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“WE CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THEY [THE STATE] DON’T WANT TO DO ANYTHING,”

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT BUDDY HANCE ON THE STATE CONTINUING TO STUDY OPTIONS TO PREVENT SUICIDAL JUMPS FROM THE GOV. THOMAS JOHNSON BRIDGE



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Bridge Suicide Prevention Measures Still Being Considered

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In February, after two people plunged to their deaths after leaping from the top of the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge, elected leaders in Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles counties called upon Gov. Larry Hogan's administration to install some kind of prevention measures on the span.

Three months and several other jumps later, some of them successful, the state is telling those same local leaders they are continuing to study the problem.

"At the Gov. Thomas Johnson Memorial Bridge, the [Maryland Department of Transportation] State Highway Administration is currently looking at options and performing a study to identify feasible measures that could potentially deter suicides, intervene in attempts, and mitigate risks to individuals and first responders," a letter from state Secretary of Transportation James Ports to the presidents of all three boards of county commissioners stated. "We understand that there is not a 'one size fits all' solution.

"Once the study is complete, we will share the results of our findings, as well as potential next steps."

Charles County leaders were also concerned about more bridge jumpers from the Gov. Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge, which is scheduled to be replaced by a new bridge that is already under construction.

Calvert Commissioner President Earl "Buddy" Hance chuckled when asked what his reaction was to the letter from the Hogan administration.

Hance called the letter from the state a "pass the buck answer."



Commissioner President Buddy Hance

Hance had gone on record in recent months stating that the state had balked at installing a barrier on the bridge that would prevent potential jumpers from completing a suicidal act.

"They said it was too expensive," Hance said, noting that the figure for a barrier at the highest levels of the bridge was in the millions of dollars.

"We clearly understand [the state, they] don't want to do anything," Hance said. "But we're still going to press the issue, because it's important."

Anti-suicide measures at the bridge won't end suicidal ideation, Hance said, but it is still a partial solution to be pursued.

"They definitely have an illness," Hance said of bridge jumpers and all those contemplating suicide. "But it [anti-suicide measures] take away at least one option for them to do it."

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Commissioners Approve Funding Shifts for Schools

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Calvert Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve requests from the board of education to transfer funds within its budget to better fund student transportation and programs for some of the youngest students facing disadvantages to learning.

The first request from the Calvert school board was to take \$750,000 from their budgetary fund for certified teachers and use \$545,000 of that money to support contracted school bus routes with the remaining \$205,000 to be used to for increases in special education transportation capabilities.

The school board also requested to move \$170,000 from its budget for group hospitalization insurance to use that same amount to further support more opportunities for special education student transportation.

A memorandum from Calvert schools chief financial officer Edith Hutchins explained that the additional funds for student transportation would "provide additional funding for Calvert County Public Schools' share of the increased cost of bus driver pay and fringe benefits for [fiscal] 2022."

"Due to employee turnover, savings exist in the Certified Teacher salary account within the Instructional Salaries category to support this transfer," Hutchins' memorandum stated.

Commissioner Chris Gadway asked if

there was funding left in the certified teacher's budgetary category; Hutchins replied that \$700,000 remained.

The commissioners also approved the acceptance by the school board of more funding from federal sources for Head Start program students by an additional \$240,886, most of which is to be spent on instructor salaries, according to county documents.

This increases the Head Start award from the federal government to \$1.98 million, according to school system documents.

Calvert County Public Schools' Head Start program is for 3-year-old children and features a home visiting component as well as community play groups, county documents stated.

Four-year-old children are introduced to a school environment as well as the center-based program for which Head Start is known.

Head Start is located at Sunderland Elementary, Barstow Elementary and PAC Patuxent Elementary.

The funds for the operating grant will be used to pay for salaries and benefits of Head Start staff, professional development, mileage, and supplies to include books, training materials, dental hygiene products and snacks for children, school system documents show.

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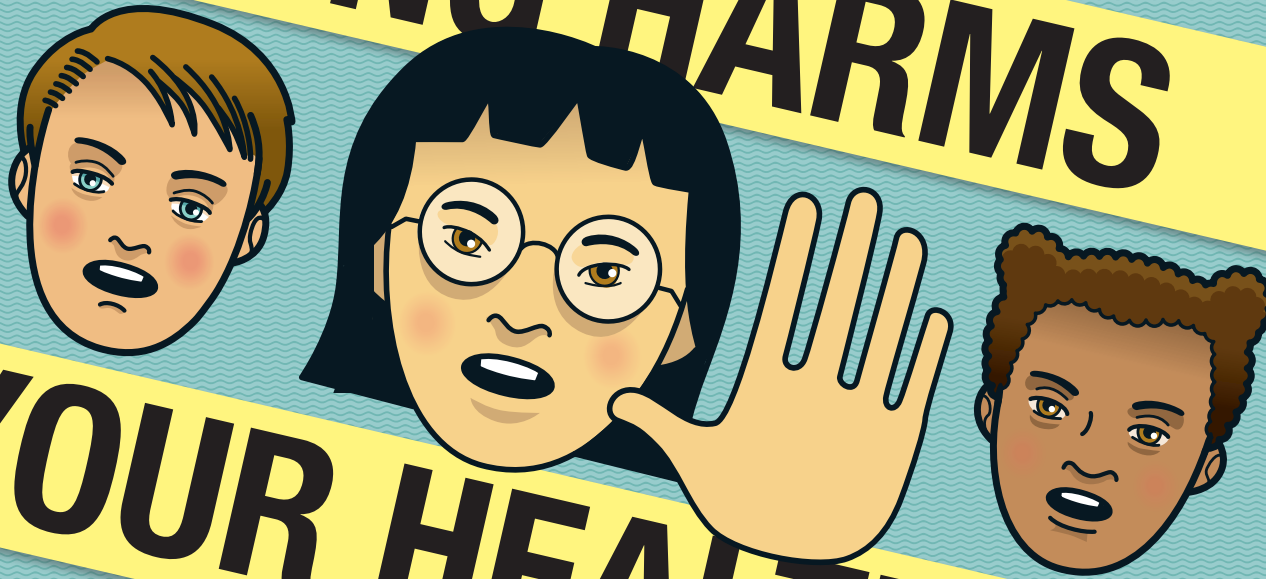


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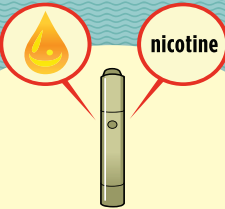


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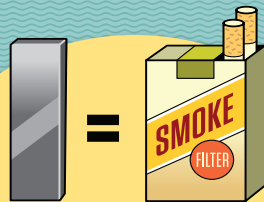
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Harrison Seeks At Large Commissioner Seat



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An accountant who works for Catholic University and lives in Huntingtown is running as a Republican for one of two at large seats on the county commissioner board.

Paul Harrison said he was initially encouraged to run for office by local school mothers who believed the relationship between the county commissioners and the Calvert board of education is poor.

Harrison, who said he has more than 30 years in accounting, finance and administrative work, is most concerned about the county's operating budget and how much elected leaders spend each year.

"We're on a fiscally unsustainable path," Harrison told The County Times. "The assessments on property went up about 20 percent and some of the biggest tax payers are subdivision families."

Residents who are employed by the federal government can still expect pay increases — as can those employed by the county government — Harrison said.

But that was not necessarily the case for those employed by the private sector.

"In the private sector we're not getting these big raises," Harrison said, noting that the current county budget for fiscal 2023 offered significant compensation increases

for county employees in cost-of-living, step increases and in market salary rates.

"That's coming from people who didn't get those increases," Harrison said. "I certainly didn't."

The burdens being placed on residents could only increase, he said, if the county continued its current fiscal policies.

"We're not going to be able to pay our bills without raising taxes," Harrison said. "I do not want to raise taxes."

The COVID-19 lockdowns took a toll on residents' mental health, Harrison said, particularly on young people.

"I'm worried about kids' mental health," Harrison said. "There are resources available for adults, unfortunately there aren't a lot of providers available for kids in Calvert County."

Harrison wanted to find resources to bring more providers to Calvert, he said, outside of what was available at public schools.

"Schools can't do it all," said Harrison. Harrison wanted to find ways to work with the state to relieve traffic congestion at choke points on highways such as Route 4 as well.

"We've got to have more advocacy for our county issues," Harrison said.

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Former Sheriff's Captain Wants Commissioner Seat



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Todd Ireland, a 28-year veteran of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, is running for one of two at-large seats on the Calvert Board of County Commissioners.

"I've lived in Calvert County my whole life," Ireland told The Calvert County Times. "I've had a very rewarding career... and what I enjoyed the most was helping people solve their problems."

Ireland is running as a Republican.

Ireland is concerned about the rate of growth in Calvert and wants to keep a close eye on how much the county expands; growth must be carefully planned and managed, Ireland said.

"I'm big on smart growth, we need to look at the needs of the community," Ireland said.

The recent push in county government to use a pipeline to pump sewage from Prince Frederick to a treatment facility in Solomons Island was an idea he strongly opposed, he said.

