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What's the Off Ramp for School Masks?

Curry Says It's Up to the State

By Dick Myers
Editor

Gov. Larry Hogan last week recommended the removal of the mask mandate for schools. And on Feb. 14 he announced that the mask mandate for state offices would be lifted next week.

So, that begs the question. When will the mask mandate be lifted for Calvert County Public Schools? Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry supplied the answer at the Feb. 10 school board meeting.

"I've heard from a number of folks this week. I've pointed out to them that we are presently under a state mask mandate from the State Board of Education, and it's endorsed by the General Assembly of Maryland too. We do understand that the governor asked the state board to review that and close it out, but we will still be under the state mask mandate until that time. The initial mask mandate from the state was for 180 days. And, if they choose to shorten it, we will then have no doubt a local decision to make. And we'll review the data at that time," he said.

The mandate continues to be controversial. During the public comment section of the meeting, parent Alicia Mayer said, "At this point, it's a joke and it's embarrassing that we are acting like they're actually making a difference. Just the other day, my kindergartner told me a classmate spit in another classmate's face; they're five and six years old. They didn't know what they were doing. The mask he probably pulled right back up after he did it; a whole lot of good, I guess."

She added, "I also found out that the high school basketball team is able to unmask while on the court while they're heavily breathing in each other's faces. But when



Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry

they get to the bench, they have to mask up. That is probably one of the most asinine rules I have heard in the last two years. Make it make sense."

Mayer noted, "Thousands of people can attend sporting events or music events while being unasked around complete strangers. Yet, our children who are currently supposed to be learning how to interact and making friends and learning social skills, have to have a majority of their face covered all day and need to keep their distance while playing with each other."

She asked, "Explain to me how my three-year-old could be at the community center event yesterday in this county with 30 plus kids also at the same age, unvaccinated obviously, and their parents unmasked, but his brother has to wear one for seven hours a day? As an adult, I have a difficult time wearing a mask for an hour without taking a break."

"This is just ridiculous."

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Proposal Would Eliminate Seclusion in Public Schools

By Dick Myers
Editor

A proposal has been presented to the Calvert County Board of Education that would remove seclusion as an option for misbehaving students. The proposed change to the school system's policy on "School Behavior Interventions" was presented Feb. 10 by Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Susan Johnson and will be open for public comment for 30 days before being voted on.

Dr. Johnson said, "Currently, the use of seclusion is prohibited in Calvert County with the exception of those students who have it written in their IEPs (Individualized Education Plans, for Special Education students). We currently have students who have it written in their IEPs; three of those students are in out-of-county placements and nine of those students are with us in our system. In light of the legal case that happened in Frederick County, a federal case that resulted in the banning of all seclusion in Frederick County, and in light of the fact that now there's an act in Congress that might impact what happens with restraint and seclusion in our schools and currently a Maryland bill has been introduced to ban all seclusion in Maryland public schools, we felt like it was really important to put a sunset on that provi-

sion. We did choose August as a date for sunset to allow school teams to work with parents and staff, to make sure that one, it is not in the IEPs anymore, and two, that there's time to provide support and plans for the students that do have it in their IEPs, so that the school staffs and the students and the families are all clear on what would happen in any case where there would be serious eminent harm."

Board Vice President Inez Claggett said, "I just want to say thank you to Dr. Johnson and staff for adding the provision to sunset seclusion use within Calvert County Public Schools. I was very pleased by that addition."

Johnson said a committee looked at the issue. "We had parent representatives and staff representatives to help look through our policy. We're going to be looking at our procedures with that group as well to see if any changes are needed in our procedures."

Prior to the pandemic, when more public comment was allowed at meetings, the board was bombarded with opposition to restraint and seclusion for behavior issues, although there was some support from some parents of special needs students.

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North Beach Boardwalk Section Reopened

Had Been Damaged by October Storm

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Town of North Beach has reopened the north section of the boardwalk that has been closed for repairs since the late October storm caused considerable damage. Part of the boardwalk foundation was washed out and railing were damaged.

The section that had been closed from Hatch's Corner to 7th Street reopened to foot traffic on Feb. 11 at 4 p.m.

At the Feb. 10 town meeting, Mayor Mike Benton said, "We wanted to focus on getting the walkway open, which it will be." He noted some additional work still needed to be done but the walkway will remain open and small sections cordoned off for that remaining work.

"It's not a hundred percent done," Benton said, "The railings are not a hundred percent done, but they're safe and they're complete what you can see, but we have some tightening up to do on some items."

Director of Public Works Donnie Bowen said, "The railings are pretty much 95 percent complete. We went up to Bay Metals today to get some more brackets, the angle aluminum brackets you see that are attached to the post. We do have about 20 of those to replace."

The work has made the railings stronger. "We put a stronger heavy duty top rail in that boardwalk section," he said.

Bowen noted, "We're also probably

going to start on the first flower bed. It's three houses there that really got a lot of erosion in their flower bed areas that need to be reframed."

Bowen reported that the deductible on the town's insurance was \$25,000 and so far, the construction cost had been kept under that.

If the final cost goes over the deductible amount that difference can be submitted to the insurance company. "Every cost or everything associated with that is being put in one code. So, we are tracking every dollar we're spending," Bowen said.

Meanwhile, the town on Jan. 31 submitted applications requesting nearly \$2 million in state funds "to help combat the community's recurring flood and stormwater issues." According to a town press release.

The release said, "The applications were submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and focused on three infrastructure improvements: building a new pump station at the intersection of 7th Street and Atlantic Avenue, upgrading the 9th Street pump station, and enhancing the rock embankment along the Atlantic Avenue shoreline. The grant submissions were a joint effort by the Department of Public Works, Town staff, and the Stormwater & Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee."

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Deputy Struck by Fleeing Stolen Vehicle

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau on Feb. 14 shortly after 7 a.m. received a lookout for two vehicles traveling southbound on Route. 4 through Dunkirk at speeds in excess of 100 mph, weaving in and out of traffic, passing on the shoulder, running red lights with zero regard for the citizens in our community.

During the attempted apprehension, one of the drivers attempted to elude a traffic stop in the area of Broomes Island Road. The suspect crossed over the median, struck a light pole, and ultimately struck DFC Chris Idol's marked patrol vehicle which also contained his K-9 partner.

The driver of the suspect vehicle, a juvenile, was immediately apprehended and taken into custody.

The second driver fled up an embankment prior to Broomes Island Road, traveled through a field into the wooded area near Yoes Corner Lane in St. Leonard. The suspect then bailed out of the vehicle and fled into

the woods where a foot chase ensued. Deputies apprehended the juvenile suspect in the 3000 block of Blackberry Lane in Prince Frederick.

Investigation revealed the two juveniles were both operating stolen vehicles and were in possession of stolen property. Both juveniles from Baltimore are facing theft and numerous traffic charges along with Second-Degree Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.

DFC. Idol was transported to Baltimore Shock Trauma for injuries received and has since been released. K-9 Stryker was uninjured.

"This is the second incident this year where unlicensed, juvenile drivers have attempted to drive stolen vehicles recklessly through our county. We will always consider our citizens safety when pursuing these individuals and fortunately our deputies are trained to end these pursuits and apprehend the suspects quickly," said Sheriff Mike Evans.

Press Release from CCSO.

School Board Hears Calls for More Counselors, Lower Class Sizes

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry's proposed \$246.4 million Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) budget includes no new positions.

The budget released Jan. 27 is now open for public comment before the board begins its own review, but early indications are that the board hopes for more staff to lower class size. And several also spoke in favor of more counselors.

That was also what the board heard at their Feb. 10 meeting from President of Calvert Education Association Dona Ostenso. The head of the union representing Calvert teachers, said, "I know there is a lot to take into consideration when planning something of this magnitude, but I am very concerned that you are not building a budget based upon the needs of our students and staff, but rather a dollar amount that you think the county commissioners will or will not approve."

"CCPS needs to build a budget that is proactive instead of reactive, one that addresses the needs of our school system. One that addresses the needs of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. One that addresses the needs for an increase in staffing. One that addresses the realities of being in a pandemic for the past two years and the impact that this has had on education."

"We continue to have these conversations about closing the achievement gap, academic recovery, and the social-emotional needs of our students. But what are we doing about it? Why do we continue to expect different results without meaningfully increasing the resources that students have access to each year?"

Ostenso said, "The increases to this year's budget simply keep pace with rising costs but provide very little more for the students or staff. We have talked about this for the past two years, but have done nothing to reduce class sizes, specifically with a focus to cap class sizes in pre-K to grade two at 20 students per teacher. Currently, Sunderland Elementary School teachers have 28 students in each of their kindergarten classes and Mutual Elementary School has 26 students in their kindergarten classes."

Ostenso said, "Early stages of childhood development are critical for students to build a foundation of both academic and social-emotional skills so that they are able to accomplish great things."

Ostenso observed, "We have two elementary schools with 650 plus students in each. Both of these schools have only one school counselor. The national average for a school counselor is one to every 250 students. If CCPS truly wants to ensure that students social-emotional needs are met and that students are being taught important skills such as how



Calvert Education Association President Dona Ostenso.

to self-regulate, then they would not allow one elementary school to have that many students with only one school counselor. It is an established fact that when students are struggling emotionally and socially, they are not ready to learn. CCPS must continue to prioritize increasing staff and resources available for the social and emotional wellbeing of our children."

During public comments at the board's Feb. 10 meeting, Deenna Coughlin, a fifth-grade teacher at Windy Hill Elementary, agreed with Ostenso.

