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General Assembly Debates New Congressional District Map

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland law makers are working to meet a deadline set by an Anne Arundel County judge that requires a new map of congressional districts after she threw out the one Democrats enacted last year as unconstitutional.

The General Assembly started deliberations on a map offered by the Senate March 28 to meet a March 30 deadline set by Senior Judge Lynne Battaglia.

The newly-offered map strengthens District 1, currently held by U.S. Rep. Andy Harris, by returning its boundaries to roughly the same status before Democrats voted their map in last year along a party line vote.

The new map makes the districts much more compact and contiguous than the one thrown out by the court; District 5 was gerrymandered to cut a swath northward from Southern Prince George's County up into District 4.

District 5 is held by U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer and includes Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles counties.

The 2021 map brought District 1 much farther west across the Chesapeake Bay into Anne Arundel County, gathering into it more Democrat voters in an apparent aim to unseat Harris and make the Maryland Congressional Delegation entirely Democrat in part affiliation.

Of the eight congressional members, only Harris is a Republican.

The new map, or one like it, was expected to go to Gov. Larry Hogan's desk on Wednesday to be signed into law.

In her ruling, Battaglia called the 2021 plan an example of an "extreme gerrymander that subordinates constitutional criteria to political considerations." This was one of the chief claims of Republicans, including Del. Kathy Szeliga who filed a lawsuit, along with other plaintiffs, against the plan.

Local GOP lawmakers were bolstered by the ruling.

"It pays to fight back," said Del. Matt Morgan, (R-Dist.29A)

Gov. Larry Hogan praised the decision.

"This ruling is a monumental victory for every Marylander who cares about protecting our democracy, bringing fairness to our elections, and putting the people back in charge," said Gov. Larry Hogan in a statement. "It puts in plain view the partisan, secretive, and rigged process that led to the legislature's illegal and unconstitutional maps."

"I call on the General Assembly to immediately pass the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission maps that were written with accountability and transparency."

Battaglia's ruling also permanently enjoined the state legislature from enacting the 2021 redistricting plan and called on lawmakers to redraw the maps.

"The 2021 Congressional Plan is unconstitutional, and subverts [the] will of those governed," Battaglia wrote in her ruling.

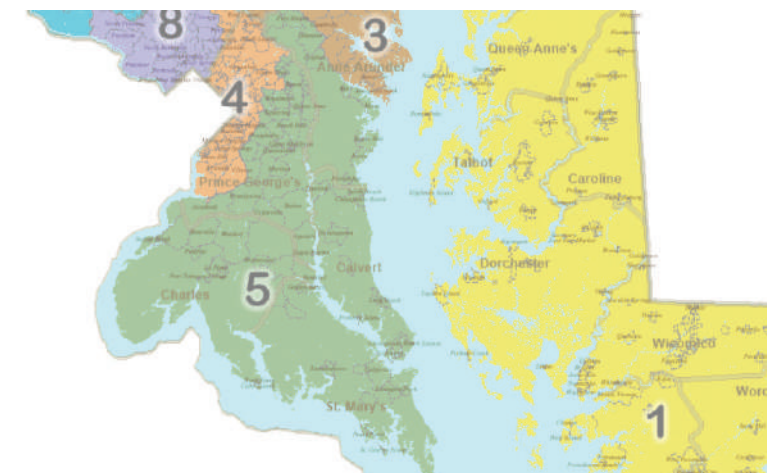
Democrat leadership in the Maryland General Assembly — Sen. President Bill Ferguson and Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones — defended the Democrat-promulgated plan.

"When the General Assembly approved our new congressional map in early December, we believed then, as we do now, that the new districts upheld the letter of the law by enacting fair boundaries that reflect demographic shifts and keep as many Marylanders as possible in their current district in a Congressional map that was approved by more than 64 percent of the voters," their joint statement read.

"The Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission conducted a transparent process as we visited every corner of the state, hearing from the public. That input and testimony guided us, in addition to prior rulings and established precedent on redistricting."



2021 map ruled unconstitutional



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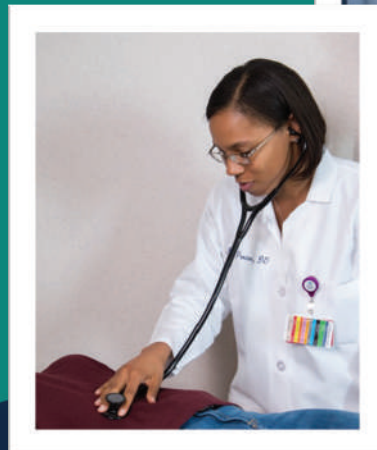
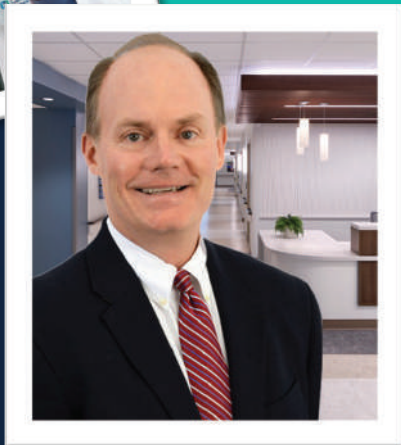
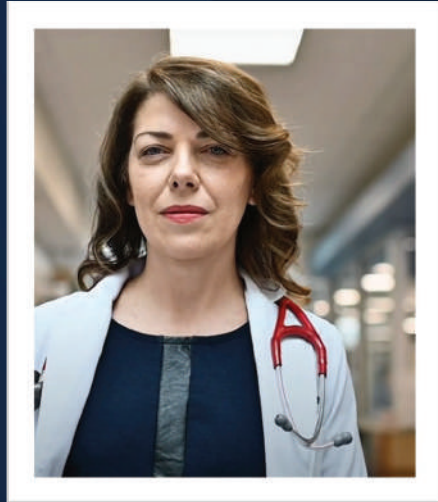
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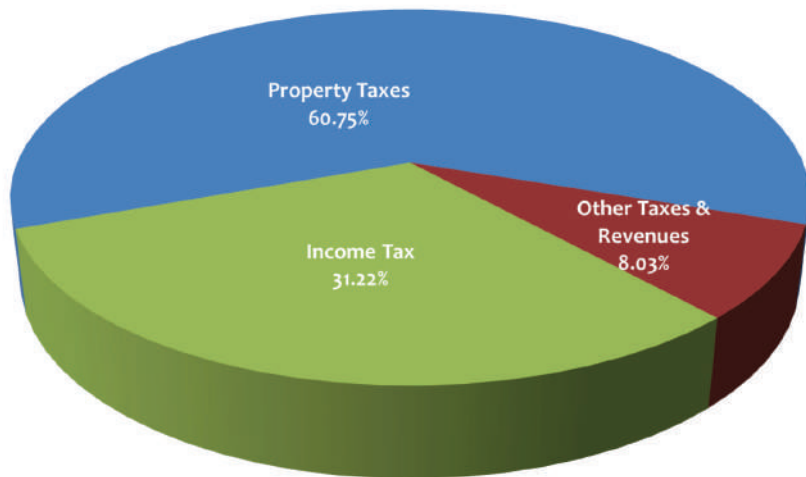
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First Budget Hearing Draws Little Public Comment

Future Filled with Economic Question Marks

FY 2023 General Fund Revenues

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By Dick Myers
Editor

The county commissioners' budget process for the fiscal year beginning July 1 has so far generated little public interest. At the first public hearing on March 22 on the county staff recommended budget, only two persons spoke. The budget represents a \$7 million revenue increase over the current fiscal year, yet more than \$20 million in requests are vying for those scarce dollars.

At the hearing Cassandra Okwumabua, secretary of Calvert Nature Society, spoke for the funding of a park ranger position in the Natural Resources Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The position is not included in the staff recommended budget.

The new staffer would be responsible for Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary, Biscoe-Gray Heritage Farm and Gatewood Preserve.

The other speaker, College of Southern Maryland President Dr. Maureen Murphy, thanked the commissioners for funding their "modest increase" request.

The bulk of the time in the 45 minute hearing was taken up with staff presentations of the proposed budget along with a briefing from School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry. His budget is seeking \$9 million more from the county, yet the proposal only contains a \$3.6 million increase.

Director of Finance and Budget Sharon Strand, in her presentation, showed a graphic with \$4.6 trillion and the question – "How do you plan for this?"

Strand said, "No one knows how these federal stimulus dollars will impact our future. I believe that our income tax revenues have been impacted by the federal stimulus packages that we've received. We know that busi-

nesses and individuals are benefiting from additional federal stimulus in the short term."

Strand noted, "The impact of the stimulus to the county's finances has been positive. We were able to pay for some of our operating and capital expenses with the first round of the stimulus money. And the county should receive the second round of the stimulus money in May of this year. But what are the long-term impacts?"

Then there's inflation. She said, "Everything we do is sensitive to inflation -- salary costs, commodity costs, et cetera. The consumer price index or CPI increased by 7.9 percent over the past 12 months. The February acceleration was the fastest since January of 1982."

And mix in world events. She wondered, "How will the Russian invasion of Ukraine impact the U.S. markets?"

Predicting income tax revenue is a slippery slope, as noted by Commissioner Mike Hart. Strand asked, "How will the stimulus money impact future returns, future interest rates? This is a big one for us. Property values are impacted by mortgages and borrowing costs. The Federal Reserve has already approved a 0.2 percent rate increase. This is the first increase since November 2018 and will have a financial impact on the county."

So, Strand concluded, "These are all the questions that staff will continue to monitor as we move forward with the commissioner's budget."

The commissioners will keep the record open on the staff budget until close of business on April 5.

The commissioners will now go to work on fitting that square peg into the round hole to reconcile all of the requests with the available revenue.

They will hold a public hearing on their budget on May 17.

