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Early Voting Start Featured Long Lines and Waits



Early voter turnout brings long wait times. Photos by Ceandra Scott

By Dick Myers
Editor

The first day of Early Voting for the 2020 General Election in Calvert County featured long lines and long waits. According to Election Administrator Gail Hatfield, 1,620 voters went through the line, of which 641 were Democrats, 751 were Republicans, and 222 were Unaffiliated.

Interestingly, the numbers this year for the first day were slightly lower than the 2016 Early Voting first day. But Hatfield noted that this year's numbers were quite impressive considering the requirement for social distancing.

The parking lot behind the Community Services Building on Duke Street in Prince Frederick is on three levels and the line wound around each parking area tier. Hatfield said the wait was about two hours to vote.

In the 2016 Presidential Election, 18,000 voters participated in Early Voting.

Early Voting continues each day though Monday, Nov. 2, the day before the general election. Early voting is from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, including the weekend.

Hatfield said that 21,000 mail-in ballots were sent out as requested by the registered voters and so far, as of Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27, there had been 13,250

returned. Mail-in ballots can be returned through Election Day as long as they are postmarked by Nov. 3. The drop boxes at the Community Resources Building, Southern and Northeast community centers and the four high schools are available for deposit 24/7 through election day.

Calvert County for this election has 67,954 registered voters, of which 28,171 are Republican, 24,587 are Democrat and 15,216 are Unaffiliated or other parties.

On the ballot this year are races for president, House of Representatives, and two contested school board races, in addition to two ballot questions (see separate story).

Also, this year the Town of Chesapeake Beach is holding an election for mayor and town council. There are three candidates (although one has dropped out) for mayor and eight for six council positions.

Voting on Nov. 3 will be at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall located at 8200 Bayside Road from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

That location is only for town election voting. The countywide Voting Centers are at the Community Resources Building and the four high schools, also 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

As for Early Voting, in-person voting on election day requires masks and social distancing.

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Sheriff Deputy, Motorist Injured in Head-On Collision

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded on Oct. 26 at approximately 7:57 a.m. to the area of Broomes Island Road and Chippingwood Drive, Port Republic, for a report of a serious motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival, units located two vehicles off the paved portion of Broomes Island Road, both with front-end damage.

One of the involved vehicles was a Calvert County Sheriff's Office marked patrol cruiser.

A preliminary investigation revealed that shortly prior to the accident Calvert County Sheriff's Office patrol units were dispatched to a 911 call for a burglary in progress in Port Republic, MD. Two police units were traveling eastbound on Broomes Island Road responding to the call with emergency equipment (lights and siren) activated. Traffic was yielding to the emergency vehicles approaching a curve on Broomes Island Road near Clover Drive. As the Sheriff's Office vehicle negotiated the curve it lost control and ultimately entered the westbound lane

of Broomes Island Road. The cruiser struck a Toyota Sienna van head-on, forcing them both from the roadway.

The Toyota van was being operated by April Lee Lyons, a 38-year-old female of Port Republic. The Sheriff's Office marked patrol cruiser was being operated by Deputy S. L. Stevens, a 22-year-old female deputy. Lyons was transported by ambulance to PG Hospital Center Trauma Unit and is listed in critical, but stable condition. Deputy Stevens was transported to an area trauma center where she is listed in critical, but stable condition.

Preliminary contributing factors considered at this time are wet roadway conditions and driver error on the part of the involved deputy; however, the investigation is in the early stages and the full causation is unknown at this time.

The collision is under investigation by Cpl. V. Bortchevsky of Crash Reconstruction Team anyone with information regarding this event are asked to contact Cpl. V. Bortchevsky via e-mail at vlad.bortchevsky@calvertcountymd.gov or by calling (410) 535-2800.

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“Serving the Unserved” Plan Advances

County Considers Using Cable Franchise Fee

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has agreed to schedule a public hearing on a proposal to use proceeds from the Cable Franchise Agreement to extend service to the unserved areas of the county.

The issue has become a pressing one with the at-home online learning that families face. The school system has estimated about 150 homes lack service and they have set up internet cafes in schools to deal with those service lapses.

“It only works if we get it all done,” said Commissioner Mike Hart of the initiative started last year called “Serving the Unserved.”

Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo told the BOCC at their Oct. 20 meeting that off the 475 unserved homes identified last year, 318 still remain.

Vassallo said a State Pilot Grant has been awarded to serve 20 homes on Sixes Road and seven homes on Flag Point Road, with connection planned before the end of the year.

Additionally, a study has been completed for serving 154 homes in the Barstow area. That would cost \$1.6 million. A state grant will be sought for that project.

Estimated total cost to serve the 318 unserved home is \$3.7 million, with the state contribution pegged at \$1.8 million, the county’s at

\$1.4 million and cable provider Comcast with a \$406,000 contribution.

But in the meantime, the commissioners decided to consider tapping into that annual franchise fee to forward fund that Barstow project and continue with the remainder of the homes needed to reach 100 percent. The county collects about \$1.5 million as a franchise fee from Comcast.

Under the current agreement, Comcast has a 15 homes per mile density requirement. In the most recent agreement, the standards cost-free drop was extended from 125 feet to 300 feet.

Still to be decided is whether the county would pick up the cost of that last section of cable to serve the home for those unable to pay for it.

Commissioner Buddy Hance noted, “I am not sure how they (those who have already paid for it) would feel if their neighbor gets it for free.”

But there is a resolve by the BOCC to get to 100 percent coverage. President Kelly McConkey noted it was an economic development issue since so many people are working from home.

“This is really urgent to help our citizens,” he said.

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Shopping Center Proposed for Lusby

Calvert Planners Get a First Look

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission at its Oct. 21 meeting got a first look at a proposed new shopping center in Lusby. Called Shoppes at Town Square, the center would be on land behind the existing Lusby Shopping Center (Weis Market) and Town Square Drive, one of the entrances into Chesapeake Ranch Estates (CRE).

The commission, however, was not asked to vote on the shopping center concept plan, but instead on the idea of using a portion of a realigned parkway between Rousby Hall Road and Town Square Drive as one of the centers access points.

The original Lusby Town Center Master Plan had a parkway, with several roundabouts, going through the property on which the existing Lusby Shopping Center now sits. The planners last year agreed for a reconfiguration of the parkway with an extension of the “existing Lusby Parkway from Rousby Hall Road (over Gunsmoke Trail) to Town Square Drive,” according to a staff report.

The planners, after hearing a presentation, agreed to the new parkway



Aerial rendering of Shoppes at Town Center shown at the bottom left in orange with the Lusby Shopping Center to the right and Town Center Drive and post office to the left.

extension and to the general location of the shopping center. The concept plan for the center will have to come back to the planners when it is ready for submittal.

According to documents presented to planning staff, the center was described as: “Multiple pad sites with uses to be determined during marketing. Current marketing has revealed interest from: eating establishments with and without drive up; commercial retail uses; and automotive service/supplies.”

If drive-in restaurants are included, they would be the first in Lusby Town Center.

One of the entrances would be off HG Trueman Road using the existing right of way for the rear of the Lusby Shopping Center, according to documents submitted to the commission by developer’s representative Dan Kelsh, with Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

The staff report presented by Planning Commission Administrator Paul Conover said, “Staff’s presentation

today is conceptual only and future iterations of the Lusby Parkway details and cross-sections will be developed by a design consultant hired with a ‘Complete Streets’ grant awarded the county by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. County staff is in the process of selecting a consultant to begin the study.”

The report goes on to say, “This proposal will facilitate the extension of Lusby Parkway 72- (plus or minus) foot right-of-way (ROW) cross-section to directly connect with Town Square Drive by upgrading Gunsmoke Trail, from an existing 40-foot private ROW to an ultimate 60-foot public ROW. This proposal will also allow for the optimum design and development of the proposed Shoppes at Lusby Square project, which would otherwise have been significantly impacted by attempting to impose the original Master Plan road alignments.”

There were no negative comments from planning commission members about the proposal which Conover said he was able to detect by their heads going up and down during the virtual meeting.

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Townhouse Project Approved

Sixty-seven Units in Prince Frederick

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission has given site plan and subdivision approval for a 67-unit townhouse project in Prince Frederick. It is on 11.56 acres, with frontage on MD Route 2/4 to the east and Prince Frederick Boulevard on the west. The approvals came at the commission's Oct. 21 meeting.

The project, called Patuxent Commons, is in three parcels, with two for the townhouses and one for commercial development. The commercial portion will be presented at a later date.

The project applicant was Bultrite Homes. Commission member Lisa Williams, who works for the company owned by her father, recused herself from participation in the discussion, as she has on several other recent occasions since being appointed to the commission.

"The project is separated into a northern area and southern area by a parcel in the middle owned by others," according to the staff report presented to the commission.

The report said, "The northern portion of the property has frontage on MD Route 2/4 which is where the future



Site plan for Patuxent Commons.

commercial lot (Lot 68) is shown. There is a 35-foot front setback along the property road frontage at Prince Frederick Blvd. and along MD 2/4, and a 20-foot side and rear setback from all adjacent properties. The property is adjacent to existing residential to the north, and existing commercial and retail uses to the south and east." It is next to the King Building.

As to access, the report said, "Site access is proposed via private rights-of-way from Prince Frederick Boulevard. Sullivan Lane is a proposed private right-of-way off a newly constructed

traffic circle for vehicular access for the 22 lots in the southern portion of the project, and Potomac Court is the private right-of-way for access to the 45 lots in the northern portion of the project. The community layout includes sidewalks along the frontage of Prince Frederick Blvd. as well as along Sullivan Lane and Potomac Court. There are hard surface paths that connect to the recreational amenities." The recreation area is 4.6 acres.

According to the staff report presented by Principal Planner Christine Finamore, "The proposed project is lo-

cated within the Prince Frederick Town Center Zoning District, and therefore requires Architectural Review Committee (ARC) review and approval. Building elevations, retaining walls, fences, lighting, outdoor construction, and signage are required to gain approval. The applicant received ARC approval with conditions at their September meeting. The Planning Commission Administrator signed the ARC approval on October 5, 2020."