She said, "Windy Hill has 31 classes and Barstow has 32. Our larger population with one school counselor means increased number of class lessons, more IEP, 504 and SST meetings, more classroom observations for special education meetings due to larger population, increased demands from students needing general support. from peer mediation, de-escalation, conflict resolution, less opportunity for specialized groups, grief groups, check in, check out students, divorce, family groups, less opportunity for celebrations."

Ostenso also addressed staff morale. "As you carry out the search for the next superintendent," she said, "it is crucial that you hire a superintendent who recognizes the danger signs of teacher burnout and engage in meaningful conversation about what they need. Teachers are stressed and worn out. They are exhausted mentally and emotionally and are continually asked to do more with less. How do we address this? Provide additional mental health supports for students, hire more teachers, hire more support staff, provide more time to plan, collaborate with colleagues to build relationships with students. We must retain the dedicated educators and support personnel who make educating students possible."

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Morgan Files For District 29C Seat

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan, who has served nearly 12 years in that position, has joined the GOP primary to fill the soon to be vacated District 29C state delegate's seat held now by Gerald Clark.

Clark is not seeking reelection.

Morgan laid to rest much speculation last week about his political future when he made his announcement.

Morgan's core platform of his platform is to lower taxes, support first responders and law enforcement, promote small business and support education.

He said he believes his long experience as a county commissioner, as well as in the defense contractor community — he helped found Egan, McCallister and Associates — puts him in good stead to continue serving St. Mary's and Calvert counties in the Maryland General Assembly.

"With that level of experience in county government you have a good leg up," Morgan said. "You understand how local government works."

Morgan said he would work to ensure that the relationship between the State House delegation and the commissioner board — which has been strained on occasion — was smooth.

"It's important the delegation and the

commissioners work together; we can't be counterproductive."

Morgan said going after funding for infrastructure in St. Mary's and Calvert was a top priority were he elected.

"I'm going to fight to get our highway user funding back," Morgan said. "We send it up the road and never see it again."

Highway user funds remitted by the state are one of the prime ways the counties pay for road repairs.

Morgan also wants to reexamine the legislation passed last year that did away with the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights; he said much of that legislation takes away the needful authority from the local sheriff's office necessary to carry out the job.

"You can take the pendulum and go too far with it," Morgan told The County Times.

He also wants to try to roll back "tireless regulations" that hamper the growth of small business, he said, as well as prevent more taxes to fund the Bridge to Maryland's Future otherwise known as the Kirwan Commission that heaps more funding on public education.

"I would oppose any new taxes to fund the Kirwan Commission over and above what there is now," Morgan said.

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County Administration Building Cost Escalates

By Dick Myers
Editor

The sticker shock that has hit everybody in the pocketbook has hit county government big time. The new County Administration Building, which had been estimated to cost \$33.6 million just two years ago, now carries a price tag of \$49.5 million.

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Feb. 15 meeting approved the new budget cost on a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Kelly McConkey voting against. Commissioner Mike Hart was not in attendance.

The revised cost is for a building that is 9,000 square feet larger but at a cost of \$5.25 per square foot versus \$3.60 per square foot two years ago.

Director of Public Works Kerry Dull explained to the BOCC that the 2020 plan had been modified to 116,000 square feet to accommodate extra space for departments and the public, but that price tag came in at \$61 million.

As a result, Dull said the following items were eliminated:

- Communication/Conference Center, 15,000 s ft.
- Remove Parks & Recreation, 3,300 s ft.
- Remove Community Resource, 1,890 s ft.

- Adjusting exterior lobby and workstations, 2,130 s ft.
- Total square footage removed, 22,300 s ft.

Dull said Community Resources would continue to use the county-owned building on Duke Street. It was not said where Parks and Recreation would go.

Dull said, however, that the goal was to prevent the county from having to further lease additional space.

McConkey said he wanted the project to be delayed to see if prices come down. But Public Works Deputy Director J.R. Cosgrove said he doubted they would ever come back to 2020 levels. "I don't know if we'll ever go back to being cheaper," he said.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance noted that the former County Services building had been demolished and, "We have staff working out of closets." He said the delay McConkey asked wasn't possible.

Dull said they looked at the impact of teleworking and concluded it wouldn't save the amount of space originally expected and they would come back to their offices. But Hance disagreed. "Employees are going to demand that," he said.

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Recreation Resources Capital Plan Presented

By Dick Myers
Editor

The proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Recreation Resources for the next fiscal year is \$7.5 million, part of a six-year, \$39.1 million CIP.

The plan was the fourth of six sections of the CIP to be presented to the commissioners. Capital Projects Analyst Veronica Atkinson and Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal made the presentation at the board's Feb. 8 meeting.

The biggest chunk of money in the proposed plan for next year is in the category of "Parks, Pools and Community Centers," to the tune of \$6 million. Projects include the Breezy Point shoreline restoration, Harriett Elizabeth Brown Community Center and Ward Farm Park.

The commissioners were told by Nazzal that the work on the Breezy Point Park shoreline was originally budgeted at \$1.5 million but prices have escalated to more than twice that. The total cost is expected to be \$4 million, with \$1.5 million budgeted in prior years and \$2.5 million slated for next fiscal year. Breezy Point is a very busy public beach on the Chesapeake Bay.

The community center is being funded with American Resources and Recovery Act federal funding. Of the total \$8.5 million in the CIP, \$6 million was received in the current year and \$1.5 million will be used next year. Nazzal said public input is being finalized to develop the plan for the center, after which costs can be finalized. She described the estimates in the CIP as a placeholder.

The center is named after the county's civil rights icon who filed suit against the county for equal pay for African American teachers and eventually prevailed. Her lawyer was Thurgood Marshall, making the case the original and lesser-known Brown



Park and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal

vs. Board of Education.

Other projects in the Recreation Resources CIP for next fiscal year include continuing work on drainage at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course, stabilization of the George Rice House, and work at Flag Ponds and Greenwood Preserve.

The county purchased the George Rice House at foreclosure. Commissioner President Buddy Hance expressed concern about the continued cost of the property considering its condition. The house is intended to be an interpretative center on the history of farming in the county's African American community.

The about-to-open Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park in Dunkirk is budgeted \$1.5 million next fiscal year. All of that money comes from the state.

Of the total \$7.5 million in the Recreation Resources CIP, almost half, or \$3.6 million, comes from state grant funding. Cash is slated to pay for \$40,000 and bonds would be issued for \$3 million.

After all the CIP requests are presented, the commissioners will begin work to finalize the capital plan for the next fiscal year as part of the overall budget process.

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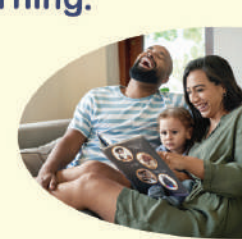
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Tri-County Commissioners Call for Anti-Suicide Measures on Bridges

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer
and Dick Myers,
Editor

Commissioners from St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties agreed this week to implore the state to take immediate measures to prevent any further successful suicide attempts from regional bridges, including the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge and the Gov. Harry Nice/Mac Middleton Bridge that spans Charles County to Virginia.

The three boards of county commissioners agreed to write a letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation and State Highway Administration after a virtual meeting held in the late afternoon of Feb. 9 to discuss a number of regional issues.

Prevention of suicides from regional bridges was not on the agenda but was brought up as the last topic of discussion.

Two people have dived off the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge in as many weeks triggering local petitions for safety netting to be installed there.

"The state of mental health in America is at a tipping point right now," said St. Mary's Commissioner

Todd Morgan, opening the discussion. "We haven't had that many jumpers in a long time. "One suicide is one too many."

Calvert Commissioner President Earl "Buddy" Hance said the proposed solutions such as fencing or nets would not solve the core mental illness problem, "at least a fence on that bridge would prevent the jumpers."

Charles Commissioner Gilbert Bowling requested to have the issue put on the agenda for one of their regular meetings and Charles Commissioner President Rueben Collins agreed.

St. Mary's Commissioner John O'Connor said the state, in reviewing anti-suicide options on the Thomas Johnson Bridge, had said a fence on the span was not possible because of the type of traffic coming across.

"So, if we're going to focus our efforts... there are nets that can be put on the bridge that extend out from anywhere to 10 to 15 feet," O'Connor said. "They entangle somebody as they try to jump off."

"This is a countermeasure for



someone who has reached critical mass in making the decision to take their own life."

Calvert County Commissioners Mike Hart and Steve Weems did not attend the virtual meeting, but the five commissioners from each of the other counties did.

The three boards also received a briefing from St. Mary's County Assistant Attorney John Houser about a bill that has been introduced in the state senate that would bring state election laws more in line with federal laws.

Houser brought up a bill introduced last session by St. Mary's Delegate Brian Crosby (D: 29-B) that would have created commissioner districts in which only residents living there could vote for them.

All three commissioner boards opposed Crosby's bill.

Houser said while the proposed

Senate bill did not specifically mention Crosby's idea if the new bill passes it could prompt someone to file a court challenge of the current county-wide voting, which could effectively do what Crosby's bill intended. Crosby has not indicated whether he will introduce the same bill this year.

Houser said, however, that the general consensus is that the new bill has little chance of passage as it has no co-sponsors and no companion House bill.

Houser recommended taking "a wait-and-see approach" to then new Senate bill.

"It just doesn't make sense for our region," said St. Mary's Commissioner Eric Colvin, about the idea of changing the current county-wide method of voting for commissioners.

