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County Prevails in Injunction Suit

Comp Plan Trial Set for April

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County has prevailed in a suit against it by four citizens seeking an injunction to halt implementation of the county's comprehensive plan update passed last August. A suit seeking to overturn the plan is still pending and is scheduled for trial in April.

At the conclusion of a two-day trial, Nov. 23-24, in Calvert County Circuit Court, retired visiting judge Terrance McGann from Montgomery County ruled that the plaintiffs failed to meet the four-part burden of proof required for him to issue an injunction.

The main suit on which the injunction request was based was filed Dec. 24, 2019 in Calvert County Circuit Court by attorney C. Macy Nelson on behalf of Susan Dzurec and Myra Gowans of Huntingtown, Phyllis Sherkus of Dunkirk and Michael King of Prince Frederick, members of a newly formed citizens group called Calvert Citizens United (CCU).

The suit alleges two flaws in the commissioners' 3-2 decision to adopt the plan update in August of last year. It says that Commissioner Kelly McConkey, now commissioner president, should have recused himself on the 3-2 vote that placed two pieces of property he owns in Huntingtown into an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. The suit said that violates the county's Ethics Ordinance.

The suit also alleges errors in failing to readvertise the plan for another hearing after the commissioners made major changes to it.

The comprehensive plan update is implemented by changes in ordinances and local rules such as the county's zoning ordinance and town center master plans now under way.

In seeking an injunction, the plaintiffs alleged in their suit: "Allowing the Ordinance and Local Rules to be amend-



Calvert County Commissioner President Kelly McConkey

ed concurrently with a suit against the Comp Plan would confuse the legal state of affairs for land use in Calvert County, not just for plaintiffs but for all other persons within the County. If the Ordinance or Local Rules were amended in conjunction with an illegitimate Comp Plan, that would result in tangential suits and scuttled development throughout the county."

The county was represented at the injunction trial by Assistant County Attorney John Mattingly. The County Times requested a statement from the county on their trial victory but none was supplied.

However, Nelson, the plaintiff's attorney said, "This case is not over. Commissioner McConkey's failure to abstain from the commissioners' vote to approve the new boundaries of the Huntingtown Town Center as required by the Calvert County Ethics Ordinance presents a significant legal issue. We will aggressively challenge Commissioner McConkey's conduct at the trial in the spring and I am confident that we will ultimately prevail."

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Capital Budget Includes Two Firehouses

Solomons, St. Leonard Sites Unresolved

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes new firehouses for St. Leonard and Solomons. The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) reviewed the Public Safety part of the CIP at their Dec. 1 meeting.

Total proposed Public Safety CIP for the six years beginning next July is \$49 million, of which the two firehouses comprise \$25 million.

The plan calls for the St. Leonard firehouse to go first, in Fiscal Years 22, 23 and 24 followed by Solomons in the next three years. But according to Director of Public Works Kerry Dull, both projects are real estate challenged. The sites of both new buildings are yet to be determined.

"We are currently trying to get the real estate selection. Then we can move forward," Dull said.

Commissioner Vice President Mike Hart, who ran the Dec. 1 meeting, didn't like the fact that one was being done first over the other and said he would like both to be done concurrently.

But Commissioner Buddy Hance opined, "To me it's which one solves the real estate issue first."

It was observed that it was the site location that delayed the construction of the new Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department.

Eventually they settled on using their existing site, but that has forced the relocation of the department temporarily to the old National Guard Armory.

Dull said the design of the PFVFD facility would be used as a template for the two new buildings, although he said each department had its own requirements and that could be an issue in just replicating the design.

The Public Safety CIP also includes a number of new pieces of apparatus for the fire and rescue departments, including a new \$1.4 million rescue boat for Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department. The BOCC was told that was like the boat recently put in service in North Beach, although Solomons might opt for a smaller vessel.

Because of questions about the cost, the BOCC agreed to schedule a work session to discuss rescue boats.

Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden told the commissioners they needed to trim the overall CIP for the next fiscal year. It is \$5.9 million more than an earlier agreed to threshold, Hayden said. And the six-year, \$373 million requested CIP is \$37 million more than was presented last year.

The BOCC is methodically going through each department's CIP request before making a final budget decision sometime early next year.

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Fisher Blasts Governor Hogan

Says He's 'Playing Pandemic Politics'

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Republican Delegate Mark Fisher says Gov. Larry Hogan "has clearly sold out and is probably the nation's biggest RINO" – Republican in Name Only.

Fisher blasted Hogan in his weekly podcast called "Mark and the Millennials" aired on Nov. 22, charging Maryland's GOP governor with "playing pandemic politics."

Fisher and his podcast guest Anne Arundel County Del. Brian Chisholm traded barbs during the podcast, particularly over the governor's deal with South Korea to buy COVID-19 test kits.

Fisher blasted Hogan for criticizing President Trump's early handling of the pandemic. He said, "We didn't know what this particular virus was. We didn't know how to test for it. So, tests had to be created. And the first test I would imagine were probably not so accurate. And then they got more accurate over time."

Fisher added, "The governor of Maryland decided on his own to buy the tests somewhere else. And then, when he did that, of course he decided to grandstand because he basically said the president couldn't deliver."

Chisholm, who Fisher said was a health-care policy expert, said the 500,000 test kits the governor purchased for \$9 million didn't work because they lacked swabs and

reagents.

Hogan, they said, then spent \$2.5 million more for 500,000 replacement kits to correct the problem after Chisholm said the original kits were never administered.

Fisher responded by saying, "So the governor of Maryland spent \$9 million on a car without wheels, and then boasted about it throughout the media."

Chisholm later said, "We thought you would like the car without the tires, but we understand you might want tires now, too. It's going to be another two and a half million dollars. And now we're being told maybe the car doesn't work either."

Both Fisher and Chisholm criticized Hogan for going on "liberal media" such as MSNBC, CNN and Whoopi Goldberg's "The View" and touting his purchase.

They also criticized him for writing a book during the height of the pandemic. Fisher said, "I'm so sorry if there's a pandemic, you probably don't have time to write a book. And if there's a pandemic and people are dying, you probably don't have time to go on the View and you probably don't have time to go on MSNBC. Governor Hogan, maybe you should focus on the pandemic and stop playing politics."

The allegation is that Hogan is preparing himself for a run for the presidency in four years, either as a Republican against Trump

or as Fisher suggested in the podcast, switching parties to a Democrat or Independent.

Trump and Hogan have been trading insults for quite some time. Trump recently tweeted, "Hogan is just as bad as the flawed tests he paid big money for."

Fisher was especially critical of Hogan saying he was the first Republican official to call the former vice president President-Elect Biden and for claiming he voted for the late president Ronald Reagan instead of Trump.

Fisher said, "I don't even know if he's really a Republican at this point, because to go out and make those kinds of remarks, that I'm the first Republican, well, you're disenfranchising (those who voted for Trump). President Trump got more Republican votes than any other president in history. That's 70 plus million people that feel disenfranchised. If we find out that there was fraud and abuse, but you can't prove it in court, then we're just going to have to lick wounds and go on to fight another day. And that will be certified on December the 14th, but the governor doesn't know any more. If it's going to be certified yet, there's still a lot of things to be looked at."

Fisher played clips on the podcast of Hogan's appearances on the "liberal media." He said, "I'm your guy, you know, call me, call Larry Hogan. I'll throw the Republican

Party under the bus all day long."

Chisholm criticized Hogan's praise of Biden for wanting to govern in a bipartisan way. "Squished like a grape," he said of those who walk in the middle of the road.

Chisholm added, "It feels like he's continued to just pee down our legs and tell us it's raining."

As to Hogan's vote, Fisher said, "If you've voted for Ronald Reagan and you're governor of Maryland, and you're proud of it, really what you're saying to the people of the United States that you're actually voting for Kamala Harris, because a vote not for Donald Trump is a vote for Kamala Harris. Why? Because Biden, assuming that he is indeed elected and that he is chosen in the electoral college, is 78 years old. And he's clearly losing mental capacity. We all know it, right? We don't wish it upon him, but he is nonetheless losing his mental capacity. No doubt, as you would expect anyway from someone who's getting up in the years, but with Biden, it's much more obvious. And then you have to ask yourself the question. Well, at some point Kamala becomes president in his four years. And so basically Hogan voted for Kamala because he voted against Trump."

"Kamala is a communist without question," he asserted.

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Hogan: Hospitals Plan to Meet COVID Surge



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan announced Dec. 1 that all hospitals in Maryland will have to come up with a plan to deal with the continued surge of COVID-19 cases by Dec. 8, to include adding or redeploying staff.

“We are concerned that our COVID-19 hospitalizations have increased 51 percent in the past two weeks,” Hogan said at a press conference in Annapolis.

Other coronavirus metrics have also worsened, Hogan said, including a statewide positivity rate of 7.33 percent and a new high of 34.4 new cases per 100,000 people.

As of Dec. 1, there were 1,583 hospitalizations related to COVID-19, Hogan said, the highest number since May 10.

There are 350 Marylanders in intensive care units, according to Hogan.

“Twenty-one hospitals have reached more than 90 percent of their capacity,” Hogan said.

There are 130 surge beds currently used at three special sites around the state, Hogan said.

So far, 4,156 people have died due to COVID-19 in Maryland, Hogan said, including its youngest victim, a one-year-old boy.

Along with hospitals coming up with plans to deal with the surge in virus cases, Hogan said hospitals were to reduce the number of non-critical elective procedures, especially those that required a bed or ventilator.

To date the state has procured more than 6,000 surge beds, fast-tracked licensing for out-of-state or retired medical professionals to help treat patients and activated a reserve

medical corp.

Hogan called for medical professionals not already active to join the fight against the virus.

“We are currently in need of people with clinical backgrounds to staff our hospitals, nursing homes, testing sites and vaccination clinics,” Hogan said. “We are also contacting those individuals who have signed up for the Maryland Medical Reserve Corp.”

