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School Superintendent to Present Flat Budget

Big Unknown: State Funding

By Dick Myers
Editor

When Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry presents his proposed budget for the next fiscal year at the Jan. 28 school board meeting, it is expected to be flat, the same as the current year.

“We’re not anticipating any room for growth,” Curry told the Board of Education at their Jan. 14 meeting. He reminded the board what they have already been told -- that enrollment is down this year by more than 700 students. He said, “The majority of our loss was for homeschoolers who wanted to manage their own online learning. And we hope and anticipate that in the fall we will be back to normal and many of those students will return to us.”

The biggest problem with that enrollment loss is that the state uses current year enrollment figures in determining the state’s funding allocation for the next fiscal year.

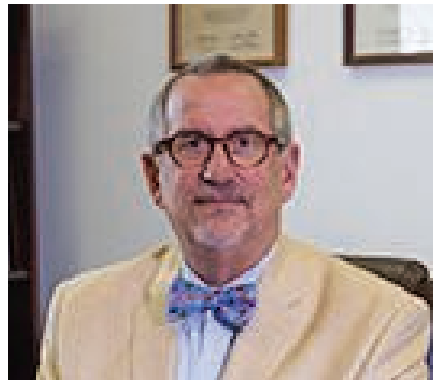
The hope of the Calvert school board, and most of the other systems in the state who are in the same boat due to the pandemic, is for the legislature and the state school board to give everybody a pass so that funding isn’t lost. “If they do not, we could conceivably be down \$10 million and we don’t want to have to deal with that,” Curry said.

Because of the funding insecurity, the country commissioners and school board have not renewed the funding formula that has been in place for several years but will expire next year.

The pandemic has had some positive and negative effects on the budget. With students at home, the need for substitute teachers has been removed. But there have been some costs to make the schools safer and to purchase personal protective equipment, although students still haven’t returned, and it is still uncertain when that will be.

Curry said it is hoped the system can continue without any layoffs.

He noted, “We all know that about 80 percent of every dollar goes to staff and staff-related costs. And if we have to make any cuts, we’d have to look hard at that.”



Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry.

Curry anticipates using some of the board’s fund balance to balance the budget.

Dona Ostenso, president of the Calvert Education Association (CEA), which represents the teachers, wrote in a letter to the board that their highest budget priority “is a continued focus on reducing class sizes, particularly with a focus to cap class sizes in the Pre-K to second grade at 20 students per teacher. Early ages of childhood development are critical for students to build a foundation of both academic and social emotional skills, so that they are able to accomplish great things over the course of their school career.”

Reducing class sizes can best assist in providing the resources to accomplish that, Ostenso wrote.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, board member Dawn Balinski agreed: “We were trying to bring the Pre-K to second grade to a maximum of 20. If we could hold that without an increase in staff, which might impact the budget, given that we won’t really know what our enrollment will be until probably at the last minute, because people’s decisions will be made on the status of the COVID. I don’t know how we do this. It’s going to be quite a juggling act, for our budget, to try to get all of these competing priorities.”

Curry said with the release of his budget a public comment period will begin before the budget is finalized by the board in March.

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Back to Hybrid – Again

Pre-K to Grade 2 to Return

In accordance with Governor Larry Hogan’s guidance to open schools for hybrid instruction by March 1, Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) has announced that schools will re-open for students in special populations and those in pre-K through Grade 2 on Feb. 8. Fully virtual instruction will continue for students whose families chose that model. Dates for the return of other grade bands will be released in the coming weeks.

The Feb. 8 start date for students in special populations includes:

- Those who attended face-to-face programs at the Career and Technology Academy;
- Eligible elementary school students with IEPs and secondary school students on an alternate standards framework, including those at Calvert Country School, who attended school for in-person instruction in December 2020; and
- English Language Learners who attended school for in-person instruction in December 2020.

When hybrid instruction for students in pre-K through Grade 2 resumes on Feb. 8, students in Cohort A will attend, while students in Cohort



B will learn remotely. Cohort B students will return to school on February 16, and Cohort A will participate in virtual instruction that week.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, “Given the new guidance from the Governor, State Superintendent, and Maryland Department of Health, we’re going to try to get back to our plan. This is especially important for those programs that have been used to being in the buildings. Of course, we will continue to require mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing. Decisions for the next groups scheduled for hybrid will be determined later.”

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Mike Miller Eulogized in State Senate

To Jackson: 'Stay Honored' to Service District 27

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland Senate President Emeritus Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr. of Calvert County was eulogized on Jan. 21 in a more than two-hour ceremony on the Senate floor in Annapolis. Speakers included Gov. Larry Hogan, Representative Steny Hoyer, several past members of the Senate and a dozen current members from both parties. Miller died at his home in Chesapeake Beach on Jan. 15.

The final speaker was Senator Michael Jackson, the man appointed by Gov. Hogan to replace Miller after he resigned his seat last month. Jackson, who formerly served as a delegate from District 27-B, one of the three districts in Miller's 27th District that covers parts of Calvert, Charles, and Prince George's counties. Miller served in the legislature for nearly 50 years.

Jackson, former Prince George's County sheriff, said Miller selected him to be delegate.

"He said, 'You'll do fine. You'll do fine. Just don't look at the map. Believe in me. Don't look at the map.' I still haven't figured that one out," Jackson mused.

Jackson in effect did ignore the map by spending a lot of time in Calvert County, earning him the endorsement of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee over several Calvert County candidates.

Jackson said Miller sometimes seemed "tough and impenetrable," but inside was "a man with the heart."

Jackson said he couldn't fathom it when Miller told him more than a year ago that he was resigning the presidency to become just a senator. Jackson said that was like him resigning as sheriff to be a deputy again.

But Jackson said that Miller told him, "Stop it, stop it, stop it. Listen to me. Listen to me. Listen, I love that place. I'm honored to be in that place. We need a peaceful transition, a normal transition. I don't like chaos. I like order. In order to ensure that, this is what we're going to do. We'll be fine. We'll be fine. We'll be fine."

And when Miller told Jackson that he was resigning from the Senate and endorsing as a replacement, he insisted that Jackson do right by his beloved District 27. "I need to make sure that you stay honored to serve them," he said.

Since Larry Hogan, a Republican, became governor, Miller, the staunch Democrat liked to tell the



Gov. and Mrs. Hogan greet family of the late Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller upon the arrival of his casket at the statehouse on Jan. 21. Photo courtesy of pool photographer.

story of babysitting Hogan. The governor remembered those times in his eulogy:

"As hard as this may be to believe, Mike Miller actually got his start in politics campaigning for Republicans. I'm not sure where he went off track after that.

"But the year was 1962. Mike was 19 years old. He was campaigning for his Clinton neighbor, Frank Small, Jr., who was the Republican nominee for governor against J. Millard Tawes, and my dad was helping to run Frank Small's campaign.

"Mike had two main jobs on that campaign: one was to get Frank Small elected governor, and also to occasionally babysit five-year-old me. Mike went 0 for 2 that year, and that may explain why after that election, he became a lifelong, committed, passionate Democrat.

"So as a kid, I was lucky enough to grow up looking up to and getting to know Mike Miller. It was the beginning of a friendship that lasted nearly six decades, a friendship which survived some tough partisan elections on opposite teams, and maybe some, shall I say, overheated and colorful discussions over a few hard-fought legislative battles.

"But ours was a friendship which

only grew deeper when I got sick with cancer, and then even more so when he did. And that's not to say we didn't have our moments. We had some beauties, trust me.

"When Mike was your opponent, you knew you were in for a battle, but when he was on your side, he was really on your side. We still spoke quite often even as his health declined and as recently as just last week.

"As always, Mike didn't hesitate to let me know what I was doing wrong, but also how much he appreciated our relationship. Mostly, he wanted to reflect on how far we two Prince George's County boys had come.

"That's what always motivated Mike, he never forgot where he came from.

"Mike Miller was a great husband, father, and grandfather. He was a patriotic American, a proud Marylander, a lover of history, the most powerful senator, a prominent lawyer, a devout Catholic, and a passionate Terp—though not necessarily always in that order. Sitting on the court with him at Terps basketball games were some of my greatest moments with him.

"Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. worked for half a century in this historic State House—46 years

right here in this very chamber. This is the first time since 1974, when I was in high school, that a session of the Senate of Maryland is meeting without Mike Miller as a member.

"As a student of history, Mike's profound impact on the Senate and on the State of Maryland is truly historic. We can see Mike Miller's legacy everywhere—not just in this chamber, but throughout the entire State of Maryland.

"Public education, higher education, the Chesapeake Bay, our healthcare system all bear the indelible mark of Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. But it is perhaps right here in this august body, in this chamber, where we see his greatest legacy and on these walls he forever joins Paca, Stone, Chase, Verda, Welcome, and Charles of Carrollton.

"Within these historic walls, his indomitable spirit will live on forever, along with the values that he cherished and lived by: respect for tradition, separation of powers, the dignity of every Marylander, and the greatness of the State of Maryland that he loved so much.

"And so, Mike, it is fitting that you are brought here to these hallowed halls before your final rest. Welcome home, my friend."

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County, Town Establish Annual Day to Honor Mike Miller

By Dick Myers
Editor

On Jan. 20 the hearse carrying Senate President Emeritus Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. left the funeral home in Clinton and traveled through Calvert County, past his Dunkirk law office and the Dunkirk firehouse, his home on the Chesapeake Bay and then the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall before heading to Annapolis where his body laid in state in the Maryland Capitol Rotunda.

Inside that town hall several hours later, the mayor and town council issued a resolution establishing December 3rd as "Senate President Emeritus Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Day." That was the date of his birth.

The resolution noted that on September 21, 2000, the Mayor and Town Council proclaimed then Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. an "Honorary Citizen of Chesapeake Beach".

It also noted that Miller was a long-time resident of Chesapeake Beach and Calvert County.

The resolution goes on to say that Miller was "for many decades, the primary advocate and sponsor in the Maryland State Legislature for improvements and projects in the Town of Chesapeake Beach" and

"was a true friend and colleague of the Citizens of the Town of Chesapeake Beach."

At the council meeting, Mayor Pat Mahoney said the amenities that Miller helped bring to the town, including the boardwalks, school, and library, were what attracted many of the council members to the town.