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Powell Files for County Commissioner

By Dick Myers
Editor

Tricia Powell of Lusby has filed as a Democratic candidate for county commissioner from the 1st Commissioner District. Powell ran an unsuccessful campaign for the same post four years ago.

Powell was the first Democratic candidate to file for commissioner, although Calvert County Board of Education member Antoine White subsequently filed for commissioner from the 2nd Commissioner District. Other recent filings include perennial candidate Republican Emad Dides for an at-large seat, the first candidate to file for one of two at-large positions.

The deadline for filing has been extended from Feb. 22 to March 22.

Powell is seeking the seat currently held by two-term incumbent Republican Mike Hart, who has filed.

Powell said she filed “because enough is enough. We need a different perspective on that board. And I have a fire in me that I’m just going to go forward again.”

Asked to elaborate, she said, “Perspective on everything from how we work with the school district to how we see the town centers, development, housing, that kind of thing.

“I’m on the committee for the League of Women Voters looking at the process of the Prince Frederick Master Plan,” she explained, “so I can’t really give out too much information because that report hasn’t been disclosed yet.”

“I think that there needs to be more input from the citizens,” she added.

She said the expansion of the town centers by the updated comprehensive plan “is something that needs to be addressed.” She said there was a lack of public input on that.

Education will be an important issue for her. “Absolutely, the blueprint, which advocates or supports the teacher salary levels, I think is important, but most important to me are the special programs that children need. One of those components is mental



Tricia Powell

health, especially with this pandemic,” she said. “There needs to be some services and that Kirwan blueprint provides for that.”

She supports the Democratic Party’s call for a change in the commissioner districts to voting just within each district instead of county-wide.

“Speaking as just a citizen, I would be able to vote for my own district representative. It doesn’t make sense for somebody in Dunkirk to be voting for my district representative,” she said.

She added, “As a candidate, that means I’m concerned with only one district.”

Regarding Hart’s performance, she said, “I think it’s been acceptable. But I see too many things that have gone on that are not acceptable.”

Asked if Hart was beholden to the business community, she responded, “From what I hear from constituents, yes.”

She and her husband Mel have lived in Calvert for 25 years.

“I consider myself a businesswoman,” she said. “I have a lot of background, particularly in county government where I’ve done budgets, cost studies, capital projects, and legislative and regulatory review. I think that makes me a very strong candidate.”

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Hoyer Speaks at Black History Month Breakfast

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) spoke Feb. 12 at the 41st Annual Black History Month Breakfast. For 41 years, Congressman Hoyer has helped bring together community leaders, elected officials, and Fifth District residents at the Black History Month Breakfast to celebrate the many achievements of Black Marylanders and Americans. He was joined by community members, co-Chair Congressman Anthony G. Brown (MD-04), Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (IL-14), and Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, Assistant Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, who delivered the keynote address.



Hoyer said, "It's my great honor to participate in this event each year, and I cherish the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate Black history and the contribution of so many African-Americans to the richness of our history, as well as to some of the saddest days of our history. Black history, however, as Anthony (Rep. Brown) said, it's not just about the past. We are living in a moment when Black history is being made as we are engaged in a crucial and difficult battle to secure the right to vote.

"Senator Cardin talked about it, Senator Van Hollen talked about it, Congressman Brown talked about it, and we need to keep focus on this. The right to vote that so many Black Americans were unable to enjoy for most of our history, and that heroes

like Dr. King and John Lewis sacrificed so much to secure as well as thousands of others. The health of our democracy is endangered by the continued assault on voting rights across the country. Just recently, the Republican National Committee, in looking at the events of January 6, which were to set aside the votes of millions of Americans to claim it was a fraud, to claim that President Biden and Kamala Harris were not legitimately elected, said an extraordinarily shameful thing. The opposition party, they looked at that activity of January 6 criminal insurrectionists activity and said it was 'legitimate political discourse.'

"If there are very many people in America who believe what the Republican National Committee said about that being 'legitimate political discourse,' think of

the motivation [this] give[s] to some who are angry, and who are violent, and who want to see their government run as they dictate, not [as] the people dictate. These are the times when it is important for us to vote. Restrictions that are on voting are nothing more than a resuscitation of a more sophisticated 21st Century Jim Crow, and indeed counting marbles in a jar.

"John will be the first, John Lewis, to encourage us to get into 'good trouble' in pursuit of that goal, and I'm proud of the work that the House Democrats have been doing to pass legislation in John's memory to protect the right to vote for every eligible American. I want to remind you every Democrat, every Democrat in the Senate and in the House unanimously were for the voting rights bill or the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights [Advancement] Act – every Democrat. Unfortunately, not a single Republican in the United States Senate [was], and you needed 10 to support it so it could move forward. We're not giving up. Giving up is not an option. We need to face the rising sun and make sure that we fight until the battle's won, and we'll keep working to make sure that Americans can vote by mail.

"It's been mentioned before, but if you've not already, you will shortly be receiving an application from the Board of Elections to sign up to vote by mail in the 2022 primary and general elections. This

application includes a place where you can add to the permanent vote by mail [list], list your name and automatically receive a mail-in ballot for this election and every election thereafter. Be on the lookout for this application and don't throw it out. Remember it is not your ballot, it's the application for the ballot. Voting by mail is easy and secure and frankly led to the highest turnout in the Presidential election in history in the last election. When it comes to protecting the right to vote, giving up, as I said, is not an option. We will continue this fight and march on till victory is won.

"Meanwhile, the past year continue[s] to challenge us with a public health crisis that impacted the lives and livelihoods of so many families in our communities in this time of great difficulty. It is fitting that the theme of this Black History Month is Black Health and Wellness as the COVID-19 pandemic enters its third year. Think of it – [the] third year, [and] we feel its effects on every aspect of our lives. People are frustrated, angry and anxious, and as we celebrate Black History Month this year, we pay tribute to the tremendous contributions of Black health care workers who have been helping to lead the fight against COVID 19 in our communities. We also recognize the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Black communities."

Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of January 31 - February 6, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,394 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 22-05254

On February 1, 2022, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to the Walmart located at 10600 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole the rear Maryland registration plate from a vehicle parked in the parking lot. The value of stolen property is \$100.00.

Theft: 22-06166

On February 6, 2022, Deputy Shoemaker responded to 1900 block of Harvest Grove Lane in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised a blue and black Yamaha YZ450F dirt bike was stolen from a barn behind the residence. The value of the stolen property is \$9,070.

Theft: 22-05995

On February 5, 2022, DFC Gilmore responded to the 9100 block of Bay Ave in North Beach, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 2 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 4, unknown suspect(s) stole the rear Maryland registration plate from his vehicle. The value of stolen property is \$100.00.

Firearms Complaint: 22-05599

On February 3, 2022, Deputy Morrison responded to the 2900 block of Stinnett Road in Huntingtown, MD for report of a firearms complaint. The complainant advised they heard a shot fired and moments later, the complainant's dog limped into the residence with a bloody leg. Contact was made with nearby residents who advised they were not aware of anyone shooting in the vicinity and did not have any guns. The investigation is ongoing.

ARRESTS

On February 2, 2022, Deputy Grierson conducted a traffic stop in the 3800 block of E. Chesapeake Beach Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **Derwin Montel Jones**,

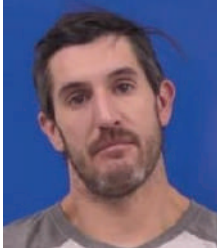


Derwin Jones

26 of North Beach, MD, a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. Deputy Grierson observed a loaded, black and silver Smith & Wesson handgun lying on floorboard in plain view. A search of the vehicle revealed \$609.00 in US Currency, a digital scale with a white powdery residue (suspected crack/cocaine) and a cigarette box containing crack/cocaine. Jones was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics, CDS:

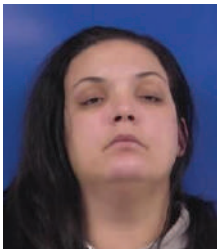
Possession-Not Marijuana, Concealing a Dangerous Weapon, Carrying a Loaded Handgun on Person and Carrying a Loaded Handgun in a Vehicle along with additional firearm charges.

On February 1, 2022, DFC E. Evans was transporting **John Michael Connell**, 36 of Lusby, MD to the Calvert County Detention Center for driving under the influence. Upon arrival, a search by Correctional Deputies of Connell's person revealed cocaine in Connell's jacket. Connell was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.



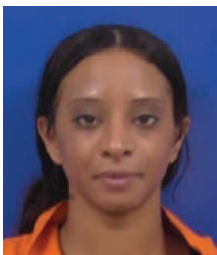
John Connell

On February 5, 2022, S/DFC Mitchell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Cove Point Park in Lusby, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **Kelly Greenan**, 32 of Lusby, MD, S/DFC Mitchell observed a large bag of Xanax bars in the front seat of the vehicle in addition to several prescription pill bottles containing Xanax, Suboxone and Oxycodone for which Greenan did not have a prescription for. Greenan was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Kelly Greenan

On February 5, 2022, DFC Idol conducted a traffic stop along Rt. 4 in the area of Dowell Road in Solomons, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **Trinik Shat-ega King**, 27 of Lexington Park, MD, Deputy Idol observed a large amount of clothing with tags still on in plain view. It was confirmed the suspect was seen on Walmart surveillance footage exiting the store with stolen merchandise. A search of the vehicle revealed 48 stolen items, 44 of which were confirmed stolen from Walmart valued at \$291.38. King was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Theft: \$100 to Under \$1500.00.