Hogan said the state was also requesting that college and universities develop “emergency policies and procedures” that award college credit to students who are willing to serve during the pandemic.

Hogan also asked that health care students in their final semester who have satisfied their graduation requirements be allowed to take an early exit and get expedited testing and licensing to more quickly enter the health care work force.

Hogan also called on counties to enlist health care workers such as school nurses or other county employees not currently deployed to help staff testing and vaccination sites.

He also asked hospitals to employ non-licensed people to perform less critical tasks to unburden nursing staff.

“We’re taking these steps to ensure that every Marylander in need of a hospital bed can get a hospital bed,” Hogan said.

There were 6,816 people in state hospital beds, Hogan said, and when that number reached 8,000 all hospitals would be required to expand their staffed bed capacity by 10 percent “within seven days of that trigger.”

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County Proceeds with Three-Story Office Building

County Services Plaza to be Demolished



Existing county services plaza

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a plan to consolidate county government into a new office building in Prince Frederick. The plan includes leveling the current County Services Plaza at 150 Main Street and constructing a new 90,000 square foot, three-story building.

According to Director of Public Works Kerry Dull, the new building would consolidate county staff currently at the Plaza, Annex, Albright Building, 131 Main Street, 30 Duke Street and the courthouse.

Total price tag for the project: \$47.7 million, not including parking. Dull said he thought parking could be accommodated on the site when adjacent areas are filled in. But Commissioner Tim Hutchins predicted the need for two parking garages, one near the new building and the other behind the courthouse.

Dull said of the initiation of the project, “That is going to start some turbulence.” He was referring to the need for planning and zoning and permits and inspections to vacate the current County Services Plaza for up to three years while the new building is being constructed and readied for occupancy. And, he said, customer service has to be taken care of during that time.

The agencies will relocate to the Courthouse Square Building, with the move beginning in the spring and completed by mid-year 2021.

“This is a great day for me per-

sonally,” said Commissioner Steve Weems. “The building is essential moving forward.” The court system has been pressing the county to vacate the courthouse for quite some time because they need the space for their own use.

The decision was made possible by a recent Board of Appeals decision to allow the third story of the new building.

Hutchins has been a strong advocate for keeping the new administration building in Old Town Prince Frederick against the wishes of the previous board to locate at the site of the old National Guard Armory.

But Hutchins also has advocated revitalizing the old town in conjunction with whatever is done, and he reiterated the desire for some additional retail space with the new building.

Hutchins insisted it was essential for the town center master plan update process to factor in the new office building and its potential for economic development.

The exact design of the new building is still under review, according to Dull. So, Commissioner Buddy Hance noted that all they were doing at the Dec. 1 meeting was approving the concept of a single building, that other decisions still needed to be made at a later date.

The funding schedule presented to the BOCC shows the construction costs spread out over three years, beginning in the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2021.

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Workshop Prioritizes Town Center Projects

Pedestrian Bridge, Sidewalks Top List

By Dick Myers
Editor

If you had \$25 million to spend on Christmas presents to improve Prince Frederick Town Center, how would you spend it? The 200 registered participants in the virtual Nov. 19 Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan workshop were given that Monopoly money and asked to make choices from a menu of potential improvement projects.

The following is a listing of projects in order of importance to the workshop participants:

1. Construct new pedestrian bridge from Armory Square to west side of MD 2-4
2. Construct missing sidewalk segments in Town Center - Up to 3 Million
3. Construct new trail/side path along Dares Beach Road between MD 2-4 and Calvert Elementary School
4. Construct new trail/side path along Dares Beach Road between Calvert Elementary School and the Bay
5. Build trail/side-path along Main Street and Armory Road from County/State office buildings to Dares Beach
6. Extend Chesapeake Boulevard from Calvert Middle School to Stoakley Road
7. Extend Chesapeake Boulevard from Calvert Middle School to Auto Drive (north of hospital)
8. Complete Fox Run Blvd. between Calvert High School and Chesapeake Blvd
9. Contribute to safety and operations improvements along MD231 between MD 2-4 and the Patuxent River (emphasis on intersection at Adelina Rd)
10. Expand the Calvert Pines Senior Center
11. Expand Calvert Transit Services to every 30 minutes, 6 days per week (3-year pilot program).

The prioritization will be used by consultants as they move from the information gathering phase to writing the first draft of the plan. It is hoped the plan can be ready for its first public hearing before the planning commission next spring, according to the schedule presented at the workshop.

The first Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan, developed in 1989:

- Established eight districts each



Prince Frederick

with its own targeted density and design requirements.

- Architectural, urban design and open space requirements intended to promote “small town feel.”
- Envisioned east and west loop roads, limited new signals and access on MD2-4, and preservation of the Drum Point railroad right-of-way as a future bicycle/pedestrian trail.

In 2013 the community was engaged in a week-long charette to forge a vision of what Prince Frederick should become. The key policy recommendations out of that charette were:

- Expand town center boundary and create new zoning districts based on frontage conditions.
- Update zoning ordinance to utilize pedestrian-oriented district standards and concentrate growth in town center.
- Complete loop road system with simplified connections.
- Reform TDR program to consider exemptions or reductions for mixed-use in town center.
- Consider requiring TDRs for single story or big box retail and development in the one-mile zone.
- Release Armory Square for redevelopment with the requirement for key public amenities.

Expansion of the town center boundary was a major point of opposition during the update of the county’s comprehensive plan adopted last August and now the subject of a citizen suit seeking to overturn it.

The charette recommendations were never codified and could become the basis for the rewrite of the town center master plan.

The schedule calls for adoption of the plan sometime next summer.

For more information about the plan update process, including information from previous workshops, go to: Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan and Zoning Update | Calvert County, MD - Official Website

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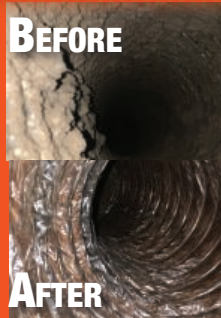


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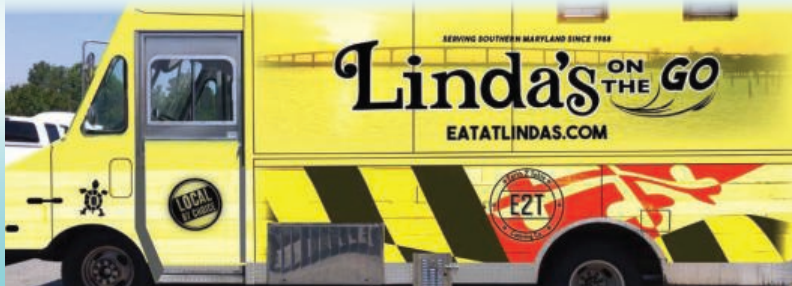
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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of November 16 – November 22 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,207 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-59653

On November 16, 2020, Deputy Gough took a report of damaged property that occurred on San Jose Lane in Lusby. The complainant advised that sometime between November 15th at 11:00am and November 16th at 6:30am, an unknown suspect(s) punctured a hole in the front, driver's side door of their vehicle. The value of damaged property is \$450.

Damaged Property: 20-59721

On November 17, 2020, Deputy Payne responded to Goose Creek Farm in Huntingtown for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between November 14th at 6:00pm and November 15th at 8:00am an unknown suspect(s) spray painted derogatory words and profanity on a plastic political sign located on the property. The value of damaged property is \$100.

Damaged Property: 20-60219

On November 20, 2020, Sergeant Phelps responded to D Street in Chesapeake Beach for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between November 19th at 9:30pm and November 20th at 7:00am, an unknown suspect(s) slashed the rear driver side tire of their vehicle. The value of damaged property is \$200.

Damaged Property: 20-60544

On November 21, 2020, Deputy Dymond responded to Jonathan Drive in Dunkirk for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised their Apple Ipad was thrown into the roadway causing it to crack and no longer work. The value of damaged property is \$650.

Damaged Property: 20-60605

On November 22, 2020, Deputy Flynt responded to Stoakley Road in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between 12:00am and 5:00am, an unknown suspect(s) was doing donuts in their wheat field. The value of damaged property is \$1,000.

Theft: 20-59799

On November 17, 2020, Deputy Flynt responded to Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) had stolen the front and rear registration plates from their truck. The value of stolen property is \$175.

Theft: 20-59822

On November 17, 2020, Deputy Dymond responded to Shirl Court in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between November 12th and November 17th, an unknown suspect(s) stole two boxes of Bruce Hardwood Flooring from their garage. The value of stolen property is \$100.

Arrests:

On November 16, 2020, Deputy Grierson was advised by Calvert County Emergency Communications that a male and female subject were observed leaving Walmart in Prince Frederick with several items they did not pay for. Deputy Grierson and Sergeant Morder located the subject's vehicle and after a brief pursuit, conducted a traffic stop on Tate Road in Prince Frederick. Deputies made contact with the occupants, **Devonte Twain Harrod (21)**, and **Haley Elizabeth Morris (21)**, and observed several boxes and loose items in the vehicle that were not in bags. Harrod and Morris exited the vehicle and advised all the items were taken from Walmart and were not paid for. A total of 39 items were stolen, with a total value of \$714.45. Harrod and Morris were placed under arrest and transported to Calvert County Detention Center where they were each charged with Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500.

On November 20, 2020, Deputy W. McDowell conducted a traffic stop at 7-11 in Dunkirk. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, Deputy McDowell detected the strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The occupants exited the vehicle and a search as conducted which resulted in a black AWS Digital Scale, a box of sandwich bags, and a zip lock bag containing suspected marijuana. Also located in the vehicle was a large plastic bag and a black grocery bag, both containing suspected marijuana. The driver of the vehicle,

Maurice Troy Weir (37)

was placed under arrest and was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession w/ Intent to Distribute: Narcotics, and CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+.