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Transgender Student Addresses School Board

'I Felt Unsafe in the Streets of My Own Hometown'

By Dick Myers
Editor

The March 24 Calvert County Board of Education meeting included attendees from the LGBTQ student body along with adult supporters. Out of sight of those watching the meeting on live stream was some alleged taunting of those students by several adults in the overflow room set aside for the meeting. Three of those adults were reportedly ejected from the meeting for what they were doing.

During the public comment section of the board meeting, Lexi Allen, a transgender junior from Calvert High School spoke. Allen said, "I was born in this county right down the road, actually. Like most of the people in this room, I love this county. It is and will always be my home. Despite the fact that three generations of my family reside in this county, many make a point to ensure I feel unwelcome."

Allen added, "Isn't part of why we all love this county because of how safe it is, how welcoming it is? When I was 13 years old, an adult man threatened to harm me and my mother. Since I was 12

years old, I faced street harassment to a degree no one should ever have to face. I felt unsafe in the streets of my own hometown."

"I'm sure we can all agree," Allen asserted, "There is no place for any of that in our county. I'll leave you with this. When you see me, do you see a threat to you, to your children? All because I'm transgender."

Also speaking was Derek Diman, a representative of Calvert High School Alliance, a parent group. He said he spoke for those facing "loud and impassioned words fueled by misinformation, inflammatory speech, and hate with a lack of empathy, kindness, and celebration for our community's unique differences."

Regarding the controversy over Critical Race Theory (CRT), he said, "The true concept of CRT is the interaction and intersectionality of race, law and society, which is not taught in the public school system."

Diman said, "I am here today to represent all students of CCPS, to celebrate diversity, inclusion and representation in curriculum resources. While speaking a de-



Lexi Allen

fense of the aspects of our school's cultures and curriculums that represent what many misguided stakeholders refer to as a broke agenda. Our agenda is clear. We want to provide all students with a safe place to acquire the essential knowledge and skills to develop a healthy identity, cope with stress, manage emotions, and create positive relationships with themselves and the people around them, so they can be happy, healthy, productive citizens in our society."

He added, "Our purpose is not a vessel to push ideological views as many claim it is, nor is it a re-

placement for traditional education as so many fear that it is. It's supplementary. I love my students and care for them deeply as humans, which is why it breaks my heart to hear so many stories of hardship. Students can't be their truest, most authentic selves at home because of homophobia, transphobia and an intense fear of being disowned."

"Students feel unsafe in certain classrooms because of teachers in our own system that openly and gleefully mock them," he claimed.

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Historic District Design Changes Considered

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is considering changes to design guidelines for properties in historic districts and will schedule a public hearing to get input.

According to Historic Preservation Planner Christopher Sperling, "In Fiscal Year 2020, the Maryland Historical Trust awarded the Department of Planning and Zoning a Certified Local Government Grant to revise the Calvert County Historic District design guidelines. The document provides the historic district owners guidelines with appropriate approaches and materials for restoration and rehabilitation and is used by the historic district commission when considering historic area work permits and historic preservation tax credits."

Sperling said the current guidelines have been in effect for more than 20 years. He noted, "Since the adoption of the current guidelines several changes have occurred in the approaches to historic preservation. This includes the development of new materials that more closely approximate historic materials, climate change, sea level rise, the emergence of telecommunications and the increasing use of alternative energy, such as solar and geothermal."

He said the Calvert County Historic District Commission approved the revised guidelines at a regular meeting on Sept. 8, 2021.

Sperling said the first historic district, Patuxent Manor, was established in 1974. The most recent was Preston on Patuxent in 2019. In all there are 95 historic districts in the county.

"The revised guidelines have



been updated to be more user friendly," Sperling said. "These are designed to be online and have hot links."

The revisions, he said, are more ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. "As a person who came from a park system, I can tell you that I was very involved with ADA and particularly ADA on historic structures. And I find that this is a really important thing that we still need to work towards to provide better access to our disabled."

Commissioner President Buddy Hance wanted to know, "So you're actually going to allow solar panels at historic buildings?"

Sperling responded, "Solar panels, probably not. There are also ways, however. Recently we had a case where they were looking at solar panels and one of the things that we really consider is not just the impact to the structure, but the public view. So, if you can achieve the placement that you need for your solar panels in a way that is not visible from public right of way, then that would be something the historic district commission would consider."

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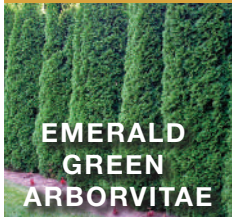


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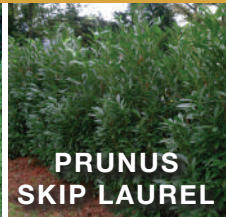


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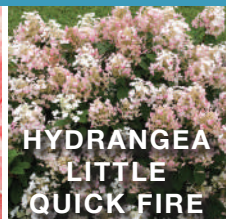


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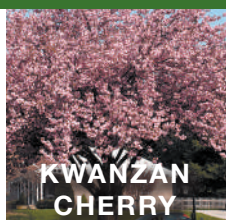


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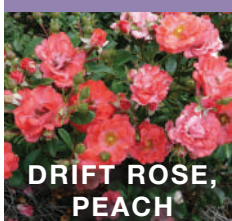


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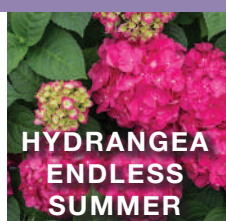


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Sheriff Responds to Trial of Deputy

Sheriff Mike Evans has issued the following statement regarding the jury trial Verdict of Joseph Migliaccio:

"First and foremost, my continued prayers and condolences go out to the family of Leah Clark, who was struck and killed on Oct. 29, 2019. This case involved an off-duty deputy sheriff who was allegedly drinking and driving.

"A trial concluded on March 18, 2022 and in my opinion, justice was NOT served.

I believe if the alcohol tests had not been suppressed by the judge, the results of this trial may have been different.

"At the scene, I requested the Maryland State Police to handle the possible criminal investigation (DUI) and they agreed to do so.

"The Calvert County Sheriff's Office conducted the crash reconstruction investigation on scene. In the future, in this type of in-



cident, we will request Maryland State Police to conduct the entire investigation.

"Again, my sincere condolences go out to Leah's son Lyric, fiancé Terry 'Tbo' Butler and parents Fran and Justin.

"In closing, there is no further information I can provide due to pending litigation."

Regional Ag Facility Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Planning Commission gave its blessing to the construction of the Regional Agricultural Facility in Mechanicsville, finding that it met the requirements of the county's comprehensive plan.

The planning commission vote at their Mar. 28 meeting was unanimous in favor of the facility, which is designed to support farmers throughout the Southern Maryland region to Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) put out a request to the five counties for a RAC in 2018, stating that SMADC would provide \$1 million for the winning proposal. St. Mary's County won that competition the following year.

The county concluded an agreement with SMADC last year for the construction of the RAC.

The RAC will be located on county property between Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School and the recycling convenience center on New Market Turner Road. The RAC will be also be close to the soon-to-be opened North County Farmers Market, previously sited at the Charlotte Hall Library.

The proximity of the RAC and the new farmers market – less than one mile away - allows for frequent meat deliveries and simple coordination between the two sites. Additionally, the RAC site is within about three miles

of the region's only USDA-certified slaughterhouse run by a family in the Amish community.

The RAC site is designed to provide a convenient location for the region's farmers, who will have a short drive from the slaughterhouse to the meat processing site at the RAC, according to county planning documents.

The facility is slated for completion by December of 2023.

One local resident speaking at the public hearing Monday evening said he was concerned about additional traffic the facility would bring, especially since the county had a policy of expanding facilities when it deemed appropriate.

Economic development director Chris Kaselemis said there were no plans to expand the use already intended on the property and expected only one to two truck deliveries per day once the site was operational.

Kaselemis did say, though, that there would be some retail sales of meats at the RAC along with the cuts being processed and wrapped there, but they would be custom in nature.

"The North County Farmers Market is about one mile away and that's where most of the sales would take place," Kaselemis said.

Gary Whipple, project engineer from the county's public works department, said the site is projected to create no more than 50 trips a day at peak hours.

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Democratic Commissioner Candidate Withdraws

By Dick Myers
Editor

Antoine White has withdrawn his candidacy for the 2nd District County Commissioner race.

White, who was elected to the Calvert County Board of Education in the last election, issued the following statement at the request of The County Times: "After careful consideration, speaking to my family and my campaign team, I have decided that it is best for me to stay on the board of education and continue to serve the community as a board member."

White has been active on the board since his election, particularly as an advocate for sports and extracurricular activities. He has also personally visited a number of schools since the election.

White filed as a Democrat for the commissioner race (school board elections are non-partisan). His withdrawal leaves only two Democratic commissioner candidates – Chelsea Anne Montague in the at-large race and Tricia Powell in the 1st Commissioner District.

Because of the legal challenge to legislative redistricting (see story



Calvert County Board of Education member Antoine White

on page 3) the deadline for candidacy filing has been extended to April 15, with April 18 the deadline to withdraw.

The primary election has also been moved – to July 19.

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Governor, First Lady Visit Calvert

Governor Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan made several stops at local businesses throughout Calvert and St. Mary's County on March 25 as part of a two-day swing through Southern Maryland in celebration of Maryland Day.



Calvert County Public Library. Governor Hogan and the First Lady toured the Calvert County Public Library in Prince Frederick. In Fall 2021, the library began a Bookmobile service in order to bring equitable library services to community members who are unable to visit branches across the county.



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St. Leonard Replacement Ambulance Approved



Ambulance 78 will be replaced.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a replacement ambulance for the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (SLVFD&RS).

According to Deputy Fire and Rescue Director Alfred Jeffery, at the March 29 BOCC meeting, “St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company 7 is requesting a \$373,000 Fire and Rescue Apparatus Grant for the purchase of an ambulance.”