As to environmental features, the report said, "The site is in the Hunting Creek watershed, which drains to the Patuxent River and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. There are steep slopes present on the property, with most areas along the property frontage of Prince Frederick Blvd. and MD Route 2/4, as well as close proximity to the existing King Building and associated parking. Steep slopes within the middle of the site are most likely the only natural remaining steep slopes on the property."

The site and subdivision plans for Patuxent Commons were unanimously approved by the rest of the commission.

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Planners Table Armory Square Change

Would Have Reduced Residential Density

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission has rebuffed a request by the county commissioners to reduce the allowable number of residential units in the proposed Armory Square project in Prince Frederick.

According to planning staff, the commissioners had requested a reduction from 24 units per acre to 14 units per acre as the allowable density in the New Town District of Prince Frederick, land which formerly held the Calvert Middle School and is slated for mixed-use development as Armory Square, across from the former National Guard Armory.

The planning commission had been requested to review the proposed zoning ordinance text amendment and then forward it to the commissioners for a joint public hearing.

Instead, the planners voted to table the request until after the zoning ordinance update was completed, which could be several years away.

Planning commission member Lisa Williams asked what the rush was and why the proposal wasn't being considered with the update.

She also asked why the reduction was to 14 units instead of some other number. Deputy Director of Zoning Judy Mackall noted that 14 units per acre were the allowable density in other subdistricts of Prince Frederick, and the change would bring it into conformance.

Planning commission member Dr. Richard Holler noted that the original decision to allow 24 units must have been made for a reason and that the master plan calls for directing development into the town centers such as Prince Frederick

The commissioners at their March 10 meeting unanimously approved a purchase and sale agreement for the property now known as Armory Square.

The purchase price is \$3.8 million. The buyers are Westmoreland Partners of Washington, DC and Generation Properties, LLC of Dunkirk. Rick Bailey, former president of Marrick Homes, is a principal in Generation. Westmoreland is reportedly involved in large shopping center developments.

The two companies will be purchasing two tracts of land totaling about 12 acres. The county will in turn use part of the proceeds to purchase a 32,000 square foot parcel on Steeple Chase Drive for a bus transfer station. The developers will pay \$225,671 for that and then be given a credit for it at closing.

The contract requires the developers to close within two years at the agreed-upon price.

According to a memo to the BOCC from Director of Economic Development Kelly Robertson-Slagle, the transaction was being done for the following reasons:

- (1) the project will add approximately 125,500 square feet of new commercial space,
- (2) create 450 new jobs,
- (3) increase commercial tax revenue
- (4) allow for potential retention and complimentary adaptive reuse of the Armory building, and
- (5) allow for acquisition of land strategically located for the previously planned county bus transfer station.

According to the documents presented, approximately 51,000 square feet of the commercial space would be for medical offices.

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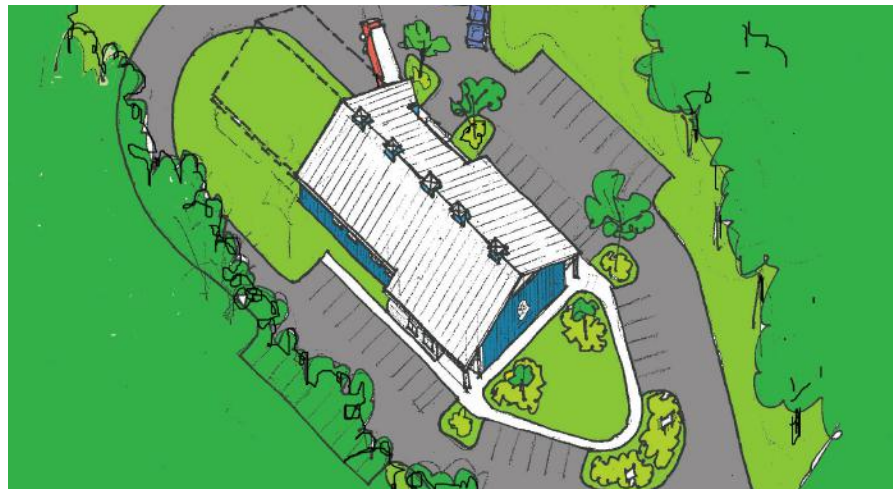
By Dick Myers, Editor and
Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland has agreed to provide St. Mary's County with an additional \$500,000 for construction of the Regional Agriculture Center (RAC) in New Market next to the county transfer station.

St. Mary's County won the bid for the location of the regional center in their county and Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) provided \$1 million to the county to construct the building which will then be operated by SMADC on behalf of the five counties it serves (Charles, Calvert, Anne Arundel and Prince George's, in addition to St. Mary's)

According to SMADC Director Shelby Watson-Hampton, they originally had \$2 million in tobacco restitution monies for the project, with \$1 million set aside to furnish and operate the facility.

She told The County Times that cost overruns for the construction were not unexpected, due to the pandemic and increased building costs. She told the council at their Oct. 15 virtual meeting that getting the long-discussed and much-anticipated building constructed was important and thus the providing of the extra \$500,000



was justified. "Getting it built would be the first priority," she said.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development, said SMADC had planned to seek extra funding for the project beyond the \$1 million initial award to St. Mary's.

"It's not a lot of money for a project like that," Kaselemis said. "We're refining what it's going to look like."

Also, the land upon which the regional agricultural center is to be built does not have water or sewer running to it, Kaselemis said, and the county is still assessing

those costs.

"There are no issues with it," Kaselemis said of the land next to the convenience center near the Lettie Marshal Dent Elementary School.

Kaselemis said the county could look elsewhere for a site to place the RAC, but only if it's found to be a better site.

"That's still our primary site," Kaselemis said of the current piece of land.

The council, on a motion by Commissioner Todd Morgan and a second by Commissioner Eric Colvin voted to provide the extra \$500,000 to St. Mary's contingent on

the county absorbing any other cost overruns. That prompted Sen. Jack Bailey (R: St. Mary's, Calvert) to observe, "This is not just a St. Mary's County issue." He suggested that the other counties be asked to contribute to help St. Mary's if extra monies are needed.

Charles County Commissioner President Rueben Collins said of the possible need for extra funding, "This is the first I've heard of it." He said he would have to take any such proposal to his board.

Watson-Hampton said emails would be going out to the other four counties bringing up the subject.

She said the need to find extra monies if there are additional cost overruns is related to the fact that her budget was cut 25 percent because of COVID-19 state fiscal belt tightening.

She said they operate frugally and have not needed to cut any staff or programs as the result of that budget reduction.

According to SMADC, the RAC "will be a public/private partnership providing a set of complementary services with the capability of adding value and profitability to products from Southern Maryland farmers."

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Public buses will run on a regular schedule, Monday through Saturday, and along regular routes during the early voting period through Monday, Nov. 2, and on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

For seniors age 60 and up and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specialized service customers, curbside-to-curbside transportation service will be provided to any of the five vote centers and two additional drop box only locations. Riders must schedule an appointment at least 24 hours in advance by calling 410-535-4268.

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Early voting continues through Monday, Nov. 2. Early voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Board of Elections office located on the lower level of the Commu-

nity Resources Building at 30 Duke St. in Prince Frederick.

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, voters may cast their ballot in person at any of five vote centers in Calvert County, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters who requested a mail-in ballot may submit their ballot by mail or by placing it in one of seven secure drop boxes available throughout the county.

Vote centers and drop boxes will be available at the following locations:

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- Patuxent High School
12485 Southern Connector Blvd., Lusby, MD 20657
- Northeast Community Center (drop box only)
4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732
- Southern Community Center (drop box only)
20 Appeal Lane, Lusby, MD 20657

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Press Release from Calvert County government.

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This virtual dedication will feature a keynote message by nationally-known writer Jelani Cobb. This artistic construction being erected near the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium features commissioned work by artists Norman Lee and Shane Allbritton of RE:Site and poet Quenton Baker.

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Local Choir Sings Together Again

For many of us, singing together, whether formally or informally, was something we took for granted. But group singing, along with everything else in our world, fell victim to the coronavirus. The pandemic may have paused the music in our lives, but one group has found a way to sing together again.

For over 20 years Voices In Praise (VIP), a faith-centered, community youth choir made up of students in grades 6-12, has been providing young people with opportunities to sing, serve others, and grow in faith and friendship. When the pandemic shut down churches, schools, and community centers, VIP was forced to suspend operations for the spring and summer. After being forced to leave their home base when it closed to outside groups, VIP also had to find a new home.

Undeterred, Director Holly Reynolds Lee was determined to find a way to bring back the choir.

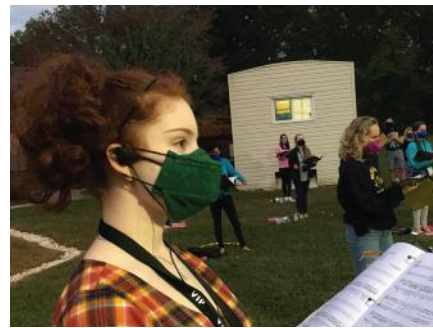
"Voices In Praise has been a model for us for a long time for how to be creative and innovative," said Randy Edwards, leader of YouthCue, an organization devoted to impacting young lives through the power of choral music. Lee began planning how to sing together safely while talking with



VIP rehearses outside with director Holly Reynolds Lee. Photographs by Kim Hynes



Jake Heyer during rehearsal. Photographs by Kim Hynes.



Abigail Elliott, a veteran member of the choir. Photographs by Kim Hynes.

community organizations that could provide an appropriate environment for her young singers.

Friendship Community Baptist Church in Dunkirk took up the challenge and graciously invited the choir to lease space.

Music in the age of COVID cannot happen without tremendous planning and thought. It requires new equipment and extra precautions including individual microphones, masks, thermometers for checking temperatures, individual music packets (no sharing),

and air purifiers for when the group moves indoors.