"I think it needs to be restrictive," Ireland said of growth in Calvert. "We do need some growth but we need to be smart about it."

Ireland said he wanted to build a better relationship between the board of

commissioners and the Calvert board of education.

"I believe there needs to be a better relationship forged between the two bodies," Ireland said. "There needs to be better communication."

The Calvert school board has come under criticism recently for a perceived lack of accessibility from the public, restricting the number of people who can testify at public hearings to controversial selections of what is being taught in classrooms.

The environment and its protection in Calvert is another of Ireland's key issues, he said.

"I'm concerned about protecting our environment as much as possible... ensuring that we aren't dumping raw sewage into our waterways," Ireland said. "We need to try and minimize pollution in our waterways in any way shape or form."

Ireland said he would also staunchly support public safety, including law enforcement and fire and EMS first responders.

"We need to keep Calvert one of the safest counties in our state," Ireland said.

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Commissioner Candidates Talk About Education

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Republican Central Committee held a forum for GOP county commissioner candidates on April 27 at Southern Community Center in Lusby. All 12 appeared. There is no contested Democratic primary.

The following question was asked: **“How will you ensure our tax dollars will be spent on achieving academic excellence and not indoctrinating our children or meeting the next media- and liberal-decided mission?”**

Their answers, in the order given, are as follows, edited for clarity”

1st District

Mike Hart: I mentioned the Kirwan Report earlier. No one’s going to like this, but the Kirwan Report’s going to tell you what you’re going to spend. It’s going to be a state requirement of what you’re going to spend per teacher. You’re not going to be able to touch that. Now, what’s going to be very, very important is our BOE makeup because our BOE makeup has to do with policy. Mom and dad are the very most important people in your children’s life when it comes to sexuality and anything like that. Religion, that’s mom and dad’s job, not some government official, not somebody sitting in Annapolis that scripted on a piece of paper what they feel of us. I’m a product of this school system. And my teachers weren’t teaching me that stuff. My mom and dad did. My pastor did. My neighbor’s friends, people that were in our in our family, who bought those values to me, not a school system, not the people at 1600, but the people in our family”

Patrick Flaherty: I think if you want to affect change in the school system, you have to limit the funding. And by that, I mean funding at the state-mandated maintenance of effort. Anything above what the school system needs. They can come and make their argument to the board, but by giving them everything above and beyond for these past years, every year we dig ourselves a hole. We can never go back. So, when they want something else, how do we fund that? We already gave you well and above the maintenance of effort and you want more and more and more, but they’re not listening to the parents. Let me send the message. If you homeschool, you take the child out of the school, they get less funding from the state, and from the county, it’s a ratio. You can also petition to change the curriculum. They don’t like people who fight and stand to change the curriculum. You don’t use the name callings. Just argue your case.”

Steve Jones: “It seems to me that that this is a Republican forum. We, the Republican people allowed ourselves to be put in this position. We were asleep at the driver’s seat. There

is a very simple solution to this. It’s called an election. And if there’s people that aren’t in there that we can’t get along with, then we need to change that. We need to make a difference in that. You know, I feel like there needs to be more dialogue and we need to take each other to perhaps a fine dining establishment. Like perhaps the leadership of the BOE, go to Applebee’s and sit down and break bread and have a conversation. It seems like when both sides are getting in front of the microphone, it’s an opportunity to make the other folks look bad. We can do better than that. I know there’s some cheerleaders on both sides, but I think the majority of people are sitting at home and saying, take care of our kids and quit the fighting. Lastly, I feel like maybe we can learn something from the kids. And sometimes feel like the BOE and the BOCC should go to a classroom and let the kids sit in the board room.”

2nd District

Chris Gadway: “I am the only one on the current board of county commissioners that’s voted no against school board funding. I voted no because the specific item was to only allow one race, one gender, to attend a particular class. We as citizens vote for the Board of Ed, we need to make sure that we have the people in the Board of Ed, where right now it is going to take two cycles of elections in order to get some of the people that are making some of the decisions on the Board of Ed out. The county commissioners have invited the Board of Ed multiple times to participate in meetings. They’ve refused to participate in the meetings. They’ve announced meetings without our knowledge. We have reached out to them. We’ve sat in on their meetings in order to work with them. We are required under state law to give them certain funding. I’m opposed to anything beyond that.”

Mark Cox, Sr: “I’m a strong advocate for transparency in our schools for all stakeholders, the board, administrators, teachers, board staff, and the parents. We need to invest in the CTA. There are kids that finish that program and do not go to work. We need to raise the bar on education and not lower the bar. We need continuity between the two boards, which we do not have. I have reached out to Dr. Townsel to try to set up a meeting. I would like to know his goals and see how the current Board of Ed is going to hold him accountable”

3rd District

Kelly McConkey: “With my experience of six years on the board of ed, I know the funding that is needed and the challenges that the board of ed faces today. I can pick up the phone to call any one of the board members and have a conversation about anything with them. It’s a shame that a bunch of politicians are holding our kids hostage, and not funding the schools

properly because they can’t agree on something. I have a problem with that. I’m putting our kids first, that’s how it is with me. We have meetings with them, and we just gave them \$6.6 million over their Maintenance of Effort that was required. And they have good legitimate concerns for that funding that’s needed. So, I support the kids. People need to take a breath. This is for the kids. You’re a bunch of grown-ups. Do the right thing.”

Evan Turzanski: “So as a father of two, this specifically affects me. I’m also an uncle. So, when they told me that they were requiring, my nieces to wear masks, but they were not medically approved masks at the local elementary school, I was shocked. So that was in my opinion, a complete waste of time. It just doesn’t make any sense to me personally. A piece of cotton does not do the same thing as medically approved masks. This was a waste of our funds, our taxpayer dollars. If you’re going to spend our money, we need to see the accountability. I was a medical logistician for six years in the military. This is simple accountability.”

Catherine Grasso: We fought for years on the Central Committee to get Republican candidates to run for school board. It wasn’t until the pandemic that the people really saw what was going on in our school system. And we’ve rallied a great group together that is running for the Board of Ed. We need to get back to basics. We need to have transparency within our school system. These are our children. These are our grandchildren. We have rights to question. We have rights to want what is best for our children and to talk against, or to give our opinions on what is being taught that perhaps may be counter to our value system. Our value systems need to be respected. These are our children.”

At-Large

Todd Ireland: The board of education dictates a curriculum on all these issues and determines their own budget without any input. One of my key points is to try to forge a relationship with the board of education so that there is transparency and there is input not only from the Board of County Commissioners, but also from the parents. I’ve met a lot of great candidates during my campaign that are running for the Board of Ed seats. It’s going to take two cycles, probably to turn things around, as some others have said. I agree with raising the bar. Having an 11th grader at Huntingtown High School, some of the stories that you hear going on in school are just crazy. We definitely need to make some changes as far as that goes.”

Myra Gowans: “I was at a meeting with the county commissioners and Dr. Curry walked in and asked for \$8 million for the Kirwan program that was coming online. This was in January. And I do believe it was Mike Hart

who said, do we get a seat at the table? And he said, no, you do not get a seat at the table. Why not? Because it’s not in the plan. So, here’s what also happens in the state Board of Ed and in the county Board of Ed, they do not pay more for each student because what they do is they say we have X amount of students, but we’re going to add a ten percent number or another number to that. So, you’re actually funding more children than they actually have. The teachers are the same thing. I actually taught at the college, but I also was teaching at a regular school. And it’s out of order. I think we should bring back parent-teacher association meetings.”

Paul Harrison: All that extra money that they’re spending on education the extra money that was just mentioned, the class size stays the same. I heard the superintendent say that on 04/20 for a reason because that guy’s gone. So, listen to me carefully. I’m going to say this twice. There is no correlation to spending and improved performance outcomes for students. There is no correlation to spending and improved outcomes for students. We’ve spent 60 percent more over the last 10 years and the schools are worse today. I have three kids that are all coming up through the county public schools. And I spent every day reeducating them from what they learned. Reading, writing, and arithmetic. That’s what needs to be taught in schools, not climate change. And we don’t need advocacy. Don’t tell me. I don’t want to know who my teacher sleeps with. I don’t care. I don’t want to know who they vote for. I don’t care. I just want people to do their job and not the job of the Democrats.”

Earl “Buddy” Hance: The board of education’s an elected body. We have no control over policies and the things that they do. People have said withhold their money. I will not withhold their money and hurt students. We’ve tried to have a discussion with them about their budget. They won’t talk about it. You saw it on camera a week ago. They won’t even talk about it. So, when we met Tuesday to talk about their budget, you know, I said, I’ll give you \$7 million, which will cover teachers, bus contractors, and the new positions that they asked for and all the other we’ll just have to figure out. And we finally settled on 6.6 and Dr. Curry said, at that time, don’t worry. We’ll take care of the rest. So, ladies and gentlemen, I’ve spent my life working legislative issues with the numerous organizations. I’ve never had anything like this board of education situation in front of me before. I’ve always prided myself on being able to work with anybody. But this is the most challenge I’ve ever faced in my life.”

