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Superintendent Finalists Remain Controversial

By Dick Myers
Editor

The two final candidates for Calvert County Superintendent of Schools continue to be controversial, with people both pro and con stepping forward to speak at recent meetings.

The candidates, Dr. Racquel Jones, Ed.D., community superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools, and Dr. Andrae Townsel, Ed.D., superintendent, Benton Harbor Area Schools in Benton Harbor, Michigan appeared at two virtual "stakeholder forums" on March 7. The controversy intensified after the forums.

Both of the candidates are African Americans. Support for the candidates and the selection process has come from both white and black speakers, several of whom referenced race in their comments. Opposition has come from white speakers only, none of whom specifically mentioned race in their comments.

At the March 8 Calvert County Board of County Commissioners' meeting, Joshua Johnson said about the stakeholder meetings, "There was no real questions on key issues that have adversely affected parents here."

Noting that 250 people attended the previous school board meeting, he said parents are concerned about critical race theory and mask mandates. "Where do they stand on the key issues that concern Calvert County because yesterday all it was was a glazed over political forum that didn't do anything for the concerned parents that are here."

"I think at the end of the day," he said, "Both of these individuals come from financially different disparity areas that do not have our values."

"The social and economic differences do not stand for Calvert County," he added.

At the same commissioner meeting, Sarah Lively said, "I and many others have significant concerns



Wilson Parran

over both of these candidate options. Both descriptions of these candidates demonstrate that they have leanings towards dangerous political agendas."

She said, "We need a superintendent who understands Calvert County, someone who understands and embraces our people, our culture and our values. This is not Baltimore. This is not Philly. And this is not Michigan. This is Calvert County, and we want to keep it that way. For the last several years, our board has been making decisions unilaterally without regard for our citizens' concerns, decisions that support their political agendas, not what is in the best interest of our children. It concerns me greatly that either of these candidate choices will not only keep us on the same path that we've been on but will lead us on a road to destruction. What was once considered one of the best school districts in our country is quickly becoming one of the worst."

At the March 10 school board meeting, James McQueen, who said he had 138 relatives in the county, said, "The process of selecting a new candidate has taken place thus far behind closed doors. Parents and students have been given a glimpse of the process as the candidates were handed pre-scripted questions that reveal two critical facts. Both candidates are logically similar and

lacking in diversity of thought and that they do not represent a choice for stakeholders of Calvert County Public schools. Neither candidate comes from a school system representative of Calvert County Public Schools. Our goals and challenges are different from that of their experience. And therefore, their strategies will not apply and their experiences invalid. One clear point resonated throughout the forum. Neither candidate is a good fit for Calvert County."

Wilson Parran, former county commissioner and local and state school board member, said at the school board meeting, "I hear a comment about fit. Let me tell you about fit. Back in 1980, we hired Gene Karol from Somerset County, the poorest county in Maryland. We had a school system the size that he'd never dealt with, but he had the credentials. And what he did was turn the school system around in Calvert County. So, when I hear fit, first thing I think about is suspect because I think it's a code word."

Michael Kent, president of the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP, supported the candidates. "Our families have been here for generations. My great-grandfather wasn't

allowed to attend school at all. My grandfather was allowed to go to the seventh grade at a one room schoolhouse. It was the same for my father and he had to pay to go to Baltimore to get a high school education. Even my older brother who was only 10 years older than me, graduated from this school, Brooks High School, at that time segregated. There was a black school superintendent then for the colored schools whose education consisted of one semester of being trained as a blacksmith, because that's all you needed at that time to train black students."

Kent observed the progress of having black county commissioners like Parran and the three current school board members. He said, "They (his members) can tell their children and their grandchildren that all you have to do is apply yourself and you can achieve these goals as well. So, seeing a superintendent of color would mean a lot here in Calvert County. It's an example that you mean what you say when you're trying to get something done, to get more black teachers here."

As of press deadline the school board had not announced a selection for superintendent.

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Cardin Calls For Solomons Bridge Replacement

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Senior U.S. Senator Ben Cardin told the Southern Maryland Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly this month that there could be some hope for the long-stalled effort to construct a new Thomas Johnson Bridge span.

Cardin, speaking to the delegation March 4 during an on-line meeting, commented on the project after Del. Gerald "Jerry" Clark (R-Dist.29C) first broached the subject.

"Can you give us any optimistic reason to believe we're going to be able to replace the Thomas Johnson Bridge anytime in the near future?" Clark asked.

"We need to replace the Thomas Johnson Bridge," Cardin said, noting that a recently-passed \$1 trillion infrastructure bill could provide the funding for the project.

"We should be able to advance this project," Cardin said. "It's (the bridge) a challenge not only for the commuters, it's a safety issue."

Cardin mentioned the Fern Hollow Bridge collapse in Pittsburgh, PA., which occurred in January, as a catastrophe that could not be allowed.

"We saw what happened in Pittsburgh," Cardin said. "We don't want to see a repeat of that anywhere else."

Cardin said the infrastructure bill, known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which went into effect in November of last year, was passed with replacing or repairing bridges in mind.

Cardin said at the meeting two weeks ago that the key to getting funding for Maryland to spend on the bridge replacement project was passing an omnibus spending package, which Congress just did this week.

So far, just \$1 million has been secured to make improvements to Route 4 leading up to the Thomas

Johnson Bridge, including capacity improvements for the span itself, according to Sen. Chris Van Hollen's office.

Speaking March 4, Cardin was encouraged by the passage of the infrastructure bill for its potential to provide the money needed for the bridge.

"We are really optimistic the State of Maryland is going to have a great deal more flexibility," Cardin said. "I'm much more optimistic regarding this than I was before the passage of this bill."

For years the project has been a top priority for transportation improvements among local leaders but the state has repeatedly stated that there is not enough money in the state coffers to make the project happen.

Earlier this year, Maryland Secretary of Transportation Jim Ports told members of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland that other projects, such as the construction of the new Gov. Harry W. Nice Bridge, which connects Route 301 between Maryland and Virginia and costs \$463 million, are proceeding but they ruled out the bridge spanning the Patuxent River. "With these numbers, it's just not possible," Ports said in January.

The state's Consolidated Transportation Plan for 2022 to 2027 was released earlier this year at \$17.7 billion.

State officials have estimated that the new bridge would cost hundreds of millions of dollars to construct; they have also said the bridge is safe to traverse but obsolete.

The Thomas Johnson Bridge first opened to traffic in December of 1977 and was closed for several months in 1988 when cracks were discovered in its foundations, necessitating repairs being done to eight of the bridge's pylons.

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Public Hearing Set on County Staff Recommended Budget

Commissioners Consider Additional Requests

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, "I honestly lay awake at night figuring out how to do this." Hance was referring to the budget deliberations ahead of them and the more than \$14 million in requests on top of the staff recommended budget (SRB) that will go to public hearing on March 22.

"We are going to have to get very creative how to address these wants and needs," Hance added at the commissioners' March 15 meeting.

The March 22 public hearing will be at 7 p.m. at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center located at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. A \$334.7 million staff recommended budget will be presented at the hearing, which will be the public's first opportunity to give their priorities to the commissioners.

Deputy Director of Finance and Budget Beth Richmond said in a memo to the commissioners, "Currently, there are \$2.4 million in new staffing and \$10.1 million in new initiatives, including \$5.4 million for the Board of Education that staff have requested that are not included in the SRB."