Trinik King

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

Detectives Seek Identity of Armed Robbery Suspect

Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies on Feb. 14 at approximately 3:23 p.m., were dispatched to the PNC Bank inside the Giant Food Store located at 10690 Town Center Blvd, Dunkirk, MD for the reported armed bank robbery.

Investigation revealed a male suspect approached the teller, displayed a handgun, announced a robbery and fled the scene.

The suspect is described as a bald white male, approximately 5'10" tall and 215 pound, with blue eyes. He was wearing a surgical mask, gray hooded sweatshirt with a small design on the left chest, dark-colored pants, and tan work boots.

All citizens are to treat this individual as armed and dangerous. Anyone with information on this subject or crime is asked to contact Detective Rector at William.Rector@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case # 22-7873.

Calvert County Crime Solvers offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest or indictment of a person responsible for a crime in Calvert County. All individuals who provide tips through Crime Solvers will remain anonymous. Anyone



Armed robbery suspect

with information about an unsolved crime or the location of a fugitive may contact Calvert County Crime Solvers by calling (410)535-2880. Tips can also be submitted by email: ccsotips@Calvertcountymd.gov or by using the Sheriff's Office mobile app, which can be found in the Android Store and Apple store by searching Calvert County Sheriff's Office or visit <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a39520678> to download

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Applicants Sought for Police Reform Boards

Process Opens on March 1

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) formally approved at their Feb. 15 meeting the makeup of the new Police Accountability Board (PAB) and Administrative Charging Committee (ACC).

Applications will begin to be accepted on March 1 on forms that will be available on the county website. Deadline for submitting the application form is March 21 with hopes of the PAB to be selected by mid-April. The two new entities are required by state law to be up and running on July 1.

County Attorney John Norris, in a memo to the BOCC, gave a synopsis of the process to date:

“By 2021 Laws of Maryland Ch. 59, the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 (the “Act”), the Board of County Commissioners is required to stand-up of a police accountability board and an administrative charging committee. The act repeals the Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights and makes other substantial and substantive changes in how the activities of law enforcement officers are reviewed, as well as how changes can be made to the institution of law enforcement.

“For the Police Accountability Board (PAB), the Board of County Commissioners must: (1) establish the membership of, the budget and staff for a PAB; (2) address the appointment of a chair; and (3) establish the procedures for record-keeping by the PAB. That PAB’s charge is, among other things, to meet quarterly and report annually on what should be done to improve matters of policing.

“Each county must also have an Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) to serve county-

wide law enforcement agencies and local law enforcement agencies in the county. The county commissioners appoint only two of the five members of the ACC, with the PAB Chair serving on the ACC and the PAB having two citizen appointments to the ACC. The principal function of the ACC is to consider evidence to determine if it is appropriate to administratively charge the police officer who is the subject of the investigation. If the determination is made that charges are appropriate, then recommend a penalty consistent with a disciplinary matrix approved by the state.”

The BOCC started with a proposal from former commissioner Tim Hutchins that was heavily weighted in favor of PAB members being former law enforcement officers. That was opposed by many citizens and in the end the BOCC revised the makeup to include two former law enforcement officers.

Two public meetings and a public hearing were held. Commissioner President Buddy Hance said the process couldn’t have been completed without “the members of the public that stayed engaged in this and truly were committed to coming up with the product that could meet the needs of our county.”

The makeup of the PAB that emerged out of those sessions will be as follows:

- The chairperson of the CCPAB shall have experience relevant to the position.
- To the extent practicable, members of the CCPAB shall reflect the racial, gender, and cultural diversity of Calvert County and include, with not less than two members from each County Commissioner District:



County Attorney John Norris



Commissioner President Buddy Hance

- Two members shall be retired, sworn law enforcement officers who retired in good standing at least five years prior to appointment on the CCPAB, with sufficient time and responsibility of service... to adequately represent a law enforcement perspective;
- Not less than three members shall be from minority populations within Calvert County; and
- One member should be a mental health practitioner

The new PAB and ACC members must meet the requirement of being eligible for jury duty. He added, “So if they’re convicted of a crime, if they pled no contest or they pled guilty to criminal charges, that would make them ineligible for appointment; that would make them eligible for removal as well.”

Applicants will thus be screened to meet that requirement.

As to the as-yet-to-be-determined budget, Norris said, “There was some comment about the budget and how much the budget

should be. Looking at the operating budget for the sheriff’s office it looks to be about \$32 million. There were some comments that it should be a percentage of that. Staff recommended budget is coming forth to the public for review in March of this year. My recommendation is that that be part of the annual budget process”

Hance observed, as far as a percentage of the sheriff’s budget, “We wish we could get away with only one per percent of the sheriff’s budget. I’m afraid it’s going to be much more significant than that. At the end of the day, we don’t have a choice. We have to fund whatever’s necessary to meet the state law requirements. I think if we can get away with a couple hundred thousand dollars that I call that a good day, but I don’t believe that’s going to happen.”

As part of the ordinance drafted by Norris, it was directed that the new entities “work with the sheriff and state’s attorney to establish practices and procedures that maintain confidentiality and accomplish the objectives of each organization without interfering with the state’s attorney’s duty to enforce criminal laws.”

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Sheriff Mike Evans and Lt. Col. Dave McDowell



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Press Release from SMECO

It's a Megalodon Makeover

Museum Does Some Dental



CMM staff and volunteers successfully move the megalodon skeletal jaw to the Paleontology prep lab.

After 25 years, the Calvert Marine Museum's life-sized skeletal model of the extinct shark, *Otodus megalodon*, will receive new teeth! Over many years, paleontologists have made new discoveries that improve understanding of this extinct shark's anatomy, including dental evidence that supports this historic transformation.

The new fossils are referred to as associated dentitions, which are sets of teeth that came from a single shark. These exceptionally rare discoveries allow paleontologists to more confidently reconstruct the tooth patterns exhibited by megalodon. With this new information available, the exhibit is being updated to reflect the most current fossil evidence to make the representation as scientifically accurate as possible.

When megalodon was first described, it was named *Carcharodon megalodon* and was suggested to be the immediate ancestor of the great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*). Consequently, the Calvert Marine Museum's skeletal model was created by scaling up the size of a great white shark. However, paleontologists now recognize that the two sharks are more distantly related, and likely last shared a common ancestor more than 65 million years ago.

The most complete set of megalodon teeth was found in the Four Corners phosphate mine in Polk County, Florida (aka the Bone Valley region). A total of 95 teeth were recovered that all originated from one shark! This shark was estimated to be 40.7 ft long, which



The Calvert Marine Museum's 37.5-foot long skeletal model of the extinct megatooth shark, *Otodus megalodon*, newly installed.

matches quite closely with the museum's 37.5 ft skeletal model. To improve the accuracy of the model, CMM staff are replacing the teeth with exact replicas of the associated teeth found in the Bone Valley region.

To make these changes to the exhibit, Calvert Marine Museum staff will remove the jaws from the megalodon skeletal model. The jaws will be brought into the Paleontology prep lab for the remodeling. Museum visitors will be able to watch this historic update to this iconic exhibit through the glass window that peers into the prep lab. New information panels will be placed in the exhibit hall, explaining how scientific evidence is utilized to guide the exhibit design.

Press Release from Calvert Marine Museum.

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Leadership Class Experiences Housing & Human Services



Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Executive Program grads supported LSM in the planning and execution of the Housing & Human Services Session on Feb.3. From left to right: Mike Bellis LSM'19, Amy Ford LSM'19, Jen Brown LSM'19, and Karen Carloni, LSM'17

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2022 participated Feb.3 in the fifth of nine educational sessions for the LSM Executive Program— Housing and Human Services.

The morning began with Cathy Meyers, LSM founding sponsor and executive director at Center for Children, Inc., presenting the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) assessment. Afterward, she gave context to the assessment, educating the class on how childhood experiences, poverty, mental health, and homelessness can be intertwined and how adverse childhood experiences can affect one's ability to thrive.

The class also received an overview of the impact of housing in the region from Jennifer Moreland LSM'17, community resources director for Calvert County Government and Dennis Nicholson, executive director of the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County.

LSM Programs Committee member Jen Brown LSM'19 and classmate Mike Bellis LSM'19, vice chair/commissioner for the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, led the lunchtime activity and discussion on how the class, as leaders, can help with housing and human services issues in Southern Maryland and beyond.

Next, the class heard from Mel Brennan, chief executive officer of the United Way of Southern Maryland. Brennan led

the class in a poverty simulation and introduced the ALICE report, giving context to the data and helping the class to understand how many Marylanders can be financially derailed by an unforeseen or unplanned for expense.

The class ended the session with a panel presentation on the impacts of mental health and mental health access, facilitated by Karen Carloni LSM'17, Executive Director, Southern Maryland Community Network.

The panel featured representatives from the Local Behavioral Health Authority in St. Mary's and Calvert counties.

Leadership Southern Maryland's Executive Program is a nine-month tuition-based program that educates and inspires a diverse group of current and emerging leaders creating opportunities for collaborations and partnerships impacting the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties ensuring a cross-section of the region including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, and gender. Applications are being accepted through April 15 for the Class of 2023.

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

Press Release from LSM

Free KN95 Masks Available for County Businesses



The Calvert County Department of Economic Development, in coordination with the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce and the Calvert County Health Department, have organized a KN95 face mask distribution drive for local businesses.