To help cover these and many other unanticipated expenses, VIP, Inc. applied for and received a \$10,000 Calvert County COVID-19 Small Business & Nonprofit Relief Fund Grant. This lifeline will support their efforts to keep kids singing.

VIP kicked off the fall season at the beginning of September, welcoming more than 40 singers. Being socially distanced, staying outside, using microphones, and wearing masks made the rehearsal safe, if somewhat awkward. The necessary safety precautions did nothing to dim the kids' enthusiasm to be back together and singing. There was not only music in the air that night, but real joy. The group is looking for opportunities for "Courtyard Concerts" where they can sing outside to people. The first has been scheduled at Asbury Solomons on November 1 where residents will listen from their rooms. VIP plans to create new recordings of their music so that everyone has the chance to hear them sing.

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9x12	\$4.50	20x35	\$27.45
10x12	\$5.00	20x40	\$31.35
10x15	\$6.25	24x36	\$33.85
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12x16	\$22.40	30x60	\$174.60
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Ballot Questions Pose Key Public Policy Issues

Deal with Sports Betting, State Budget Process

By Dick Myers, Editor
And Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

Voters going in-person to polling places in the past have often been confronted with a decision that they may have been unprepared to make – ballot questions. They usually are prepared to vote for the candidates but may have missed the fact that they also had decisions to make on proposed constitutional amendments or advisory opinions for the legislature. Many just pass or vote “No” out of abundance of caution.

The questions are often on important public policy issues and such is the case of this year’s general election ballot. The two questions voters are being asked to decide are:

Question 1 - State Budget Process

The proposed amendment authorizes the General Assembly, in enacting a balanced budget bill for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to increase, diminish, or add items, provided that the General Assembly may not exceed the total proposed budget as submitted by the Governor.

Question 2 - Commercial Gaming Expansion Referendum

Do you approve the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland to authorize sports and events betting for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education?

Commercial Gaming Expansion Referendum

Question 2 probably is generating the most discussion because it is the one that voters feel might impact them the most, although Question 1 may in fact have that effect.

There are parts of the electorate opposed to gambling on religious grounds or out of concern for gambling addiction. They would most likely vote against it. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Maryland lists the following pro and con arguments of the question:

Arguments in Favor:

Allowing sports betting in Maryland would enable the state to compete with the 14 states that are already raising revenue this way.

Illegal sports betting already takes place. Maryland should provide a legal way to place such bets to tap into that market and thereby reduce criminal activity.

Depending on how it is implemented, Maryland could raise as much as \$20 million a year that could be invested in education which could yield long term benefits for Maryland residents

Arguments Against:

Maryland already has legalized a lottery, slot machines and casinos with various gambling table games. This would add another way to raise money from people who may not be able to afford it and may become addicted to gambling.

If sports betting is implemented in a similar manner to casino gambling, most of the revenue raised will likely go to the gambling venues with only a small portion going to education.

Sports betting could have an impact on how fans watch games because they could be more interested in making money than appreciating the sport. It could impact the game for players as well, especially if wagering is allowed on college sports.

Southern Maryland, with its history of gambling, may be more inclined to support the initiative than other areas of the state. All of the legislators contacted by The County Times do support it.

The proposal as presented to the voters leaves some unanswered questions, most notably being where the sports betting would occur. If passed that question would be answered by the legislature, probably next year.

Senator Thomas V. “Mike” Miller (D: Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s) said there was an attempt in the State Senate this year to have race tracks be the sports betting venue to help out that industry, but the effort failed in the House, leaving the answer open-ended.

So, the decision to be made is whether it should be in licensed casinos, race tracks, or as some suggest, the state’s two football stadiums, FedEx Field and M&T Bank Stadium. Or some combination of the options. Miller doesn’t necessarily favor the football stadiums.

What Miller does insist on is a lock box, to earmark the sports betting revenue for education use.

Calvert County is also home to several licensed gaming parlors in Chesapeake Beach. The town has an advisory question on its ballot asking voters if they support the state awarding sports betting licenses to places in the town.

The voters are also being asked whether they support full casino licenses in the town.

Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat “Irish” Mahoney said the answers to the questions will be advisory to the planning commission that is rewriting the town’s comprehensive plan.

Mahoney doesn’t feel that sports betting will be coming to town, but instead the state will approve it for the casinos and racetracks.

Miller agrees. “We are not going to allow that to happen,” he said about a sports betting venue in Chesapeake Beach.

Delegate Jerry Clark (R: Calvert, St. Mary’s) will vote ‘Yes’ for the question. “I don’t have a problem with sports betting,” he said, and agreed they would most likely be in casinos and at racetracks.

Miller notes that now sports betting is done illegally online in Maryland. The key he said would be for Maryland to legalize the sports betting in locations that the state could control and reap some financial gain for education.

On Question 2, Todd Eberly, a political science professor at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, said the prospect of extra revenue by law carried little political risk for those legislators who favored it.

“Who wouldn’t want free money?”

Eberly said. “They [legislators] get to collect revenue without collecting a tax.”

The constitutional question, as it is written, has very broad language that allows betting on events other than on sports, Eberly said.

“Little league, the Presidential Election, the Oscars,” Eberly said. “Under the law, the definition of events could be widely [interpreted].”

Eberly noted that while the revenue taken from sports betting could rightly be considered voluntary, there was the argument that for some bettors the activity was something they could ill-afford or were compelled to engage in because of gambling addiction.

About a decade ago, when the state saw its first casinos being built, Eberly said, most could see that gambling was going to be expanded even more.

“They saw the handwriting on the wall,” Eberly said. “I suspect this is why it [Question 2] would pass and pass easily.”

State Budget Process

This question may seem more esoteric to voters, perhaps believing it won’t affect them. But the truth of the matter is that the state budget affects everyone one way or the other, from how much taxes they pay, to the quality of the schools their children attend, the level of police and emergency services protection, and the condition of the roads upon which they travel.

Miller, an amateur historian, said the current process in which the governor presents a budget, and the legislature can only make reductions has been in place since the turn of the 20th Century. At that time he said the legislature was approving budgets for which there wasn’t enough revenue. A commission was set up and the current system was put in place as a solution.

But Miller notes that now Maryland is the only state in the country that doesn’t allow its legislature to do what the constitutional referendum would allow.

Under the change, the legislature couldn’t increase the governor’s overall budget, but it could make line item changes, increasing one item, but then requiring a decrease in other to balance the budget.

For instance, Miller said the legislature could decide more money needs to go to community colleges and less to four-year universities.

Miller insists the proposal is not a partisan one, since current Republican Governor Larry Hogan would be out of office when the change occurs.

Clark disagrees, calling it a Democratic initiative. “It’s a wrong move. I encourage people not to vote for it,” he said.

Clark said if it isn’t a partisan issue, why wasn’t it proposed under a Democratic governor.

But Miller countered that the legislators are elected by the people from the four corners of the state. “People want their local people to have a say,” he insisted.



Eberly said Question 1 would represent a significant shift in budgetary power to the legislature, but their spending ability would still be limited.

“The most important thing that wouldn’t change is the spending cap by the governor,” Eberly said. “In no way could it result in greater spending overall.”

The reality, Eberly said, was that the legislature already passes laws that mandate spending, in essence, achieving the goal to a greater extent that Question 1 seeks to codify into law.

The Maryland League of Women Voters lists the following pro and con arguments for Ballot Question 1:

Arguments in Favor:

The Maryland Legislature has less power in the budget process than any other legislature in the United States.

Members of the public might have more ability to influence funding for programs of importance to them because they have more opportunities to interact with legislators during the General Assembly Session than they do to influence the Governor or the state agencies as the budget details are negotiated and finalized for presentation.

For decades, Republican and Democratic legislators have proposed this change while Governors from both major parties have been in power. The provisions of this bill will not take effect until the election of a new Governor and members of the General Assembly are elected.

This Constitutional Amendment would not change the current requirement that the General Assembly must pass a balanced budget.

Arguments Against:

Because the Governor would have the power to enact line item vetoes, there may be more Special Sessions to override those vetoes. Special Sessions come with a cost.

Because the public will be advocating for new or increased funding for particular programs, legislators could be swayed to support programs that the Governor did not feel should be funded at that level.

It could take longer to pass a budget.

Legislators may have more concern about programs that affect their constituents, while the Governor may have a more statewide perspective.

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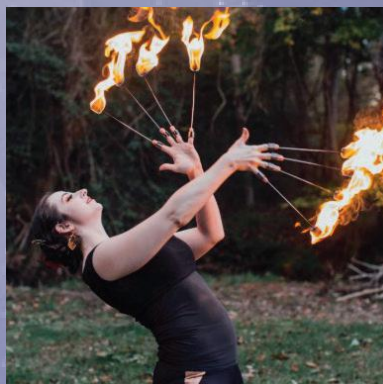
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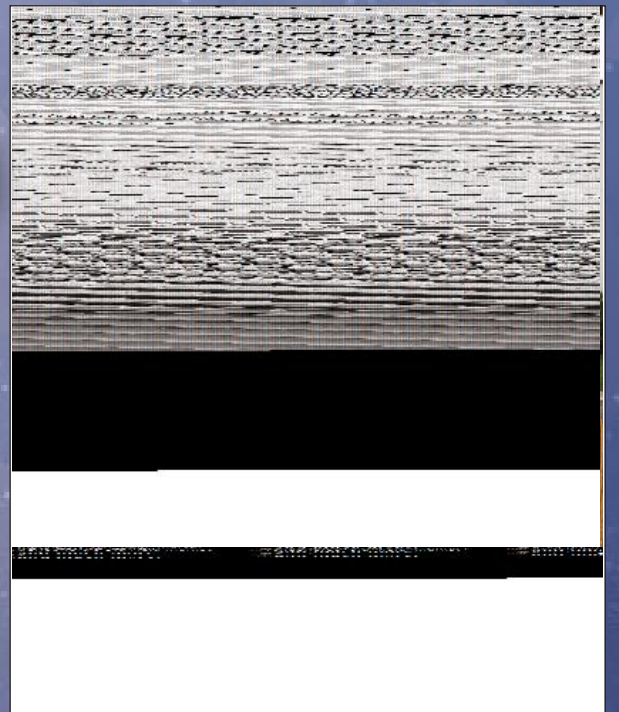
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CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of October 12 – October 18 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,187 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-53412

On October 12, 2020, Deputy Gott responded to Cactus Trail in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between 12:00pm on October 11th and 3:00pm on October 12th, an unknown suspect(s) spray painted the front and passenger side of the vehicle. The value of damaged property is \$500.

