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Hospice House Suspends Operations

Nursing Assistant Shortage Cited

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert Hospice Board of Directors has announced they have suspended operations at Burnett Calvert Hospice House effective immediately. In a press release, Calvert Hospice Executive Director Jean Fleming called it an “incredibly difficult decision.”

The decision was made after the facility experienced difficulty hiring enough qualified Certified Nursing Assistants to staff the facility around the clock.

The County Times asked Fleming whether the problem was COVID-19 related and she candidly responded, “I don’t know.” She said they are analyzing the situation to see if they can find an answer.

Meanwhile, Fleming emphasized that Calvert Hospice is continuing to operate as they have for 36 years by providing in-home and palliative care.

She also emphasized that the decision was not a financial one. She said in order to operate, Calvert Hospice needs to raise \$250,000 yearly and the community has continued to generously do that.



Burnett Calvert Hospice House

The press release said, “We are living in times of unprecedented challenge and change, forced to make difficult decisions and choices we wouldn’t have imagined possible just one year ago.”

It went on to say, “To ensure we provide the expert and compassionate end-of-life care to which we are

committed, we require experienced, trained staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, over weekends and holidays, through hurricanes and snowstorms.

“At this time, we simply cannot ensure that level of staffing for our House and our families.”

Fleming said 10 staff members will be affected and they are working with

them to find other employment.

She said they are also working with families of patients currently at the Hospice House to find other facilities.

Fleming said the Board of Directors will continue to assess the situation and “explore options for the future.”

The press release went on to say, “We are extremely grateful and proud of all our House staff who have worked diligently over the past 10 years, providing the unique and specialized care for which we are known. Going forward, we are committed to providing the same level of care for our patients and their families wherever they call home, just as we have done for over 36 years. We are also committed to creating a future that serves our neighbors when they need us most, honoring the extraordinary support we have been given by our community in so many ways, for so many years.

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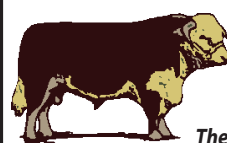
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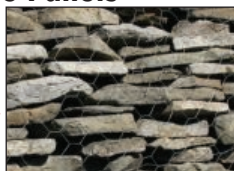


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Willis, County Sued for Defamation

Stems from TV News Interview

By Dick Myers
Editor

A civil suit has been filed against Calvert County Administrator Mark Willis, and the county as his employer, alleging defamation.

The suit was filed Sept. 25 in Calvert County Circuit Court by Lash Bartenders, LLC, a St. Leonard based event planner and Casey St. John, the company's owner.

According to the suit, which was filed by Annapolis attorney Steven Preller, the claim stems from statements made by Willis to Washington, DC's ABC 7 in a newscast aired Dec. 19, 2019.

The newscast dealt with two weddings cancelled by Lash Bartenders.

The suit alleges the following "facts:"

1. Lash Bartenders leased from Ogden's Common, LLC the property known as 2990 Parkers Creek Road, Port Republic, Maryland 20676 for the purpose of conducting weddings, birthday parties, and other social events in the rustic barn located on the Property.

2. At the time Lash Bartenders leased the Property, the landlord misrepresented that it had a use and occupancy permit for the intended use.

3. Upon investigation with the Office of Planning and Zoning of Calvert County, Lash Bartenders was advised by Mary Beth Cook that the property could only be used for three weddings and other social events for friends and family until a site plan was approved and a temporary and/or final use and occupancy permit was issued. She also indicated that the process should be concluded by February of 2019. Moreover, the Calvert County Health Department stated that luxury porta johns could be used for a temporary use and occupancy permit prior to construction of bathroom facilities.

4. Accordingly, the landlord and Lash Bartenders promptly began the site plan approval process in 2018 which was made more difficult and time consuming because Barby Harms, the member of Ogden's Common, LLC, insisted on using her boyfriend, namely Jeffery Greene, P.E., to prepare the site plan. The site plan went through multiple reviews and revisions and was finally approved on May 23, 2019.

On February 25, 2019, Plaintiff applied to the Calvert County Board of Appeals for a special exception for the Property to permit the intended use.