Richmond added, "The FY 2023 budget continues to focus on providing funding for education, public safety, and capital investments: while maintaining a high level of service to our community. This budget reflects an expenditure increase of \$6.8 million from the prior year. This budget includes a longevity step, a step, and a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) of 4 percent for county employees."

The commissioners at the March 15 meeting got their first look at requests that didn't make the cut, including the more than \$5 million more in School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry's budget (see separate story). The commissioners are expected to meet on March 22, before the public hearing, with the school board.

Among the items not in the budget are \$3.5 million for deputies and correctional officers to achieve pay parity with neighboring counties.

The guidance to staff from County Administrator Mark Willis in building their budgets was no new staff and no new programs. So the commissioners will have to decide whether to grant new staff requests such as for eight additional EMTs and four additional paramedics. In all there

are requests for 35 new staff that are on the table for consideration.

They include two additional assistant state's attorneys. State's Attorney Robert Harvey told the commissioners the new prosecutors would be used for domestic violence cases and those brought against police officers under the new Administrative Charging Committee to be formed by the county.

Other proposed new staff positions include for opening the new Ward Farm Park and the new golf course clubhouse. And Calvert Marine Museum is asking for a full-time assistant museum registrar at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, which is now operated by them.

As to the public hearing of the SRB, the public may participate by phone (audio only) by calling either of the following toll-free numbers to participate remotely:

- Toll-free: 888-475-4499 or 877-853-5257
- Meeting ID: 899 4188 8251
- Passcode (if asked): #
- To provide public comment: *9

Citizens are encouraged to view the budget in its entirety and learn more about the FY 2023 budget process by visiting www.CalvertCountyMd.gov

FY2023BudgetProcess.

To ensure full public access and transparency, the meeting will be streamed live on the Calvert County Government YouTube page at www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov. The meeting will also be broadcast live on Comcast channel 6 and 1070 HD.

Reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities or linguistic barriers should be requested by contacting the BOCC office at 410-535-1600, ext. 2202.

Individuals interested in providing comment may submit written comments to 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD, Attn: Sharon Strand, Director of Finance & Budget or by email to Beth.Richmond@calvertcountymd.gov. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on March 21 to be made part of the record.

For additional information, contact the Calvert County Department of Finance & Budget at 410-535-1600, ext. 2651 or by email to Beth.Richmond@calvertcountymd.gov.

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School Board Members Press for More Counselors

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has asked Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry to go back to the drawing board for next year's budget. The \$246.4 million budget presented to the board at their Jan. 27 meeting included no new positions. The school board wants more counselors and assurances that the 1:20 ratio in kindergarten through second grade not be allowed to slide.

At the board's Feb. 10 meeting, President of Calvert Education Association Dona Ostenso 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."

"Why do we continue to expect different results without meaningfully increasing the resources that students have access to each year?" she asked.

The board at their March 10 meeting agreed with Ostenso and reiterated what several had earlier stated. Member Dawn Balinski said, "I believe it's a pretty collective ask, that we find savings in your superintendent's budget that would allow us to add the additional counselors that we've identified for the elementary schools."

Balinski said, "We know that we do not believe that we could ask for more than the \$9 million increase over our last year's budget that we did ask from the commissioners. But we just need to perhaps either delay initiatives or we feel like this is important enough that it needs to get wrapped in for this coming year's budget."

Balinski explained that for the current year the board tapped into savings realized during the pandemic to only ask the commissioners for \$1 more. Now county staff is applying the former funding formula to cut \$5.8 million. She said the commissioners should really be funding next year with two years' worth of increases.

Balinski said of the K-2 class sizes, "Right now we're targeting 20 and I think that's sufficient. But we always seem to creep up from that.



School board member Dawn Balinski.

So, if we would have to put contingent money in there, in case additional teachers (are needed) after all of the dust settles at the beginning of the school year, I would like us to be able to be flexible in that regard."

Board Vice President Inez Claggett said, "I believe that our staff has made it abundantly clear to us that students need the assistance as far as social and emotional learning. I think we all know we've been through a tough time over the past couple of years, and we all recognize that our students do need those extra supports in their classrooms. That extra support is difficult to give when our counselors and our psychologists have such a high number of students to work with. So, we need the extra funding for additional staff to be able to provide those needed supports to our students."

The other board members agreed (Pat Nutter was not in attendance).

Board President Pamela Cousins also asked Curry to find some additional monies to begin to add dedicated teachers for the gifted and talented program.

Curry asked the board to be flexible in considering his response. He said, "If I were a principal and I had one guidance counselor, and you told me I could have another, I might say, could I have a social worker instead? So, it's nothing against guidance counselors. It's just, it makes a greater depth of the team that handles many of the responsibilities of the school."

The school board will finalize their budget for the next fiscal year at their March 24 meeting at which point it will be sent to the commissioners for consideration.

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North Beach State of the Town Report



Photo by Brooke Kiatta

By Dick Myers
Editor

When North Beach Mayor Mike Benton delivered his annual State of the Town message on March 10, 728 days had passed since the town went into pandemic mode.

Over those many days, Benton said, "We wanted to err (on the side of) safety."

"We continue to fight the fight. We continue to lead by example," he said, adding that "it feels like we are moving on."

Benton's slide presentation at the March 10 town meeting highlighted some of the events that the town was able to pull off in 2021 as it prepares for more this year. And he underscored many accomplishments and milestones of his administration.

Benton also took note of retirements of long-time employees Isaac Harris, Scott Maulden and Marsha Stiner and the new hires that have come along after them. And he also noted the passing of Councilwoman Jane Hagen, former councilman Warren Callis, Senator Mike Miller and Mary Frazer, wife of former mayor Mark Frazer.

Benton touted the town's receiving a Sustainable Maryland Certified Award and recognition of the North Beach Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee. "These volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge that increases the chances of successfully addressing storm and coastal flooding," the report says.

Benton reported that groundbreaking will be held soon for the

much-anticipated Twin Beaches Library in town. And retrospectively he applauded the finishing of the MD 261 bridge to alleviate flooding.

The town also successfully dodged the bullet that was the powerful October storm that caused damage to part of the boardwalk, which has now been repaired.

Benton said financial accomplishments include:

- Net assessable real property base increased from \$260,153,320 on July 1, 2020, to \$268,370,607 on July 1, 2021
- Minimum water usage was reduced from 5,000 gallons to 4,000 gallons per quarter
- Critical Areas Grant: \$1,900
- The town's Constant Yield Rate of 0.6034 per 100 of assessed value was adopted
- Minimum quarterly water and sewer bill remained at a rate of \$183.20.
- DNR Parks & Playground: \$110,000 for Educational Center
- Trash Rate is \$414.00 annually
- Healthy Living Grant/Maryland Energy Administration: \$100,000 Total \$58,642 Spent \$41,537 Remaining
- Keep Maryland Beautiful: \$3,000

The town is in the process of installing upgraded audio/visual equipment in the town hall meeting room that will allow hybrid in-person and online meetings. In-person meetings are expected to resume next month.

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Committee to Review Police Board Applicants

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) aggressive, proactive call for applicants to serve on the new Police Accountability Board (PAB) and Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) to implement legislatively mandated police reform apparently has worked. At their March 15 meeting, Commissioner President Buddy Hance announced the county had received 34 applicants.

