to be expended in the next fiscal year, according to Capital Projects Analyst Veronica Atkinson.

Atkinson said the bid opening for the new Twin Beaches Library in North Beach is scheduled for Feb. 11. Of the total \$7.2 million project, more than \$5 million is scheduled to be expended next fiscal year.

The Calvert Pines expansion is expected to cost \$2.2 million next year.

Also in the CIP for next year is \$1.1 million for Calvert Marine Museum for land acquisition and the otter exhibit upgrade. According to museum director Jeffrey Murray, the \$750,000 for land acquisition is being funded through donations.

The BOCC also reviewed the Recreation Resources CIP proposal at the same meeting. The County Times will have a report on that presentation in our next issue.

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Commissioners Approve County Redistricting Map

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has unanimously approved a commissioner district redistricting map recommended by the committee appointed to do the task. The map, which was reported on in the Feb. 3 issue of The County Times, changes the boundaries of the three commissioner districts and moves 5,600 people into a new district.

Redistricting Committee Chairman Wilson Parran presented the results of the nine-member committee to the BOCC at their Feb. 8 meeting.

The committee was comprised of one member appointed by each county commissioner and a representative of the Democratic and Republican central committees, the League of Women Voters and the NAACP. The committee met six times before finalizing their proposal.

Parran said the committee was guided by the requirement that “district boundaries must be based on unbroken census blocks.”

He also noted the districts “must follow roads or identifiable natural features like streams or ravines.”

Four maps were considered, and the one dubbed Map No. 3 was the one that prevailed. In that map, District 1 (south county) has 30,253 people. District 2, the central portion, has 31,158. District 3, the north county, has 31,359.

Based on the county’s 2020 census population of 92,770, each district would have an ideal population of 30,923.

Parran noted that based on the court mandated 10 percent allowable deviation among districts, the current boundaries could have been retained but it was decided to try to achieve a more equitable population distribution.

Map No. 3 was chosen, Parran said, because “the gap is not as wide between any of the districts; it has smoother lines.”

Parran noted the committee also looked at changing the number of districts and the method of selecting commissioners and decided to not do that, although such changes would have to be approved by the Maryland General Assembly.

Parran said, “There was legislation in Annapolis last year where they wanted to change how commissioners would be elected by only votes from that district. Knowing that that legislation did not pass last year and there was a



Calvert County Redistricting Committee Chairman Wilson Parran

potential that it may come back, we talked about it, but we decided not to change anything. Let’s see what’s going to happen with that legislation.”

Parran said other than the proposal which just adjusted the line between the first and second districts, the map chosen was next in being less costly to implement.

While some voters will be in a different commissioner district, they could still end up voting at the same polling place as they always have.

In addition to the 5,600 people impacted by the commissioner district changes, the state redistricting of delegate and senate districts will impact 40,000 people in Calvert, according to Elections Administrator Gail Hatfield.

In addition to every registered voter getting a sample ballot which shows where they will vote, Hatfield said prior to that, “We’re going to send out new voter ID cards.”

Hatfield said they will send out the commissioner district and the state legislative district changes at the same time to save money.

But there will be a cost to the changes. County Administrator Mark Willis said, “It’s not hundreds of thousands of dollars. It’s tens of thousands. And, I hate to say this because it is a citizens’ money, but we’re going to do what we have to do to make sure that the citizens are aware that things are going to change at the polling station. It might be a change in name, but in most cases, it won’t be a change of location.”

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State's Highest Court Asked to Review Comprehensive Plan Suit



By Dick Myers
Editor

Plaintiffs is a suit against Calvert County seeking to overturn the adoption of the county's comprehensive plan rewrite, have asked Maryland's highest court to review their loss in a lower court.

The four county residents, Susan Dzurec, Phyllis Sherkus, Michael King, and Myra Gowans, through their attorney G. Macy Nelson, filed last week in the Maryland Court of Appeals a 'writ of certiorari,' which orders a lower court to deliver its record in a case so that the higher court may review it.

The Maryland Court of Special Appeals (COSA), the state's second highest court, denied an appeal of a February 16, 2021, judge's decision in Calvert County Circuit Court upholding the county commissioners' August 2019 adoption of the comprehensive plan. The four citizen plaintiffs had argued the plan adoption was illegal because Commissioner Kelly McConkey should have recused himself in the decision to put two properties he owns in an expanded Huntingtown Town Center in a preliminary 3-2 vote prior to the overall plan's adoption.

In a Dec. 27, 2021, written opinion heavily peppered with case law and legal jargon, COSA ruled, "Calvert County Code does not provide an express or implied right of action for a violation of its ethics ordinance, and even if it did, the proper remedy would not be invalidating the entire Plan."

Regarding McConkey's vote on including his properties in the Huntingtown Town Center, COSA ruled, "Appellants and appellee both agree that Commissioner McConkey's actions were purely legislative. Voiding the legislation because of concerns about a legislator's motivation is not a remedy available under these circumstances. Further, even if we could void a legislative act because of conflict-of-interest concerns, the provision



that created the conflict would be severable from the other portions of the Plan."

But they also observed that a trial judge did not rule that there was a conflict and voided an Ethics Commission decision that there was one because of an alleged conflict of interest by the commission's chairperson.

The Ethics Commission appealed that decision which is still pending before COSA.

The petition to the Court of Appeals, filed last week, asks the higher court to review the case because of the lack of case law in the state regarding ethics commission activities. The petition said that Calvert County's Ethics law was based on a template from the state that has been followed by other counties, so the case would provide precedent.

The ethics violation against McConkey was thrown out by a visiting judge in Calvert County Circuit Court because of an alleged conflict of interest on the part of the then commission chairperson, who the court said should have recused herself.

Nelson's petition to the highest court said, "there is a current lack of consistency in the interpretation of these (ethics) ordinances" as exemplified in the McConkey case.

Nelson wrote: "The disconnect between this case that a County Commissioner has no conflict of interest and did not need to recuse himself) and its companion case (that an ethics commissioner had to recuse to the mere existence of the accused's lawsuit against her-even though quorum requirements would then leave the Ethics Commission unable to function) leaves the court with the question of whether and how to interpret recusal provisions vis-a-vis quorum provisions."

A copy of the writ petition was delivered to Calvert County's attorney in the case, John Mattingly, last week.

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Calvert, St. Mary's Respond to Another Solomons Bridge Suicide

At approximately 8 a.m. Feb. 5 the Calvert Dive Team, Co. 12, was dispatched to the base of the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge for the report of a subject in the water after jumping from the bridge.

Multiple companies and agencies responded, including US Coast Guard, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Calvert County Sheriff's Office Maryland State Police and volunteer rescue companies from Solomons, Prince Frederick and North Beach.

Trooper 7 from St. Mary's airport arrived overhead and began a search over the river while smaller vessels began a surface search of the immediate area.

As the dive team was preparing their search, Trooper 7 located a body on the surface near the Patuxent River Naval Air Station and St. Mary's boat crews arrived quickly, recovered the subject and brought them to the pier, attempting to resuscitate the sub-



ject, where they were loaded into a waiting ambulance and taken to an area hospital.

The person was later pronounced deceased and is the second person to jump from the bridge in as many weeks to end their lives.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached at 1-800-273-8255 or text HELLO to 741741, which is the Crisis Text Line. Both services are free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All calls are confidential.

What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Jan. 26 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was in a hybrid form, both virtually and in person at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4, 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**, 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**, 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, 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, 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**, 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**, 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, located at 10375 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk on 2.66 acres, Zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 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**, 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**, 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**, 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 BLOTTER

During the week of January 24, 2022 – January 30, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,160 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 22-04063

On January 25, 2022, Deputy Contic responded to the 8500 block of Perch Court in Lusby, MD for a report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) slashed four tires on a vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence. The value of damaged property is \$800.00.

