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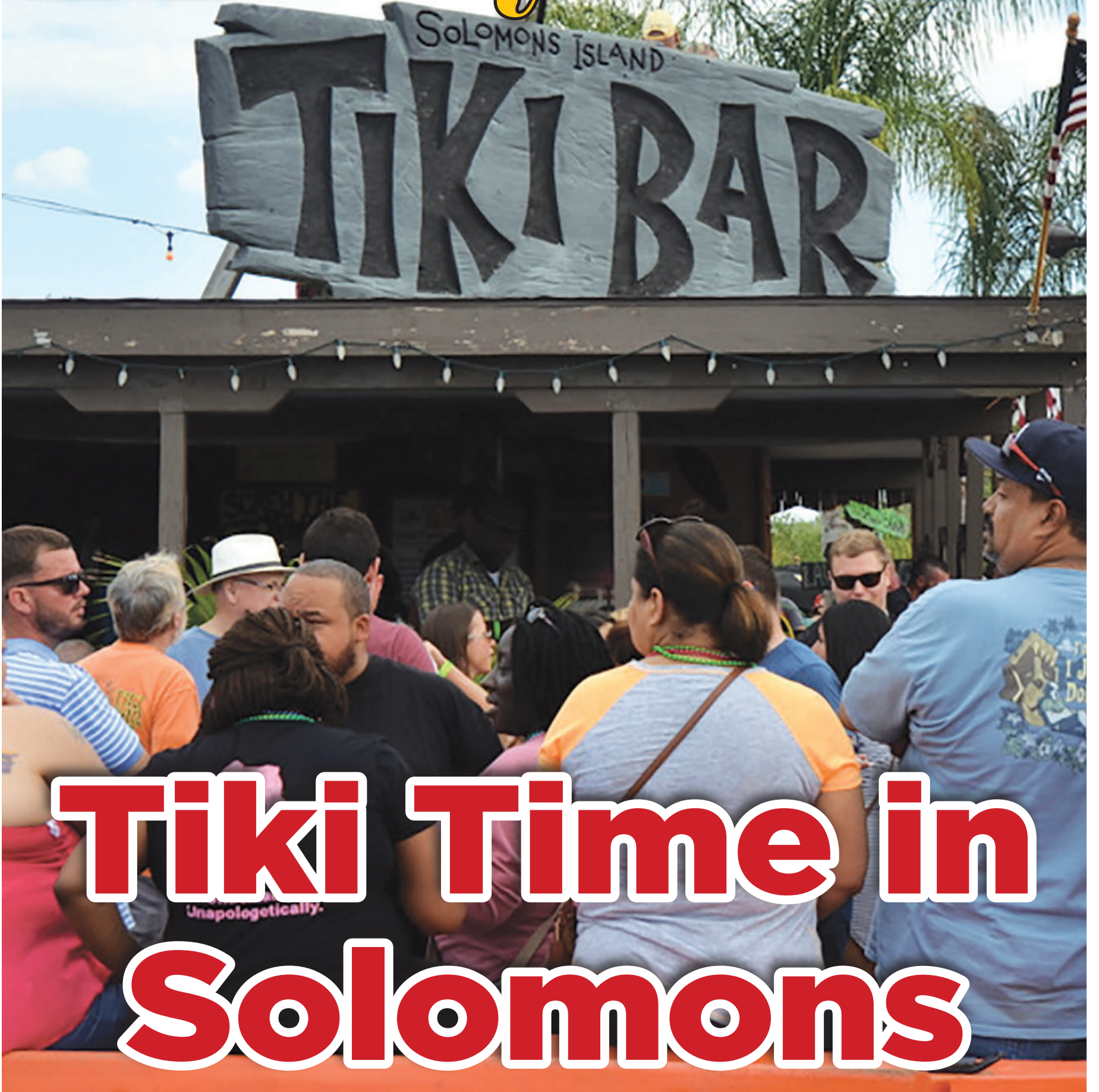
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Steve Jones to Challenge Mike Hart

Local Races Settled After Filing Deadline

By Dick Myers
Editor

All four incumbent county commissioners have challengers in the Republican primary.

As the deadline for filing came and went at 9 p.m. on April 15, at-large Commissioner candidate Steve Jones, chairman of the planning commission, switched races to challenge incumbent Mike Hart in the 1st Commissioner District.

"I did research, got information and we kind of figured that based on the playing field, based on the votes being watered down in the at-large seat, that we readjusted over to District 1," Jones said.

He was asked if he was running against Hart. "I'm running for District 1, not running against anyone. I'm going to run my own race."

Jones added on the controversial Prince Frederick to Solomons sewer issue, "It wasn't brought to the public's attention until I brought it to their attention. And I have issues with that. I live closer to that sewage treatment plant than I believe anyone in Calvert County." He added, "You wrote in your piece about some accidental spills that occurred down there, I was unaware of those, and that was very disheartening to find that out and not have known about it."

As to Hart's proposal for a moratorium, Jones said, "I think we need to listen to the public and I think we need to listen to all options."

Hart also picked up another GOP challenger with Patrick Flaherty filing on the final day. Flaherty was an unsuccessful candidate four years ago.

Tricia Powell is the sole Democratic candidate in the 1st Commissioner District.

With Commissioner Steve Weems not seeking re-election as an At-Large commissioner, the other in-



Mike Hart

cumbent in the race, Commissioner President Earl "Buddy" Hance will have three challengers for the two seats: Myra Gowans, Paul Harrison and Todd Ireland.

Emad Emile Dides switched from Republican to Democrat at the eleventh hour and will join Chelsea Anne Montague in the at-large race for the two seats in the Democratic primary.

In the 2nd Commissioner District, incumbent Chris Gadway is being challenged by Mark Cox. Democrat Antoine White, a school board member, withdrew from the Democratic primary, leaving no Democratic candidate in that race.

In the 3rd Commissioner District, incumbent Kelly McConkey is being challenged by former Republican Central Committee chair Catherine Grasso and political newcomer Evan Turzanski. Darrel Roberts is the only Democrat in that party's primary.

There are nine candidates in the non-partisan race for two at-large school board seats: Scott M. DeVine, Scott F. Fowler, Lisa Grenis, Chris-



Steve Jones

tina "Tina" Hall, Camile T. Khaleesi, Joseph L. Marchio, Tracy H. McGuire, Jana Post, and Damien Lee Villanova.

There were no last-minute filings for the hotly contested sheriff's race with Sheriff Mike Evans retiring. GOP candidates are Ricky Cox, Craig Kontra, Dave McDowell and Mike Wilson. Vaughn "Jay" Johnson is the sole Democrat in that race.

Incumbent Republican Treasurer Nova Tracy-Soper is being chal-

lenged by Beth Chaaya.

State's Attorney Bob Harvey is unopposed in the Republican primary. Democrat Rick Piereck will challenge in November.

Democratic Clerk of the Court Kathy Smith is unopposed.

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Del. Jones Faces Three Democratic Challengers

By Dick Myers
Editor

District 27B Delegate Rachel Jones will be facing three Democratic challengers in the July 19 primary. As the filing deadline passed on April 15, the challengers were June Jones of North Beach, Jeffrie Long, Jr. of Cheltenham and Jacqui Steele-McCall, also of Cheltenham.

Rachel Jones was appointed to the position by Gov. Hogan last year to replace Michael Jackson, who was appointed to the state senate to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Senator Mike Miller.

Prior to her appointment she was field representative and assistant to U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (2013-16) and field representative to U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (2016-2021).

She is a graduate of Morgan State University with a B.A. (government & political science). She lives in Owings.

"I was certain that I was going to run," she said. "I feel like particularly now that I've gotten a full legislative session this year under my belt and had an opportunity to sponsor legislation, because last year when I came in was past the rules committee deadline."



Jeffrie Long, Jr.

She was asked if she had trouble balancing the needs of the two counties. She said, "I wouldn't say trouble. Each county has unique needs, but some of the heart of it is really the same for both counties because we're all human. We have the same basic needs. Education and public safety are critical for both counties as they are everywhere. And then my part of Prince George's is also very rural, just like Calvert is."

She added, "I feel like my positions on a lot of things are very



Del. Rachel Jones

similar to the positions of people in both counties. It's just a matter of who's got more of a voice in one county versus the other. So obviously, Calvert leans more conservative and Prince George's more liberal. But there's a middle ground."

Jones said the next session will have to deal with the recreational cannabis issue if the voters chose to legalize it. "And so, the economic matters committee will really be taking up the tax and use and who gets a license to sell recreational cannabis and all of that. But there may be some pieces that we did not get quite right, or maybe some things that we just didn't consider as far as how you were going to begin to decriminalize should that happen."

What does she like most and least about the job? "I like most is having the opportunity to really weigh in on major issues and do it. I feel like I'm coming from a place that's very objective. I try not to factor in all of my own personal experiences or beliefs."

"One of the things I find most rewarding is being able to pass legislation that I know is going to make a difference in people's lives. Being able to have a voice of my own, to be able to speak up for issues that really matter to me, like the disability community and trying to make things better for particularly persons on the autism spectrum, like my oldest son."

"The thing that I like least that comes with that is the fact that sometimes you have a voice and still aren't able to make the impact that you'd hope to. I am a person who, when I'm passionate about something, I want to see it through and I want it to succeed," she said.

Long was born and raised in Calvert County and currently resides in the Prince George's portion of the district. He said, "I used to work for the late Senator Mike Miller in his law firm. I think it's very important that I highlight

that he took me to Annapolis as the legislative assistant and it was there where he gave me the opportunity to be exposed to the world of state government, how to better serve our community." He was vice chair of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee. Most recently he worked for Del. Jackson and in the early days of his becoming senator.

Long, 26, attended Huntingtown High School and Liberty University. He's senior pastor of Communion Church in Huntingtown. "My family goes back (in the county) since its inception," he said.