5. The special exception was granted at the hearing held before the Calvert County Board of Appeals on April 4, 2019.

6. By e-mail dated April 24, 2019, Mary Beth Cook confirmed in writing that a temporary one-day use and occupancy permit could be issued if the Environmental Health Department agreed



Mark Willis in his planning and zoning office before being appointed county administrator

to allow portable restrooms for a scheduled one-day event. As stated above, the Health Department permitted the use of luxury porta-johns for this event. Plaintiffs had no reason to believe the temporary use and occupancy permit would not be issued as promised.

7. Despite having gone through multiple agency reviews, including reviews for fire safety, Public Safety at the eleventh hour demanded installation of an estimated \$80,000 water holding tank before it would allow the issuance of any use and occupancy permit.

8. Landlord refused to pay for the required improvements to its Property and, consequently, two scheduled weddings at the property had to be relocated.

9. Public Safety subsequently changed its position and no longer requires such \$80,000 water holding tank.

The suit goes on to say, "In the fall of 2019, Stephanie Carrico and Nicole Demme, being the two brides who had their weddings relocated, gave interviews to ABC's 7 On Your Side-I Team concerning the matter."

Willis, in his capacity as then Director of Planning and Zoning of Calvert County was also interviewed and allegedly said, "[Ms. St. John] never really followed through with the site plan itself."

The suit alleges that the statement by Willis was "completely false and defamatory," in that "Lash Bartenders obtained final site plan approval on May 24, 2019-before Defendant Willis gave his interview."

The suit alleges that Willis, as director, should have known "his statement to the media was false and would subject Ms. St. John to public scorn and hatred and destroy her business."

The suit alleges that "Willis has family connections to Stephanie Carrico, one of the brides interviewed," and that "Willis had a motive to misrepresent the facts to favor Stephanie."

The suit seeks \$350,000 in compensatory and presumed damages from each defendant and \$100,000 in punitive damages from Willis.

Requests for comment from Willis and the county were not responded to as of press deadline.

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School Board Rejects Return to School for Younger Students

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education, on a split vote, has turned down a request by the superintendent and staff to begin a hybrid learning model for Pre-K through 2nd Grade beginning Oct. 26.

The 2-2 vote with one abstention came at the board's Sept. 24 meeting after presentations from Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky and staff about issues related to the pandemic and from Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Diane Workman about some of the details of the plan that had just been presented to the board that day.

After listening and much debate, school board member Dawn Balinski made the motion to accept the plan, which was seconded by member Tracy McGuire. Balinski noted that if the school system didn't feel comfortable with the idea, they could back off before the implementation date, a point agreed to by Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry.

"If it's too dangerous I would want to change the date," Balinski said. But she added, "I don't think we need to continue to be so isolated," based on the current pandemic metrics.

But President Inez Claggett and Vice President Pamela Cousins opposed the motion saying they didn't feel the school system was ready for the change to a combination of online and in-person learning.

Newly appointed member Pat Nutter, a former country commissioner, abstained stating he would like to see in person how the online learning was working before making a decision.

"I'm caught between a rock and a hard place," Nutter said about being thrust into the middle of a controversial issue.

Claggett and Cousins related email reports from teachers and staff about confusion over how to handle the pandemic. An incident was cited in which a staff person informed the school's principal by email after hours on Friday evening about being tested positive for COVID-19 and the principal not notifying the staff who had been in contact with that person until Monday morning.

Curry said the principal misunderstood the procedure and thought contact was someone else's responsibility.

Polsky said the health department does contract tracing as soon as they are notified of a positive test, but sometimes there is a delay in that notification.

Director of Student Services Kim Roof said so far in September there have been four positive staff tests and those people had been in contact with 27 others.

"I am not sure we are prepared for this," Cousins said.



School Board Vice President Pamela Cousins



School Board President Inez Claggett

Claggett, noting the feedback she has heard about how things have been handled so far said, "I am getting complaints about lack of communication."

During the discussion Curry asked rhetorically: "If not now – when? If not this – what?"

Curry insisted the virtual learning was most difficult for younger learners, a point that was not disputed by the board.

The plan as presented would have the younger students to rotate two weeks in school and then two weeks virtual. Fridays would be set aside for independent learning and teacher planning. All teachers in those grades would be required to return to their classroom.