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Public Hearing Set on Commissioners' Budget

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. to consider and receive comments regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2023 commissioners' recommended operating and capital improvement budget.

The hearing will be held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center located at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick.

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.

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The proposed budget includes changes from the FY 2023 Staff Recommended Budget which was presented on March 22, 2022. General Fund proposed changes will be presented at the hearing. General Fund proposed changes to the revenue side of the Commissioners' Proposed Budget include the refinement estimates that net to an increase of approximately \$580,000. The expenses were increased by approximately \$580,000.

This budget also contains changes to the Department of Planning & Zoning Inspections and Permits Fee Schedule, including changes to the Board of Appeals fees, and adding a fee for commercial permit applications, which are available for review within text of the draft resolution.

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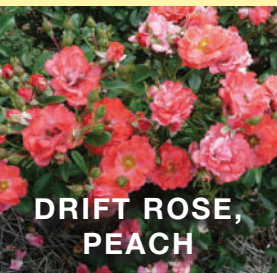
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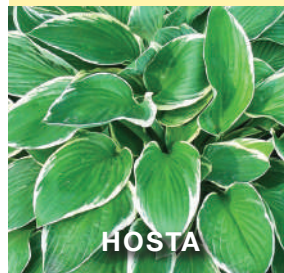
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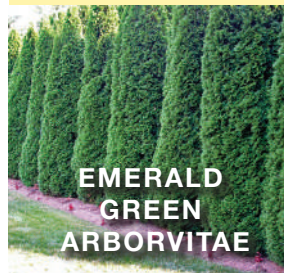
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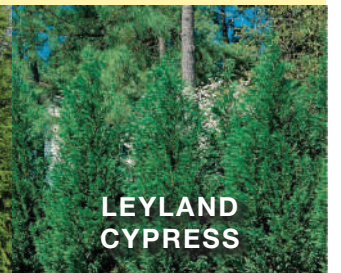
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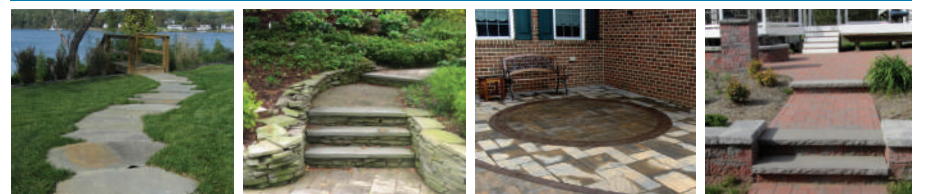
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What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their April 28 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was in a hybrid form, both virtually and in person at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk, on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering.

2) SPR-2020-315, **Dunkirk District Park-Tennis Courts/Parking Lot**, located at 10750 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Dunkirk, on one parcel consisting of 81.42 acres, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. The submittal proposes additional amenities and parking to the existing public park. Scope of the project consists of three groups of tennis courts, parking lot and an ADA accessible restroom building in the back portion of the park. Also being proposed is a new on-site septic system, connection to existing on-site water well and site electrical service for lighting the tennis courts and parking lot. The submittal was accepted October 28, 2020. Agent: WBCM.

3) CSPR-138210, **First Lutheran Church Addition**, located at 6300 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Huntingtown, currently on one parcel consisting of 5.6 acres, zoned RCD. An approved Replat with a second parcel owned by the Church, will bring the total acreage to 8.1 for the proposed project. The submittal proposes construction of a one story 2,900 square foot addition with basement to the

existing church. Existing classroom trailer will be removed upon completion of this project. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Wilkerson & Associates.

4) CSPR-138218, **Barstow Convenience Center**, located at 340 Stafford Road, Prince Frederick on three separate parcels consisting of 83.07 acres, Zoned RCD/EC. The project proposes replacement of the existing recycling center with a new facility that includes improved customer parking, vehicular circulation and separating public vehicles from County vehicles. Site utilities will be connected to services currently supplying the existing maintenance building. The submittal was accepted June 23, 2021. Agent: WBCM.

5) CSPR-138320, **Dunkirk Gateway Business Center**, Lot 11, located at 10375 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk on 2.66 acres, Zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 10,395 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted July 28, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering.

6) SPR-142728, **Lusby Villas**, located at 11770, Lusby Parkway, Lusby on 26.23 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District. Proposed 276 Multi-Family Apartment Units, community center, associated parking lots, utilities and related infrastructure. This project is on public water and sewer. The submittal was accepted September 22, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

7) CSPR-142742, **Magnolia Ridge**, located at the corner of Dares Beach Road and Fox Run Boulevard, Prince Frederick on 31.20 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Village District. Proposed 96 multi-family apartment units and 164 townhouse

units with associated site improvements. This project is on public water and sewer. The submittal was accepted October 28, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

8) CSPR-142795, **Calvert Gateway Business Center**, Lot 12R, Retail Building 'A' located at 10380 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk, on a 4.04 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,493 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted February 23, 2022. Agent: Bay Engineering.

9) CSPR-142807, **Gymnastics & Dance**, located at 655 Skinners Turn Road, Owings, on multiple lots totaling 1.9 acres, zoned light industrial (I-1), using private water and sewer. Proposed 10,800 square foot building for holding classes in gymnastics (7,400sf) and dance (3,400sf). The submitted plan indicates a possible address change due to dual road frontage. The submittal was accepted March 23, 2022. Agent: Wilkerson & Associates.

10) CSPR-142813, **County Administration Building Redesign**, located at 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, on a 6.17 acre lot, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center. Proposed 100,000 square foot, three-story office building on a partial basement. This plan replaces CSPR138334 with a smaller building (100,000sf vs 113,325sf). The submittal was accepted March 23, 2022. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at the same meeting:

1) SD-138121, **Rebecca's Field**, Lots 1-14, located on Cox Road, in Huntingtown, within one-mile buffer of Huntingtown Town Center. 14 lots, on one parcel, consisting of 51.058 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier

III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted August 26, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

2) CSD-2020-089 **Wyatt's Ridge**, Lots 1-24, located on Skinners Turn Road in Owings. 24 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 100.368 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

3) CSD-2020-090, **Bowen's Pride** Section II, Lots 1-12, located on N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, within one-mile buffer of Prince Frederick Town Center. 12 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 34.32 acres. Zoned RCD/FFD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

4) CSD-2021-097 **Lusby Villas, Commercial** Subdivision, Lot 1, located on Lusby Parkway in Lusby. One commercial lot proposed on one parcel consisting of 24.87 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District, Tier I. Submittal accepted February 24, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

5) CSD-2021-201, **Saint Pierre Estates**, located at 80 Toye Lane, Prince Frederick, on a 10.27 acre parcel, zoned Residential District and entirely within one mile of the Prince Frederick Town Center. A Private Right-of-Way is proposed for five lots. This submittal was accepted November 17, 2021. Agent: Wilkerson and Associates, Inc.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of April 25, 2022 – May 1, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,509 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 22-23187

On April 26, 2022, Deputy Novick responded to the 2900 block of Governors Run Road in Port Republic, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised on April 25 unknown suspect (s) damaged a lockbox on the front door of the residence. Investigation revealed suspects broke out an exterior window to the unoccupied residence and made entry to the home. Property within the home appears to have been disturbed. It is unknown if anything was stolen. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$320.00.

Damaged Property: 22-24143

On April 30, 2022, DFC Sturdivant responded to the 2200 block of Line Ridge Drive in Huntingtown, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown black dog entered her property and broke into her chicken coop. The dog broke the fencing around the coop, entered the coop, and killed two of the chickens. Two additional chickens escaped the coop. A search was conducted with negative results. The estimated value of damaged property is \$20.

Damaged Property: 22-24150

On April 30, 2022, DFC Ostazeski was on routine patrol and was flagged down by a citizen on Algonquin Trail in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between 12 a.m. and 7 a.m., an unknown suspect (s) damaged the tabs inside the filler necks of two vehicles on the street. The complainant also reported the suspect (s) siphoned approximately a quarter tank of gas from the

vehicle. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$82.79.

ARRESTS

On April 25th, 2022, Deputy Tavares was conducting speed enforcement in the area of southbound Rt. 4 and Chaney Road in Dunkirk, MD, and observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate weaving in and out of traffic. A traffic stop was attempted, but the suspect fled and continued to travel at speeds exceeding 115 mph through a red light with no regard for surrounding citizens. The suspect vehicle came to a stop in the 900 block of Caravan Trail in Owings, MD. The driver,

Jamal Courtney Glass,

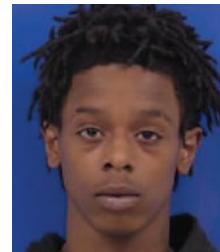
41 of Washington D.C., was immediately taken into custody. A vehicle search incident to arrest revealed a plastic bag containing suspected marijuana and a Ziploc bag containing THC edibles. Glass was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and was charged with Negligent and Reckless Driving and other traffic related citations.