Theft: 22-03849

On January 24, 2022, Deputy Kwitowski received report of a theft. The complainant advised while parked at the BP gas station located at 10855 Town Center Blvd. in Dunkirk, MD, unknown suspect(s) stole prescription medication from the floorboard of the unlocked vehicle. The total value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 22-03880

On January 24, 2022, Deputy Hendrickson received report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between Jan. 10 and Jan. 24, unknown suspect(s) stole a 2020 53ft Great Dane trailer from a property located on NB Rt. 4 and Flag Ponds Parkway in Lusby, MD. The estimated value of stolen property is \$20,000.00.

Theft: 22-04564

On January 28, 2022, Deputy Kwitowski responded to the 1700 block of Ball Road in Port Republic, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised a package containing a truck tailgate handle backup camera was stolen from the mailbox outside the residence. The estimated value of stolen property is \$500.00.

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Theft: 22-04627

On January 28, 2022, Deputy Gough responded to the 6200 block of Quarles Road in St. Leonard, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised the front registration plate and bracket were stolen off of a vehicle parked outside the residence. The estimated value of stolen property is \$50.00.

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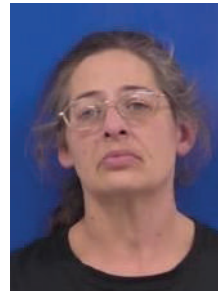
On January 29, 2022, Deputy Gough responded to the area of Southern Connector Blvd. and S. Solomons Island Road in Lusby, MD for report of an auto accident with property damage. Contact was made with the driver, **Andrew Nickolas Fenwick**, 24 of Mechanicsville, MD. Fenwick provided deputies with a fraudulent registration and a stolen registration plate was recovered from inside the



Andrew Fenwick

vehicle. Fenwick was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft Less than \$100 along with traffic citations.

On January 30, 2022, Deputy Aley responded to the 7-11 located at 15 N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a subject trespassing. Deputy Aley observed **Katherine Margaret Teacher**, 40 of Port Republic, MD, on the mentioned property. Teacher had been issued a Trespass Warning for that location. A search of Teacher's person revealed a bag containing a white powdery substance (suspected cocaine), four glass pipes with copper wire shavings, two straws, a spoon with burn marks, and a white powdery residue. Teacher was arrested and charged with Trespassing: Private Property, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia



Katherine Teacher

On January 24, 2022, Deputy Anderson conducted a traffic stop on Cove Point Road in the area of the Cove Point Self Storage in Lusby, MD. Upon making contact with the occupants, a strong odor

of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. The driver, **Trevhon Domonique Bethune**, 22 of Lusby, MD, advised marijuana was in the center console and handed over a bag of marijuana measuring 14.3 grams. A search of the vehicle revealed a handgun with a loaded .40cal Glock magazine and \$713.00 in U.S. Currency. A passenger, **Averyonna Dejana Wills**, 20 of Brandywine, MD, pushed one of the deputies on scene, struck him in the forehead with her foot while attempting to kick the patrol vehicle's windows out. Both Bethune and Wills were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Bethune charged with Concealing a Deadly Weapon and CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10+GM. Wills was charged with Second-Degree Assault.



Trevhon Bethune



Averyonna Wills

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

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Five File for Two At-Large

Filing Deadline: Feb. 22

By Duck Myers
Editor

With the filing deadline looming on Feb. 22, five candidates have emerged for the two non-partisan at-large seats on the Calvert County Board of Education.

Just as with the county commissioners, two members serve at-large and three represent a commissioner district on the school board. Only the at-large seats are up for grabs this time around.

The top four vote getters in the June primary will appear on the November ballot for voters to pick the top two to serve for the next four years.

Neither of the current occupants of the at-large seats has chosen to run for election this time. The school board's President Pamela Cousins told The County Times she did not intend to seek a third term.

Pat Nutter, who was appointed by the commissioners to fill the vacancy left with the death of Bill Phalen, told The County Times it was never his intent to run for election for the seat.

One of the five candidates is not a newcomer to the school board. Two years ago, **Tracy McGuire** was



Tracy McGuire

term limited after serving 12 years on the board. She has decided she'd like to come back, this time in an at-large capacity.

When she filed last October, McGuire, who lives in Huntingtown, said she enjoyed serving and decided to file early for the new seat to perhaps preempt other candidates.

At the time it was not known whether Cousins or Nutter would file. She said she served with both they were good school board members, and she wasn't running against them but for the job. She said she seeks and to address some of the tough issues facing the board.

The other four candidates are

Christina "Tina" Hall, Joseph Marchio, Jana Post and Damien Lee Vallanova.

Damien Lee Villanova was born



Damien Lee Villanova

and raised in Baltimore. "I'm a product of two educators. My mom and dad were both educators in the Baltimore City public school system," he said.

Villanova, 47, joined the Marine Corps in 1995 and retired after 21 years. "I traveled the world, enjoyed myself and my last duty station was out of the Pentagon." He and his family moved to Calvert three years ago." He has three children, two of whom are school age. The pandemic and its challenges prompted him to get involved.

"My wife's active in the county. She's a member of the Republican Central Committee here at Calvert County. I've always kept my ear to the ground as far as what's going on around the world due to what I did in the Marine Corps."

He added, "I just wanted to do something. I wasn't too happy about the way things were going and I wanted to do something as an engaged parent."

He wants the Pledge of Allegiance in the schools. "I have a little bit of patriotism. That's one of the reasons why I decided to serve my country."

He's not a big fan of sexuality being taught in the schools. "As a parent, I think that should be taught first at the house." He added, "When I did catch that it was being taught, I immediately engaged myself with my kids. My wife and I have learned that [if] we are the first ones to tell our kids about something in the world, it becomes their truth."

As to Critical Race Theory, he said, "That's not one of my platform topics," but added he wanted to become knowledgeable about it.

"I'm a Christian first I'm Marine next, and I'm a father and a husband," he said.

Villanova, who lives in Dunkirk, was attracted to the county by its schools. "We looked around and Calvert County came up on the radar."

Jana Post is the mother of four



Jana Post

children (11-year-old triplets and a 14-year-old daughter) currently in the public schools. She works full-time for the federal government and is a lifelong county resident and Northern High graduate.

The triples are at Windy Hill Middle School and the daughter at Huntingtown High School.

"I filed as a write-in candidate during the last election, just kind of after really being exposed to more of what was going on with curriculum," she said.

"Being more involved because of COVID, I initially decided to file because I was not terribly happy about not returning to in-person learning," she explained, adding, "continuing to pay closer attention and really talking to other parents and teachers in the community, I just decided that maybe it was time that somebody else made a run for it."

Post said, "I think that having children in the public school system and having school-aged children allows you to be involved with and have conversations with many people because they have the same situation."

Regarding masking, she said, "As the information evolves, what we knew initially in 2020 and what we know now is very different. My statement today is based on information that's put out by the CDC and local health departments that cloth masks don't really work. They're not really effective in preventing COVID 19. So, I don't think

that the children should be wearing masks, especially because the risk is very low for children. And I think that it certainly only should be a parent's choice."

She said she didn't believe that Critical Race Theory was being officially taught in Calvert schools.

"I think that we absolutely should have an anti-racism policy and we should be addressing anything that's occurring in our schools. But I don't know that calling out specific races (white privilege) is the way to do that necessarily."

Regarding the limiting of public comments, she said, "I wish that there was not a limit. and while I can appreciate not wanting to be tied to a meeting for hours on end, I think it's important that the parents have a right, should they choose to."

Post said, "My intentions are to do really what is best. I don't have necessarily a self-serving interest and that's the reason I'm running, but I think it's important that anybody in those positions is taking a look at all of the things, which are occurring in our classrooms."

Joseph Marchio was raised in



Joseph Marchio and his wife Amanda

northeast Ohio, went to college in Columbus and moved to Maryland in 2005 and to Calvert in 2014. He and his wife have two children. He's in senior management with a general contractor specializing in heavy utility work.