On November 20, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to Calvert Health Medical Center in Prince Frederick for the report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, hospital security advised a male subject, **Justin Andrew Holt (26)**, was acting disorderly and refused to cooperate with hospital staff. Deputy Durnbaugh made contact with Holt, who advised he had taken "Molly" and wanted to be seen by a doctor. Hospi-

tal staff advised Holt repeatedly refused to wear a mask and refused to give the doctor or staff any information about his illness. Holt was escorted from the hospital property and taken to his home. A short time later, Deputy Durnbaugh responded back to Calvert Health Medical Center where Holt had returned with a family member. Holt again requested treatment but refused a mask and refused to give any information to medical staff and continued acting disorderly. Holt was placed under arrest and transported to Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property and Disorderly Conduct.

On November 21, 2020 Deputy Flynt conducted a traffic stop on North Solomons Island Road at Cox Road in Huntingtown. Deputy Flynt observed the driver, **David Michael Strickland (38)**, nodding off behind the wheel and detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from the vehicle and Strickland's person. Strickland exited the vehicle and was observed to be incoherent and could not maintain balance. A search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in an open 12 ounce Miller Lite beer, a clear container containing an unknown pill



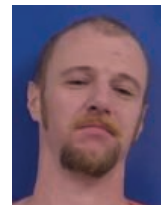
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Devonte Harrod



Haley Morris



David Strickland

capsule, and a pill bottle containing half a pill suspected to be Alprazolam. Strickland was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, and multiple traffic citations.

On November 21, 2020, Deputy Payne responded to Walmart in Dunkirk for the report of a disorderly female. Witnesses advised a female subject was outside the store harassing customers and yelling as they were leaving and throwing trash on the ground. Deputy Payne located the female subject, **Latoya Renee Mason (38)**,

and observed her approaching customers as they were exiting the store. While speaking with Deputy Payne, Mason became irate and began yelling profanities and inappropriate

comments and continued to ignore Deputy Payne's commands to stop yelling. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised Mason was wanted on an active warrant through Charles County Sheriff's Office. Mason was placed under arrest and was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she continued to act in a disorderly manner towards Correctional Officers. Mason was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Failure to Obey a Reasonable/Lawful Order.



Latoya Mason

Editor's Note:

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

Huntingtown Man Dies in Thanksgiving Day Accident

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded on Nov. 26 at approximately 4:59 p.m., to single vehicle crash on Wilson Road in the area of Allday Road in Prince Frederick.

Upon arrival units located a Ford SUV off the roadway that been involved in the collision.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2015 Ford was traveling south on Wilson Road. The vehicle left the roadway prior to Allday Road and struck two utility poles. The driver of the Ford was iden-

tified as Zachary David Igor Spain, 22 of Huntingtown. Spain was pronounced deceased on scene from the injuries he received during the collision.

Vehicle speed appears to be a contributing factor to this collision.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or any events leading up to the crash is asked to contact Sgt. T.S. Phelps of the Crash Reconstruction Team at 410-535-2800 or via e-mail: Thomas.Phelps@calvertcountymd.gov

Press Release from CCSO.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE REPORT

November 25, 2020

The below incidents, investigations, and arrests are, in part, demonstrative of the Prince Frederick Barrack's effort to ensure that Calvert County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

2nd Degree Assault (Domestic) - On November 13, 2020, TFC Palumbo responded to 12000 Susan Lane in Lusby for a reported domestic assault. The alleged assault occurred between Jason Aaron Gravely, DOB: 3/22/1982 and Kimberly Michelle Gravely, DOB: 8/21/1985. During the investigation, it was discovered that J. Gravely had been physically assaulted by K. Gravely. As a result, K. Gravely was arrested for 2nd degree assault and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center without incident.

CDS: Possession - Cocaine - On November 14, 2020, TFC Marsch conducted a traffic stop at Chaneyville Road and Route 4, Owings, due to observed traffic violations. A search was conducted and during the search it was discovered the driver, and sole occupant of the vehicle, Sean Alan Edmunds, DOB: 06/30/1971, was in possession of CDS and CDS

Paraphernalia, suspected Cocaine. Edmunds was arrested and transported to CCDC without incident.

CDS: Possession - Adderall - On November 15, 2020, TFC Marsch stopped a vehicle at Chaneyville Road and Route 4, Owings, due to observed traffic violations. A probable cause search was conducted and the driver, James Benjamin Marshall, DOB: 02/06/1978, was found to be in possession of suspected Adderall, Marijuana and Marijuana wax. Marshall was transported to CCDC without further incident.

Theft / MDOP - On November 17, 2020, S/T Costello responded to 4905 St. Leonard Road, St. Leonard, for a report of a MDOP to a vehicle and theft of personal items. S/T Costello made contact with the victim, Tristao Commodore, DOB: 07/05/1977, who advised his vehicle had been vandalized, both inside and out by Angel Joy Hammaker, DOB: 01/25/1977. Commodore advised Hammaker was upset with him and had threatened to "bust out his windows." S/T Costello's investigation led to an assessment of over \$1800.00 in damages to Commodore's vehicle as well as approximately

\$240.00 of stolen property from within the vehicle. Contact was then made with Hammaker at the Cliff's Motel. Hammaker admitted she committed the vandalism as well as taking the personal items of Commodore. Hammaker is being charged with MDOP: Property Value over \$1000, Rogue and Vagabond, and Theft \$100 to \$1000. This case remains open pending service of the charges.

Driving Under the Influence / CDS: Possession - Heroin - On November 19, 2020, TFC Oleksak attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a MD tag 5AL0036 displayed on a gray Hyundai Elantra. The driver, Winston Calvin McKutchin 12/26/1951 was operating the vehicle in such a way that it was posing a traffic hazard and danger to others. The vehicle maintained a low speed but did not immediately stop. A rolling roadblock was utilized to stop the vehicle after approximately one mile. Impairment was observed. McKutchin refused medical attention from the EMS on scene. SFSTs were not completed on McKutchin for safety reasons. Suspected Heroin was observed on the front passenger seat. A search of the vehicle revealed additional

CDS (suspected Heroin). McKutchin was arrested for DUI and CDS and transported to CCDC without further incident.

Attempt to Flee / CDS Possession - Phencyclidine / Warrant - On November 20, 2020, TFC Smith attempted to stop a vehicle on northbound Route 4, just south of Plum Point Rd, Huntingtown, Maryland, for erratic driving and other traffic violations. The driver, Clifton Eugene Onley, DOB: 09/27/1962, failed to stop initially and then attempted to flee on foot. TFC Smith apprehended Onley after a brief chase. A search of the vehicle incident to a lawful arrest of Onley revealed CDS, suspected Phencyclidine (PCP), as well as related CDS paraphernalia. Onley was also wanted on a warrant for violation of parole conditions. Onley was subsequently transported to CCDC without further incident.

All persons charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. News releases are a service of the Maryland State Police.

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Company Inks Deal at Lusby Business Park

Will Construct a Flex Office Building

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announced today that 2J Enterprises, LLC has purchased a lot at Patuxent Business Park (PBP) in Lusby with plans to develop a 12,600-square-foot flexible office and light manufacturing facility.

Construction of the new facility is expected to begin in the second quarter of calendar year 2021 and will result in at least 15 new jobs for the county.

John Simpson, Jr., owner/partner of 2J Enterprises, LLC, said he is excited to get underway with this new project in Calvert County.

"We wanted to be at Patuxent Business Park because there is great demand from small and expanding businesses to locate here and I knew the market and timing was right for this investment," Simpson said.

Simpson already has two tenants interested in occupying several of the suites upon completion.

"This is great news for our local economy; this project will bring new investment, new jobs and new attention to Calvert County," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey.

County Administrator Mark Willis added, "This is a great win for our county. We appreciate the help provided by staff at the Maryland Department of Commerce and the Maryland Economic Development Corporation for their partnership and assistance in helping us close this deal in a timely manner."

"We are thrilled to welcome such an important new investment to Patuxent Business Park," said Kelly Robertson-Slagle, director of Economic Development for Calvert County. "We've always felt that a building with flexible fit-out options would be in high demand in this location and we're pleased Mr. Simpson is making it happen."

PBP is a 92-acre business campus designed to accommodate a variety of uses including Class A office and flex space. The park was created in 2002 through a partnership with the Maryland Department of Commerce, the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) and the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners.

PBP is located in a federal Opportunity Zone and offers a number of additional incentives for businesses seeking



to purchase land and build. Recently, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development created a micro-grant program through the Neighborhood Business Works program that offers up to \$50,000 in grant funding to early stage or expanding businesses that locate within an Opportunity Zone (applications accepted beginning Nov. 17, 2020, on a first-come, first-served basis; visit www.dhcd.maryland.gov/Business for details).

PBP is also a Calvert County Commerce Zone, a designation that extends tax credits to qualifying new and expanding businesses. The PBP Commerce Zone real property tax credit is calculated on the value of the qualifying new construction. To qualify, businesses are required to construct new premises or expand existing premises. The real property tax credit is 50% in years one through five, 25% for years six and seven, and 15% for years eight through 10 before expiring.

For more information on Patuxent Business Park, visit www.PatuxentBusinessPark.com or call the Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583.

Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.

Press Release from Calvert County Government.

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End Hunger in Calvert: Adjusting to COVID-19, with the Community's Help

By Dick Myers
Editor

You've probably seen it on TV or cable news. Lines of people waiting for a Thanksgiving turkey or even their next meal.

The COVID-19 crisis has racked the economy. Many people are hurting, having lost their jobs, and not knowing where money is coming from for food and shelter.

For such a small county, Calvert had been in the forefront of the hunger issue well before the pandemic struck. That's because of the non-profit End Hunger in Calvert County, considered a model for rural areas.