Damaged Property: 20-53424

On October 12, 2020, Deputy Burggraft responded to Ropeknot Road in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime during the overnight hours, an unknown suspect(s) put a white crystal material, believed to be sugar, in the gas tank of their truck. The value of damaged property is \$1,500.

Theft: 20-53983

On October 15, 2020, Deputy Mason responded to Watson Road in Owings for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between January 2020 and the present, an unknown suspect(s) stole the tag from their trailer. The value of stolen property is \$51.

Theft: 20-54489

On October 18, 2020, Deputy Parks responded to Prancer Court in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between the afternoon of October 17th and October 18th, an unknown suspect(s) stole the rear tag from their vehicle. The value of stolen property is \$100.

Arrests:

On October 14, 2020, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road at Rousby Hall Road in Lusby. Upon making contact with the driver, **Sven Andrew Park-**

er (27), Deputies detected the odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Parked exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a portion of a burnt marijuana cigarette.

A search of Parker's person was conducted which resulted in a clear bag containing suspected powder cocaine and U.S. currency. Parker was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession w/ Intent to Distribute: Narcotics, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On October 14, 2020, Deputy N. Buckler responded to 5th Street in Owings for a welfare check on a male subject who appeared unconscious in his vehicle. Upon arrival, Deputy Buckler identified the male subject as **William Ray Albaugh, Jr. (23)**, and observed fresh blood on Al-

baugh's hand as well as a hypodermic needle in the door handle of the driver's door. After Deputy Buckler knocked on the window, Albaugh woke up and exited the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in six syringes, ten clear capsules containing a white powder substance suspected to be heroin, a metal spoon with residue



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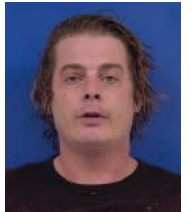
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and burn marks, a piece of cotton, six packages of an unknown substance, and two plastic bags containing unknown powder substances. Also located was a metal tray with powder residue and a lock box containing various storage containers and bags each containing suspected marijuana and THC wax, and a digital scale with residue. A search of Albaugh's person resulted in two clear capsules each containing powder residue. Albaugh was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession w/ Intent to Distribute, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On October 15, 2020, Deputy Anderson conducted a traffic stop on North Solomons Island Road at Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised the driver, **Michael Sean Marshall (34)**, was wanted on two active warrants through Maryland State Police. Marshall exited the vehicle and

Deputy Anderson detected the strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in an orange prescription bottle containing two of the prescribed pills, as well as a suspected Xanax pill which Marshall did not possess a prescription for, and a pill crushing device containing white residue. A search of Marshall's person was conducted resulting in a small black metal object containing white powdery residue suspected to be a crushed Xanax pill. Marshall was placed under arrest for CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

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



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The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) recently concluded its 2020 Virtual Summer Youth Employment Program. The program provided participants with valuable training and necessary work experience for their continuous development towards building better professional and business acumen, occupational and leadership skills, critical thinking skills and improved decision-making abilities.

The program hosted a total of 83 youth -- 73 virtual training program participants and 10 virtual paid employment programs participants ranging in age from 16 to 24. The program focused on virtual training and employment for the youth so they could receive knowledge and work experience on a virtual platform. Participants were able to earn a multitude of certifications including but not limited to, Advanced Site Builder for WordPress, Learning Web Design with WordPress, Internship, and Intro to Mentorship.

Many of the youth participants gladly shared their eagerness to participate in next year's program and local business partners were impressed with the professional work ethics and skills of this year's summer youth participants.

"The TCCSMD 2020 Virtual Summer Youth Employment Program has been a gratifying and fulfilling experience," says Greg Holtz, TCCSMD Youth Programs Manager. "To witness the participation from the TCCSMD's staff and the youth participants demonstrates



the importance of why we need to continue to work harder to find new ways to be creative and innovative— program success depends on it."

The 2020 Virtual Summer Youth Employment Program was organized by the TCCSMD Youth and Young Adult Services Team, in partnership with Affordable A-1 Printing, Chesapeake Beach Professional Seminar, Elite Homes and Estates LLC, SoMD Minority Chamber of Commerce, and TCCSMD to provide participants with essential skills, job readiness skills, and career exploration opportunities. Funding for the program was provided by Charles and Calvert County government s, and several state and federal grants.

To apply for next year's Summer Youth Program, email yayacenter@tccsmd.org or call 301-374-8199 schedule an appointment. To learn more about TCCSMD, visit <https://tccsmd.org/>.

Press Release from TCCSMD.

Hoyer Tours New Charlotte Hall CBOC



Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) on Oct. 23 toured the new Charlotte Hall Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The facility, which was set to open Oct. 26, replaces the current clinic and provides state-of-the-art care for veterans in Southern Maryland, close to home.

"I was so glad to tour this exciting new facility," said Congressman Hoyer. "For years, I've worked with the VA, community stakeholders, and our veterans to build a new facility, and ensure better care for the veterans in our community. This new CBOC will expand the availability of health care and mental health services to veterans in Southern Maryland, and provide dental care, women's health care, and physical therapy services. I'm glad that the new facility will also feature telehealth services so that patients can access care virtually as we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Caring for the men and women who served our nation is one of our most important responsibilities," continued Congressman Hoyer. "I'm pleased that after years of hard work, this new facility will serve our veterans here in

Southern Maryland. I join in thanking those who brought this project to fruition, and congratulate them on this wonderful new facility."

Congressman Hoyer has supported the need for a new CBOC in Charlotte Hall for more than a decade. In 2010, Congressman Hoyer hosted a tour of Charlotte Hall CBOC for then-Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki to demonstrate that the existing facility was not adequate to provide care to thousands of Southern Maryland veterans and urge the construction of a new facility. Following delays in the construction of the facility, Congressman Hoyer wrote to then-Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald in 2016 to request a timeline and plan for the opening of the new CBOC in Charlotte Hall. In February 2019, Congressman Hoyer participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility. Over the years he has led numerous discussions with veteran's organizations focused on the need for a new CBOC to better serve the community.

Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer

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Video Series Highlights Nursery, Cut Flower Industries



According to the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission's latest video in the Farms in Focus Series, Southern Maryland's climate and long growing season aided by high tunnels and greenhouses provides almost optimal year-round conditions for the region's nursery and cut flowers industry.

SMADC's newest video in the 9-part series on Southern Maryland's diverse agricultural profile, reveals a thriving garden nursery and cut flower farming industry growing up to 80 plant and flower varieties a season generating 750 million dollars annually with over 180 million dollars in value-added impact. The video expands on these statistics to explore the technology, skill and artistry involved in raising plants and flowers through the experience of three growers engaged in different cultivation, and business models – small and large.

Ray Greenstreet, owner of Greenstreet Gardens in Anne Arundel County, describes his expansive family business which includes retail garden centers, wholesale, horticulture and landscaping operations, as well as a state-of-the-art rooting station that 'roots' internationally sourced cuttings to ship as starter plants for growers in Maryland and beyond.

By contrast, many of Southern Maryland's flower farms are relatively small, nevertheless these growers are carving a competitive niche in the marketplace.

Priscilla Wentworth Leitch, of Anchored Roots Farm in St. Mary's, explains how she and another small farm are partnering to grow a combined floral inventory to supply area florists and meet the

growing consumer demand for locally grown flowers for weddings and other special occasions.

The video also touches on the importance of plants and flowers in our daily lives, and particularly how the skillful arrangement of color and texture can enhance our pleasure and wellbeing. "I'm a big believer in comfort," comments Bahiyah Parks, of EcoBlossoms Farm. A cut flower farmer and garden designer located in urban Prince George's County, Bahiyah chooses plants for her clients that not only thrive in Southern Maryland's climate and soils, but also bring beauty and "an expression of life and joy" to the environment and our communities.

Produced by SMADC, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, the Farms in Focus 'Nursery and Cut Flowers' edition is available now to view on the SMADC YouTube channel. The video series, filmed by renowned agriculture videographers Edwin Remsberg Studios, illustrates Southern Maryland's key agricultural industries with a combination of educational information and promotional marketing to bridge the knowledge gap between consumers and their local farmers.

Visit SMADC.com to learn more and find farm resources and guides to Southern Maryland farms. Look for more videos to be released in November and December 2020 featuring Livestock, Forestry and Produce.

The "Farms in Focus" videos are made possible by a grant awarded to SMADC through the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPF).

Press Release from SMADC.

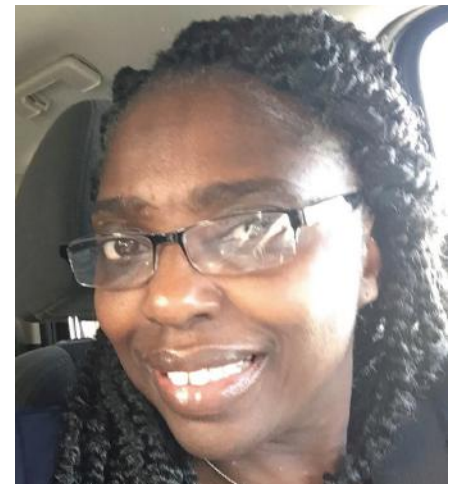
New School Administrators Appointed

The Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools on Sept 10 approved the appointment of two administrators. Rebecca Amstutz was appointed as principal of Mill Creek Middle School, and Beatrice Weems was named Supervisor of Operations.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, "Ms. Weems has a long-standing career in Calvert County Public Schools, and we are fortunate that she is moving into this position of leadership. Ms. Amstutz brings extensive administrative experience from another school district, and we welcome her to CCPS."