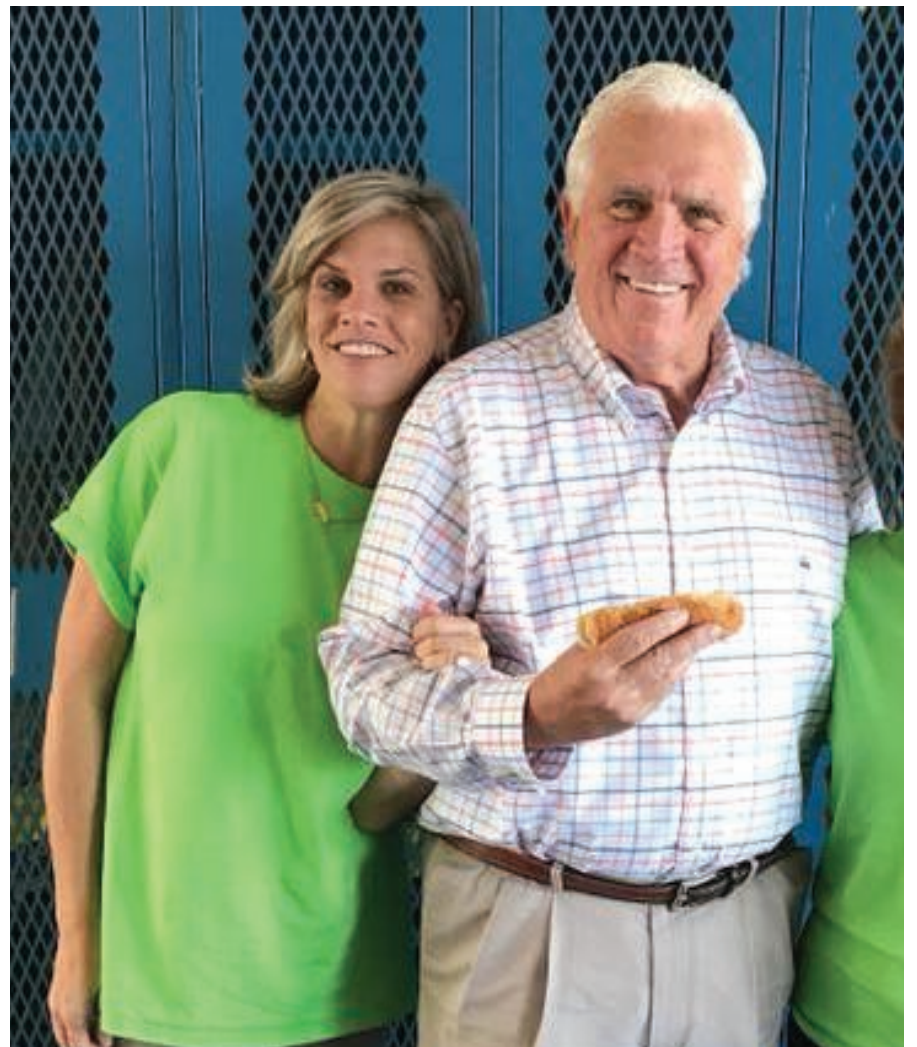
"Senator Miller has been part of the fabric of this town," said Councilman Greg Morris. "The experience and wisdom of this man will be sorely missed."

On Jan. 26, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution making Dec. 3 Mike Miller Public Service Day.

The resolution says: "the ability of local government to be responsive, innovative, and effective depends on the outstanding performance of dedicated public servants. Mike was the epitome of serving the public and provided a great example to the thousands of individuals who work in state and local government service."

Miller's daughter Melissa, an attorney and member of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee, appeared at the Jan. 26 meeting to thank the commissioners on behalf of her family.

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Maryland Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller with his daughter Missy.

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Commissioners Set 10 Goals and Objectives

To be Used as Staff Guidance

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners has agreed to a set of 10 goals and objectives that will be given to county departments and staff as guidance for the final two years of their term. The 10 Commissioner Guidance's were presented by County Administrator Mark Willis.

The ten guidance's are:

- Improve Transparency
- Identify Access Equity for Citizens
- Improve the Business Climate
- Establish Efficient and Secure County Networks
- Ensure Public Safety Services
- Enhance Public Recreation Services
- Establish Efficient Financial Funding for the Board of Education.
- Establish Calvert County-based Opportunities for Veterans.
- Identify opportunities to foster new waste management concepts.
- Identify opportunities to improve public roadways and public infrastructure.

Each guidance includes several topics. For instance, under improving transparency is the goal to add additional commissioner meetings including one evening one a month. That has been a consistent recommendation of the Calvert

County League of Women Voters.

Under improving the business climate is the goal to improve tourism operations, including construction of the Calvert Marine Museum Master Plan initiatives and stabilizing and beautifying the Lore Oyster House.

Under public safety is the goal of establishing a funding formula for the Sheriff's Office "to create agree-upon funding criteria for more efficient planning for known funding and future operations.

Under education it is the goal to reestablish the funding formula for education budgeting.

A recreation goal is to construct the new Chesapeake Hills Club House.

Projects on the list for infrastructure improvements are:

- Dowell Road Right of Way Acquisitions/ Construction
- Fox Run Boulevard connection
- Hallowing Point Park Entrance
- Completion of Boyd's Turn Road Improvements
- Little Cove Point Curve improvements – Design and Land Acquisition

Willis said he hoped to put the 10 guidance's into a more formal document to be shared with the various county departments.

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Commissioners Seek Additional Bond Authority

Request Goes to Local Lawmakers

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will be asking the county's legislative delegation to introduce a bill giving the county an additional \$26,453,345 in bonding authority.

Projects for which the money secured by bond issuance would be used include the new St. Leonard firehouse, HVAC system improvements for schools, a transfer station at the Appeal landfill and an upgrade to the Barstow convenience center.

According to Capital Projects Analyst Veronica Atkinson, about \$5 million has already been allocated for the St. Leonard firehouse and the new bonding authority would add \$7 million for the expected total cost. But she noted, "We are still very early in the process," with issues to be resolved including the site for the new facility.

The BOCC was told that capital projects sometimes take multiple years to complete. County Administrator Mark Willis said that is why the county had a six-year Capital Improvement Plan, to reflect the time some of the projects take.

Having bond authority doesn't write the check for the project but provides the authority to issue bonds when the time comes. Commissioner Mike Hart noted that the bond rating agencies could influence whether the county actually goes to the bond market at any given time, because what rating the county gets influences the interest they will pay on the bonded debt.

The commissioners unanimously agreed to make the request at their Jan. 26 meeting. Also, at that meeting the BOCC agreed to condone a bill introduced by Senator Jack Bailey (R: Dist. 27), with one modification.

According to County Attorney John Norris, "Senator Bailey has



Senator Jack Bailey (R: Dist29)

introduced SB356 Calvert County - Sunday Hunting. The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal season in Calvert County; and authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting by the Department of Natural Resources on Sunday in Calvert County."

The bill would add Calvert to a list of counties that allow the Sunday hunting. The one modification suggested by Commissioner Tim Hutchins would remove the allowance for hunting on public lands and just restrict Sunday hunting to private property.

Hutchins said there was some public land along Parker's Creek that would be difficult to post signs about hunting restrictions to protect adjacent property owners.

Hutchins said since hunting on public lands is not now allowed anyway, the modification would have no immediate impact. He said if the state wanted to change those laws at a later date the commissioners could revisit it.

The BOCC unanimously went along with Hutchins' modification.
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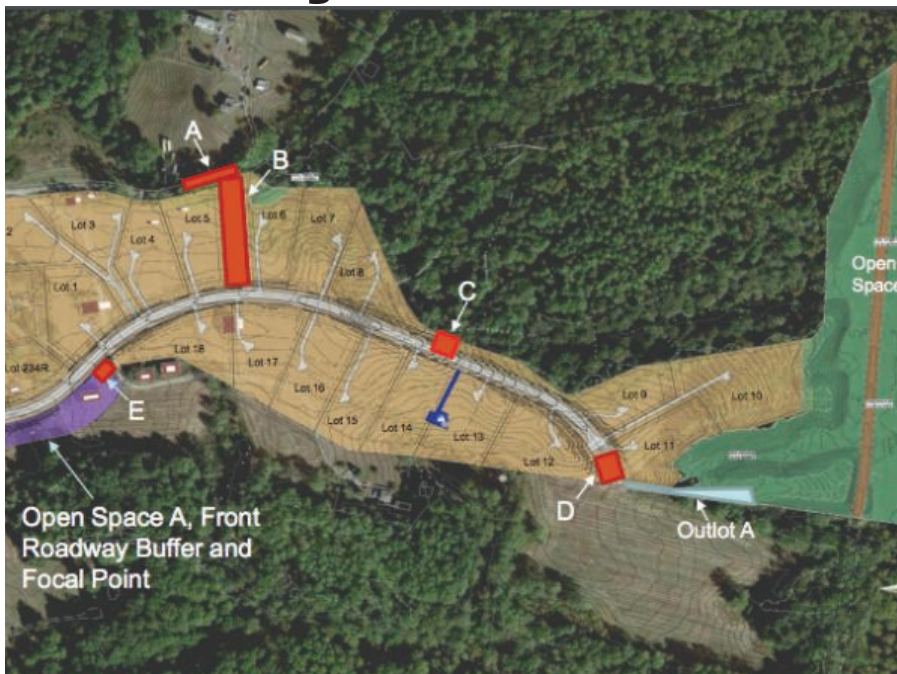


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Planners Approve Three New Projects



Site plan for Bowen's Pride subdivision

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission at its Jan. 20 meeting approved three new projects – a commercial lot in Prince Frederick, a new subdivision north of the town center and a youth-ministries building behind a Huntingtown church.

The commercial lot is at the intersection Route 4, Trasker's Boulevard and North Prince Frederick Boulevard, just south of the Chick-fil-A site. A Ruby Tuesday restaurant sat on the site and has been replaced by a Panda Express.

The project involves subdividing the lot and creating a second parcel on which will be placed another as yet-to-be-announced commercial building.

The planning commission will review the plans for whatever is proposed for the newly created lot.

The subdivision is called Bow-

en's Pride and contains 18 lots on 40.38 acres. It is behind the old Bowen's Florist shop. The lots will be off a single road connecting to Route 4. An adjacent parcel is also available to be developed.

A barn on the property will be retained as a focal point.

The Youth Ministries Building is behind Emanuel Baptist Church at the Route 4 and Old Town Road intersection in Huntingtown.

The church sits on a five-acre parcel. The project involves the demolition of two existing trailers to be replaced with the construction of a 12,000-square-foot Youth Ministries Building. No additional parking is required. The church does have an overflow gravel parking lot.

The three projects were approved unanimously with little comment.

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Hogan Asks For Patience In Vaccine Distribution

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland is doing all it can to distribute what vaccines it is given by the federal government to combat COVID-19, Gov. Larry Hogan said at a press conference in Annapolis Jan. 26, but citizens should be patient and expect to be put on a waiting list to get their dosage.

