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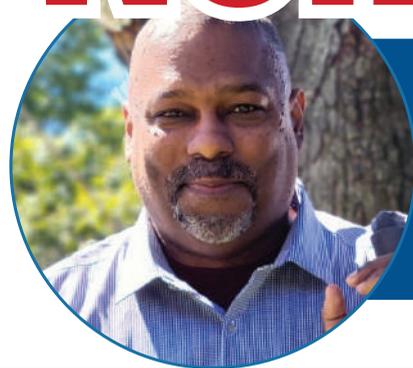
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Thu 10/14 81° 61°F Partly Cloudy	Fri 10/15 84° 65°F Partly Cloudy	Sat 10/16 77° 49°F PM Showers	Sun 10/17 66° 47°F Mostly Sunny
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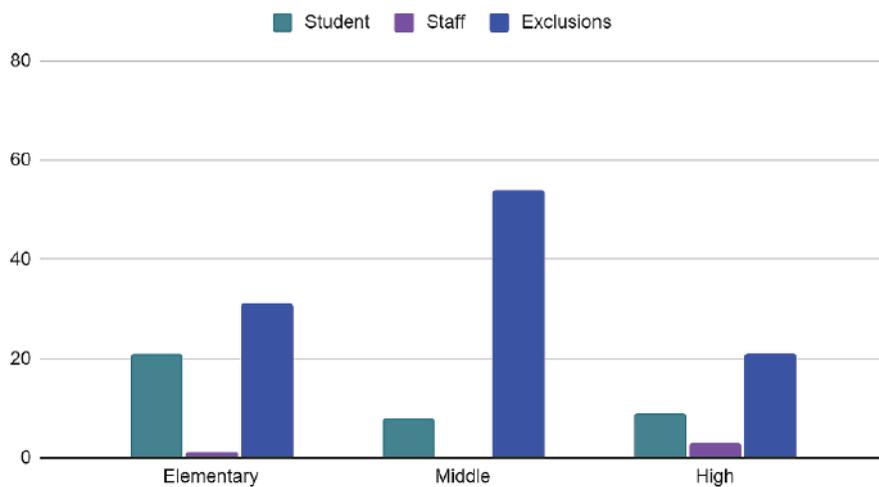



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Schools Report Almost 800 Quarantines

One-Third at Plum Point Elementary, Middle Schools

CCPS Cases and Exclusions by school level - Past week



By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Health Department reports that since school opened there have been 198 students who have tested positive for COVID 19 and 12 staff members.

Those positive cases have led to 796 "exclusions," which are described as quarantines "due to close contact."

The two schools that have registered the greatest number of cases since school opening are right next to each other: Plum Point elementary and middle schools in Huntingtown. Since the start of school, the elementary school has had 138 exclusions and the middle school 131. The two schools represent a third of all exclusions.

In the past seven days the elementary school had 39 exclusions and the middle school 16. During that week there were four students testing positive and one staff member at the elementary school and two students and no staffers at the middle school.

The health department is reporting 179 exclusions overall in the school system in the past week, with middle schools leading the statistics, followed by elementary schools and then high schools.

Also showing double digit exclusions in the last seven days were Calvert Elementary, Mill Creek Middle, Mount Harmony Elementary, Patuxent High School and Windy Hill Elementary.

The health department is reporting 8,842 COVID-19 cases in the county since the start of the pandemic. There have been 89 deaths, including eight Calvert residents over the last three weeks.

According to the statistics, 86 of the 89 Calvert residents who have died from Covid since March of 2020 were unvaccinated, which is prompting a strong push to get shots in the arms of the unvaccinated.

The country health department has revised its guidance for booster shots (see separate story, pg. 7). Third shots are being given to those who received the Moderna shots even though those boosters haven't yet been approved by the FDA.

County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky said that decision was made after consulting with local doctors. He said most of those in the county who received their first two shots got Moderna. He said the boosters save lives.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 SOLOMONS ISLAND
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Start Time: 9 a.m.
Early Registration and Check-in: 8 a.m.

Registration Fees:
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Check-in: 7:45 a.m.

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School System Hit with Bus Driver Strike



Striking school bus drivers in front of the school system administration building.

By Dick Myers
Editor

As if the shortage of school bus drivers wasn't enough of a problem for Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS), there's now been a driver strike, alternately billed as a "sick out."

On Oct. 11 and 12, prior to press deadline, almost two dozen drivers stayed away from their buses, causing massive problems for parents and their children.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry reported Monday "Today, there were 22 buses that did not run and eight schools that were impacted by absent drivers."

As to the continuing possibility of a strike, Curry asked parents, "Please check the Bus Status page on our website frequently for updates. If you are able, please consider alternate transportation for tomorrow."

Staffers in the school system's transportation department reportedly assumed driving duties to pick up the slack.

Late Monday, Curry advised parents, "Our transportation department will do its best to make sure that we utilize all available buses to accommodate the students in Calvert County Public Schools.

"CCPS appreciates all last-minute adjustments made by parents/guardians to get kids to and from school. We apologize for this inconvenience, as well as the other challenges of the bus driver shortage, and we anticipate reaching agreements soon that will prevent

such action in the future." A meeting with the drivers is reportedly scheduled for Oct. 15.

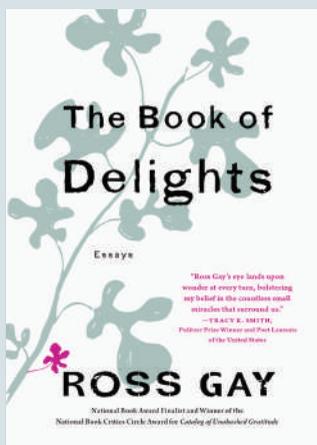
Drivers picketed in front of the CCPS administrative offices on Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. One of the strike organizers, Melissa Koontz, who works at Rawlings Bus Service in Prince Frederick, said in a Facebook post, "Coming from a man that's supposed to be an educated leader, Daniel Curry has sent out a very candid email to all parents. We drivers are not calling out sick (because we only get three sick days a year). There was no meeting scheduled. Friday evening when it was leaked that we were planning this walk out. Tony Navaro (CCPS executive director) sent an email to the director of transportation offering to schedule a meeting with contractors and drivers to discuss pay and benefits. The BOE cannot meet with the drivers without our contractors while knowing that the majority of contractors would be out of town for a convention. Pure manipulation just to pacify us and keep us on our buses.

"Yes we are employed by our contractors but the BOE sets our pay and has denied any type of decent pay raise that is requested year after year. It's quite remarkable how all of a sudden they're able to get these buses coverage when we're already short 17 drivers."

Koontz told a Fox 5 news reporter, "We don't want to be here. We feel like this is our last resort."

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State Court Hears Appeal of Suit Against the County

By Dick Myers
Editor

The appeal in the suit against Calvert County by four citizens seeking to overturn the county's 2019 adoption of a revised comprehensive plan was heard Oct. 12 by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, the state's second highest court.

The appeal seeks to reverse a decision in the county's favor in Calvert County Circuit Court by retired Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge Michelle Jaklitsch.

Judge Jaklitsch's order signed Feb. 17 of this year said, "...the 2019 adoption of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan by the County Board of Commissioners was legally implemented."

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

The suit alleged flaws in the commissioners' 3-2 decision to adopt the plan update. It said that Commissioner Kelly McConkey should have recused himself on a preliminary 3-2 vote that placed two pieces of property he owns in Huntingtown into an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. The suit



G. Macy Nelson

said that violated the county's Ethics Ordinance and the county Ethics Commission subsequently ruled that in fact it did violate that code.

Then, retired Prince George's County Circuit Court Judge C. Phillip Nichols, former chief judge for that county, ruled on Aug. 17 that then Ethics Commission Chairperson Jennifer Mazur at an Oct. 14, 2020, virtual meeting at which the decision was made had "an apparent conflict of interest and was required to recuse herself..." The ethics commission has filed an appeal of the ruling, also to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. That hearing has not yet been held.

Nelson represented the plaintiffs at the Oct. 12 appeal and Assistant

County Attorney John Mattingly spoke on behalf of the county. After hearing both sides and asking several questions, the three-judge panel took the matter under advisement.