Amstutz previously worked in St. Mary's County Public Schools, most recently as assistant principal of Leonardtown Middle School, a position she has held since 2013. She also served as an assistant principal at Leonardtown High School and assistant principal at Margaret Brent Middle School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies and Elementary Education from Longwood University in Virginia and her master's degree in Educational Leadership Administration from George Mason University.

Weems began her career with Calvert County Public Schools in 1985 as a part-time employee at Huntington Elementary School. She later transferred to a full-time position at Mutual Elementary School, later becoming the head night custodian there. She served as the acting head day custodian at Mutual before becoming the Foreman of Custodians in 2005. She remained in that posi-



Beatrice Weems



Rebecca Amstutz

tion until 2011, when she was appointed the Assistant Supervisor of Operations.

Press Release from CCPS.

School Maintenance Gets High Marks

Calvert County Public Schools has received a 95 percent rating from the State of Maryland on the 2020 State-wide Maintenance Effectiveness Report. The report, which provides an overview of the annual maintenance surveys conducted across public school buildings in Maryland, provides an assessment summary for each school system, conducted from fiscal year (FY) 2015 through FY 2020. Calvert County's score indicates that 95 percent of buildings assessed during the last six years were rated as Superior or Good, placing it among the top five school systems in Maryland.

The annual facility assessment, which measures 35 key indicators of effective maintenance, looks at components that include parking lots, roofs, electrical equipment, and HVAC. Over the last six years, 19 of Calvert's school buildings have been

assessed by the State, representing nearly 75 percent of building inventory. The FY 2020 inspections continue to showcase Calvert's commitment to facilities maintenance, with a total of seven schools assessed and rated Good on the State assessment.

Dr. Daniel Curry, superintendent, said "With great efforts from both the Maintenance and Operations Departments, CCPS continues to excel in maintaining our facilities as some of the best in the state of Maryland. It is with great pride that CCPS thanks the dedicated employees of these departments for their continuing dedication to the excellence of school maintenance."

Calvert County Public Schools maintains over 2.4 million square feet of space across 26 buildings and is the 12th largest school system in Maryland.

Press Release from CCPS.

Nursing Students Inducted into Honor Society

Urged to Address Health Care Equity

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) inducted 13 nursing students into Alpha Omega, CSM's chapter of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society on Sept. 30. It was a virtual celebration that not only highlighted the students' perseverance in their pursuit of academic excellence, but also put them on notice.

"Those of us being inducted tonight not only 'survived' CSM's rigorous nursing program, but we are getting ready to graduate at the top of our class, during a global pandemic, under unprecedented circumstances," shared student speaker Katie Klotz. "Being inducted into this honor society, especially in 2020, is an amazing accomplishment and shows just how much we can achieve if we just keep working hard and encourage each other along the way."

To be inducted into CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter, nursing students must first become provisional members in their third semester of the program. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA, earn a B or higher in all courses required for the nursing program with no previous nursing course failures and reflect sound moral and ethical values with professionalism and integrity of the highest caliber. Additionally, the new inductees complete a scholarly learning project and reflect on that project.

Klotz went on to point out to her fellow inductees that "maybe Florence Nightingale was onto something" when she said in 1870 that it would take 150 years for nursing to become all she [Nightingale] envisioned it to be.

"For those a little slow on math, like myself – that would be 2020," laughed Klotz. "So, here we are. The nurses of 2020: Those envisioned by Ms. Nightingale, herself. We are the future of nursing. We are intelligent, compassionate, honorable students who persevered when it would have been so easy to quit. As Florence Nightingale said, 'I attribute my success to this – I never gave or took an excuse.' Neither did we."

During closing remarks, Acting Dean of the School of Science and Health Dr. Laura Polk shared a timeline of important legal decisions that led to the significant academic and professional gains for nursing students.

"In the 1970's, a simple lawyer named Ruth Bader Ginsburg argued a series of cases before the Supreme Court that focused on the issue of equity," Polk began. "Jump forward with me a few years to 1982 when Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the Supreme Court's majority opinion on a case that resulted in an order for an all-female nursing school to admit men. Jump forward with me again to 1996 when Ruth Bader Ginsburg, now a Supreme Court Justice herself wrote the majority opinion on another college case, this time the result was an order that women be admitted to an all-male school, Virginia Military Institute."

Polk then explained that these historical moments were examples of how "top indi-



Student Katie Klotz, of Pomfret, addressed her fellow inductees as the student speaker at CSM's Alpha Omega Honor Society induction ceremony.

viduals in their field built upon each other's work over time for the good of their profession, but more importantly for the good of public." Justice O'Connor used Ruth Bader Ginsburg's work from the 1970's to support her opinion in the nursing school case, Polk pointed out. And then Justice Ginsburg used Justice O'Connor's work from the 1980's to formulate her opinion in the 1990's VMI case.

"As the brightest we have at CSM, and as future leaders in nursing, I hope you'll use this as an example throughout your career," Polk said. "Look at the nursing role models from Florence Nightingale to current leaders. And build on their work as you create your own future in profession."

And then Polk put the college's top nursing students on notice.

"The second reason I wanted to share this story with you this evening is because of the concept of equity," she said. "The 1982 nursing school case emphasized access to nursing education for men and women. For the nursing profession, this is especially important. Research tells us that our patient's health outcomes are impacted by the diversity of the nursing profession. The more diverse we are as a profession (not just with gender, but with other attributes as well) and the more that the members of our profession mirror the diversity of the population as a whole, the better the health outcomes for the public."

"I want to put you on notice tonight as future nursing leaders," Polk continued. "We know there is an equity problem in health care. We are seeing it daily in the data on the effects of COVID-19 on people of color. As future leaders in nursing, you have an obligation to position yourself to promote access to nursing education for all, to challenge stereotyped beliefs about abilities, and to work diligently to decrease the impact of inequity on the health of the population."

Nursing students inducted into CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Delta Nu include: Faidat Yetunde Amolegbe, Brian Ansell, April Ann Bautista, Charlene English, Grace Kim, Katie Klotz, Tamara Magda, C'Jia Mayfield, Michelle Mejias, Sarah Miller, Alexandra Myers, Brianna Reid and Kaitlyn Willoughby.

For more information on CSM's nursing program, visit www.csmd.edu/nursing.

Press Release from CSM.

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, October 29

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; Various Times

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is Otters: Slip Slide Away. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Wednesday, Novem-

CSM Literary Connections

Online; 1 pm. - 3 p.m.

CSM continues its Connections Literary Series this fall with a reading from CSM Professor Emeritus Wayne Karlin during a free and virtual event. In the webinar, Karlin will discuss *A Wolf by the Ears* – his recently released novel that tells the story of thousands of enslaved people from plantations across the Tidewater who rallied to the British side, turning against an American republic that had barred them from the promises of freedom and democracy during the War of 1812. Visit <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/community-events/2020-11-04-connections-wayne-karlin> to register.

Ongoing

CalvART Gallery

October 7 - November 8

Borders, Boundaries, and Breaking Free. Featuring the works of Mimi Little and Denise Breitburg. We at calvART welcome you to come in and enjoy a semi-intimate viewing at the gallery or visit our new online venue. Come experience the variety of art represented by these wonderful artists. You can view these and many more works at:

<https://squareup.com/store/calvart-gallery>, <https://facebook.com/www.calvartgallery.org>, <https://www.calvartgallery.org>

ArtsWorks@7th

ArtWorks@7th announces 'Local Flair' an invitational show beginning Friday, September 11 through Sunday, November 1. Works by 12 local artists are featured at the gallery with an opening outdoor reception Saturday, September 12 from 11am to 5pm. Browse the gallery's newly renovated space to see exciting new works from invited local artists. Physical distance and masks are required in the gallery at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach. Preview and 24/7 shop online at FB www.artworks@7th.com and on Instagram or by appointment at 410-286-5278.

Upcoming

CSM Winter Session

Registration for the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Winter Session opens Monday, Oct. 19, 2020 offering students the opportunity to take a full course in four weeks. The Winter Session begins Dec. 21, 2020. It is an opportunity for students to get ahead or explore an area of interest, catch up on general education courses, take care of prerequisites and/or earn credits for transfer. CSM's tuition/fee freeze remains in effect. During the Winter Session, IT Help, Online Learning (myLearning), 24/7 online tutoring and library services will be available with the exception of being closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1, 2021. Visit online to view available classes by course number or do an advanced search and select "2021 Winter Session" to view Winter Session course options. Please contact a CSM academic advisor for help with the registration process at <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/academic-advising/contact-info-and-hours/>.



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The Tackle Box Fishing Report

Bryon Smith and his 26 inch rockfish from the Patuxent near the Benedict Bridge.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

The cold and wind of Fall came through on Sunday reminding us all that winter is coming. Our prime fish now will be the striped bass that we here in southern Maryland call rockfish.

The bay and rivers have plenty of rockfish for everyone, but they can play hide and seek on some days.

The Patuxent has had a good run of fish from Sheridan Point to St. Leonard's Creek for weeks, then the fish moved south to Gatton's Bar all the way to Hawk's nest. A troller ventured out on Sunday afternoon when wind and rain abated a bit and found plenty of rock in

Bob Bradley and his 10 and one half inch perch.

about 25 feet in front of St. Leonard's Creek. There were good fish caught at Drum Point too on Sunday. Live liners are using up the last of the summer spot and doing very well off Second Beach and in Cedar Point Hollow. Live eels work like a charm, too.

The bay has rockfish from the Targets to Point No Point and at 72 and 72A.