In order to shift through those applications, Hance announced the county was stranding up an ad-hoc citizens committee to review them. Hance said the committee would consist of representatives of the local chapters of Fraternal Order of Police and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a representative each from the Democratic and Republican central committees. He said letters would be sent to those groups asking for recommended appointments.

Through the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Police Discipline and Law Enforcement Programs and Procedures, which was enacted by the Maryland General Assembly on April 10, 2021, the BOCC is required to establish a Police Accountability Board and an Administrative Charging Committee.

The BOCC will appoint nine members to serve three-year terms on the PAB, with a limit of six total years of service on the board. Members will consist of two retired sworn law officers who retired in good standing at least five years prior to appointment on the PAB; at least three members from minority populations in Calvert County; and one mental health practitioner. Once formed, the PAB will meet at least quarterly and provide an annual report to the BOCC on what should be done to improve matters of policing.

The ACC will be comprised of five members, including the PAB chairperson or another PAB member designated by the chairperson will serve as a member of the ACC. In addition, the PAB and the BOCC will each appoint two Calvert County civilians to serve three-year terms for no more than a total of six years of service on the ACC. Prior to serving on the ACC, members will receive training on matters relating to police procedures from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. The ACC will meet at least monthly to review the findings of a law enforcement investigation to determine if it is appropriate to administratively charge a police officer who is the subject of investigation.

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Court of Appeals of Maryland Moves Primary Election to July 19

On March 15, the Court of Appeals of Maryland issued an Order, In the Matter of 2022 Legislative Districting of the State, moving the 2022 Primary Election from June 28 to July 19. The Order also amends certain deadlines for the Primary Election Calendar.

The following deadlines have been amended:

The deadline for filing certificates of candidacy, established pursuant to Election Law Article (“EL”) § 5-303, is extended to Friday, April 15, 2022 at 9:00 p.m.;

The deadline for candidates to withdraw a certificate of candidacy, established pursuant to EL §

5-502(a), is extended to Monday, April 18, 2022;

The deadline to fill a vacancy in candidacy for a primary election, established pursuant to EL § 5-901, is extended to Wednesday, April 20, 2022;

The deadline to challenge a candidate’s residency, established pursuant to EL § 5-305, is extended to Thursday, April 21, 2022.

REMINDER: The Order, along with other documents including all filed petitions, can be found on the Court of Appeals web page.

Maryland Court of Appeals Press Release

Caution Advised in Solomons Due to Construction Work

The Calvert County Department of Public Works advises that there will be heavy construction traffic in Solomons for the next several weeks. Residents, businesses and visitors are asked to be patient, remain alert and allow for longer commute times as crews work to maintain public infrastructure.

Work includes paving of multiple streets, including Alexander Lane, C Street, Calvert Street, Langley Lane, Lore Road, Sedwick Avenue and Woodburn Street. Crews will also replace the sidewalk along Solomons Island Road S (MD-2) from Bunky’s Charter Boats to Charles Street. Pavement preparation and sidewalk replacement expected continue for approximately


four weeks, weather permitting. Mainline paving of travel lanes and shoulders is expected to begin in April.

Sewer rehabilitation work is ongoing.

Electronic message boards will be posted to notify travelers of construction work. Citizens are advised to use caution in the area while construction is underway.

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Ward Farm Park Now Open in Dunkirk

Funding Comes from Gaming Revenue

By Dick Myers
Editor

Marketing for the Maryland Lottery has said, “You have to play to win.” But in this particular case, if you play, Calvert County wins.

It all started more than a decade ago when the late Senator Mike Miller, long-time Maryland Senate president, convinced the legislature to dedicate four percent of the revenue from the gaming devices in Chesapeake Beach for a fund dedicated to recreation, including ballfields and additional nature opportunities in the northern end of the county. Miller and county leaders saw the need for such facilities in a growing part of the county.

“Through his influence, he was able to help get that through for us,” said Calvert County Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal. Miller worked with the Calvert County Commissioners to achieve that goal. Monies in the fund, called the Calvert County Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund, allowed the county to purchase the 209-acre Ward Farm at 10455 Ward Road in Dunkirk for a little over \$2 million. And last week the ribbon was cut for the opening of the first phase of the Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park.

For the late Senator Miller it could be one of the most enduring legacies for his home county.

Nazzal said the fund has historically accumulated about \$1 million a year. “That’s about an average of what we have seen in the past, other than the couple of COVID years where there wasn’t as much gaming revenue to get the percentage of that tax accounted for in that, but an average of what we’ve received in the past.”

Nazzal said the property was a tobacco farm. “You could see a lot of use throughout the property from the Ward family and some of the old farm roads.” She added, “It’s interesting that Mr. Ward definitely had an affinity for growing different types of shrubs or bushes. So, you can see in different areas of the woods, just random lines of shrubbery, which is kind of interesting.”

One tobacco barn near Ward Road was in disrepair and had to be demolished. Nazzal said, “There are a couple of other barns on the property that are still in existence and are being kept up as our maintenance facilities at this point.”

As soon as some additional money built up in the fund, Nazzal said, the county “started looking at the master plan for the parcel.



March 8 ribbon cutting for Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park.

And that was completed in 2015.”

“There was a public input process,” she said. “The county hires a consultant and goes through with public input surveys of the community on what the community is looking for in those areas. And that consultant takes into account the feasibility of that site, what things need to be preserved, the wants and needs of the community and stakeholders. And then they provide a report and basically a rendering or a sketch of what the park could look like.”

The process revealed the community wanted “ballfields, trails, water access. Those were as big back in 2015 as is what we hear now. So, it’s multi-use ball fields. A couple other things were a dog park, disc golf course, and a nature center. Those things were incorporated into the master plan.”

The new park is relatively close to the 83-acre Dunkirk District Park. “It’s a lot smaller in comparison to this Ward Farm property. And Dunkirk doesn’t have as much of the natural aspect as Ward Farm does. So, there’s not as much space for trails. There’s no water access there. There’s not as much wildlife for our education purposes, with our Natural Resources Division. And there’s always a need for ballfields. Youth sports continue to grow, and it’s a heck of a time trying to find space for everybody that wants to play.”

Nazzal observed, “We have nature parks, Battle Creek, Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm and the Gatewood Preserve in the Prince Frederick area or central part of the county, Flag Ponds in the southern area of the county. But there’s not as much in the north end, so

this really provides a need for the northern end of the county.”

The first phase included the ballfields that are currently built at the park now, and those are the only ballfields on the southern side of Ward Road. Future phases call for additional ballfield space on the northern side of Ward Road. “But based on the master plan, some of that will need to be adjusted due to the storm water requirements that we had to put in place for the facility,” she said.

When the park opened last week, there were three rectangular fields that can serve soccer, lacrosse, and football, and two triangular fields that would service baseball and softball.

“During the spring season, we have some of our youth sports providers in the county that I’ve already reserved space for their spring season, which I believe is primarily for soccer at this point,” Nazzal reported.

Plans include a nature center, a disc golf course, playground facility, more picnic shelters, pavilion areas, a dog park and an overlook pavilion, “which is for educational classes for our natural resources side,” she said.

The timetable will depend on the flow of revenue into the fund, which Nazzal said is pretty much depleted to get them to where they are now.

“It’s ongoing. We’re already into the next phase with building, putting in septic and the restroom facility, near the ballfields that were just built. And then as funding is made available through the youth opportunities fund, we will continue on to build out this master plan.”