"For at least the near future the demand will continue to far exceed supply," Hogan said. "This will be a much longer process than any of us would like."

The state was also working to establish half-a-dozen mass vaccination sites "in central locations state-wide," Hogan said, with the first two to open Feb. 5.

Those locations were the Baltimore Convention Center and the Six Flags America site in Prince George's County.

Maryland National Guard members currently deployed to the Capitol will be reassigned to assist in those efforts.

Sites in Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore are currently under consideration, Hogan said, and the state was working to expand Phase 1 inoculations to the severely immunocompromised.

State-run mass vaccination sites will be open to all Marylanders anywhere in the state for those eligible.

He said 667,275 doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines have been sent to Maryland so far, but a total of 4 million doses will be needed to complete Phase 1 of the vaccination plan.

To give two doses to all Marylanders, which is required for the vaccine to be effective, 12 million doses will be necessary.

"To date, Maryland has only been allotted five percent of that amount," Hogan said.

Hogan said 95 percent of the inventory of vaccine currently received by the state has been distributed for inoculations, but the state only receives roughly 10,000 doses a day from the federal government.

Hogan said 348,026 first doses have been administered, while 208,725 have been reserved as second doses.

Hogan said the Biden administration has committed to increasing vaccine production and distribution by 50 percent and that



Hogan would continue to press for more vaccines to be delivered to Marylanders.

Hogan said it would be "many months" before Marylanders could expect to see a greater surge in vaccine delivery.

The federal contract partnership with CVS and Walgreens pharmacies have completed their initial inoculation clinics at the state's 227 nursing homes, Hogan said, with two more state-wide vaccination clinics scheduled as part of that contract.

Pharmacy inoculation teams will soon begin clinics at assisted living homes around the state, Hogan said.

"They've already begun second shots at these nursing homes," Hogan said.

More than 360,000 doses have been given to all Maryland hospitals but only about 190,000 have been administered, Hogan said; according to one of the latest health orders, hospitals who fall below 75 percent utilization will not be prioritized for new vaccines and will not receive more if they do not show an effort to "pick up the pace."

Hospitals that provide inoculation clinics for the public will be prioritized for vaccine distribution, Hogan said.

The state was also partnering to focus on underserved areas with pharmacies, Hogan said, and was looking to expand those pilot programs once more supply was available.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of January 11 – January 17, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1607 calls for service throughout the community.

Property: 21-1710

On January 11, 2020, Deputy Holt was patrolling the North Beach Boardwalk area where he noticed an unknown suspect(s) damage the Christmas tree on the boardwalk. Numerous panels were missing from the tree. After further investigation, it was discovered the panels were thrown into the water. The amount of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Damaged Property: 21-2552

On January 14, 2021, Deputy Lewis responded to Planet Fitness in Prince Frederick, MD, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) shattered their rear window of their vehicle between

10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. The estimated amount of damaged property is \$500.

Theft: 21-1812

On January 11, 2021, Deputy Flynt responded to Old Plum Point Rd, Huntingtown, MD, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) came to the property sometime before January 8, 2020 and took 50 tobacco baskets from a barn. The estimated amount of stolen property is between \$5,000 and \$6,250.

Theft: 21-2362

On January 13, 2021, Deputy Gott responded to W. Tomahawk Trail, Lusby, MD, for the report of a theft. Upon his arrival, the complainant advised two packag-

es had been delivered to the residence and an unknown suspect(s) had torn open the packages and stole J-Lab wireless ear buds. The amount for the stolen property is \$49.

Arrests:

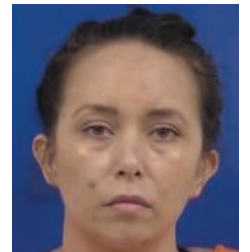
On January 14, 2020, Deputy Crum responded to the Walmart in Dunkirk, MD, for the report of an unknown suspect tampering with vehicles. The suspect was identified as **John Anthony Phipps (47)**. Throughout the day Phipps was going around the parking lot tampering with vehicles so they wouldn't start and then would ask the owners if they needed help fixing the vehicle. Phipps was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with



John Phipps

Rogue and Vagabond and Malicious Destruction of Property less than \$1,000.

On January 15, 2020, Deputy Savick responded to the Calvert County Detention Center for the report of a CDS violation. Upon arrival, the deputy was notified that Correctional Deputies found Xanax bars, Adderall, Seroquel and Heroin/Fentanyl on the suspect identified as **Nicole Marie Fant (35)**. Fant was charged with four counts of Possession of CDS- Not Marijuana and one count of Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.



Nicole Fant

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

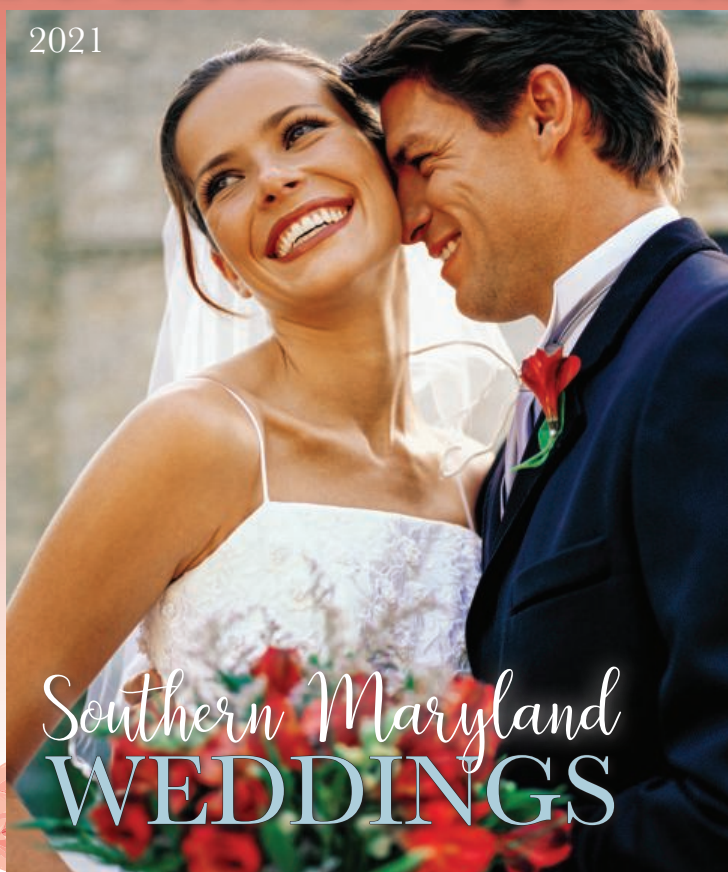
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The Waiting Game: High Demand, Low Supply for COVID-19 Vaccines

By Dick Myers
Editor

The country, and Calvert County for that matter, is divided into two camps – those eagerly awaiting the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and get one of the COVID-19 vaccines, and the much smaller group who don't plan on doing it. And of course, there's that much smaller subset of citizens who have already been inoculated.

For the arms in waiting, the pertinent question is – “When?” The answer is elusive.

“We are utterly hamstrung by supply,” said Calvert County Deputy Health Officer Champ Thomaskutty. He said they don't know from one day to the next how many doses they'll be getting.

The State of Maryland is officially in Phase 1C, which includes: “Adults age 65-74 and essential workers in lab services, agriculture, manufacturing, postal service, etc.” But Thomaskutty points out there are still people in Phases 1A and B who haven't gotten their shots.

Phase 1A is:

- Health care workers
- Residents and staff of nursing homes
- First responders, public safety, corrections

Phase 1B is:

- Assisted living, independent living, behavioral health, and developmentally disabled group homes, and other congregate facilities
- Adults age 75 and older
- Education and continuity of government

Phase 1C (in more detail), is:

- All licensed, registered and certified health care providers
- Front line hospital staff
- Nursing home residents and staff
- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Assisted living, independent living, behavioral health, and developmentally disabled group homes and other congregate facilities
- Law enforcement and firefighters, EMS
- Education staff, including K-12 teachers, support staff and daycare providers
- Correctional health care staff and officers
- Public safety workers not covered in Phase 1A
- Health care workers not covered in Phase 1A, including but not limited to lab services, public health, vaccine manufacturing and other health care professions
- Front line judiciary staff
- Continuity of government
- Food/agriculture production, critical manufacturing, U.S. Postal



Service, public mass transit, grocery store employees

- Veterinarians and support staff
- Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship
- Adults age 65 and older

Thomaskutty said, “The Calvert County Health Department is following the COVID-19 vaccination prioritization guidance of the governor and Maryland Department of Health and adapts as updates are announced.”

The first round of doses was received by the health department and CalvertHealth Medical Center and were quickly distributed to the people in the first phase.

Additionally, under contract with the federal government, CVS and Walgreens drug store chains received doses to distribute to the nursing homes and assisted living facilities. That rollout was slower and still ongoing, according to Thomaskutty.

So, what's happening now? He said the health department “works with a wide range of partners to reach all eligible populations. This includes Calvert County Government and its agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, Community Resources, and the Office on Aging. We also partner with Maryland State Police, community organizations like The Arc and Southern Maryland Community Network, and critical employers such as Calvert County Public Schools. Additionally, the local medical community, including CalvertHealth Medical Center and community-based medical and dental practices, has aided in outreach and coordinating our response.”

Last week it was announced that preregistration was beginning for all county residents age 18 and older. Preregistration is at calvertcountymd.gov/vaccine or by calling 410-535-0218 if they are unable to do so online.

Preregistration is not intended to be a waiting list. Thomaskutty said, “The pre-registration portal does not replace risk- or employment-based prioritization. The health department

is working directly with medical practices, professional organizations and employer groups to identify individuals who meet early vaccination criteria.”

So, after one preregisters, the next step will be a call from the health department seeking more information and to register that person for a scheduled shot appointment.

The health department is currently operating a drive-through inoculation location.

Thomaskutty said, “While the eligibility for vaccination has expanded, the availability of vaccines has not increased. Despite being constrained by a supply too small to meet the overall need, vaccination in Calvert County continues to move forward. CCHD works to distribute doses as quickly as possible. Currently, the department is dispensing over 95 percent of the doses we receive on a weekly basis. This serves to maximize what is being dispensed in the community, as well as demonstrating that Calvert County is prepared and capable of distributing the vaccine effectively.”

Last week the health department began the first round of second doses. Thomaskutty said they are confident they will have enough doses to distribute for the second shot for those who have received the first.

What's being done to get the word out to elderly citizens. Director of the Department of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland said, “Staff have contacted Office on Aging participants by phone and prepared flyers for distribution at meal delivery and via e-mail to assist with preregistration for clinics. Additional communications are planned for the Office on Aging newsletter to encourage seniors to register on the portal or call the number provided and reach out to their health care provider if they have questions regarding the vaccine.”