Marchio, 38, lives in St. Leonard. As to why he's running, he said, "I don't necessarily agree with all the policies, particularly kids being forced to wear masks."

He added, "Some of the issues are with curriculum and things like that and policies. I also don't like the 10-person limit that the board impose on comments." He said he understands that in recent meetings there have been less than 10 com-

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menters, but she said, “some have stayed away because of that.”

He said he heard a board member say the limit was imposed because they don’t want things to get bogged down. “That really bothered me,” he said, adding hearing from the community, “That’s the whole purpose of the meeting for the public being able to go. It’s not bogging it down. You need to hear them out.”

His 10-year-old goes to St. Leonard Elementary. “Prior to distance learning it had been fantastic. My kid, unfortunately, is one of the ones that really struggles with being isolated, not being in a typical classroom, it wasn’t enough of a routine and unfortunately he struggled quite a bit not being in the classroom where he’s always excelled with normal learning before.”

I don’t think we really ever should have gone to it. Kids should have been in class the whole time and we could have kept them safe in doing so and thankfully we now know that,” he said.

Marchio said, “I just sat back and watched and listened to stuff over and over again and decided if I’m going to complain about stuff or not like the way things are done at least try to get involved to make a difference rather than just complain about it.”

Campaigning is new for him as it is for the some of the other candidates. “The biggest challenge is going to be try to go to many events that are in the county as I can and just go get out and meet people and tell them why I’m running and the things I believe in. The values I have.”

He was attracted to move to the county because of the schools. We’d heard nothing but really good things about the schools.”

Christina “Tina” Hall, of Hun-



Tina Hall

tingtown, is married and they have five children, aged seven to 17, all in the public school system. She’s been a stay-at-home mom for the last 12 years. Her experiences with her children were motivating fac-

tors in her decision to run.

She explained, “My seven-year-old and my 11-year-old both have multiple disabilities. So, we have had IEPs (Individual Education Plans) for several years, and I don’t seem to be getting anywhere in help or services that I think that my kids need, and the county disagrees. It’s been challenging.”

It was especially challenging during virtual learning. “With the seven-year-old, we went through three laptops, four tablets and three TVs on the wall,” she said.

“The digital learning just didn’t work out for two or three of my kids.”

She said, “I tried just about everything, separating them into class, into different rooms. And then I was running around the entire house all day and they were screaming, mom, help me. I can’t get on a Teams meeting. It was very challenging.”

So as to running for the position, she said, “There are a number of issues that I have found through the years.”

The issues, she said, were not just in special education, but “having all the kids together. I know I’m going to get a lot of pushback for this, but when I was in elementary school, we had separate classrooms, which did separate pace for the kids’ intellectual needs.”

As to some of the hot button issues in the school system, she said they were generally political. “I’m just trying to get my kids to learn their basics. Not just my kids who have special education needs, but kids who have higher learning needs too,” she said, adding, “I think that a decision just needs to be made and stuck to it,” regarding masking and immunizations.

“My concerns are,” she said, “the accountability for the supervisors in charge. I feel like the kids at school level have more punishments and more accountability put on them than the majority of the staff members who are above the principal. Do you know what happens when they make a mistake? They get a slap on the wrist, and they go, ‘don’t do it again.’ And you’re like, ‘okay, I won’t.’ And then they do it again. And then there’s no repercussions.”

“I just feel like a lot of things are brushed under the rug. We need more program options for the kids more than just two or three,” she said.

She added, “I feel like we need more resources for all the parents, and they need resources to be available for everyone. It can’t just be on the website or whatever.”

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Leadership Group Announces Emerging Leaders Class



The Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of 19 Southern Maryland professionals for its Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) Class of 2022.

From Calvert County –

Megan Deaton, program manager for AIRtec, Inc.

Kristina McKeever, engagement specialist for Precise Systems

Marie Parker, custodial supervisor for Calvert County Government

Donna Sisson, RN community educator/ supervisor for Calvert Health

From Charles County –

Janice Hedges, administrative technical assistant/ procurement processing specialist for Navy Sea Systems Command, NSWC, Indian Head

Jacqueline Swann, explosive operator for CAD/PAD, NSWC, Indian Head

Christina Taylor, project manager-health resilience for Chickasaw Nations Industries

From St. Mary's County –

Laura Friess, BAA manager, SBIR/ STTR program office for Serco, NA

Katherine Grey, computer scientist for Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR)

Maya Hoagland, integrated product team lead (IPTL) for NAVAIR PMA 202

Christian Jarboe, video production manager for Stories Incorporated

Rachel Lytle, senior communication and marketing specialist for KBR

Daniel Palmieri, senior program analyst/ training specialist III for Naval Systems, Inc.

Lura Roach, strategic communications analyst for DCS Corporation

Joshua Tarr, associate attorney for Baldwin, Briscoe & Steinmetz, P.C.

Tiffany Young, associate attorney for Williams, McClernan & Stack

From Anne Arundel County; however, works in Calvert County –

Joelle Frank, recruitment assistant for Calvert County Government

George “Will” Hager, planner III for Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning

From Anne Arundel County; however, works in St. Mary's County –

Esha Bristol, project manager for The MIL Corporation

Leadership Southern Maryland's Emerging Leaders (LEAP) program provides educational programming opportunities to new or emerging leaders in our region. Through a series of six “experiences,” young leaders will facilitate, foster, and refine their individual leadership understanding and abilities via structured course curriculum and a focus on self-discovery, teamwork, and networking. These sessions will conclude with a capstone project and closing retreat with graduation in June. Experts from across the region and state representing business, government, education, and the nonprofit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

Founded in 2008, LSM has successfully graduated over 400 regional leaders from its Executive Program. LSM is an independent, educational leadership development organization designed to broaden the knowledge base of public and private sector executives and emerging leaders. Leadership Southern Maryland is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Press Release from LSM

Hawk Food Pantries Open



From left Prince Frederick Campus Student Life Coordinator Erika Fisher, CSM Dean of Student Development Michelle Ruble, CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy, CSM Vice President Student Equity and Success Tracy Harris, Prince Frederick Campus Operations Coordinator Alan Hemming and CSM Student Wellness and Basic Needs Specialist Isaiah Fitzhugh pose for the Hawk Pantry ribbon cutting.

Excitement and gratitude were the emotions of the day last month when the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Student Life team joined students, faculty and staff to cut the ribbon and officially launch the new food pantry program at the college – aptly named ‘The CSM Hawk Pantry.’ Three walk-in pantries are now located at the La Plata, Leonardtown and Prince Frederick Campuses to help remove barriers to student success for those experiencing food insecurities.

The CSM Hawk Pantry program was established last fall in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank, which provides the food CSM will be distributing. In addition, the college accepts food drive donations, and through a partnership with Farming 4 Hunger (F4H), the college will also be distributing seasonal fresh produce from the F4H Demonstration Market Garden located at the Prince Frederick Campus.

“My hope, my dream, is that nobody who is a part of our community will ever be hungry,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy during the ribbon cutting. “And we’re going to do the best we can to make that happen. I am so grateful for everybody who has been working on this effort. It has been a labor of love – real love – for our students and our communities. And I thank you.”

“This was an extensive undertaking that required coordination among multiple departments, but it was very meaningful work,” explained Prince Frederick Campus Student Life Coordinator Erika Fisher. “The Hawk Pantry project is truly the best example of teamwork and this college’s commitment to providing holistic care to our students in their journey to success. I am proud of everyone’s assistance, hard work, and professionalism.”

CSM’s commitment to address the needs of students with food insecurities began in 2017, when the CSM Student Government Association, in partnership with CSM’s President’s Cabinet, installed micro-pantries, named Hawk Feeders, on each of CSM’s four campuses to help address short-term basic needs sometimes experienced by our students and community members. Built by a CSM faculty member Bill Luyster, the self-standing Hawk Feeders cabinets are stocked through individual donations by faculty, staff and students as well as through food drives, under the adage, “Give what you can, take what you need.” The Hawk Feeders will remain on campuses to provide students in need with grab and go items.