Nazzal explained, “The phasing has changed a little bit from when the master plan was first developed and that was based on needs like electric and lighting and water and sidewalks and those types of things that needed to be added in.” She added, “Whether it’s lighting or the overlook pavilion or the disc golf course, or the playground facilities, it’s really going to depend on the funding that’s available and the affordability of those additional amenities.”

What will Senator Miller’s legacy evolve into, Nazzal was asked. “I would hope that 20 years down the line, that folks are really going to look at this facility as a place to go in Calvert County, that it’s used to its fullest, that kids are growing up playing sports there, so they can then go and watch their kids play sports there and have memories of the facility as they do with some of our other parks. And that’s really it. We hope the legacy is the enjoyment of Calvert County citizens.”

She added, “This is a very important accomplishment for the parks and recreation department. We’ve been working on this for a very long time and with the support of the state legislators and our delegation, as well as our county commissioners, we’ve been able to bring this to fruition, and it is a tip of the hat to those that really support parks and open space in the community. And how much of an essential service it is to provide that.”

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, “Senator Miller would be very proud.”

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of February 28, 2022 – March 6, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,609 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 22-11831

On March 4, 2022, Deputy Tavares responded to the 1500 block of Emmanuel Church Road in Huntingtown MD for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 11 p.m. on March 3 and 10:30 a.m. on March 4, unknown suspect (s) broke out the rear windshield of his vehicle parked outside the residence. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1500.00.

Damaged Property: 22-10862

On February 28, 2022, DFC R. Evans responded to Edward Jones (business) located at 224 Town Square Dr. in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised unknown suspect (s) attempted to force entry into the business through an exterior door and damaged the door handle. The estimated value of damaged property is \$200.00.

Theft: 22-11913

On March 4, 2022, DFC Gilm-

ore responded to the 4000 block of 3rd Street in North Beach, MD for the reported theft. The complainant advised a green, black and blue Huffy boy's bicycle had been stolen from the fenced backyard of the residence. The value of stolen property is \$150.00.

Theft: 22-11109

On March 1, 2022, Deputy Savick responded to the 3700 block of Harbor Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised unknown suspect (s) stole a filled gas can (5 gal.) and a Miller Lite beer from his cooler at his job site. The estimated value of stolen property is \$20.00.

Theft: 22-11124

On March 1, 2022, Deputy Novick responded to the 2100 block of Tamarac Trail in Lusby, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 6 p.m. on Feb. 28 and 2 p.m. on March 1, unknown suspect (s) stole two Maryland license

plates from a vehicle parked in the driveway outside the residence. The total value of stolen property is \$135.00.

Vehicle Tampering: 22-11745

On March 4, 2022, Deputy Morrison responded to the 4000 block of Chesapeake Ave. in Chesapeake Beach, MD for a reported theft from a vehicle. The complainant advised at 1:10 a.m., he heard a loud noise outside the residence and noticed the driver's side door of one vehicle and the front passenger door of another vehicle wide open. The victim rushed outside to investigate and discovered items in both vehicles had been tossed around. Nothing appears to have been stolen and there was no damage to either vehicle.

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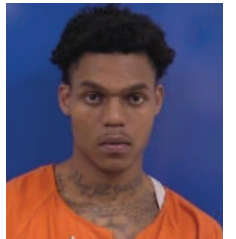
On February 28, 2022, Deputy Ashley conducted a traffic stop at on a vehicle for a speeding violation northbound Rt.4 at Industry Lane in Prince Frederick, MD. Contact was made with the driver, **Walter Armendaris Garcia Sintuj**, 32 of Alexandria, VA who advised he did not have driver's license. A check of Sintuj's driving record revealed he had over 775+ traffic stops and was pulled over earlier that day. Sintuj was placed under arrest for driving without a license. A search of the vehicle incident to his arrest revealed two brass ammunition rounds in Sintuj's front pocket. Sintuj was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Driving Motor Vehicle on Highway without Required License and Authorization and Speeding.

On March 2, 2022, Deputy Sturdivant and DFC DeLeon assisted Maryland State Police on a traffic stop along Rt. 4 in the area of Kelly Generators in Owings, MD. The operator of the vehicle **Tyre Rondale Rudder**, 24 of Lanham,

MD took off at a high rate and a brief pursuit ensued resulting in a bailout in the area of Ponds Wood Road. Rudder ran through a field where he was apprehended by deputies. A search of Rudder's vehicle revealed 120 buprenorphine strips. A loaded black .22 caliber Glock 44 was recovered in the wood line where Rudder was fleeing deputies. Rudder was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute, Loaded Handgun in a Vehicle, Loaded Handgun on Person and Handgun on Person.

On March 2, 2022, Deputy Grierson conducted a traffic stop along Chesapeake Ave in Chesapeake Beach, MD for a traffic violation. Upon making contact with the driver, **Brian Emery Freeman, Jr.**, 30 of Brandywine, MD, Deputy Grierson noticed Freeman's arms and hands appeared swollen and had fresh injection marks on them. Deputy Callison and his K-9 partner Reaper arrived on scene and were positively alerted to a controlled dangerous substance. A search revealed three used hypodermic needles, a burnt metal spoon, burnt copper mesh, a paper fold containing suspected heroin and a glass pipe containing suspected crack cocaine. Freeman was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

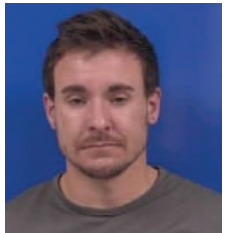
Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.



Tyre Rondale Rudder



Walter Armendaris Garcia Sintuj



Brian Emery Freeman Jr.

Comprehensive Plan Document For Review



Visit www.planchesapeakebeachmd.gov to view the Town of Chesapeake Beach Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing has been set for March 29th at 6:00 PM. Visit www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov or call Town Hall at (410) 257-2240 for meeting connection information.

Public Notice

The Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing to accept public comment on the Chesapeake Beach Comprehensive Plan 2021 Update at a Special Town Council meeting to be held March 29, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to the Chesapeake Beach website for remote access at www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov

Ordinance O-22-4, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, for the adoption of the Town of Chesapeake Beach Comprehensive Plan for Land Use Issues.

The complete Ordinance may be viewed upon request to stevenson@chesapeakebeachmd.gov Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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HOW TO CUT COSTS ON HOME RENOVATIONS



Do you still have an avocado green kitchen? Is your living room dank and dark? Perhaps there is only one bathroom for a family of six? Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project.

Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes — some with huge budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Home renovations can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

• **Assess the merit of the project.**

Remodeling magazine annually publishes a “Cost vs. Value Report” that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various types of projects. If you’re planning to sell your home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the most substantial ROI.

• **Hire a contractor.**

Even avid do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor’s expertise, particularly for complex tasks. Don’t waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and figure out the best value.

• **Refurbish existing features.**

Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the

cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie’s List), a cost comparison and business review resource.

• **Choose midgrade materials.**

Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to 40 per square foot. Figure out where you can choose middle-of-the-road materials for maximum value.

• **Avoid peak seasons.**

You’ll pay more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done right before a major holiday. Therefore, consult the calendar to find an off time for a renovation and book it then to save.

• **Do some prep work.**

You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and preparatory work yourself. For example, you can tear up old carpeting before the installation of new tile floors. Perhaps you can mend and patch up walls before a paint job.