Despite the plan rejection, parents if younger children were notified on Monday, Sept. 28 and asked to inform the school system by Oct. 2 whether their children would participate in in-school learning if it was offered.

McGuire insisted that Claggett should have the willingness to call a special meeting to reconsider the motion. Claggett expressed a willingness to do that after having a chance to review the plan and getting answers to their questions.

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Nutter Appointed to School Board

Claggett Voted New President

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has appointed former county commissioner Patrick "Pat" Nutter to the Calvert County Board of Education. Nutter fills the vacancy created with the death of school board President William Phalen on Sept. 7.

Nutter's appointment by the commissioners was unannounced in advance and occurred during the BOCC's Sept. 15 meeting.

Commissioner Mike Hart made the motion to appoint Nutter, which was unanimously adopted, during an agenda item which was listed as a memo advising the commissioners they had the authority to make the replacement for Phalen with the appointment to run through what would have been the expiration of his term in 2022.

Hart noted that the normal procedure for the commissioners to make a replacement would have been to advertise for candidates. But Hart noted that the county was in the middle of an election now and also still in the middle of a pandemic.

Hart observed Nutter's commitment



Newly appointed Board of Education member Pat Nutter

to education and relationship with the teachers while commissioner.

Nutter at his first school board meeting on Sept. 24 acknowledged the procedure for his appointment was unusual because of the unusual times. He said he guessed the BOCC wanted a known quantity in making the appointment

now.

Nutter pointed out he is a product of the Calvert County Public Schools system, as are his children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Nutter served two terms as commissioner, from 2010 to 2018. He shocked the political establishment when he announced in 2018 that he was not seeking reelection to a third term.

It was during that time that the school system was in turmoil over security issues in the wake of the shooting incident at Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County. Nutter toyed with the idea of a write-in candidacy for school board but never did.

Nutter served as commissioner president from 2012 to 2014 and was vice-president the two previous years.

He is a retired Calvert County deputy sheriff who began his law enforcement career on the police force in Chesapeake Beach. After his retirement, from 1998 to 2003 he was Chief Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer with the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Nutter also was a member of the Calvert County Board of Appeals, from 2007 to 2010.

Nutter's presence was immediately

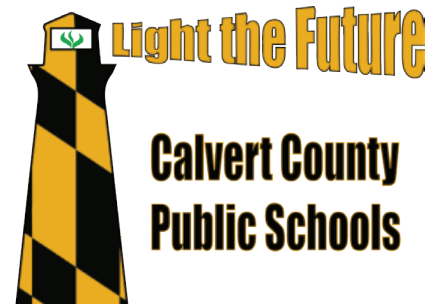
felt on the school board when he abstained from voting on the motion to begin hybrid learning for grades Pre-K-2. That left a 2-2 deadlock and a failed motion (see separate story).

Claggett Voted in as President

During the several month's absence of Phalen because of his illness, the board meetings were run by Vice President Inez Claggett. At the Sept. 24 meeting, the board voted for her to become president for the next year and for Pamela Cousins to assume the vice presidency.

Claggett was appointed last year to fill the vacancy left when Kelly McConeky was elected county commissioner. Claggett is up for reelection for her Commissioner 3 seat, but she is unopposed on the Nov. 3 ballot.

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Plans Progressing for Kellam's Field

'Senior Playground' to be Included

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Town of Chesapeake Beach is moving ahead with plans to improve Kellam's Field.

Town Administrator Holly Wahl reported to the Mayor and Town Council at their Sept. 17 meeting that, "The town has just finalized the deed for the official transfer of Kellam's Field with a resolution expected to be before Town Council in October." The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners approved the transfer of the land to the town.

Kellam's Field is considered the center of Chesapeake Beach. It is within walking distance of 90 percent of the town's residents.

The town's Walkable Community Advisory Group, chaired by Councilman Derek Favret, has taken note of the epicenter location in its planning, trying to connect various parts of town with the park.

The ability to further develop the park was given a boost during this year's Maryland General Assembly with the passage of Senate Bill 191 introduced by Sen. Mike Miller to provide a \$50,000 state match.

Mayor Pat Mahoney said instead of the town providing an equal match, they have ponied up \$100,000 to bring the total funding

available to \$150,000.