In 2019, the Student Life team was tasked with looking into the possibility of expanding the Hawk Feeder program. However, before their surveying and research was

complete, the pandemic occurred and their efforts were put on hold when the college lifted the majority of courses to a remote learning environment.

But team’s desire to assist students with hunger issues never waned. The Student Life team went to work in March 2020 to empty the CSM Hawk Feeders and partner with local churches to hold 14 Mobile Hawk Feeders. These distribution events rotated between CSM’s four campuses and had students driving through the parking lots to pick up their groceries. All in all, a total of 13,290 lbs. of food were distributed to 333 students from May 2020 through August 2021.

“We knew that families were hurting in ways they hadn’t hurt before,” Murphy said of the students responding to the Mobile Hawk Feeder effort. “We knew that people needed food and that we had a responsibility to mobilize behind that. [CSM Dean of Student Development] Michelle Ruble and her team just took it on. They said, ‘This is what we do.’ And they were very successful at it, but it was heart breaking.”

In spring 2021, college leadership revisited the expansion of the Hawk Feeder program and agreed to establish a formalized, no-cost campus food pantry system. The pantries are open weekly to CSM students who have a need and users can receive up to 30 lbs. of canned and packaged food items per week.

The CSM Hawk Pantry program plans to expand offerings by providing wraparound services, personal hygiene items, and an emergency assistance fund. To be eligible for services all pantry users will be required to show their CSM ID card. Students can provide a copy of their current registration statement in lieu of a Student ID card. User confidentiality will be protected.

The CSM Hawk Pantries are open weekly to students at the following campus locations during regular college hours:

La Plata Campus

Location: LR Building, Room 106
Day/Time: Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Leonardtown Campus

Location: Building A, Room 109
Day/Time: Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Prince Frederick Campus

Location: Building B, Room 101
Day/Time: Mondays, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For questions or additional information, please contact CSM Student Wellness and Basic Needs Specialist Isaiah Fitzhugh at 443-550-6168, icfitzhugh@csmd.edu and learn more at <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/health-wellness/hawkfeeder/index.html>.

Press Release from CSM

County Announces Presidents Day Schedule



The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners announces county offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, in observance of Presidents 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 operating hours.
- The Solomons Septage Receiving Facility will be open on Monday, Feb. 21 with normal operating hours.
- The Water & Sewerage billing and customer service office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21.
- Calvert County's senior centers will be closed and Meals on Wheels will not be delivered on Monday, Feb. 21. Shelf-stable meals were distributed in advance. Meal delivery will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- There will be no county bus service on Monday, Feb. 21. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- Calvert Library locations and Bookmobile service will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Downloadable materials and virtual services are available 24/7 at calvertlibrary.info.
- The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store will be

open with normal hours on Monday, Feb. 21.

- The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter and Animal Control Division will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21. An animal control officer will be available for emergencies.
- All community centers will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21.
- All recreation parks including Dunkirk, Hallowing Point and Cove Point parks will be open with normal winter hours.
- Chesapeake Hills Golf Course will be open on Monday, Feb. 21, with normal hours.
- Flag Ponds Nature Park, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp and Kings Landing Park will be open with normal winter hours of operation. For a full nature park schedule, visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/1505/Park-Hours.
- Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center will be open with normal operating hours on Monday, Feb. 21.
- Breezy Point Beach & Campground remains closed for the season.

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

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Phone Scam Active in Calvert Area



Citizens should be aware of a phone scam that is currently active in our area. Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies have received reports that scammers claiming to be from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office have contacted citizens in regards to an outstanding warrant for an unpaid traffic ticket or other violation, threatening immediate arrest and/or criminal charges unless a fine is promptly paid.

The impersonator:

- Spoofs a legitimate police agency phone number, using a real name of a law enforcement officer in an attempt to gain the trust of the victim;
- Tells the community member the call is being recorded; and
- Tells the community member they missed a court appearance or jury duty.
- The caller states they need to send money or a warrant will be issued for their arrest or they may turn themselves in to jail.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office reminds you to be aware that:

- The Calvert County Sheriff's Office will never call individuals and demand or request money from community members, under any circumstances.
- The Calvert County Sheriff's Office or any other legitimate law enforcement agency does not call citizens seeking payment for outstanding traffic citations or warrants.
- Impersonators claiming to collect debts may try to instill fear in potential victims to persuade them to forward money.
- No government agency of any kind takes gift cards as payment.

If you receive a similar call, disconnect without providing any personal information or taking any instructions from the caller. Contact your local law enforcement agency to verify any questions you may have. For more information, the FBI maintains a list of common scams and provides safety tips. Visit <https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety>.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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Former State Senator Receives CSM Award

CSM Board of Trustees Chair Jay Webster joined the cast of CSM leadership to congratulate winter commencement graduates on behalf of the entire board.

"All of us at CSM are so proud of you for accomplishments and the hard work it took for you to get here," Webster said. "You have grown in your career and in your professional goals, and more importantly you've grown personally in ways none of us could have ever predicted. For many of you, your academic journey at CSM started, and is now ending, during a global pandemic. When you stop to think about how astonishing that is, you then realize how much more amazing your accomplishments are today."

Webster also took the opportunity to share with the graduates and viewers the Board of Trustees' choice for its Distinguished Service Award.

"In my role as Board of Trustee Chair, I have the honor of seeing CSM from many different perspectives," he said. "By far the best view is watching our students work extraordinarily hard and succeed. But I also get to see many people behind the scenes, on the sidelines, and in our cheering sections who work hard for our students and our institution to help ensure our high level of excellence. I am here today to talk about one of them and recognize them for their ongoing commitment to CSM and that person is former Charles County Commissioner and Maryland State Senator James C. "Jim" Simpson."

As a friend of CSM for many years, the Simpson and his late wife Barbara moved to Charles County in 1958 with their three children, James III, Gary and Carol (both Gary and Carol attended CSM when it was called Charles County Community College). Together, they ran Simpson Distributing Company until they sold the business in 1986.

"Their first gift to our college was in 1996 in support of the Center for Business and Industry Building and the family has never waned in their support over the years," Webster said. "I can't wait until the time comes that we can do this in person, but for now know that it is my absolute honor to represent the Board of Trustees and the entire CSM community in virtually awarding you the CSM's 2021 Trustees Distinguished Service Award. You and your entire family's ongoing generosity and investment in CSM impacts



CSM Board of Trustees Chair Jay Webster

many lives, many families and the prosperity of our region. We are grateful."

When contact at his home in Florida, Simpson said he was "humbled and honored" to be chosen as the recipient of the Board of Trustees Distinguished Service Award.

"My interaction with than the Charles County Community College started many years ago when I was president of the Charles County Commissioners and Jay Carsey was the college president and John Sine was a dean at the college," Simpson wrote in an email response. "Their plan was to build and expand facilities with more programs while providing excellent, affordable education with diversity and equity in the forefront of their minds. And so it began. I recall one of the earliest programs at the college was nursing and if completed the students were guaranteed a position at the hospital in La Plata."

Overtime, Simpson wrote, "all three counties of Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's came together and to create the College of Southern Maryland," which he noted as "a truly great accomplishment."

"And the winners have always been everyone who wants to further their education," Simpson shared. "Now under the current leadership of CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy and the CSM Board of Trustees the original plan and goals continue to grow with new facilities and programs while still providing excellent, affordable and inclusive education for all."

Press Release from CSM

High School Graduation Plans Confirmed

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) confirmed dates and location to celebrate graduation for the Class of 2022. A graduation survey was sent to all seniors to elicit their input about the ceremonies regarding graduation preferences and venue.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "We are excited as a system to celebrate the Class of 2022 accomplishments together this year. It is important for our students, parents, and school community to commemorate this event with everyone in attendance."