Well-fitting KN95 masks, or "respirators," are touted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as providing the highest level of protection against COVID-19.

Calvert County-based businesses must register online to receive masks in increments of 20 for use by employees or customers. Businesses do not need to be a member of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce to receive masks. Masks will be provided for free on a first-come, first-served basis. Business owners are encouraged to pre-order enough masks to support their staff and customers for a three-week period.

Businesses must pre-order masks online at www.CalvertChamber.org or by calling the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce at 410-535-2577. Unscheduled pickups cannot be accommodated.

Mask distribution will occur on Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m., and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., at the following locations:

- Northeast Community Center
4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach

- Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center
901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
- Southern Community Center
20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

Citizens are encouraged to continue taking precautions to avoid preventable illness and hospitalizations. More information about testing and vaccination resources is available through the Calvert County Government virtual resource center at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus. Residents may schedule vaccination appointments through the Health Department online at www.calvertcountycovid19.com/vaccination-registration.

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

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Press Release from Calvert County government.

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A View From The BLEACHERS



STORY TIME

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

If a Super Bowl article will be published the week after the game, it must discuss the game's results; to write said article before the game is even played, is pure lunacy – don't be a lunatic.

This is certainly a commandment of sports journalism, right? It is etched on a stone tablet somewhere, likely chiseled in unison by Shirley Povich, Grantland Rice and Frank DeFord. Michael Wilbon probably has the scrolled rule displayed in a shadowbox in his writing room. John Feinstein doesn't seem like the tattoo type, but if he got inked, a script tattoo of this rule on his forearm could be the choice. Hey, there are worse decisions that can be made – like renaming a football team the Commanders. Sheesh...

The rule makes sense. Who would read a post-Super Bowl article that isn't about the biggest game on the planet? The gamble is at least someone. And so far, that someone is you! Gracias.

After inadequate consideration, I'm breaking the rule. It is more a suggestion. Guidance. Admittedly, this approach has led to trouble at times in my life, but this seems like a safe space. So away we go, for good or ill, as Hunter S. Thompson would say.

The bet, assuming you didn't actually bet, is very few readers had an emotional investment in the game's outcome. Neither team even registers on the Tom Brady Hate-able scale. And there just aren't that many fans of the Los Angeles Rams or Cincinnati Bengals in this area. Despite a massive inventory of sports fans, I know exactly one for each team. Not an adopt a Joe Burrow or I love the Rams' new uniform fans. Real ones. My Bengals fan remembers Kenny Anderson and Chris Collinsworth – the player, not the announcer. The Rams dude owns a Roman Gabriel jersey. Does that validate their fan-cred? Thought so.

It's one of those Super Bowls that was just entertainment; the result really didn't matter to most. The participants' stories always matter, though – and there were many.

Two years ago, Burrow, poor soul it seemed, was about to be drafted by the 2-14 Bengals. One year ago, he was rehabbing an awful knee injury

that threatened his 2021 season.

Calvin Johnson failed. Even Barry Sanders failed. And for 12 difficult seasons, QB Matthew Stafford failed to lift the Detroit Lions out of NFL purgatory. A trade to the Rams last offseason wasn't just a second chance. It was a rescue.

Odell Beckham Jr. found his career adrift earlier this season after a series of injuries and a failed tenure in Cleveland resulted in his release. He was signed by the Rams in November – a career resuscitation. Well...maybe. That knee again. Ouch.

Rams head coach Sean McVay, one-time tight ends coach in Washington, escaped the evil, career-crushing clutches of Dan Snyder for sunny southern Cali and the in-it-to-win-it Rams.

Ja'Marr Chase ignored all theories and excuses regarding rookie wide receiver struggles in the NFL and just took over.

Cooper Kupp went from non-descript Eastern Washington University to a third-round draft pick, to blowing out his knee in his second season (2018), to this year, where he produced perhaps the greatest single season by a wide receiver in NFL history.

Joe Mixon, after an ugly assault of a young woman in 2014, was given a second chance by the Bengals and has seemingly rehabilitated himself as a person.

Rams RB Cam Akers blew out his Achilles in July, dismissed the normal recovery timeline and fought his way back for the team's playoff run.

And then there is former Bengals and current Rams tackle Andrew Whitworth. Age? Just a number. The dude is starting at left tackle in the Super Bowl at age 40. He is also the reigning Walter Payton Man of the Year.

Forget the commercials and star-studded halftime show. Forget the game itself. It's impossible not to read that scroll of stories – the good fortune, the dedication, the obstacles overcome, the typecasts ignored, the prioritization of others – to see the relevance to everyday life, and to feel anything but inspired.

Super Bowl LVI was super indeed.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

State Hunters Report Taking 70,845 Deer

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported that deer hunters harvested 70,845 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 10, 2021 through Feb. 3, 2022.

The statewide harvest included 27,947 antlered and 39,498 antlerless white-tailed deer, plus 1,541 antlered and 1,859 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 13% lower than the 2020-2021 total of 81,729 deer.

Calvert reported a 3.3 percent decline from the previous season, to 1,384/

St. Mary's reported a 28.2 percent drop to 2,056.

"Maryland hunters concluded another successful but challenging deer season," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Fluctuations in the annual harvest are attributable to various factors including hunter effort and natural food availability, but is also indicative that the deer population is trending toward a population level that reduces damage to agriculture and minimizes impacts on our natural communities."

Hunters harvested 7,289 deer on Sundays, comprising 10% of the total harvest. Hunting deer on Sunday is only permitted during certain weeks in 20 of



Photo by Patricia Neal, submitted to the 2021 Maryland DNR Photo Contest

Maryland's 23 counties.

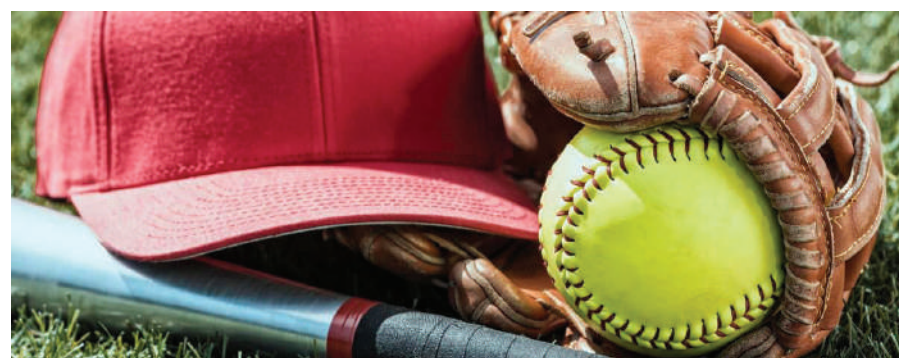
The harvest in deer management Region A (Western Maryland) decreased 16%, from 9,383 deer last year to 7,929 this year. Hunters in the western counties reported 4,888 antlered and 3,041 antlerless deer.

Hunters in Region B — the remainder of the state — harvested 62,916 deer, down 13% from 72,346 deer harvested last year. A total of 24,600 antlered and 38,316 antlerless deer were reported in this region.

Frederick County had the highest reported harvest again this year, with 6,088 deer reported. Carroll County followed with 5,071 deer, and Baltimore County was third with 4,501. Garrett and Washington counties rounded out the top five with 3,923 and 3,899 deer, respectively.

Press Release from MD DNR.

Applications Open for Spring Softball Leagues



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation (CCPR) is pleased to announce it will accept team applications for the new Men's Spring Softball League now through Friday, April 8. The newly-formed league will begin play the week of April 18. Registration fee is \$650 per team and games are played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

CCPR will accept team applications for the Women's Spring Softball League beginning Monday, March 28 through Friday, May 13. The league will begin play the week of May 26. Registration fee per team is \$500.

The fees for both leagues include a regular round robin schedule, game balls, scorebooks, an end-of-season double-elimination tournament and team awards for the first and second place finishers.

For more information, contact the

Office of Sports, Community and Well-being by email at sports@calvertcountymd.gov.

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation strives to enhance the health, economy and well-being of the Calvert County community through sustainable practices, leisure opportunities and environmental stewardship. For more information about CCPR facilities and programs, visit online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/ParksandRecreation.

For updates on CCPR services, park availability, field closures and more visit Parks & Recreation at www.Facebook.com/CalvertCountyParks and follow @CalvertCountyParks on Instagram. Find information on Calvert County Government services online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Students Compete in SkillsUSA Regional Competition



Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) students competed at the recent Southern Maryland SkillsUSA Regional competition winning nine gold, seven silver and seven bronze medals. The event was hosted by Career and Technology Academy on Feb. 5, where Career and Technical Education (CTE) students from the Calvert Career and Technology Academy in Calvert County, the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center and North Point High School in Charles County, and the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in St. Mary's County participated in the event.

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure a skilled work force. The organization serves more than 300,000 high school and college students, as well as professional members, nationwide. As part of the SkillsUSA program, students gain experiences in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development. The organization focuses on quality of work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, lifelong education, and pride in the dignity of work.

SkillsUSA competitions showcase CTE students, involve industry professionals in evaluating student performance and help to train students for the workforce. The philosophy of the competition is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to train students for employer needs and future career goals.

Students who earn a gold, silver or bronze medal will represent their respective CTE program at the SkillsUSA Maryland State Leadership and Skills Conference in April in Anne Arundel County.