Nelson said in response to a question from the court, "Our legal argument is that Commissioner McConkey was prevented by the ethics ordinance from voting on the comprehensive plan."

Nelson said his clients object to the plan that passed because "that is acutely pro-development in conflict with the historical policies of the county to preserve the nature of the county."

Nelson was asked by a judge, "Isn't there an option to vote when your vote is necessary for the conduct of public business?"

Nelson responded, "He wasn't required by law to act. They had a full quorum."

Mattingly, in rebuttal asserted that if McConkey hadn't voted, a 2-2 vote wasn't a sure thing, that another commissioner might have voted another way.

The county's case hinges on two previous court rulings (case law) that a legislative decision can't be overruled based on a conflict of interest.

Even so, Mattingly asserted, "There is no finding anywhere that a conflict of interest existed. There've been three cases, this case, and two com-

panion cases, yet there is no finding still that there is a conflict of interest."

Mattingly said the plaintiffs are "asking this court to invalidate legislation when the chance that maybe at some point in the future, there might be a finding that there was a conflict of interest. Now that seems absurd, as pure speculation, especially considering the history of this case and the history of the companion cases."

Mattingly said the plaintiffs fail to consider one point: "that's the presumption of severability. If we get to the point where there's a final finding of conflict, we would sever the offending portion, not invalidate the entire comprehensive plan."

Nelson countered that the county ethics law authorizes the ethics commission to grant "injunctive relief. We believe that that language includes the power to declare the ordinance invalid."

Nelson asserted, "I am hopeful that the ethics commission prevails, but my client's case is not dependent upon it. That put another way, the county has got to win both cases, and the citizens only have to win one of the two. We intend to pursue our case as aggressively as the court will allow us to pursue it."

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Demolition work began in early August, kicking off the initial phase of the \$35.7 million project to build a new county administration building at the same location in the heart of Prince Frederick. The County Services Plaza, located on Main Street in Prince Frederick, was built in 1974.

"This is a project we have all anticipated for some time and are pleased to see it becoming reality," said Board of County Commissioners President Earl F. "Buddy" Hance. "While there may be some temporary disruptions during demolition and construction, once completed, this project will bring added ease and convenience to citizens by consolidating nearly all government services at a single location. We appreciate every-

one's patience and look forward to sharing updates as the project progresses."

In its commitment to environmental stewardship, Calvert County will seek to attain a LEED Silver certification for the new building by incorporating energy- and resource-efficient features into its construction and operations. As much material as possible from the demolished County Services Plaza building, such as steel and concrete, will be re-used for the new construction or recycled.

Construction of the new 113,000-square-foot building is planned to begin next spring and is expected to be complete in 2024. The building will consolidate county employees from multiple locations, including the County Services Plaza, the Courthouse Annex, Albright Building, 131 Main St., 30 Duke St. and the Circuit Courthouse.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance Updated

The Calvert County Health Department has updated guidance on eligibility requirements for residents who wish to register for a booster or third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Under new guidance, all citizens ages 16 or older, who have received either the initial Pfizer or Moderna vaccinations, are eligible to receive a booster dose. At least four months must have passed since the second dose of the initial vaccine to be eligible for a booster. Previous guidance only allowed individuals ages 50 or older, and those who are immunocompromised to receive the booster shot.

Citizens who originally received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccination must have a note from their personal physician or nurse practitioner recommending a booster dose. Limited supply of the J&J vaccine is available. Citizens should talk to a healthcare provider about the possibility of receiving a Pfizer or Moderna booster if the J&J vaccine is unavailable.

Citizens are reminded that the Calvert County Government has reopened an information call center to assist eligible residents who wish to register for a booster or third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine through the Calvert County Health Department. For questions or assistance scheduling an appointment,



residents may call 410-535-0218, Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

It is strongly recommended that citizens working in one of the following fields take advantage of the increased protection of a booster dose:

- Nursing home and assisted living staff
- Healthcare workers
- First responders
- People who work or live in congregate residential facilities
- Public transit and school bus drivers

Teachers/classroom staff and daycare staff

To view the schedule of upcoming vaccine clinics, including mobile clinics, and to schedule an appointment online, residents may visit CalvertCountyCovid19.com/vaccination. Many health care providers, hospitals and pharmacies also offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics; search for all vaccine providers near you at Coronavirus.Maryland.gov/pages/vaccine.

Individuals must bring proof of prior vaccination to their appointment to receive a booster or third dose.

Citizens may view and print copies of their immunization record through the Maryland MyIR website at <https://md.myir.net>.

For health questions regarding COVID-19 and vaccination, residents should call their primary care providers.

Visit Calvert County's COVID-19 virtual resource center at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus for updates and resources.

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An in-person meeting with the Town Planner / Planning and Zoning Administrator is available

on Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Town Hall. Social distancing and masks will be required inside Town Hall.

Schedule a phone call with the Town Planner during the timeslots available on Oc. 14 by contacting Sharon Humm at (410)257-2230 or shumm@chesapeakebeachmd.gov and /or join a virtual Q&A with our Town Planner on Oct. 19 from 7-8:30 p.m.

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*Press Release from Town
of Chesapeake Beach.*

The Sacred Journey: Re-Making Our World Anew

Observing the first anniversary of the dedication of the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland.

Saturday, November 13 (rain or shine)

Panel of Remembrance and Reverence

1:30 p.m. Panel of Remembrance and Reverence
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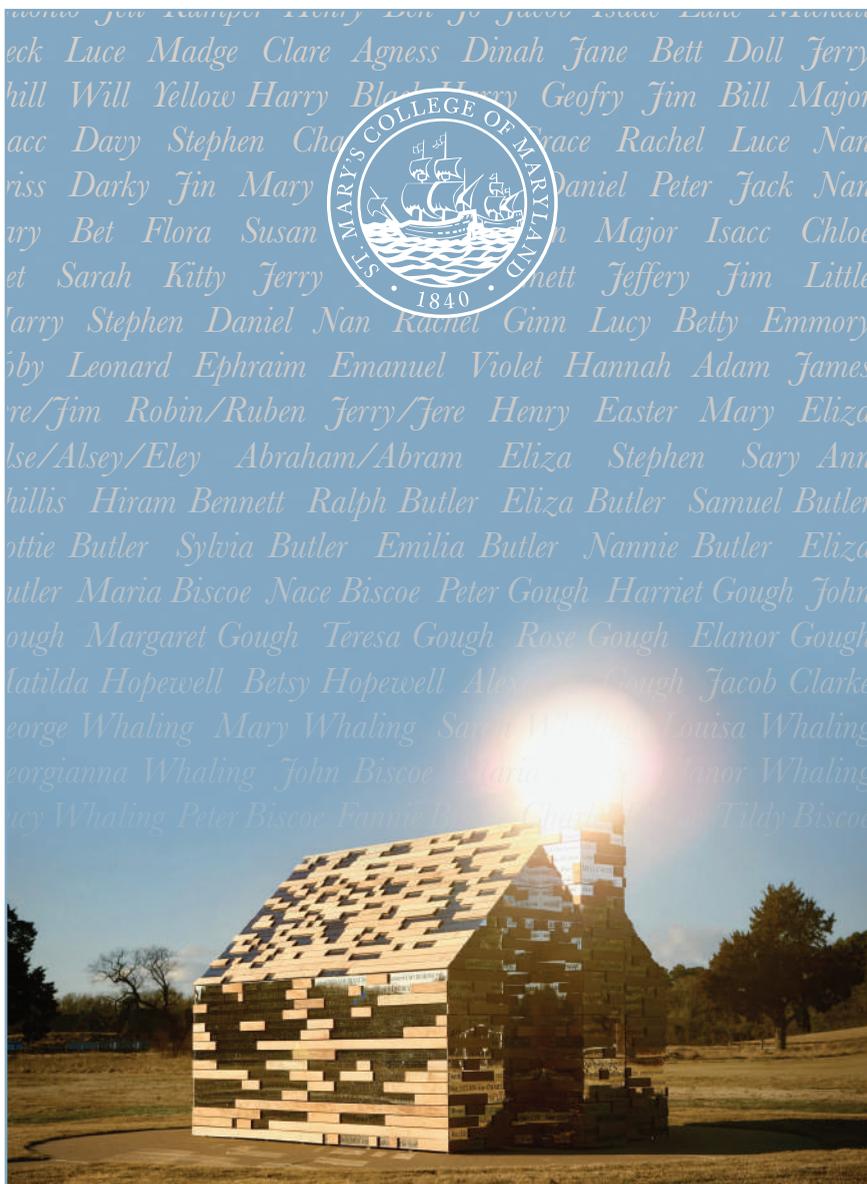
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3:05 p.m. The Procession of Dignity from St. Mary's Hall to the
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4:20 p.m. Procession of Dignity from the Commemorative to the Waterfront
5:00 p.m. Waterfront Ceremony (includes reading the names of the enslaved)
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CalvertHealth Foundation, Jefferson Patterson Park Partner for Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual time of year to increase awareness of the disease. On October 2, CalvertHealth Foundation will begin a month-long campaign to raise awareness about local resources at the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care.