Long said, "I'm running because I believe that I've paid my dues. I've served in every sphere and every level. I understand the needs of our community, the needs of Calvert and Prince George's County because I live in Prince Georges County, but I lived in Calvert, and I pastor in Calvert County. I believe I'm the one that has the heart. I believe I'm more reflective of the views of the general population."

"(I have) nothing to say against the current delegate, nothing but love and respect for her. We both went up for the appointment. Of course, she received it. But anyone who really knew anything about me, they always felt that I would be the one that would succeed Michael as delegate."

Long said Calvert's No. 1 issue is transportation, "especially because of the fact that majority of our population commutes from the county out to DC and to various areas to work."

With population approaching 100,000, he said, "I think that we have to address how we're able to maintain this growth and make it sustainable and deal with preservation of our way of life and history and community and our rural way of life all while progressing forth and inviting other families and individuals to live within our community without becoming a new example of what took place in Charles County."

The second issue, he said, was the economy and taxes. "Maryland still remains a very heavily taxed state. My goal is to continue to promote small business development, agricultural development, to various ways in which we can help promote our local economies and invite families to want to remain in Maryland, live in Maryland, as well to ensure that our seniors aren't so heavily taxed, that they don't have to resort to leave to Delaware or to Florida or North Carolina."

June Jones and Steele-McCall did not return The County Times request for an interview.

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Bailey Unopposed for Senate Re-election

Jackson Unopposed in Democratic Primary



Senator Jack Bailey (R: Dist. 29) with his wife Karin and their two children.



Senator Michael Jackson (D: Dist. 27)

By Dick Myers
Editor

District 29 Senator Jack Bailey (R: Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's) is unopposed in his bid for re-election to a second term. The St. Maru's County resident represents the southern portion of Calvert County.

Bailey, 56, is a returned Maryland Natural Resources police officer. He defeated incumbent Steve Waugh in the 2018 election. Bailey was endorsed by Gov. Larry Hogan in that election.

Meanwhile the incumbent in Senate District 27, Democratic Senator Michael Jackson, is unopposed in the primary but will have a Republican challenger in the general election. The district includes northern Calvert County.

As the April 15 deadline for filing neared, two Democrats who had filed for the race withdrew, leaving Jackson unopposed in the

primary. Calvert County attorney Jason Fowler withdrew on April 10 and Rou Etienne of Cheltenham withdrew on April 15.

Jackson, of Cheltenham, was formerly a delegate. He was appointed last year to the seat held by the late Senator Mike Miller, long-time Senate president and a Calvert County resident.

Jackson, 58, was elected to the House of Delegates in 2014. He was Prince George's County Sheriff from 2002 to 2010. He is currently deputy director of the administrative division of the Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security.

Three Republicans have also filed for the seat: Al Larsen of Upper Marlboro, Kenneth Lee of Huntingtown and Jesse Peed of Upper Marlboro. The County Trines will have interviews with the GOP candidates at a later date.

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Fisher Files for Re-election

Delegate Has Two GOP Challengers

By Dick Myers
Editor

District 27C Delegate Mark Fisher filed for re-election to a fourth term on April 15, the last day to file. Fisher was first elected in 2010 to the seat in the district that is now solely within Calvert County.

He is a member of the Economic Matters Committee and chair of the Calvert County Delegation.

Fisher, 59, was born in Baltimore. He graduated from George Washington University with a B.A. (international affairs & economics). He is managing member of Telecom Capital Group LLC (cell phone towers & related infrastructure), and founder of Gray's Field Foundation.

Fisher did not return The County Times calls for comment on his filing.

One of his potential opponents in the GOP primary, Mark Arness, has withdrawn. He told The County Times, "I was under the impression that Delegate Fisher would not seek re-election, so I filed [Feb. 18] before the courts amended the election calendar, intending to continue the work he has been doing. Subsequently he has decided to seek another term, and I fully endorse and support Mark Fisher's candidacy to serve

another term in office, so I have accordingly withdrawn in support of Mr. Fisher's re-election."

There are two other GOP candidates in the race, Theresa Kuhns of Huntingtown and Kevin Merillat of Owings. There are no Democratic candidates.

Merillat, 51, owns Merillat Pools on Mt. Harmony Road. "We've been in business in Calvert County for 46 going on 47 years now." The business was started by his father.

He said he decided to run "because I see a lot of the unfairness that homeowners currently are facing with property rights, earning the right to work. I work in several different counties and Calvert County's interpretation of the state codes is way more restrictive than any other county. What I'm referring to by that is a lot of the stormwater management laws. The critical area laws as well. Currently now the simplest of projects in Calvert County requires very complicated engineer plans in order for a homeowner or a small business to receive the right to work, to get the building permit."

Merillat said he has also spent time lobbying in Annapolis and gaining that public policy experience. He explained, "The one issue that I worked on that's



Del. Mark Fisher

Theresa Kuhns



Kevin Merillat

Merillat's wife is dean of elementary education in Calvert County. "Education is also one of my bullet points. And I also have children in Calvert County Public Schools."

most noteworthy is a bill... that was essentially a medical cannabis bill that leveled the playing field for a pediatric medical cannabis patient. We're talking about somebody that has a seizure disorder." The bill allowed medical cannabis to be administered in the school.

He said, "I do have a Master of Science degree in medical cannabis science. And the personal issue for me on that one, my son is as a type one diabetic. He's insulin dependent. I couldn't imagine if my son was having a high blood sugar and needed insulin or a low blood sugar and needed sugar, that I would have to leave my workplace in order to drive to the school in order to administer that life-saving medication and nor should anybody else have to do that."

He said he's disturbed by recent news that 15 percent of those in grades three through eight and 30 percent in high school passed the math proficiency test. "I believe schools are concentrating on too many social issues versus the issues such as reading, writing, arithmetic, math, science, social studies. I think schools need to get back to concentrating on educating our children versus trying to teach them about sexuality."

The County Times was unable to contact Kuhns, who is vice president of government affairs for the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors.

Kuhns initially filed to run as a Republican in District 29B but switched to 29C.

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CalvertHealth President/CEO to Retire

Teague to Stay Until Replacement Chosen



CalvertHealth President/CEO Dean Teague will be retiring next year.

Dean Teague, President and CEO of Calvert Health System (CHS), the largest private employer and the only hospital in Calvert County, has announced his plans to retire next year. A national search to select his successor is already underway with the board engaging a firm with considerable experience in recruiting senior healthcare executives.

CHS Board of Directors Chair Rev. David Showers said, "We are confident this will be a smooth transition with Dean at the helm until our next health system leader is in place."

In reflecting on his 10 years at CalvertHealth, Teague said, "We have an outstanding organization; however, what sets us apart are the people here and their ability to come together toward a unified goal. Together, this team of talented individuals has accomplished every goal we set out to achieve ensuring critical services for our community while maintaining our independence," said Teague.

When asked what he will miss most, Teague gets a bit emotional, quickly adding, "Without a doubt, it's the people and our providers who care for our community."

Teague said at the beginning of his career at CalvertHealth he planned to stay for 10 years. He will have done that and then some by the time he retires to spend more time with his family. "The pandemic put things in perspective for me, and now it's time for me to step back and enjoy retirement," said Teague. Teague is already retired from the Navy and now retires from his career in healthcare.

In the last decade, Teague has provided pivotal leadership as the health system faced the unprecedented challenge of caring for the community during a historic pandemic. He was also instrumental in helping to usher in some of CalvertHealth's most significant achievements including constructing all new private rooms, dramatically expanding behavioral health services and rebranding the health system under one name.

Rev. David Showers went on to add, "It has been a pleasure to watch Dean as a leader and his 'no nonsense' style in the organization. He leads with compassion but is able to deftly navigate difficult situations. He is, first and foremost, a people person. He will be missed by all."

Former Board Chair and longtime resident Terri Wolfley is taking a lead role in the Search Committee for Teague's successor. Wolfley, who has served on the Health System board since 2013, said, "It has been my pleasure and honor to work with Dean who has been a solid leader navigating CalvertHealth through many obstacles. He has become a trusted professional throughout the state and a strong supporter of our community."

Teague won the 2017 Grassroots Champion award from the American Hospital Association, which recognizes hospital leaders who effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect a hospital's vital role in the community and who are tireless advocates for the hospital and its patients.

Teague has also been an active member of the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) since 2012 and has served on the executive committee of the MHA Board of Directors and chaired the Council on Legislative & Regulatory Policy. "It's challenging being an independent hospital, but the rewards are great," said Teague. "While the board is committed to remaining independent, we know how important close relationships with our care partners at other hospitals are within the area."

Wolfley said, "It is with bittersweet emotions that we contemplate Dean's retirement later in 2023. It will be here before we know it. But given the strong management team, support of the entire workforce at CalvertHealth and the entire Board, the transition will be smooth."

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Registration Opens for Nonprofit Institute Conference

The Nonprofit Institute at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) invites representatives from local nonprofits to register for its 12th annual conference, which will take place virtually May 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The theme of the conference is “What’s Next: Strategy and Adaptability,” with sessions geared toward helping nonprofits to move forward in a post-pandemic world. Registration opens today.

“Nonprofits have had tremendous struggles during the pandemic, but there have been some amazing silver linings that forever changed their work,” said Nonprofit Institute Coordinator and Senior Consultant Cara Fogarty. “Many people are asking, what do we do now, how do we strategize for the future? How do we adapt? This year’s conference is about looking toward and planning the future in a new way.”

The conference will feature more than one dozen breakout sessions focused on topics of fundraising, leadership and management, marketing and communications, governance, and operations. Fogarty said that sessions are designed so that everyone from a volunteer to an executive can leave with concrete steps that they can put into practice immediately.

A few popular sessions from previous conferences will return. Patty Stine, executive director of Pure Play Every Day, will again present “New Kid on the Nonprofit Block,” focused on the challenges of starting a nonprofit business – including discussions about the common mistakes made, and potential solutions for correcting or preventing them.

“Participating in the Nonprofit Institute conference has provided my young organization with vast resources for growth and sustainability,” said Stine.