According to their website, "End Hunger in Calvert County works with individuals to create permanent solutions that help move them from dependency to self-sufficiency.

"We Believe that all people matter, and life change happens through relationships.

"We Strive for excellence in all aspects of our operations and organization."

End Hunger in Calvert County was founded by Rev. Robert Hahn, senior pastor of Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown. The non-profit's operation center is on the church campus, and although church members support the mission, they are separate entities.

End Hunger leases a warehouse at Calvert Industrial Park in Barstow and is in the process of building a new, state-of-the-art facility at the Huntingtown campus, where they also provide culinary training.

End Hunger secures the food, warehouses it, and disperses it to 77 partners, food pantries in the Tri-County area, often operated in small churches.

So, peaks and valleys in demand are not unusual and the organization is prepared for it. But as everyone knows from their own personal experiences, the pandemic was something different that no one had seen before.

Rev. Hahn said, "Certainly the demand at the local food pantries has gone up. And that's from people who were either unemployed or laid off or had reduced hours, even just food insecurity, sometimes it makes people worry some. They start shifting their resources. And so, we have definitely had to kind of re-engineer and get more food to the local food pantries through End Hunger."

And that has only heightened the need for that new warehouse "to have a more centralized venue where we can do a lot more than just store and distribute food."

But there was another problem that wasn't on their radar at all before the pandemic. He said, "The other piece that's been hidden has been the effect on our school children. We have a de-

cent population of kids who are a part of what's known as the Free and Reduced Meals Program. And these are kids who, because of economic need, receive, usually, breakfast and lunch at school." The schools shut down and they weren't getting those meals.

This is where a gigantic community effort kicked in. It started with Gov. Hogan establishing a Grab 'N Go program. Rev. Hahn said, "The thing is that you have to go to the meals site and in Calvert County with no centralized transportation system, that's virtually impossible for a lot of these kids. And so, imagine a 10-year-old kid who's at home, his parent, or parents both have to go to work. So, they came together, and they say, look, you don't leave the house till I come back."

He explained, "These are poor families that are not designed to provide much during the week to their child. That's just not part of the pattern of their life. And even those parents are worried about keeping their job."

There were four Grab 'N Go sites in the entire county, meaning a potential 10 to 15-mile trip on back roads where most of those in need live.

He explained, "This incredible funding campaign started in the school system where all the schools joined together, and they realized that these are their own students. And, it was an organization known as the "Book Purpose" that really coordinated all this and working with the school system, working with End Hunger in Calvert County, working with the county and working with the school resource officers, we started delivering meals to 1,500 kids a week." They've been doing that since mid-March and are continuing to do it now that the in-person learning has been shut down.

He credits Sheriff Mike Evans. "I think virtually every other county in Maryland reassigned (their) SRO's or School Resource Officers to patrol the streets or write tickets and stuff. He kept them on the job as SRO's and authorized them to deliver these meals." Hahn said the decision was critical because there were only three entities allowed to know those students' names and addresses: the principals and vice principals of the schools and the SRO.

This gave the SRO's the opportunity to not only distribute food, but also check on their welfare. Rev. Hahn said it "also transformed the relationship between the sheriff's office and some of the poorest neighborhoods in our county. And I want you to think back to the events of the late spring and summer and what was happening in terms of defunding the police and all that going on nationwide. While meanwhile, our deputies are delivering meals to the doorsteps of doors they used to kick in, and you literally



had families coming out and applauding them when they would show up in their black and white cruisers."

He said, "It took a lot of coordinating, but the person I want to highlight in all of this is Jennifer Moreland (the county's director of Community Resources). Jennifer has been a rock star in helping us fund this, keeping this on the front burner of the county."

Moreland, Rev. Hahn said, helped his organization get CARES funding for their start-up costs for school program. "It really was diverting money from the warehouse, but she got it retroactive to pay us back so that the money that we raised is able to go towards the warehouse and towards the additional food needs."

He also praised the Maryland Food Bank, their prime food supplier and "a great partner."

He mused, "These are the unsung heroes that I know. It's my name and it's End Hunger that is at the front of everyone's mind, but it's everybody else that really makes it happen."

As to those food lines we mentioned earlier, Rev. Hahn said there were several hard realities at play. "At the same time that the need for food skyrocketed, what happened in food production plants, workers went home. So, the food supply went down, the food demand went up as well. Although the government infused large amounts of cash, you can't make food exist where it didn't exist."

"If you had 10 truckloads of tomatoes, if you can't turn it into tomato soup or tomato sauce; the tomatoes rot."

He opined, "It really was a very, very difficult summer. That's why we're blessed in Southern Maryland, that we are semi-recession proof here. And also, because it's still a real hometown feel, people take care of each other around here. So, we've been very blessed about that. Local business came out like crazy to sup-

port the need."

He said the food pantries were hard hit because their volunteers are typically senior citizens who were urged to stay inside. So, he said they received fill-in help from "students and federal workers who were working from home and teachers who were not going into the classroom."

The First Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Huntingtown is an example of a small operation that feeds the general community. Many Pope, who runs the operation, said of the impact of COVID-19, "I noticed that it has (increased) just a little bit in the last maybe month or so. It's funny. It kind of goes up first. We'll have one week where we might only get one or two people and then the next week, we'll get like six or seven. You just never know."

Their biggest source of supplies is from parishioners, although they do get it from End Hunger when the need arises. If they are low, the pastor puts out the call on Sunday, and the parishioners usually come through.

"You can kind of tell many of them are shy about coming in the first place. But they're all very grateful and appreciative." For Thanksgiving this year because of COVID they gave out gift cards to local grocery stores.

They prefer people stop by Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and to call in advance at 410-257-3030

Rev. Hahn gave an example of the county's community spirit through it all. "This never had ever happened in Calvert County before that all four high schools joined together and did a joint fundraiser. It was a virtual run where they didn't compete against each other. They competed against hunger."

He added, "This is the kind of amazing stuff that is kind of the backstage of the Calvert County COVID story."

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CBL Arctic Researchers Find Warm Temperatures

Arctic researchers Jacqueline Grebmeier and Lee Cooper from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) have been visiting the Bering and Chukchi seas off Alaska for nearly 30 years, collecting information about the biological diversity of the watery world under the sea ice to understand how marine ecosystems are responding to environmental changes.

This year, a late-season research cruise in October revealed a surprise. At a time of year when an ice-breaking ship is usually required to get them to some of the data-gathering outposts, scientists found nothing but open water and an unusually active ecosystem.

"The water and air temperatures were warmer, and we had ecosystem activity that normally doesn't occur late in the season," said Professor Jacqueline Grebmeier, chief scientist on the research cruise and a national and international leader in Arctic research.

Grebmeier, Cooper, and graduate student Christina Goethel from the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory were part of a small team of researchers from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Clark University that completed an unusual late-season Arctic research cruise due to travel challenges presented by COVID-19 pandemic. They found an ecosystem—expected to be powering down to low-level winter activity with sea ice forming—to be still active, likely due to unseasonably warm ocean temperatures. Sea ice formation was still a number of

weeks away.

"2020 turned out to be the second lowest minimum sea ice extent, meaning that sea ice retreated back closer to the North Pole," Grebmeier said. "We had warming water up to 3 degrees Celsius higher than typical all the way through the water column. That means you can't cool it down that quickly to build ice."

And ice is important. It's the ice that sets up that really productive spring system to power the ecosystem.

"Without ice forming you don't get that spring ice algal production, which is the first hit of nice, fresh carbon that the animals in the sediments use to increase their growth," she said. "So some open water areas are going to bloom later in the season because it will be like opening a larger playing field and provide food for water column animals like zooplankton, while others that depended on that ice algal production in the bottom shallow shelf sediments are going to have more limited seasonal food."

The late fall season sampling indicates that delays in sea ice formation are supporting late-season biological production that has not been commonly observed before.

"The biomass of microalgae in the water column was unexpectedly high and not much lower than often observed in the middle of the summer under near 24-hour daylight," said Professor Lee Cooper, who led water column biological and chemical measurements.

Grebmeier and Cooper are also seeing shifts in these benthic animals. The clams

and worms that live on the bottom of the Arctic and are an important food source for everything from bottom-feeding fish to walrus and diving sea ducks. "We are seeing declines in the biomass in a lot of areas so there isn't as much food on the sea floor as there used to be, meaning less food available for the things that we traditionally think of as Arctic animals," said Cooper. "The ecosystem is changing."

"It's kind of like you took a balloon and you squeezed it, and the southern part of it is getting smaller and the northern part is getting bigger. There's a contraction of these rich Arctic fatty benthic animals from the south to higher amounts in the north," said Grebmeier.

The researchers usually do their annual observations July-September, but the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in delays and pushed their cruise into October for the first time. Maintaining the continuity of long-term observations is crucial as the region is affected by climate change.

"We've been working up there for nearly 30 years annually. This would've been a gap in the measurements, and this was a critical year given the low ice extent," said Cooper. "We did the full suite of sampling we do in the observing program, we just did it in October."

The research vessel Norseman II carried the scientists for the three-week research cruise. Prior to the cruise, the science crew undertook a Covid-19 quarantine in Anchorage, including multiple testing, before flying

to Nome and transferring directly to the ship to avoid any potential viral exposure to residents in the Bering Strait region. The individual participating universities had their own stringent requirements and testing protocols prior to approving travel.

The team stopped at several established observing stations where scientists can monitor everything from the temperature and salinity of the water and the amount of zooplankton (fish food) swimming around to harmful algal blooms of phytoplankton and animals living in the sediment. The goal is to observe and document how the Arctic creatures are responding to climate change and track those ecosystem changes under further loss of sea ice.

"This was a really worthwhile effort that paid off in making biological data available from a part of the year where there have been historically few observations," said Grebmeier.