"While the plan was to have the annual 5K in person, the recent rise in COVID infections forced us to make a very difficult decision to move the 2021 Breast Cancer 5K to a virtual format," said Foundation Board Trustee and Event Chair Barry Friedman from Primary Mortgage, a sponsor for this year's event. "Although it will be virtual, it will be engaging and we are grateful to everyone for their support."

Runners/walkers can complete the 5K any time during the entire month of October - on their own or at Jefferson Patterson Park. Friedman said, "While we all wish that we could gather in person, this transition to a virtual event will allow more people to participate safely while still getting outside and supporting a great cause!" The course will include tribute signs recognizing the family and



friends we are celebrating and remembering, a selfie station and an opportunity for all race participants to sign a commemorative board recognizing completion of the course. There will also be prizes and giveaways for participants who share their photos and experiences us on social media using the hashtag #CalvertHealth5K.

The event kick-off will be on Saturday, October 2 at 9 a.m. via Facebook Live where Foundation

Board members Denise Bowman, Barry Friedman, Lisa Garner and former member Mickie Frazer will gather to run their own race. The course will be available the whole month of October to allow for participants to walk/run at their preferred time. Additionally, CalvertHealth will showcase runners' efforts and celebrate survivors and participants for this great cause all month long on their social media pages while sharing participant photos/videos, cheer team videos, warm-up videos and more.

All proceeds will go to the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care which provides comprehensive breast care under the medical direction of Dr. Theodore Tsangaris. Treatment is customized to address the unique needs of each patient in one comfortable and convenient location. CalvertHealth experts provide comprehensive and coordinated care-from outreach and screening to diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.

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28 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, September 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Thursday, September 30 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Participants who chose to have their packets mailed should receive them prior to October 2. Additional packet pickup dates will be available the month of October as registration will continue through October 31.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of September 27 – October 3, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,515 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 21-55191

On September 27, 2021, Deputy Lee responded to the 600 block of Gunsmoke Trail in Lusby, MD for the report of destruction to property. The complainant advised sometime between 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 and 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 27, unknown suspect(s) keyed several scratches from the trunk all the way up to the hood of the vehicle. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1,000.00.

Damaged Property: 21-54851

On September 27, 2021, DFC R. Evans responded to 11300 block of Mesquite Lane in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised during the night, unknown suspect(s) damaged the rear windshield of her vehicle. The estimated value of damaged property is \$500.00.

Illegal Dumping: 21-55191

On September 29, 2021, Deputy Murphy responded to the 2000 block of King's Landing Road in Huntingtown, MD for the report of illegal dumping. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) dumped three, full, black trash bags and multiple cardboard boxes into the woods just off his driveway approximately 500 feet from Kings Landing Road.

Tampering: 21-55226

On September 29, 2021, Deputy Strong responded to the 1800 block of Oriole Way in St. Leonard, MD for the report of a suspect tampering with vehicles. The complainant advised he had surveillance footage of a white male wearing gray sweatpants and a gray hoodie tampering with his vehicles outside the residence. Both vehicles were locked and nothing was stolen.

Tampering: 21-55223

On September 29, 2021, Deputy Strong responded to the 1900 block of E. Peace Ct. in St. Leonard, MD for the report of a suspect tampering with vehicles. The complainant advised she had surveillance footage of a white male wearing gray sweatpants and a

gray hoodie tampering with vehicles outside of the residence. No items were stolen from either vehicle, but attempts to open car doors were made.

Theft: 21-54825

On September 27, 2021, DFC R. Evans received report of a theft. The complainant advised while at Kings Landing Park located at 3255 Kings Landing Road in Huntingtown, MD, she returned from kayaking and went to check her bag which was found open and a Motorola phone was missing. The value of stolen property is \$50.

ARRESTS

On September 28, 2021, Deputy W. McDowell conducted a traffic stop in the area of Rt. 260 and Horace Ward Road in Owings, MD. Upon making contact with the driver and passenger a strong and overwhelming ammonia like odor (suspected Schedule I Phencyclidine) was emitting from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag containing four wet / dark tinted cigarettes and a half full, clear glass vial containing a blue tinted liquid substance. The driver identified as **Dennis Willard Fuller Jr.**, age 57 and passenger **John Edwin Lambert Sr.**, age 61 both of Chesapeake Beach, MD were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were charged with CDS: Possession - Not Marijuana.

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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Implant Retained Dentures are a Life-Altering Improvement Over Removeable Dentures

By: Jeff Tomcsik

If you are stuck in removeable dentures, a removeable prosthesis like a bridge, or if you've been in need of a replacement option for missing teeth, you need to pay attention to this game changer in the dental industry. Embarrassing moments with removable dentures are a thing of the past with implant retained dentures. In fact, a lot of concerns and issues are a thing of the past with this truly life-like alternative to removables.

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Implant retained dentures are also quite economical over the life of the denture as well. If you've been suffering with ongoing dental problems, finding yourself in the dental chair year after year getting fillings, root canals and crowns, just to lead to bridges and eventually dentures, you could spend tens of thousands of dollars over time.

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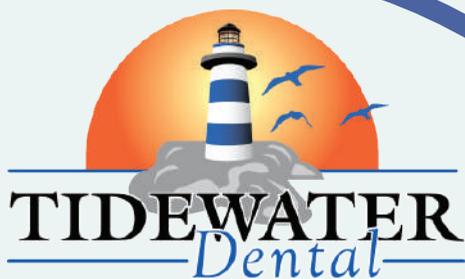
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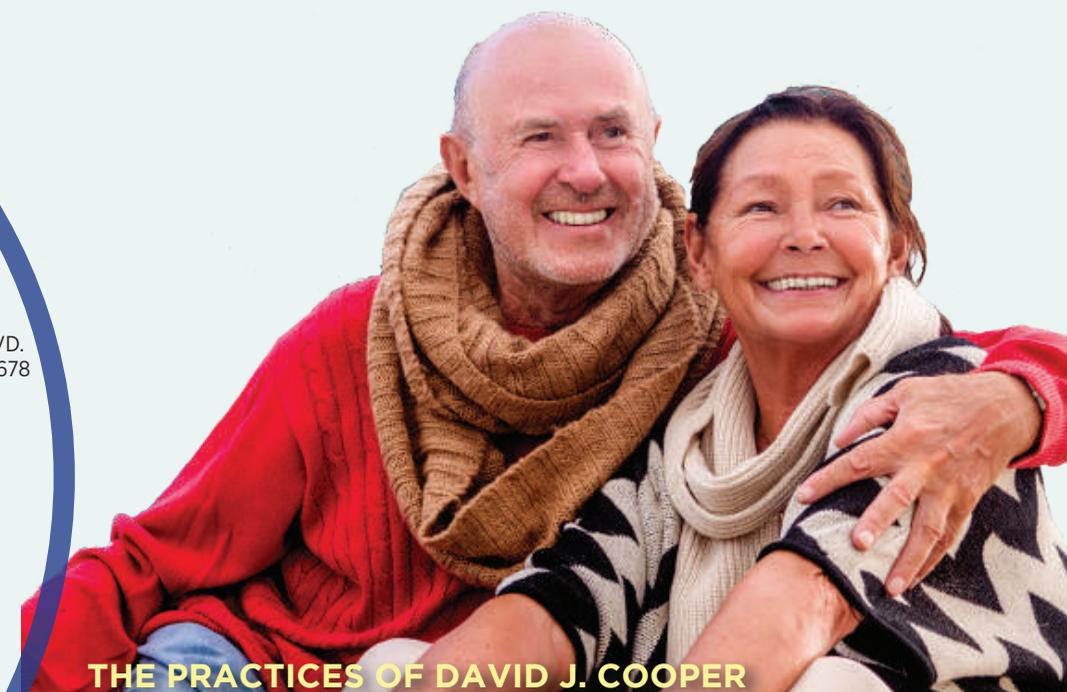
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THE PRACTICES OF DAVID J. COOPER