Jeffery reported, “In order to apply for this grant, St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company 7 adopted by resolution, formal procurement procedures, procurement committee standards and contract administration policies. Apparatus specifications received the approval of the Chief’s Council, the Fire-Rescue-EMS

Association and the Fire & Rescue Commission.”

Jeffrey said, “The company has agreed to a promissory note through which the grant funding would be repaid through service over eight years. The county will receive a Security Deed of Trust that will complement the promissory note. The \$373,000 requested is included in the FY 2022 Capital Budget for the purchase of an ambulance.”

Ambulance 78 would be replaced with the new ambulance.

The agenda item prompted a discussion of escalating costs. Jeffrey said the two self-loading gurneys would cost \$80,000. But he said they were far superior to the former manual ones, including preventing tipping to prevent further injuries.

The decision to proceed with the purchase was unanimous.

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Governor, Lawmakers Reach Bipartisan Tax Relief Agreement



House Speaker
Adrienne A. Jones



Senate President Bill Ferguson



Gov. Larry Hogan

Governor Larry Hogan, Senate President Bill Ferguson, and House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones on March 28 announced that they reached a historic bipartisan agreement to provide \$1.86 billion in tax relief over five years for Maryland retirees, small businesses, and low-income families.

Combined with the recently-enacted gas tax suspension, this legislative session will deliver nearly \$2 billion in tax relief.

“Today, we are announcing the largest tax cut package in state history with major and long-overdue relief for Maryland’s retirees,” said Governor Hogan. “Cutting our state’s retirement taxes is something we have been trying to accomplish for seven years, and I want to thank the leaders of the General Assembly for working with us to get this done for Maryland’s seniors. This agreement will deliver on our promise to provide real, long-term relief for hard-working Marylanders dealing with inflation and higher prices, and help create more jobs and more opportunity to continue our strong recovery.”

“The last two years of the pandemic have shown the cracks in our state’s civic infrastructure,” said President Ferguson. “As I’ve said since the beginning of the 2022 legislative session, everything we do must prioritize our state’s economy and the health of our residents. This historic agreement demonstrates that regardless of political party, leaders come together to deliver vital services and economic relief for families, seniors, and small businesses.”

“The House started this session with a clear goal of helping Marylanders left behind in the post-pandemic recovery,” said Speaker Jones. “This bipartisan agreement helps hundreds of thousands of seniors on fixed incomes who are struggling with inflation and puts families on a stronger footing as they buy necessities and pay for child care or college. The significant increase in capital spending, coupled with the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, will help Maryland businesses put more chronically unemployed Marylanders back to work.”

This bipartisan tax relief agreement includes the following provisions for FY23-FY27:

- Tax Relief For Retirees 65 and older making up to \$100,000 in retirement in-

come, and married couples making up to \$150,000 in retirement income. As a result, 80% of Maryland’s retirees will receive substantial relief or pay no state income taxes at all. (\$1.55 billion)

- The Work Opportunity Tax Credit to incentivize employers and businesses to hire and retain workers from underserved communities that have faced significant barriers to employment. (\$195 million)

- Family Budget Boosters: sales tax exemptions for child care products such as diapers, car seats, and baby bottles, and critical health products such as dental hygiene products, diabetic care products, and medical devices. (\$115.6 million)

The bipartisan agreement also makes a one-time record \$800 million investment in the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future while maintaining a record level in the Rainy Day Fund. Further, this agreement uses the surplus to make strategic and historic investments that:

- Support public safety and victims of crime;
- Ensure Maryland’s world-class health system by supporting hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities;
- Expand Medicaid dental coverage for adults, in-home medical care, and autism services;
- Help families by expanding access to child care, providing bonuses for public school staff, and increasing student aid at higher education institutions;
- Spur local economies and job opportunities through capital funds for school construction, affordable rental housing, state facility maintenance, and local transportation infrastructure; and
- Protect against the growing threat of cyber attacks.

This agreement follows bipartisan discussions that included Department of Budget and Management Secretary David Brinkley, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Chair Guy J. Guzzone, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Maggie McIntosh.

Later this week, Governor Hogan, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones will hold a bill signing ceremony for these measures.

Press Release from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of March 14, 2022 – March 20, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,634 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 22-13935

On March 14, 2022, Deputy Wilder responded to Solomons Town Center Park located at 13300 Dowell Road in Lusby, MD for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 10 p.m. on March 13 and 8 a.m. on March 14, unknown suspect (s) destroyed three hand soap dispensers in the bathroom and attempted to clog the toilets. The estimated value of damaged property is \$90.00.

Damaged Property: 22-14194

On March 15, 2022, Deputy Newton received a report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between March 11 and March 13, 2022, unknown suspect (s) caused damaged to his vehicle while parked at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 13100 Dowell Road in Solomons, MD. Several scratch marks were observed on the hood as well as the driver and passenger side windows of the vehicle. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1,500.00.

Damaged Property: 22-15360

On March 20, 2022, Deputy Wilder responded to the 12300 block of Catalina Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of a possible burglary that had already occurred. The complainant advised unknown suspect (s) attempted to break in and damaged the rear of the house. Investigation revealed a broken window screen, several pieces of chipped vinyl siding and a broken out window. Numerous large rocks were discovered lying on the ground behind the house. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1400.00.

Theft: 22-13937

On March 14, 2022, Deputy Shoemaker received report of a theft. The complainant advised unknown suspect (s) stole the front and rear registration plates of a vehicle parked in the 1900 block of W. Mount Harmony Road in Owings. The value of stolen property is \$100.00.

Theft: 22-14403

On March 16, 2022, Deputy T. Bowen received report of a theft. The complainant advised unknown suspect (s) stole a bouquet of red and white artificial flowers off of a family member's tombstone from Southern Maryland Gardens located at 10255 Ward Road in Dunkirk, MD. The estimated value of stolen property is \$200.00.

ARRESTS

On March 17, 2022, Deputy Strong responded to the Rod 'N' Reel located at 4160 Mears Ave in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of a 911 hang up. Upon arrival, Deputy Strong made contact with **Je Von Marie Brown**, 34 of Hampstead, MD, who was visibly intoxicated. Management of the establishment advised the deputy that Brown was acting belligerent, arguing with the staff and requested she be trespassed from the property. Brown was instructed by management to vacate the property numerous times, but refused to leave. Brown was placed under ar-



Je Von Marie Brown

rest for Trespassing. Upon arrival at the Calvert County Detention Center, a search of Brown's person revealed a spring loaded switch-blade knife. Brown was charged with Trespassing: Private Property, Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement and Concealing a Dangerous Weapon.

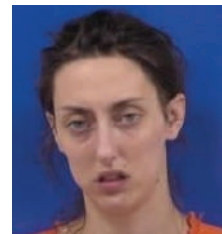
On March 17, 2022, Deputy Plant conducted a traffic stop in the area of Southern Maryland Blvd. and Chaneyville Rd in Owings, MD. Upon making contact with the occupants, a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle and marijuana was observed in plain view. A vehicle search revealed a total of 237.3 grams of marijuana, a marijuana filled joint and a Dabwoods THC cartridge. **Tyler Davell Graves**, 25 of Prince Frederick, MD, was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+.



Tyler Davell Graves

On March 17, 2022, Deputy Hendrickson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle stopped in the middle of the southbound Rt. 4 in the area of Industry Lane in Prince Frederick, MD. Contact was made with the occupants of the vehicle and it was determined the rear passen-

ger **Gina Renee Gear**, 29 of Huntingtown, MD, had an open warrant for her arrest. Gear was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. A search of Gear's person yielded a bag containing a white powdery substance of suspected heroin. Gear was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.



Gina Renee Gear

On March 15 2022, Deputy Wilder responded to the Bark and Bath Pet Salon located at 240 Town Square Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of counterfeit currency. Investigation revealed, **Tommie Lee Bolts, Jr.**, 31 of Great Mills, MD attempted to make change for a \$100 bill at four local businesses using fake U.S. currency. Bolts was arrested and charged with Possessing/Issuing Forged Currency.



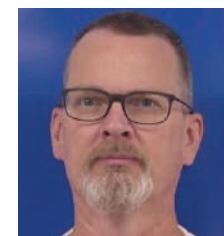
Tommie Lee Bolts Jr

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

Lusby Man Sentenced for Sex Offenses

James Eric Baugher, 56, of Lusby, was sentenced on March 25 to 30 years imprisonment for sex offenses that he committed over a seven-year period with a minor child. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Mark S. Chandlee of the Calvert County Circuit Court.

Baugher will not be eligible for parole until he has served at least 15 years of his sentence, at which point he will be 71 years old. He will also be subject to lifetime supervision as a sex offender and lifetime registration on the sex of-



James Eric Baugher

fender registry. State's Attorney Robert Harvey would like to commend Senior Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca N. Cordero for her outstanding work on behalf of the victim, the victim's family, and the citizens of Calvert County.

Press Release from Office of Calvert County State's Attorney.

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School Board Selects New Superintendent

By Dick Myers
Editor

Dr. Andrae Townsel has been selected as the new Calvert County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Townsel will replace Dr. Daniel Curry when he retires on June 30.

According to information provided by the school system, “Dr. Andrae Townsel earned a football scholarship to Howard University in Washington, DC. During his time at Howard, he earned his bachelors, masters, and doctorate all from Howard University and began his educational career in the District of Columbia. He had the privilege to work in every level of the educational system and excelled. He served as a student teacher, teacher, head coach (football and basketball), athletic director, dean of students, central office specialist, assistant principal, high school principal, assistant superintendent, and a current highly effective superintendent.