Jamal Courtney Glass

On April 28, 2022, DFC Kelly conducted a traffic stop in the area of southbound Rt. 4 and Whispering Drive in Prince Frederick, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **X-Zaavinian Reginald Buck,** 18 of St. Leonard, MD, a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed a black 9mm ghost handgun and a magazine containing 29 rounds

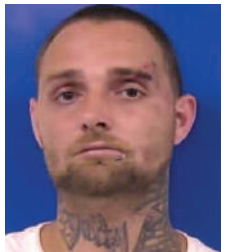
of ammunition. Buck was taken into custody and transported to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office where he was charged with Handgun in a Vehicle and Possession of a Firearm under the age of 21.



X-Zaavinian Buck

On April 26, 2022, several 911 calls were received reporting a male subject staggering in the southbound lane of Chesapeake Ave in North Beach, MD. Callers reported the male to be under the influence, wobbling, and stumbling close to the road. Cpl. Fox responded to the area and made contact with **Angalo Cole Anastasi,** 27 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, who appeared intoxicated.

Cpl. Fox was familiar with Anastasi due to previous police encounters earlier that day. Anastasi was observed hours prior staggering in the road attempting to ride a bicycle through the mulch and landscaping of a business in the area. Anastasi was warned to go home and stay home as he was disturbing the public's peace. Due to the culmination of 911 calls and Anastasi's actions, he was placed under arrest and charged with Intoxicated Public Disturbance.



Angalo Anastasi

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Dana Smith: Educational Sup

School Nurse Successfully Navigates Through the Pandemic



Plum Point M.S. Nurse Dana Smith checks 7th grader Madisyn Williamson.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Friday May 5th was National Nurses Day. Most nurses though, didn't pause to celebrate. They were too busy doing their job, one that became even more on the frontline with the pandemic that is still with us.

Nurse Dana Smith paused briefly on May 5 while doing her job for a picture for The County Times several days after an interview. Smith is the school nurse at Plum Point Middle School and is Calvert County Public School Support Professional of the Year. The award was a surprise honor for Smith but also may be reflective of the school system wanting to highlight the yeoman duty performed by the school nurses during times when the classes were virtual, hybrid and now back in the buildings.

"It was a little challenging," Smith said, particularly with the contact tracing.

"When it first happened, and we were home, I just did a lot of time trying to educate myself on the process, like all of the different rules, like the 10-day quarantine, the 14-day quarantine, isolation, the difference between isolation and quarantine. So, I took a lot of webinars on COVID that first few months when we were out of school," she explained.

"I actually worked for the health

department a little bit, giving shots when that all started." she said, adding, "We got to give teachers their COVID shots when we were out of school and just doing the half days with the internet cafe kids, the school nurses actually gave out COVID vaccinations for teachers that wanted them."

"Once we came back full force last year and we did COVID tracing, that was very challenging for all of the nurses because [it was] on top of our normal days. We see from 40 to 50 kids a day and that's kind of a busy health room," she said.

"We had to call parents and explain the rules and try to educate them," she stated, and "everyone had so many questions and no one really understood how COVID works and so calling the parents was stressful, but yet it was good because I could explain, that your child has to quarantine for this reason, we're trying to keep everyone safe."

"There were lots of long hours involved, staying on the phone and staying after school," she added.

She noted, "My husband [Chad] helped me tremendously during the challenging days by having dinner ready when I worked late."

The overwhelming majority of those who developed symptoms, the contact tracing led to the conclusion that the contact was outside the school, she observed.



"We did a very good job of social distancing," she said. "The kids wore their masks fairly well." "It was a safe situation."

And she added, "Teachers did a good job keeping it under control."

School nurses arrive in that setting often by different paths. Smith was from Ohio and attended Bowling Green State University, intending to be a social worker. She explained, "When I was a senior graduating, I did my internship at a hospice, and I just saw how the nurses know social work. Nurses help people, but it's just kind of a different way. So, I just saw how the nurses saw an immediate response to helping people. I kind of liked that."

She got married right out of college. Her husband was in the military and "we moved away right away and we've moved around a lot."

She worked in nursing homes, not really using her social work degree, "but then I finally decided I should go back to school to be a nurse because I kept thinking that's something that they need and we're moving a lot and it's easier to get a job as a nurse than a social worker."

So, she got her associates degree in nursing in 2003. From there she worked as an oncology nurse, a med surgeon nurse, a cardiac nurse, and most recently hospice

nurse, including at Hospice of Calvert County.

"I got into school nursing because my kids are both school aged. I have a middle schooler and a high schooler; they go to Northern"

"I loved it (hospice) and it was very rewarding, but I just needed a change," she said of the switch.

"One of my friends told me about a school nurse opening and I thought, that would be awesome. I'd always thought school nursing would be good while you have kids because you're off when they're off, you get the holidays off with them. I could still be a mom, but still have a career too."

She mused, "It's funny because getting into it, I didn't realize I would really like it as much as I do because I'm a person that liked the elderly people I worked with."

"When I became the school nurse and I'm working with younger kids, I really, really enjoyed it. I've really learned to like the kids and school nursing is very challenging at times, everything from head injuries to just boo boos on your legs to emotional problems, kids needing me just to talk."

In short there's something different every day. "It's kind of exciting, a little scary at times just because you're the only medical professional there. So, it takes a lot of concentration and focus, which I like."

Support Professional of the Year



She also likes the education part of the job too, which she hadn't considered when she started. "School nurses do a lot of educating, about hygiene, personal health, like my diabetic students or my asthma students," including nutrition.

"Most of the time for me right now, it's just like one on one. Like with certain diabetics, if their blood sugar's low, we've discussed what they could have eaten for breakfast to make it better, like a protein or complex carbs."

Smith won the Support Professional of the Year Award after only being on the job for three years and starting at Plum Point right before the pandemic.

As to the pathway, she said, "Most of the nurses I work with, I think have been other nurses like ER nurses or ICU nurses in the past, but there are some that go straight into school nursing."

"We have great support and everyone's always there to answer questions, other nurses. While I'm at the building by myself, I'm not really by myself because I call my nurse specialist frequently and ask questions."

And other school nurses who have been doing it a long time, she said, "They're always willing to help us and answer questions to the newer school nurses."

So, is she just sitting in her of-

fice and waiting for the problem to walk in the door? "That's not the case, I assure you. I almost get my 10,000 steps in every day. A lot of times I get called away from the health room. You do have to kind of be in the health room, obviously, because kids come to you, but a lot of times you get called away to rooms. If there's an emergency, like I've had students pass out before in a room or have a seizure in a room. I walk around a lot too, in the hallway sometimes at hallway change just to interact with kids.

"I've gone on field trips with kids, like my diabetics if they don't have a parent that can go because they're working, then I have gone along. So, yeah, it's not always in the health room."

She noted, "Today I was going back and forth between two rooms, because we had two different students having some crisis at the end of the day that I was needing to help with and assess."

She added, "Sometimes I have to go find children that need to take their scheduled medications if they don't remember to come to me."

She noted she actually uses three rooms, a health room, an office, and a treatment room, plus an isolation room because of COVID.

As to the education part, she said, "I do bulletin boards. I write little things, for the newsletter,

just little health tips."

Over her unique first three years as a school nurse, Smith was asked if she ever thought she made the wrong decision. "There were some stressful times and I thought, oh my gosh, but no, I still liked it. I liked the fact that I had a purpose because it was weird when it first happened, not being in the hospital. I felt like a nurse without patients. I felt like I should go back to the hospital to help people because when you're a nurse, that's what you want to do. And when the biggest thing that's really ever happened in your lifetime is happening and you are not there to help, and you have the skills. That's kind of what contract tracing with the health department is. You are helping out and doing what you could for the community.

"But when we were back in school, it felt good to help the students, to keep them safe and to try to keep the staff members safe. Everyone had questions for me."

"It was stressful. I don't know if I should say I liked it, but it was good because that's what nurses do. We have to be in there and be around it. I was never really afraid for myself with COVID. But it was a scary thing at first. No one really knew anything. So, I just tried not to be afraid myself and took care of the students like I could

and tested them and got them out of the building and quarantined."

She goes to school energized every day. "It's always something different and it's fun. I really like the kids. I think a lot of them don't have a lot at home to look forward to. So, I think they come to school for that reassurance and that encouragement. And that's a good feeling to know that you can be that person for one of the kids that just needs an extra push, especially right now, after going through all, they went through with the pandemic and being home and not being around people. A lot of kids need support from an adult at school."

As to the award, she said, "I was very surprised and shocked." She added, "I was just thrilled to get it in my building because when you're support staff person of the year in our building, you get a special parking place at school. And I love that."

And to win it all, she said, "That to me was the greatest award ever."

Smith said, "This year was challenging, but thanks to the amazing teamwork of all the staff at Plum Point Middle School, I believe I grew as a nurse. I was able to develop more patience, flexibility and knowledge."