The following Calvert County Public School students placed at the regional event:

Automotive Technology **Service**

Gold- Hutch Valentin and
Bronze- Callahan Fry

Automotive Maintenance And Light Repair

Bronze- Matthew Piriz

Carpentry

Gold- Seth Robinson
Silver- Jacob Brendlinger

Criminal Justice

Gold- Gavin Santerre
Silver- Katelynn Maguire
Bronze- Steven Emeigh

Culinary Arts

Bronze- Josh Magassouba

Digital Cinema (Team of 2)

Silver- Jordan Nathan & Sammy Robinson

Electrical Construction Wiring

Gold- Dennis Tice, Jr.

Firefighting

Gold- Nicholas Boswell
Silver- Jacob Scott
Bronze- Joshua Pickerall

Internetworking

Gold- Nick Harbaugh
Bronze- Brennen McCorison

Plumbing

Gold- Jacob Bunnell
Silver- Robert Phipps

Sheetmetal

Gold- Mike Burke
Silver- Jacob Howes
Bronze- Blake Baker

Teamworks (Team of 4)

Gold
Michael Cole Mathis, Devin Mattingly, Timmy O'Brien and Heyden Phillips

Silver

Matthew Davidson, Mason Kidwell, Gabriela Mejia Moran and Will Walton

Press Release from CCPS

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1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month – Auction begins at 4 PM

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This auction is managed/conducted by the Tri-County Livestock Auction committee.

ONLINE AUCTION

Few Items from the old "Bell Motor Company" building in Leonardtown (including signs that were on the outside of the building - "Buick" "GMC", "Chevrolet Bow Tie"); Hose Reels, Wall Mount Fans, Pipe Bender, and More, and items from several other local estates to include 2 Vans (one Ford, one Dodge), Oyster Cans, Golf Clubs, Musical Instruments, Furniture, Framed Prints (some by local artists, some signed and numbered), Books (some local), Tools, and More.

Auction Preview: Friday, FEB 25, 2022 - 4 pm to 7 pm.

Preview at Westfield Farm

26689 Laurel Grove Rd. Mechanicsville, MD

Online Auction will close Tuesday, March 1, 2022 beginning at 6 PM

Auction is expected to be online for viewing and bidding beginning on or about February 24, 2022

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CSM's Nonprofit Institute Staff Become Licensed Consultants

The staff of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Nonprofit Institute (NPI) have become Standards for Excellence Licensed Consultants after completing an intensive five-day virtual training seminar aimed at strengthening nonprofit governance practices. CSM NPI consultants Cara Fogarty and Michelle Sullivan, and Outreach Specialist Amy Davis were part of a 32-member class hailing from various regions of the country who completed the Standards for Excellence Institute® training to become the 2021 Class of Licensed Consultants.

"It was truly an honor to be a part of the Standards for Excellence Fall 2021 Licensed Consultant training class," said Fogarty. "I learned so much and filled in knowledge gaps. The speakers and my classmates were inspiring and the topics we covered were robust and varied. I'm excited to bring my enhanced knowledge to nonprofits in Southern Maryland -- they are the immediate beneficiaries of this training -- and to students in our prospective nonprofit workforce development program."



CSM consultants Amy Davis

The Standards for Excellence Institute®, a national initiative designed to help nonprofit organizations operate more ethically and accountably, promotes the highest standards of ethics, effectiveness, and accountability in nonprofit governance, management, and operations, to help all nonprofit organizations meet high benchmarks and build public trust.

The Nonprofit Institute serves as Southern Maryland's premier source of nonprofit professional development and capacity-building for the diverse array of nonprofits serving the Southern Maryland region. The Institute is part of the Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at the College of Southern Maryland.

NPI's programs include:

- Monthly Executive Director Network Meetings bring leadership together to meet and discuss operational concerns and share lessons learned.
- Monthly Nonprofit Community Calls foster collaboration, information sharing, and support.
- Affinity Groups provide for networking and sharing of ideas centered on volunteer coordination, fundraising, and marketing/public relations/communications.
- Professional development classes cover key areas of nonprofit leadership/management, strategic planning, fundraising, marketing/communications, governance, and operations.
- An annual conference with a keynote speaker and breakout sessions encourage learning, sharing, and networking.
- Regular communications via a resource-rich monthly e-newsletter
- Operational advice and insight in areas of fundraising, leadership/management, marketing/communications, governance, and operations.
- Connections and referrals to grant writers, attorneys, accountants, and insurance professionals, some of whom offer services to nonprofits on a pro bono basis or for a reduced rate.

Fogarty joined the Nonprofit Institute in the fall of 2016. Prior to that, she spent nearly a decade working for a nonprofit organization in St. Mary's County. In this capacity, she served on the Nonprofit Institute Advisory Council for St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Tourism and Hospitality Advisory Committee.

Before working in the nonprofit arena, Fogarty was a journalist in both commercial and public radio. After working as a news reporter in Columbus, Ohio, and upstate New York, she joined the now-defunct Mutual Broadcasting System/NBC Radio Network in Arlington, Va., where she produced national newscasts. She later joined NPR

in Washington, D.C. serving as the supervising online editor for NPR.org in the early days of the web. She is also an adjunct faculty member at CSM teaching writing and communication courses. She serves on the Charles County Economic Development Department Advisory Board's Business Outreach Committee. During the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, she served on the Charles County COVID-19 Recovery Task Force and on the Maryland Governor's Nonprofit Working Group which made recommendations to Governor Hogan's COVID-19 response plan, "Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery."

Sullivan joined the Nonprofit Institute in the fall of 2016 where she serves as a resource for nonprofits as they navigate the ever-increasingly complex landscape of the nonprofit sector.

Sullivan is the executive director of All Ages Read Together (AART), a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating children in need with free preschool programs in their communities in Loudoun and Fairfax counties in Virginia. AART has more than 100 children enrolled in 12 programs, including an expansion of two new programs in Alexandria, Va.

Sullivan's previous experience included executive director for Access Hope as well as director in the department of public policy at the United Cerebral Palsy's national office, and she also served in the Office of Public Liaison in the White House.

Davis joined the Nonprofit Institute in the spring of 2021 as an outreach specialist. Active with many local organizations, Davis' nonprofit background includes financial management, budget development, grant writing, and strategic planning.

She serves as the vice-chair of the St. Mary's County Museum Division Board of Trustees, the co-chair of the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission, and treasurer for the Southern Maryland chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. Davis is also on the board of directors for the Small Museum Association. She most recently served as the executive director of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum in Lexington Park, Maryland.

Nonprofit Institute staff are available for consultation at nonprofit@csmd.edu or by phone at 301-934-7544.

Press Release from CSM.

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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 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?

Transfer Thursdays

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

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>

Saturday, February 19

The Fabulous Hubcaps

Holiday Inn, Solomons Island,
6 p.m.

Join the Humane Society of Calvert County for fun filled night of music, dancing and dinner with the Fabulous Hubcaps

Tickets \$75 include buffet dinner and show.

Call 410-353-7670 for tickets/ or humanesocietyofcalvert-county.org

Great Backyard Bird Count

Calvert Marine Museum
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

Sunday February 20

Universal Coprolite Day Celebration

Calvert Marine Museum
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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Bluegrass Comeback to Southern Maryland Concert Series

Calvert Elks #2620, 2 p.m.

Danny Paisley & the Southern Grass will be playing traditional bluegrass the way it should be played. With a hard driving, lonesome sound. Danny is a favorite all over and he has fans here in Southern Maryland. Bluegrass singer, Alison Krauss considers Danny as one of her 'favorite singers. His voice combines powerful range and soulful blues with a sound like no one else in bluegrass today.' When Danny

was still in high school, he stood alongside his dad, Bob Paisley with the first generation of the Southern Grass. After his dad's passing, he took the leading role of continuing the traditional sound of the Southern Grass. He is certainly a "Bluegrass Troubadour."

Doors will open at Noon with the show starting at 2:00 pm. Tickets for the shows will be \$20 per person sold at the door only with children under twelve free with a paid adult. Food and beverages will also be available for sale at noon for a separate price.

Thursday, February 24

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UPCOMING

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/wbWSC/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.

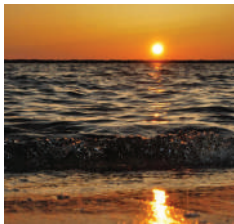
Calvert Arts Festival

Sample the best wines and craft beers from Southern Maryland makers at 16th Calvert Arts Festival Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church. A \$15 fee to taste wines/beers gives you a souvenir tasting glass and wristband. No fee to shop from outstanding local juried artisans. Enjoy delicious food and beverages, live entertainment, children's crafts, raffles & more. Tour our 1692 church & labyrinth. Event is rain or shine. Save money: reserve your wine/beer glass at <https://www.EventBrite.com/e/Calvert-Arts-Festival-2022-tickets>. Age verified for alcohol tasting by picture ID at festival. Proceeds benefit local charities that aid County children. Free parking at All Saints' Church, Rts 2 & 4, Sunderland, MD, and nearby Sunderland Park & Ride.

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.

Janet Mae Terry



Janet Mae Terry, 86, of St. Leonard, MD and formerly of St. Cloud, FL passed away on February 6, 2022 at Kris-Leigh Assisted Living,

Davidsonville, MD.

Born October 4, 1935 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late George Senwen Collins and Doris Elizabeth (Moore) Collins.

Janet married her husband, the late Robert Lowell Terry on October 9, 1954 in Washington, DC and was a housewife. She moved to Calvert County in 2019.