“As the superintendent of Benton Harbor Area Schools, he successfully eliminated the budget deficit after 14 years of being in the red, increased the salary of all teachers after having their salaries frozen for over 10 years, and successfully developed a five-year district Strategic Plan. The United Way of Southwest Michigan has highlighted him and his district as the Education Innovator of the Year in 2021. He was nominated as the 2021 Superintendent of the Year in Michigan. He successfully navigated the pandemic, whereas the board of education gave a vote of confidence.

His district was awarded \$3 million over the next five years to focus on and improve literacy. They were one out of five districts to receive this award through a competitive grant application process.

“As an assistant superintendent in the Wayne-Westland Community School District, Dr. Townsel pioneered the work of climate, culture, and social emotional learning. In a district of nearly 11,000 students and 20 school buildings, he hired and developed climate and culture coaches for each building and provided year-long professional development to effectively address the disproportionality in discipline data as well as improve the overall behavior of student’s district-wide to ensure an increase in academic achievement. He has a strong knowledge of school finance and showed great fiscal responsibility at all levels. He generated nearly \$250k in grant funding to support the work of restorative practices and social emotional learning (SEL).”

The other finalist was Dr. Rac-



Dr. Andrae Townsel

quel Jones, a community superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools.

The selection is subject to written confirmation by the state superintendent of schools.

Board President Pamela Cousins said that after Curry’s retirement announcement, “We started what is considered one of the most important tasks that the board of education has to hire a superintendent. So, we’ve proceeded with that work to hire a search firm, conducted the necessary work to make that happen, to bring forth candidates. And with the stakeholder input, we have come to a decision.”

Board member Pat Nutter abstained. He said, “You know, there’s no really good time to injure yourself, but I injured myself at a really bad time and I was supposed to meet with the recommendations, and I did not have that chance and the world doesn’t stop because I have an injury. I’m not opposing anything, but I’m going to abstain from this vote because I feel better if I could have met in person this candidate.

Nutter said because of that he also would not sign the contract to hire Townsel.

The selection of the two finalists was controversial and the controversy continued during the public comment session of the March 24 meeting after the selection of

Townsel was announced.

The County Times, in the March 10 story about the controversy, said, “Both of the candidates are African Americans. Support for the candidates and the selection process has come from both white and black speakers, several of whom referenced race in their comments. Opposition has come from white speakers only, none of whom specifically mentioned race in their comments.”

Opponents of the finalists continue to assert that their opposition was not based on race but on the candidates’ experience and the school districts they are currently at, which the critics say are underperforming.

A statement from Sarah Lively of Calvert County Concerned Parents, read at the meeting by another speaker, was critical of The County Times coverage.

Lively wrote, “He (this writer) was trying to infer that the reason for protesting these two candidates is because they were black. Let me make something clear. The people protesting these candidates don’t care what color our next superintendent is. They care about the qualification, their morals, their values, and their political agendas.”

Lively said her first choice for president in 2016 was Ben Carson, an African American.

Lively concluded her written

comments, as read to the board, by saying, “I will leave the board with one follow-up question. Have you ever looked for any white candidates for this position? We wouldn’t know because there’s never been transparency in the process.”

Willie Flowers, president of the NAACP Maryland State Conference, attended both the March 10 and 24 school board meetings. He said he had a flat tire in the parking lot after the March 10 meeting and was graciously assisted in getting it fixed.

Flowers said during the March 24 public comments, “I just want to say that the unity in hospitality that you expressed to me, I took it all the way home and that’s the type of reality that any school district requires to be successful long term.”

Flowers said of local NAACP chapter president Michael Kent and their many members who were in attendance that night, “They’re committed to that. And not only that, our national organization is watching communities like Calvert County. And what I’ve seen is a good report on what can happen when people come together on something as important as a superintendent.”

Flowers added, “I encourage everyone to treat your superintendent the same way (as Flowers was treated). It’s not hard to do. It’s part of your culture to welcome everybody. And I think that with that as a part of what Calvert County does, it’ll make his tenure here just as successful as Dr. Curry’s.”

Curry, later in the meeting, noted he’s been a superintendent for 34 years. He said, “The only time I was ever to earn the job of superintendent as an insider was my first job where I had been working in the district office. I got to be superintendent by a vote of three to two. And these were people who had known me for 10 years. So, then I made a career of being the outsider going in. Four other school districts hired me up against all inside candidates and other outside candidates, including this one. And I can say, I know what it means, what it looks like when people say, ‘You’re not from around here, are you? And they doubt that you can adapt.’”

He added, “I hope that I brought to each school district where I worked as an outsider, the skills necessary to bring that school district to the next level from wherever it was. And it takes team building and community support.”

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LSM Executive Director Announces Resignation

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Executive Director Denise Foster has announced her resignation. In a letter she wrote: “When I joined the Leadership Southern Maryland team four years ago, I was excited for the opportunity to lead an organization with such an outstanding reputation for creating positive change in our communities. During my time here, I’ve been privileged to interact with five Executive Program classes who are eager to learn from area experts and one another as they strive to better Southern Maryland. I have supported the creation and execution of the new Emerging Leaders Program and have watched many passionate individuals dedicate their time and talent into establishing this exciting new curriculum. Working alongside and interacting with LSM’s board members, leadership council, committee members, graduates, and long-time supporters has been nothing short of amazing. I owe each and every one of you my thanks.

“Looking back over all of my experiences with LSM makes it all the more difficult to share with you that my time as executive director is drawing to a close. It’s often said that the “needs of the Navy” come first; and my husband and I are preparing for our next adventure which will take



us to Virginia Beach for the next several years. During the coming months, as the LSM Search Committee works to identify the next executive director, rest assured that I will still be supporting the organization to the fullest, finishing out the 2022 programs, facilitating the selection of next year’s Executive Program participants, and making preparations for a successful Class of 2023 – the next “Best Class Ever!”

“LSM is not, and has never been, just a job for me. It truly is a family and I will miss it dearly. I know that, thanks to the diligent efforts of the search committee and the continued support of all of you, I leave this amazing organization in good hands.

Press Release from Leadership Southern Maryland

Arts Council Announces New Executive Director

The Arts Council of Calvert County (ACCC) is pleased to announce that Joe Davis has been chosen to be its new Executive Director (ED), effective March 1. Davis had most recently been the Administrative Director of the Charles County Arts Alliance. He will be responsible for keeping the board informed of the daily operations and fiscal management of the Council and maintaining oversight of the Arts Gallery Administrator, as well identifying grant and scholarship opportunities and developing a fundraising action plan.

“The council is very pleased to welcome Mr. Davis to the Executive Director position. His knowledge and support of the arts, as well as his community engagement, will complement the direction of the Council. His dedication and knowledge will be a real as-

set,” according to Bob Carpenter, the council’s president.

The council has also selected Doris J. Cammack-Spencer to be the ACCC’s Board of Directors. She is the co-founder and charter president of the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County and President of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Maryland Minority Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and Education Director of Southern Maryland Minority Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. “Ms. Cammack-Spencer’s vast experience, expertise and knowledge will bring a very valuable voice to our Board. We are pleased Doris has agreed to join our Board and we look forward to working together,” Carpenter stated.

Press Release from The Arts Council of Calvert County.

Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants Total \$320,000

Grants Supports Communities, Projects, and Schools

Forever Maryland is proud to announce that 85 grants totaling \$320,000 have been awarded toward environmental education, community cleanup and beautification projects through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program.

These annual grants are funded by the Maryland Environmental Trust, Forever Maryland, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

“Keep Maryland Beautiful grants help improve, sustain, and enhance communities all across our state,” Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. “These local initiatives also help Maryland meet our goals of cleaner water and access to green space for all our citizens.”

“DHCD is pleased to provide \$250,000 to nonprofits, local governments and community groups,” said DHCD Secretary Kenneth C. Holt. “These grants provide support for local projects and activities that directly impact litter removal, greening and beautification, and improving citizen stewardship in communities statewide.”

“It’s important to MDOT’s mission that we contribute to environmental stewardship across Maryland,” said MDOT Secretary James F. Ports Jr. “This year’s package of 16 MDOT grants – which include funds for purchasing native shrubs, getting rid of invasive species, educating students and maintaining a pollinator garden – build on the department’s commitment to preserve our ecosystem. I look forward to seeing these projects bloom.”

Keep Maryland Beautiful recipients included schools, nonprofit groups, municipalities and land trusts in 20 counties and Baltimore City. Many of these grants focus on developing and supporting communities, families, youth and students who take personal responsibility for the health of their communities, protecting nature in their backyards and seeking ways to help reduce or resolve environmental challenges.

“We’re thrilled with the success we’ve seen from the grant program,” said Forever Maryland Chair Nick Dilks. “This program will continue to make a significant environmental, economic, health, and recreational impact across Maryland through these new grant projects.”

Awards given this year were:

One Aileen Hughes award totaling \$5,000, awarded to an individual representing a Maryland land trust



“Trees Not Trash” a community initiative funded by the 2021 Keep Maryland Beautiful Clean Up and Green Up Grant, focuses on beautifying city neighborhoods by planting street trees and removing litter within Sustainable Community Development areas, while engaging the residents on the benefits of urban trees. Photo courtesy Forever Maryland.

for outstanding leadership, partnership and innovation in a conservation project. The grant is awarded to the Maryland land trust in recognition of the individual’s efforts and good work. The grant is given annually to honor the late Aileen Hughes, a true leader in the conservation movement.

12 Citizen Stewardship awards totaling \$17,500, given in honor of **Bill James**, who drafted the legislation that founded Maryland Environmental Trust, and **Margaret Rosch Jones**, former executive director of the Keep Maryland Beautiful program. These grants are awarded to schools, nonprofits and other community organizations whose missions are centered upon directly engaging community members in environmental education and stewardship. These grants also support organizations that demonstrate active engagement as defenders of the environment by developing innovative solutions to local environmental problems.