• **Buy a display item.**

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TECH TO MAKE GARDENING MORE FUN

Many people take to the great outdoors to escape the increasingly tech-driven daily grind. Though that's an understandable perspective, gardeners who aren't deploying tech in their home gardens could be missing out on a host of benefits that could help their plants, flowers and vegetables thrive.

Devices like smartphones and tablets have made many aspects of life easier and more efficient, and various tech products can do the same when working in the garden.

• **Plant monitor:** Plant monitors are sensors that can keep tabs on the health of plants and deliver that information to gardeners. Plant monitors often connect to smartphones via Bluetooth and can deliver information on the amount of heat, light and water a plant is getting. Sensors vary in price, and some will provide more information than others. But these sensors are ideal for gardeners who love their plants but often forget to check up on them each day.

• **Garden camera:** Critters and insects are the bane of many gardeners' existence. Determining just what is nibbling away at flowers and plants isn't always so easy, as many animals are savvy enough to restrict their dining to the middle of the night and insects are so small they can be hard to spot. Garden cameras can serve as the watchmen of a garden and gardeners can review footage to determine just who is compromising all of their hard work. They can then use that knowledge to remedy the situation and give their plants a better chance to thrive.

• **Weather station:** Even the most seasoned gardeners cannot document the conditions outside as effectively as a good weather sensor. Weather sensors track conditions such as temperature, relative humidity and air quality. This information can then be paired with irrigation devices to ensure plants get all the care they need to thrive throughout the season.

• **Garden hub:** Avid gardeners have traditionally had to arrange for neighbors or loved ones to tend



to their plants when they leave home for vacation or weekend getaways. Garden hubs can take care of that by pairing with smart irrigation systems that ensure plants are watered even when no one is home. Certain hubs even gather and analyze local weather conditions to develop a watering schedule to ensure plants thrive.

These hubs aren't just handy when on vacation, as they can be great for gardeners who want to know things about their plants that are not apparent to the naked eye.

People may see their gardens as welcome respites from their devices. But garden gadgets can help plants thrive and make time in the garden that much more enjoyable.



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Homeowners choose plants for their properties based on a number of variables. Some may be into growing their own foods, while others desire their gardens to be an awe-inspiring mélange of bright colors and alluring scents. There's no wrong reason to plant a fresh garden, but some plants offer extra benefits, such as repelling insects.

Insects can be a nuisance and a threat to individuals' overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache, and muscle soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne diseases.

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal that so many people love.

• Basil

The aroma of fresh basil is enough to compel any gardener to make a place for it in their garden. But there's more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.

• Lavender:

Fleas, flies, mosquitoes, and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recommend

in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.

• Mint

Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also great for keeping ants at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden. Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

• Lemongrass

Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fragrant it's often used in perfumes. Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.

• Chrysanthemums

The Farmers' Almanac® recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a home.

Insects are unwanted guests around a home each spring, summer and fall. Certain plants can help repel insects and serve as an eco-friendly alternative to insecticides.

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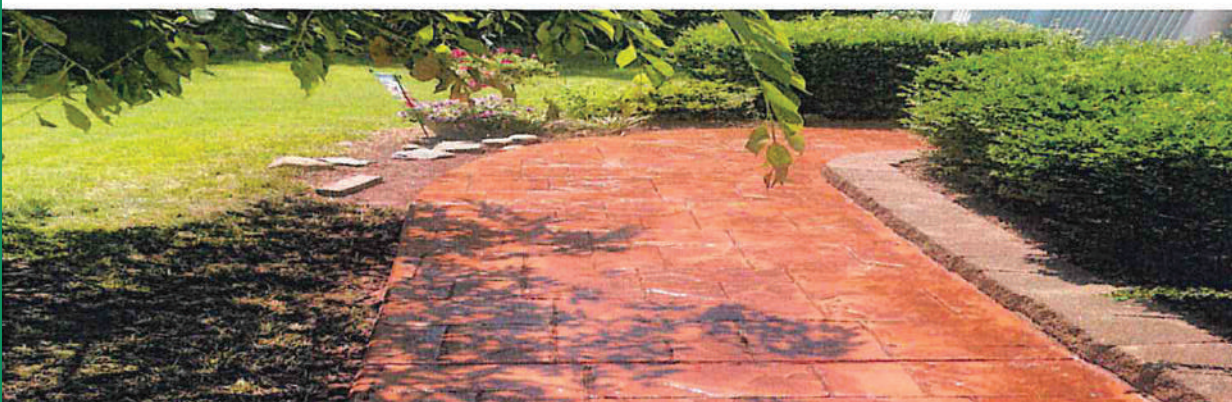
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WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES



Home trends come and go. What was popular as recently as a decade ago may have lost some luster in the eyes of today's home buyers. Though that's historically been the case in regard to real estate, outdoor living rooms are one relatively recent home trend that figures to have a longer shelf life, especially in the aftermath of a global pandemic during which people were encouraged to stay home as much as possible.

Real estate professionals and organizations like the National Association of Home Builders note the popularity of outdoor living spaces among prospective home buyers, and how that popularity has grown in recent years. Outdoor living rooms not only appeal to potential buyers, they also serve as a means for current homeowners to get more out of their properties. Homeowners mulling outdoor living space projects should consider various factors before deciding to go ahead with a project.

• Cost

The home renovation resource HomeAdvisor estimates that the average cost of an outdoor living space is around \$7,600. That cost can easily go up depending on where homeowners live and the features they want to have in their outdoor living spaces. For example, including a built-in fire pit in an outdoor living space will cost more than purchasing a stand-alone fire pit that can be picked up and moved. But many homeowners feel a built-in fire pit makes an outdoor living space even more special.

• Return on investment

Return on investment is an-

other factor for homeowners to consider as they try to decide if they should install outdoor living spaces and how to design those areas. Much conflicting data about the ROI on outdoor kitchens can be found online, but many trusted real estate organizations report that such additions do not mesmerize prospective buyers. Data from the American Institute of Architects indicates that outdoor kitchens are routinely ranked among the least desirable home features, which means homeowners should not expect substantial ROI when selling their homes. But that built-in fire pit? Estimates from the National Association of Realtors suggest fire features recover around 67 percent of homeowners' initial investment. In addition, 83 percent of homeowners surveyed by the NAR who had installed fire features said they had a greater desire to be home after completing the project.

• Space

An outdoor living space may only be as relaxing as the space allows. The proximity of neighbors may affect privacy levels, which can make it hard to enjoy movie night outdoors or curl up to quietly read a good book. In addition, landscaping also may need to be addressed if drainage is an issue in the backyard. That can add to the cost, and drainage concerns may limit the materials homeowners can work with.

Outdoor living spaces are popular. Homeowners must consider various factors before deciding if such spaces are for them.

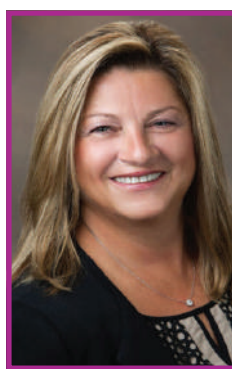
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When planning spring landscapes, homeowners should always group plants with similar water needs together. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, grouping plants with similar water needs together helps to conserve water, which can be an especially useful strategy if or when drought restrictions go into effect in summer. Homeowners also can embrace additional strategies to landscape with water conservation in mind.

For example, aerating soil helps to improve water flow to plants' roots and reduces water runoff, helping to ensure that plants get all of the water they need while reducing the likelihood that homeowners will have to use excessive amounts of water to keep plants healthy. In addition, using low-water-using types of grass can help homeowners who live in areas prone to drought conserve water while still maintaining lush, green lawns.