New sessions have also been created based on feedback from attendees following previous conferences and classes. For example, a session on “Advocacy vs. Lobbying by Nonprofits,” which will be led by Director of Public Policy for Maryland Nonprofits Henry Bogdan, is based on questions that the Nonprofit Institute has received about distinguishing between lobbying that is limited by the tax code, and other permissible activities that can advance their causes in shaping public policy and attitudes. Bogdan’s session will offer attendees an exploration of advocacy, the role of lobbying, and the

limitations and requirements for charitable nonprofits as they attempt to influence public policy and legislation.

The keynote address will be given by CEO of the United Way of Southern Maryland Mel Brennan. He is leading an organization that has gone through its own pandemic-era changes. Late last year, the United Way of Calvert County, United Way of Charles County, and United Way of St. Mary’s County merged to create the United Way of Southern Maryland.

“Coming together in ways like the Nonprofit Institute Conference matter because sometimes massive societal impacts like a global pandemic can have us disoriented and spinning,” said Brennan. “Taking a moment to connect with like-minded folks doing similar work can be a powerful synergistic force for renewal and growth. My hope is that when I’m done talking, attendees are left with authentic and actionable tools with which they can both adapt to an emergent new normal and form strategies that maximize singular and collective work on behalf of the most vulnerable.”

Fogarty said that the organizers are also building some time into the conference for more casual interactions among attendees. Although the conference is virtual, there will be time devoted to socializing and mindfulness. Planners also intend to designate a location where attendees can meet for in-person discussion and networking after the conference closes, noting that while the pandemic has created an environment of unprecedented collaboration between nonprofits, it has been more than two years since the community gathered in person.

“Being able to dive into these topics amongst others who face the same challenges as a nonprofit is invaluable,” said Lyndee Waldbauer, marketing and communications coordinator for the Arc Southern Maryland.

The Nonprofit Institute at CSM is the premier source of professional development and capacity-building for the diverse array of nonprofits serving the Southern Maryland region. Registration for the conference opened April 5, and the fee to attend is \$65.

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Press Release from CSM

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Governor Larry Hogan on April 15 swore in Judge Matthew J. Fader as Chief Judge for the Court of Appeals, and officially designated Judge E. Gregory Wells as Chief Judge for the Court of Special Appeals.

“I am proud to designate Judge Fader and Judge Wells to preside over the state’s highest courts,” said Governor Hogan. “They are both highly respected and experienced jurists who serve with distinction and an unwavering dedication to the law.”

In total, the governor has made 163 judicial appointments during his tenure. He has focused on ensuring that the composition of the courts better reflects the diversity of the state. Earlier this week, he swore in Judge Angela M. Eaves as the first Hispanic to serve on the Court of Appeals. Today, Judge Wells became the first African American to serve as chief judge of the Court of Special Appeals, and the first openly LGBTQ person to serve as chief judge of either of Maryland’s appellate courts.

Chief Judge Matthew J. Fader. Most recently, Judge Fader was chief judge of the Court of Special Appeals, which he served on beginning in 2017. In February, the governor announced that Judge Fader would succeed Judge Joseph M. Getty upon his mandatory retirement. In addition, the governor is officially designating Judge Fader as the new chief judge.

Prior to his appointment to the Court of Special Appeals, Judge Fader held various roles at the Of-

ice of the Attorney General, including chief of civil litigation. Prior to joining the Attorney General’s office, he was a partner at K&L Gates LLP, an international law firm, where he represented clients in commercial litigation in federal and state courts. Judge Fader served as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice from 1999 to 2002. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and received his J.D. from Yale Law School, where was Senior Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Chief Judge E. Gregory Wells. Currently a member of the Court of Special Appeals—where he has served since 2019—Judge Wells is being designated as the new chief judge of the court, succeeding Chief Judge Fader.

Prior to his appointment to the Court of Special Appeals, Wells was a judge on the Circuit Court for Calvert County, a judge on the District Court of Maryland for Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties, and a master for domestic relations and juvenile causes for Calvert County. Wells also served as an assistant attorney general in the Criminal Appeals Division of the Office of the Attorney General and was the first African American to serve as Calvert County State’s Attorney. He received his B.A. from the College of William and Mary and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Press Release from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan

Housing Inventory Low, Interest Rates Rise

As the weather starts to warm up, so does the real estate market typically. But from the beginning of 2021, the housing market in Southern Maryland has shown some relatively new patterns.

The most recent data shows the ongoing inventory problems faced nationwide are seen on the micro-level across the region. New listings in March hit a five-year low in year-over-year data, down roughly 18.65 percent from the same time last year.

Additionally, active listings are not as abundant as last year, as are pending sales. Southern Maryland has seen a 7.29 percent drop in active listings from the same time last year and a 25.23 percent decrease in pending sales during the same time.

With such low inventory, there is less potential for sales to take place.

“Signs are showing that the low inventory issue is going to hang around for a while,” Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS® 2021-22 President Gregg G. Kantak said. “So, with more buyers than sellers, buyers continue to be up against some heavy competition, higher prices, and maybe even bidding wars. Buyers will have to work harder or wait a little longer to find their dream home.”

Although the total sold units and dollar volume sold decreased by 14.56% and 7.99%, respectively, home prices thrived. The median sold price across southern Maryland rose 11.43% from the same time last year.

But how long those prices continue to see drastic increases could slow as inflation grows.

While inflation drives many consumer decisions, some forget the impact it has on the real estate market. Economists from the National Association of REALTORS® are forecasting that due to soaring inflation, interest rates will rise, which will likely reduce the number of home sales while also slowing home price appreciation.

The market has already begun to see some likely impacts of these adjustments. When coupling rising interest rates with a lack of inventory, many buyers in southern Maryland cannot find the right home for them.

Although most homes on the



market sold in 10 days or less, the average days on the market in southern Maryland during March was 18 days, three days less than it was in 2021.

“Mortgage rates have already started increasing in 2022. Like everything else, mortgage rates are influenced by the economy and inflation,” Kantak explained. “And the Federal Reserve has announced it plans to raise interest rates this year as part of its efforts to slow inflation. While that move alone will not directly impact mortgage rates, the overall change in the Federal Reserve’s policies will likely lead to increased interest rates for all borrowers. That is unfortunate because new buyers will pay more for their house over time.”

Housing market statistics from each county in the Southern Maryland region can be found below:

Calvert County
Units Sold: 130 (-1.98%)
Total Sales Volume: \$ 55,972,850 (-16.25%)

Average Days On The Market: 17 (-7 Days from March 2021)
Median Sold Price: \$386,000 (-3.50%)

St. Mary’s County
Units Sold: 165 (-13.61%)
Total Sales Volume: \$ 60,652,549 (-11.05%)

Average Days On The Market: 18 (-6 Days from March 2021)
Median Sold Price: \$350,050 (+7.71%)

Visit <https://www.southernmarylandrealtors.org/pages/housing-statistics/> every month for additional details about the housing market in Southern Maryland. A video breakdown of the local statistics can be found on the SMAR YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mt6-2b2fn9U>

Statistics for this article were compiled with cooperation from Bright MLS, a leading housing market data source and a real estate listing service for Realtors® throughout the region.

Press Release from Southern Maryland Association of Realtors®

Deputy of the Quarter Announced



Sheriff Mike Evans and the men and women of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office would like to recognize and congratulate Cpl. Mark Robshaw for receiving the honor of 2022 Deputy of the 1st Quarter. Cpl. Robshaw has been employed with the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office just shy of 18 years; during this time he has excelled as a well-rounded, motivated deputy sheriff and supervisor.

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New Businesses Announced



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

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443-295-7409

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845 N. Solomons Island Road
Prince Frederick
443-295-3924

Mind Your Own Box

Lusby
443-404-5519

Wisteria Hills Apothecary

Prince Frederick
757-927-3342

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.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of April 4, 2022 – April 10, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,552 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 22-18641

On April 4, 2022, Deputy Mister responded to the 3900 block of 2nd Street in North Beach, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime in the overnight hours, unknown suspect (s) smashed out the driver's side window and damaged the turn signal on the steering column inside the vehicle. The total value of damaged property is \$1000.00.

Damaged Property: 22-18918

On April 5, 2022, Deputy R. McCourt responded to the 5000 block of Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime during the night on April 4th, unknown suspect (s) damaged her mailbox. The mailbox was completely knocked off the post and discovered laying on the ground. The estimated value of damaged property is \$100.00.

Damaged Property: 22-19006

On April 5, 2022, Deputy Kwitowski responded to the 5700 block of Oakcrest Drive in St Leonard, MD for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 7 p.m. on April 4th and 8 a.m. on April 5th, unknown suspect (s) slashed the passenger side front and rear tires to a vehicle parked outside the residence. The value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Damaged Property: 22-19278

On April 6, 2022, Deputy Novick responded to the 1800 block of Rudolph Lane in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 6 p.m. on April 5 and 3 p.m. on April 6, unknown suspect (s) punctured two tires

on a vehicle parked outside the residence. The estimated value of damaged property is \$200.00.

Damaged Property: 22-20067

On April 10, 2022, Deputy Grierson responded to the 9400 block of Sea Breeze Court in North Beach, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime on April 9, unknown suspect (s) damaged the hood of her vehicle while it was parked on the corner of Frederick Ave and Sea Breeze Ct. Severe dents and scratches were observed. The estimated value of damaged property is \$600.00.

Damaged Property: 22-20065

On April 10, 2022, Deputy Gough responded to the 400 block of Coster Road in Lusby, MD for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 7:19 p.m., unknown suspect (s) damaged the victim's mailbox. The mailbox was discovered detached from the base and the door was ripped off. The estimated value of damaged property is \$200.00.

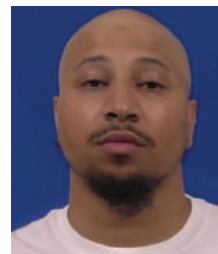
Theft: 22-19798

On April 9, 2022, Deputy Dymond responded to the 900 block of Pat Lane in Huntingtown, MD for a reported theft. The complainant advised a package containing a cellular telephone was stolen from the victim's mailbox. The value of stolen property was \$1,299.99.