61 Clean Up & Green Up Maryland awards totaling \$250,000. This grant was established in 2017 to help community groups and nonprofit organizations statewide with neighborhood beautification activities that include litter removal, greening activities, community education, and citizen stewardship statewide.

11 Janice Hollmann Grant awards totaling \$47,500, given to Maryland land trusts to increase capacity, support community programming and innovation and foster stronger, better connected land trusts. All grants require a 100 percent match from the land trust of in-kind services and privately raised funds. The grant is given in memory of Janice Hollmann, who exemplified citizen leadership of local land trusts in Maryland.

2022 recipients of Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants include: All Saints Episcopal Church in Sunderland, American Chestnut Land Trust Inc., and Southern MD RC&D Board Inc.

Press Release from MD DNR.

Ag Commission Director to Serve as Envoy for Land Solutions



Shelby Watson-Hampton

Shelby Watson-Hampton, of Brandywine, a farmer and director of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, is among eight prominent voices in the U.S. food and agriculture sectors to come on board as Farmer Envoys for Solutions from the Land.

She joins SfL's broad mission to advance land-based solutions to the interconnected challenges the world now faces, ranging from food and nutrition security, energy security, sustainable livelihoods and climate change, all while overcoming the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An active member of the agricultural community, Watson-Hampton currently farms with her family on their 4th-generation operation, Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards, in Brandywine, where they grow wine grapes, run the farm winery, and host private events in their barn venue.

Watson-Hampton also freelances for several regional and national agricultural publications, including the Lancaster Farming newspaper, Pink Tractor and American Agriculturist. Shelby recently finished serving a two-year term on the American Farm Bureau Federation's National Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee.

She joins other nationally renowned farmers in sharing SfL's

vision for a 21st Century "Agricultural Renaissance" that enables all forms and scales of agriculture to innovate, sustain productivity, enhance resilience to climate change and other shocks, and move the world towards achieving global sustainable development goals (SDGs).

These envoys will proactively engage United Nations agencies and conventions, introducing and engaging conversations on new approaches, which include circular-systems agriculture, a way of going forward that focuses on reducing external inputs, closing nutrient loops, regenerating soils and minimizing ag's impact on the environment. Envoys also will promote Climate Smart Agriculture, and whole-system technologies that enable the sector to provide the pathways toward meeting SDGs.

"We are thrilled to welcome Shelby and these other outstanding farmer leaders to our envoy team" says SfL President Ernie Shea. "We look forward to helping her share her insight and experiences producing food, feed, fiber, clean energy and a wide range of high value ecosystem services with decision makers and agricultural stakeholders across the world."

Press Release from Solutions from the Land

A View From The BLEACHERS



NOW WHAT?

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The athletic hourglass gets loaded with only a few modest scoops of sand. Peak performance is fleeting. An athlete's "best buy" date lurks ominously in the not-too-distant future. One's twenties are the golden time – the human body never runs faster, jumps higher or endures longer. In some sports, age 30 is a cautionary marker. By 35, nearly all athletes are in precipitous decline. Few last into their forties. By the mid-forties, it is time for church leagues, weekend beer clubs and a lot of embellished talk about the old times, before personal odometers and aches and pains claimed one-time physical superpowers.

This reality creates an athlete's mentality: get all you can while you feel good and your prowess allows, prepare for the inevitable end and bow out gracefully before the wheels fall off, the game passes you by and the door of opportunity slams shut.

Conventional wisdom found its antidote – times two.

A 44-year-old, seven-time Super Bowl champion quarterback retired in February after 22 unprecedented, age-defying NFL seasons to spend more time at home with his children and supermodel wife. It seemed a well-earned respite and graceful conclusion to a career that had already thumbed its nose at Father Time – until it wasn't and he returned six weeks later! Ten days thereafter, a 25-year-old tennis star, ranked number one in the world, at the apex of her game and fresh off an Australian Open win, hung up her racket to pursue other goals.

Introductions are in order. Tom Brady, this is Ash Barty. Ash Barty, this is Tom Brady. Ash, Tom, this is everyone else – all of us equally confused and inspired.

As a fellow father, I want to believe that Brady just couldn't handle the domestic heat. He went home, tasted the daily grind of tending to a family, irritated his wife in some way, ruined dinner, forgot his chores, sheepishly waved the white flag in the face of real responsibility and scurried back to the tranquility of the football field. In reality, he probably just couldn't extinguish his competitive flame – one that has proven to burn hotter

than darn near anyone not named Michael Jordan – and decided to feed his unquenchable hunger at least one more time.

Barty's decision was both confounding and fascinating. She admitted to being scared in her farewell speech, but also excited to pursue other personal goals. There was a tinge of relief in her address – hinting that she had mustered the courage to flip the script on tennis and to dictate to it how her life would unfurl, external expectations and perceived obligations be damned.

What then to make of these two athletes? They stood together at a fork along sports' road – one leading to retirement, the other to career continuation. Everything pointed to the football-ancient Brady staying on retirement road and to Barty, in the prime of her career, continuing to dominate women's tennis. One can imagine them winking to one another just before switching lanes and shocking the world.

Brady and Barty both found themselves in a "Now what?" moment, one having seemingly already answered that question (Brady) and the other prepared to provide an unconventional answer (Barty). Ultimately each athlete followed their heart: Brady returned to the game he can't yet live without and Barty bid adieu to an old friend because her passions were leading her elsewhere.

John Lennon, as the story goes, claimed he was once asked by a teacher what he wanted to be when he grew up. He answered "happy." The teacher said he didn't understand the assignment. Lennon said the teacher "didn't understand life." The game of life, unlike football and tennis, often dictates the responsible or the necessary be chosen over the path to personal joy. But not always, and not entirely. Assuming we only get to tour this little blue dot in the galaxy once, Brady and Barty, and Lennon before them, remind that being the best version of ourselves isn't only about meeting expectations and obligations, it also involves making some decisions, if not in whole then it least in part, just because it makes us happy.

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Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival

The Maryland Osprey and Nature festival takes place Saturday, April 2 at the Drum Point Club in Lusby from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us at the drum point club, where the trees and the shoreline meet. See live raptors up close, attend lectures with wildlife experts from all over the state, participate in bird watching, and enjoy nature in this idyllic venue. It will be an event for the entire family and people of all ages. Please no pets, as there will be live raptors; only service animals.

Feel free to bring beach blankets or towels.

If you love birds and nature, or just want to learn more about wildlife, come out and join us. Deanna dove with island girl records will perform live and keep us entertained throughout the day. Grizzly mountain grill will be serving up some of southern maryland favorite dishes including raptor talon pulled pork and oscar the osprey braised beef. Bonus, free rita's italian ice to children.

Parking will be limited at the drum point club. First come, first



served. Overflow parking will be at patuxent high school with courtesy shuttle provided.

Drum point residents are urged to walk, ride your bike, etc. To and from the festival.

Drum Point Club – gps address 435 overlook drive, lusby, maryland

For more information please email Sal Icaza at marylandospreyfestival@gmail.com

Spring Craft Show Returns to Hollywood

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department is excited to once again sponsor the Annual Spring Craft Show at the Hollywood Firehouse. There are over 100 Craft Vendors registered to participate. There are many returning Vendors registered to participate in the Show, as well as several new Vendors. There will be a wide variety of merchandise for your browsing and shopping pleasure. We are confident you will find something you have been looking for.

The Spring Craft Show will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022. The doors will be open for browsing and shopping from 10:00 A.M.

to 3:00 P.M.

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing and selling food and beverage items in the kitchen. Our famous Stuffed Ham sandwiches will be available for purchase at this Show and there will be a small dining area where attendees can sit to eat.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also sponsor a bake sale consisting of homemade treats and a 50/50 money raffle for a fee.

If you would like to donate something for the Bake Sale we welcome your contribution.

If you have any questions, please contact the Craft Show Chairman at: Craftshow@hvfd7.com

No Place Like Home Exhibit Set



Linda Owens' "flowerpots"



Maria Birnkammer's "Quilt on a White picket fence."



Donna Carley-Tizol's Swann Farm's budding peach blossoms.

Worldwide, the romantic image of home is that place where you close out the world behind you and embrace the coziness and warmth of safety among family and friends, familiar smells, and four legged creatures. Home provides more than a structure, but rather a place to exhale and close one's eyes. We sink into security and recharge our bodies, our minds, and our hearts.

And who doesn't picture Judy Garland in her ruby slippers chanting "There's no place like home"!

For April ArtWorks@7th artists will express art based on the theme "No Place Like Home." We invite you to visit the gallery to enjoy their perspective on this very relative theme. You'll see Linda Owens' flower pots that are sure to make any home a little bit brighter. Donna Carley-Tizol showcases Calvert County's, Swann Farm's budding peach blossoms and Maria Birnkammer shares her "Quilt on a White picket fence".

We hope you will come in and enjoy a semi-intimate viewing at

the gallery on Saturday April 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. Meet the artists and experience the variety of art represented by these wonderfully talented people. Light refreshments will be served. If you can't make it to the Open House, please be sure to stop by anytime March 31 – May 1.

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

ArtWorks@7th is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue (near 2nd street) in North Beach. Our winter hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Press Release from ArtWorks@7th

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Police Reform Rating Committee Questioned

To the Editor:

As Calvert residents and voters, we have questions about the County's process for establishing the local Police Accountability Board and an Administrative Charging Committee required by last year's legislation. The BOCC's creation of a rating committee with representatives from four community organizations (NAACP, FOP, and Republican and Democratic Central Committees) seems to be a departure from how such committees are typically appointed in the County. Since we have a Human Resources Department with personnel who are trained in the handling of job applications, we wonder why they are being supplemented by community organizations.

It is also unclear why \$74,000 has been put into the present budget for a Human Resources manager and \$28,000 for an office assistant since the PAB is required to meet only quarterly, while the ACC will meet as needed to review cases involving charges of police misconduct. At the same time, no monies appear to have been earmarked for stipends for the volunteers who will be members of the PAB and ACC. This lack of transparency regarding the rationale for the budget items leaves many questions.