High school graduations will be held on June 1, 2022, and June 2, 2022, at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The specific dates and times for all four high schools are listed below:

- Patuxent High School:
June 1, 2:30 p.m.
- Huntingtown High School:
June 1, 7:30 p.m.
- Northern High School:



June 2, 2:30 p.m.

- Calvert High School:
June 2, 7:30 p.m.

June 1 and 2 are two-hour early dismissal days for Calvert County Public Schools. Each school will share specific graduation information with their seniors in early March.

Calvert County Public Schools will follow all COVID guidelines as directed by the Show Place Arena.

Press Release from CCPS.

Career and Technology Academy Awarded Innovation Grant

For the Fire and Rescue Program

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Career and Technical Education has been awarded a Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Career and Technical Education (CTE) Innovation Grant in the amount of \$118,053 to support providing a Virtual Fire Training Program that will enhance the Fire and Rescue Cadet program located at the Career and Technology Academy (CTA).

The funds will be used to purchase a FLAIM Trainer system, which provides virtual reality experiences for students. A simulated firefighting scenario is provided, and students use a specialized virtual reality apparatus to simulate the tools used in controlling and putting out various types of fires. In addition, funds will help to provide additional physical equipment for student practice.

James Richardson, division chief of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, supports and is excited to see the addition of the new equipment. "The availability to incorporate the unique innovation of virtual reality training in conjunction with physical props on site at the CTA will not only afford the students additional safe experience but will better prepare them for success as a firefighter serving their community in a volunteer or career basis," he said/

CCPS students can participate in the Fire and Rescue program beginning in

the junior year. Students complete one year of training in Firefighting and one year of training to certify as Emergency Medical Technicians. Students in the program are required to become active members of a local fire department or rescue squad. The instruction provided in the program is supplied through the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI).

CTA Principal Carrie Akins stated, "Thanks to the support of so many key community partners, our Fire and Rescue program is already one of the very best in the state of Maryland. It is exciting to be at the forefront of innovation in meeting the unique needs of our high school cadets as we work together to prepare our future first responders who will provide critical support for our community for years to come."

Enrollment for current 10th grade students in Calvert County who wish to participate in any of the 13 programs located at CTA is open until Feb. 24.

Students who are interested in signing up to attend a program at CTA can visit <http://bit.ly/CTA2022> to learn more and to submit the required enrollment form.

An Open House is also scheduled at CTA on Feb. 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, including students in all grade levels.

Press Release from CCPS.

St. Mary's College Freezes Tuition

Trustees Approve New Majors

On Saturday, Feb. 5, the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland approved a tuition freeze for a third consecutive year. The board also approved a new performing arts major and a business administration major.

Tuition and Fees

The Board of Trustees authorized, at the recommendation of the Finance, Investment and Audit Committee, that student tuition rates for academic year 2022-2023 remain equal to 2021-2022 rates. For the third consecutive year, tuition for in-state students will remain \$12,116; out-of-state tuition will remain at \$28,192; and tuition for District of Columbia residents remains at \$22,116.

The Board also authorized an increase of 2 percent for mandatory fees and room rates. For board (dining) rates the Board authorized a 4 percent increase due to inflation.

The tuition freeze began as the result of a review of recommendations from a Board of Trustees task force, formed in 2019 at the request of President Tuajuanda C. Jordan. The task force studied how the College, as a public institution that is focused on providing an all honors education, could ensure greater access to students.

"St. Mary's College recognizes the strain that increases to college expenses can have on students and families and the Board remains committed to easing that burden," said Board Chair Susan Lawrence Dyer. "While we are not able to control costs impacted by inflation such as our dining expenses, I commend President Jordan and the staff for managing the budget in a way that we are able to once again hold steady on our tuition rate while still maintaining the exceptional honors education students and families expect from St. Mary's College."

Current tuition, fees, room and board for an in-state student total \$28,993 and \$45,069 for a non-Maryland resident.

"The restructuring across the entire institution, belt tightening, and increased efficiencies have made our efforts to mitigate tuition increases possible," said President Tuajuanda C. Jordan. "Continuing our freeze strengthens our commitment to our students and opens the way for others to see this place, the National Public Honors College, as their college of choice."

Performing Arts and Business Administration

Pending Maryland Higher Education Commission approval, two new majors are slated for a fall 2022 start date, performing arts and business administration.

Faculty members from music and theater worked together over the summer to put together a proposal for the perform-

ing arts major that includes a gateway course, an integrated capstone, and three concentrations (music, theater and integrated performing arts). The major replaces the former music, and theater, film & media studies majors. "We look forward to offering this new performing arts major, especially with it being unveiled along with a new performing arts building," said Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Jeffrey Byrd.

For the business administration major, the College has contracted with a search firm specializing in higher education to assist in identifying the appropriate pool of candidates for the inaugural William Seale Professor of Business. Simultaneously, planning is underway to make sure enough of the entry level business administration courses are available for students wanting to begin the major this fall. "Students have been clamoring for a business administration major and the faculty have designed one that is rooted in the liberal arts tradition and ripe for interdisciplinary connections," Byrd said.

In other business:

- The Board authorized, at the recommendation of its Campus Life Committee, a chosen name policy that allows students and employees to officially notify the College of their chosen first name. Students can submit a chosen name request form for review by the vice president of student affairs. Employees can submit a request to human resources. The chosen first name would be reflected within on-campus communication systems that do not require the use of legal names.

- The Board also approved a revised Student Trustee position description. The Student Trustee serves one year and can participate and vote in all Board meetings except in establishing or administering faculty or administrative personnel policy. The position description was developed by the Campus Life Committee to define the role, responsibilities, and benefits; provide guidance to the current Student Trustee and Student Trustee in Training; encourage qualified students to apply; and empower students who engage with the Board of Trustees in these roles to have meaningful experiences.

- The Board authorized revamping criteria for the Order of the Ark and Dove citation at the recommendation of the Trustee Governance Committee. The Order of the Ark and Dove citation was originally created in 1972 to honor those who have given distinguished service to St. Mary's College. This citation is the highest honor the College can bestow.

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

SMCM Presents an Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton



Carolyn Forché



Raymond Antrobus

The Office of the St. Mary's College of Maryland President presents "Nurturing the Compassionate Community: An Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton" on Monday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall. The annual event, co-sponsored by the VOICES Reading Series, will feature poetry readings and reflections to honor the late Lucille Clifton, former distinguished professor of the humanities at St. Mary's College.

This event will also be livestreamed to the College's website.

Carolyn Forché and Raymond Antrobus will perform original works of poetry. Antrobus will receive the Lucille Clifton Legacy award during the event.

Forché's first volume, "Gathering the Tribes," winner of the Yale Series of Younger Poets Prize, was followed by "The Country Between Us," "The Angel of History," and "Blue Hour." Her most recent collection is "In the Lateness of the World." She is also the author of the memoir "What You Have Heard Is True" (Penguin Random House, 2019), a lyrical and visionary memoir about a young woman's brave choice to engage with horror in order to help others, which was nominated for the 2019 National Book Awards.

She has translated Mahmoud Darwish, Claribel Alegria, and Robert Desnos. Her famed international anthology, "Against Forgetting," has been praised by Nelson Mandela as "itself a blow against tyranny, against prejudice, against injustice." In 1998 in Stockholm, she received the Edita and Ira Morris Hiroshima Foundation for Peace and Culture Award for her human rights advocacy and the preservation of memory and culture.

Antrobus is the author of "All the Names Given" (Tin House, 2021), which was shortlisted for the T. S.

Eliot Prize and The Costa Poetry Award. His debut collection, "The Perseverance" (Tin House, 2021), won the Ted Hughes Award, the Rathbones Folio Prize, and the Somerset Maugham Award, and was shortlisted for the Griffin Poetry Prize, among others. Born in London, Raymond is currently based between London and New Orleans.