ARRESTS

On April 9, 2022, Deputy Dymond conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle along N. Solomons Island Road and Bowie Shop Road in Huntingtown, MD for several traffic violations. Upon making contact

with the driver, **Maurice Quincy Derek Hill**, 32 of Lexington Park, MD, Deputy Dymond detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle and observed an opened bottle of José Cuervo on the floorboard. Further investigation revealed a loaded Glock 42 .380 handgun and two loaded magazines. Hill was taken into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Loaded Handgun in a Vehicle and other traffic related charges.



Maurice Hill

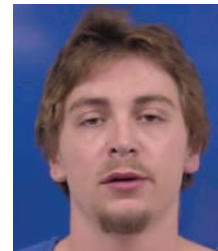
On April 6, 2022, Deputy Sturdivant and DFC Lewis responded to the Safeway Grocery Store located at 10276 Southern Maryland Boulevard in Dunkirk, MD for the report of a disorderly female. The complainant advised the suspect was yelling derogatory terms and cussing, causing a disturbance and damaged grocery items in the store totaling \$29.33. DFC Sturdivant observed the female, **Colleen Marie Arnold**, 37 of Prince Frederick, MD kick a female victim in the self-checkout line. DFC Lewis placed Arnold into custody to which Arnold attempted to break free. As Arnold was being escorted to the deputy's patrol vehicle, Arnold kicked two sets of mo-



Colleen Arnoldn

tion centered sliding doors off the hinges (estimated property damage \$500). A search of Arnold's person revealed a small fixed blade knife. While in transport to the jail, Arnold continued to yell derogatory terms and kick the inside of the patrol vehicle. Once at the jail Arnold continued to be disorderly with jail staff and refusing their commands. Arnold was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Malicious Destruction of Property, Resisting Arrest, Concealed Dangerous Weapon, and Second-Degree Assault.

On April 8, 2022, Sgt. Shrawder responded to Abner's Crab House located at 3748 Harbor Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of disorderly subjects. Investigation revealed a fight had broken out in the front parking lot of the establishment. One of the subjects involved in the fight was identified as **Tyler Anthony Markward**, 25 of Owings, MD. Markward was asked to leave the premises and ordered not to return. Markward was advised numerous times to vacate the property to which he refused. Markward was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order and Trespassing.



Tyler Markward

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

Legal Notice

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Calvert's Rite of Spring Returns This Weekend

Tiki Bar Opening in Solomons Marks 42nd Year



By Dick Myers
Editor

It's a much-anticipated rite of spring that got interrupted first by the death of its owner and then by the pandemic. But the annual spring Tiki Bar opening weekend in Solomons is back this weekend for what the organizers hope will be the biggest ever.

In its 42 years the Tiki Bar Spring Opening Weekend has achieved international fame for its crowds and its party atmosphere. Solomons residents tell stories of traveling abroad and when asked where they are from and responding Solomons they are hit with: "Oh, that's where the Tiki Bar is!"

Rich Cutair and his partner Gary Ouelette, who also owns the Union Jack in Columbia, began leasing the iconic Solomons bar in 2019 after the prior owner Terry Clarke passed away. They also are partners in Crazy Tuna in Essex, Maryland.

Last year Sarah and Peter Bates purchased the property that includes a motel from Clarke's estate and Cutair and Ouelette signed a 10-year management agreement.

"This is really going to be your first full blown spring opening," Cutair said, noting that the weekend is either the third or fourth weekend in April. "It always depends on where Easter falls," he explained.

"I think it's our biggest one ever. As far as music, I think this is the biggest one, the most bands that've ever played at it. So, we have bands playing pretty much from open to close on both Friday and Saturday."

"I thought it was important this year," Cutair said, "for our first one to try to take care of as many local musicians from Southern Maryland as I could. I have a lot of relationships with them. I've been dealing with them for many, many years. So, I thought I wanted to mix it up a little bit this year."

"For instance, a local favorite, 'No Green JellyBenz', an opening act,

were very popular for a long time and they actually stopped playing together for years. So, this is technically kind of their first time back together; it's almost like a reunion show for them."

"They wanted to be a part of it. I wanted them to be a part of it, so the band got back together and they're doing a reunion show. So, I'm excited about that one," he said.

The band schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 22

10 a.m. – Steel DrumBand

3 p.m. -- Tiki King Parade

4 p.m. - The Reagan Years

8 p.m. – No Green JellyBenz

Saturday, April 23

11 a.m. – Justin Taylor Band

1:10 p.m. – Parker Barrow Project

1:50 p.m. – Flippin Eyelid

3:50 p.m. – Robbie Boothe Band

4:30 p.m. – Phillip Michael Parson Band

6:30 p.m. – Here's the Night

9 p.m. – Amish Outlaws

"It's a mixture of kind of where we're at geographically, but most of them are Maryland. The only band that's probably outside of Maryland is the Amish Outlaws," he said. "They're all located in New York, but they travel down here a lot."

"There's country, there's rock, a little bit of pop. So, they're all very strong variety bands. They hit a lot of different genres."

He said the Tiki Bar is running a full schedule of bands on weekends.

Cutair, who is the Tiki Bar's regular manager, along with his wife Suzanne, was asked what people who haven't been there in a while can expect. He answered, "I think if you haven't been back in several years due to COVID, or just for whatever reason, some of the major changes that we've tried to make, it's not just a bar. We've tried to make it more family friendly. We've tried to make it more approachable for families, to feel like they can come with the family. We've introduced a full menu, where the



Tiki Bar didn't have that prior to us. So, we do serve food here. We've introduced servers to the Tiki Bar. So, if you're sitting at a table, you don't have to get up and go to the bar to get served. We are dog friendly now."

"The staff are very guest focused here. It's a big team. We work as a family, but our ultimate goal is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment for everybody."

But he added that the opening weekend is for adults only. "So opening weekend is its own kind of separate thing. It's almost like a festival style, but it is 21 and over the opening weekend. Opening weekend is really something for adults to enjoy themselves."

That opening parade on the schedule really isn't so much a parade. Cutair said, "It's something that's done every year at opening. It's the introduction of the Tiki King. The King comes in, he has some words and he kind of announces the opening of the Tiki Bar." Then he gets "paraded" around on a throne to survey the masses.

There will be a \$10-\$20 cover depending on the time of day. That's to cover the costs of reimbursing the county for its costs for the event.

The Tiki Bar now has its own bus that will pick up customers at Quality Inn, Solomons Inn and Hilton Garden Inn. Additionally, there will be parking and a shuttle bus from Glascock Field across from Calvert Marine Museum. Parking instructions are on the Tiki Bar website on the Opening Weekend tab.

He said, "There will be a \$5 donation to park there. Those funds will go to a donation for the (Calvert) Marine Museum as well as the Solomons Business Association. So, we're splitting those funds."

Putting on the opening weekend is a lot of work. Cutair was asked why they are continuing the tradition. "We always wanted to do it and it was important for us and it's got such a history to it. And, you know, one of the reasons why we wanted to take over this business was the opening weekend. And I think it's important to Solomons Island. I think it's important to the county or counties. So, we really wanted to find a way to make it work. With all the increased cost, it was difficult. It was a very difficult decision, but we wanted to see if it made sense to keep it going."

"It's really grown into something pretty special, and a lot of people have come through here and have stories about it."

Calvert County Director of Economic Development Julie Oberg agrees about its importance to the community. She said, "Solomons is a premier destination for visitors due to its scenic views, history and top-notch restaurants. While traditional tourist attractions add to the draw of Solomons, there is no doubt that the annual Tiki Bar opening draws attention to the area. Each year we see Tiki Bar patrons visiting restaurants, shops and hotels in the area—many of which are small, local businesses."

"It is clear Tiki Bar has an economic impact in Calvert County, but it is hard to quantify the true fiscal impact. With the establishment's opening this weekend, the Solomons and regional business community could see increased revenue as a result of local spending. One-time, large-scale events—like the annual Tiki Bar opening—can help small businesses see increased revenue, creating short-term growth and spending in the tourism and hospitality industry."

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Ultimate Paradise Raffle Has Timeshare Prize

Benefits Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living

The Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living (SMCIL) announces the launch of the Ultimate Paradise Raffle, offering participants a chance to win the Grand Prize of a Fully Paid Timeshare, with locations anywhere in the US. Additional prizes include cash (now through May 21, 2022), although a limited number of tickets will be sold.

The Grand Prize is an offer to stay at a fully paid timeshare with locations anywhere in the US, including Hawaii. The prize is only for the stay of the timeshare, transportation is not provided. The SMCIL Raffle tickets will be available through May 21, 2022 – with the Grand Prize Drawing taking place on Sunday, May 22, 2022 during our Quarter Auction fundraising event at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.

Tickets can be purchased at our office in Mechanicsville or over the phone by calling (301) 884-4498, ext.7. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each. The \$25 raffle ticket purchase not only provides the chance to win a Timeshare vacation and cash prizes, it gives participants the opportunity to help raise funds for SMCIL.

Proceeds from the Ultimate Paradise Raffle fundraiser directly benefit the Southern Maryland

Center for Independent Living programs. This helps with internal operating costs so they can continue to support individuals with disabilities in the Southern Maryland Region. "I am always incredibly proud of the SMCIL team for embracing SMCIL's culture of going all in when it comes to supporting the Southern Maryland community," said Lidiya Belyovska, SMCIL's executive director.

About Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, SMCIL

Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living is a nonprofit organization created by and for people with disabilities. We are an advocacy, information and educational center that promotes independent living and empowerment for people with all types of disabilities. Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living provides residents of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties access to use community resources and services to enhance their independence. For more information about the Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, please contact us at 301-884-4498 or visit us at www.smcil.org

Press Release from SMCIL.

Workshops Explore Hosting Group Tours

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development is sponsoring a series of free virtual workshops to teach local businesses, sites and attractions the basics of hosting group bus tours. Hosted by Bristol Creek Consulting, participants will learn strategies, tactics and concrete steps to increase revenue by hosting visiting groups.