Janet is survived by her children, Robert W. Terry of Stevensville, MD and Janet M. Barnes of St. Leonard, MD; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and her brother, Michael Collins of St. Leonard, MD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lowell Terry; her children, James M. Terry, John E. Terry and Virginia A. Parks; and siblings, Edward Collins, Donald Collins and Carmen Reid.

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

Minnie Sue Garner



Minnie Sue Garner – known to most people as Sue, Miss Sue or M. Sue – 83, of Solomons, MD passed at Calvert Health Hospital

in Prince Frederick, MD on February 7, 2022. She was the loving wife to Bryan Garner. She was born in West Virginia on July 26, 1938 to Minnie Kay Wyatt. Sue married at a young age and welcomed three daughters (Suzanne, Wanda and Stephany). Six months after her youngest daughter was born Sue attended Rochester Beauty Academy in Roches-

ter, NY starting her cosmetology career. She owned and operated salons Sue's Elite House of Beauty in Holley, NY and Magic Mirror in Solomons, MD. After becoming a widow she found love again and married a wonderful widower, William B. Garner, Jr. "Bryan" on November 22, 1975. Together they raised 7 children until they were old enough to be on their own. Sue made sure there was a hot meal on the table every night. She could whip up a meal in no time. She was an excellent cook and famous for her apple pie. They nurtured their children on a farm in Solomons. She even helped plant tobacco from time to time. She canned tomatoes and froze the best Silver Queen corn that Bryan grew. Bryan and Sue celebrated 46 wonderful years together. Bryan will tell you Sue was the most honest, trusting and loving person. She would help anyone. She was a wonderful mother and Mom-Mom to her grandchildren.

Sue and her daughter Wanda advanced their career and opened Blades School of Hair Design. She was known to her students as Miss Sue. She worked very hard studying with each student making sure everyone could pass the state boards on their first attempt. She enjoyed seeing everyone succeed in life. Sue continued to work until COVID hit in March 2020, marking 60 years as a cosmetologist/educator. She retired at the age of 82. Sue was a kind, soft spoken and loving person. She loved her family dearly and everyone had a special place in her heart.

Sue and Bryan relished traveling in their younger years. They cruised, visited military friends in Las Vegas, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and New York. They visited/vacationed in Virginia Beach, Lynchburg, Florida, Delaware, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Smith Island and Tennessee over the years. A highlight of one of their Las Vegas vacations was sightseeing by helicopter and having lunch in the Grand Canyon. Sue and Bryan loved to talk about "the good old days" and how life has changed. They could find humor with each other and enjoyed a good laugh. They enjoyed their morning and afternoon coffee times. Sue's famous last words were "I love you more."

Sue is survived by her husband, Bryan Garner, daughters, Wanda Paduano, Stephany Smith (Bussie), son-in-law, Ken Conway, step-children, Shane Garner (Tammy), Janet Sue Garner (Gabriel), Wade Garner and Melissa Garner. Their blended family gave them 8 grandchildren (KC Conway, Stephen Smith, Alexis Bysheim (Christopher), John Detchemendy, Jay Garner, Little Bryan, Trey Archebelle (Skylar) and Billy Archebelle), 10 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Sisters, Barbara and Darlene Langley; Brother, H.L. Langley, Jr. (Cissy) and many nieces and nephews.

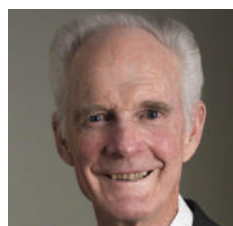
She was preceded in death by her loving grandson, Stephen Smith; daughter, Suzanne Conway and mother, Minnie Kay Langley.

Sue will be truly missed by Bryan and her family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 189, Solomons, MD 20688 or St. Paul United Methodist Church, 11000 H.G. Trueman Rd, Lusby, MD 20657.

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

James Rex Talbot



It is with a measure of sadness, but great appreciation for a wonderful life that the Talbot family announces the passing of James Rex

Talbot after a short battle with cancer on the 12th of February. He died peacefully at home in St. Leonard, MD, surrounded by loving family. Born the 15th of July, 1938 in Paragonah, Utah to Orson and Annie Talbot, he was the husband of Sandra Goodrich Talbot for 60 years, father of five sons, and beloved grandpa to seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He is survived by his cherished wife Sandra, children Craig (Cynthia) of Leesburg, VA; Chad (Talli) of Peoria, AZ; Cary (Angela) of Vicksburg, MS; Christopher (Rebecca) of Nacogdoches, TX; Colin (Deborah) of Lovettsville, VA; and siblings Anna (Arnold) Mellor of Lake Shore, UT; Ardel (Julie) of Snowflake, AZ; Neil (Barbara) of Reno, NV; Judy (Carl) Henrie of Panguitch, UT. He is preceded in death by his parents Orson Talbot and Annie Gale, and siblings Beth Fairbanks, Brent, Gordon, and Bobby.

Jim was a loving, devoted husband and father, dedicated to serving his family and his savior. A faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served the Church his whole life through various leadership callings, most recently as a patriarch and as a sealer in the Washington, D.C. Temple.

A civil engineer specializing in earth dam design, Jim worked for the U. S.

Department of Agriculture for 35 years and then continued in consulting services through 2021. Jim's contributions to earth dam design are world renowned. He is credited with the development of several design features that have improved dam safety. He was awarded the prestigious Norman Medal by the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1985, the highest honor granted by ASCE for a technical paper that makes a definitive contribution to engineering science.

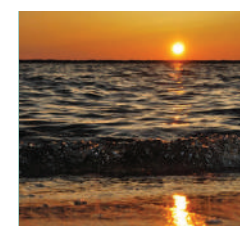
Jim was an avid sailor and loved spending time on the Chesapeake Bay with family and friends on his boat Legacy.

Jim will be dearly missed by all his family, friends, and many other recipients of his love and service over the many years of his remarkable life. He lived great and died great in the eyes of his family, his church, and his community, above reproach and worthy of emulation.

The family will hold a memorial service on Saturday February 19, 2022 at 12 noon EST. All are invited to attend through the zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/92981651329>

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Michael Eugene Donaldson



Michael Eugene Donaldson, 66, of Tracy's Landing passed away February 10, 2022 at his home. He was born on November 27, 1955 in

Washington, D.C. to Madeline Virginia Merriman and Kenneth Erb Donaldson, Sr. Michael was raised in the District of Columbia, where he attended school. He married Donna J. Donaldson on August 23, 1975. Michael was a mechanic by trade, and had a love for anything involving a motor, from the trucks he serviced at his work to the NASCAR races he enjoyed at home. He devoted his free time to helping others, whether he knew them or not, and could often be found volunteering at the Fraternal Order of Police #89, or cutting grass for his neighbors. He had a solid heart of gold and loved spending time with family and friends above all else.

Michael is survived by his wife Donna; son Michael Donaldson and his wife, Kristina; daughter Margaret Donaldson; grandchildren Michael, Tyler, Aidan, and Jacqueline; brother Bill Donaldson; sisters Cheryl Gittins and Lisa Donaldson; and sister-in-law Carol Atkins. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Kenneth Donaldson, Jr., and parents-in-law Susie and Hank Tyler.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Elaine Masson Ryan

Elaine Masson Ryan, 95, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2022 with loved

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ones by her side. She was born on March 4, 1926 in Duluth, MN and was the daughter of Alexander and Mary Mason. She was their only child.

In 1943, Elaine graduated from Western High School in Washington, DC. Soon after, she met the love of her life, William (Bill) Ryan. They were married on January 12, 1946. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a few months before Bill passed away on April 15, 1996.

Elaine was an avid reader, enjoyed doing word puzzles, needle crafts, and watching western TV shows and baseball (the Baltimore Orioles were her favorite team). Throughout her life she sang soprano in many church choirs. She had a beautiful voice. Elaine was extremely proud of her Scottish ancestry and was thrilled to have been able to travel to Scotland to explore the history of her heritage.

Elaine is survived by her children Connie Brown (George), Craig Ryan (Trish), Carol Ryan (Jim McCown) and her son-in-law Joe Small, husband of her daughter Bobbi Small. Sadly, Bobbi passed away in July of 2017. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She will especially be remembered for her strong will, determination, and fiery spirit.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, 2 p.m. at Northwood Presbyterian Church, 1200 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Thomas Robert Burns



Thomas Robert Burns, 78, of Chesapeake Beach passed away surrounded by family on February 10, 2022. He was born February 5,

1944 to Col. Kenneth Paul and Muriel Ann (Klay) Burns. Raised in a close military family, Tom traveled extensively and lived all over the world. Swimming was Tom's ultimate passion where he notably excelled. His hard work, dedication and commitment to the sport drove him to him to forgo a West Point appointment to accept a full scholarship to the University of Michigan. In addition to his All-American swimming tenure, Tom dedicated his life to distinguished career in Law. He graduated from the University of Michigan with his Bachelor's Degree, Tufts University with his Master's Degree in Economics and was a very proud graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He married Pamela Wood on February 16, 1980 and they lived in Northern Virginia where they raised

their family. Tom worked as an attorney in real estate for CB Richard Ellis for many years before becoming self-employed. He was well regarded as a negotiator and known for his relentless drive and tenacity. Tom's love for his family was contagious. He spent his last years surrounded by his grandchildren, which brought him ultimate joy. Words cannot do justice how proud he was of his daughters, their spouses and their children. His compassion, dedication and persistence will always be remembered and carried through them.