Early planning has called for the following elements:

- Provides improvements to existing play area
- Connects to the railway trail entrance

- Provides the inclusion of a low impact senior playground concept.

According to a presentation at the Sept. 17 meeting, the improvements would have "impact for all ages at the heart of town, improved activity area increasing a healthy lifestyle, a senior playground utilizing low impact work out equipment to improve balance, decreasing falls and reducing death rates, improved community socialization and increased green space that improves water quality, reduces run off and reduces soil erosion."

So far, community engagement surveys have shown that residents "want more open green space for recreational use."

Councilman Greg Morris concurred. He said, "I hope we can find a way to open up more of the green space for public use."

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Opioid Deaths Decrease in Calvert

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The latest report from the state's Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC) shows that in the second quarter of 2020 opioid related intoxication deaths in Maryland continued to rise except in, Calvert, St. Mary's and Wicomico counties.

Calvert County showed a slight decrease in its second quarter statistics from 13 deaths in 2019 down to 11.

Calvert's first quarter statistics also showed a decline from eight deaths last year to just four in 2020.

Through the first six months of the year, St. Mary's County reported just 12 opioid related deaths, equal to the same time in 2019.

During the first three months of the year the amount of deaths year to year was also unchanged at just four through January, February and March, the command center data shows.

Other jurisdictions experienced severe increases in opioid-related deaths.

Prince George's opioid deaths increased to 87 or 135 percent greater than last year's count, while Somerset County, on the Eastern Shore, had a 600 percent increase from just one last year to six for the first half of the year.

The numbers expressed in the report, released Sept. 22, were preliminary and could change as the data continues to be analyzed.

Steve Schuh, director of the OOCC, said the impact of the coronavirus could be seen in the rising fatalities due to opioid abuse and the abuse of other drugs and alcohol.

"This report marks an inflection point in Maryland's response to the opioid crisis," Schuh wrote. "With the knowledge afforded by the fatalities data in this report and the additional information provided through our daily work, we are now clear in our understanding that the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant and detrimental effects on substance use trends in Maryland."

In all there were 1,187 deaths due to opioids in the first half of 2020, according to the report, an increase of 102 over last year.

Fentanyl, a very powerful synthetic opioid, continues to account for the vast majority of opioid deaths, 1,100 according to the report.

Heroin deaths actually decreased the first half of 2020 from 414 to 288, while prescription opioids accounted for 214 deaths, the report stated.

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Motorcyclist Killed in Owings Accident

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team on Sunday, Sept. 27 at approximately 8:45 p.m., responded to the intersection of Chesapeake Beach Rd. (MD Route 260) and Mt. Harmony Road in Owings for a report of a single-vehicle collision involving a motorcycle.

Upon arrival units located a black 2001 Harley Davidson motorcycle laying on its side in the westbound lane of MD Route 260. Preliminary investigation revealed the operator of the motorcycle was driving westbound on MD Route 260 when the motorcycle left the roadway and struck a guardrail. The driver was subsequently ejected from the bike.

The operator of the motorcycle has been identified as Paul Nicholas Conner Jr., 45 of Friendship. Conner was pronounced deceased on the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

At this time, speed, driver error, and alcohol are believed to be contributing factors to this collision.

This crash remains under the investigation by Cpl. V. Bortchevsky of Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact Cpl. V. Bortchevsky at vlad.bortchevsky@calvertcountymd.gov or by calling (410) 535-2800.

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In addition, and in light of the ongoing pandemic, CSM will keep the St. Charles Children's Learning Center on the La Plata campus, the Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater on the La Plata Campus and the Fitness Centers, including the pools on the La Plata and Leonardtown campuses closed. Onsite library services at the La Plata, Leonardtown and Prince Frederick campuses will also remain virtual. These facilities will reopen when the college determines it is viable to do so.

"The news is lately filled with stories about colleges and universities that have attempted to bring back in-person instruction, then experienced spikes in coronavirus cases, and consequently moved online," explained CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "We know that high density gatherings are problematic for the spread of the virus, and honestly, college campuses are not de-



Dr. Maureen Murphy

signed for socially-distanced learning – and that's okay. As a pioneer of distance learning, CSM was able to easily expand upon its 20-year tradition of effectively providing flexible online choices and teaching modalities to adapt to the pandemic and keep our students learning."