Leader Chosen for United Way of Southern Maryland

New Organization Merges Three Local United Ways

By Dick Myers
Editor

"We know that coming together, these three organizations, will make us stronger as a region and as a community," Shelby Potts told the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners at a recent meeting. Potts was referring to the new United Way of Southern Maryland (UWSOMD), formed in a merger of the three former United Way organizations in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. The new organization became official on Sept. 1.

Potts is a board member of the new organization and was on the board of the former United Way of Calvert County. She said, "This integration was a long, thought-out process and was sparked by the desire to streamline backroom operations, share success with programming in our communities and take advantage of the multifaceted resources available in each one of our counties."

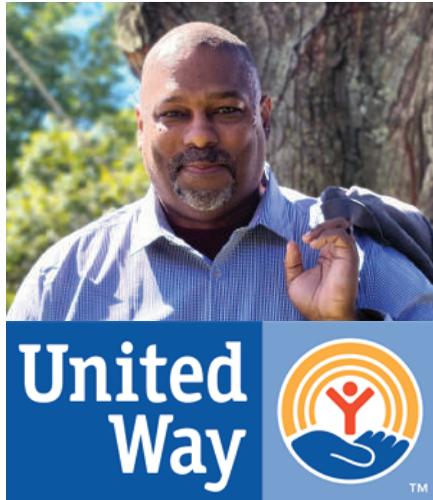
The merger may have been discussed before, but it was undoubtedly exacerbated by the pandemic, which not only severely financially impacted the United Way organizations' ability to raise funds, but also the agencies which they support. And, it came at a time when those agencies were most in need of funding to aid people needing help due to the pandemic.

Melvin G. "Mel" Brennan, III became the new organization's chief executive officer on Oct. 1. "We believe that we have found an excellent leader in Mel Brennan. He brings a breadth of training and experience to the United Way of Southern Maryland, as well as a passionate belief that, by working together, communities can improve the lives of those in need," said Susie Fowler, UWSOMD president and former vice president of United Way of St. Mary's County.

According to a release announcing Brennan's appointment, "Mel has served as a Chief Operating Officer within the YMCA movement, as the statewide Vice President of Programs and Network Relations for Maryland Food Bank and as CEO and Executive Director of the Fuel Fund of Maryland. He began his professional career with The City of New York as a Confidential Investigator with the Civilian Complaint Review Board, then spent time in for-profit endeavors with the Walt Disney Co., WWFE, Inc., and Sega GameWorks LLC. A transition to governance, academia and thought leadership saw opportunities to work with FIFA, CONCACAF, the University of Stirling (UK) and Towson University.

"Mel earned degrees in Political Science and History from McDaniel College in 1996 and pursued a PhD from 2003-2008 focusing on human kinetics and human rights while attending the University of Stirling, UK. In addition, Mel has served on various Maryland boards focused on key priorities in community such as workforce development and emergency food and shelter.

"Mel has also been a developer of DEIJ initiatives, including being part of the initial committee to launch the Y in Central Maryland's diversity and inclusion



Melvin G. "Mel" Brennan, III

offerings.

"Mel joins UWSOMD after serving as the Senior Director of Inspiration for Thread, Inc."

Brennan, in an interview with The County Times, said his wife Laurel is from Westminster in Carroll County and they currently live there. They've been married for 22 years and have three children, aged 22, 19 and 10. They are looking to relocate to Southern Maryland.

"I've been aware of the United Way movement for some time," Brennan said. "I thought when I saw the opportunity, that was an appropriate match for my skills, the opportunity to really stand up a new organization that was made up of three organizations that had a robust history, agency relationships, partnerships, and responsibilities, but really just to work at scale across the tri-counties, and to really deliver that 11,000-foot view that allowed us to see not only support agencies doing current work, but do the evaluation that would allow us to see the unanticipated or maybe unfunded need that the communities might have."

Brennan answered the question that many might have about a combined agency: "Our plan is to continue to hold locations in all three counties," he said.

In Calvert that will be at the in North Beach. "We're having conversations as to maintain our same space in St. Mary's County."

"We will sit in all three counties because that sort of connection and closeness to what's happening on the ground remains important," Brennan said.

He added, "I think it's going to be important for me to evaluate any given week or any given month with a variety of criteria. One of them being what was my presence like in all three counties this week, or this month, and seeing a relative equity there," noting, "It's important for us to exhibit presence and understand what's going on on the ground with our agencies, our partners, and the wider community all over."

He said he told the committee that selected him, "that my focus was on results and culture. That those were the two pillars that sort of drove my mindset. It's important for us to authentically and actionably deliver for stakeholders, with a focus on the most vulnerable, but you can't do it in a way that's a scorched earth policy. How

we go about doing things, how people are empowered along the way, and what the journey looks like is as important as the result itself."

For those who have previously given to their local United Way, he said, "Not much has changed other than the United Way of Southern Maryland will be girded and operated at a level of scale to join them more deeply, more consistently, and across more length of time in supporting the communities, agencies and areas and issues that they're concerned about. Our focus is generating the tri-county synergy that we think is not only required, but that really benefits this type of approach. So, if you've given and you focused it on a particular organization or agency, which has that United Way number, that's not going to change. What is going to change is our ability to leverage the realities of tri-county life, and tri-county connection in ways that allow us to grow to scale and really address more fully the issues and problems that we see across all three counties."

Monies designated for one county will stay there. If there is no county designation, he said, "Our hope is that on undesignated dollars, people will trust us to work with a diversity of evaluators across all three counties to send stuff where the need is greatest."

Historically, each county agency established its own criteria. For instance, St. Mary's limited its member organizations to those providing human services and did not allow animal welfare organizations. Meanwhile, Calvert embraced them, and had several as member agencies.

Brennan responded, "I don't have enough information here on day five to tell you how we're going to reconcile those. What I can say is that the process will be inclusive, of the best thinking of all the stakeholders that we have. Early on in my tenure, I could say arguably in the first quarter in my leadership here, we should have a very clear answer to that, and then a very clear why as to how we're approaching it."

United Way of Calvert County also in recent years established several key areas of focus. Brennan said, "That focus came from the type of work that I'm talking about, which is a comprehensive, inclusive, evaluation process that led to data driven, community-informed, decisions about areas of focus. That type of approach may not be identical, but that type of methodology is a type of methodology I endorse. Let's dialogue with agencies, let's dialogue with community stakeholders. Let's find out particularly in the emergent period after a global crisis and pandemic and all the impacts, what the issues are at 2021 and going forward, who's been made and kept most vulnerable, and how agencies are positioned to address that, and then let's support them."

He expects an area-wide needs assessment to be an early task.

Christine Michelsen, the new Director of Programs for UWSOMD, said they were looking to expand its umbrella of donation-giving.

Michelsen said the organization is in

the process of reaching out to every non-profit in the region they can, to meet their new leadership in person, beyond those to whom the United Way already donates money.

Michelsen told The County Times: "I want to compile a list of all the non-profits and invite everyone to apply."

Michelsen said she worked as the chief of operations for the former Calvert County United Way and that organization used a selection process through applications whereby non-profit groups request to be included in the United Way's funding operations.

"That's what I'm hoping to do," Michelsen said. "They [non-profits] want to meet us.

"We get social media messages from some of them saying 'Don't forget about us, remember us for funding.'"