The most egregious concern with the committee's creation is how it has been unnecessarily made into a partisan process through the inclusion of the Republican and Democratic Central Committees in rating applications. It would be far more appropriate-and preferable-to keep partisan politics out of the Police Accountability Board and Charging Committee!

Public trust is the essential ingredient that will make or break the effectiveness of the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee in Calvert County. We ask the Commissioners to reconsider the screening process they have adopted, or at the very least, explain to the citizens how and why they came to their decisions.

Sincerely,

LWVCC (League of Women Voters of Calvert County)

Court of Appeals Case

To the Editor:

Calvert Citizens United, Inc. is beyond ecstatic. After three grueling years (2019-2022) neighbors, citizens and voters have the most significant win with the Supreme Court of Maryland (COA) by a Writ of Certiorari. Incredibly, the Appeals Court hears a small amount of cases appealed from the lower Court of Special Appeals. Our attorney, G. Macy Nelson, will argue Calvert Citizens United, Inc. v BOCC (the 20-Year Comprehensive Plan as well as challenging Commissioner Kelly McConkey's breach of ethics). Simultaneously, the Calvert Ethics Commission is pursuing its independent suit in the Matter of (Commissioner) Kelly McConkey in the Court of Special Appeals (one step below the Court of Appeals).

This is the FIRST time in Calvert's history that an elected commissioner has two cases before the Supreme Court of Maryland. Clearly, the court believes that both matters involving Kelly McConkey are egregious enough to impact not only Calvert citizens but all citizens throughout our state.

Calvert Citizens United is continuing to fight the good fight against the Master Plan(s) massive, unrestricted buildout set forth by Mark Willis and four local builder/developers in attempting to turn Calvert from a quaint, small town county into a disarray of commercial, high rise multi-family and apartment buildings bereft of adequate roadways, toxic environmental planning as well as the Willis proposal moving sewer above/below ground 25 miles from Prince Frederick dumping it in Solomons. One thing is certain, the sewer will move faster than the flow of traffic. Also, local builder/developers can begin construction!

Welcome cranes and dozers.

With CCU's commitment to lobbying, steadfast attention to researching all significant issues relative to Mark Willis' sway over the Planning Commission, at last on March 22 the BOCC voted in favor (Commissioner McConkey whimpered and voted NO). This vote started the process of a possible 12-month MORATORIUM on all forward motion of the Prince

Frederick Master Plan. Clearly in the past, public pleadings by citizen/taxpayers during the Comp Plan two-year process (2017-2019) were completely ignored by the BOCC majority. Hence, the citizens' costly lawsuit to reclaim Calvert! Remember, we have one Main Street. It's called Route 4 and it's 38 miles long. The proposed public hearing (and our lawsuit) are citizen/taxpayers opportunity to make a dramatic difference, effect change and protect our homeplace.

If you are able and so inclined we are in need of donations (no amount is too small)

to help with this last round of legal fees. Calvert Citizens United, Inc., Post Office Box 1018,

Huntingtown, MD 20639. Plaintiffs work Pro Bono. It's our honor to serve our neighbors.

*Myra Gowans, Founder
Calvert Citizens United, Inc.*

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

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, March 31

Sea Squirts

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

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

Transfer Thursdays

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

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available.

Friday, April 1

FREE Rooftop Car Show by the Bay
4165 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach
4-9 p.m.

FREE Rooftop Car Show—By the Bay on the rooftop of the new parking garage at the Rod & Reel. April 1, 4 PM to 9 PM,

Cool cars and trucks, much chrome, nice paint.

FREE to all; 866 312 5596

“Always a Bridesmaid” Performance
Long Beach Community Center
5845 Calvert Blvd., St. Leonard
7 p.m.

In this hilarious comedy, four friends have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their Senior Prom: to be in each other's weddings...no matter what. More than thirty years later, these Southern friends-for-life are still making “the long walk” for each other, determined to honor that vow. “Always a Bridesmaid” is the lively tale of four loyal and determined women who definitively answer the question, “Just how far are you willing to go to keep a promise to a friend?” If you've ever elbowed a stranger out of the way to catch a bride's bouquet, seriously questioned the mental stability of the duo saying “I do” or been forced to wear the world's ugliest bridesmaid dress, this deliriously funny comedy is definitely for you...and your dearly beloved! For tickets (\$12-15), visit www.ndctheater.org.

Saturday, April 2

Easter Egg Hunt

600 Dares Beach Road,
Prince Frederick, 9 a.m.

Calvert High School Junior Optimist Club is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on the stadium field of Calvert High School. Park in the rear student parking lot and follow the signs to the field.

Egg hunt for ages walking—2 years old, ages 3-4, ages 5-7, and 8-12 all held simultaneously at 9 a.m. Please be punctual—the hunt will most likely be finished by 9:15 a.m. Bring your camera/phone for pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Open House

7940 N. Flint Hill Rd., Owings
3-4 p.m.

Come visit our horses during our 2022 Open House series! Our Open Houses are free to the public and include barn tours, meeting our horses, and \$5 horseback rides. All proceeds go directly to the care and keeping of the horses at FHHR!

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

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Sunday, April 3

Houseplant Cutting Swap

Hills Bayside Plant Shop,
5015 St Leonard Road, St. Leonard,
2-3 p.m.

Free Event located outside on the porch in front of the store. Bring your houseplant cuttings then trade your cutting with another plant in the same category at the main table. The main swap table at the store has a limit of 1 cutting per variety. If you have a lot of cuttings I can set up a small space for you to trade them with others attending. Wide variety to choose from including hoyas, philodendrons and monstera.

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Tuesday, April 5

Old Dominion Member Ticket Sale

Calvert Marine Museum
10 a.m.

Tickets for museum members go on sale for Old Dominion. This concert will take place on June 10 at the PNC Waterside Pavilion, located at the Calvert Marine Museum. To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/CMM-OD or call 1-800-787-9454. Museum members have the opportunity to purchase tickets ahead of the general public. To become a member, visit bit.ly/CMMmembership.

Wednesday, April 6

Lecture Series

Calvert Library, Prince Frederick,
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Donald G. Shomette. Briar Patch: The Murder That Would Not Die!

This lecture series is sponsored by the Bayside History Museum, Calvert Library Prince Frederick and the John Hanson Chapter NSDAR.

Don Shomette promises a surprise ending to this decades old unsolved murder.

Inspired by the famed but brutal Northwest Branch Park murder in a peaceful Maryland suburb of Washington, D.C., a case that electrified the nation, historian and author Donald Grady Shomette will relate the masterfully intricate and epic story of crime and intrigue, love and courage, tragedy and vengeance, corruption and truth that spans more than half a century. It is the tale of two young women – one a victim of a beastly killer, and the other her sister bent on ultimate revenge despite insurmountable obstacles. Follow the events leading up to the June 15, 1955 murder of two teenage girls, Nancy Marie Shomette, Donald's own cousin, and Michael “Mikie” Ann Ryan, the daughter of a dedicated metropolitan police officer, and the ensuing dramatic nationwide manhunt for the killer. Despite one false lead after another, there was no resolution . . . until a surprising

phone call and a mysterious series of events forty years later. Would they put an end to the crime dubbed by a major Washington newspaper, “The Murder That Would Not Die”? Wait and see!

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UPCOMING

Calvert Arts Festival

Sample the best wines and craft beers from Southern Maryland makers at 16th Calvert Arts Festival Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church. A \$15 fee to taste wines/beers gives you a souvenir tasting glass and wristband. No fee to shop from outstanding local juried artisans. Enjoy delicious food and beverages, live entertainment, children's crafts, raffles & more. Tour our 1692 church & labyrinth. Event is rain or shine. Save money: reserve your wine/beer gl\$\$\$ at <https://www.EventBrite.com/e/Calvert-Arts-Festival-2022-tickets>. Age verified for alcohol tasting by picture ID at festival. Proceeds benefit local charities that aid County children. Free parking at All Saints' Church, Rts 2 & 4, Sunderland, MD, and nearby Sunderland Park & Ride.

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 11000 HG Trueman Rd., Lusby; April 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

All Children and their families are welcome to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt, games, face painting and more!

Count on the Chesapeake

Calvert Marine Museum, Thursday, April 14, Spring Break Programming: Count on the Chesapeake 10 a.m. - noon

Count on the Chesapeake author William Sells will be at the Calvert Marine Museum for a book signing. Afterwards, complete a scavenger hunt to practice counting skills in the museum. For ages 3 – 6. Programming is included with museum admission.

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Karleen J. Talbott



Karleen J. Talbott, 72, of Lothian, MD passed away March 25, 2022 in Annapolis, MD. Karleen was born December 29, 1949 in Cheverly, MD to Jeane E. (Meyer) and Melvin W. Stearlings. She was raised in Deale and attended Deale Elementary and Southern Jr. and Sr. High Schools in Lothian, where she graduated with the Class of 1967. She attended Maryland Medical Secretarial School in Hagerstown, and also received a Nursing Certificate from the Anne Arundel General Hospital School of Nursing. She was employed as a pediatric nurse in pediatric physician practices until her retirement in 2010.

Karleen married Shearman J. Talbott November 19, 1971, and they lived and raised their family in Lothian. Karleen's interests included playing softball, waterskiing, gardening, reading and quilting, and she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Karleen was preceded in death by her son Kyle B. Talbott and by her parents Melvin and Jeane. She is survived by her husband Shearman, daughters Karli Talbott Sutherland and husband Chris, and Kori B. Fielding and husband Ross. She is also survived by grandchildren Colby, Colton, Callen, Kinsley, Kyleigh and Reagan, and her sisters Janice Nutwell, Candice Faber, Kim Cullemer, and Gina Kerfoot.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 31, 2022, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

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

Maria Freimayer

Maria Freimayer, Born July 8,

1933, in Germany. At the age of 21 moved to Canada where she met her soon to be husband, Hans Freimayer. They married in 1955, Hans passed away in 1996.