Virtual sessions are held every other Thursday at 1 p.m. beginning on April 28 and include:

- Group Tours 101
- Your Network is Your Net Worth
- Understanding the Group Tour

World

- Sales Skills and Tips
- Let's Create an Itinerary

Attend online in real time, or revisit recorded sessions at your convenience. To register, email info@ecalvert.com. Registration is required.

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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CSM Graduates Reflect on Pandemic

Students Receive Hard-Earned Nursing Pins

Thirty-eight new nurses received their nursing pins during a virtual Nursing Recognition Ceremony last month as part of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) 2022 Winter Commencement.

The traditional pinning ceremony symbolizes a rite of passage into the professional world of nursing and the nurse's commitment to those they care for, said CSM Nursing Professor Robin Young. She said that the origin of the nursing pin dates back 800 years. Modern pinning ceremonies date to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George. To share the honor, Nightingale presented a medal of excellence to her brightest graduates and by 1916, the practice of pinning new graduates was standard throughout the United States.

"Our CSM Nursing Pin represents this commitment to those we care for and a graduate of our program," Young said. "As you go forth into the world of nursing, wear your pin with pride. You worked very hard to receive this well-deserved honor."

The history of CSM's nursing pin begins in 1979, when the Associate Degree Nursing Program was established. The pin was redesigned in

2000 when Charles County Community College's name was changed to CSM.

Guest speaker Dawn Yeittrakis, vice president and chief nursing officer at MedStar Health and '96 CSM alumnus, looked back on her more than 22 years of experience as a nurse. She recalled times she felt full of self-doubt early in her career and told students not to forget that their pins are proof that they belong in the profession.

"This environment that we are working in today is full of uncertainty," she said. "When times get hard and you are wondering if you belong, you should remember that you are valuable, you have earned your place in the profession, and you are the right person for the job. You are nurses who touch lives in ways that others cannot. We are so fortunate to have you in our ranks."

Many speakers emphasized the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that it made students' education more difficult; and it fundamentally changed their career field.

Shannon Chesley was chosen as the class representative, and she acknowledged the challenges that she and her classmates lived through be-

cause of the pandemic – from needing to adjust to classes and clinicals on Zoom and creating relationships with teachers and classmates from afar, to dealing with health challenges and school disruptions at home. Chesley said that enduring through these challenges will ultimately make she and her classmates better nurses.

"As nurses, we must be willing and able to have hope in a time of despair that will in turn allow us to leave a lasting imprint on others. We persevered during difficult times and have come out better because of it," she said.

The students' pins were presented by faculty pinners Morag Dahlstrom, Lauren Guy, Linda Hamel, Dawn Leukhardt, and Rose Miller.

Acting Chair of Nursing Sara Cano closed the program by telling the students that the difficult environment of the last two years has left them well prepared for their career.

"In the best of times nursing school is challenging, but we are not in the best of times. For two years you have been figuring out how to handle this new world that is constantly changing," she said. "As a nurse you will be challenged to work under im-

mense pressure. Use what you have learned to handle those challenges."

Students who received the pin were: Rachell Marlene Amoui, Morgan Lee Beavers, Monae Alexis Bell, Julia Victoria Berry, Shannon Latreece Chesley, Colette Olena Collins, Jessica Marye Denny, Kassidee Jenson, Dull, Aniyah Tañe Gabriel, Lezly Guadalupe Garcia, Katherine Elizabeth Garilli, Brooke Gabrielle Gatton, (Academic Achievement in Nursing Award), Amber Leigh Gontarek, Audrey Dawn Gross, Journey Lyones Gushen,

Paige McKenzie Haffer, Julie Herbert, Taya Nikol Jackson, Jenny Johnson, Markeysha Edna-Antoniya Jones, Kristi Jo Kelly, Shannon Kelly Lanham, Morrighan H. LeFave, Ki Ki Leung, Rachell P. Lock, Marcia Temple Lopez.

Samantha Mae Mendoza, Emily Kate Newby, Marlene Pruneda, Laura Louise Richardson, Elizabeth D. Scott, Nanci J. Sien, Lauren Ashley Taylor (Achievement in Nursing award), Alissa Kaitlin Temple, Ngoc Han Truong, Nicole Chantal Valenzuela, Kristine Williams and Jadé C. Wilson.

Press Release from CSM

The forgotten tragedy on the Potomac...

BLACK DIAMOND DISASTER

April 23 and 24
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days; ceremony Sunday 2 p.m.

Hosted by the St. Mary's County Museum Division and The Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piny Point Museums.

An American Civil War Event

On April 23, 1865, the Black Diamond was hit by a steamer near St. Clement's Island during the hunt for John Wilkes Booth. Learn more about this tragic event at a commemorative weekend and wreath-laying ceremony at St. Clement's Island Museum.

Weekend Happenings and Activities

Special Exhibits for both days on the Black Diamond, the Sumatt House and the Maryland Veterans

Saturday and Sunday; April 23 & 24- 10AM to Museum

- Free water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island
- Free admission to the St. Clement's Island Museum

Saturday April 23 at 2PM
Free by Fredericksburg's folk fiddle band "Sibling Rivalry," a four-sibling fiddle band ages 13-18 playing Civil War era music and other American folk tunes.
~ Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the music along the beautiful Potomac River ~

Sunday, April 24 at 2PM
• FREE Commemorative ceremony with remarks by the Naval Air Station Patuxent River Base Commander.
~ A reception follows the Ceremony at 3PM ~

Family Friendly

Free Event!

For more info, visit the event listing at www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum or call 301-769-2222.



St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626
www.mms.org/stmarysmd.com

Hoyer Announces Congressional Art Competition



Congressman Steny Hoyer

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) is now accepting submissions for the 40th Annual Congressional Art Competition. The competition is open to high school students who reside in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District, which includes Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, as well as parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties. The students are offered an opportunity to highlight their talent and the winner will have their artwork displayed in the United States Capitol for an entire year. This year's submission deadline is Friday, April 22, 2022.

"Each and every year I look forward to seeing the tremendous talent presented by students across the district," said Congressman Hoyer. "The winner will proudly represent Maryland's Fifth Congressional District, captivating the visitors, staff, and Members of Congress who walk in the halls of our Capitol. Our students always put their best effort into this competition, and I know this year will be no different."

This year, submissions will be accepted both digitally and in-person. For artwork submitted

digitally, please submit three images of the art and a Student Release Form to submissions05@gmail.com. When submitting, please include the students' name, school, and title of their artwork in the subject line of the email. For in-person submissions, please bring the art and a Student Release Form to the White Plains office 4475 Regency Pl #203, Waldorf, MD 20602. Please coordinate in-person drop off prior to visiting the office.

In the event that a student may not be able to obtain the signed signature from an art teacher on the release form, students may include an email from an art teacher granting permission to enter the competition.

For general information about the competition, please contact Ms. Jada Ward at 301-843-1577 or by email to: jada.ward@mail.house.gov or visit: <https://hoyer.house.gov/help/students#art-competition>. Click here for a full list of competition guidelines. The Student Release Form can be downloaded here.

Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer

As Home-School Numbers Soar

CSM Sets Info Session for Families

Home-school families looking for support creating an educational plan that works best for their children can turn to the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) for experiences that help students of every age with their academics.

In the last five years Southern Maryland has seen a 74 percent increase in home-school students and now has more than 9,000 students learning at home, according to the Maryland State Department's annual home-school data. CSM is responding to that need by building its existing programing, launching a second home-school program at the Leonardtown Campus this fall, and hosting a "Home-school Experience Day" at its Prince Frederick Campus for home-school students interested in dual enrollment Friday, April 29 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"This home-school experience day event is a way for home-school students to get a feel of what it is like to be on a college campus," said CSM Enrollment Coordinator Mary Prather. "They can try out a class, interact with faculty and staff, and learn about the services offered."

For home-schooled high schoolers, dual enrollment offers a way to satisfy high school course requirements while simultaneously working toward an associate degree. At the April 29 event, students will have the opportunity to talk to current home-schooled dual enrollment students, learn about the college's transfer and articulation agreements that offer guaranteed admission to dozens of colleges and universities nationwide, experience a CSM class taught by CSM professors, explore support services that are available, and find out about student government and other CSM clubs and organizations. Students can also take a career assessment, enjoy refreshments, and win prizes.

Home-school students who dual enroll at CSM have access to the same benefits as traditional students, including full access to all college services including clubs, free tutoring, learning support workshops, library resources, and workout rooms. Home-school students also receive a 50% discount on tuition if they meet certain requirements.

Enrollment Coordinator Latasha Baker said that home-school students have a proven record of success at CSM.

"These students are used to having some independence with their

education, and that makes them well-prepared for the transition to college-level classes. Home-school students are some of the most successful students on campus," she said.

In 2019, dual enrolled home-school student Phillip Means, of Dunkirk, was the featured student speaker at Spring Commencement. At 17, he received an associate degree in applied science and technology. And with many of his college classes also counting toward his high school credits, he received his high school diploma the same year.

"I hope we can all connect the lessons learned at CSM to our futures. I learned to take advantage of opportunities... I learned to set goals," he said in his speech. "We have developed into more resourceful, more motivated, and hopefully life-long learners thanks to the College of Southern Maryland." Means, now 21, took those lessons to heart and will be graduating from the University of Alabama with his bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering this May.

CSM also offers support for home schooling families with younger children through the Kids' and Teen College. Families can sign up for classes such as chemistry, painting, or Spanish, all of which are currently offered at the La Plata Campus.

"People choose to home-school for many different reasons, and we strive to create an atmosphere that fits this niche community," said Tony Warrick, CSM youth program manager for the Kids' and Teen College. "That means being flexible, offering subject matter experts, and having a diverse program that meets the needs of all our students."