Funding non-profits in Southern Maryland means giving those organizations the means to continue to provide critical services to the community that would likely be prohibitively expensive under the auspices of the government, Michelsen said.

"If the government were doing this, the overhead [costs] would be much higher," she said.

Brennan said the size of staff will depend on funding, but staff from both Calvert and St. Mary's have been retained. Long-time Calvert chief executive officer Kelly Chambers recently moved out of the area.

The new mission statement of this combined organization is: "To impact lives in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties by mobilizing the caring power of our community to advance the common good."

The board of United Way of Southern Maryland is:

- Immediate Past Chair: Shelby Potts of Owings, College of Southern Maryland
- Chair: Susie Fowler of Mechanicsville
- Vice Chair: Joshua Cockerham College of Southern Maryland
- Treasurer: Russell Yates
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- Beth Ramsey of Charlotte Hall

Brennan said of the new board from the three counties, "We are all pointed in the same direction and there's nothing more powerful and synergistic for an organization to have everybody aligned in that way. So, I'm just thankful for that.

"My father used his day, 'Some people say that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step,' but he liked to say that's wrong and it actually begins with facing in the right direction so otherwise you have a longer journey than you'd like."

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Shuchita Warner, Director of School Construction for Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS), Brian Eschman, Senior Associate with GWWO Architects, and members of the project team from Scheibel Construction accepted the award.

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Press Release from CCPS.



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Amanda Price, Northern Middle School 8th grade Science Teacher and The Gifted and Talented Liaison, oversees the afterschool en-

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Sam was recognized by Mrs. Julie Weaver, executive director of the Maryland Council on Economic Education. He received a certificate, medal, a display banner for his school, and \$50 cash prize to recognize his achievement.

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RUSH TO NARRATIVE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Three hours of competition had decided nothing. Two points separated the combatants; two minutes remained on the clock. This was it.

To borrow from former Kansas City Chiefs coach Hank Stram, the offensive team “matriculated down the field” and into field goal range with just seconds remaining. The snap and hold were clean. A player, wearing a perfectly laundered uniform, put a fierce boot into the ball sending it toward the uprights. The crowd fell silent. Knots tightened in coaches stomachs. Sweaty and exhausted players on both sidelines stared at the spinning pigskin, waiting for the verdict.

As the ball hit the net, two officials at ground level met eyes and raised their arms to indicate the kick was good. Washington had beaten the New York Giants 30-29.

The top post-game headlines on Washington’s team website read, “The defense brought more pressure” and “An improved showing from the offense.” This is equivalent of walking into a kitchen, commenting on the beautiful countertops and ignoring the dripping faucet, the leaking dishwasher and the mound of fermenting garbage in the corner. Did the defense bring more pressure? Was the offense improved? Is the countertop lovely? Well, yeah, but...

Anyone of Washington persuasions who watched this game a few weeks ago couldn’t have managed more than a smirk as K Dustin Hopkins’s boot split the uprights. The whole truth: This game was hideous. The victory masked several defensive breakdowns, an egregious late-game turnover and a dropped pass by a Giants receiver that conjured up memories of The Bad News Bears. And the buffoonery lasted to the bitter end. Hopkins’ first kick missed, but the Giants unbelievably (or was it inevitable, given this marred affair?) jumped offside. Afforded a second chance - after the team had been given a second and a third - Hopkins delivered the decisive kick. Had he missed (again), Washington would have been 0-2 and headed for 0-3 with a date with the Buffalo Bills next. Translation: Season over before October.

Sports narratives frequently mislead. A single play that splits the line

between the winner and loser, often washes clean the warts of the former and immediately amplifies the failings and long-term fatalities of the latter. The truth resides somewhere in the middle.

Game-to-game overreactions happen every week in nearly every sport. Over time, narratives take root and become part of a larger plot. At a team level, it is relatively harmless, an amusing anecdote for our hyper-reactionary times; at an individual level, narratives can breed unfair typecasts that grow further into unfortunate, even shameful stereotypes.

He is too short. She is too slight. He has talent, but the jump from a small school to the pros will be too significant. He’s slow of foot. She lacks a killer instinct. He will never be a starter; a solid reliever is his ceiling. His interview doesn’t indicate “leader.” She’ll contribute, but never start in this in this league. His skillset screams “system guy”...difficult to see broad success.

These are common narratives. Some are fair and based in fact. Too many are tinged with implicit bias, wreak of gender or racial stereotypes, or even blatant sexism or racism.

This how a player like Justin Turner bounces around multiple organizations before blossoming with the Dodgers. Or how the Nationals fold on a pitching talent like Lucas Giolito, only for him to star with the White Sox. Or how QB Justin Herbert is passed over by quarterback-needy teams (i.e. Washington), how Patrick Mahomes lasts until the 10th pick, how Lamar Jackson slips to the end of the first round or how Russell Wilson falls to the third. Or, on a better note, how an under-appreciated veteran is retained on a discount and hits two “shots heard around the world” on the way to a World Series championship (Howie Kendrick).

Former Rush drummer Neil Peart once observed, “Quick to judge... slow to understand.” Seems there is a lot of that going around these days, sports and otherwise. Best to remain mindful that a story describing what someone isn’t and can’t do, often ignores - unconsciously or intentionally - what they are and can do.

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APPROACHING THE HOLIDAYS WITHOUT FINANCIAL STRESS

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

This time of year can bring on the worst kind of financial stress—the “why do I have no money but have to buy all these gifts” kind. The “but my children really want these things I cannot afford to buy” kind. The “my sister/brother/uncle/other relative is expecting a great gift from me” kind. The “I wonder how much more I can put on the credit card before I max out” kind.

How do you cope with financial stress? The first step is to change your point of view. Try some of the following:

- Who said great gifts have to cost money? The greatest gift is your time. How about providing babysitting or cleaning services to the ones you love. Calling a distant lonely relative every Sunday is a wonderful way to connect and a year-long gift of your time.

- We live in a great place! A family outing to great and totally free treats such as nature preserves, parks and museums is just a short car ride away. You will help to create memories that will last a lifetime. Spending the day with your children touring the Air and Space Museum and other Smithsonian treasures, followed by a hot chocolate treat, is a far greater and memorable gift than something that comes in a box.

- Make your own holiday decorations and let the family help. Collect pine branches, pinecones, sticks, greenery and arrange what you find into wreaths, table displays, etc. Not only will you have fun with the process, what you create will make great gifts for friends.

- How about the gift of learning how to paint or bake or weld or fix your car? I’ll bet you have friends that can teach all of these things—barter what you know how to do for lessons for someone you love. Barter works so well.

- Give back and teach your children to do the same. Anyone who volunteers at a soup kitchen, or as a driver for meals on wheels knows very well that when you volunteer, you aren’t giving a gift, you are receiving one. Teach by doing—involve your family in giving back to others and you will raise children who are respectful of others and you as well.

- You don’t show someone you care by buying them more stuff. All of us have too much stuff. I am reminded that when my son was young, he enjoyed playing with the boxes more than playing

with the stuff that came in them. Don’t spend to impress; it doesn’t work. Show someone how much you really care by telling them. Handwritten notes, e-cards, collections of family photos, a box of homemade cookies, all of these are greater gifts than the latest iPad. The iPad is wonderful, of course, but not memorable. It’s your personal sentiment that counts, not how much you spend.

- Humor is great to defuse a tense family financial situation. If you are put into the position of having to compete with other relatives on holiday gifts, suggest to your families that you scrap the gift giving and instead create a contest for “the tackiest holiday gift under \$20” or “the ugliest holiday sweater.” Shopping for these gifts as a family can be great fun. Some of your family can shop and some can judge the contest.

- How about setting a monetary limit of \$25.00 per gift—it’s a challenge to come up with something, but a lot of fun to look. Don’t forget the consignment shops for great choices at bargain prices—maybe you should try the contest for the most number of gifts for a total of \$25.00. That’s a contest that may be harder to win than you think—and fun, too.

- Winter sports fan? Skating and learning how to skate is great and we have lots of free skating rinks in our area. Or, check out the less expensive local sports teams for great entertainment.