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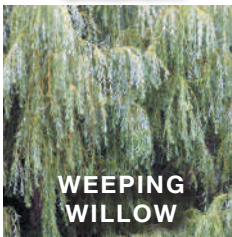
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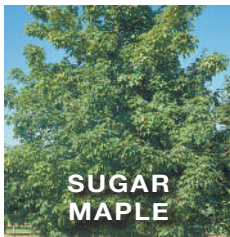
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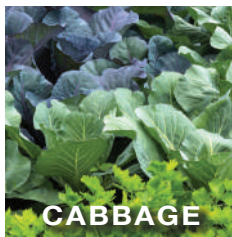
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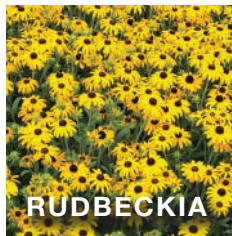
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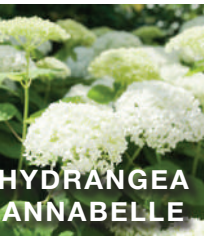
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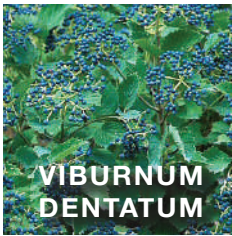
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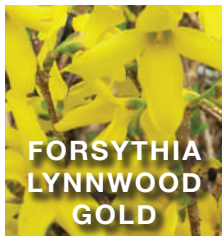
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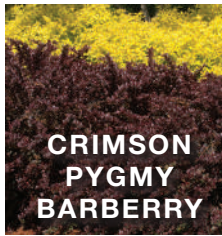
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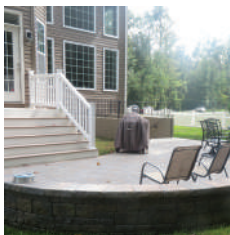
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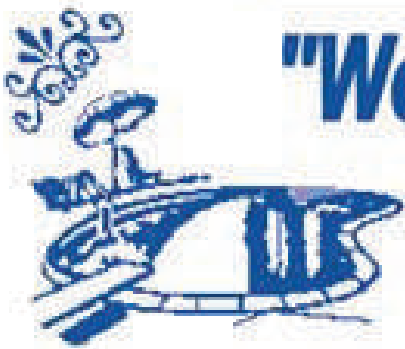
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Waterside Music Series Returns This Summer

Calvert Marine Museum to Host Old Dominion and Brothers Osborne



Waterside Music Series

The sounds of summer in Solomons will return this year with the 2022 Waterside Music Series at Calvert Marine Museum (CMM). CMM is excited to finally welcome back musicians to perform live at the PNC Waterside Pavilion this summer!

To kick off concert season, GRAMMY nominated Nashville band Old Dominion will perform at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion on Friday, June 10 as part of their summer tour. Old Dominion are currently the reigning CMA and ACM "Group of the Year." Most recently, the band won their 5th consecutive "Group of the Year" award at the 2022 ACM Awards and took home their 4th consecutive "Vocal Group of the Year" win at the 2021 CMA Awards. The band has notched eight No.1 singles at country radio, surpassed one billion on-demand streams, earned several Platinum and Gold single certifications and headlined arenas and amphitheatres around the globe. Tickets are \$39 - \$89 (additional fees apply) and will be available at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com beginning April 5th for CMM members and April 8th for the general public.

Maryland native duo, Brothers Osborne, will take the stage for CMM's second concert of the season on Saturday, July 16. Brothers Osborne are currently on their

WE'RE NOT FOR EVERYONE TOUR, hitting over 50 markets including New York, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Dallas, Atlanta and more. The singer/songwriter siblings took home their fourth "Vocal Duo of the Year" trophy at the 55th Annual CMA Awards, in addition to being named ACM "Duo of the Year" twice. Overall, Brothers Osborne have collected five CMA and five ACM trophies, and stand as nine-time GRAMMY nominees – including vying for Best Country Album (Skeletons) and Best Country Duo/Group Performance ("Younger Me") at the upcoming 64th GRAMMY Awards. Tickets are \$39 - \$69 (additional fees apply) and will be available at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com beginning April 19th for CMM members and April 22nd for the general public.

As always, CMM members will be able to purchase tickets before the general public. To become a member and enjoy all that the museum has to offer year-round, visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042, ext. 8063.

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Student Member of the Board Elected

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) announces that Maggie Rathgeb sophomore at Northern High School was elected as the 2022-2023 Student Member of the Board of Education by the Calvert Association of Student Councils (CASC). The position of Student Member of the Board is established by the Annotated Code of Maryland. Officially, the student is a non-voting member of the Board; however, the student may cast a symbolic vote on all matters coming before the Board.



Student Member of the Board of Education Maggie Rathgeb

Maggie has held numerous leadership positions such as Maryland Association of School Boards (MASC) Second Vice President, CASC Treasurer, CASC Chief of Staff, Student Body President, and many other executive board roles at all levels of student government. Additionally, Maggie has given testimony and participated in a task force panel discussion at the Maryland State Department of Education.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, stated, "I've known Maggie for several years as an active and vocal member of the Calvert Association of Student Councils, a

group of dynamic students who I meet with regularly. I know she'll do a great job representing the students of Calvert County."

The student member must be a rising high school junior or senior in a Calvert County public high school. The student member's term runs from June 1 through May 31. The primary responsibility of the student member is to facilitate the flow of information between the Board of Education and students. The student should also elicit a variety of student viewpoints on issues before the Board.

Press Release from CCPS

Patuxent NJROTC Wins Navy Air Rifle National Championship

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) NJROTC Air Rifle Teams competed and won at the Navy Air Rifle National Championships on February 10-12 in Anniston, Alabama. Patuxent High School NJROTC team won first place in the nation after placing second in 2020 and third in 2021. Calvert High School's NJROTC Air Rifle Team placed seventh nationally. Calvert High School previously won the Navy National Championship in 2011.

Patuxent High School's Air Rifle team consisted of Madeline Vetting, Antara "Rocket-G" Parekhji, Christopher Mardones, Mariah Stone, and Gabrielle Price. Madeline Vetting placed

2nd, Antara Parekhji placed 8th place, and Christopher Mardones placed tenth nationally in the individual competitions.

Calvert High School team members included Emily Michalko, Cody Moore, Emma Doyle, Isabel Worthy, and Sarah Davis. Cody Moore has earned his distinguished marksmanship badge.

The teams from Patuxent High School and Calvert High School will travel to Ohio in March to compete in the 2022 National JROTC Championships which consists of all JROTC branches including Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

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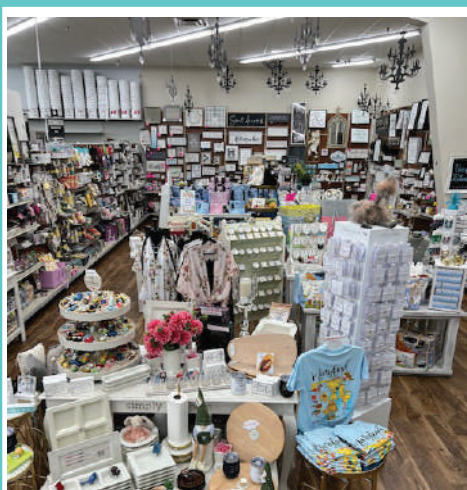
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The Calvert County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to dickmyers@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's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

Dennis Lee Loeffler, Jr.