Maggie Mudd-Stewart, who home-schools her two children and helped to develop the program at CSM's La Plata Campus, said that she is excited for the ability to sign her kids up for classes that require resources that she doesn't have access to at home, and she appreciates knowing that they are being taught by experts who are attuned to the county's requirements for home-school education.

"This gives me the ability to have and create a hybrid learning environment," she said.

Students interested in the Home-school Experience Day can register at <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2022/04/homeschool-experience-day.html>.

Press Release from CSM.

Students Compete in FBLA State Conference

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) students recently brought home top honors after competing in this year's Maryland Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. This year's event was held virtually and took place between February 29th and March 30th, with awards being announced on Saturday, April 2nd. FBLA is the largest co-curricular business organization in the country. Students were able to select from over 60 events in which to compete, ranging from Public Speaking to Accounting to Graphic Design, as well as chapter projects. Some are written tests, some are performance events, some are production tests, some are case studies, and some have one or more elements. FBLA chapters are open to all students, not only those participating in Business Education courses.

In addition to state competitions, several regional and state leadership offices were announced. Olivia Herrin was elected as Region IV Vice President and Sarah Hurley was elected as State Parliamentarian for the upcoming 2022-23 school year; both are students at Northern High School. Aamaly Hossain, Northern High School, has served during the 2021-22 school year as the FBLA State Vice President.

In addition to the outstanding student success, Ms. Nancy Tassa-Wilt was named as this year's FBLA Maryland Local Outstanding Chapter Advisor. Tassa-Wilt has served as the advisor for Northern High School's FBLA chapter for 24 years.

Tassa-Wilt shared that she is looking forward to traveling later this summer with this year's state qualifiers. She stated, "While this conference was again virtual and most competitions were pre-recorded or done at their home schools, [Nationals] will be a different story. I told them to already pack their bags -- we are getting on that plane to be with each other to share great memories as a chapter and with other mem-



bers from across the country. I hope to again bring home some national winners."

Forty-five students from Northern High School, Huntingtown High School, and Plum Point Middle School placed in the top ten in their respective competition areas at this year's event. The top four students from each competition advance to the National competition to be held June 29 – July 2 in Chicago, IL.

Those recognized at the April 2nd awards presentation are:

Accounting II:
Ashley Cooke, Huntingtown High School, 3rd Place

Agribusiness:
Abigail Spence, Northern High School, 2nd Place

American Enterprise Project:
Amanda Bower, Mao Yu Cheng, and Sarah Hurley, Northern High School, 2nd Place

Business Communication:
Amanda Bower, Northern High School, 1st Place

Business Etiquette:
Maria Leonor Miranda, Plum Point Middle School, 1st Place

Business Law:
Cate Hall, Northern High School, 6th Place

Addison Fortenbery, Northern High School, 10th Place

Business Management:
Lorenzo Guttadauro, Huntingtown High School, 6th Place

Career Exploration:
Kash Larnerd, Plum Point Middle School, 1st Place

Career Research:
Mykenzie Monroe, Plum Point

Middle School, 1st Place

Client Service:
Sydney Cooksey, Northern High School, 5th Place

Community Service Project:
Gentry Bowie, Addison Fortenbery, and Aamaly Hossain, Northern High School, 1st Place

Critical Thinking:
Racheal Howell and Mikayla Millsaps, Plum Point Middle School, 1st Place

Digital Video Production:
Christian Arias, Huntingtown High School, 2nd Place

Electronic Career Portfolio:
Aamaly Hossain, Northern High School, 3rd Place

Elevator Speech:
Jayden Eversole, Plum Point Middle School, 1st Place

Financial Literacy:
Charles Stern, Plum Point Middle School, 1st Place

Graphic Design:
Joseph Williams, Huntingtown High school, 1st Place

Human Resource Management:
Jalon Bain, Huntingtown High School, 6th Place

Insurance and Risk Management:
Tori Jackson, Northern High School, 8th Place

Ariana Tanouye, Huntingtown High School, 9th Place

Introduction to Business Communication:
Dylan Kinner, Northern High School, 3rd Place

Anna Kim, Northern High School, 8th Place

Mariah Wiseman, Huntingtown High School, 10th Place

Introduction to Business Concepts:
Jasmine Simpson, Northern High School, 3rd Place

Introduction to Business Presentation:
Riley O'Leary, Northern High School, 6th Place

Introduction to Business Procedures:
Greg Proctor, Huntingtown High

School, 9th Place

Introduction to FBLA:
Mikaella Jones, Northern High School, 7th Place

Reagan Hersh, Huntingtown High School, 8th Place

Introduction to Information Technology:
Mao Yu Cheng, Northern High School, 1st Place

Luke Erly, Northern High School, 8th Place

Introduction to Public Speaking:
Olivia Herrin, Northern High School, 3rd Place

Sarah Hurley, Northern High School, 5th Place

Introduction to Social Media Strategy:
Laila Mitchell, Northern High School, 4th Place

Journalism:
Canon Drummond, Huntingtown High School, 9th Place

Leadership:
Cayden Campbell, Plum Point Middle School, 1st Place

Marketing:
Cason Bradford, Calvert Burkholder, and Steven Vilcheck, Northern High School, 2nd Place

Partnership with Business Project:
Cate Hall, Laila Mitchell, and Abigail Spence, Northern High School, 2nd Place

Caroline Garrett, Tori Minakowski, and Bella Rosasco, Huntingtown High School, 4th Place

Personal Finance:
Rylan Venable, Huntingtown High School, 3rd Place

Allie Frederickson, Northern High School, 9th Place

Public Service Announcement:
Taylor Webster, Huntingtown High School, 1st Place

Gentry Bowie, Northern High School, 6th Place

Website Design:
Emmanuel Roberts, Huntingtown High School, 10th Place

Word Processing:
Kyle Nielson, Huntingtown High School, 1st Place

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Bluegrass Comeback Concert Series Concludes



Fast Track Bluegrass Band

The final show in the Bluegrass Comeback series will take place on Sunday May 1 and will feature a new group of Bluegrass entertainers, Fast Track Bluegrass band.

A Bluegrass concert series that was established by Jay Armsworthy had a 15-year stint at the American Legion in Hughesville. Due to covid, two shows were canceled. Once all clear of restrictions were lifted, the decision was made to close their doors to the public except for private events. Jay Armsworthy found new doors that opened and welcomed a new home for Bluegrass music, the Calvert Elks #2620 in Prince Frederick. A larger venue with comfortable cushioned seating has made a wonderful comeback for Bluegrass in Southern Maryland.

Fast Track is a band that formed following the retirement announcement of long time Cardinal Tradition band leader, David Parmley. Three of the four members decided to form the band and sought out to fill the remaining spots, mandolin, and guitar, seeking instrumentalists who were also strong vocalists.

The five members of Fast Track are not only all highly decorated in awards from the IBMA and SPBGMA organizations but are also veteran players on the Grand Ole Opry stage, across the United

States, Canada, and throughout Europe.

The Fast Track members are Dale Perry (banjo, bass vocals), Steve Day (fiddle, vocals), Ron Spears (bass, vocals), Shayne Bartley (mandolin, vocals), and Duane Sparks (guitar, vocals). The band has already successfully released two full-length albums with Engelhardt Music Group of Nashville, TN, with a third recording expected later this year. There is just no stopping once you jump on this FAST TRACK!

Opening the show will be show host, Jay Armsworthy, along with special guests.

Doors open at Noon and the show starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets for the show will be \$20.00 per person available at the door. Children under twelve are free with a paid adult. Food and beverages will be available for sale at Noon for a separate price. The Calvert Elks #2620 is located at 1015 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, MD. For more information about the show or tickets, call 301-737-3004 or go to <https://bluegrasscomeback.webador.com/>

“Bluegrass Comeback to Southern Maryland” has been a series of events welcoming back live bands after a pandemic. Coming in the fall of 2022, “Southern Maryland Bluegrass,” a whole new series of concerts at the Calvert Elks.

Public Invited to Breezy Point Blast-Off



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation invites the public to celebrate the opening of Breezy Point Beach & Campground for the 2022 season at the annual Breezy Point Beach Blast-Off event. The all-ages event will be held Saturday, May 21 from 5-9 p.m. Admission will be free and preregistration is not required.

Attendees will enjoy music, food for purchase from local food trucks, family games and a spectacular fireworks show to end the night. Everyone is welcome to bring a picnic or use the grills at the beach; grills are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The use of gas grills, pull-behind grills, smokers and deep fryers is prohibited. Alcohol, smoking/vaping, pets and glass containers are prohibited.

Breezy Point Beach & Campground is a favorite bay-front park featuring swimming, fishing, picnicking, and seasonal and daily camping. Visitors are encouraged to take advantage of the beauti-

ful public beach and bring the entire family for a fun-filled day. Children will enjoy building sand castles, playing on the playground and finding shark teeth along the water's edge. For fishing and crabbing enthusiasts, there is a 200-foot fishing pier. It is the perfect getaway for day trips, a weekend away or a week-long escape. The site is open May 1 through Oct. 31, hours vary through the season. Please visit www.CalvertCountyMd.Gov/BreezyPoint for hours of operation.

For additional information, please contact the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation at 410-535-1600, ext. 2649.

For updates on Parks & Recreation services, park availability, field closures and more visit Parks & Recreation at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyParks and follow @CalvertCountyParks on Instagram.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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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, April 21

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.

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 Crabs have Claws!

Rural Lands Forum

Jefferson Patterson Park
& Museum

10515 Mackall Rd,
St Leonard, MD 20685, 7 p.m.

Attendees will hear five-to-seven minute presentations by representatives of the Sustainable Calvert Network (SCN). The audience will learn about the critical importance of rural lands to Calvert's economy and quality of life and the steps that need to be taken to protect our farms, forests, fisheries, and unique cultural landscapes.

Friday, April 22

Brothers Osborne Public Ticket Sale

Calvert Marine Museum
Friday, April 22 – 10 a.m.