- Neighborhood get togethers, pot luck dinners, out-in-the-cold barbeques, all are fun and relatively inexpensive ways to entertain during the holidays.

- Explore—we’ve got Washington DC, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia at our fingertips. You don’t have to fly or drive—try a train or bus trip. Once you’re there, use the metro to get around. It’s amazing what memories a day trip to another world can give you and your family.

So, give it a try. Put that credit card away, de-stress and instead just enjoy yourself! And, send me your suggestions on what you have done to secure a financial stress-free holiday to legalstriegel@gmail.com so I can update everyone. Happy Holidays!

Join me on the third Wednesday of every month for a free seminar at my offices at 11am, 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your seat.

Twin Beach Players Opens Frankenstein This Weekend

Twin Beach Players open their production *Frankenstein* this weekend, October 15-17, at the North Beach Boys and Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach, MD

The Mark Scharf adaptation of the classic Mary Shelley novel will be directed by Sid Curl, and had its world premiere in 2012 on the TBP stage. *Frankenstein* will have performances October 15-31. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

All performances by Twin Beach Players are at the North Beach Boys and Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. For more information, visit Twin Beach Players at www.twinbeachplayers.org, email info@twinbeachplayers.com, or call 443/646-3858.

Victor Frankenstein is being played by Cameron Davis, with his creation "The Creature" being played by Harvey Williams. Others in the cast include Justin McCright as Capt. Walton; Robert Sebo as Alphonse Frankenstein; Angela Denny as Elizabeth; Braeden Tarullia as William Frankenstein; Stephenie Starkey as The Mother; Frank Clever as The Father; Alex-

ys Adams as The Grandmother; Lacey Shreiner as The Daughter; and Aidan Davis in multiple roles as The Landlord, Prof. Kempe, and The Minister.

Frankenstein begins as Captain Robert Walton is on an Arctic expedition and rescues Victor Frankenstein from the cold. Frankenstein had been pursuing the Creature he created and brought to life. Having learned of Frankenstein's travails, Walton retells the tale of the monster's creation and the resulting mayhem as the story, like the creature, comes alive onstage. The Creature sets out on his own to seek his education and identity, but remains full of anger at Frankenstein for creating him. Frankenstein, filled with remorse, seeks peace and solitude, while trying to keep his bride-to-be Elizabeth and other loved ones safe. When the Creature confronts Frankenstein about creating a female companion for him, the doctor refuses and the Creature vows the most hurtful revenge: he will find and kill Elizabeth.

Press Release from Twin Beach Players.

Oyster Festival Returns to Southern Maryland

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Area residents will be able to return to the best seafood the region has to offer at the two-day Oyster Festival at the Leonardtown Fairgrounds starting Oct. 16 through Oct. 17.

"It's going to look very much like prior years," said Karen Stone, event organizer and director of the county government's Museum Division. "Everything you expect to be there will be there."

The county Oyster Festival is known primarily for its hosting of the U.S. Oyster Shucking Championship but also the annual oyster cookoff, which brings amateur chefs from around the region and the country to create their own recipes using oysters.

These recipes range from soups and stews to casseroles.

Other food vendors will be there, too, Stone said offering smoked as well as grilled oysters, crab cakes and seafood chowders to name a few.

The tasting tent for raw oysters will also be open, she said, and will have a wide selection of both wild-caught raw oyster as well as farm raised oysters to sample; craft beers will also be on tap.

Live bands will provide entertainment, Stone said, as would the Vertical Dance Studio and the Professor Horn



A professional shucking heat

Puppet Show for children.

Tickets will be on sale at the gate but the Oyster Festival, which is put on by the Lexington Park Rotary Club, is offering a discounted two-day pass.

Persons who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 are encouraged to wear masks, Stone said, but as nearly all of the activities will outdoors or indoors with ventilation, they would not be required.

"Everything is going to be out of buildings, pretty much," Stone said.

The winner of the U.S. Oyster Shucking championship will go on to the world championship held in Galway, Ireland; there will be a men's and a women's U.S. champion at the end of the competition.

guyleonard@countytimes.net

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Info: facebook.com/stmarysdu or www.stmarysdu.com

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, October 14

Transfer Thursdays

College of Southern Maryland
1 a.m., Zoom.

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>.

Friday, October 15

Community Resource Fair

St. John Vianney 105 Vianney Lane,
Prince Frederick, MD 20678;
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This free event is presented by the Calvert County Homeless Resource Board. Contact Lynda Strain at ml-strain2000@yahoo.com before Sept. 15, 2021 for details.

“Frankenstein” Performance

North Beach Boys and Girls Club,
9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach,
MD 20714; 8 p.m.

Frankenstein begins as Captain Robert Walton is on an Arctic expedition and rescues Victor Frankenstein from the cold. Frankenstein had been pursuing the Creature he created and brought to life. Having learned of Frankenstein’s travails, Walton retells the tale of the monster’s creation and the resulting mayhem as the story, like the creature, comes alive onstage. The Creature sets out on his own to seek his education and identity, but remains full of anger at Frankenstein for creating him. Frankenstein, filled with remorse, seeks peace and solitude, while trying to keep his bride-to-be Elizabeth and other loved ones safe. When the Creature confronts Frankenstein about creating a female companion for him, the doctor refuses and the Creature vows the most hurtful revenge: he will find and kill Elizabeth. For tickets, visit www.twinbeachplayers.org.

Saturday, October 16

Craft and Vendor Show

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
Huntingtown United Methodist
Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Rd, Hunt-
ingtown, MD 20639

Benny C. Morgan Concert Series

CSM; Ledah Finck, Oct. 16.
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Zoom.

As a violinist, violist, improviser and composer, Ledah Finck’s music embodies a desire to create and share a sound-world in which the classical tradition, the folk music with which she grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and an extensive improvisatory sensibility,

can serve as productive dialogue. Join us for a concert followed by a Q and A with this passionate performer, creator, and curator of contemporary classical music. This performance will also be available for 24 hours on CSM’s YouTube channel. Register to access Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/10/benny-morgan-finck.html>.

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ACL’s Parkers Creek Challenge Triathlon

ACL’s South Side Trailhead, 1985
Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic,
MD 20676; 10 a.m.

Are you ready to take the CHALLENGE?

ACL’s triathlon with a twist will be held Saturday, October 16th at 10 a.m. The race starts with a round trip 9-mile bike ride beginning at ACL’s South Side trailhead in Port Republic, MD; then continues with a 2-mile run to the Chesapeake Bay and a 3-mile round trip paddle up pristine Parkers Creek. The triathlon ends after another 2-mile run back to the South Side trailhead. New this year! 3-Member Relay Teams! Find two friends to help you complete the challenge! Visit www.acltweb.org for more information.

Dee of St. Mary’s Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon sail on the Dee of St. Mary’s, leaving from the museum dock. Fee is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for children 5 – 12. No children under 5, please. Preregister by noon on the Friday before each cruise at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises

Fall Vendor Festival

10406 Southern Maryland Blvd,

Dunkirk, MD 20754; 1-5 p.m. a2o fit: Home of CrossFit Pathera (behind the Petsmart & Mr.Tire)

A free family friendly outdoor event connecting small businesses with those in the community! Enjoy shopping small businesses and connect with those in the community.

All Interested vendors can contact Lindsay @ Sunshinedesignsbylindsay@gmail.com

Sunday, October 17

An Evening of Classical Music

Fuitarist, Jonathan Crissman and violinist, Haleigh Vance; 4 p.m. at Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church, 1450 Plum Point Road, Huntingtown, MD.

“Frankenstein” Performance

North Beach Boys and Girls Club,
9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach,
MD 20714; 3 p.m.

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Monday, October 18

Dream Queen Happy Hour Networking Event

Kingfishers Seafood Bar & Grill
14442 Solomons Island Rd Solomons,
MD 20688; 5:30 p.m.

Dream Queen™ Women’s Networking Events were created as a special place for positive, passionate, purpose-filled women to come together to share personal and professional celebrations, grow your sphere of influence, connect, set desires and intentions with a supportive community, and gain business and personal connections and relationships that allow you to expand, execute, and elevate your career, life, and dreams.