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Paleontologist Publishes Fossil Sharks and Rays Review

Fossil collecting is a popular hobby, both in Maryland and Florida, especially when it comes to finding shark teeth. In fact, Florida has even been referred to as the “shark tooth capitol of the world.” And yet, there has actually been very little published research on the fossil record of sharks and rays from Florida. This new study, written by Calvert Marine Museum Paleontologist Dr. Victor Perez, documents all known fossil sharks and rays from Florida, based on specimens curated at the Florida Museum in Gainesville, Florida.

The study reports 70 different species of sharks and rays that inhabited the Florida platform from 45 million years ago to 10,000 years ago. Among these, 20 species had never been reported from the Florida fossil record. The Florida Museum has a huge collection, with over 100,000 fossils of sharks and rays from the state. Many of these fossils were donated by the amateur collectors that frequently seek out fossils.

Despite the large sample size and numerous new records, the study identified gaps in sampling where additional species are likely to be found. In particular, older fossils from the Eocene and Oligocene epochs are poorly documented from Florida, as well as smaller specimens that often go unnoticed. This new study will be a great

resource to help collectors recognize if they have something new.

The study also documented an interesting transition in the dominant group of sharks, from mackerel sharks (aka lamniforms) to ground sharks (aka carcharhiniforms), which corresponded with a change in global climate. Around 34 million years ago, Earth experienced a global cooling event known as the Eocene-Oligocene transition. This climatic event contributed to widespread extinctions among mackerel sharks, which allowed the ground sharks to take over.

Ground sharks are still the dominant group of sharks in nearshore environments today, including many popular species such as bull sharks, tiger sharks, and hammerhead sharks. Many of these species have specialized cutting teeth that allow them to feed on a wide variety of prey. This likely gave them an advantage over many of the mackerel sharks, which had long, narrow teeth adapted to feed on smaller, fast moving prey.

The paper is published in the journal *Paleobiology* and is completely free to access: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/paleobiology/article/chondrichthyan-fossil-record-of-the-florida-platform-eocenepleistocene/2835CCEC27DC8EE0B24A5B62B1416618>.

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WHERE TRUTH PREVAILS

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.

It had been a furious comeback. After an early deficit and praise being heaped upon media-darling Tom Izzo, Maryland trailed Michigan State by just a single point in the waning seconds. All-everything senior guard Greivis Vasquez penetrated the lane and drained a short jumper to put the Terrapins ahead 83-82 with 6.6 seconds left. Michigan State in-bounded the ball and Draymond Green advanced it feverously up the court. Green stopped at the top of the key and threw a pass, one that nearly clipped another Michigan State player streaking into the frontcourt, to Korie Lucious. Lucious dribbled left and fired a shot as time expired.

It went in. And just like that, Maryland's bid for a Sweet Sixteen berth failed, the college career of Vasquez ended and legendary coach Gary Williams's last great team was no more. It hasn't been the same in College Park since. Hyperbole? Unfortunately, no.

The game was played on March 21, 2010. I watched with my dad. It was emotional. There was screaming. The language was... yeah. I'm still not entirely over it. It comes to mind every time Maryland plays Michigan State. Every time. Maryland didn't play great, but they fought for 40 minutes - a typical gritty, gutsy Williams team. Lucious's shot was a joke. Dude barely contributed. He averaged 5.6 points per game that season. And Green's pass was lucky to even get to him. Argh! I do not like Michigan State, I do not like Tom Izzo, I do not like Korie Lucious, I do not like green eggs and ham, Turtle fan that I am.

The game comes to me in my dreams sometimes. A nightmare? No. I bend reality. Lucious misses the shot. Or he isn't even on the team (he was kicked off the team the following season...more salt enters my wound). Or Green's pass deflects off the trailing teammate and trickles out of bounds. Or Vasquez's shot that put Maryland ahead is actually at the buzzer and not the six-second mark. I make no apologies. These are my dreams. In this realm, reality is up for interpretation - mine.

There is a lot of alt-reality go-

ing on now, and it isn't occurring harmlessly in dream state. The truth is malleable. Concrete facts have morphed into soft Play-Doh and are subject to alteration and weaponization. It is reasonable to believe in different dimensions and parallel universes, but there is no line between some of this stuff now. It is this dimension and this universe intentionally fractured into coexisting sub-realities.

The nation's political sewer is the most obvious playground for this disturbing fact-fictionalism. It's here where one party's members allegedly harvest the blood of children, John F. Kennedy Jr. returns from the beyond, COVID and climate change aren't real, vaccinations are government mind and body control, and Donald Trump is a political messiah who really won the 2020 election. Truth isn't derived from an amalgamation of unquestioned facts; it's pick-a-topic, assign it an inflammatory name or slogan and blast it in short sound bites, over and over, louder and louder. Like the wave of a Jedi's hand, suggest that the blue room is actually green, often and obnoxiously enough, and the hue begins to change.

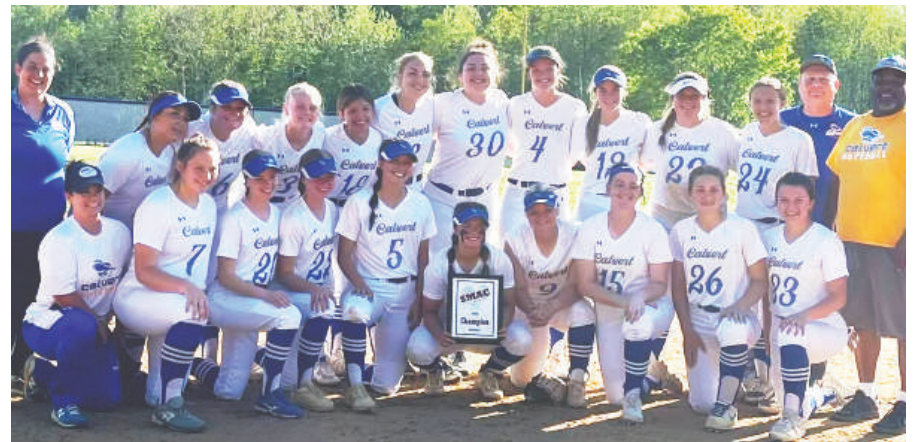
Macro level, it is a troubling trend of self-victimization and bait-taking that is counter to, even threatening of, fundamental American ideals. This once great bastion of democracy - a grand system with inherent discord that assumes the existence of shared, fundamental truths and a respect for the democratic process and will of the people - has become a caricature of itself.

Which is why sports - a place where truth prevails - is such a pleasant retreat. At the end of any contest, there is an undeniable, accepted verdict - a winner and a loser. Gripes about play calls, lineup decisions or poor officiating never change the outcome. Losing players and stakeholders can fuss, moan and lament what could have been, but none of it can alter facts. None of it can change an opponent draining a three at the buzzer to send your team packing and crush your soul on an otherwise beautiful spring afternoon.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

Calvert High Softball Wins SMAC Championship

Coach Lauren Robison piloted the Cavaliers to a 3-2 over Northern to capture the title on Tuesday.



Emily Davis and Megan Chroniger display Championship Plaque



Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

It was a rocky start to the trophy rockfish season a week ago Sunday, but the fishing improved all week until the ugly rain, gale winds, and cold came in Saturday morning. Old Man Winter is kicking up a fuss, and is resisting his eviction notice. This looks like the week that he clears out and we get some 70 degree temperatures and Spring can take up residence.

Stripers showed up in the Cove Point area for trollers and jiggers. Some beautiful fish were on the 18 foot shelf between Little Cove Point and the Cove Point Light. There were fish on the points from CCNP to the mouth of the Honga River for lure casters, but all are under-sized.

Boats out of Deale found their limit of trophy rockfish from Eastern Bay to the mouth of the Choptank.

All this was before the weather came in and closed us out. The clearing on Monday was good, but the wind and super-high tides kept the boats tied up.

We will all be pioneers on Tues-



Great pair of fish from just above Little Cove Point, landed on spinning rods jigging chartreuse cocktail lures.

day when conditions allow us out for the first time in three days. How the weather affected the fish and their whereabouts will be anybody's guess.

Perch, trout, redbfish, and crabs have all been on hold in the cold and rain. As soon as the weather warms, they will all hurry to make up for lost time. Be ready.

Bass, crappie, bluegill, and pickerel will all be hungry now. Fresh water fishing will be excellent with the infusion of the needed rain.

Gallery Features Flora, Fauna, & Feathered Friends

For the month of May, the artists at Artworks@7th Gallery are embracing their marvel of the natural world through the theme of Flora, Fauna, and Feathered Friends. You'll see beautiful birds on Helene Vonnegut pottery; a silk painted Peacock from Nico Gozal; Donna Tizol's "Fruit of the Vines", watercolor on Yupo paper and much, much more! Several of our artists are providing sunflower paintings in support of Ukraine with 100 percent of the proceeds going to The World Central Kitchen.