The Potomac has the fish on the Virginia side one day and the Maryland side the next. Good days has the fish hitting trolled lures from Herring Creek to St. George Island. There are some bigger fish in Cornfield Harbor. The annual breaking fish bonanza off Vero Beach should start soon.



Farewell, Beast

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

30 October 2019: An ace pitched on guts and guile, a cagey veteran launched a home run off the foul pole, an unheralded mid-season acquisition closed out the game and Max Scherzer, Howie Kendrick, Daniel Hudson and the Washington Nationals won the World Series. It seems like yesterday in some respects, years ago in others. Either way, it is an heirloom from a different reality.

Every New Year's Eve, my family does a year in review (much to my children's chagrin). We talk about our trips, accomplishments, experiences and obstacles overcome. The tone and topics will be quite different this year. The list will include many things that didn't happen – vacations, school plays, band concerts and sporting events; those that did – wildfires, George Floyd's murder, nationwide protests and the local Isaias floods – will be difficult to revisit.

Certainly, nothing has been normal in the world of sports. The year has been marked by long pauses in play, bubble cities, abbreviated regular seasons, rescheduled games and weekly COVID outbreaks. Our World Champion Nats didn't get to take a final bow in front of a packed house at Nationals Park. With all the fits and starts, empty stadiums, cardboard cut-outs, injuries and opt-outs, the Nats' 2020 season, which was supposed to be their victory lap, doesn't feel like it happened at all.

Then COVID took another shot at D.C. sports. It was easy to miss amidst the chaos of life, election madness and a historically packed sports calendar – former Capitals goalie Braden Holtby signed a two-year, \$8.6M free agent deal with the Vancouver Canucks.

"Former Capitals goalie" - that was hard to type.

There are two sports photos gracing the walls in my man-loft. Together they capture the biggest single plays in D.C. pro sports history (or at least in my lifetime). The first is a painting of John Riggins's famous 4th down run in Super Bowl XVII. The second is Holtby's improbable...impossible before he did it...late third period save against Alex Tuch of the Vegas Golden Knights to preserve a one-goal lead and ultimately secure a Game 2 win in the Stanley Cup Finals. The

Caps, on the verge of being down 0-2 before Holtby's save, went on to win four consecutive games and hoist the franchise's first Stanley Cup.

I attended a Caps game several years ago and the give-away was a "Holtbeast" figurine, a Teen Wolfish version of Holtby. It was a goofy promo, but Holtby deserved the overdue plug. On a team where Alexander Ovechkin understandably dominates the headlines, Holtby, who quietly manned the pipes for the Caps for a decade, and did tireless charity work for the LGBTQ community, was an underappreciated star.

Now just over two years after winning the Stanley Cup, salary cap constraints and a talented understudy – G Ilya Samsonov – have ended Holtby's incredible run in Washington. Unfortunately, the curtain fell on Holtby's decorated Capitals career in a Toronto bubble, in front of no fans and with a team that had lost its way under now former head coach Todd Reirden. Holtby deserved so much more.

The last few months have been a humbling journey. There is so much that I assumed would remain static or predictable components of life's tempo – flawed pre-COVID thinking...suspect I'm in good company. I did not give Holtby's decade of steadiness, reliability, decency and character its due. Now he's Vancouver's prize.

One day, post-COVID (that world exists, right?), the Holtbeast will return to a standing ovation at Capital One Arena. The adulations won't come when or how they should have. But what else has happened on-plan with the naïve, no-globe-trotting-pathogen schedule spun in our minds these days?

When we emerge from this fog, I suspect that the present will be appreciated for its fragility and that the future will be assumed wrought with variables. If that means players like Holtby, and once routine events like attending hockey games with 20,000 "friends" are celebrated with a bit more enthusiasm, then something good will have been salvaged from this sordid chapter in history.

What will remain a sour memory is Holtby's departure - and the Holtbeast figurine offers little consolation.

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Letters TO THE Editor

A Safe Place for Children and Youth to Play and Be Creative

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth. There is a great need for a permanent community center in Prince Frederick to ensure that residents have recreational, community building, learning and outdoor activities that come with having a robust community. This need has been documented over the years by Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth, the Calvert Comprehensive Plan, and the Prince Frederick Charrette.

We see the development of a permanent Harriett Elizabeth Brown Community Center as a top priority of the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners. We want to publicly thank our commissioners for purchasing the land for this project. That was a great step forward, but WE CAN'T STOP THERE. Access to a facility of this kind will meet the needs of the children, youth, and families in the whole Prince Frederick area, and indeed countywide.

Our big concern is for the youth in Prince Frederick to have more safe places for them to play and be creative. Studies show time spent in play and games declines by more than half as children mature into adolescence. Involvement in music, arts and sports can encourage youth to tap into their playful spontaneous energy. Some young people struggle and feel out of place in school. These young people may excel and be a leader in a less traditional setting, building a sense of competence and confidence not experienced anywhere else.

Many of you know that the Collaborative is the guru for Asset Development which identifies 40 experiences, skills, and attitudes that youth need to be successful. The lowest of these assets (nationwide and in most places including Calvert County) is the asset dealing with constructive use of time. So, we must do all we can to afford our children and youth the opportunity

to have more balance in their lives. Just as too much involvement can lead to stress, anxiety and too little personal time, too little involvement can be a sign of depression, isolation, or some other unhealthy situation.

In addition to our advocating for the Center, we have gathered information in support of this effort. This support has come from Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Calvert County's Ambassador Troop 641, and the Mac Scholars of Calvert High School and, of course, this is the recommendation of the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Commemoration Task Force. Each of these groups has stated why a Community Center is needed, what outcomes we can be expected from youth, and how the center will help volunteers and other non-profit groups.

Having adequate facilities, programs and opportunities in Prince Frederick has also been recommended in the Charrette Report and through the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Planning documents. This need is still there as the current Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan Update focus groups are being held.

We urge you to make this issue - that of providing more opportunities for constructive use of time by committing to build a permanent Harriett Elizabeth Brown Community Center - a priority for Prince Frederick. If we don't do it now, we will pay later.

Please encourage Calvert's County Commissioners to continue supporting this much needed permanent recreation community center by emailing your backing of the project to commiss@calvertcountymd.gov.

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Youth Group Closing

To the Editor:

The Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth (3CY), initially known as Calvert Crusade for Children (CCC), will be closing its doors at the end of October. Many factors have influenced this decision. We are grateful for all the support received by individuals, the community, County and State. We feel that we have made tremendous progress in meeting our goals of:

Identifying gaps in existing services for children, youth and families within Calvert County and lobbying for services to close those gaps.

Advocating for resources which expand possibilities for families to mature in good health, happiness and prosperity.

Securing community resources to create and support a culture where children and youth grow up to be healthier, and more caring and responsible adults.

Developing organizational leadership to mobilize and deliver children and youth activities.

The concept of CCC, which was incorporated in 1998, and now 3CY, was initiated by the League of Women Voters of Calvert County under the leadership of Candace Sullivan and later by Marie Andrews.

Some key accomplishments that we had a hand in were:

Development of a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Board

Establishing "Big Buddies" Mentoring for 4th and 5th graders

Assisting with launching the Joint Americorps Service Project

Spreading the Developmental Asset concept which identifies 40 experiences, skills and attitudes children and youth need to be successful.

Supported Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maryland development and programs in North Beach

Led efforts to secure Aquatic Center in Prince Frederick

Held youth forums throughout the County

Celebrating leaders and others who were "Champions for

Children"

Assisting with National Night Out events throughout Calvert

Helped start the youth leadership group "Our Common Calvert"

Collaborated with Prince Frederick Coalition advocating for a Community Center in Prince Frederick

Actively participated in Strong Schools Maryland campaign

We cannot take full credit for what has been accomplished because we have partnered with many organizations, groups, etc. Some of our partners have included United Way, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Calvert County Public Schools, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Calvert County Family Network, County Commissioners, Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maryland, Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Baltimore Gas and Electric, Calvert County Health Department, local Day Care Centers, Department of Social Services, League of Women Voters of Calvert County, Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, and many others.

We truly feel that the work of the Collaborative will be seen through works of many other groups in the county. We encourage you to support these groups and their initiatives. As the Children At Risk Report stated, "We must come together as private citizens, helping professionals, community groups and public officials to protect our children in their formative stages and assure that they realize their full potential." That philosophy "gave birth" to the Calvert Crusade for Children and it has guided Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth throughout our history.

Again, we thank all who have supported 3CY, volunteered with us and served on our Board of Directors throughout the last 22 years. You have been the backbone of our success.

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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 jenicoster@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Mary Ann Theresa Gilmer



Mary Ann Theresa Gilmer, 86, of St. Leonard, MD passed away on October 21, 2020 at South River Healthcare Center.

Born April 23, 1934 in Jersey City, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Robert R. Worthy and Gertrude (O'Toole) Worthy.

Mary Ann moved to Calvert County in 1985. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse and loved her nursing career with Dr. Wirth. She enjoyed sailing, motorcycle riding, and going to hockey games with her husband. Mary Ann loved animals, especially German shepherds.

Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Hensel "David" Gilmer, Jr.; children, Gail Beckmann of Olney, MD, and Cheryl Gilmer (Art) of Dunkirk, MD; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Kurt Gilmer; and brothers, Robert M. Worthy and Donald Worthy.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneral-homes.com.

Donato Antonio Casarella



Donato Antonio Casarella, 77, of Lusby, MD passed away on October 19, 2020 at his residence.

Born September 30, 1943 in Italy, he was the son of the late Giuseppe Casarella and Incoronata Gerarda (Procacino) Casarella. Donato was em-

ployed as a barber at East Pines Barber Shop for over forty years, retiring in April 2019.

Donato is survived by his wife Giovanna Casarella whom he married on January 5, 1969 in Torino, Italy; his children, Giuseppe Casarella (Maureen) of Huntingtown, MD, Christina Casarella of Lusby, MD and Stephen Casarella of Prince Frederick, MD; grandchildren, Giuseppe Casarella, Nicole Casarella, and Emily Casarella; and siblings, Carmela Troisi of Torino, Italy, and Anna Casarella of Torino, Italy. He was preceded in death by his brother, Vito A. Casarella of Glenelg, MD.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneral-homes.com.