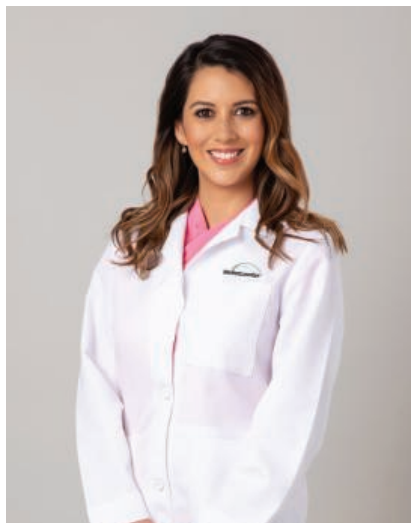
The samples obtained and brought back to home laboratories in Maryland, Washington State, and Alaska will support multiple long-term projects. The scientists were also able to collect samples for others who couldn't go on the cruise due to COVID travel and research restrictions.

Funding for the cruise was provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the North Pacific Research Board, and through the National Oceanic Partnership Program, which included funding from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Press Release from CBL.



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Campaign to Support Behavioral Health Services

Planting the Seeds of Hope Goal: \$250,000



The CalvertHealth Foundation is excited to announce the launch of its Planting the Seeds of Hope Campaign. In lieu of a formal gala this year (due to COVID-19 restrictions), the CalvertHealth Foundation Gala Committee has challenged our community to help raise \$250,000 toward the behavioral health renovation and expansion project at CalvertHealth Medical Center.

“The CalvertHealth Foundation has been dedicated to raising funds for our community hospital for 32 years. While 2020 has certainly been different, neither the needs of the hospital nor the passion of our committee has wavered,” said Mickie Frazer, co-chair of the *Planting Seeds of Hope* fundraising challenge. Once complete, the renovation will provide age-appropriate, therapeutic environments for adolescents and adults needing inpatient and/or outpatient care. This effort will have a significant impact on the growing number of community members – both young and old – who seek behavioral health services at CalvertHealth.

“We are asking 250 individuals who are compelled by the mental health challenges our community faces to give to this important cause,” said Cindy Hargrove, co-chair of the *Planting Seeds of Hope* campaign. “If we can get 250 people to give \$1,000 each, we will have reached our goal.” Additionally, the CalvertHealth Foundation is pleased to announce an anonymous donor has decided to match – dollar for dollar – every gift received, up to \$250,000. This means all donations, no matter how big or how small, will have double the impact

to help bring expanded inpatient and outpatient treatment right here to Southern Maryland.

In 2019, CHMC began to work on the renovation of its behavioral health unit, which includes inpatient and outpatient facilities. “As the sole provider of inpatient behavioral health services in Calvert County, updating the patient areas and services we offer allows us to increase emergency and short-term mental health care,” said Behavioral Health Unit Director Jennifer Messix, BSN, RN-BC. “The need for improved behavioral health facilities and programs has never been greater, and CalvertHealth is poised to meet the needs of our Southern Maryland community with the renovation of our facilities,” said Messix.

The Planting the Seeds of Hope campaign has already received overwhelming community support. The CalvertHealth Foundation would like to thank our current sponsors for their continued support: Mr. Claude and Mrs. Jo Anne Dickinson; Associates in Radiation Medicine; M&T Bank; Mr. Mike & Mrs. Deborah Cox, Pathway Investment Group; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rice III; Mr. Dean and Mrs. Pam Teague; Mr. Michael Stansbury; Dr. Loyd and Mrs. Terri Wolfley; Alton Health and RJH Chesapeake, Inc.

For businesses interested in joining this campaign as a sponsor, please visit www.calverthealth-foundation.org/CalvertHealth-Gala or call the CalvertHealth Foundation at 410-414-4570

Press Release from Calvert Health

Workforce System Orientation Video Released

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland’s (TCCSMD) Workforce Development team created a workforce system orientation video to be shared in all American Job Centers and by their partners. Due to COVID-19, thousands of Southern Maryland residents have lost their jobs and are turning to TCCSMD and our partners for support and guidance.

The audience of this video is those

new to the workforce system who have questions about the system and how it operates.

Here is the video: <https://vimeo.com/469884853>.

If you’d like more information from TCCSMD about the creation of this video, or a downloadable link so you may share the video, please contact me at ellen@platinumpr.com.

Press Release from TCCSMD.

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Thousands in Southern Maryland pay for dentistry they never get done!

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK
Research Reporter

Statistically about 50% of the local population have dental insurance. Of that percentage only 50% of them properly use the dental benefits they are paying for. Most of them have no idea what benefits they have and how easy it is to lose them. To make the most of their dental benefits the consumer needs to understand how dental insurance works.

Dental insurance plans can be confusing. There are several components to a dental insurance plan. First there is the monthly premium that must be paid by the consumer, or in some cases their employer. There is the discount that is applied to all the dental codes that the insurance company negotiates with the dental offices. These discounts only effect "in-network" dentists and usually average about 30% off the usual and customary rate that a person without insurance would pay. Then there is the annual maximum. This is the amount that the insurance company is willing to pay on the insured's behalf per year. This typically ranges between \$1000 and \$3000 depending on the plan and how much the premium is per month.

While it certainly is a benefit to the consumer to have the lower fees that are negotiated on their behalf between the insurance company and the dental practices that are in-network, this discount doesn't make the cost of the annual fees worth the value. Those who have a healthy smile, would

likely never use the restorative benefit or at least not much of it. In other words, a 30% discount on something not being used or purchased doesn't hold any value.

Most of the insurance plans pick up the entire or at least most of the insured consumers' preventative maintenance. This is usually the procedures that are recommended to be done twice per year by your hygienist. This may include cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, exam, and the like. The insurance company would have you believe they are the hero for paying for these visits, but in fact, the consumer paid for them. They just allowed the consumer to spread the payments out throughout the year in monthly payments or weekly deductions from their payroll. Insured individuals that don't take advantage of their preventative visits by seeing their hygienist twice a year are literally throwing their money away. It would be the equivalent of paying for two nights in an upscale hotel in DC but never showing up for the stay! Who would do that? These dental visits are of equivalent value; but yet 25% of the insured public throws these visits they paid for away.

Regular preventative maintenance visits drastically reduce the likelihood of major restorative procedures in the future. It is a known fact that preventative dental care not only saves the integrity of the smile but it truly saves the patient from high cost restorative care in the future.

The dental insurance company wins when the patient waits to go to the dentist. Those

who pay for dental insurance every year but never go to the dentist are writing a free check to the insurance company. The insurance companies are keeping the money they've earmarked for preventative care as well as the entire annual maximum for those patients. Putting off dentistry until it hurts could easily escalate to \$5000 worth of treatment or much more in one year. The dental insurance company will only contribute \$1500 because that is the average maximum on any given plan which leaves the out-of-pocket due at \$3500 for the insured individual in this example. Whereas, had they gone to the dentist every year and had the work done as needed over the course of four years, their out-of-pocket may have been zero, as the \$1500 per year (\$1500 x 4 years = \$6000) would have covered \$6000 over the four year period.

But the insurance companies do not let annual maximums roll over. They have a strict use it or you lose it policy. One would think that the insured consumer would be able to accrue his or her benefits since they literally paid for them and did not use them. Not the case; leftover benefits become pure profit for the insurance companies. The insurance companies are in business to make money, not to save smiles.

Dental providers see patients every day who put off dentistry and then struggle to pay for the work they need to have done. It is very sad for both the dental provider who wants to help the patient and for the patient who is in pain or embarrassed by the condition of their smile. Dental providers want their

patients to see them as recommended but can't force anyone to do anything. This is why they try to educate them about the benefits that they have with their insurance company, so that when they need work, they understand how to best take advantage of their insurance.


Most dental plans end at the end of a calendar years. The average plan allows for a \$1500 annual maximum. Someone treatment planned today to have \$3000 in restorative treatment done, can start the procedures in November or December and finish them in January. This will allow them to take maximum advantage of the dental insurance they've paid for.


Call your dental office. Ask them if they are in-network with your insurance. If they are, schedule an appointment for a cleaning and a checkup. See if you have any dental work that needs to be done. Then ask your dental office what your annual limit is and how much remains. If you have work that needs to be done, use your annual benefit before the end of the year. Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it.

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Unearthing Calvert Heritage at Calverton Archaeological Site

Honoring its commitment to the stewardship of Calvert County's rich cultural heritage, Calvert County Government continues a project to excavate the historic site of Calverton.

Archaeologists from Applied Archaeology and History Associates, Inc. were in the field in August to continue excavation work begun in 2017. Calvert County Historic Preservation Planner and Archaeologist Kirsti Uunila led the project for the Department of Planning & Zoning prior to her retirement in October.

Laid out on the shore of Battle Creek in the 17th century and built on the site of an earlier Native American settlement, Calverton was the first county seat and the second town in the Maryland colony. The features and artifacts it yields offer a connection to the stories of Native Americans, European settlers, and enslaved African people during this period.

"Calverton is one of the most historically significant sites in Calvert County," said Department of Planning & Zoning Director Mary Beth Cook.

"This project will enhance our understanding of Maryland and American history and will enable the county to mitigate its imminent loss to water and weather."

"Calvert County supports and encourages the preservation of our heritage and our history to be able to communicate to future generations and also for all of us to understand how we got where we are," Uunila noted in a short film produced by county staff to document the work done during the summer. "We can use that information to move forward and to become the kind of community that we want to be. Archaeology has a role to play there."

The Calverton archaeological project is funded by a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant. The results of the work will be shared through future public programs.

Find information on Calvert County Government services online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov.

Press Release from Calvert County government.



Regional Library Association Announces New CEO

The Southern Maryland Regional Library Association (SMRLA) Board of Trustees and staff are excited to announce the appointment of Ashley Teagle as SMRLA chief executive officer effective Oct. 26, 2020.