Dennis Lee Loeffler, Jr., 37 of Valley Lee, MD passed away on February 21, 2022 at his residence.

Born February 22, 1984 in Towson, MD, he was the son of Dennis Lee Loeffler, Sr. and the late Denise Norma (Cayer) Loeffler.

Dennis graduated from Patuxent High School in 2001. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 2007 until 2011, serving in Anchorage, AK. After his military service, he was a Lead Aircraft Mechanic.

Dennis is survived by his father, Dennis Lee Loeffler, Sr. of Winchester, VA; his children, Megan Loeffler and Ava Loeffler; and siblings, Heather Stone of Ridge, MD, Theresa Smith of Drayden, MD and April Thomas of Frederick, MD. He was preceded in death by his mother, Denise Loeffler.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lusby, MD.

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

Wayne Allen Kidwell

Wayne Allen Kidwell, age 71, of Huntingtown, MD passed away March 11, 2022 in his home with his loving



wife and niece by his side. Wayne suffered from Parkinson's, Dementia and Sundowner's before his passing. His funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 17th at Rausch Funeral Home in Owings, MD. The viewing will be at 10 a.m. the funeral service immediately following at 11 a.m. His burial will follow the service at Southern Memorial Gardens in Dunkirk, off Ward Road. There will be a gathering of friends and family after the burial held at Dunkirk Baptist Church.

Wayne was born September 5, 1950 in Cheverly, MD. to the late Joyce Mae and Robert Kidwell, Sr. He was preceded in death by his sister, Deborah and brother, Robert, Jr. Survived by his loving wife, Dreama, married for 46 years and sister, Connie Caldwell. He is survived by many extended family members and friends who loved him very much.

The family lived in Glendale when Wayne was born and later moved to East Pines. Upon finding a farm they moved to greener pastures in Churchton, MD. He graduated from Southern High School, joined the Air Force Reserves in 1969 and remained in the military for six years. He worked as warehouseman for many years.

Wayne helped his father train race horses and later decided he wanted to race his own horses. He enjoyed racing for many years.

As a young boy, he built the fastest and best-looking bicycle and tricycle. He later became a street rod car enthu-

siast after finding a 1923 Ford Roadster T-Bucket in the 1980's. Through the years Wayne found many cars that he worked on, painted and made his own. Wayne loved his cars and loved going to car shows for many years with his wife.

Wayne is now walking the streets of gold with the Lord.

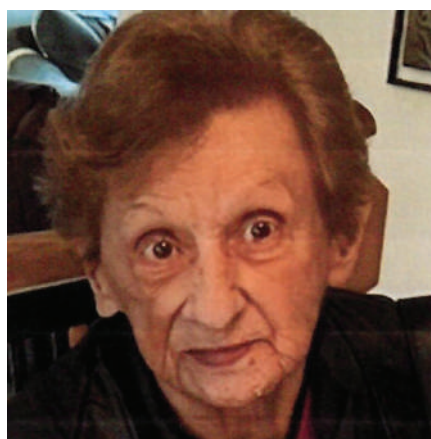
Ronald Richard Boito



Ronald Richard Boito, 67, of Chesapeake Beach passed away March 13, 2022. Ronald is survived by his wife Rose and children Matthew, Nicholas, and Tyler Boito, grandsons Dominic and Chase Boito, sister Denise Stoots and her husband David, nephews Cody and Colin Stoots, and good friends Steve and Denise Cherry. He was preceded in death by his parents Mario and Virginia Boito.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 17, 2022, 2-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

Anita Marie Carroll



Anita Marie Carroll, 79, of Dunkirk passed away March 13, 2022 at her home. She was born October 25, 1942 in Warren, Ohio to Octavian Thomas and Eleanor (Sarab) Popa. Anita moved to the DC area shortly after graduating high school to start her career in the federal government. Starting as a receptionist, Anita worked her way up to personnel officer with the Department of Defense and retired in 1995 from Joint Base Andrews. She married

Charles E. Carroll on June 30, 1960 and they lived in DC until moving to Dunkirk in 1976. Anita enjoyed selling antiques at antique shows and going to Dover to play the slot machines.

Anita is survived by her husband Charles E. Carroll, brother Thomas Popa of Cincinnati, OH, nephew Craig Popa (Laura) of Park City, UT, niece Kimberly Popa (Tanner Yess) of Dayton, KY, great niece Nora Popa, and her daughter Katy Waugh of Mississippi.

Visitation will be Friday, March 18, 2022, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Roberta Jean Kinkade, "Jeannie"



Roberta Jean Kinkade, "Jeannie" [passed away March 11, 2022. She was born on January 28, 1961.

Visitation will be Friday, March 18, 2022, 5-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676. Service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Calvert Animal Welfare League, 1040 Prince Frederick Boulevard, PO Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-9300; Link:

<https://www.cawlfrescue.org/> or The Humane Society of Calvert County, PO Box 3505, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link:

<https://humanesocietyofcalvert-county.org/>

Clarice Young

Clarice Young was born on July 4, 1937 in Person County, NC. She was the youngest of three children and the only daughter of the late Richard Hughes and Estelle Thomas Epps. Clarice passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022 in Leonardtown, Maryland after a long illness.

Clarice and her husband James were married in September of 1957. They

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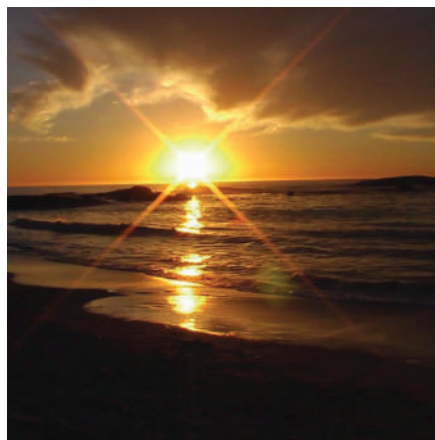


ing were inspiring, and he always entertained others with stories from his past, especially from the small village he came from, which in some ways, he never left. He will be greatly missed.

Nicholas is survived by his brother Emery Balazs and his wife Valeria of Sunderland, sister Erzsebet Lukacs and her husband Gabor of Koszeg, Hungary, niece Sylvia Fabian Kovacs and her husband Arpad of Budapest, Hungary, and nephew John Balazs and his wife Veronica of Sunderland.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Sharon Alananna Schmitt



Sharon Alananna Schmitt, 58, of Annapolis passed away February 28, 2022, with her family by her side. She was born January 30, 1964 in Ft. Meade to John and Ann (Dotson) Childers. Her father was in the Army, they moved around often, but settled back in Maryland in her teens and she graduated from Old Mill High School. She then attended Anne Arundel Community College, before starting her career in banking. Sharon worked at several banks, and most recently at SECU in the mortgage and loans department. She married Charles J. Schmitt on December 31, 1990, and they lived in Pasadena before moving to Annapolis in 2008. Sharon enjoyed needlework, especially cross stitch, reading, collecting baseball cards, watching NASCAR and wrestling, and being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Sharon is survived by her husband of 31 years Charles James Schmitt and a son James Schmitt of Dunkirk. Also surviving are her brother Thomas Childers and wife Doll of Charlotte, NC and their sons John, David and Lee, her mother-in-law Ionia Schmitt and sister-in-law Laura Oliver, both of Dunkirk.