Tom is survived by his wife Pamela Burns, daughters Jennifer Burns Frenzel and her husband Peter of Chesapeake Beach and Gillian Carroll and her husband Kevin of Huntingtown, grandchildren Patrick and Cailyn Frenzel and Finley and Reid Carroll. He is also survived by his brother James Burns, his wife Cynthia and their children Karin and Justin.

A Memorial Service will be Friday, March 11, 2022

10:30 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Kenneth (Ken) Leslie Duke



It is with extreme sadness to announce the passing of Kenneth (Ken) Leslie Duke, 80, on February 6, 2022. He was born December

29, 1941, in Norfolk, VA to Marjorie and Clarence Duke. Ken graduated from Norview High School, Norfolk, VA in 1961. Ken was active in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from June 1957 through November 1970.

Ken and wife, Jane, have been together for over 20 years residing in St. Leonard, MD.

Ken is survived by children, Christine Tilley, Alison Rayes and Heather Snowa, and Matthew and Erica Gminski.

Ken owned his own business. The proud owner of a company in the marketing and sales of hardware to a prominent home improvement retailer for many years. After retiring, Ken loved being outdoors working in the yard (especially while operating his tractor), throwing the ball for his rescue Sheppard, Missy, having snacks out on the boat or preparing everyone's favorite smoked tenderloin or homemade "gravy". Those that knew him, knew he had a big heart. He will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 5, 2022, 10-12 Noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306; Link:

<https://tunnel2towers.org/>

TIPS TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LIVING TRUST

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If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients have come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their attor-

neys should do that work for the clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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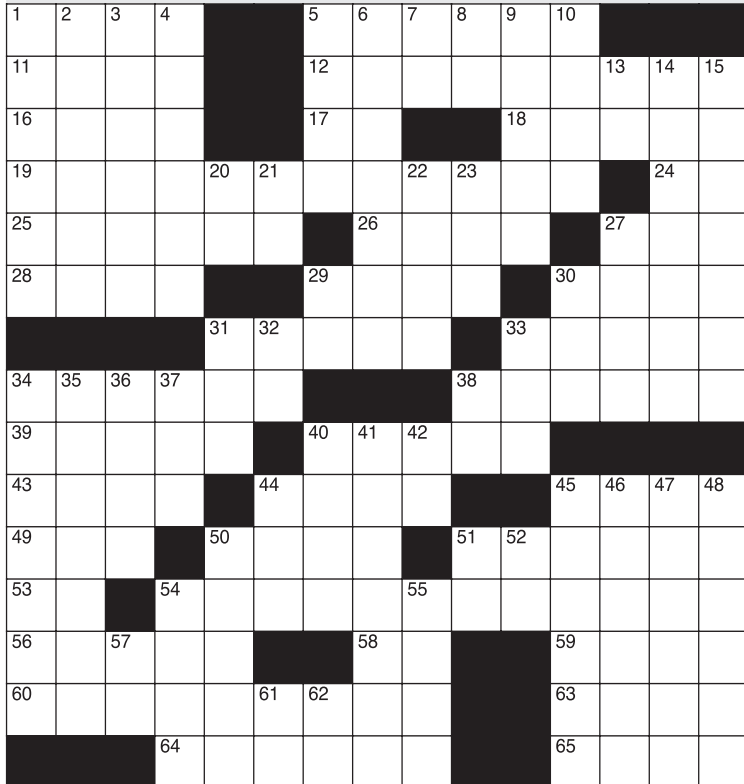
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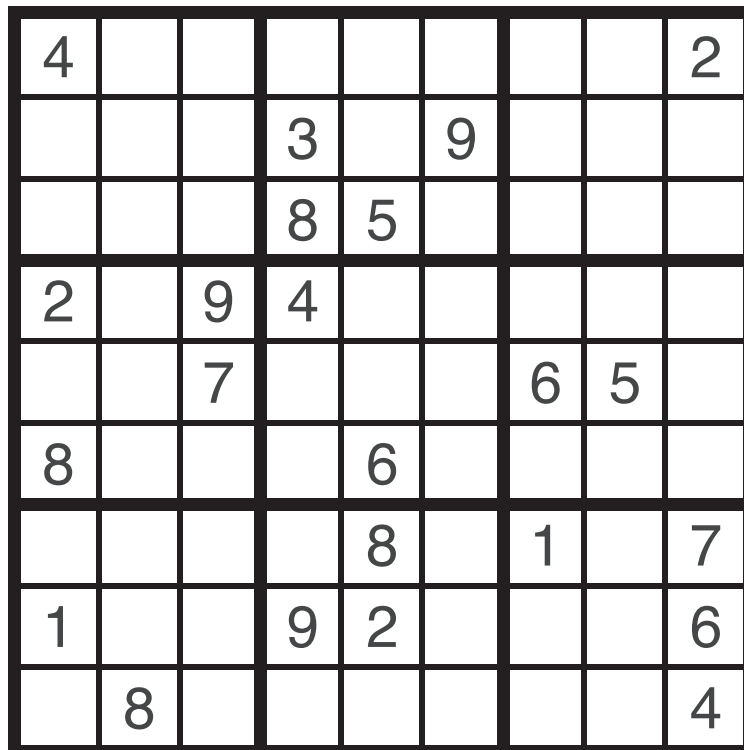
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- 5. Functional
- 11. News magazine
- 12. Popular treat
- 16. Area units
- 17. Artificial intelligence
- 18. Marten valued for its fur
- 19. Forms of matter
- 24. Home of the Dodgers
- 25. Bordering
- 26. Part of the eye
- 27. It might be nervous
- 28. Visualizes
- 29. Crest of a hill
- 30. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
- 31. Tears in a garment (Br. Eng.)
- 33. Not easily explained
- 34. Song in short stanzas
- 38. Detonations
- 39. Intestinal
- 40. EU cofounder Paul-Henri __
- 43. Balmy
- 44. New Mexico mountain town
- 45. Gobblers
- 49. Insecticide

- 50. Golf scores
- 51. Has its own altar
- 53. "Pollock" actor Harris
- 54. Being livable
- 56. NHL play-by-play man
- 58. "The Great Lakes State" (abbr.)
- 59. Unpainted
- 60. Swam underwater
- 63. Native American people
- 64. Containing salt
- 65. Exam

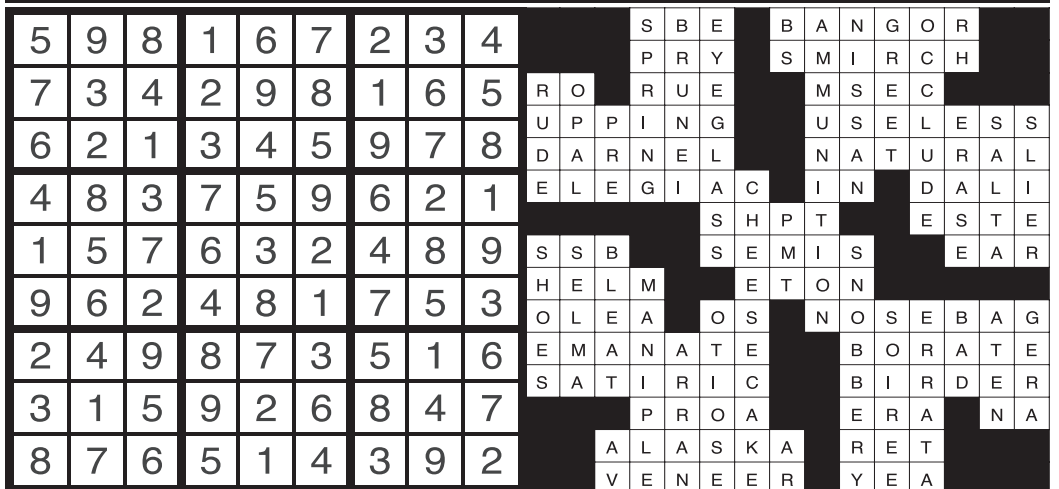
- 23. Gratuity
- 27. __ and feathers
- 29. Spiritual part of an individual (ancient Egypt)
- 30. Hot beverage
- 31. Pouch
- 32. It followed the cassette
- 33. Large northern deer
- 34. Ones who offer formally
- 35. Famed genie
- 36. Bequeathed
- 37. Skeletal muscle
- 38. Atomic #56
- 40. Silk garment
- 41. They deliver the mail
- 42. Equally
- 44. Check
- 45. Light-colored breed of hound
- 46. Drug that soothes
- 47. Railroads
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Jacket
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Hello
- 54. His and __
- 55. Supporter
- 57. Popular software suite (abbr.)
- 61. Railway
- 62. NY coastal region (abbr.)

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- 1. Small bone in middle ear
- 2. Long, angry speech
- 3. Move out of
- 4. Male organ
- 5. Two-toed sloth
- 6. Making dirty
- 7. Article
- 8. Oil company
- 9. Emits coherent radiation
- 10. Amounts of time
- 13. Unit equal to one quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 14. Forbidden by law
- 15. Drains away
- 20. Not out
- 21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
- 22. Bird genus



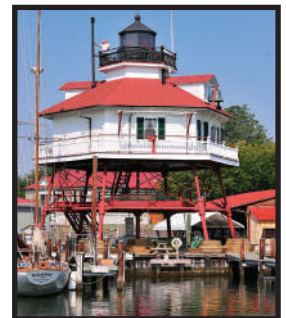
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