Survived by two sons, Peter, and Robert, two daughters-in-law, Karen, and Nancy, four grandchildren, Michelle, Sharon, Daniel, and Andy, and one great-grandson, Matthew.

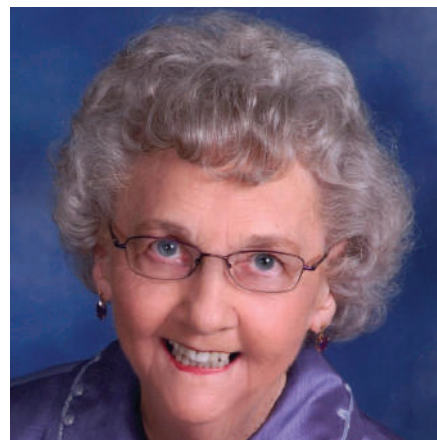
Maria and Hans immigrated to the United States in the mid 60's and eventually became US citizens in 1976. Shortly thereafter they built a home in Calvert Country. Maria retired at the age of 63 and enjoyed retirement spending winters in FL.

Maria passed on March 23, 2022 at the age of 88.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Maria's name may be made to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929; Link: <https://secure.aspc.org>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Pauline Cox Dodson



Pauline Cox Dodson, 102, passed away March 22, 2022 at her residence. Pauline was born February 6, 1920 in the Willows, MD to Bessie (Cranford) and Edward Cox. She was raised in Huntingtown and graduated from Calvert High School in 1937, and also attended Strayer Business College in Washington, D.C. She married John K. Dodson October 3, 1941 and they lived in the Washington, D.C. and later in District Heights, MD. During WWII she was employed with the War Department and also worked at the Pentagon. In 1951 she began a career as a secretary working for Eugene Chaney in his road construction business, and retired from Chaney Enterprises after 39 years of service in 1990. She and John moved back to Calvert County in 1988 and they resided in Huntingtown. Mr. Dodson preceded Pauline in death in 1995. Pauline loved antiques, reading, and watching game shows. She was a devoted member of Emmanuel

Methodist Church in Huntingtown. Pauline is survived by her son Michael Dodson and his wife Paula of Waldorf, MD, grandchildren Gregory Dodson and wife Crystal of Chesapeake Beach and Timothy Dodson and wife Rachel of Elkridge. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Cameron, Courtney, Kiersten, Ashton, and Ryder, and by a great-great-grandson Isaac. In addition to her husband Pauline was preceded in death by her brothers Rayner Cox, Edward Cox, Jr., and Stanley Cox, and by her sisters Verda Turner and Pearl Garner.

Contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Dennis Markey Jordan



Dennis Markey Jordan, 72 of Solomons, MD, passed away peacefully at his residence at Asbury Solomons on March 21, 2022. A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and Mount St. Mary's College, Markey was employed by the Horace Mann Insurance Company in Southern Maryland for over 30 years. The

family wishes to express its gratitude to his manager, Clare "Niki" Baker and caregivers Mary Harris, Woodrow Wallace, Janis Foote, Angel Gray, Dee Johnson, Tasha Titus and Rose Gray. Markey was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Frances Jordan and his brother, Michael Jordan. He is survived by his brothers, Joseph "Pat" Jordan and Brian (Kim) Jordan, and his sister, Angela (Brian) McCarthy and their families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Asbury Foundation, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688 or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

Michael F. Rice, Jr.



Michael F. Rice, Jr., 46, peacefully passed away at his home on Monday, March 21, 2022 after a 30 year battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Mike is survived by his immediate family and MS warriors, mother, Dawn Catena, sister, Jennifer Rice, and nephew, Elijah Kareem. He is also survived by his extended family, father, Michael F. Rice, Sr. and stepmother Mary Rice, brothers Nicholas Rice, James Rice and his wife Gretchen

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and their daughters Nora and Isla. Michael was preceded in death by one of his greatest advocates, his stepfather, Donald J. Catena.

Michael was born in Cheverly, Maryland and grew up in Prince George's County. He was diagnosed with MS on April 1st of his senior year in high school. He was a graduate of Laurel High and went on to receive his certification in Computer Aided Design at Maryland Drafting Institute. Upon graduation Michael worked contract jobs through Aerotek, Inc. until moving to Prince Frederick. Michael then acquired a position with Patuxent Architects, performing drafting with a specialty in Fire and Safety. Mike's MS progressed leaving him dependent on a walker by age 21 and in a wheelchair at age 25. He continued in his drafting position until becoming permanently disabled.

While life became more difficult, Michael never complained. He took on whatever MS threw at him and never lost his sense of humor. Family support was always important however, Michael always had a group of friends to

keep life as normal as possible. Many were high school friendships, who were there to visit, hang out or take him to concerts, bars, picnics...He was always grateful for their dedication to him.

Michael will be best remembered for his "off color" sense of humor, jokes, crazy T-shirts and his love for the ladies. He will truly be missed by his enormous group of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his honor to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Link: https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/Donation2?df_id=55995&55995.donation=form1

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Karen Burns

Karen Burns, 67, passed away March 20, 2022 surrounded by her three daughters at her residence. Karen was born December 1, 1954 in Cheverly, MD to Willie and Robert Hooker. She was raised in Upper Marlboro and graduated from Largo High



School in 1972. She joined the US Navy in 1973 and served as a Dental Technician, reaching the rank of E4 before separating in 1976. She worked full time while completing her Associate's Degree from Anne Arundel Community College in 1983. Most recently she worked as a Program Manager for a non-profit in Alexandria, VA. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2015 and completed her Bachelor's Degree from UMUC in 2016, while undergoing cancer treatments. She battled cancer and the effects of chemotherapy for seven years, all while working full time and being a supportive mother and grandmother. Karen loved card-making, baking, British mystery shows, and travelling. She was a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church in Upper Marlboro. Karen is survived by her children, Rachel Rice of Chesapeake Beach, MD, Kathryn Burns of North Beach, MD, Krystal Burns of Herndon, VA, and her granddaughter Kamryn Burns. She is also survived by her siblings, Joseph Hooker of Owings, MD, Keith Hooker of Aiken, SC, and Kelley Hooker of Hampstead, MD.

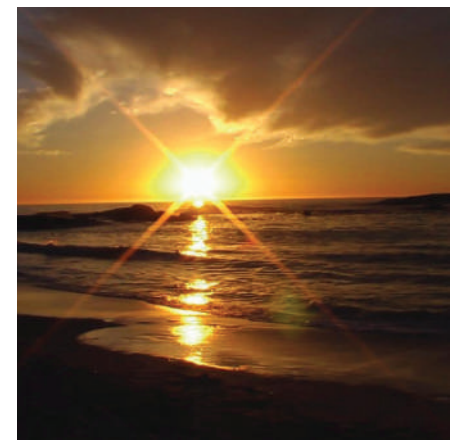
A Memorial Service will be Saturday, April 2, 2022, 1 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, 16101 Swanson Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Interment will be Private.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Donald Wayne Wynkoop

Donald Wayne Wynkoop, 80, of Lusby, Maryland, passed away at his home on Sunday, March 20, 2022.

Donald is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Gearldean Land Wynkoop, his daughter Donna Wynkoop-Langley of Dundalk, and his granddaughter, Savannah Langley of Baltimore. He is also survived by his sister Shirley Simpson, and his brothers Kenneth Wynkoop and Thomas Ott,



and many beloved nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Alford Wynkoop and Alice Kephart, brothers Douglas Wynkoop, Johnny Ott, Ronald Wynkoop, Michael Wynkoop, and his dear sister Roma Bullock.

Donald retired from The George Washington University after over 25 years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved the Chesapeake Bay, hunting, fishing, and just being on the water. He was also a champion archer and held many accolades in the sport and was once recruited by Team USA for the Olympics.

He could often be found in his garden cultivating seeds or gathering vegetables to share with friends and neighbors, or metal detecting alongside his cherished wife. Donald was a dedicated father and grandfather. His daughter remembers him teaching her how to dance, fish, ice a cake, and change a tire. He always supported her in anything she wanted to do throughout life. He taught his granddaughter all about his love of nature and would bring her seaside treasures of shark teeth, shells, and beautiful stones.

Donald will be laid to rest in a private ceremony.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com for the Wynkoop family.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to donate in memoriam, please consider Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403; Link: <https://www.cbf.org/> or Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, 10115 Mackall Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685 or Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Art Center.

Charles Richard Rohde

Charles Richard Rohde, better known as "Charlie," passed peacefully from this life into eternity on March 19, 2022. He had been under the loving care of his daughter and her husband in CA, as well as hospice, for his last

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four months and his son and his wife in Port Republic, MD, for six years prior. Charles was born to Hyman B (immigrated from Russia at the age of 16) and Lenora (Stitch) Rohde on December 27, 1923, and raised in Greenfield, Massachusetts. He was the third of six children. He attended and graduated from Greenfield High School, spent a short stint working on military weapons in a local armory, and was soon after drafted to serve in our Second World War with the US Army.

He served in the Company #111 Medium Maintenance Ordnance from Greenfield, MA as support for the front-line troops, maintaining and repairing the military vehicles. Following behind the infantry by about four or so miles, his company landed on the coast of Normandy, France just one week post D-Day, June 13, 1944, where they continued to press forward, surviving the greatest American battle of the war, the infamous Battle of the Bulge, in West Europe. Dad had told us that he truly had no idea how close he was to being annihilated by the Germans during this major battle of victory. He returned home in late 1945 having earned four battle stars.