Services for Sharon will be private.

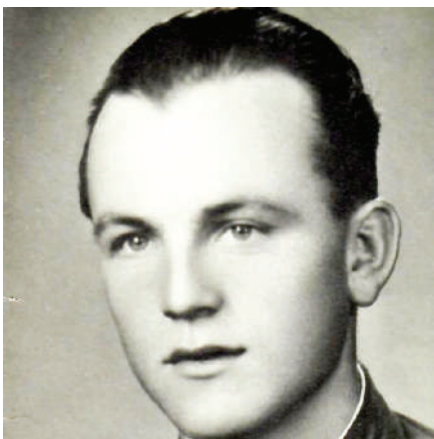
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were blessed with three children and 61 years of marriage. In addition to caring for her children, she worked as a licensed practical nurse at Vassar Brothers Hospital for 15 years. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and travelling and spent time caring for others even after she retired. Clarice and her husband were members of Harvest Fellowship in Lusby, MD.

Clarice was preceded in death by her husband James Young, her brothers James Alexander and Enoch Hughes, and her daughter Clarissa Renee Young. She is survived by her son Richard A. Young and daughter Adrienne Young.

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Nicholas Balazs



Nicholas Balazs, 88, of Sunderland passed away peacefully on March 7, 2022 surrounded by family. Nicholas (Nick/Miklos/Miki) lived through World War II and the formation of the iron curtain. In 1956, he left Hungary to start a new life in the United States, via Ohio, Wisconsin, and then the DC area. Throughout his life, he worked with his hands, as a forester, welder, meat cutter, and boiler maker, he worked on the first ever nuclear-powered merchant ship, the NS Savannah. He excelled at soccer, in both his native Hungary, and later, on teams in Ohio and Wisconsin. He enjoyed music, geography, forestry, and politics. His curiosity and love of learn-

THE PARADE OF IMAGINARY HORRIBLES

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I have always followed the principle of figuring out the “parade of imaginary horrors” and planning for every possible contingency to ensure protection. The approach is as valid for financial planning as for estate planning.

In financial planning, you should always assume the horrible of losing your job and being without an income for at least a year. This means that, after you pay off your high cost consumer debt, the next step is to save enough money to allow you peace of mind even if you lose your job and don’t find another for a year.

In estate planning, the horrors hit close to home and become much more personal. For example, no one with children wants to face the possibility that they will outlive their children and children do not want to think they will not outlive their parents. All too often, I am reminded that such horrors aren’t so imaginary.

A married couple recently came to discuss their daughter’s sudden recent illness and impending death at a young age. They are named as co-executors of their daughter’s will. What I learned was that the daughter, who is unmarried and has no children, had named her siblings as beneficiaries on life insurance, pension funds, etc. She had not named her parents, assuming incorrectly that she would outlive them. The effect of this was that the parents, who co-signed on the daughter’s student loan, were left without resources to pay off the student loan when the daughter died. Given the daughter’s medical state, we could not remedy the situation by changing the beneficiary designations on her insurance or retirement accounts. Fortunately, however, the family is a loving one and the siblings will help the parents to pay off the student loan.

The lesson is that you can never assume you will outlive your parents. And, if you owe your parents money for student loans, mortgage assistance or whatever, make sure you have provided for the repayment of those loans when you die. A simple way to do this is to allocate a percentage of your life insurance, retirement funds, etc. to your parents to pay them back for the loans you have made when you die. If you are paying off those loans during your lifetime, you can always change your beneficiary designations when the loans are repaid.

Another not so imaginary horrible occurs when an inheritance is left to

a person on disability. Thought must be given to the status of your beneficiary. If that person is disabled, an inheritance from you may cause the person to lose his or her disability payments. This is a far more common problem than we think. In this case, there is something that can be done to help. A “special needs trust” can be created for the disabled person. This is a trust created for the specific purpose of allowing a person receiving disability to continue to receive those benefits and also receive an inheritance. This type of trust must follow specific guidelines, one of which will return any assets left after the death of the disabled person to the State of Maryland to reimburse the state for making the disability payments. A special needs trust must be approved by the Maryland Attorney General’s office.

What about the potential horrible of unforeseen consequences of a second marriage? I was thrilled for another client when he recently married after being a widower for several years. The issue was that the new wife had her own children from a prior marriage and didn’t have a good relationship with the man’s children. That meant that upon the man’s death, he needed to take care of his children as well as his new wife and not leave everything to her. She also faced the same issue. Both husband and wife eventually decided to split each of their estates so that both sets of children would inherit a percentage upon the deaths of their parent, with the remainder going to each other.

Have you thought about the fact that your children may not get along after you die? If you have named all of them as executors, personal representatives or trustees, they are going to have to agree. If they don’t get along, don’t put them in such a position. Instead, name one of them to serve and appoint the others in sequence.

Of course, there are many other horrors that can arise. So long as you consider them and plan to take actions to protect yourself and your family in the event they actually happen, horrors can be used to help you figure things out and not to hurt you or your loved ones.

To learn more about estate planning, join me at a free seminar on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am in our offices at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space. See you then.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of footwear
- 5. Studies a lot all at once
- 10. Adventure story
- 14. Hundred thousand
- 15. Former U.S. Vice President
- 16. Ruler
- 17. Indian city
- 18. Similar
- 19. Ship as cargo
- 20. Volcanic craters
- 22. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 23. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 24. London soccer team
- 27. Score perfectly
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. SoCal hoops team (abbr.)
- 32. Woman (French)
- 35. Unwanted attic "decor"
- 37. Peter Griffin's daughter
- 38. Broad, shallow crater
- 39. Large instruments
- 40. Low bank or reef
- 41. ___ and Venzetti
- 42. Oil group
- 43. Father
- 44. Aggressive men
- 45. Pairs well with

green

- 46. Travelers need it
- 47. Digital audiotape
- 48. Midway between northeast and east
- 49. Chemistry descriptor
- 52. S. China seaport
- 55. Sound unit
- 56. Heavy cavalry sword
- 60. Thick piece of something
- 61. Spa town in Austria
- 63. Boyfriend
- 64. Norse personification of old age
- 65. Type of box
- 66. Tie together
- 67. Fiber from the coconut
- 68. Chicago mayor
- 69. Old English letters

- 12. "The Immoralist" author
- 13. Area units
- 21. Units of loudness
- 23. Political action committee
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Witch
- 27. A theatrical performer
- 28. 2-door car
- 29. ___ and flowed
- 32. Papier-___, art medium
- 33. City in Georgia
- 34. Irregular
- 36. College sports conference
- 37. Angry
- 38. Partner to cheese
- 40. S. American mammal
- 41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
- 43. Split pulses
- 44. Disfigure
- 46. Cow noise
- 47. Erase
- 49. Chadic language
- 50. Reward for doing well
- 51. Paid TV
- 52. Millisecond
- 53. Other
- 54. Colombian city
- 57. Necklace part
- 58. Every one of two or more people
- 59. Regrets
- 61. They come after "A"
- 62. Horse noise

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of sauce
- 2. Pattern of notes
- 3. Plant with long seedpods
- 4. Map out
- 5. Numbers cruncher
- 6. Make a mental connection
- 7. Italian tenor
- 8. N. America's highest mountain peak
- 9. Witness
- 10. Arabic given name
- 11. Music awards

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