As to the need for the vaccinations, Moreland said, “Office on Aging staff are encouraging all seniors, regardless of age, to preregister for available vaccine clinics, whether

coordinated by Health Department, local pharmacy or Veterans Administration clinic (if applicable.). Additionally, Office on Aging staff are assisting CalvertHealth (the hospital) in half day senior clinics at the senior centers for seniors living at local affordable and senior housing facilities and Office on Aging participants Office on Aging staff assist in outreach and support for the registration process, referring them to contact their health care provider if they have specific health-related questions. Last week CalvertHealth's clinics vaccinated 183 seniors. Additional dates are still to be determined and depend on available vaccine. For medically homebound seniors unable to transport, Office on Aging case management staff is referring cases to the Health Department for in-home vaccinations.”

Transportation to the vaccination sites may be an issue. “Moreland said, “Calvert County Public Transportation will provide transportation to the half-day vaccine clinics at the senior centers by appointment for residents living along the public transportation routes. However, transfers may be necessary and regular fares will apply. If a resident is an existing paratransit rider, they can make an appointment for curb to curb service. Appointments should be scheduled in advance by calling (410) 535-1600, Ext. 2360. The public transportation buses are limited to a maximum of 11 riders at once to meet social distancing requirements. Masks are required and thorough cleaning is done in between trips. For routes and schedules, see information on Public Transportation service. If residents don't qualify for transit service, the Office on Aging Senior Rides Coordinator can assist them at (410) 535-4606, Ext. 139.”

Phases 2 and 3 are the final phases that cover everyone else. Phase 2 includes: “Adults 16-64 at an increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities and essential workers in critical utilities, transportation, food service, etc.”

Phase 3 is the one that includes the general population -- “healthy adults age 16-64.”

Once vaccinated, what does that mean? The most recent guidance recommends after getting the second shot to continue to mask up and maintain social distancing. No vaccine is 100 percent effective and it will take some time for that 70 percent herd immunity to kick in.

Then maybe we'll be back to some semblance of normalcy. When, however, is the subject of much debate and conjecture.

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Knights of Columbus Keep Children Warm



(L to R) Appeal Elementary School Judy Center Program Coordinator Karen Jordan, school counselor Sarah Beebe, Dean Lynn Cunningham and Principal Anthony Barone, and Knights of Columbus Council 9258 Grand Knight Tom Reumont, Deputy Grand Knight Vincent Maldonado and Guard Horacio Moronta.

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

A recent study involving young American school children revealed 18 percent living in poverty. In many low-income families, there is not always the financial resources to purchase decent clothing once the essentials such as food and lodging are paid for. The problem is especially acute in our northern climates during the winter months when families suffer the additional financial costs to heat their living spaces by the most economical means available, often with dangerous cheap kerosene heaters or wood fire pits. Too often they require help to provide their young children with the vital necessity of a warm winter coat. Many kids are forced to wear the hand me downs of older siblings, clothes that have most likely seen better days!

The Knights of Columbus, a worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization dedicated to the care and welfare of women and children, recognized this real need that had been neglected for too long. In 2009, their leaders developed a program called "Coats for Kids" to resolve this issue in the poorer communities across North America. Their primary goal was to ensure every deserving child in need has a good winter coat when a family is unable to provide this proper attire to combat the winter cold. During the past 12 years since these efforts were implemented, Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the United States and Canada have distributed more than 500,000 new winter coats to needy young boys and girls!

Working with local school authorities, social services, churches, and even police departments, the Knights learn of where the needs are and obtain lists for coats by sizes and whether for a young

boy or girl. They then set out, often with help of their Ladies Auxiliaries, to locate sources for purchasing these items in bulk to keep costs low. The funds they derive for paying for these coats comes from their many means of fundraising yearround. As always, these gentlemen do this work with little or no fanfare as it's their mission to serve others, especially the needy of the community.

Despite a year when charitable organizations suffered from diminished donations due to the restrictive issues imposed by the current COVID-19 conditions, in early January the Knights of the Our Lady Star of the Sea Council #9258 in Solomons were able to outfit 23 school kids at a local public elementary school.

Their Deputy Grand Knight Vincent Maldonado's wife Clarice is an Instructional Assistant for the Head Start Program and learned of the local need for coats. She was provided with a list of coats sizes. The Grand Knight Tom Reumont and his wife Karen set out to locate a supplier and were able to obtain the necessary items at a reduced price from the local Target Store.

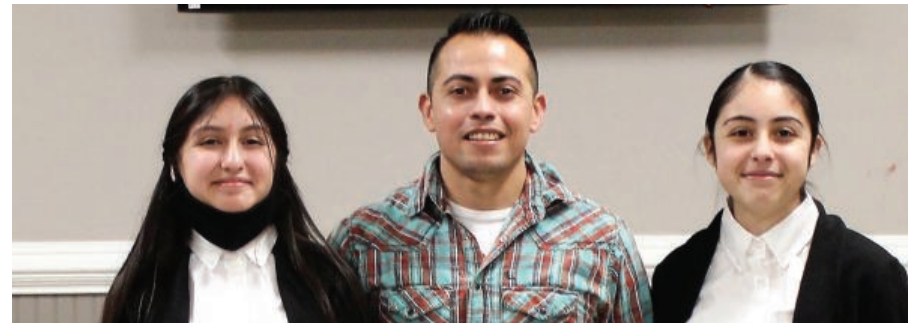
On January 8, several Knights presented these coats to Appeal Elementary School's principal, counselor and program coordinator, on behalf of their deserving students. Once more the Knights were able to accomplish their mission to make a seemingly small part of life a little bit easier for these families.

The Coats for Kids program is just one of the many ways the Knights of Columbus puts their faith into action. To learn more of their many good works within our community and how you might help with the many needs here in Southern Maryland, contact Dave Spigler at "spiggy@rcn.com."

American Legion Posts Speech Contest Winners



Dalton Newsome with his father and mother, McGarren and Tina Newsome



Lilianna and Julianna Covarrubias with their father Victor Covarrubias.

The Calvert County Council of American Legion Posts held their annual Oratorical Contest on Saturday, January 23, at the American Legion Arick L. Lore Post 274 in Lusby.

Lilianna Covarrubias, a freshman at West Lake High School, placed first. Her speech dealt with how important it is for her generation to develop an interest in government and the Constitution. She credits her teacher, Surjo Bandyopadhyay, for encouraging her to participate in the competition. Covarrubias now has the opportunity to compete at the district level against winners of contests in other communities. The district contest will be held on Saturday, February 20, at the American Legion Post 259, Clinton, MD.

Julianna Covarrubias, a sophomore at West Lake School, placed second. Lilianna and Julianna Covarrubias are the daughters Victor and Kelly Covarrubias.

Dalton Newsom, a junior at Patuxent High School placed third. Dalton is the son of Tina and McGarren Newsome.

Each contestant won a cash prize and will be eligible to compete next year.

The Oratorical Contest allows students from area high schools compete in a two-part contest. Students are first required to give a prepared oration on some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the United States government. This oration must be the original effort of the contestant and be 8-10 minutes in length.

In the second part, an amendment or article to the Constitution is chosen at random with each student providing a 3-5-minute extemporaneous speech about the subject. This year the article chosen at random was Article I, Section 7, which deals with "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives, but the Senate may

propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills."

The chair of the Calvert County Council of American Legion Posts Oratorical Contest, Jon Baki said, "Each contestant did an excellent job. Their speeches showed a great deal of thought and preparation. We are very proud to have the opportunity to sponsor this annual competition giving our students opportunities to learn more about the Constitution and their Country."

Since 1938, the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program has encouraged the nation's high school students to study the U.S. Constitution and to hone their public speaking skills. Students compete at local, district, state and national levels with the opportunity to win money and scholarships. The winner at the national level is eligible for a \$25,000 scholarship. For more information, please visit www.legion.org/oratorical.

The Calvert County Council of American Legion Posts includes American Legion Calvert Post 85, American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, American Legion Gray-Ray Post 220, and American Legion Arick L. Lore Post 274. To learn more about membership or other programs provided by the American Legion contact your local American Legion Post.: American Legion Calvert Post 85, 410-535-3341, www.americanlegioncalvertpost85.org;

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Press Release from Calvert County Council of American Legions.

Tax Season Begins

Electronic Filing Suggested

Comptroller Peter Franchot has announced that processing of personal income tax returns for Tax Year 2020 will begin on February 12, 2021, several weeks later than the traditional mid-to-late January opening date. The delayed start allows the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) additional time to implement changes related to federal COVID-19 relief packages.

Corporate income tax returns will be accepted beginning on February 1, 2021.

“This late-starting tax season is yet another result of the global pandemic that has tragically killed more than 400,000 Americans, destroyed tens of thousands of small businesses, cut millions of jobs and depleted individual savings,” Comptroller Franchot said. “My pledge to Maryland taxpayers is to process state returns as quickly as possible and get refunds back into taxpayers’ hands where it can help individuals and the broader economy.”

Last year, the Comptroller’s Office processed more than 3.2 million individual state tax returns with refunds totaling \$3.03 billion.

As of now, the filing deadline for 2020 tax returns is the traditional April 15, 2021 date. If the pandemic forces any change to that deadline, the Comptroller’s Office will communicate that information.

Taxpayers are encouraged to file their returns electronically for the fastest possible processing and to ensure they receive all possible refunds and to avoid continued delays with the United States Postal Service. A list of approved vendors for use in filing your electronic return can be found on the Comptroller’s website.

Maryland taxpayers can also use the agency’s free I-File system to submit their state tax returns.

Comptroller Franchot recognizes that some Marylanders may have difficulty paying their tax liabilities this year due to the pandemic’s impact on individuals, families and businesses. The agency is working with taxpayers experiencing financial difficulty and providing flexible payment plans.

Several important points taxpayers should know as you prepare tax returns:

The federal stimulus payments signed in March and December ARE NOT considered income and therefore ARE NOT TAXABLE.

Unemployment benefits ARE TAXABLE.

Recipients of forgiven PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans DO NOT HAVE TO PAY TAXES on the amount forgiven.

To the extent they are included in federal adjusted gross income, Maryland COVID-19 grants issued by the Maryland Department of Commerce ARE TAXABLE.

Purchases of Personal Protection Equipment, or PPE, ARE DEDUCTIBLE for federal tax purposes, and currently these business expenses deductions flow through to the Maryland return.