Teagle returns to Southern Maryland after having served as executive director of Wicomico Public Libraries. Prior to her time on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Teagle worked for Charles County Public Library in various capacities including in children's services, reference, and as a branch manager. She replaces former SMRLA CEO Sharan Marshall, who retired in April following 24 years of service.

"I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to support the public libraries of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties," Teagle said. "I'm passionate about libraries and the benefits they provide to the community. I hope to help foster greater collaboration with and support for public libraries in Southern Maryland."

At Wicomico Public Libraries, Teagle led the library through the development of a new strategic plan and obtained funding for the future purchase of a new bookmobile.

A resident of Charles County, Teagle holds a B.A. in English and Communications Arts from Hood College and a Master's of Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a member of the American Library Association; Public Library Association; Maryland Library Association (MLA); and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. She is also a member of the MLA Equity, Diversity



Ashley Teagle

and Inclusion Task Force and a member of the Library Associate Training Institute Oversight Committee.

Formed in 1959, SMRLA leverages economies of scale to support the three Southern Maryland library systems with efficient, coordinated services. SMRLA operates the tri-county circulation and online catalog system known as COSMOS (Collections of Southern Maryland's On-Line System); provides access to downloadable books, ebooks, online research and information resources, and other free electronic services; runs the region's inter-library loan system for books and materials; and organizes in-service training for library staff.

For more information about the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, visit smrla.org.

Press Release from SMRLA.

CalvertHealth Welcomes New OB/GYN Doctor

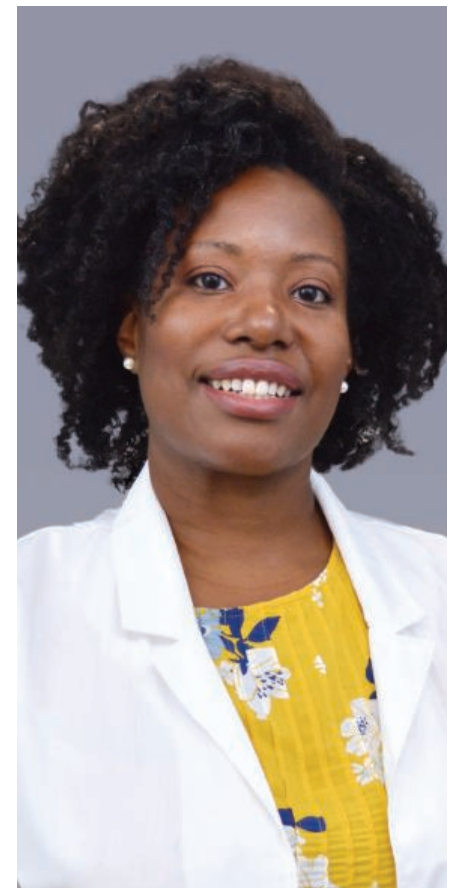
Board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Katreena Settle brings diverse experience to her new role at CalvertHealth OB/GYN from teaching residents at Jacobi Medical Center in New York to chairing the OB/GYN department at UM Charles Regional Medical Center.

Noted for her compassionate and knowledgeable care, Dr. Settle said she wants her patients to feel safe and confident in the treatment they receive at CalvertHealth OB/GYN.

In private practice for seven years, Dr. Settle has expertise in minimally invasive surgery and a special interest in preventive health and family planning. A native Washingtonian, she earned her medical degree at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC.

She went on to complete her specialty training at Jacobi Medical Center, where she later joined the hospital faculty and practiced for more than three years. Dr. Settle then moved to the Southern Maryland area where she worked for a private practice prior to joining UM Charles Regional Medical Center in 2017.

Dr. Settle joins partners in care Dr. Barbara Estes, Dr. Hilary Ginter, Dr. Jessica Henry, Dr. Michelle Johnson, Dr. Aparajita Mahata, Dr. Kesha Robertson, Deborah Davis, WHNP



and Ashly Gray, CRNP. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 410.414.4740.

Press Release from Calvert Health.

National Search Begins for New CSM Chief Academic Officer

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will launch a national search for a new chief academic officer to replace CSM Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Eileen Abel, who left Nov. 30, 2020 to become Executive Director of the University System of Maryland Southern Maryland (USMSM).

"We congratulate Dr. Abel on her new position, and look forward to building on the existing partnership with USMSM that will facilitate access to the baccalaureate degree for more CSM graduates," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "Dr. Abel has been an integral part of the CSM leadership team for five years, and I know I speak for each member of the CSM family when I say we will miss her innovative, steady, and compassionate hand in our day-to-day lives."

"A piece of my heart will always be with the College of Southern Maryland," said Abel. "The professionals who join to serve the mission

of our nation's community colleges are like no other when it comes to lifting the underserved, fighting for inclusion and equity, and committing to each student's success. It has been an honor to serve beside my CSM colleagues.

"The Regional Higher Education Centers offer a unique model of access to bachelor completion and graduate programs right here in Southern Maryland," Abel continued. "I look forward to building stronger bridges between CSM and USMSM to create opportunities for CSM graduates to continue their academic journey toward their four-year degrees and beyond."

A CSM interim vice president of academic affairs will be announced soon, said Murphy. The national search for a permanent academic officer will begin January 2021 with the goal to name a permanent replacement in June 2021.

Press Release from CSM

CSM Ranks in Top 30 in Emergency Preparedness

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has been named to the Great Value Colleges ranking of the 30 U.S. colleges that are best prepared for disasters. The only Maryland higher education institution to make the nationwide list – CSM ranked 22nd and was one of three community colleges to earn the recognition.

"The foremost goal of Institutes of higher learning is to provide a top-quality education for the generations that will lead us into the future," reported Great Value Colleges in its recent announcement of rankings. "In order to accomplish this, students need to know that they are safe and secure in this increasingly dangerous world. Student (and faculty/staff) safety takes many forms and having a solid disaster preparedness plan is among the most important. The schools listed on this ranking have gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of those that live and work on campus."

Of CSM, the Great Value Colleges' website cited that "several times, Administration & Society refers to the continuity of operations plan that College of Southern Maryland has created as a strong example for other colleges to follow. Part of what makes CSM's emergency preparedness plans strong is its After Action Report. This report allows college community members who have participated in emergency exercises or events to suggest improvements to the efforts on campus. Additionally, the college also has evacuation chairs on all of its campuses, which help people with disabilities escape emergency situations."

"The depth and strength of CSM's emergency response plan was certainly put to its test with the COVID-19 pandemic," said CSM Vice President of Operations and Planning Bill Comey, who leads CSM Emer-



gency Management Operation Team. "We are proud to be recognized for our in-depth planning; as well as for our ability to self-assess and improve our efforts to keep our students, staff and faculty safe during natural, technological and human-caused risks."

Great Value Colleges compiles the rankings to provide pertinent, unbiased information for prospective students and working professionals to aid them in making more informed decisions as they seek to further their education. The criteria for this final ranking included: evidence of an effective natural disaster plan, number of mentions in the methodology sources, evidence of being able to overcome the long-term effects of a natural disaster, evidence of helping students in the event of a natural disaster, commitment to improving natural disaster planning/preparedness in the future and evidence of innovative planning.

To learn more about CSM's Emergency Operations Plan, visit <https://ready.csmd.edu/EOP.html>.

To review the full list of U.S. colleges and universities recognized as best prepared for natural disasters, visit <https://www.greatvaluecolleges.net/disaster-preparedness-plans/>

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A View From The BLEACHERS



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

By Duke Radbourn

Greetings and salutations good people of the world. It has been a while – years even – since our paths have crossed in this here column. Your regular writer is a blubbering pile of Coronamotions at present - so many life events have been altered or lost to the viral giant stampeding, again, throughout the country. The aging, but still young lad (given my company anyway), asked for an assist from old Uncle Duke.

Wordless, I guess is how he found himself. It happens, especially when improperly lubricated. Stuck with me are thee.

Did someone say lubrication? Where's my courage? Ah yes, never more than an arms-length away – because I am a professional. There we go. Sitting there all brown and appealing with those dancing ice cubes, it could be taken for a harmless glass of tea. Oh, but that would be a mistake - the kind that could land you on the bathroom floor later, fumbling through the medicine cabinet for headache helpers and firmly in the doghouse of some other human that naively expected so much more maturity and self-control from you.

No such judgment here, though, my friends. This is the safe zone. Sinners and saints are welcome alike. Besides, as Jimmy Buffett once said, there's a thin, often indiscernible line, between Saturday night and Sunday morning. So, come as you. Be you, unapologetically...at least until you see flashing lights and someone is screaming to put your hands above your head.

On to business then. Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson once crooned, "Mammas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys," suggesting instead that you, "let 'em be doctors and lawyers and such." Well that didn't age well. Our poor doctors are once again drowning in COVID cases and putting their health on the line after "smarter-than-science" sections of the country turned America into a bio-hazard zone. And as for the lawyers...sheesh...a whole lot of them are billing hours supporting zany lawsuits and sweating through they hair dye. Does a cleared check clear one's conscience?

You know what craft Waylon

and Willie should have suggested to mammas? NBA player. Have you seen these free agent NBA contracts? It is good to be tall, athletic and possess elite handles and a sweet shot – or just one of these attributes! Mason Plumlee got three years and \$25M from the Pistons. Jordon Clarkson scored four years and \$52M from the Jazz. The Trail Blazers gave Rodney Hood and his repaired Achilles two years and \$21M. And the Wizards re-signed Davis Bertans for five years and \$80M. This mere mortal cannot comprehend this math - a greater power is at work. All praise be to the free market economy. Hallelujah!