Lucille Clifton was one of the most distinguished, decorated, and beloved poets of her time. She won the National Book Award for Poetry and was the first Black recipient of the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize for lifetime achievement. Her honors and awards give testament to the universality of her unique and resonant voice. In 1987, she became the first author to have two books of poetry – "Good Woman" and "Next" – chosen as finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in the same year. She was named a Literary Lion of New York Public Library in 1996, served as chancellor of the Academy of American Poetry and was elected a fellow in Literature of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Campus visitors must be up to date on vaccinations for COVID-19 and be able to present proof upon request by College officials when attending indoor events or large gatherings outside when social distancing cannot be ensured. If campus visitors are not up to date on vaccinations or cannot show proof, they must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival to campus. Face coverings must be always worn indoors. Unvaccinated children under the age of 12 are required to wear a mask.

For those who cannot attend in person, this event will be streamed live beginning at 7:30 p.m. at <http://www.smcm.edu/lucille-clifton> and on our YouTube channel.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland



Letters to the Editor

Convenient 'Truths'

To the Editor:

Mr. Davenport's Letter in the January 20 issue titled "Truth About the Democratic Party?" requires a response. In a classic "bait and switch" or "guilt by association" piece, he educates us about an insurrection that occurred in 1898 in Wilmington, NC, and the role of what he suggests was the racist Democratic Party of that era in fomenting the unrest. He also equally touts the role of the Grand Old Party in opposing white supremacy from its founding in the 1850's and throughout the Jim Crow era. It was particularly illuminating to be reminded of the 1890's attempts by the party of Lincoln to dismantle the "Democrats' fraudulent voting practices..."

I suspect that it was no accident that Mr. Davenport opted to focus on events that took place more than 100 years ago and conveniently did not continue our education into more modern times. Perhaps that is because the Democratic and Republican Parties no longer resemble their former selves. The Democrats slowly saw the power of their senior southern Senators and Representatives wane after President Lyndon Johnson (D) helped win passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 which prohibited discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and strengthened the enforcement of voting rights and the desegregation of schools. I am not sure Abraham Lincoln would recognize the Republican Party today, and I suspect that if he were consistent neither would Mr. Davenport. Surely he would be alarmed by the racial overtones that emanate from the blatant attempts by the Republican led state legislatures to restrict voting access in the wake of the 2020 elections that denied their incumbent president a second term.

As we reflect on the terrible assault on our democracy that took place just a year ago on January 6, 2021, we must not allow those who would deny its' seriousness to draw our attention away from current threats by "educating" us about events that have little relevance today,

*Fred Bumgarner
Cheapeake Beach*

We Almost Didn't Send This

To The Editor

We've got it: "The thing speaks for itself." And, "Don't dignify it by comment." But...

Some things just require comment. The latest KKK package found in Dunkirk over New Year's weekend is simply one of those things.

Dr. King, whom the writer attempted to demean, would have recognized the hatefulness and the ignorance of the writer – after all, these are what killed him. But, from his profound faith and compassionate heart, he would have affirmed that God loves the writer, even so.

Nelson Mandela once said that no one is born hating someone for the color of their skin. It has to be taught. We can and must overcome such hatred with love for one another in our speech and acts. The best response to counter such hate is to model love for all.

Dr. King's dream was not sullied by the message, but we as a County were. In the face of such events it's a challenge to follow Dr. King's faith that God loves all people, but we choose his path.

*All Saints Parish
Sunderland Maryland*

Unsung Heroes of the COVID-19 Pandemic

To the Editor:

The numbers can make us numb. And we've seen a lot of numbers over the past two years. The disease itself that has been our focus boasts a number: COVID-19. We hear the number of people infected, the number hospitalized, the number needing intensive care, the number vaccinated and boosted, the number who have lost their lives during this pandemic.

The numbers that are often left unsaid are the number who have been the unsung heroes through this unsettled time. So many of these heroes are on our medical teams: the doctors and nurses, along with cleaning staffs, cafeteria employees, administrators, ambulance drivers, and others who have kept our hospitals open and running effectively. Among the other heroes are our non-medical first responders, store employees who have kept our grocery stores open, truckers who try valiantly to keep our stores' shelves filled, educators who have learned to teach our children remotely and under difficult in-person conditions, outreach programs that help to fill the gaps for those who need special assistance, pharmacists who filled our prescriptions, and farmers who raised our food.

These are just a few of the people who deserve our special recognition as we approach the second anniversary of our sequestration, sanitizing and mask-wearing days. They have kept our county and our country moving forward -- even though many have seen their own families and co-workers lose their battles against COVID-19. We at All Saints Episcopal Parish pray that all such unsung heroes realize how deeply grateful we are for their dedication to their professions and their sacrificial service to the well-being of all of us.

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Pig Roast Fundraiser

At the Immaculate Conception Parish Center

Sunday, February 13th, 2022

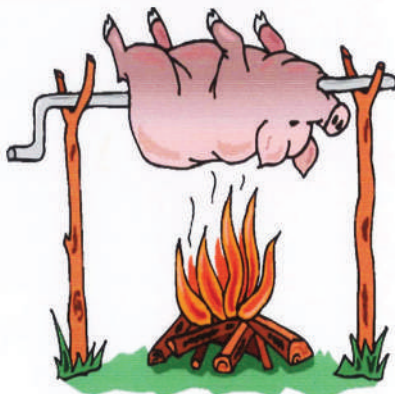
(Yes... Superbowl Sunday!)

from noon to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person

This will be a Carry-Out / Drive Thru Event!

Pickup Dinner before the Big Game!



Menu includes Roast Pig BBQ, Baked beans, and Cole slaw.

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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, February 10

Sea Squirts

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

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Animal Tracks!

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.csm.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>

Thursday, February 17

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum

10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult, are invited to join us for story time and a craft you can do on-site or take home, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Whose Tracks are These?

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Upcoming

Great Backyard Bird Count

Calvert Marine Museum

Saturday, Feb. 19

Sunday Feb. 20

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Participate in a Citizen Science activity that provides data to the

Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. The Great Backyard Bird Count engages bird watchers in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Check out a pair of binoculars and a bird count tally sheet in the museum lobby to assist us with this program. For adults and children in third grade or older who are interested in assisting with research. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Included with museum admission.

Saving Native Bees

Your Yard, Your Garden, Your Community Can Plant a Difference. Chesapeake Beach Green Team invites you to join them for an exciting talk with Wildlife Scientist Sam Droege on March 5th from 10-12 p.m.

This event is brought to you by the Town of Chesapeake Beach Green Team in coordination with the Calvert County Parks and Recreation. You may register through Calvert Parks and Recreation <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html> with activity code 410111. Walk-in's are also welcome.

Maritime Performance Series

with CHRYSALIS

Friday, Feb. 25, 7p.m.

Calvert Marine Museum.

Chrysalis, featuring Jody Marshall on hammered dulcimer and piano and Jim Queen on fiddle and guitar, serves up plenty of toe-tapping fun with lilting jigs, rollicking reels, and happy hornpipes from traditions on both sides of the pond. The duo's far-reaching musical proclivities treat audiences to a repertoire ranging from Bach to the Beatles, and even an American Songbook standard or two. Performance is in the museum's Harms Gallery starting at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. with beer and wine for sale. Tickets are \$20 online at bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts, and \$25 at the door.

Universal Coprolite Day Celebration

Calvert Marine Museum

Sunday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Department of Paleontology is initiating the celebration of Universal Coprolite Day, February 22, 2022, and will celebrate with activities on the Sunday prior. Among learning stations, come see our vast collection of coprolites in the Harms Gallery! Included with museum admission.

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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.