Earlier this month, Comptroller Franchot extended filing and payment deadlines for certain Maryland business taxes and quarterly estimated income tax re-



MD Comptroller Peter Franchot

turns and payments that would be due in January, February and March 2021 until April 15, 2021. No interest or penalties will be assessed and there is no need to file a request for extension.

Taxpayers with COVID-19-related tax questions or regarding tax filing extensions can visit the special COVID-19 page on the Comptroller’s website or email the Comptroller’s Ombudsman at taxpayerrelief@marylandtaxes.gov. More information can be found in the most recent Tax Alert.

Tax fraud is more prevalent than ever. The Comptroller’s nationally-recognized Questionable Return Detection Team flags potential fraud cases and suspends processing from tax preparers when necessary. All taxpayers should be vigilant in protecting their personal identifying information and ensure they are working with trusted preparers. The agency maintains a list of blocked preparers on its website.

As in previous years, the Comptroller’s Office will not immediately process a state tax return if W-2 information is not on file with the agency. Employers are required to report wage information to the Comptroller on or before January 31.

Taxpayers can still get assistance through the agency’s 12 branch offices; however, all in-person customer service operations have been temporarily suspended. Virtual appointments can be scheduled online at <https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/contact-us.php>. Expand the “Local Offices and Directions” tab and look for the scheduling link under each branch office.

The agency’s branch offices and call centers are both open 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Beginning February 1 and continuing through the April 15 tax deadline, telephone assistance will be available from 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Taxpayers can also call 1-800-MD-TAXES or email questions to taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov. Please include your name, address and ONLY the last four digits of your Social Security Number in your e-mail message. This will help generate a quick response to your inquiry. Requests for tax forms should be emailed to taxforms@marylandtaxes.gov.

Press Release from Office of MD Comptroller.

A Little Bit Longer for the Library

While Calvert Library had optimistically forecast reopening their doors for browsing and computer use on Monday, January 25, the current positivity rates have led to the decision to postpone reopening for a bit longer.

CDC guidelines indicate that there is a higher risk of transmission when positivity rates are over 8 percent and Calvert’s are still above that. According to Executive Director Carrie Willson, “We continue to balance the community need for safety and the need for information and entertainment. When we know of a customer need, our staff are being incredibly resourceful in meeting that need. While we can’t let people in to browse, we have offered a large selection of materials in grab bags as a sort of mini-browsing experience.

“People needing a quiet place to work are parking in our parking lots, connecting to our Wi-Fi and working. Adding more Wi-Fi hotspots and circulating Chromebooks has filled another gap. Even so, we look forward to welcoming people back in our buildings as soon as is reasonable, stay tuned!”

All four library locations have continued to serve thousands of customers through contactless curbside pickup in January and over 20,000 items have been checked out in this way. Downloadable materials continue to be well-used and virtual events and classes well-attended. Librarians are even faxing, printing and scanning customers’ documents, a service that over 100 customers have taken advantage of in January alone. Over



Calvert Library Executive Director Carrie Willson

thirty virtual one-on-one tech classes have been taught and more than 1,000 reference questions answered.

Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appointments. Customers can also follow and interact with library staff on Facebook and Twitter.

For the health and safety of others, if you are exhibiting symptoms of a contagious disease, especially coronavirus, please stay home and call your healthcare provider for medical advice. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website.

Call 410-535-0291 or email getanswers@calvertlibrary.info with any reference questions you may have.

Press Release from Calvert Library.

On-Farm Stands and Stores

Sought for New Directory

In response to the sustained and growing demand for locally sourced farm foods, the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, (SMADC), is adding a new section to the 2021 edition of the annually published Southern Maryland Farmers Market Guide which will feature a directory of regional farm stands and on-farm stores.

Throughout the pandemic, local farm food resources such as farmers markets and neighborhood farm stands and on-farm stores have become increasingly popular with consumers who are looking for safe shopping environments that provide a dependable seasonal supply of locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and value-added products. The new Farmers Market Guide with the added regional On-Farm Stand and Store Directory supports this trend which is expected to strengthen in the coming year as consumers continue to seek out locally grown and produced foods close to home.

SMADC is now accepting applications for the new On-Farm Stand and Store Directory. Listings are open to any farm located in the 5-county region (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s counties) that hosts an on-farm store or farm stand open to the public (seasonally or year-round), offering predominantly ‘producer only’ farm raised, or farm made value-added products, and/or other Maryland sourced farm foods.

Find the On-Farm Stand and Store Directory Application under 'News and Events' on the SMADC website. Applications are due by February 26, 2021. There is no charge to be listed. The 2021 Southern Maryland Farmers Market Guide including Farm Stand and Farm Store Directory is expected to be published in the early spring and will be available online to view or download on the ‘Get Our Guides’ page at www.SMADC.com.

Press Release from SMADC

Men's Basketball Edged by Salisbury



The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's basketball team traveled to Salisbury University on Saturday (Jan. 23) afternoon and were edged by the Sea Gulls by a final score of 69-66.

St. Mary's College - 66, Salisbury - 69

How It Happened

- Salisbury jumped out to their largest lead of the opening half, capturing a 19-6 advantage at the 13:21 mark. The Sea Gulls managed to knock down five consecutive three balls to push themselves in the lead.

- Trailing 22-10, the Seahawks closed the gap to 22-21 with an 11 point run. Cameron Rucker, Gary Grant, Micah Henry, and Elijah Crawford recorded scores during the scoring streak.

- Both squads continued to exchange scores until Salisbury held a 32-27 lead with 1:11 remaining. St. Mary's College took advantage of their final possession of the half when Darian Callaway drained a three-pointer. The Seahawks headed into the halftime break trailing 32-30.

- St. Mary's College recorded four blocks and four steals to close the gap in the first half of action.

- The start of the second half was similar to the end of the first, with both teams trading scores. Next, the Seahawks captured their first lead since the opening minutes of the game, grabbing a 57-55 lead with 5:50 remaining in regulation. Daryn Alexander started the run with a layup and Grant tallied the final three points for the Seahawk lead.

- Salisbury eventually took the lead again, but didn't hold onto it long.

Grant once again willed his way to the basket and drained a layup and drew a foul. Grant went on to drain the following free throw. Next, Oluvide Lewis knocked down a clutch three-pointer to give the Seahawks a 63-61 advantage.

- With under two minutes remaining, Brandon Craig of Salisbury recorded three consecutive points to give the Sea Gulls a 67-66 lead. St. Mary's College missed a three ball in their next possession and Salisbury capitalized with a layup on the other side of the floor. The Seahawks eventually turned the ball over on their final possession.

Inside the Box Score

- Grant led the Seahawks with a team-best 19 points and eight rebounds. Crawford tied Grant with the team lead in rebounds collecting eight as well. Two other Seahawks finished the afternoon with double-digit points. Lewis recorded 13 points and Henry tallied 12, respectively.

- St. Mary's College played well on the defensive end, recording eight blocks and seven steals as a team. Albert Scott notched a team-high three blocks, while Grant and Crawford tallied two a piece. Additionally, Crawford led the team with three steals.

- Jordan Oates led the Sea Gulls with a double-double, collecting 11 points and 17 rebounds. Three Sea Gulls finished with 10 points and every Salisbury player that saw action scored.

Up Next for the Seahawks

- Jan. 29 at Lancaster Bible | 7 PM | Horst Athletic Center

Press Release from SMCM.

Atlantic East Cancels Conference Competition



**ATLANTIC EAST
CONFERENCE**

After months of careful consideration regarding possible options for safely engaging in athletics this spring, the Atlantic East Conference Presidents' Council and athletic administrators have come to the decision to cancel conference competition in fall and winter sports during the spring 2021 semester with the exception of a possible swimming championship due to its low-risk exposure category and the possibility to run the championship virtually.

The conference office and institutional leaders have agreed upon allowing institutional autonomy to schedule competition at their discretion. Activities are not limited by the conference, and may include practices, strength and conditioning, inter-squad events, and intercollegiate contests where safe to do so.

The Seahawk field hockey and swimming teams will still compete during the spring semester, but without conference competition. Both

teams are associate members of the AEC.

Division III previously announced that all Division III student-athletes are able to participate in athletics during this academic year without being charged a season of participation or semester of eligibility. The blanket waiver allows student-athletes to compete up to the established dates of competition/contest maximums without being charged a season of intercollegiate participation or a term of attendance for any term during the 2020-21 academic year in which they are eligible for competition.

At this time, spring sport scheduling and championships continue to have priority due to their lost season in Spring 2020. The Presidents' Council is scheduled to meet again in the upcoming week to further discuss spring sports scheduling for the upcoming semester.

Press Release from SMCM.

Associate Head Basketball Coach Announced

Seahawks Promote Assistant Coach



St. Mary's College of Maryland head men's basketball coach Chris Harney has announced the promotion of Dominic Milburn from assistant coach to associate head coach of the Seahawks.

"It's an honor to have a coach like Dominic Milburn on our staff and he is much deserving of this promotion to associate head coach," stated Harney. "He's involved in every facet of our program, he leads our recruiting efforts and he makes our program better every single day with the work he does with our student-athletes."

Milburn is in his fourth year overall on Harney's staff. The Silver Spring,

Maryland native has helped tutor one First Team All-CAC selection (Spencer Schultz, 2018-19 season), two Second Team All-CAC Selections (Gary Grant and Miles Gillette, 2019-20 season) and one CAC Rookie of the Year (Gary Grant, 2019-20 season). Additionally, Milburn has coached 21 CAC All-Academic Team selections.

Prior to joining the St. Mary's College coaching staff, Milburn had a brief coaching stint at Salisbury University. Milburn played collegiate basketball at Bowie State and Salisbury, and later graduated from Salisbury in 2014.

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Thursday, January 28

CSM Transfer Thursday Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. csmd.edu/transferthursdays

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 carry-out craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity is limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is Wacky Weather. 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

Recycle Your Christmas Tree
Calvert County residents can

take their live Christmas trees, wreaths, and garland to county convenience centers for recycling at no charge beginning through Jan. 31, 2021. After Jan. 31, residents looking to recycle their trees must take them directly to the Appeal Landfill and standard yard waste fees will apply. This program does not apply to businesses. Businesses must bring holiday greenery to the Appeal Landfill where standard yard fees will apply. All decorations, including support frames, lights, and metal stands, must be removed from trees, wreaths, and garlands. Trees and wreaths may not be in plastic bags or cut up. All materials will be taken to the Appeal Landfill to be mulched and made available to county residents at no charge. Wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, holiday cards, and other paper are accepted at the convenience centers for recycling at no cost any time of the year. Cardboard boxes should be flattened and all packing materials, ribbons, and Styrofoam must be removed for disposal. Residents are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Letters to the Editor

Choose Love, Not Hate

To the Editor

Only those who choose love instead of hate can change the world for better.