Thursday, October 21

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College of Southern Maryland
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when you arrive.

Upcoming

Drive-thru Rabies Clinic

Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to noon at
Huntingtown High School, 4125 Solo-
mons Island Road in Huntingtown.

The Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Animal Services Division, and the Calvert County Health Department are sponsoring a drive-thru rabies clinic to offer free rabies vaccinations for pets. Citizens must stay in their vehicles at all times unless instructed by staff and face coverings are required for all vehicle occupants.

Proof of prior rabies vaccination is required to receive the three-year vaccine. Eligible pets include cats, dogs and ferrets in carriers. Dogs 50 pounds or larger must be on leashes and muzzled if necessary. This is an open-air clinic with no special facilities to vaccinate animals that cannot be restrained by their owners, such as feral or aggressive animals.

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

For more information, call the Calvert County Health Department at 410-535-5400 or 410-535-3922 or visit www.CalvertHealth.org.

Find information on

Ongoing

CSM Registration Assistance

Oct. 14, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Oct. 19, 3 p.m. Zoom.

Students will be walked through how to register for classes identified in their student planning account. Topics included in each virtual session include setting up myMail accounts; learning where to find course material for day one and how to search for class section times and dates; how to register for classes and change course schedules in the future; finding financial aid information and setting up a payment plan; and how to purchase books. Register to receive Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/apply-register/events/registration-assistance-sessions.html>.

In Remembrance

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

Robert "Bob" Gregg Durbin



Robert "Bob" Gregg Durbin, age 78, died Oct. 7, 2021 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Facility after an ongoing illness. Bob, born March 2, 1943, in

Charleston, WV, was the son of Martha and Robert Durbin. Bob was a longtime educator, teaching Latin at St. Mary's Ryken High School, in Leonardtown, for more than 40 years. He retired in 2010. He also taught Latin at Cardinal Gibbons High School and Calverton. He served throughout his career as athletic director, golf, tennis, cheerleading coach, the founder of the Latin Club and the Celtic Club at the school. He also supported the school's Shakespearean Drama Club. Bob was a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary and received a masters degree in secondary education from Loyola University of Maryland.

He loved walking along the beaches near his home in Drum Point, working with students, travel, and the study of foreign languages. He is preceded in death by his wife, Kathy, his step-daughter, Leslie Gallagher, and his twin brother, Thomas "Tom" Durbin. He is survived by his son, Andrew Durbin and daughter-in-law Anna Durbin (Papierniak) of Baltimore, his step-son, James Gallagher, of Solomons, his siblings Charles "Chuck" Durbin and Mary Durbin, of Palm Harbor, FL, his four grandchildren and friend Evelyn Fenner.

Services will be private. Arrangements were provided by Rausch Funeral Home, P.A., Lusby, MD. To leave the family a condolence please visit www.rauschfuneralhomes.com

Pamela Gail "Fowler" Tettimer

On October 8th 2021 at 11:23 am our mother Pamela Gail "Fowler" Tettimer



Fowler and June E. Fowler both from Adelina.

Pam's surviving family members are her three children; Valerie (Val) Mayer & her husband Brian, Gary Willis & his wife Nicole, Nicki Wasson & her husband Chris,

Step-son Chris Tettimer & his spouse Donna, Step-daughter Missy Thrasher & husband Brian. She is also Survived by her beloved grandchildren Madison, Kylie, Sadie, Preslee, Averie, Karis & Allie, Sean, Taylor & Connor, and her siblings; William "Foozie" Fowler & his wife Karen, Barbara Fowler Fox & her husband Steve. Carolyn "Dawnie" Cranford & her husband Donnie, and her nieces and nephews and many cousins all whom she loved dearly.

Pam was many things. A smile and kind word for anyone who needed one. A wise counsel for all who needed guidance. A faithful spouse and friend at all times. She worked hard and diligently at all she set her sights on. She worked her way up through the ranks to retire as a USPS Postmaster. After retiring she was bored! If you know her you know how true that statement is!

She then took college courses earning her enough credits in Childhood Education to open her own childcare center (all just because she wanted to keep learning)

Following in her eldest daughters' footsteps she then went back to school and earned her MD Real Estate License. She also drove buses for the Calvert County School district

However, by far she would tell you the greatest title she ever held was Me-Me. She enjoyed every minute she had with them, always speaking into their lives, reminding them to chase their dreams, love God, keep learning. She spoiled them endlessly and they were her pride

went home to be with God and is now pain free.

Pam is joining her late husband Thomas Tettimer (Tommy T.) and her parents William Preston

& joy! She was and is their forever hero.

To her children Val, Gary & Nicki she was their rock. Their confidant, trusted advisor & best friend. They will miss her immeasurably.

To her friends and Calvert County Community she was present and kind. She was loyal and loving. She genuinely wanted everyone to be happy and succeed.

Pam was a lady in the truest since of the word.

Delicate and strong, proper and intelligent. Kind and full of Grace. Most of all she was courageous and fought cancer like the true warrior she was.

Outliving what all of the specialists said she would. She held out for her children and grandchildren and she had our mighty God and the prayers of her loved ones to hold her steady.

To say Pam will be missed is an understatement. She was a light in this world that shone bright.

The good news is Pam was a believer in Jesus and he promises that to all whom believe, we will see each other again.

Thank you to each of you that loved and cared for her during her lifetime, she especially those who were by her side these last 2.5 years. In the end she knew truly loved her and that's what matters most of all.

Until we meet again mom,
Val, Gee & Nick

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Judeiann Dudman



Judeiann Dudman of Port Republic peacefully passed away October 7th, 2021, with her family by her side. Judei was born in Chicago, IL to Marion and Josephine Stoj. She was lovingly known as Busia (Polish for Grandma) to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many friends. In her younger years, Judei worked as a finance officer then opened her own store, "Mom & Me", selling perfumes and beauty products. After her husband Bill passed, she moved to Port Republic and became involved as a volunteer with St. John Vianney, The Office on Aging, and Calvert Middle School. Judei loved meeting The Rosary Beads Ladies weekly at Bob Evans for a fun lady's lunch. Her most entertaining hobby was watching wrestling, which she started with her father as a young girl. When the wrestlers didn't get it right, she had no problem telling them how to win.

Judei and Bill were blessed with 5 children: Julei Darrach (Steve), Will Dudman (Lori), Audrey Beeson (Ernie), Shannan Robert (Lionel), and Amanda Mejia (Olvin), 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. If you remember anything about Judei, remember what

her father taught her which she lived by: "Go out every day and make one person smile." Rest in Peace Mom, Busia. We love you.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 14, 2021, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road

Port Republic, MD 20676

Funeral Service will be Friday, October 15, 2021,

11 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. John Vianney Food Pantry, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Donald Leroy Rogers



Donald Leroy Rogers, 78, of Broome's Island, Maryland passed away on October 6, 2021, at his home. He was born on October 11, 1942, at

the Calvert County Hospital in Prince Frederick to the late Ballard Leroy and Dorothy Gott Rogers. A lifelong resident of Broome's Island, Don graduated from Charlotte Hall Military Academy in 1960. In 1962, he joined the Air Force and served until his honorable discharge in 1966 with the rank of A1C. Don was an electrician until he opened his own business, Calvert Electric Supply, Inc., which he owned from 1976 until 1996.

He loved his pets, his friends, and his family. He enjoyed being on the river, fast boats, fast cars, traveling, and good food.

Don is survived by his wife Barbara, whom he married on August 22, 1964. They have three daughters: Kelly Rogers-Elliott (J. Christian Elliott), Holly R. Briscoe (Parran B. Briscoe), Dawn L. Rogers, and four grandchildren: Dylan and Clark Elliott, and James and Delaney Briscoe.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter

8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102. Link:

https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=39209&mfc_pref=T&39209_donation=form1 or Sheldon Goldberg Foundation, Calvert Health Foundation, 100 Hospital Road P O Box 2127, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678; 4110-414-4570; Link:

<https://www.calvert-healthfoundation.org/SheldonEGoldbergCenterforBreastCare>

Donna Marie Clark

Donna Marie Clark, 74, of Prince Frederick, MD, passed away peace-

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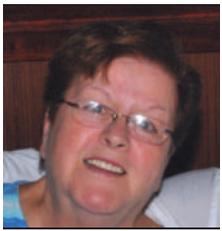
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410-257-6181

Port Republic

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410-586-0520

Lusby

20 American Lane
410-326-9400



fully on October 06, 2021 at UM Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, MD with her family by her side.