Catherine Elaine Cratty



Catherine Elaine Cratty passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on February 4, 2022 with her husband, Benjamin, of sixty-six years by her side. Catherine, known as Elaine, went to be with her Lord at the age of 85, was born in Washington DC and predeceased by her parents James and Catherine Pessagno. Lovingly remembered by her children Catherine Verbeten (d.Jeff), Thomas (Martha), Cynthia Comproni (Joseph), Christine Dotson (Douglas), Stephen (gf Lisa Wood), Kenneth (Deanna) and Timothy (Janet). Also survived by eighteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, her siblings Patricia Firestein (Albert) and J. Marty Pessagno (Joan), loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and long time friends.

Elaine was a devoted wife and mother who sourced her strength and guidance from her Catholic faith. She was committed to the sanctity of marriage enjoying a life long love affair with her husband Benjamin, "Buster". Understanding the importance of having an individual relationship with each of her seven children she never failed to fulfill their

needs receiving the Love and Honor she deserved in return. Grandchildren were a daily presence in Elaine's life bringing her immense joy, love and the brightest smile.

She was a long-time volunteer at St. Mary's of Landover Hills, MD where her children attended school. She pioneered the physical education program at the school which became a great success. She was also a talented crafter, decorator, seamstress and most especially cook.

Elaine found serenity at her home on the Chesapeake Bay at Calvert Cliffs. She loved the majestic view of the bay she woke up to each morning. She engaged her community of family and friends enjoying the endless activities the waterfront had to offer.

Elaine, Mom, Grandmom's legacy will be one of eternal love for Buster, her commitment and love for her family, her faith and selflessness in the service of others. Grief is the price of love. She has taken a little piece of our souls with her and we will carry a little piece of hers with cherished memories, honor, grace and love everlasting.

Private services will be held. The family invites friends to join them in a Celebration of Life in May 2022. Date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady Star of the Sea, PO Box 560, Solomons, MD 20688, <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD304>

Thomas Robert Fealy

Thomas Robert Fealy, 70, of Huntingtown, MD, passed away February 3, 2022, at his home. He was born in 1951 in Washington,



D.C. to Jack and Helen Fealy. Tom was a talented mechanic and spent most of his career maintaining buses and vehicles for the Prince George's County School Board.

Tom was an avid shooter and gun collector who spent a lot of time on his Harley Davidson. In 2007, he took a cross-country motorcycle trip and saw much of the nation from two wheels. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of classic rock music and loved competing with Jeopardy contestants from the couch.

Extremely outgoing, Tom loved making an entrance at parties and was the center of attention as soon as he swaggered into a room. His effortlessly cool presence was complemented by his mustache, leather coat, and gregarious personality.

Tom is survived by his daughter, Shannon Acton and grandsons Dillon Acton and Maxwell Acton of Severn, brothers Michael Fealy and John Fealy, and sister Ranleigh Payne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Helen, and brother Frank.

Tom deeply valued friendships and made friends wherever he went. For just about anything you'd ever need, he "knew a guy." He will be greatly missed all over Maryland and beyond. Our deep sorrow is evidence of just how much he was loved.

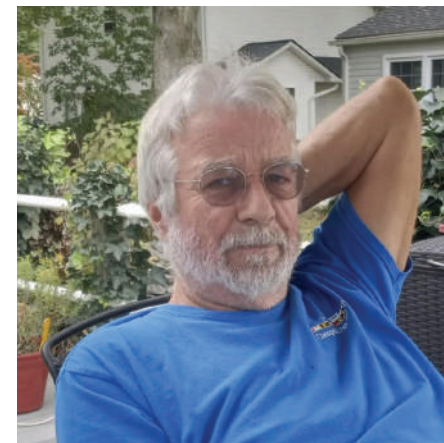
"And in the end
The love you take

Is equal to the love you make"-
Lennon-McCartney

Visitation will be Thursday, February 10, 2022, 12- 2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Stephen Matthew "Steve" Wick

Stephen Matthew "Steve" Wick, 71, of Deale passed away February 1, 2022. He was born



December 17, 1950 in Two Harbors, MN to Harold Hjalmer and Janet Marie (Quigley) Wick. Steve was raised in Two Harbors and graduated from Two Harbors High School in 1969. On June 17, 1972, he married Connie Robinson and they remained in Two Harbors until moving to Deale in 1983. He was employed in construction management for many years, retiring in July 2020. Steve credits a lot of his success in his career to his time spent with the Jaycees in Two Harbor. In his spare time, Steve enjoyed hunting, fishing, his Wednesday night poker games and spending time with his family and friends.

Steve was preceded in death by a son Derek M. Wick, his parents and siblings Christine and Larry Wick. He is survived by his loving wife, Connie Lou Wick and sons Troy S. Wick and wife Gloria of Huntingtown and Damon T. Wick of Shady Side. Also surviving are grandchildren Allie Marie and Chase Derek Wick and siblings William Wick and wife Nancy, Dale Wick and wife Karen, Terry Wick and wife Debbie, Jim Wick, Judy Wick and Betty Wick and husband Neal, as well as many close friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 26, 2022, 1-4 p.m. at Deale Elks Lodge, 6022 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Theodore Richter "Ted" Clark

Theodore Richter "Ted" Clark, 62, of Owings passed away February 1, 2022. He was born June 20, 1959 to Richard Randall and Lillian Agnes (Bowdish) Clark. Ted was raised in Southern Maryland and graduated from Thomas Stone High School. He worked as an alarm technician for Calvert County Public Schools. Ted had a passion for music and loved playing the drums, singing, and listening to music. He also enjoyed

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cooking, lacrosse and was a fan of the Washington Redskins. Ted enjoyed spending time at home but would always lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

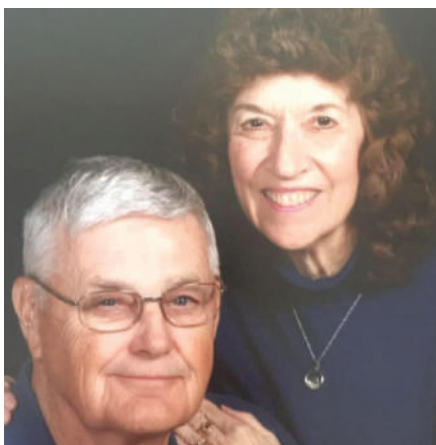
Ted is survived by his children Sarah Louise Clark of St. Manteca, CA and Timothy Randall Clark and his wife Cara of Lusby, and siblings Richard A. Clark, John A. Clark, and Marla Pittman. He was preceded in death by his son Richard Evan Clark, brother George Clark, and sister Carole Wood

Visitation will be Friday, February 11, 2022, 10-11 a.m. at Servants of Christ New Life Church at the Dome, 9690 Shepherds Creek Place,

La Plata, MD 20646. Funeral Service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Marilyn Elaine Tarr



Marilyn Elaine Tarr, 73 passed away on Monday, February 1, 2022 with her husband and daughter by her side. She was born on November 26, 1948, in Prince Frederick, Maryland to James and Laura Marchand. She resided in Prince Frederick, Maryland and spent some of her time in WinterHaven, Florida with her husband, Buddy. Marilyn was blessed with a large loving family and was preceded in death by her daughter Cheri Tarr and survived by her husband Walter

“Buddy” Tarr, her daughter Tonya Aguilar, her son-in-law Wilfredo Aguilar and her four grandchildren; Kaitlyn Williams, Hannah Aguilar, Paige Aguilar and Dominic Aguilar and her beloved dog Abigail. Buddy and Marilyn were married for 53 years and have lived in Hawaii, California, Virginia, Maryland and Florida. Marilyn embraced being a Navy wife and moving around from state to state. She was very active in her church community as well as the Senior Center in Prince Frederick.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 25 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Benton “Ben” Joseph Thompson, Jr.