Our featured artist this month is photographer Wayne K. Thomas, a D.C. native currently residing in Charlotte Hall. Wayne excels in various genres of photography, particularly landscapes and street photography. Travel and discovering new things, even those in plain sight, is when he is most engaged, most inspired, and most challenged. His "Kent Island Heron" and "Sunset Angler" are just a sampling of what you'll see. Come enjoy his large format pieces- you may discover one that you cannot

live without!

Please join us for our opening reception on May 7 from 1 until 4; light refreshments will be served. If you can't make the reception, visit the gallery any time during the month to see your favorite bird or flower through the art of local artists.

Money spent locally stays in the local economy and continues to strengthen the economic base of the entire community. Small local businesses make indispensable contributions to communities and neighborhoods. Supporting local artists allows them the opportunity to continue to serve their communities. You will often see members of Artworks@7th supporting local charities and organizations by participating in art shows, teaching workshops, and donating items for fundraisers.

ArtWorks@7th is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue (near 2nd street) in North Beach. Our summer hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

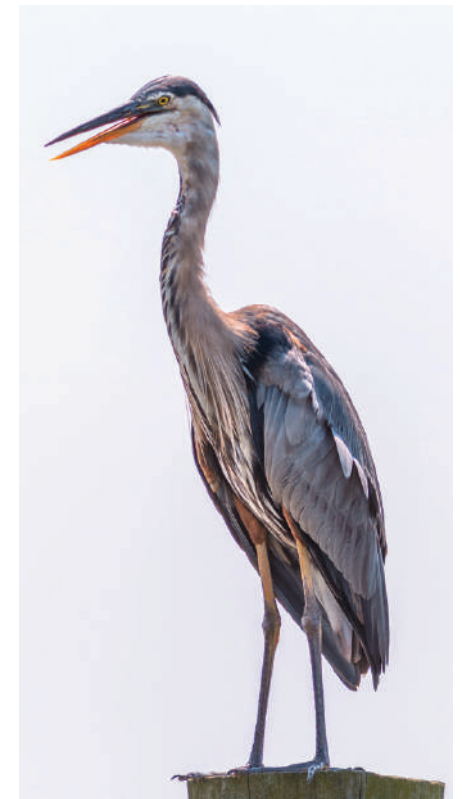
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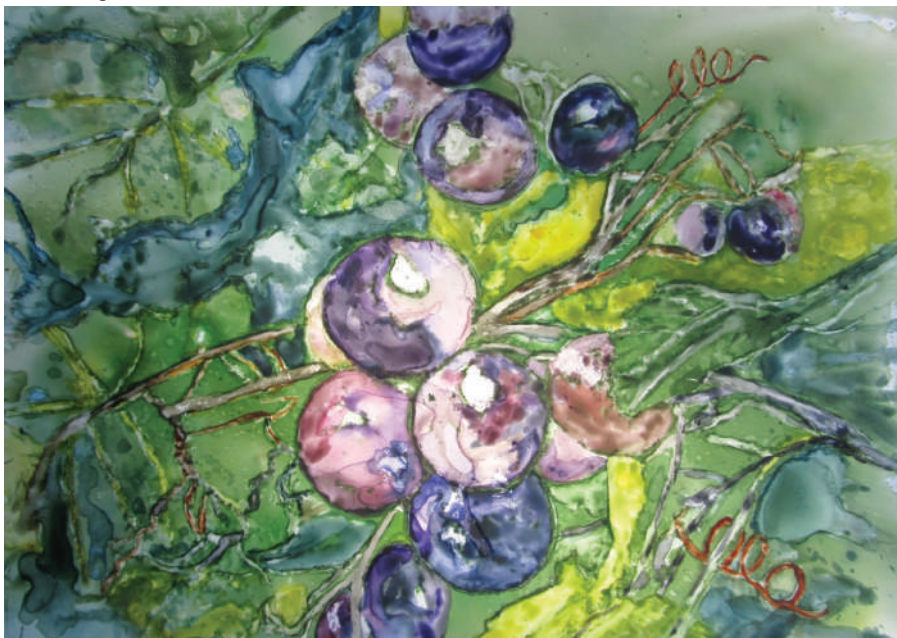
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Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to Perform in Solomons

Music for Maryland tour launches state-wide initiative



The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) will perform July 30 at 7 p.m. at the PNC Waterside Pavilion located at the Calvert Marine Museum. Over the next three years the BSO will visit every county in the state as part of their Music for Maryland Tour, which showcases the Orchestra being owned by the entire State of Maryland. The launch of their 2022 concert lineup will take them to six locations around the state: Carroll, Calvert, Kent, Howard, Garrett, and Prince George's counties.

Led by conductor Jonathan Rush, each performance will showcase curated pieces to celebrate each

county's spirit. With the Patuxent River as a backdrop, the Orchestra will perform Jonathan Leshnoff's *Dancing Blue Crabs!* to commemorate the significance of the Maryland blue crab in Calvert County. This family-friendly concert will be highlight of the summer! The BSO will also offer free programming for young listeners and families at each location on their tour.

Tickets will be available to purchase for \$5 per person.

For more information on the Music for Maryland Tour, visit: <https://www.bsomusic.org/Summer>

Press Release from CMM.



Letters to the Editor

CountyTimes

Calvert Needs Local Journalism

To the Editor:

You ran the subject Editorial in the 28 April edition of The Calvert County Times. I could not agree more. Calvert County's other weekly paper - The Recorder - ceased publication as a stand-alone entity over a year ago and was consolidated into a regional publication - and it's just not the same. Calvert Countians who relied on it to stay informed of local goings-on lost a lot. Yes, there are online news providers but anyone who relies solely on them is not getting the in-depth knowledge and perspective only a local newspaper can provide. I'm not saying the online sources have no value; all I'm saying is that they should not be one's primary / sole source of information.

If we're to stay informed on the issues before our local governments and other institutions we need someone there asking questions, holding officials to account, and letting us know what's happening. If The Calvert County Times goes away there's nothing out there to replace it. After reading the subject editorial I scanned the QR code, went to your site, and purchased a subscription. To anyone who reads this, please - if you value the knowledge provided by quality reporting of local events - consider paying what you can; you can pay as little as \$1.95 for a single issue. Also write our elected officials and let them know how important our local newspapers and news organizations are.

Sincerely,
Joseph Lester

Thanks from Hospice

To the Editor:

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Calvert Hospice, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those individuals and businesses who helped make our first Culinary Event in three years a huge success! We are especially grateful to Running Hare Vineyard, Elegance by Maryland Country Caterers, and the NightLife Band for continuing to contribute their time, resources, and talent for another year.

We are pleased to share that this year's Culinary Event raised over \$100,000 - the most in event history! These funds will help us provide hospice and palliative care throughout the community as well as specialized programs like in-school grief support groups, bereavement programs, and targeted veterans' services. Looking toward the future of our agency and the exciting recent announcement of our pending acquisition by Hospice of the Chesapeake, it is important for our donors to know that funds raised in Calvert County will stay in Calvert County to be used to support services here in our community.

Many individuals, organizations, and businesses deserve recognition for their contributions to the evening. First, we'd like to thank our Hospice Partners, Constellation and Floor Systems, who have made a sustained and unique commitment to Calvert Hospice and our work. We'd also like to recognize our many generous event sponsors: Baddour Law Firm LLC, Brennan Title Company, Bonnie Barrett, Regency Commercial Construction, PNC Bank, Bob Carpenter, Bob Hall LLC, Elegance by Maryland Country Caterers, M&T Bank, Calvert Marina, Garner Exteriors, APOD Group, LLC, Marianne Harms, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Kelly Generator and Electric, Gregory Kernan, Jan Kleponis of O'Brien Realty, Lee Funeral Home, Peggy McKelly, Scott and June Mellinger, Jim Ritter and Dixie Miller, Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Dr. Stephen Peters, Calvert Commercial Financing, Margaret Phipps, Register of Wills, Rod N Reel Resort, The Rickwood Team/First Home Mortgage, Rymer & Associates, Running Hare Vineyard, Mike and Karen Sharpe, Gail Siegel of O'Brien Realty, Idea Solutions, Right At Home Southern Maryland, Dr. John Weigel, Paul and Donna Wilson, and Hospice of the Chesapeake

Our thanks also go to those who donated items for our auction and raffle: Carmelo Ciancio, Carmen Lee Nance Gambrill, Maertens Fine Jewelry and Gifts, and Michael Scarborough.

Finally, a special thank you to our auctioneer, Bill Chambers, for leading an energetic live auction and to Beth Graeme, our wonderful event photographer.

The staff and volunteers of Calvert Hospice were the true driving force behind making this event such a memorable evening. The months that they spent planning and preparing for the Culinary Event are a testament to their commitment to our mission. We are incredibly fortunate to have a team of such dedicated professionals and volunteers.

Most importantly, we would like to express our appreciation to all of our guests who attended this year's event. We were thrilled to see many new faces, as well as those of our longtime supporters. Your generosity will help us to continue to meet the needs of all of those in our community facing complex or life-limiting illnesses and grief support needs.