Tickets for the general public go on sale for Brothers Osborne. This concert will take place on July 16 at the PNC Waterside Pavilion, located at the Calvert Marine Museum. Museum

Saturday, April 23

Free Paper Shredding Event

2954 Chaneyville Road
Owings, MD, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host free paper shredding events for county residents and businesses to help prevent identity theft by destroying confidential or sensitive documents.

The following shred events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine:

- Saturday, April 23 at Northern Middle School located at 2954 Chaneyville Road in Owings
- Saturday, May 21 at Huntingtown

High School located at 4125 Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown

- Saturday, June 25 at Appeal Landfill located at 401 Sweetwater Road in Lusby.

Proof of residency or business location is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable.

Businesses are allowed up to 5 banker boxes of paper per business (or the equivalent volume of 5 banker boxes in alternate containers). There is no limit for residents. Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested.

Shredding events are held monthly throughout the year. For more information about recycling events, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, at 410-326-0210 or visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle

10th Annual Maryland DogFest

8440 Fairground Rd,
La Plata, MD 20646
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Make plans to join us for the 10th Annual Maryland DogFest, to be held at the Charles County Fairgrounds. This exciting, one of a kind event will be enjoyed by families and dogs of all ages. All leashed dogs are invited to attend with their owners.

Sunday, April 24

Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland

Jefferson Patterson Park
10515 Mackall Road
St. Leonard, MD 20685
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On the banks of the Patuxent River at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, you will find on a cheery Saturday in late April, the sound of the bagpipes calling you home. Whether it be the music, food, dance or other Celtic attractions—we beckon you to join us as we celebrate the spirit of the seven Celtic Nations in our 44th Annual Celtic Festival.

Enjoy the sounds of Internationally known Celtic Bands performing on multiple entertainment stages throughout the grounds, offering continuous music, dance and jam sessions throughout the day! Check out our Clan Row, where more than 50 clans and societies have information to share with you about your Celtic heritage! Watch Scottish/Irish country-dance performances, listen to harp and Scottish fiddling all while

storytellers weave tales alongside historical displays, craft demonstrations and living history reenactments. Stop by the Celtic Marketplace for a wide selection of traditional and non-traditional Celtic foods and gifts providing an old world atmosphere. Be sure to check out the Children's Highland Games and the all-day competitions taking place throughout the Park including Pipers, Drummers, Pipe Bands, Highland Dancers, Highland Athletics, and Rugby games!!

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Monday, April 25

Fossil Club Meeting & Public Lecture

Calvert Marine Museum
6:30 – 9 p.m.

Join us for the next CMM fossil club meeting, followed by a FREE public lecture! The meeting and fossil show-in-tell will be held in person in the CMM Harm's Gallery 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their favorite finds to showcase and seek identification assistance. A free public lecture will follow from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Linda McCall, research fellow at University of Texas at Austin, will lecture on 30 Million-Year-Old Fossils in Living Color from North Topsail Beach, North Carolina. We will attempt to also host the meeting and lecture, virtually, via Zoom. Find the link to attend on Facebook or the Fossil Club web page.

Women's Wellness Program

7940 N. Flint Hill Rd.,
Owings, MD 20736, 5:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy this unique opportunity to explore this five-week course focusing on personal growth and development all with the gentle and loving assistance of our horses! We will be touching on several areas such as stress reduction, self care, communication, overcoming obstacles, and incorporating healthy habits in our daily lives. There will be hands on interaction with the FHHR horses. This program aims to facilitate personal growth and sense of awareness.

Tickets are \$125 per person. This price covers the cost of all 5 classes.

Class Dates:

- Session 1: April 25th, 5:30—7:30pm
- Session 2: May 2nd, 5:30—7:30pm

-Session 3: May 9th, 5:30—7:30pm

-Session 4: May 16th, 5:30—7:30pm

-Session 5: May 23rd, 5:30—7:30pm

This program will be taught by LCSW-C Path International trained instructors. All proceeds go directly to the care of the FHHR horses. Freedom Hill Horse Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. fhhrwomenswellness.eventbrite.com

Thursday April 28

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UPCOMING

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.

National Day of Prayer

Prince Frederick Courthouse
on Main Street. Noon
Thursday, May 5

Please join the Calvert Interfaith Council for prayer. If rain, the alternate site is Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information, www.cicmd.org



Letters to the Editor

Save America's Forgotten Equines

To the Editor:

As a Southern Maryland resident and president of Southern Maryland Equine Miracles, a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and protecting horses from the auction-to-slaughter pipeline, we are joining with other Maryland equestrian enthusiasts in writing to our Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md., 5th) to urge his action on the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act, House Resolution 3355. The bill, which would ban horse slaughter in the U.S. for human consumption and the export of American horses for slaughter abroad, was referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

We hope he will use his authority as House majority leader to help advance the SAFE Act to a floor vote.

Every year, tens of thousands of American horses are shipped abroad to foreign abattoirs, facing extreme cruelty at every step of the journey. Horses' instinctual flight response makes them ill-suited for stunning, and they often endure repeated blows and sometimes remain conscious during dismemberment.

The way horses are transported to slaughter is also inhumane. Research published in Meat Science found that 79 percent of slaughtered horses had excessive bruising from transport related injury. It's no

wonder that 83 percent of American voters oppose this cruel industry.

We know that equine owners are afraid to re-home their animals for fear that they may end up in a slaughterhouse. The SAFE Act, which is currently cosponsored by nearly one-half of Hoyer's House colleagues, would close the horses-to-slaughter pipeline for good and provide peace of mind to the equine community.

We are asking him to please help protect America's horses by leading the advancement of the SAFE Act out of committee and on to the House floor, where Hoyer and his colleagues can vote to end horse slaughter, once and for all. We planned to meet with his staff virtually to discuss the issue.

*Melinda Burdin, President
Southern Maryland Equine Miracles Rescue
Mechanicsville, MD*

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In Remembrance

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

June Gayle "Ju Ju" Shepherd



June Gayle "Ju Ju" Shepherd, 70, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Camp Springs, MD passed away on December 12, 2021 at Charles Regional Medical

Center, LaPlata, MD.

Born August 9, 1951 in Bayshore, NY, she was the daughter of the late Henry Shepherd, Jr. and June Gayle (Hall) Shepherd. June graduated from Falls Church High School in 1969. She worked in the dry cleaning business.

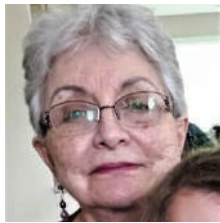
June is survived by her brother, Robert Shepherd (Michelle), nephew, Michael Shepherd and niece, Tina Shepherd; brother, Brian Shepherd; sister, Karen Denny (Charles) and niece, Holly Bennett; sister, Bonnie Davidson (Gary) and nephews, Gary Davidson, Jr. and Tyler Davidson; brother, William Shepherd, nephew, William Shepherd, Jr. and niece, Courtnie Shepherd; brother, Douglas Shepherd; brother, Thomas Shepherd (Casey) and niece, Kaitlyn Barnes; brother, Henry Shepherd (Gayle) and nephews, Justin Shepherd and Brandon Shepherd; brother, Scott Shepherd and nieces, Isabel and Grace Shepherd; and brother, Eric Shepherd; nephews, Christopher Morris (Amanda) and Shawn Shepherd; and niece, Tammy Peters; five grandnieces and two grand-nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Marion Shepherd and her husband Edward Morris, and nephew, Edward Morris, Jr.; and brother, Melvin Shepherd.

Serving as pallbearers at the December 17 funeral were Justin Shepherd, Brandon Shepherd, Michael Shepherd, Shaun Shepherd, William Shepherd, Jr. and Eric Shepherd.

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

Adela (Lela) Padilla

Adela (Lela) Padilla, 93 of St. Leon-



ard, MD passed away peacefully on April 11, 2022. She was born March 29, 1929 in Berlin, El Salvador to Herminia and Gustavo Pineda.

Following her love for adventure, she traveled to the United States to attend Immaculata College in Philadelphia, PA. Later, after moving to Washington, D.C., she met and married the love of her life Roberto Padilla in 1953 and together they raised seven children. Lela is survived by her husband of 69 years, Roberto Padilla, her children; Juan Padilla, Gustavo Padilla (and spouse, Maria Eleonora), Mina Kushner (and spouse Cliff), Miguel Padilla (and spouse Hannah), Jamie Padilla, Adelita Nelson, and her sister Herminia Pineda Palacios. Her son Pablo Padilla preceded her in death. She was a loving grandmother to eleven grandchildren and to five great-grandchildren, many nieces, and nephews, and was a cherished friend to many. Lela was a joy to all who knew her and had an infectious sense of humor. She spent much of her life taking care of her large family. She also loved her garden and was an accomplished artist whose artwork remains a prized possession to all that were lucky enough to receive it. She will be missed and never forgotten.

The family will receive relatives and friends on April 22, 2022 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea, located at 225 Alexander La, Solomons, MD 20688. A mass of Christian burial will be offered at 12 p.m.

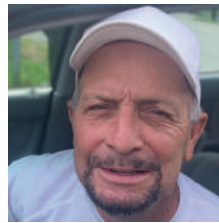
Interment will take place on April 26, 2022, 11:30 a.m. at Quantico National Cemetery, 18424 Joplin Rd, Triangle, VA 22172; Link:

<https://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/quantico.asp>

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Lewis Sidney Yerby, Jr.

Lewis Sidney Yerby, Jr. of Chesapeake Beach passed away April 11, 2022. He



was born October 19, 1957 in Cheverly, MD to Mary Anna (Calavetinos) and Lewis Sidney Yerby, Sr.

Lewis was raised in Edmondson and moved to Florida, where he lived throughout his teenage years. He eventually moved back to Maryland and had called Calvert County his home for over twenty years. He loved living near the water in Chesapeake Beach, visiting family on the Eastern Shore, and fishing in the Chesapeake Bay. Family and friends knew Lewis for his quirky personality, his sense of humor, and his kindness.