"As a community college, we are called by our mission to serve our community," Murphy continued. "Our focus changes with the times, just as our community's needs change. While there is a lot of uncertainty right now, we must remain true to our core and look forward. We have examined where we are, and gauged the needs of our learners, many of whom will need the college to help them get back on their feet. Learning is core to our mission, and much of what we do has translated into the virtual environment, but unfortunately, some things have not."

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CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of September 14 – September 20, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,252 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-48759

On September 16, 2020, Deputy Anderson responded to Runningbrook Way in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that at approximately 12:00pm, an unknown suspect(s) threw white paint onto the door of one of the apartments. The value of damaged property is \$100.

Damaged Property: 20-48919

On September 17, 2020, Deputy Anderson responded to Baythorne Road in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that on an unknown date, an unknown suspect(s) spray painted profanity on the playground equipment in the community. The value of damaged property is \$200.

Damaged Property: 20-49013

On September 18, 2020, Deputy Wood responded to Lindy Lane in Huntingtown for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime during the overnight hours, an unknown suspect(s) removed their mailbox from its post. The value of damaged property is \$50.

Theft: 20-48908

On September 17, 2020, Deputy Bowlan responded to the Southwind Apartments in North Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between September 12th at 12:00pm and September 16th at 6:00am, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plates from their 2003 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The value of stolen property is \$10.

Theft: 20-49033

On September 18, 2020, Corporal O'Donnell met with a complainant at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office who was reporting a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between September 14th and September 19th, their MVA Handicap Placard was stolen from their truck while dropped off for Service at Prince Frederick Dodge and Bayside Chevrolet in Prince Frederick. The value of stolen property is \$20.

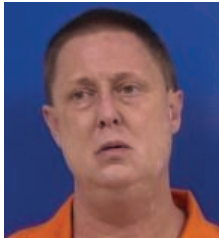
Theft: 20-49296

On September 19, 2020, Deputy Plant responded to East Chesapeake Beach Road in Owings for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between September 12th and September 19th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a "Biden 2020" yard sign that was placed by the mailbox. The value of stolen property is \$30.

Arrests:

On September 15, 2020, Calvert County Emergency Communications advised a female passenger was observed passed out in a ve-

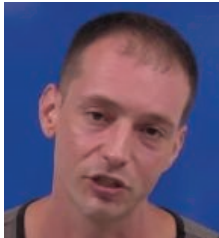
hicle located at 7-11 in Sunderland. Deputies observed the vehicle exit the 7-11 and conducted a traffic stop on Dalrymple Road in Sunderland. Deputies observed the female passenger and rendered aid. The driver, **Robert Henderson Hale (50)**, exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a clear plastic bag containing twenty five pill capsules containing suspected Heroin. Hale



Robert Henderson Hale

was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS Possession w/ Intent to Distribute and CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.

On September 15, 2020, Deputy Holt responded to 3rd Street in North Beach for the report of a disorderly subject. The complainant advised a male subject, **Christopher Lamar Hardy (35)**, was intoxicated and would not leave his property. After being told numerous times to quiet down, Hardy continued to yell profanities and was escorted off the property by deputies.



Christopher Lamar Hardy

A short time later, Calvert County Emergency Communications advised Hardy had returned to the complainant's property and was continuing to yell from the street. Deputies returned to the scene, placed Hardy under arrest, and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

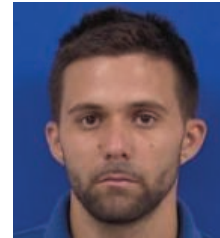
On September 15, 2020, Deputy Crum conducted a traffic stop on Jewell Road at West Chesapeake Beach Road in Dunkirk. Upon making contact with the driver, **Timothy Lee Sorghardt (36)**, Deputy Crum observed Sorghardt to be lethargic, have slurred speech, and droopy eyes. Sorghardt exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in two pieces of glass with residue of burning and suspected Crack Cocaine, and multiple copper flakes. Sorghardt was



Timothy Lee Sorghardt

placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and various traffic citations.