With gratitude,

Sarah Simmons, Executive Director
Claire Piason, Director of Development
Amanda Peterson, Communications and Volunteer Manager

If you would like to submit a Letter to the Editor
include your name & town of residence.
Email: DickMyers@countytimes.net

**Sell it - Buy it
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Tri County Livestock Auction
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month - Auction begins at 4 PM
Located Off MD Rt. 6 West - Charlotte Hall, MD
(closest physical address is 9033 Glock Place - Look for auction sign at entrance)
This auction is managed/conducted by the Tri-County Livestock Auction committee.

NOTE: In accordance with the recent Executive Order issued by the State of Maryland (related to the Avian Flu), NO Poultry will be received or sold until further notice. The auction will be held and open for the sale of other animals (such as rabbits, goats, sheep, calves, pigs, etc.) and other items.

Grocery Auction - Leonardtown VFD
Thursday, May 26, 2022 @ 6 pm
Leonardtown VFD - Leonardtown, MD
Doors open at 5 pm, Auction starts at 6 pm

"Ponies, Minis & More" Auction
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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, May 12

Sea Squirts

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

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

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.

Friday, May 13

Free Rooftop Car Show by the Bay

Rod 'N' Reel, 4165 Mears Ave.,
Chesapeake Beach Md
4-9 p.m.

Cool cars, neat paint, much chrome, loud pipes!

Four stories up on the roof of the Rod 'N' Reel parking garage.
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Saturday, May 14

Twin Beaches Health & Wellness Fair

Kellam's Field, 3825 Gordon
Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach.

5th Annual Shatter the Stigma 5K run/walk, registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the run/walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Starting at 10:00 AM, members of the public can receive free health screenings, cancer screenings, and information on smoking cessation, diabetes, children's socialization programs, office of aging services, substance abuse prevention, and recovery, and behavioral and mental health services.

To prepare for fun in the sun, services such as boating safety, fitness/exercise offerings to include a yoga session during the event, and paths and walking trails are just some of the free offerings for the public at the Health & Wellness Fair.

Calvert Arts Festival

All Saints' Episcopal Church in
Sunderland,
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sample the best wines and craft beers from Southern Maryland makers at 16th Calvert Arts Festival. 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 gla\$\$ 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.

Sunday, May 15

The Concerts at Saint Nicholas
St. Nicholas Lutheran Church,
1450 Plum Point, Rd.
Huntingtown, MD, 4 p.m.

St. Nicholas Lutheran Church is pleased to present "And With My Song Will I Praise Him." Music offered by Haleigh Vance on the violin and viola, Michael Vance on the saxophone and and Chrissy Thomas on the piano. The concert is free and open to the community. All welcome.

Thursday, May 19

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 Bees, Bugs & Flowers!

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UPCOMING

Night at the Museum for Friends with Disabilities

Calvert Marine Museum,
Friday, May 20 – 5 – 7 p.m.

The museum and grounds will be open exclusively for guests with disabilities and their families, friends, or caregivers from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This FREE event is offered in cooperation with Calvert County Parks & Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS). Meet the museum otter mascot, learn about fish, fossils, river otters, skates and rays, maritime history, and enjoy activities in the Discovery Room. Explore the boat basin and Drum Point Lighthouse. A calming room will be available. The Museum Store will be open and full of items for all ages and interests. Cruise on the Wm. B. Tennison at 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for each person to ride the Wm. B. Tennison - Call 410-535-1600, ext. 8204 or 8205 to register for the Tennison cruise. Pre-registration is suggested to access the museum – register online at <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us> and search for Activity #470773-A.

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum,
Saturday
May 21 – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Join us on a 2-hour public sail aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's, and experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. For tickets click here: [Dee of St. Mary's Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website](#)

Maritime Performance Series

Calvert Marine Museum, Friday,
May 27 – 7p.m.

Diane Daly is a vocalist of moody contrasts and evocative depth. Certainly, one who cannot be pigeon-holed into one particular style. Diane has spent her career exploring a world of music from the strictest classical solos to avant-garde caba-

ret. Performance is in the museum's Harms Gallery starting at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. with beer and wine for sale. Tickets are \$20 online at bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts, and \$25 at the door, as space allows.

ONGOING

Free Drive-thru Rabies Clinics

The Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Animal Services Division, in partnership with the Calvert County Health Department will host drive-thru rabies clinics to offer free rabies vaccinations for pets. Clinics will be held Wednesdays, from 5-7 p.m. at the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter on the following dates: May 18, June 15

Online registration is required. Interested parties can register using the shelter calendar online at www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Proof of prior rabies vaccination is required to receive the three-year vaccine. Eligible pets include cats, dogs and ferrets in carriers or on leashes and muzzled if necessary. Citizens are advised no special accommodations will be available for animals that cannot be restrained by their owners, such as feral or aggressive animals.

Calvert County pet licenses will also be available at the rabies clinics. Pet licenses are \$7 for spayed or neutered pets (proof required) and \$20 for those not spayed or neutered. A Calvert County pet license must be renewed every year and is required for all cats and dogs ages 5 months and older.

Living Well with Diabetes

Southern Pines Senior Center on
Mondays through May 23
at 1 p.m.

In collaboration with the Calvert County Health Department, the Calvert County Office on Aging is offering a free, six-week "Living Well with Diabetes" program for citizens 50 years and older. This interactive class provides practical tips and insights to help those with diabetes and pre-diabetes learn how to manage their condition. All materials are provided at no cost. Participants must register by calling 410-535-5400, ext. 355.

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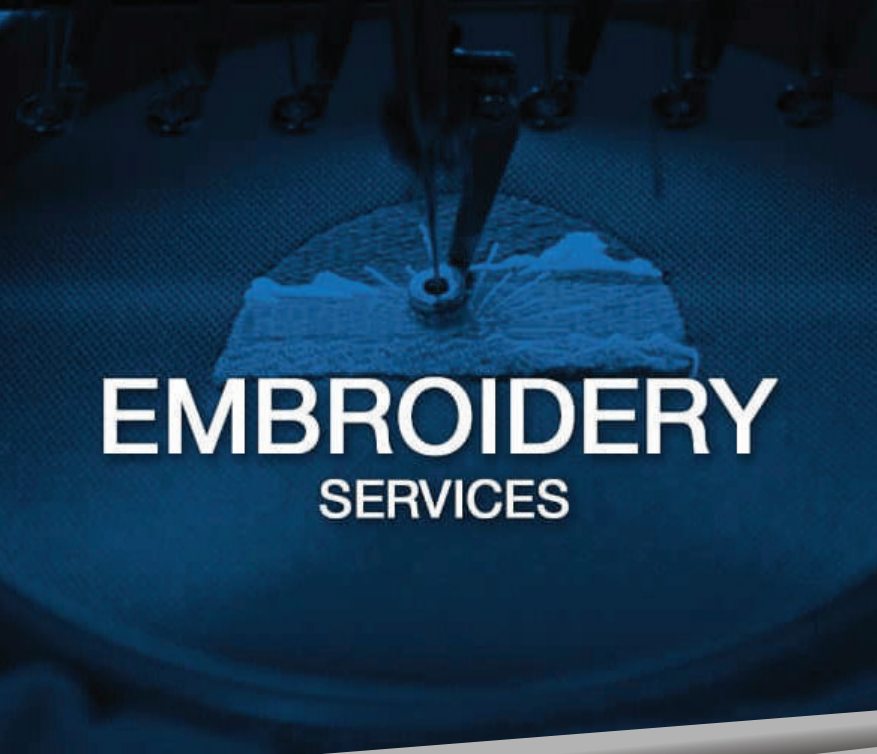

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PROTECTING YOUR ASSETS AND YOUR CHILDREN THE SECOND TIME AROUND

*Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel*

What are pre-nups? These are pre-nuptial agreements entered into by prospective husbands and wives that set forth how the couple wants to manage their assets in the event one of them dies or there is a divorce. Some people consider pre-nups to be anti-romantic. However, others recognize that these days, when so many people get divorced or whose spouses have died and then get re-married, pre-nups play an important role in taking care of children from a prior marriage and protecting the assets of those who have been previously divorced.

Not long ago, we were approached to create a pre-nup for a wonderful couple in their mid-80's. The couple met in an assisted living facility, fell in love and decided to get married. Both of them had been married and had adult children and grandchildren from their prior marriages. Rather than create controversy in the family about inheritances, the couple decided to make it clear in their pre-nup that each of their children and grandchildren from prior marriages would continue to receive the inheritances they were expecting from their parent or grandparent after marriage. With the pre-nup signed, the children and grandchildren of the couple were able to celebrate the new marriage with no concerns about what would happen when their mother/grandmother or father/grandfather died. In this case, both parties had assets to protect for their children and, by creating the pre-nup, both parties helped create family harmony with their new extended family members.