Donna was born on May 21, 1947 in Waltham, Mass. Daughter of the late Paul A. Clark and Pauline C. (Devoe) Clark.

Donna was employed for many years at Koons Ford of Annapolis. After her retirement she enjoyed spending time with her family especially Sunday funday watching the skins play, line dancing, and doing ceramics with her friends at Calvert Pines.

Donna is survived by her son Craig A. Dalton and wife Cee Cee of Saint Leonard, MD. Grand Daughter Ariel E. Ashburn of Prince Frederick, MD. Also surviving are nieces Angela Lewis of Easton, MD., Kimberly Clark of Annapolis, MD., and Kylie Cantrell of Weston, WV., and Nephew Corey Paige of Morgantown, WV. Three great nieces Morgan Lewis of Easton, MD., Hailey Clark of Delaware, and Kathleen Cantrell of Weston, WV.

Donna is also survived by many friends and a very special family The Gross family of Prince Frederick, MD. Wayne, Kelly, Wayne Jr., and Kayla.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by brothers Paul A. Clark II and Richard P. (Dickie) Clark. Two sisters Kathleen A. Paige and Patricia A. Webb, nephew Paul A. Clark III. And one special dog Gizmo.

Mass of Christian Burial is Thursday October 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick MD. 20678. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 1911 Forest Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic.

Mark Louis Harmel



Mark Louis Harmel, 42, of Davidsonville, MD passed away unexpectedly on October 6, 2021. Born on November 20, 1978 in Annapolis, MD,

to Julia Fay (Griffith) Harmel and Melvin (Mel) Joseph Harmel, Jr., Mark was raised in Churchton, Maryland. Mark graduated from Southern Sr. High School in Harwood in 1996. A skilled butcher, he worked as a Meat Manager for numerous years at various Safeway Stores in Maryland. Mark's talent as a butcher created many opportunities for him to receive awards for his leadership in improving the department. His career also led to one of his favorite activities, grilling. Mark loved to grill for friends and enjoy the good times that it brought.

One of Mark's greatest loves was the outdoors. He enjoyed many activities from golf to hunting, fishing, and hiking. If it was outdoors, you could find him there with a big smile on his face. Being outdoors went hand in hand with his other passion, traveling. Mark was always up for a trip. During his life, he traveled all over the country taking in the sites and spending time with his fiancée Juliet, friends, family. His travels often took him to the water where Mark seemed to find himself at peace.

In addition to his parents, Mark is survived by his children Sarah Harmel of Pasadena, Jeffery Sisler of Harwood, and stepdaughter Samantha Saylor of Prince Frederick, his fiancée Juliet Pruitt, his brothers Joey and Garrett Harmel, grandparents Sally Griffith, Melvin Harmel, Sr., and his wife Darla. Mark is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved him dearly. Mark was predeceased by grandparents Winterson Griffith, Shirley Harmel, and great-grandparents Roxey and Sue Nieman, William and Mary Elizabeth Harmel and Agnes Roberts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mark's name can be made to any of the following charities: Comfort Zone Camp (<https://comfortzonecamp.kindful.com/>), Runway 2 Life (<http://paypal.me/runway2life>), or the National Organization for Rare Diseases (<https://rarediseases.org/donate/>). Services and interment will be held privately.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Mildred Lynn Donovan



Mildred Lynn Donovan, 72, of Lusby, MD passed away on October 3, 2021 at Calvert Health Medical Center. Born November 7, 1948 in Ft.

Belvoir, VA, she was the daughter of the late Leon Lewis and Mildred (Burns) Bates.

Mildred moved to Southern Maryland from Lockport, NY in 1982. She is survived by her children, Marlene Donovan of Lusby, MD, Michael Donovan of Lusby, MD and Markham Donovan of Merritt Island, FL; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Richard Lewis, Sally Hellebusch and Michelle Ferroni.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jean Embree Hicks

Jean Embree Hicks passed away at her residence in Owings on October 2, 2021. She was born in Bristol, Virginia on December 3, 1916 to Royal Burdick Embree and Ellen Maria Chapman Embree. She lived most of her childhood in Buena Vista, Virginia. Jean graduated



from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1939. Her first job after graduation was at the Federal Reserve Bank in

Atlanta, GA where she met her husband, James Earl Hicks. They were married on March 1, 1941. Jean and Earl moved to an apartment in Washington D.C. later that year when Earl got a job at the US Treasury and Jean worked for the War Productions Board. In 1942, Jean and Earl moved to a house in Landover Hills, MD, and lastly to their beloved home "Maidstone" in 1951. Jean enjoyed cooking and working on the restoration of the house. She loved gardening—both flowers and vegetables. She loved her family.

As her children grew up, Jean was eventually able to join her husband when he traveled with his work. Since she had never traveled before, this opened a new passion for her, which led to her having a wide range of novel experiences. Jean and Earl had some wonderful trips together and later, during her very long widowhood, she found many ways to enjoy travel, including visiting every continent in the world except Antarctica.

During Jean's 70 years at her home in Calvert County, she contributed much to the community. Jean was a founding member of the Calvert County Library and served as the president of its first board. As an owner of an historic house, she worked tirelessly on historic preservation in the county. Jean and Earl also opened Maidstone to the public many times for Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimages.

Jean is survived by her children Michael Hicks, Jacqueline Lopata (Alex), Millicent Cozzie (James), Lesley Kuczera (George), and Jennifer Dowell (James), fourteen grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl, and her brothers Royal, William, Edward, and Francis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Calvert Library Bookmobile.

Visitation will be Friday, October 15, 2021, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane

Owings, MD 20736. Memorial Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Edward Mark "Eddie" Cramer



Edward Mark "Eddie" Cramer, 37, passed away October 2, 2021. He was born June 15, 1984 in Charleston, SC to Joseph "Joe" Cramer, Jr. and

Wendy (Moore) Cramer. Eddie attended Southern High School in Harwood. He loved hunting, animal rescuing, and tinkering with his truck. Above all else, he loved his daughter, Aubree Marie, with all he had. Eddie was preceded in death by his Granddaddy, James "Jim" Moore and his Gram, Carolyn (Archer) Cramer. He is survived by his loving parents, Joseph and Wendy Cramer, his daughter, Aubree Marie Cramer, and brothers Jacob Cramer, Sr. and wife Tiffany and William Cramer. Also surviving are his nieces and nephews, Jacob, Jr., Jackson, Jacey, Jett, Camryn, William, Jr., and Hank Cramer. Eddie was a devoted son, father, and friend and he will be missed by many. His family will honor his life with a private celebration.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Ida Ruth Caouette



Ida Ruth Caouette, 88, of Huntingtown passed away October 2, 2021 peacefully at home with her family by her side. Ruth was born October 27,

1932 in Sunderland to Joseph Percy and Nellie Viola (Hardesty) Turner. Ruth was raised in Sunderland and graduated from Calvert High School. After high school, she attended Strayer Business College in Washington, D.C. She worked for the I.R.S. and was a data processor for Prince George's County government until her retirement. She married George Louis Caouette on May 23, 1953 and they lived in Marlow Heights, North Forestville and Upper Marlboro before settling in Huntingtown. Ruth enjoyed bowling, reading, crossword puzzles, game shows, crocheting, and most of all spending time with her grand and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, Sr., brother Franklin Turner and sister Thelma Stallings. Ruth is survived by sons George L. Caouette, Jr. of Pahrump, NV and Clifford A. Caouette and wife Anne of Huntingtown and daughters Arlene M. Riordan and husband David of Huntingtown and Gale L. St. John of Mancelona, MI. Also surviving are grandchildren Ginger Fletcher, Crystal Ball, Alex Caouette, Jonathan and Sean Riordan, Adrianna Griffiths, and Noelle and Richard St. John, eleven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's name to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link:

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