Upon his return to home, he was able to attend college on the GI Bill, majoring in mechanical engineering while studying at the City College of New York. Shortly after graduation, he landed a job with the Navy Department in Washington, DC, so began his 35-year career in the field of engineering. It was here that he met the woman who would eventually become his wife of over 62 years, the late Lois Richards Rohde.

Charles and Lois made their home in Silver Spring, MD for over 55 years, raised 6 children, and enjoyed times spent with their many grandchildren and great

grandchildren. Charles' passions included working with numbers, puzzles, and gardening. He also enjoyed creating new inventions with the hopes of patenting. Though none ever got to that point, many of his creations can still be found in use in his children's homes. After retirement, Charles found a second career, though part-time. He taught math and algebra courses at Prince Georges Community College, Montgomery College and Howard Community College.

Charles is survived by his children Irene Niemeyer and husband Sydney, Shirley Flowers and husband Whit, Laura Hunter and husband Tim, Jackie Koutsoukos and husband Tony, Tim Rohde, Sr. and wife Sheila; 19 grandchildren and spouses, Gina Drusda, Matthew "Budge" Barclay and wife Katie, Chris Dero and wife Yoshi, Paul Long and wife Renee, Melanie Englehardt and husband Tim, Bonnie Newton and husband Merle, Tommy Niemeyer, Julie Niemeyer, Brooke Souders and husband Shaun, Kristin Welsh and husband Josh, Sarah Badley and husband Luke, Rachel Robinson and husband Zach, Hannah Hunter, Rebekah Zimmerman and husband McGuire, Leah Hunter, Stefanos Koutsoukos, Kelsey Koutsoukos, Tim Rohde, Jr. and Meggie Pollins, Jen Crupi and husband Brian; 24 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jimmy Rohde and Harry Rohde and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and beloved wife Lois, Charles was preceded in death by two brothers, Elliot Rohde and Gerry Rohde, one sister, Edie (Rohde) Lester and one daughter, Rosemarie Niemeyer.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes any donations made to be given to the American Cancer Society in honor of Charles. There are three ways in which to do this: Online at cancer.org, by mail at PO Box 42040, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or by calling 1-800-227-2345. Please mention Charles' name, and if you wish, include your address so that a word of gratitude can be acknowledged.

Interment will be Monday, April 25, 2022, 10:30 a.m. at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

WOMEN STARTING A LIFETIME FINANCIAL PLAN

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In recent columns, I have talked about why women need to get a financial education and how many professional financial advisors aren't offering women what they want—a lifetime financial plan. If you are reading this, you're concerned about your financial education. You know somehow such an education is important to you. Why? Are you looking for financial protection, or is your goal to buy a house, a boat, or finance your child's college education?

Your answer matters. Focus on a short term goal, such as making a major purchase, probably won't be enough to give you the will or the stamina to engage in basic financial planning. While there is nothing magic about financial planning, it takes time to implement a strategy. If your motivation is to satisfy a short-term goal of making a major purchase, how patient will you be? If your motivation is to improve your financial health, then you'll have and get the stamina necessary to make a plan work for you. So, forget about the short-term goals.

Let's assume that what you want is self-sufficiency. What does self-sufficiency mean to you? Does it mean owning your own home, being able to retire and live at about the same level as if you were still working? What would make you most satisfied with your financial life? Where is your comfort level? Are you realistic enough to understand it is unlikely you will have as much money with the best and most perfectly executed financial plan as Bill Gates?

You need some ingredients here—the motivation list. Make a list of your motivators—what you really want to achieve from your lifetime of financial planning. Get pretty specific about what you want. Identify your comfort level. Of course, this will likely change over the years, but to start, figure out what your list is today and we'll use that list as something to work towards.

Here is an example of a motivations list prepared by Jane, aged 33:

I WANT A LIFETIME FINANCIAL PLAN BECAUSE:

- I don't want to have to worry about money all the time. I want to know I've done the best that can be done to minimize money worries so that I am not and do not become a burden to my family or loved ones. I want to know enough of the basics to be able to create a money strategy and to execute it.
- When I retire, I want to be independent. I don't want my husband/ children/ family to have to care for me. I want to pay my own way.
- I want to be able to help my loved ones financially—like paying for a college education for my children. I want my plan to help me do that.
- I want my plan to help me pay off my house so that when I am older, I won't have mortgage payments to worry about and I won't have to place any burden for my mortgage payments on someone else.

What do you see in Jane's list? Clearly, she's concerned about having and keeping money. It seems to Jane that money worries upset her—she fears lack of mon-

ey. OK, that's fine as a motivator. But why? What's going on in Jane's life that causes such worry? What Jane needs to do is delve deeper into her list. Like the following:

- I worry about money all the time. About having enough to pay off my bills. They seem to come at me from nowhere and pile up. I lose sleep at night worrying about where I will find the money to pay all the bills.

- I cannot seem to control myself or this situation. I feel I am a burden on my loved ones, my family since they often loan me money—I know they can't afford it. Why can't I learn to control this thing with money?

Whoa! Jane's deeper list contains something important. Control. Jane's relationship with money is out of control. She feels she cannot control the relationship she has with money. Now we get to a real motivator for Jane.

Suppose she got control? Suppose she learned enough to manage her relationship with money? Feeling that control, exercising a newfound power over money and its relationship to her, now that's a true motivator for a lifetime of financial planning. Jane can do it and so can you.

See what I mean about the motivations list? Start with a list, then read and re-read it and try to get to a deeper list. Be cruelly honest with your feelings. Identify why you want a lifetime financial plan. Getting to the why is half the battle. Learning how to plan and executing the plan are easy compared to identifying why you want the plan.

Remember Scarlet in *Gone With The Wind* and her comment: "As God is my witness, I'll never go hungry again!" Freedom from hunger is a true motivator. No one who has felt real hunger ever wants to be hungry again. But, is it fear of hunger pangs that is the motivator, or is it really the powerlessness of being unable to feed yourself? Lack of power over your circumstances—that control thing again, that appears to be the true motivator. Maybe that's why the generation of the 1930's, the Great Depression, were better savers than later generations. Because many of them went hungry, lost control over their life situations, they tended to set aside a portion of their income in savings to provide a cushion against similar experiences.

If you think, as a woman, you'll never be able to achieve your financial plan because of a lack of education about finance, think again. Did you realize that women have been statistically proven to be better long-term investors than men? Why? Because women use motivation, not short-term goals as driving factors in financial planning. Women come to motivation more easily than men. Once into the planning process, women continue to focus on motivating factors, enabling them to ride out the storms of ups and downs in the markets without abandoning their goals or plans. You can do this. Get started today to create your lifetime financial plan.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hillside
- 6. A way to ingest
- 9. Large number
- 13. Southeastern Minnesota city
- 14. Cronies
- 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- 16. Supplements with difficulty
- 17. Former VP nominee Palin
- 18. Cambodian monetary unit
- 19. Where coaches work
- 21. Secret political clique
- 22. A type of lute
- 23. Tan
- 24. Empire State
- 25. Where golfers begin
- 28. For each
- 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- 31. Bird genus
- 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Domesticates
- 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 39. Asian antelope
- 41. One who takes apart
- 44. Kin
- 45. Dresses

- 46. Says something about you (abbr.)
 - 48. Doctor of Education
 - 49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - 51. Overcharge
 - 52. Sailboats
 - 54. Indian musical patterns
 - 56. Predisposition to a condition
 - 60. Share a common boundary with
 - 61. Wide
 - 62. Skin disease
 - 63. Monetary unit of Samoa
 - 64. Source of the Blue Nile
 - 65. Instrument
 - 66. Red deer
 - 67. Unidentified flying object
 - 68. Bar or prelude
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Flying insects
 - 2. Strong alcoholic spirit
 - 3. Old
 - 4. Moves in slowly
 - 5. Symbol for tin
 - 6. Having certain appendages
 - 7. Expression of sorrow or pity
 - 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
 - 9. One with an unjustified mistrust
 - 10. Hebrew calendar month

- 11. Pure
- 12. LSU football coach
- 14. Unbroken views
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Part of a race
- 21. Hairstyle
- 23. Fifth note of a major scale
- 25. Body art
- 26. Amounts of time
- 27. Designed chairs
- 29. Sensational dramatic piece
- 30. Arrangement of steps
- 32. Classifies
- 34. Young child
- 35. Oh, no!
- 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
- 40. Not or
- 42. Poke fun at
- 43. Consisting of roots
- 47. "___ Humbug!"
- 49. A way to remove
- 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 52. Keued instrument
- 53. Varnishes
- 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
- 56. Unable to hear
- 57. A short erect tail
- 58. Indicates interest
- 59. Flow or leak through
- 61. British thermal unit
- 65. Iron

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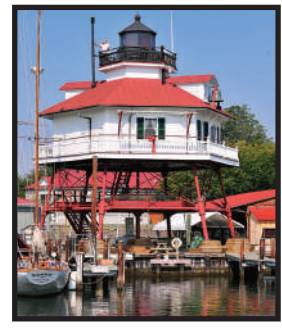
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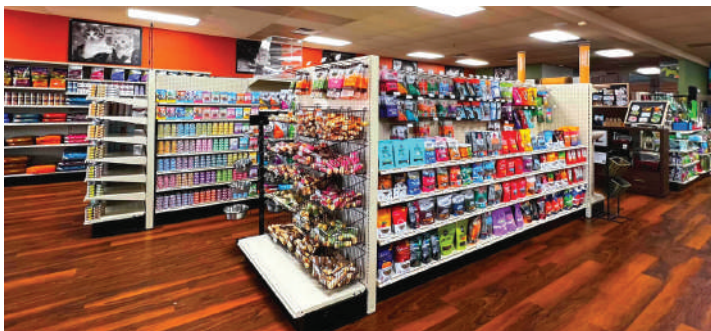
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