Pre-nups are commonly used to protect children from a prior marriage. What does a pre-nup involve? Primarily, each party exchanges financial information with the other. One of the primary assets a person has is their retirement account. When a person marries, their new spouse has a legal claim on the retirement account of the other spouse. Particularly in cases of a second marriage where children are involved, most parties want to preserve their retirement accounts for their children. The pre-nup makes that clear—each party agrees they will not claim against the retirement account of the other in the event of death or divorce.

Similarly, if one party owns a house, upon marriage the other may assert a legal claim to ownership of one-half of the house. Under the pre-nup, each party clearly states that when they marry they will not assert any claim to the house the other owns.

What about other assets each party

might own individually? The pre-nup addresses those as well. For example, suppose one party has a valuable stamp collection that they have promised to a grandchild. The pre-nup will make it clear that the stamp collection is the sole property of one party and will not be distributed or divided up on the death of that party.

The pre-nup addresses property owned by each party individually prior to their marriage. But, what about property the soon to be married couple acquire after marriage? This too is addressed in the pre-nup. Ordinarily, the couple decides that they will split any assets they acquire after marriage, fifty-fifty. So, if they buy a house together as joint tenants with right of survivorship, and one of them dies, the other takes complete ownership of the house. In the event of a divorce, the other has a claim for 50% of the value of the house. Of course, there are lots of other factors that are involved, but you get the picture.

In a pre-nup, each party exchanges personal financial statements with the other. These financial statements must be complete and detailed so that one party can never accuse the other of hiding any assets.

A pre-nup is a contract between the parties. As such, it is enforceable in a court of law. Some people think that their Will or a Trust has decided who owns what assets after death, but whatever you have decided in those documents is not enforceable because the surviving spouse can execute a new Will or Trust after the death of the other spouse that completely changes the distribution of the property. People that use pre-nups are concerned about this. Even if your potential spouse has an excellent relationship with your children from a prior marriage, when you die, how can you be assured those children will be protected? Not with a Will or a Trust—only through a pre-nup.

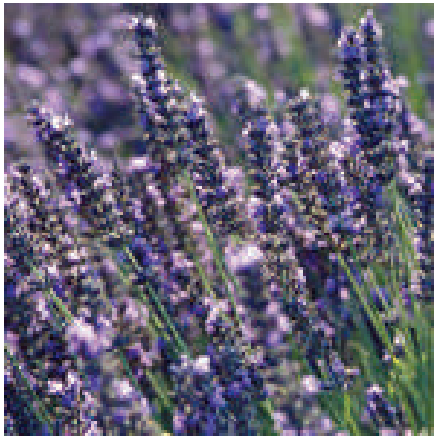
To those who claim the pre-nup is anti-romantic because it addresses what happens on divorce or death, think again. Divorce may not be inevitable but death is. If you want to truly protect your children the second time around and preserve family harmony, both parties should welcome the opportunity to do so in a pre-nup.

Join me for a discussion of this and other matters on the third Wednesday in June at 11 am at our offices at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your seat. See you there.

In Remembrance

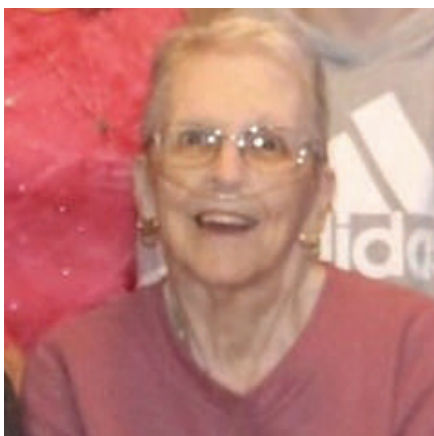
The Calvert County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to dickmyers@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Cynthia Jean Forgue



Cynthia Jean Forgue, 34, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away on May 5, 2022 in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She was born on September 1, 1987 on Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines to Dennis Forgue and the late Virginia Griego Forgue. Cynthia is survived by partner, Dustin Crigger, their son David Camden Crigger, her father, Dennis Forgue, USAF Ret., siblings; Cristina Brisley, Catherine Butler, Christopher Forgue and Charlene Forgue. She is also survived by her extended family Kellie and David Crigger. The family will receive friends on Monday May 16, 2022 at the Rausch Funeral Home, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD from 5-8 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Tuesday May 17, 2022, 11 AM, at Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church, Huntingtown, MD. Interment will follow in Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens Port Republic, MD.

Joan Harriet "Nana" Rapczynski



Joan Harriet "Nana" Rapczynski, 79 of Lusby, MD and formerly

of Brandywine, MD, passed away on May 3, 2022 at her residence.

Born December 15, 1942 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Daniel Calvin Koch and Kathryn Irene (Herb) Koch.

Joan graduated from Suitland High School in 1960. She was a school bus driver/coordinator for the Prince George's County School Board for fifteen years, retiring in 2008. She was a member of the Girl Scouts, Annmarie Gardens and the AMC. She loved spending time with her grandkids, sewing, crocheting and going to craft fairs. Joan was a Nationals baseball fan.

Joan is survived by her husband, Charles J. Rapczynski, whom she married on September 3, 1960 in Riverdale, MD; children, Buddy (Sandi) of Bel Alton, MD, Jimmy (Julie) of Mechanicsville, MD, Rick (Christy) of Mechanicsville, MD, Dan (Mary) of Alexandria, VA and Katy (Chris) of Haymarket, VA; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and siblings, Bill Koch of Crossville, TN, Helen Koch of Fredericksburg, VA and Alice Hamilton of Cookeville, TN.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Reception to follow, location will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Girl Scouts of America, Attn: Office of Philanthropy, P.O. Box 5046, New York, NY 10087-5046 or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

Parran Broome Briscoe



Parran Broome Briscoe, age 56, of Saint Leonard, Maryland, passed in the care of the compassionate nurses at University of Maryland Medical Center on May 2, 2022. Parran was born on August 31, 1965 in Annapolis, Maryland to the late Cassandra Parran Briscoe and James Thompson Briscoe III.

Parran attended The Calverton School and Fork Union Military Academy, and he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Agriculture from North Carolina State University. He moved back to Southern Maryland to work on the family owned farms, Stonesby and Cage.

Parran was a 4th generation farmer on Stonesby Farm; he was committed to the preservation of the land for agricultural purposes and to pass to future generations. He farmed tobacco and grain, but he particularly loved his work raising beef cattle. When he wasn't farming, he enjoyed flying radio control planes, boating on the weekends, and collecting and fixing antique clocks and watches. He honed his craft of roasting pigs at Christ Church picnics, family celebrations, and even won a contest at Mount Victoria.

Parran was a lifelong member of Christ Church Port Republic; he served on the vestry for several terms. Parran was a member of the Vansville Farmers Club where he served as secretary for many years. He was also a member of Southern Maryland Society and the Southern State Co-op board; additionally, he served on the Colonial Farm Credit board nomination committee. He was awarded Cooperator of the year for Calvert Soil Conservation District for his good stewardship of Stonesby and Cage Farms in 2005.

He is survived by his loving wife Holly Rogers Briscoe, son James Thompson Briscoe IV, and daughter Delaney Barbara Bris-

coe of Saint Leonard. He is also survived by his sister Shannon Briscoe Campbell (David), brother Crofton Briscoe (Kim), and numerous nieces, and nephews, and cousins.

Should friends desire, contributions may be made in his memory to Farming 4 Hunger, P.O. Box 2348 Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678, <https://www.farming4hunger.com/donate/>

Gary Wayne Miller



Gary Wayne Miller, 72, of Owings passed away May 1, 2022. Gary started his 30-year career with the C&P Telephone Co. in Washington, DC in 1967 as a storekeeper. He was promoted to CO Tech in 1970 in the SW central office. In 1975 he went to Capitol Hill as a PBX repairman. In 1982 the company was renamed Bell Atlantic and he transferred to Special Services Data and from there he transferred to Corp Telecom in Maryland under Verizon, retiring in 1997. He then went to work for the Comptroller of the Currency as a contractor supporting network and voice equipment. He retired again in 2015.

Gary is survived by his wife Ginger Miller and son Douglas Miller.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Scream loudly
- 5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
- 8. The bill in a restaurant
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing
- 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order
- 33. Foundation for an idea
- 38. Small, faint constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety

- 47. A way to heal
- 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier's gear
- 59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
- 62. Doctors' group
- 63. Actress Susan
- 64. Appropriate

- 14. Indian musical pattern
- 19. Fulfill a desire
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Before
- 26. Popular color
- 27. Peyton's little brother
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 29. Put onto
- 34. "Much __ about nothing"
- 35. A way to mend
- 36. Anger
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Mobilized
- 40. Resembles an earlobe
- 41. Cut of meat
- 42. Nigerian people
- 44. Recently
- 45. Square stone building at Mecca
- 46. Adhere to orders
- 47. Adventure story
- 48. Marine bivalve mollusk
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Tibetan village
- 54. A way to change by heating
- 58. A beam of sunshine

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. College army
- 5. Black eye
- 6. One who stopped working
- 7. Teach a value
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. "MASH" actor Alda
- 10. "Friday Night Lights" director
- 12. Midway between south and southeast


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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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