Like so many of our brothers and sisters in the county, we watched in stunned horror and disbelief as a mob launched a violent assault on the Capitol Building in an unlawful attempt to overthrow an election. We believe that no amount of disappointment or frustration can justify such behavior.

As was the case this past summer, we acknowledge that pain and anger can bring people together in their constitutional right to protest, but we denounce all violence on society as an attempt to resolve differences. We also denounce behaviors that fueled this insurrection by individuals who attempted to manipulate people they were elected to serve.

We offer appreciation for the restraint of individual, overwhelmed law enforcement officers on the scene. However, it is important to our future together that we honestly examine why a similar strategy was not employed when police were confronted by protests that were more peaceful, as a whole, in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder.

And yet, beyond the shock and dismay, we still believe in the ideals of justice, mutual respect, and dignity which our founders declared; and, in the power of love to overcome all fear, despair and division. We believe that only those who choose to manifest love instead of hate can change the world for better.

The dream that is America cannot happen by wishing or simply praying for it. We cannot continue to ignore the lessons of history. To live into the promise of liberty and freedom requires individual commitment to each other and the ideals we profess. We can do this.

In that spirit, we think it appropriate to close this letter with a prayer from our tradition:

“Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and Peace.” (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 822)

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Jimmy Van Mitchell



Jimmy Van Mitchell, also known as "Moon Pie", 82, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Manilla, AR, passed away on January 16, 2021 at his residence.

Born May 31, 1938 in Tuckerman, AR, he was the son of the late Rudolph Mitchell and Lavina (Huskey) Mitchell.

Jimmy graduated from Tuckerman High School and was a musician. He loved to make guitars as well as play them. Jimmy was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish, and widdle wood.

Jimmy is survived by his daughter, Janet Spargo (Michael) of Charlotte Hall, MD; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild on the way; and siblings, Lois Mitchell of CO, Maron Mitchell of Fort Smith, AR, and Eulayla Mitchell of AR. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janis (Regan) Mitchell on October 14, 2015; and his brother, Kenneth Mitchell.

A private service was held on Friday, January 22, 2021 at Rausch Funeral Home, Lusby, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Lamont Parson, Michael V. Spargo, Michael G. Spargo, Monty Parson, Ricky Parson and Ben Spargo.

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

Russell Andrew Garner, Sr.



Russell Andrew Garner, Sr., 77, of Dunkirk, MD passed away surrounded by loving family at Calvert Memorial Hospital in

Prince Frederick, MD on December 12th, 2020.

Russell was born November 7th, 1943 in Upper Marlboro, MD to the late James and Florence Tayman Garner.

He graduated in 1962 from Sasscer High School in Upper Marlboro. After graduation Russell proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era advancing to the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged.

Russell supported his family as Route Sales for Wonder Bread – Hostess delivering bread and cake to stores and schools in Southern Maryland retiring after 30 years. After retirement he drove for St. Mary's County Public Transit Bus System for numerous years.

To know Russell was to know a hardworking, passionate man with a heart of gold. A devote Catholic, Russell was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach, MD.

He was loved by many and his spirit will be missed for years to come. He was a member of American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach. His hobbies included watching a University of MD basketball game, cheering for the Orioles or rooting on the Ravens and working on crossword puzzles.

Russell is survived by his wife Cheryle Crissman Garner, of Dunkirk, MD and his children, Russell Garner, Jr. of Tallahassee, FL, Rebecca Ritchie (Randy) of Redding, CA, Christina Bellinger (Jeremy) of Charlotte, NC, and Stepson Brian Crissman of Prince Frederick, MD; and his sister Florence Hugel of Stevensonville, MD. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, which were his pride and joy, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Russell is preceded in death by his parents, James Roy Garner and Florence Tayman Garner; his first wife Janice Ashberger Garner; his sisters Adeline Sasscer, Margaret Walsh and

Jane Saunders; and brothers James Garner Jr. and Henry Garner.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking for all donations to be sent to St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 326 Chamberlain, SD 57326 a charity that Russell loved supporting.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

June Ireland Hasko



June Ireland Hasko, born June 8, 1927, in Baltimore, Maryland and a former resident of Huntingtown, Maryland, joined her Heavenly Father

peacefully at home on January 15, 2021. She was married to her beloved husband, Alexander Hasko, for over 50 years, and together in faith and love, raised two children, Ted Hasko and Alexis Hasko Bean.

June was the glue of the family and raised her children with unwavering love that only a mother can give. She was their cheerleader and strong supporter. She insisted and made sure they were provided the best education and opportunity to succeed in life, often at her own personal sacrifice and expense physically and mentally. She was a strong defender against the prejudices they faced and stood by them when they failed or faced the everyday trials and tribulations of life. June was very sweet and kind to just about everyone unless they threatened or hurt a member of the family, then the Ireland temper roared, and you never saw it coming until you were verbally down and out.

June loved music and made sure her children were given music lessons. She absolutely enjoyed the music of her son, who specializes in wind instruments, especially clarinet and saxophone. She was serenaded by Ted on his clarinet the night before she passed. Towards the end, besides playing for her when he visited, he would play tiny concerts for her over the speaker phone and she'd smile and move with the beat. She thoroughly enjoyed them. Ted also played other instruments for her and made-up lyrics to go with one instrument, the ukulele, which he is teaching himself. She found pleasure in hearing her son play. June even tried to teach herself piano and did a good job for a beginner. She was also a writer and an artist, which one of her caregivers re-sparked towards the end, bringing enthusiasm and playfulness back into her life. She was also a prolific reader of political and historical books.

She was extremely opinionated about the political parties she liked and abhorred and did not care who knew.

In her retirement days with Dad, they moved to Florida. June enjoyed playing cards with her friends, bowling and playing golf. She even made a hole in one, playing golf with her two best friends, and received a certificate and trophy for that achievement. She was an avid puzzler. She had a stack of puzzles that she put together many times. She used to complain, until the puzzle was completed, that there were pieces missing until she proved herself wrong.

June held several jobs to ensure her children had the best education, sending them to the best private schools the family could afford. She was a school secretary for Beach Elementary in North Beach, Maryland, worked as an order supply clerk in a warehouse near Suitland, Maryland, and a payroll clerk with the Board of Education for Prince George, Maryland where she eventually retired.

In 2008, several years after her beloved husband passed, she moved to Charlottesville, Virginia to be close to her children. For several years she enjoyed the cultural activities of living in a college town, going to various plays, concerts and shows. She would often join her family to enjoy a dinner out or a ride through the mountains. After a while she grew weary of adventures and would only go out if the family promised to allow her to pay.

June is survived by her son, Theodore Alexander Hasko, her daughter Alexis Ann Bean and son in law, Norman Curt Bean and, her one and only grandson, Michael David Lansberg, who she had a special place in her heart. When she realized she could no longer drive, she gave Mike her car. She would do anything for him if, his mother, Alexis, agreed. She is also survived by Dwain Bowen and Sherry Bowen Ashby and their families.

June's remains will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery with the love of her life. There will not be a funeral, nor gathering at Arlington National Cemetery, except for the immediate family. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations should be made to a cancer center of your choice or to

St. Jude's Children's Hospital, one of her favorite charities.

We will mourn her death for awhile, however, we shall spend the rest of our time celebrating her life well spent as a wonderful wife and mother. Rest in the loving arms of God, Mom. You deserve it! We love you very much.

Sidney Guy Bowen

Sidney Guy Bowen of Prince Frederick, Maryland entered eternal rest on January 23, 2021. He was born in

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Prince Frederick, Maryland and was the son of the late J. Ellis Bowen, Sr. and Ruth (Asbury) Bowen. Sam was preceded in death by his first wife,

Darlene (Mazure) Bowen, his parents, and his devoted cocker spaniel, Pal. Sam fought the battle of traumatic brain injury or CTE. He often remarked, "this journey will lead me into the sunset of my life." Sam was a 1963 graduate of Calvert High School, Prince Frederick, MD; a graduate of University of Maryland with a degree in horticulture; and a graduate of Strayer Business College. Following his graduation, he passionately pursued the art of floral design and achieved great honorable notoriety with the Floral Society of Calvert County. Sam believed that God called him to use his talents to educate, to bring joy, and to carry the message of God's love through the artistry of his flowers. Sam was President and CEO of Bowen's Florist and Gifts. He was a dedicated and compassionate businessman of Calvert County for forty-six years. Sam was totally committed to his loyal customers and always remembered them with kindness, perfectionism, and "personalized service." He was well known in Prince Frederick for starting the teachers' first day of school with the remembrance of a beautiful floral arrangement, a custom he carried out for forty-six years. One of the honors achieved in his professional career was the privilege of designing floral arrangements in the White House during Gerald Ford's presidency. During his professional career, he was an active member of the Society of American Florists, many Maryland florist associations, and the President of the Northeast division. Sam served as a General Clerk in the Army National Guard. He was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he served as President of the Church Council for several years, a member of the church choir, served as Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee, and served on various other church committees. Sam loved the Lord with all his heart and soul, serving Him faithfully, living out that faith in everything he did. Sam began his Masonic journey as a youth member in DeMolay. He was a 52-year member of Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142, AF & AM; Member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Baltimore Valley; and Noble of Ali Ghan Shrine, Legion of Honor, Cumberland, Maryland. He was a 52-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star serving Marlboro Chapter No. 61. He was honored to serve as Wor-

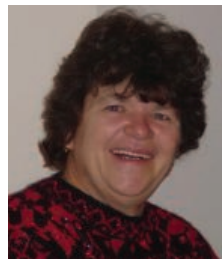
thy Patron numerous times, Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter for six years, Grand Representative, Australia and West Virginia. Sam was an honorary member of Oakland Chapter No. 67, Victory Chapter No. 40, and Grand Chapter of West Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. Sam enjoyed being with his Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, donating his talents at the annual Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. His hobbies and special interests were many! Most of all, Sam loved to sing and to dance. He would often say, "I'm ready to go dancing and romancing." He had a designer's flare for fashion and immaculately dressed and embellished the current style.

Sam is survived by his wife, Bette, who was the love of his life; one brother, James E. Bowen, Jr. and wife, Patricia. Sam is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and many loving friends.