Benton “Ben” Joseph Thompson, Jr., 71, of Prince Frederick passed away January 31, 2022 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. He was born August 15, 1950 in Alexandria, VA to Benton Joseph Sr. and Mildred Patricia (Reynolds) Thompson. Ben graduated from St. Peter’s University in Jersey City, NJ with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree. He lived in New Hampshire for over 30 years. Ben married his wife Deborah on March 28, 2015 and they lived in Bloomfield, NJ before moving to Prince Frederick 5 years ago. He enjoyed riding motorcycles for 46 years and taught skiing lessons to the handicapped. Ben loved spending time with his family, being outdoors and everything that came with it and he greatly missed his dog Squire.

Ben is survived by his loving wife Deborah Thompson, daughter Lisa Ann Van Dyke and her husband Robert, stepson TJ Roberts, grandchildren Liam, Landon, and Olivia Van Dyke and Soleil, Kingston, and River Roberts, sister Elizabeth “Liddy Bit” LaMagna, numerous nieces,

a great niece, two great nephews and many relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ben’s name may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, Maryland 20852; Link:

<https://www.kidneyfund.org/>
Visitation will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 10-10:30 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 1601 W Mt Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736; Link: <https://www.ccjgs.org/>. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Jackie Lee Goodman



Jackie Lee Goodman, 78 of Williamsburg, WV passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg, WV. Born July 10, 1943,

in Williamsburg, WV he was the son of the late Millard Fields and Ruth McMillion Goodman. Jackie was a member of the Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church and was a retired Oil Executive. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Goodman Evans and a brother, Paul Goodman.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-nine years, Barbara Wilson Goodman, daughter, Paula Goodman of California, MD, brother, Junior Goodman (Carol) of Williamsburg, WV, grandchildren, Holly Summers (Todd) of Valley Lee, MD, Jackson Scott Evans, and Hunter Luke Evans both of Mechanicsville, MD, great grandchildren, Parker, and Miles Summers, and a son-in-law Steven Evans of Mechanicsville, MD.

Graveside services will be private for the immediate family at the Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD beside his daughter. There will be a Celebration of Life service at 1:00 PM, Sunday, February 20, 2022 at the Andrew Chapel UMC in Williamsburg, WV. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations be made to the Williamsburg Community Action Center, c/o Laurie Hedrick – PO Box 185, Williamsburg, WV 24991 or to the Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church c/o Allie Hedrick – PO Box 110, Williamsburg, WV 24991. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.



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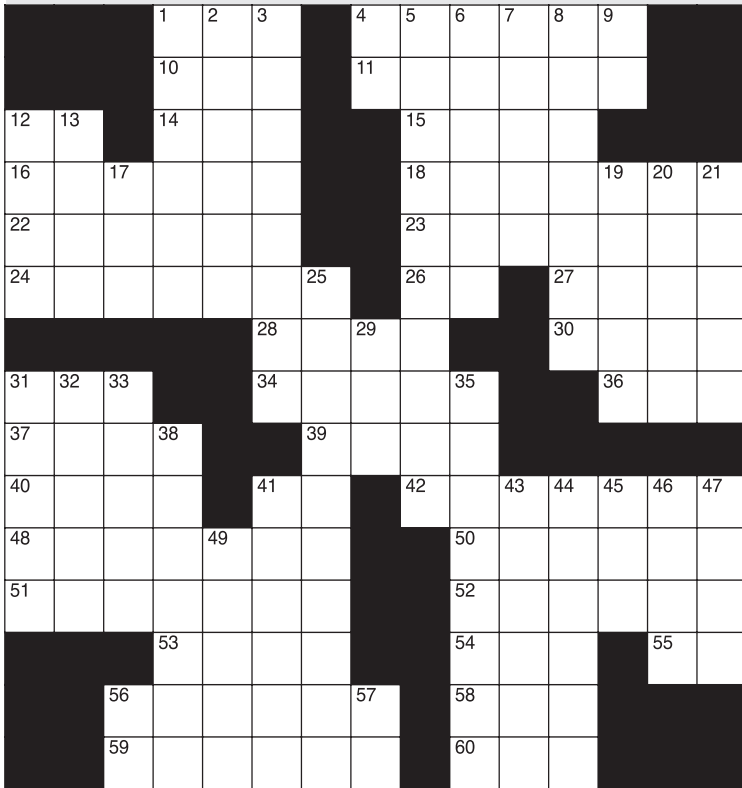
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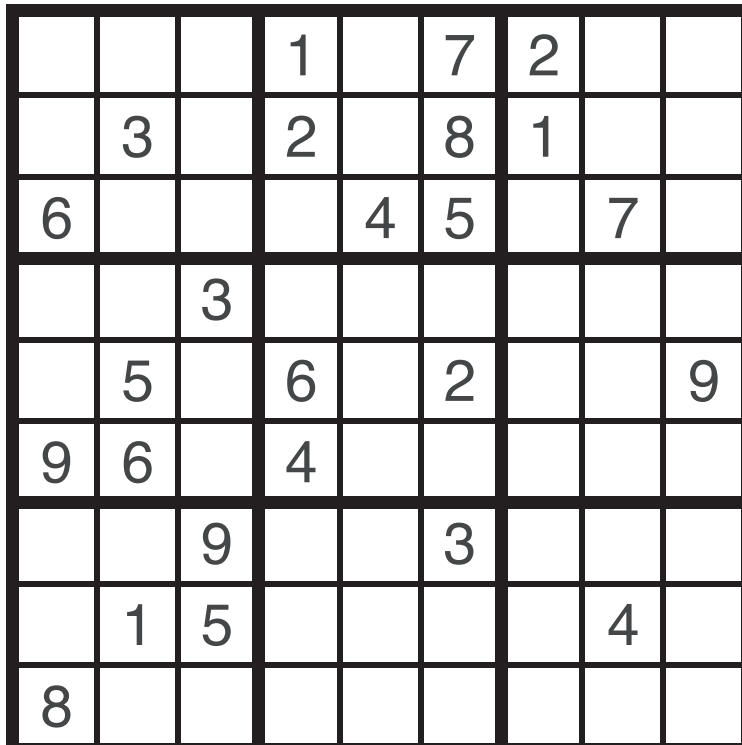
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- 4. City in Maine
- 10. Inquire too closely
- 11. Make dirty
- 12. Small Greek island
- 14. Bitterly regret
- 15. Millisecond
- 16. ___ the ante
- 18. Without value
- 22. Eurasian ryegrass
- 23. Authentic
- 24. Having a mournful quality
- 26. Not out
- 27. Salvador ___, Spanish artist
- 28. Cargo (abbr.)
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Helps you hear
- 37. Steer a boat
- 39. British School

- 40. Genus of olive
- 41. Computer term (abbr.)
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Give off
- 50. A type of salt
- 51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 52. One who watches birds
- 53. Sailboat
- 54. A major division of geological time
- 55. Sodium
- 56. American state
- 58. Soak in water
- 59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
- 60. Affirmative

- manufacturer
- 7. A way to address
- 8. Obstruct
- 9. Atomic number 45
- 12. Ill-mannered
- 13. Opaque gem
- 17. Indicates before
- 19. Remove
- 20. Populous Argentine city
- 21. More cunning
- 25. Rich dessert
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. Footwear
- 32. Famed Alabama city
- 33. Sheep's cry
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. Clergical vestment
- 41. Serving no practical purpose
- 43. An evening party
- 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. Industrial German city
- 49. Scottish island
- 56. Early multimedia
- 57. Atomic number 18

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- 1. One of the four seasons
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
- 4. College degree
- 5. Soldiers need it
- 6. Japanese car



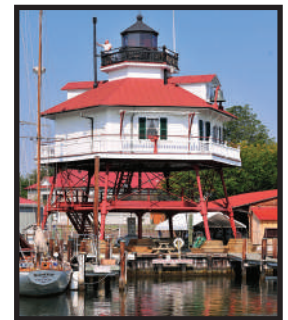
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