Here is something else your favorite Duke has been celebrating over the last few weeks: scoreboards. The decisiveness is all the jazz. You win. You lose. Now run along. Thanks for participating. Victors celebrate, recount the success of carefully crafted plans and acknowledge their good fortune. The defeated fuss and moan a bit - bad bounces, missed calls, blown opportunities – but regroup, reassess, learn and, most importantly, accept the loss gracefully.

All involved know it is what it is. I don't have my scoreboard and you don't have yours. There is one, cold and unbiased judge. The result - the final accounting of the best each competitor had to offer - is sacred and unquestioned. When the competition ends, everyone kisses the scoreboard's ring. It is a stone tablet, not a blackboard that can be erased on a whim – or in a juvenile fit – and a different outcome created for consumers lusting for an alternate reality. Championship shirts can't be recalled, champagne can't get put back into the bottle and recorded and history can't be re-written. We clear?

What's that? What if the scoreboard could be retroactively manipulated? Chaos, people. More chaos than I could describe even if this entire bottle of "sippin' tea" in front of me was suddenly in my belly and massaging my brain. Sports would break. Cease to exist.

(Duke takes a long, slow swig)

Look, imagine if the heart of democracy was hijacked by bandits...

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Capital Athletic Conference Rebrands Itself



The Capital Athletic Conference now has a new name: The Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (C2C).

The C2C is thrilled to reveal its new name, visual identity and brand, concluding a collaboration between the conference office and the team at Skye Design Studios (SDS).

"I am excited with the new C2C identity and offer a sincere thank you to Skye Dillon for his leadership, creativity and professionalism throughout the process," said C2C Commissioner Chris Roekle. "I would also like to thank the rebranding committee, whose insight helped us in reaching our modern design which will serve our nationwide membership well for years to come."

The C2C model provides a coast-to-coast, destination-based conference championship experience for its student-athletes, culminating with access to NCAA Championships. Those who raise the C2C trophy will display the excellence to compete on the national stage.

The C2C is diverse and welcomes all newcomers, representing a league without boundaries and full of opportunity. These stories and more can be told through the new brand.

The identity is built upon three key brand positioning strategies:

Coast-To-Coast - The C2C is the only collegiate conference to feature a «sea-to-sea» geographic footprint, with membership spanning from the Atlantic to Pacific coasts. This distinguishing trait is clearly communicated through the league name, with the moniker «C2C» providing an abbreviated expression of this same concept. The logos themselves further leverage this trait by framing each title within a stylized depiction of the continental United States.

Daring - With aspirations to redefine the traditional collegiate conference construct, this descriptor sets the tone of the entire identity, expressing the ethos of the league and

inspiring the futuristic look and feel of the logos themselves. The slogan «Dare To Prepare» was created to function as a call to action for those within the league as well as an invitation to prospective members.

Championship Experience - Nationwide membership provides the opportunity for destination-based championships each season, following the same model as that of the NCAA. Likewise, the C2C championship logos and support graphics highlight the host sites for each event and celebrate the chance for student-athletes to travel abroad.

"What Chris and his colleagues are embarking on with this conference is unprecedented," said Skye Dillon, Founder of SDS. "The C2C story is all about fearlessly looking toward the future and doing so with a national perspective. The imagination, excitement, and sheer boldness of this vision served as our benchmark when creating the identity."

Although membership resides in seven states across the country, each C2C institution possesses the commonalities of both a sunrise and sunset as well as bodies of water, uniting the conference as one. Likewise, bright orange and aqua were selected as the conference colors.

In addition to its primary and secondary marks, the updated visual identity also includes a suite of sport-specific logos, complete with corresponding championship marks for each sport.

The C2C consists of 11 full-time members for the 2020-21 academic year: University of California-Santa Cruz, Christopher Newport University (Va.), Finlandia University (Mich.), University of Mary Washington (Va.), Mills College (Calif.), Mount Mary University (Wisc.), Pine Manor College (Mass.), Pratt Institute (N.Y.), St. Mary's College of Maryland, Salisbury University (Md.) and Southern Virginia University.

Press Release from C2C.



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In Remembrance

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

Betty Marie Myers



Betty Marie Myers, 61, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Kittanning, PA, passed away on November 21, 2020 at her residence.

Born July 8, 1959 in Kittanning, PA, she was the daughter of Herman L. Claypoole and the late Violet (Lytle) Claypoole.

Betty graduated from Kittanning Senior High School in 1977 and attended Clarion State College. She moved to Calvert County in 2005. Betty was employed at the Prince Frederick branch of WesBanco Bank for thirteen years, retiring as the Assistant Bank Manager in October 2020. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, camping and her dogs. Betty was a volunteer for the Fisher House Foundation, Andrews AFB, MD.

Betty is survived by her husband, Douglas J. Myers, whom she married on April 18, 1981 in Kittanning, PA; father, Herman L. Claypoole of Clairton, PA; children, Brandon Myers and his wife, Lauren E. Glynn and grandchildren, Nathan and Ali of Lusby, MD, Jeffrey Myers of Lusby, MD, and James P. Lazo and his wife Jhing and grandchildren Jay and Gabby of the Phillipines; and siblings, Herman C. Claypoole of Pittsburgh, PA and Sherri Y. Claypoole of Kittanning, PA.

Services will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Brandon Myers, Jeffrey Myers, Doug Kline, Jim Titus, John Glynn and Matt Patton.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220. Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Stephen Scott Nelson, Sr.



Stephen Scott Nelson, Sr., 44, of Huntingtown passed away November 28, 2020 at CalvertHealth Medical Center. Stephen was born on August 28, 1976 in Tucson, Arizona, and was raised by his parents Terence M. and Francis Helen (Reich) Coughlin in Bowie, MD. Stephen moved to Calvert County in 1993 and graduated from Northern High School in 1994. He worked at North American Decks & Patio, and in his free time enjoyed cooking, barbecuing, watching NASCAR races, and Redskins football games. He was especially proud of his daughter, Brianna, and her equestrian achievements, and his son, Scott, and his achievements in youth and high school football at St. Mary's Ryken.

Stephen is survived by his children, Stephen "Scott" Nelson, Jr., and Brianna Nicole Duty and her husband Matt, and parents Terry & Frankie Coughlin, all of Huntingtown, father Stephen Chris Nelson and his wife Deborah of Tucson, AZ, sisters Donna Brooks and her husband Bill and Karen DeLorenzo and her husband John, nieces and nephews Ian, Tommy and his wife Aspen, Toni, DJ, Nick, and Alexis and her husband Robbie, great niece Sophia, and his beloved cat Scarlet.

All services will be private. Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Loretta Nicole Fugate

Loretta Nicole Fugate of Port Republic passed away November 27, 2020. She was born April 28, 2019 in Prince Frederick to Ashley Lauren Newman and Curtis Morgan Fugate. Loretta is survived by her parents, grandparents Joy and Timothy Dal-



rymple of White Sands, Patricia and Craig Fugate of Port Republic and Steve Keller of Owings, great-grandmother Betty Fugate of St. Leonard, great-grandparents Charles Dalrymple of St. Leonard, Dennis Skinner of Milford, DE and Jimmy and Villa Newman of Arlington, VA. Also surviving are sisters April and Sophia Bowen, aunts Courtney Fugate of Port Republic and Tiffany Dalrymple of Pennsylvania, uncles Cody Dalrymple of White Sands and Jordan Keller of Owings as well as numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Loretta was preceded in death by grandparents Judy Skinner, Mary and Calvin Moorman and Margaret Keller, great-grandmother Loretta Dalrymple and great-grandfather Raymond Fugate.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the services for Loretta will be private. The services will be live streamed on the Rausch Funeral Home Facebook page on Friday, December 4, starting at 10:55 a.m. and can be accessed by using the following link <https://www.facebook.com/RauschFH/>. The services will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Zachary David Igor Spain (Zack)



Zachary David Igor Spain (Zack) was born July 27, 1998 in Novosibirsk, Russia. He was adopted in April of 1999 and was brought home to Huntingtown, MD on May 1, 1999 by his parents, David and Kandia Spain.

Zack grew up in Huntingtown and attended Plum Point Elementary School and Plum Point Middle School. He attended Huntingtown High School and graduated in 2016. During his elementary and middle school years Zack played soccer for CCPR and CSA. His passion was swimming and he first began competing at the age of 5 for the Marlton Marlins. He continued swimming in summer leagues with the Kings Landing Lionfish. He swam 3 years for Huntingtown High School and made it to the State Swim Meet for the Maryland High School Association. He later coached and was a lifeguard.

Huntingtown United Methodist Church was a part of Zack's life growing up. He was a member of the youth group and drama group and participated in many the Christmas

plays.

Zack loved being with his friends, beach vacations, and traveling. He also enjoyed attending musicals at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. He was a friend to many people and was always willing to help someone in need. He attended 1 year of college but didn't know what career to pursue until recently. Protecting the environment was always important to him and he decided to study political science with the goal of working for an environmental protection group.

Zack was a kind and loving person who had many ups and downs during his teenage years but he always loved his family.

Zack was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Edward and Patricia Black, paternal grandfather Garland Spain and cousin Garth Alexander Black.

He is survived by his parents David and Kandia Spain, siblings David (DJ) James Spain, Allisa (Alli) Marie Spain, and Theodore (Ted) Spain, grandmother Margaret Anne Spain, uncles David Black (Shirley) of Harrisburg, PA, Garth Black (Molly) of Pittsburgh, PA, and Thomas Black (Kathy) of Mechanicsville, VA. He is also survived by cousins Erin Witters (Todd), Jonathan Black (Jessica), Bethany Kurp (Justin), Abby McGlone (Dylan), Patrick Black, Kristen Black, Madison and McKenzie Witters, and Bennett Black, Ms. Donna White, who was practically his grandmother, and his cats Abby and London.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Zack's name may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Avenue Annapolis, MD 21403; Link: <https://www.cbf.org/>

The services for Zack will be live streamed on the Rausch Funeral Home Facebook page on Thursday, December 3 starting at 10:55 a.m. and can be accessed by using the following link <https://www.facebook.com/RauschFH/>. The services will begin at 11 a.m.