In his memory, Sam has requested that donations be given to Fido's for Freedom and the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Barbara Whitney Conklin



Barbara Whitney Conklin, 64, of Chesapeake Beach passed away January 21, 2021. She was born October 20, 1956 in Fort Belvoir, VA to Cecil Owen and

Marguerite Rose (Delano) Whitney. Barbara was born into a military family and lived in Japan for 3½ years as a child before moving to Mt. Rainier. She married George Francis Conklin on May 31, 1986 and lived in Colmer Manor before moving to Riva. In the mid 1990's Barbara and George purchased the Breeze-In Country Store in Chesapeake Beach and later the home across the street. After operating the store for many years, they eventually retired. Following retirement, Barbara began a small seamstress company out of her house and also worked part time with George at the North Beach Boardwalk. Barbara was a very religious person who enjoyed reading her Bible, listening to Christian music, singing Karaoke, puzzles, art, drawing, painting, and sewing. She was extremely positive and had a great attitude towards life. She was kind, giving, and never had a negative thing to say about anyone.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband George Francis Conklin, parents Cecil and Marguerite Whitney, son Robert Linnenkamp, and brother Douglas Whitney. She is sur-

vived by her sister Marilyn Williams and her husband Dale of Upper Marlboro, granddaughter Chelsea Linnenkamp of Pasadena, stepdaughter Candace Sigai and her husband Dennis of Salisbury, stepson Robert Conklin of Millsboro, DE, nephews R. Shane Ciccarella and wife Amy of Minot, ND, Christopher Leeland and wife Christine of Pasadena, and Alexander Whitney and wife Danielle of Westminster, niece Stephanie Bearns and husband Joey of Prince Frederick and Rachel Whitney, great niece Shannon Ciccarella and great nephew Shane Ciccarella, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120

Baltimore, MD 212201 800-227-23451 Link: <https://www.cancer.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Larry Thomas Anderson

Larry Thomas Anderson, 69, of Lusby, MD passed away on January 21, 2021 at his residence. Born September 15, 1951 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Marshall Ashby Anderson and Mary Esther (Thomas) Anderson.

Larry graduated from Surrattsville High School in 1969 and Western Maryland College in 1973. Larry was a Contract Manager for AR Systems. He volunteered at SMILE and St. Paul United Methodist Church and played the piano at Solomons Nursing Center monthly. Larry was an accomplished piano player and an extremely talented carpenter and craftsman.

Larry is survived by his partner, Harry Kuntz; his children, Kevin Anderson (Barbara) of LaPlata, MD, and Kimberly Witherspoon (Troy) of Temecula, CA; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

No services will be held at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

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Lawrence H. "Larry" Ricks



Lawrence H. "Larry" Ricks, 74, of Chesapeake Beach, MD passed away January 20, 2021. Larry was born March 5, 1946 in Washington, D.C. to

Mary Louise (O'Donnell) and Hugh Ward Ricks. He was raised in Brandywine, MD where he attended Gwynn Park High School. He married Janet M. Butler November 4, 1966 and they lived in Camp Springs and Lothian, and moved to Chesapeake Beach in 1986. Larry was a surveyor with Operating Engineers Local 77, an engineer with RDA Engineering in Upper Marlboro, and for over 20 years was an estimator with Morgan E. Russell Excavating Company. Larry and Janet also owned and operated Dunkirk Pet Store in Dunkirk in the 1980's. Larry was a fan of the Washington Redskins and NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon, and enjoyed bowling, watching sports, and spending time with his family.

Larry was preceded in death by his beloved wife Janet, and his brother Thomas "Tommy" Ricks. He is survived by his daughter Tina M. Hedler and husband Donny of Friendship, grandsons Donald E. "Eddie" Hedler of Chesapeake Beach and Thomas M. Hedler of Friendship, and sisters Marion "Buttons" King of Brandywine, Shirley Wells of Indiana, and Deborah Day and husband Steven of Tennessee.

Services for Larry will be limited to invited family members, and will be livestreamed on the Rausch Funeral Home Facebook page five minutes prior to his service Friday January 29, 2021 at noon. A celebration of Lar-



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ry's life for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601; 1-800-LUNGUSA Link:

<https://www.lung.org>

Burley Bufford "BB" Maggard



Burley Bufford "BB" Maggard, 88, of Kenwood Beach, Port Republic, MD passed away on January 20, 2021 in Prince Frederick, MD. BB was born in West Virginia in 1932 to the late William and Allie Maggard. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Lou, Sheila and Bertha, also his son Danny and Skylar his granddaughter.

BB is survived by his loving wife, Florence Tippett of 20 years, by his children Terry Maggard (Charlotte "Charlie"), and Cheryl Duley; step children, Frankie, Steven, Jesse, Debbie, Wanda, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Bessie Hensley (Ellis); Vonnie Jenks (Jerry); Frances Peters (Stanley); plus many nieces and nephews.

BB worked as a coal miner in West Virginia from there he enlisted in the United States Army and supported the Korean War effort as a medic and cook. After serving his country he returned to the Washington DC area and worked as a gas station attendant, then moved to Calvert County and became a plumber for over 50 years and had a thriving business for many years. In addition to having his own business BB was a plumbing inspector and on the Plumbing Board for Calvert County for many years.

In his free time BB loved to listen to country music and watching western movies. He also enjoyed his cats and dog, and grape wine.

Family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday February 2, 2021 from 10-11 a.m. for a memorial visitation. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. in the Rausch Funeral Home -- Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676. Interment is private.

Richard Ned Russell, Sr.

Richard Ned Russell, Sr., 83, of North Beach passed away January 19, 2021. He was born January 29, 1937 in Abell, MD to Raymond Francis and Cordelia Frances (Arnold) Russell. He was affectionately known



as "Brother" and "Dick" to his friends and co-workers and "Doc" to his grandchildren. Richard was raised in Abell and attended Margaret Brent

High School. As a young man Richard worked alongside his father on excursion boats on the Wilson Line in Washington, DC in 1956. He married Rosalie Bergen on August 11, 1956 and they lived in DC until Richard joined the United States Army and soon after they traveled the country, until settling in North Beach in 1970. Richard joined the US Army on September 6, 1961 and was honorably discharged on March 27, 1968 after serving overseas during his two tours in the Army. Richard was employed with Asbestos Workers Local Union 24 and as a union millwright with Local Union 1548, retiring in 1999. Richard was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Columba Masonic Lodge in La Plata. He was also a former member of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206. Richard was a sharp dresser and had an affinity for the latest fancy Ford truck. He will be remembered as a very generous person and was constantly giving to various charities, family members, and friends.

Richard is survived by his former spouse Rosalie Russell of North Beach, children Rhea Luckett and her husband Rob of North Beach, and Richard N. Russell, Jr. and his wife Elaine of Lexington, NC. He is also survived by his grandchildren Anthony Mosher, Jr., Michelle Mosher, Matthew Mosher and his wife Jessica, Richard N. Russell III, Gabriel Russell, and Matthew Russell, and great-granddaughters Allison and Whitney Mattera and Abigail and Madison Mosher. He was preceded in death by his siblings Francis Russell, Joseph Lee "Archie" Russell, Thelma Darroch, and Lucille Estep.

The services for Richard will be private. The service will be livestreamed on the Rausch Funeral Home Facebook Page on Friday, February 19 starting at 11:25 a.m. and can be accessed by using the following link <https://www.facebook.com/RauschFH/>. The services will start at 11:30 a.m.

Burial will be in MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625,

Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Robert Allen Gray III



Robert Allen Gray III passed on January 19, 2021 of schizophrenia-induced complications at his home in Huntingtown MD. He was the first born of Robert and Judith (Lomas) Gray July 20, 1971 in District Heights MD, married to Suzanne Marie Ketterer April 4, 2004, the father of Jami, and stepfather of Samantha Stover. His mother preceded him in death.

His daughter; stepdaughter and two grandsons William and Johnathon; a brother Richard, sister-in-law Candice, a nephew Timothy, and niece Mia; four uncles; five aunts; 12 cousins; and 24 first cousins once removed survive Rob. He attended Grace Brethren Christian School, Calvert High School, Towson University, University of Maryland, Lincoln College of Technology, and Chesapeake Culinary School.

He was a gentle soul with a heart of gold – willing to help anybody at any time. "The Gentle Giant" as his mother nicknamed him. Cooking was one of his favorite pastimes and he was great at it! A love of nature forced him to split his time between strolling the beach and camping or trail hiking in the woods. One of the great joys for his parents was his accomplished artistry talent. He was also a skilled carpenter and finished their garage interior including shelving and a huge workbench. Music was a big part of his life. He played the banjo, Tom Tom drums, electric guitar, and the didgeridoo. Traveling on bicycle with a nomadic religious group, he covered the entire U.S. from the west to the east coast and from the northern to the southern border. During his down times he liked reading documents and watching videos on alien conspiracies and similar strange tales.

In lieu of flowers the family is suggesting a donation to the National Alliance on Mental Illness <https://www.nami.org> or your preferred mental health non-profit organization.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jeannie Pauline Gross



Jeannie Pauline Gross, 90, of Solomons and formerly of Dunkirk and Prince Frederick, passed away January 19, 2021. She was born June 14, 1930 in Washington, DC to Wil-

liam and Pauline Walthall. Jeannie was raised in the DC area and later moved to Bladensburg. She married Glenn Arthur Gross in 1947 and they lived in Kentland and Kent Village before moving back to Bladensburg. In 1960, Jeannie and her family moved to the Philippines, where they lived for 1 year while Glenn was stationed at Clark Air Force Base, a year in which Jeannie thoroughly enjoyed. They later moved to Puerto Rico in 1965. In between and after her husband's deployments, Jeannie and her family always made their way home to Prince George's County. Later in life, Jeannie and Glenn moved to Dunkirk where they lived for over 15 years until Glenn's passing in 1986. Shortly thereafter, Jeannie moved to Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick, where she lived for 15 years before relocating to Solomons. Jeannie was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hyattsville and First Lutheran Church in Huntingtown. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, pets, eating crabs, and participating in church group activities.

Jeannie was preceded in death by her husband Glenn Arthur Gross, a son Gary W. Gross, and a grandson Samuel R. Gross. She is survived by her children William G. Gross and his wife Alexis of Chester, Kenneth R. Gross and his wife Linda Beam of Broomes Island, and Larry M. Gross and his wife Linda of Myrtle Beach. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Services will be private. Interment will be Monday, February 22, 2021 in MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

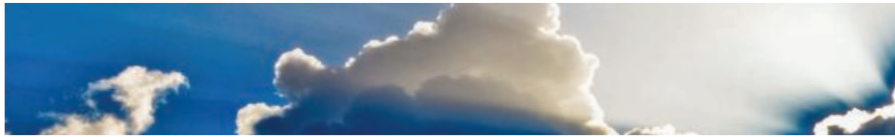
Donald F. Steadman



Donald F. Steadman, 78, passed away unexpectedly January 18, 2021, at his residence. He was born November 10, 1942, in Woodstock, VA, son

of the late Isaac F. and Helen Bowman Steadman.