James Thomas "Tom" Walker Sr



James Thomas "Tom" Walker Sr., 84, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away October 24, 2020 at home with his family by his side. Tom was born in Grand Rivers, Kentucky on January 31, 1936 to Jessie Reed and Leta (Stinnett) Walker. Tom was a retired Iron Worker with Washington Local Union #5.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 1, 2020, 2-p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 2, 2020, 11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice,

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James Kleinheinz



James Kleinheinz passed away October 24, 2020 at his home, surrounded by family. Jim was born in Wausau, WI to John and Alvina (Beidermann) Kleinheinz. He was the

youngest of 10 children, having 1 brother and 8 sisters. Jim grew up in Wisconsin and attended Marquette University graduating with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree. He designed ships for the U.S. Navy for over 32 years and upon retirement consulted for John J. McMullen. He was a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers and the U.S. Hovercraft Society.

As a numbers guy, Jim loved to play cards. He was also an avid photographer and family historian. The grandkids have great memories of him making waves in the pool for them, riding tricycles in the basement, and playing games. He was a man of few words, but many puns, affectionately known as Jim jokes. He reveled in family gatherings, silly games, the annual family talent show, and loved his time with his dog, Gia.

Jim had a strong faith. As a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach, he served as a Eucharistic minister for many years. He previously served on the Parish Council at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Jim regularly attended Sunday Mass and all holy days of obligation. A devoted servant of God, he left this world a kinder, gentler place.

Jim leaves his wife Eileen (Mi-

chel) of 62 years, children Lynn (Mike) Weiner, Lori (Wayne) Romanek, Mark (Mary) Kleinheinz and Marcia (Matt) Colender; and grandchildren Michele Romanek, Erica Weiner, Matthew Romanek, Michael Kleinheinz, Matthew Kleinheinz, Alex Weiner, Marissa (Jake) Herritt, Nate Colender, Faith Colender and Josephine Colender. He is also survived by sisters Carol Strupp and Phyllis Lattimer.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, John and Alvina Kleinheinz, and siblings; Sister Romaine, Dorothy, John Jr., Alice, Pat, Jean, and Lois.

A private family service will be held to honor his beautiful life and legacy. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Jim's memory to marciacourageinaction.org, a non-profit started by an extended family member (Marcia Cohen, sister of Mike Weiner) to provide support for cancer patients fighting their battle.

James Henry Les Callett



James Henry Les Callett, 71, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on October 24, 2020 in Prince Frederick, MD.

Visitation will be Friday, October 30, 2020, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary Prudence "Prue" Canham

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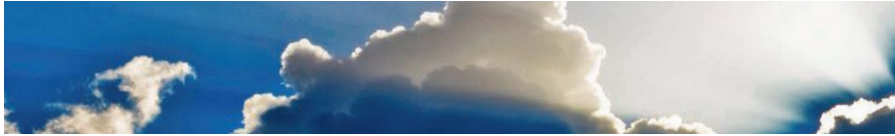
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2020. She was the long-awaited and beloved first child of Ralph and Edna Bertolin when she was born in Denver, Colorado on May 3, 1922. After moving to Mon-

tana for a well-remembered year when she was in first-grade, Prue's family settled in Seattle, Washington, which became the home of her heart. There she spent a youth filled with roller-skating, traveling with her father on business trips all over the West, and attending school football games. She graduated with a B.A. in languages from the University of Washington in 1944. During World War II she tracked aircraft approaching the West Coast and then worked for the Army Engineers. Seeking adventure, Prue took the train across the country to New York City in 1945. There she met John "Ed" Canham, who was attending medical school with her brother at Columbia University as part of the Army Specialized Training Program. They married in 1947. During a military career of over 30 years, Prue and Ed lived in many places: New York City, San Francisco, Virginia, Würzburg (Germany), Nashville, and Denver. Prue was active in the Army Wives Club and held down the domestic front when Ed served overseas. Upon retiring from the military, they settled in Oakland, California where Prue was a literacy volunteer, enjoyed the symphony and opera, was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Piedmont, and held every officer's position in the Alameda Retired Army Wives Club. In 2014, Prue moved to Huntingtown to be closer to her daughter. She became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick where she sang in the choir. Prue loved to sing and to read, especially history, and was an amateur painter. She will be best remembered for her unfailing love and kindness to all who came her way, her sense of humor, and her love of beauty in all its forms. Prue was preceded in death by her husband, Colonel John E. Canham, MD, son Francis A. Canham, and daughter Ann K. Ross. Prue is survived by her children, E. Michael Canham, MD and his wife Susan of Greenwood Village, CO, Mary Canham of Prairie Village, KS, William J. Canham and his wife Maureen of Bethesda, Michele Lyons and her husband Sean of Huntingtown, and Melissa Canham-Clyne and her husband Jake of New Haven,

CT, grandchildren Steve, Lara, Atticus, Jane, Aneurin, and Kathleen, and great-grandchildren Julian and Emily. She also leaves a devoted son-in-law, Wilford Ross; sisters-in-law Barbara Bertolin and Del Bertolin; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends of her children whom she loved. Prue passed away October 22, 2020 at the Caribbean Breeze Assisted Living Facility in Huntingtown.

Services will be held on Saturday, October 31 for immediate family only. Family will provide a Zoom link to those who request it.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Joy Fia Greaff



Joy Fia Greaff, 82, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away peacefully with her family by her side at her home. She was born in Benton, Michigan on November

23, 1937 to the late Edward and Helen Fia. Joy is also preceded in death by her two husbands, Edward Welch and Robert Greaff, and her sisters Elsie Comer, Evelyn Hildahl and Geraldine Walke. Joy was a very kind, and generous person who loved her church and community. She enjoyed camping, cooking, baking, crossword puzzles and eating out. She was a life member of the American Legion Post 274 Ladies Axillary and she had a close group of friends from the Legion that would go to lunch once a month, they called themselves "The Golden Girls" Joy is survived by her children Dennis Henderson, Michelle Welch (Tina), Cee Cee Dalton (Craig), and Kelly Gross (Wayne). Grandmother of: William Henderson, Jr., Ryan Henderson, Ariel Ashburn, Wayne Gross, Jr., Jeremy Henderson and Kayla Lucotch, she is also survived by her sisters: Carol Kitts, Brenda Garrido, and Rosemarie Guerrero, numerous nieces and nephews' and faithful companion and best dog ever Manny. Memorial contributions may be made to either Calvert Hospice P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/> or Linda Kelly Animal Shelter, 5055 Hal-lowing Point Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-7387; Link: <https://calvertcountyanimalshelter.com//>.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

FIVE REASONS NOT TO HAVE A WILL OR A TRUST

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Lynda J. Striegel

Hello to all of you procrastinators out there. Another year has almost passed and you have still not taken steps to protect yourself and your family with a will or a trust. Why not? Here are the five most common reasons:

1. I'm Never Going To Die:

Clearly, the first reason not to have a will or a trust is unrealistic. The saying is "nobody is getting out of this alive." In spite of this, it is amazing how many people put off creating a will or a trust because they are afraid. They think planning for a will or a trust will cause them anxiety about their own death. The easy solution to this problem is to think about creating a will or a trust to protect the people you love. You do not have to face your own death to create a will or a trust, just focus on how you want to protect those you care about. Without a will or a trust, they are defenseless. And, young or old, almost all of us have loved ones we want to protect. Even if we are elderly and alone and do not have any loved ones, many of us want to create a legacy for the charities we care about. If we are young and have children, we are already involved in protecting them. Without a will or a trust, your children could very well end up in foster care when you die. Having children means taking steps to protect them. What good is funding their college education if you have not created a mechanism to distribute your property to them upon your death? How are you helping?

2. I Have No Estate:

How about the excuse that you have no estate to protect? Do you have a home? A car, a boat? A bank account? Personal property like furniture, jewelry? All of that becomes part of your estate. If you don't make plans to distribute your property in a will or a trust, the state will decide for you.

3. Everything Is In Joint Name With My Spouse Or Child:

I have heard the excuse that everything is in joint name so there is no reason to have a will or a trust. And, it is the case that if property is titled in joint name with right of survivorship, upon the death of one person, the joint owner takes all the property. The excuse is common with spouses. The problem is, of course, spouses often travel together. There are no assurances that both spouses will not die together—if they do, then what? You're back in the same position without a will or a trust—letting the state decide where your property will go. And, what if your property is titled as "tenants in common" not as joint tenants with right of survivorship? In that case, each of you owns 50% of the property so if one dies without a will, the property will not go automatically to the other but instead the state will decide where 50% of the property will go. By the way, please check the title to your property so you know how it is held.

Many people I talk to think that putting their child on the deed to their property solves their problem about not having a will or a trust. But, there are tax and other consequences of doing this. Let's say you bought a house for \$50,000 and market value is now \$100,000. If you put your child on the deed now, that child "takes" their interest in the property at the value you paid for the

property, not at market value. That means, if the child sells the property when you die, the child will have to pay capital gains tax on the difference between \$50,000 and \$100,000. If the child takes the property when you die through a will or a trust, however, the child takes the property at market value and when they sell it for \$100,000, no tax is owed. And, there are other reasons not to put your child on your deed. Once you do so, you expose yourself to the child's creditors. Those creditors may have claims on all the child's property, including property formerly owned solely by you.

4. It's Too Expensive:

Have you ever purchased a big screen TV? The average cost of a will is about the same as a big screen TV. Trusts are more expensive but do not require probate. Legal fees for making the probate filings can easily become far more costly than a trust. I know some people are using will forms provided online and a word of caution about those. First, the online services do not provide legal advice. It is one form fits all and if you do not fit into the form, too bad for you. After hundreds of years, certain common language has developed that is used in a will or a trust and expertise is required to use that language. You would not go to a plumber to perform surgery on you. Why trust something as important as your family to chance? Creating a will or a trust is your last act of love and affection for your family. What price can you put on that?