Ferdinand Lago



Ferdinand Lago, 99, of Huntingtown, MD passed away November 26, 2020 in Prince Frederick. He was born September 5, 1921 in New Orleans,

LA and was raised in Brooklyn, NY where he attended NY public schools. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines, and upon hearing of the attack on Pearl Harbor enlisted in the US Navy in 1942, serving in the Pacific Theater earning the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with five Stars, the Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Good

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Conduct, and Philippine Liberation Medals. He re-enlisted in the Navy until his retirement in 1962 as a Petty Officer, and then began a career with the Army Corps of Engineers where he worked on testing the effect of ocean waves on coastlines until his retirement in the mid-1980's. He was married to Edna Catherine (Gray) Lago and they lived in Forestville raising their family until moving to Huntingtown in 1990. He and Edna also summered in Daytona Beach, FL until her passing in 2004. Ferdinand was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins, Senators and later Nationals, and Navy football. He was active coaching his children in their youth, and loved attending the sports and activities of his grandchildren.

Ferdinand is survived by sons Ferdinand E. "Fred" Lago and wife Nancy of Huntingtown, and Thomas L. "Tom" Lago of Sunderland (late wife Laurie), grandchildren Thomas E. Lago, Kristi Lago, Brett Miles and Jessica Miles, and great-grandchildren Molly Lago, and Makenzi Larzelere.

Services for Mr. Lago will be private. In his memory, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Mary Char-Lynn "Sherri" Phipps



Mary Char-Lynn "Sherri" Phipps, 53, of Chesapeake Beach passed away unexpectedly November 24, 2020. She was born July 17, 1967

in Prince Frederick to Charles and Linda (Railey) Phipps. Sherri was a lifelong resident of Calvert County and graduated from Northern High School in 1985. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, listening to music, going to concerts, going out and having a good time, and spending time with

her family, especially her grandchildren and sister Margaret.

Sherri is survived by her children Bernard Eugene "Gene" Simms III of Chesapeake Beach, Joseph Simms, and Mary Simms of Chesapeake Beach, grandchildren Gene, Rylee, Sophia, and Lilly Simms, sister Margaret Stokes, and husband David Boarman. She was preceded in death by her brothers Charlie and Brian Phipps.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Wade Nicholas "Whitey" Carpenter



Wade Nicholas "Whitey" Carpenter, 47, of Lusby, MD and formerly of St. Leonard, MD passed away on November 21, 2020 at his residence. Born November 12, 1973

in Prince Frederick, MD, he was the son of Elliott G. Carpenter and Linda L. (Soini) Carpenter.

Wade graduated from Calvert High School in 1991. He was a Lead Carpenter for John Krause Construction, Inc. Wade enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, grilling, cooking, traveling on little adventures, making people laugh, and making a new friend wherever he went.

Wade is survived by his wife, Sharon L. Carpenter whom he married on August 13, 2016 at Waters United Methodist Church; his parents, Linda and Elliott Carpenter of St. Leonard, MD; his sister, Kim L. Money (Matt); his brother-in-law, John T. Speak, Jr. (Teena); his nephews, Matthew S. Hartman and John T. Speak, III; and his nieces, Karlee L. Money and Nicole L. Speak.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

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, December 3

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

This program invites children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is Lighthouses: Shine on Me! This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarine-museum.com.

Saturday, December 5th

Tire Recycling Event

Appeal Landfill and Barstow Customer Convenience Center; 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host a free tire recycling event for Calvert County residents and farmers. Up to 10 tires per residence or farm will be accepted at the locations. Water or dirt-filled tires will not be accepted. Residents must bring their driver's li-

cense or proof of residency. Businesses are prohibited from this event. Residents are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Thursday, December 10

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 carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is Lighthouse Discovery. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Ongoing

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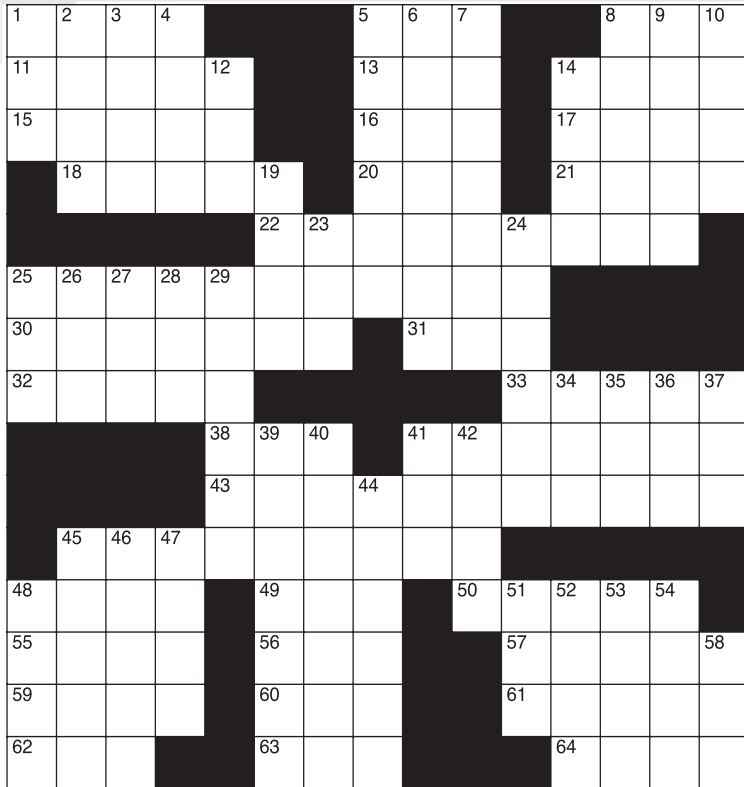
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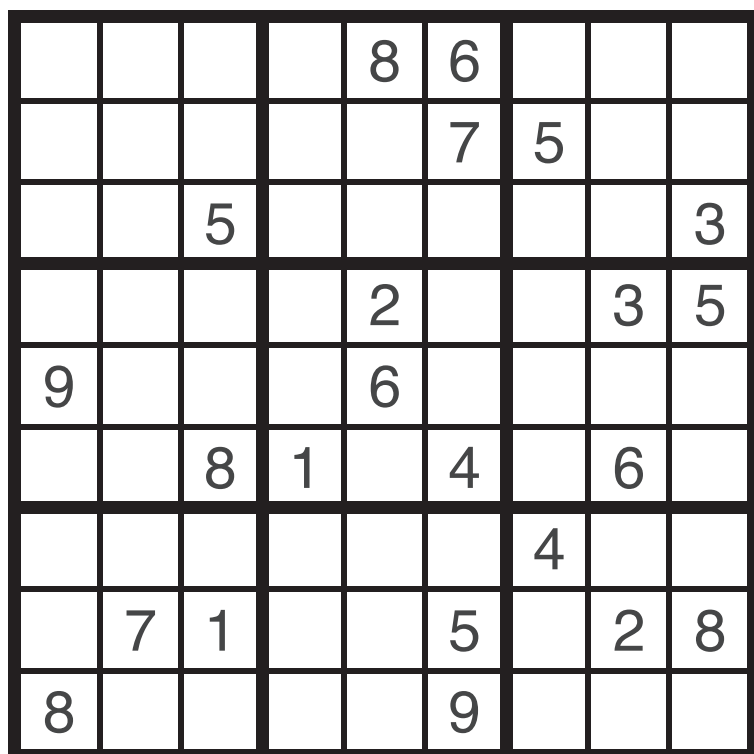
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- 5. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 8. Helps little firms
- 11. A way to censor
- 13. Expresses atomic and molecular weights
- 14. Chalcedony
- 15. Type of sword
- 16. A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
- 17. Attired
- 18. A sequence of winding turns
- 20. Pal
- 21. Expresses pleasure
- 22. Amendable
- 25. Clear
- 30. A way to cut off
- 31. Indigenous Thai person
- 32. Pale brownish yellow color
- 33. Aquatic plants genus
- 38. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 41. Merchants
- 43. Fix a chair
- 45. Throws into disorganization
- 48. Famed German composer
- 49. Keyboard key

- 50. Oral polio vaccine developer
- 55. Partner to pain
- 56. Where golfers start
- 57. Jenny ___: weight loss program
- 59. Sailing dinghy
- 60. Suffix that forms adjectives
- 61. Speeds at which music is played
- 62. Body part
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One point south of due east
- 2. Wings
- 3. One point south of southeast
- 4. The shirts on our backs
- 5. One who works on the seas
- 6. Select jury
- 7. Small intestines parts
- 8. Plant of the heath family
- 9. Extrasolar planet
- 10. Creates more of
- 12. Before
- 14. Forms over a cut
- 19. Runs down
- 23. Exercise regimen
- ___-bo
- 24. Unkeyed

- 25. Principle underlying the universe
- 26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 27. Residue
- 28. Company that rings receipts
- 29. Rugged mountain range
- 34. Commercials
- 35. NY footballer
- 36. They ___
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Poked holes in the ground
- 40. Pitchers
- 41. Your
- 42. Diana ___, singer
- 44. Important document for inventors
- 45. Bangladesh capital
- 46. Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
- 47. Famed daguerreotype photographer
- 48. Where military personnel work
- 51. Play a role
- 52. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 53. Unstressed-stressed
- 54. Type of palm tree
- 58. Judo garments



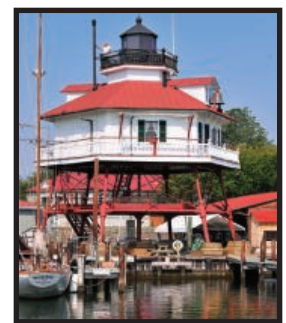
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