Donald graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School. Following graduation, he served with the U.S. Air Force as a fuel truck operator, for four years. Then began his career with the Washington Gas Company where he would later retire. He met his wife of over forty years, Beverly L. Steadman, and they settled in Chesapeake Beach. Donald was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Mt. Jackson and he was also a loyal member of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, of Chesapeake Beach.



He enjoyed spending his free time at the American Legion with his buddies, at the ranch in Mt. Jackson with his brothers and spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his step-daughter, Sue Green, brothers, John, Bill and Douglas and a sister, Nancy.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly L. Steadman. He is also survived by granddaughters Emily Green and Rachel Wroble and her husband William Wroble III; great grandchildren Madison, Chloe, and William IV; sister Judy and her husband, sister-in-law Diana; distant nieces and nephews and family friends.

The visitation and funeral service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, 3330 Chesapeake Beach Road, Chesapeake Beach MD 20732.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

**Lila K
Donovan-Frederick**



Lila K Donovan-Frederick (Braden), 73 of Lusby MD, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2021 at Georgetown University Hospital shortly

after being diagnosed with Fahr's disease.

Lila was born in Germantown PA to John Gordon and Lila Kathleen Braden. She was a

graduate of Germantown High School. She was a buyer for Strawbridge and Clothier in

Philadelphia for many years. Lila had a lifelong love of biking, even earning many metals including 1st place in the Womans Pennsylvania State Championship in 1967.

She married her high school sweet-

heart Timothy Donovan in 1969, and had two daughters Jennifer and Diana. The family relocated to Cape May, NJ in 1975. Lila worked at the Lobster House Restaurant for

over 35 years. When she wasn't working, she was doing aerobics, riding her bike around town, or sitting on Philadelphia Ave beach. She had an amazing green thumb, and her house was always filled with plants.

Lila had a strong faith in God and was a longtime member of The First United Methodist Church in Cape May. Her greatest joy in life was being a Grandmother. Lila was widowed after 46 wonderful years with Tim. She was blessed to find love again with

Charles Frederick. They were married in 2010, and moved to Lusby MD. Lila and Charlie

enjoyed traveling the world together. They spent their winters in Ft. Pierce FL. They were truly fortunate to have had 12 beautiful years together.

Lila is predeceased by her parents, John and Lila Braden and her late husband Timothy Donovan. Lila is survived by her husband Charlie, her daughters Jennifer (John) Hoffman, and Diana (Tim) Poullott, sister Susan Braden-Farmer, grandchildren Jacob and Logan Poullott, Morgan and Noah Hoffman, step children Annette Jackson, Paul (Jill) Frederick, 8 step grandchildren, 10 step great grandchildren, and countless

nieces and nephews. She will be remembered for her sweet, gentle, considerate nature. Lila

was a friend to all and loved by all who knew her, and will be deeply missed. Special thanks to Annette for her compassionate care of Lila during her illness.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial service for family and friends will be held at a later date. Details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in her name at your local animal shelter. Condolences may be

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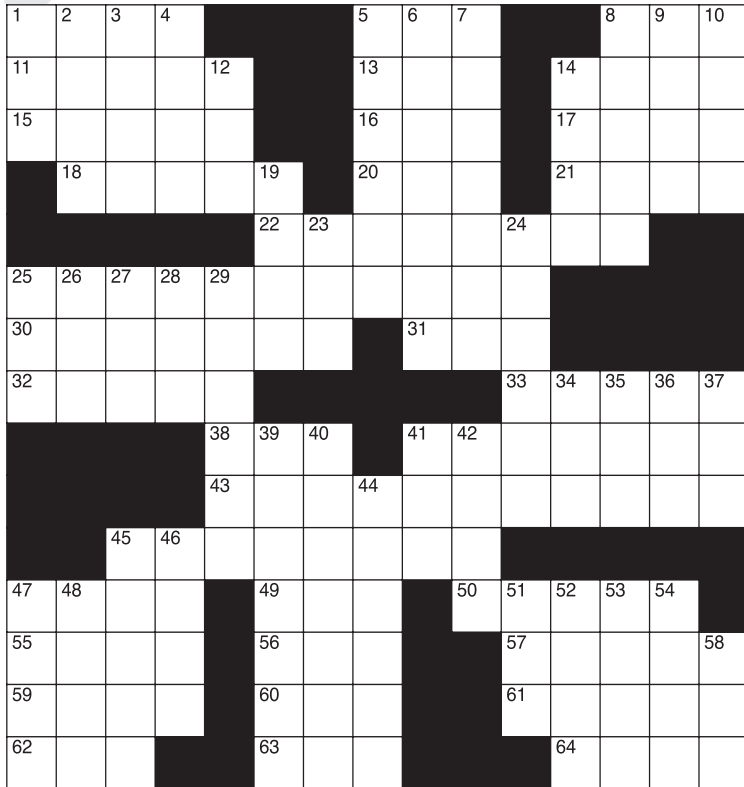
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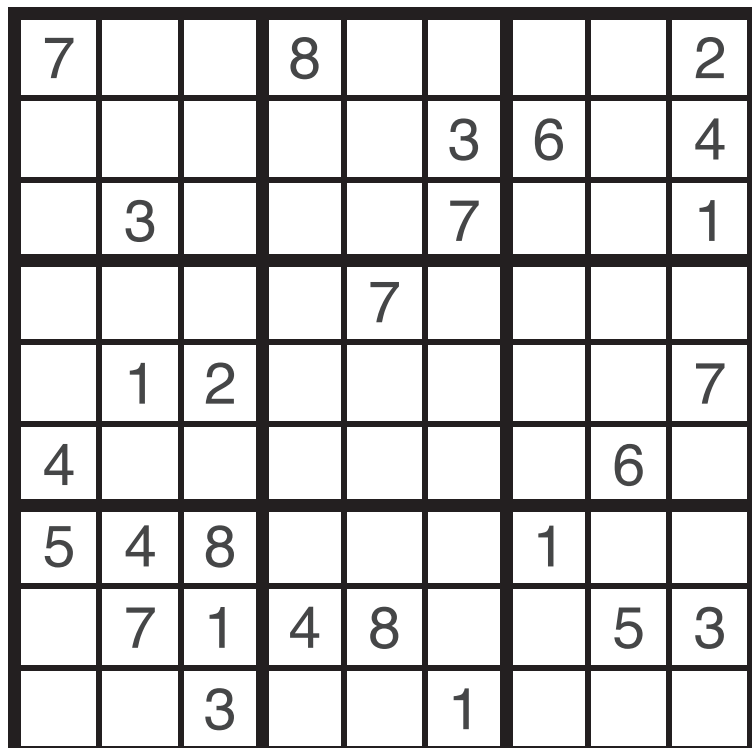
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- 5. Federal Republic of Germany
- 8. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 11. "The Little Mermaid"
- 13. The common gibbon
- 14. Volcanic island in Fiji
- 15. Mother of Perseus
- 16. Egg cells
- 17. Teams' best pitchers
- 18. Credit associations
- 20. Advance
- 21. Hair styling products
- 22. Benign tumors
- 25. Arriving early
- 30. Called it a career
- 31. ___ Paulo, city
- 32. Avoid with trickery
- 33. Easter egg
- 38. Veterans battleground
- 41. Lack of success
- 43. Thing that causes disgust
- 45. Deep, continuing sound
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. You might put it in a fire
- 50. Partner to "oohed"

- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Slippery
- 57. Plant of the bean family
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Patti Hearst's captors
- 61. Places to hang clothes
- 62. Midwife
- 63. Of she
- 64. S. Korean statesman

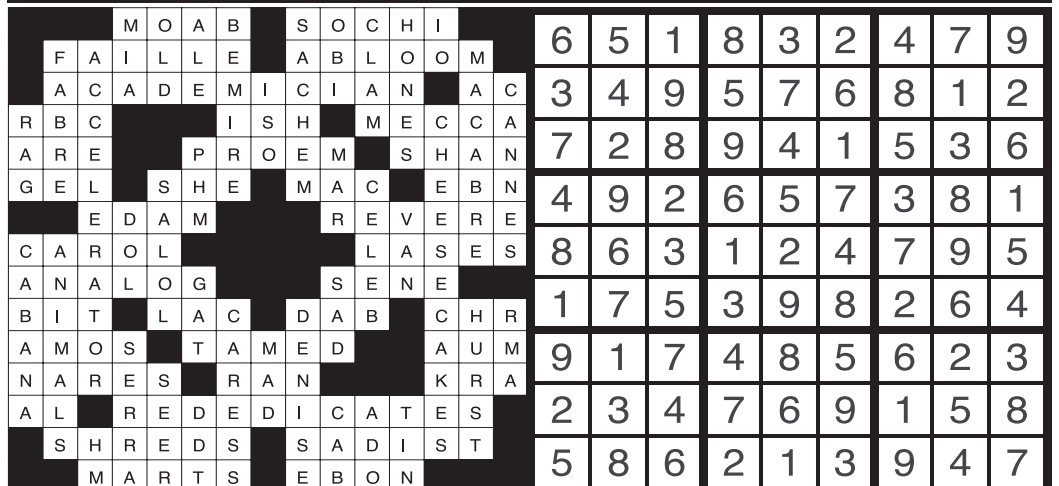
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- 1. Cool!
- 2. Amounts of time
- 3. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 4. Popular veggies
- 5. Wedding accessory
- 6. Deep, narrow gorges
- 7. Dry cereal
- 8. Competitions that require speed
- 9. Cain and ___
- 10. Snake sound
- 12. Type of amino acid (abbr.)
- 14. Pattern of notes in Indian music
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Misfire
- 24. Nearsightedness
- 25. Indicates before

- 26. Increase motor speed
- 27. When you hope to get there
- 28. Indicates position
- 29. Where rockers perform
- 34. Substitute
- 35. ___ juris: of one's own right
- 36. Earliest form of modern human in Europe: ___-magnon
- 37. Adult female bird
- 39. Do away with
- 40. Lens
- 41. Flattened appendage
- 42. Post or pillar in Greek temple
- 44. A medieval citizen of Hungary
- 45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 46. Abba ___, Israeli politician
- 47. Sew
- 48. Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish-white
- 53. A way to illustrate
- 54. College basketball superpower
- 58. Midway between south and southeast



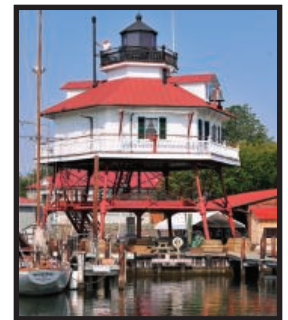
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