5. My Family Will Take Care Of Everything:

Whoa. The excuse that "my family will take care of everything" is simply not true. It is amazing how many families fight during the probate process, with or without a will. And, I am not talking about fights over huge estates. Otherwise normal families allow themselves to be torn apart arguing over property—without a will or a trust, the arguments can take on epic proportions. "Dad loved me best" and wanted me to have the gun collection, "Mom told me she wanted me to have the diamond ring". Old wounds re-open, childhood memories come flooding back and family nightmares are common during the probate process. Some people think that the best approach is to leave everything to one child, counting on that child to distribute everything to his or her siblings. Keep in mind that if you leave all your property to one child, that child is under no obligation to share it with siblings even if you specifically put your intention in writing. Even if that child is attentive to your wishes, what if that child has a spouse who wants all the property for themselves? The only way to resolve the situation is to make clear that your property will go to all the children, not just one.

6. The bottom line is protect your loved ones. Make a will or a trust and do it now.

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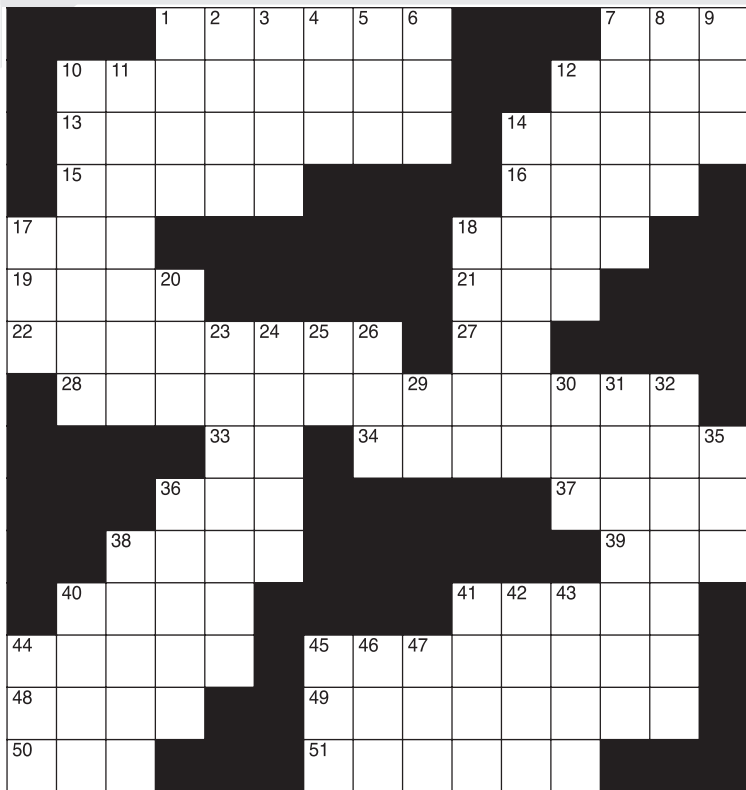
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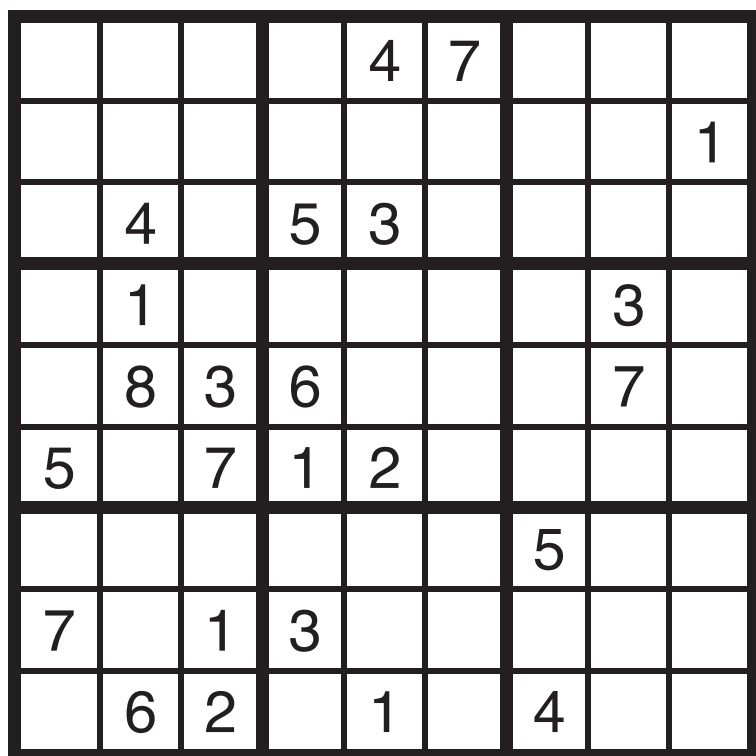
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- 12. 1,000 calories (abbr.)
- 13. A way of using
- 14. Abounding with surf
- 15. Expressed violently
- 16. Shared a boundary with
- 17. Swedish krona
- 18. Thick piece of something
- 19. Wreaths
- 21. Animated program network (abbr.)
- 22. Regains possession of
- 27. Spielberg sci-fi film
- 28. 2-time Super Bowl winner
- 33. Ice hockey position (abbr.)
- 34. Circulatory system parts
- 36. Supervises flying
- 37. District in Peru

- 38. Impudence
- 39. ___ willikers!
- 40. One point east of southeast
- 41. Papas' partners
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- 51. Fast drivers

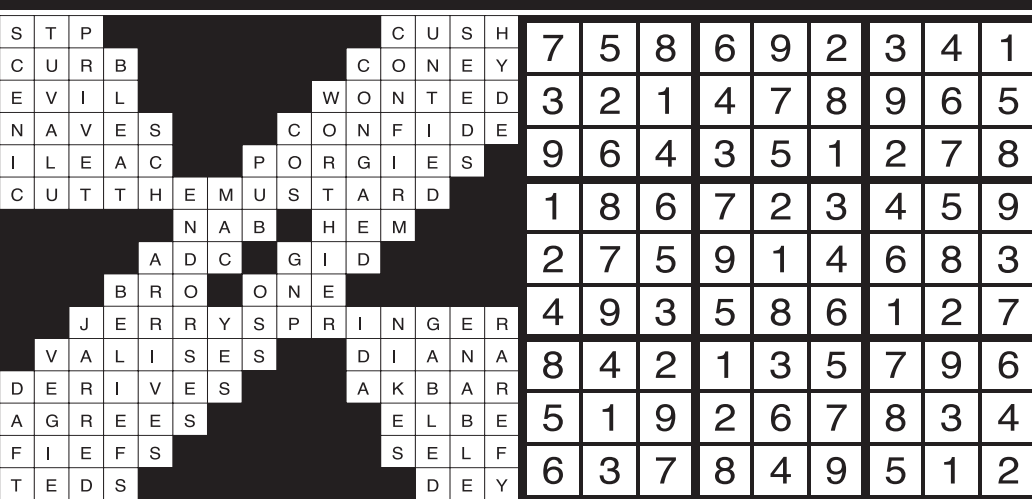
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- 5. 007's creator
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- 7. Cleanse thoroughly
- 8. Handle of a knife
- 9. Perform diligently
- 10. Drink pourer
- 11. Extreme greed
- 12. Southern Russia river
- 14. Type of cracker
- 17. Single Lens

- Reflex
- 18. Barely sufficient
- 20. Slick
- 23. Reference books
- 24. Federally recognized native peoples
- 25. Manganese
- 26. Senior officer
- 29. Atomic #18 (abbr.)
- 30. Tax collector
- 31. World wonder ___ Falls
- 32. Origins
- 35. Car mechanics group
- 36. MMA fighter Urijah
- 38. Gland secretion
- 40. Gelatinous water creature
- 41. Good friend
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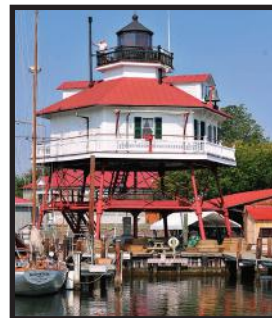
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Steny was first elected to the US Congress in 1981. With over 7 million dollars collected, one of the largest contributors to his campaign has been Comcast, while less than 10% of the money given to his campaign comes from within his district here in Maryland. A huge amount of money comes to him from California, New York, Virginia and Washington D.C. Voters have experienced difficulty in receiving returned calls from his office, but surely he personally returns calls for his big out of state donors.

The 81 year old, Hoyer is 2nd in command of the Congressional Democratic Swamp. In 1981, he was called "Boy Wonder" due to his young age and narrow margin of victory. He has stayed in power due to gerrymandering of Maryland's 5th Congressional District since. 39 years later all of us are left wondering, why hasn't he retired? He won't because of the power and money. So we must retire him ourselves. He deserves the time off to spend with his family and grandkids.

He frequently calls rioters, vandals and thieves "mostly peaceful." When the coronavirus came to our country, Mr. Hoyer was more worried about blindly following the House Speaker in impeaching our president for a perfectly normal phone call than the virus. He has not condemned the rioters and violence happening around our country. In 1998, Steny voted NO on subjecting Federal Employees to random drug tests. In 2000, he voted NO on banning partial birth abortions. In 2004 and again in 2006, he voted NO on protecting the pledge of allegiance and in 2003, another NO for protecting our great flag. He voted NO in 2004 on making it a crime to harm a fetus during the act of another crime. He has even led the current congress in removing God from the Pledge of Allegiance. Steny has a rating of "F" by the NRA, yet he supports his own security detail to be armed.

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Chris has already established himself as a great community leader. As an award winning high school hockey coach at St. Mary's Ryken. Also was an instructor of AP computer science and current web designer. Chris has helped form citizenship and team building amongst our youth. Chris lives in Calvert County with his wife and three children.

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