He is survived by sisters Patricia Ann Yerby of Palm Coast, FL, Brenda Jean Yerby of Albright, WV, brothers Ronald Lewis Yerby and his wife Jeanie of Flagler Beach, FL, and Richard Alan Yerby of Dunkirk, MD, as well as many other relatives and friends. Lewis was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Larry Mullis.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Patricia Inez Wilson



Patricia Inez Wilson, 82, of LaPlata passed away peacefully after a long illness on April 6th, 2022. Pat was born at Garfield Memorial Hospi-

tal in Washington DC on June 28th, 1939 to Dorothy I Hayden (Shearer) and Richard Thomas Hayden. Pat lived and went to school in Prince Georges County graduating from Bladensburg High School in 1957. Pat met and married her husband, Edward Raymond Wilson "Eddie" in 1957 and they set out to raise a family first living in Lanham, Md and then settled in Chesapeake Beach, Md.

Pat worked for 30 years and retired in 2002 from Prince George's Community College.

Pat and Eddie shared a love for antique automobiles. Eddie and his son Tommy restored a 1933 White Gulf Oil Company Truck and a 1936 International Telephone Company Truck. Pat, Eddie and Tommy would show the two trucks in Car and Truck Shows and won many place holder trophies and Best of Show. They were members of the National Capital Region Antique Automobile Club of America. Pat also participated twice in the Great American Race.

Pat moved to LaPlata, Md in 2002, where she adjusted quickly to her new surroundings finding a special connection to the Clark Senior Center of LaPlata and the Northern Center of St. Mary's County. Pat danced with Tapper & Cloggers, Good Time Gals, St. Mary's Rockin Red Hatters and Sassy & Brassy Hip-Hoppers just to name a few. Pat loved to scrapbook, garden, had a great love of travel and had visited all 50 states, she loved our National Parks. Pat love to attend a tea party with her friends, and she loved to dance. Pat had a great love for our Chesapeake Bay and its lighthouses.

Pat held her friends close to her heart and was very fortunate in her life to be blessed with her dear loving friends Joan, Barbara, Norma Jean, Fran, Ruthie and Wally just to name a few. Her family is thankful for each of her friendships throughout her life that enriched, gave hope, meaning and joy to her.

Pat is preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Pat is survived by her two sons Joseph Michael Wilson "Joe" and his partner Wanda Martin, Raymond Thomas Wilson "Tommy" and wife Susi Quinn

In lieu of flowers her sons ask that donations be made in her memory to Chesapeake Life Center, Hospice of Charles County located at 2505 Davis Road in Waldorf Maryland 20603. The help they provided cannot be measured.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 28, 2022, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

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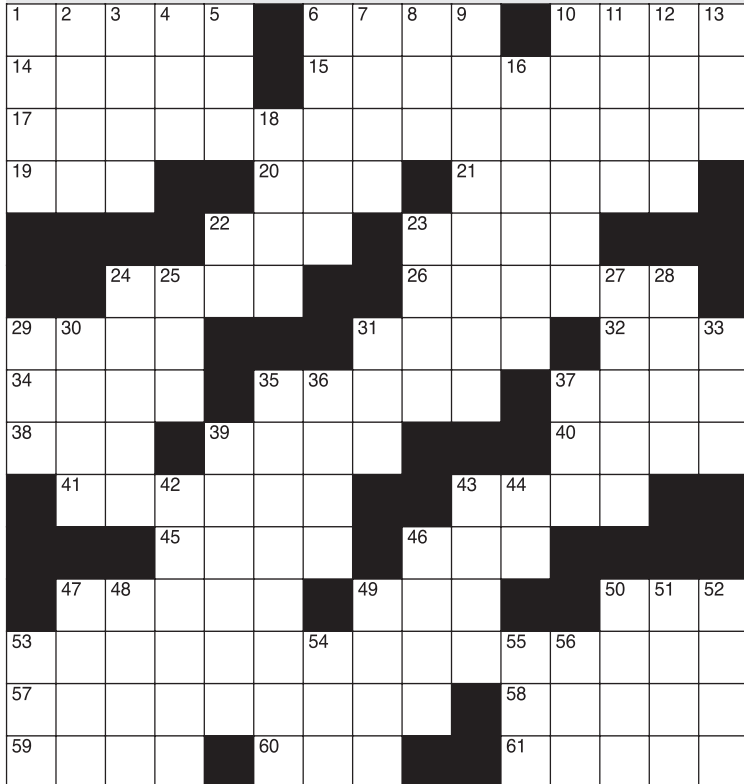
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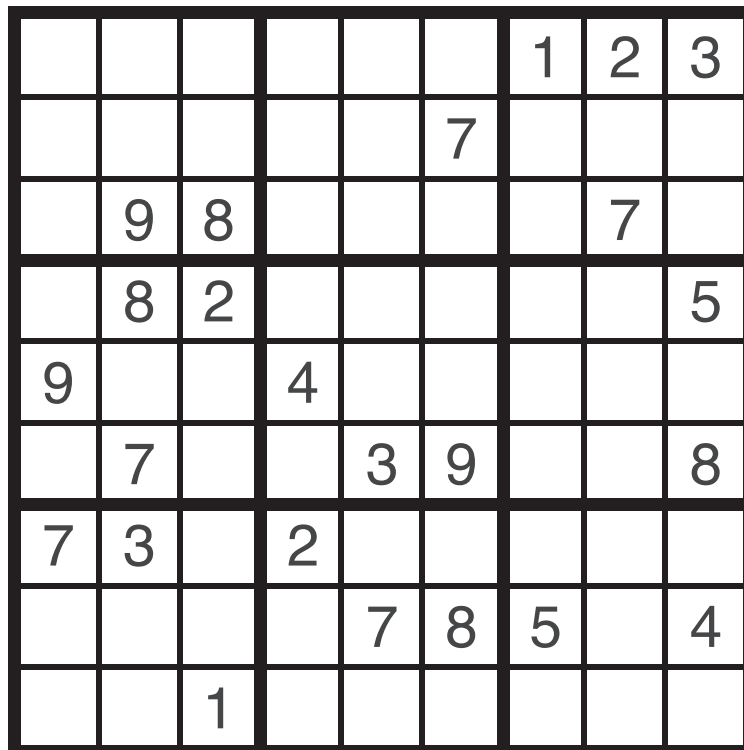
- 1. North American people
- 6. Chinese surname
- 10. Fit in at the last minute
- 14. "Very" in musical terminology
- 15. Underwater displays
- 17. Crosby's bandmates
- 19. Belong to he
- 20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- 21. Sequences of alternating turns
- 22. Genus of grasses
- 23. Satisfy
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Made level
- 29. Ruler of Iran
- 31. Historical region of Syria
- 32. Food suitable for babies
- 34. Something to lend
- 35. Zone of oceanic trenches
- 37. Philippine island
- 38. Domesticated animal
- 39. Plant of the lily family
- 40. Bluish green

- 41. ___ Tomei, actress
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Lilly and Manning are two
- 46. Apply pressure to
- 47. Divide in half
- 49. Bad deed
- 50. Don't know when yet
- 53. Hollywood's greatest honor
- 57. Aiming to exhort
- 58. Faked
- 59. A way to pierce
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Points

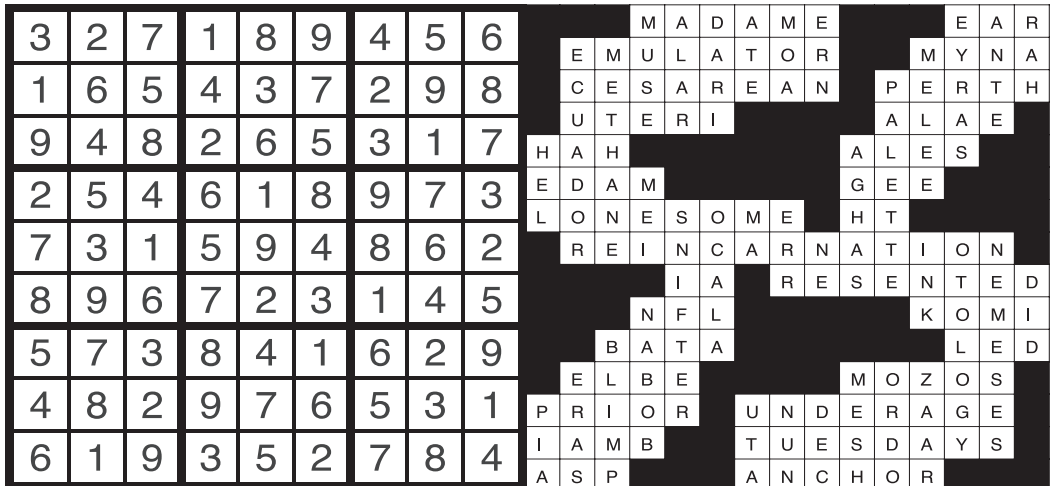
- 18. Injection
- 22. Father
- 23. Protein-rich liquids
- 24. He delivers gifts
- 25. Advanced degree
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Chinese mountain range
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Precursor to hemoglobin
- 31. Much ___ about nothing
- 33. Compound fabric (abbr.)
- 35. A way to act slowly on
- 36. Ottoman military commanders
- 37. Popular kids' network
- 39. Hard compound
- 42. Sympathize with
- 43. Northeast college
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Frosted
- 47. Turn away
- 48. Benefit
- 49. Dry or withered
- 50. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 51. Reproduced
- 52. Contributes
- 53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 54. Wear
- 55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
- 56. Very small

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Chop up
- 2. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 3. Egyptian goddess
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Afflict
- 6. Type of area rug
- 7. Tide
- 8. Affirmative
- 9. Sudden change
- 10. One picked
- 11. Debauched man
- 12. Stiff bristles
- 13. Famous arena
- 16. Established rules and methods



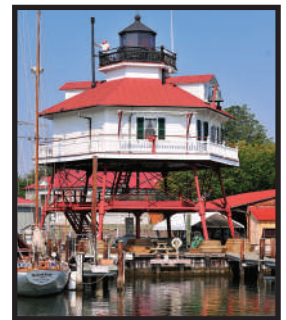
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