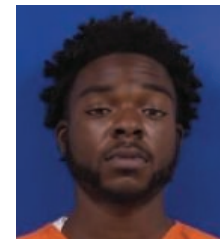
On September 17, 2020, Deputy E. Payne conducted a traffic stop at the Lyon Creek Shopping Center in Dunkirk. Upon making contact with the driver, **Joseph Levi Butler (64)**, Deputy Payne was advised by Calvert County Emergency Communications Butler had a suspended and revoked license. Butler exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a cut Coca-cola can containing burn marks and residue from suspected Crack Cocaine. Butler was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and various traffic citations.



Jacob Joseph John Mishou

On September 17, 2020, Deputy Bowlan responded to the Dash-In in Prince Frederick for the report of a disorderly male subject. Deputy Bowlan located the male subject, **Jacob John Joseph Mishou (29)**, screaming inside the gas station bathroom. Mishou was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On September 18, 2020, Deputy Wilder conducted a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road at Creston Lane in Solomons. Upon making contact with the driver, **Dontevious Trevon Dorsey (26)**, Deputy Wilder observed a red cut straw that Dorsey was attempting to conceal. Dorsey exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a small plastic bag containing seven



Dontevious Trevon Dorsey

and one half suspected Oxycodone/Acetaminophen pills, two additional cut straws containing white residue. Dorsey was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On September 19, 2020, Deputy W.

McDowell conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Boulevard at Chaneyville Road in Owings. Upon making contact with the occupants, Deputy McDowell observed copper filing and a clear plastic straw on the lap of the passenger as well as a green cut straw in the passenger side door. The driver, **Briana Danae Barber (26)**, and the passenger, **Brandon Marcellous Harley (30)**, exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in seven clear pill capsules containing white powder residue suspected to be Heroin, additional copper filings, a clear cut straw containing suspected Heroin residue, and a black digital scale. Located in Barber's purse were five additional clear pill capsules containing suspected Heroin residue. A search of Harley's person resulted in a brass smoking device and a small plastic bag containing a white rock like substance, suspected to be Cocaine. Barber and Harley were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were each charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

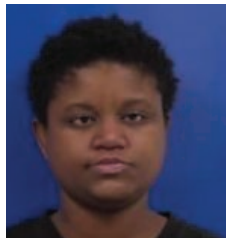


Briana Danae Barber



Brandon Marcellous Harley

On September 19, 2020, Deputy Gott responded to Buckets Sports Bar in Lusby for the report of a disorderly female subject who refused to leave the property. Upon arrival Deputy Gott observed the female subject, **Laitesha Jonelle Jones (28)**, sitting on the ground with First Sergeant Basham and Deputy Mason. Jones appeared heavily intoxicated and had slurred speech and glossy eyes. Jones was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Laitesha Jonelle Jones

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Bernie Fowler: A Life of Service to God, Country and County

By Dick Myers
Editor

Visitors to Bernie Fowler's home in Prince Frederick are greeted by two American flags and a cross along the driveway. Love of God and Country have been mainstays of Fowler's life.

But a slogan could easily be constructed that says "God, Country and Calvert County," since Fowler, now 96, has become an iconic figure in the county, not only for his wade-ins designed to call attention to his beloved Patuxent River, but also for his years of public service on the school board, as county commissioner and as Maryland state senator.

"I wasn't born here," Fowler said. "I was conceived in Baltimore and born in Baltimore, but I came home to my mother's home (on Broome's Island). So, for practical purposes, I call myself a Calvert countian."

Fowler's father, Howard, a farmer and waterman, and his mother, Lillian had moved the family to Baltimore to work in Howard's brother's business, but soon returned to the county, where Fowler grew up during the Great Depression, the middle of six children. All of his siblings have passed away.

In those days young boys quit school and went to work on the water with their fathers. One day his mother was bemoaning the fact that no one in the family had finished school. Bernie told her, "I promise you I will go to school. And I did fairly well." He graduated from Calvert High School.

"My mother and father both were religious people," he said. The family attended Knapp's Chapel. He remembers he wasn't particularly religious until one day in 1938 when a revival came to the island. In church he would often hold the hand of a girl from high school. He said, "The Holy Spirit got hold of me that night. And I dropped that little girl's hand. I went right up."

Later Fowler admits he got off track after his brother died in the war. He said thinking about his parents and their faith helped straighten him out. "I got back to praying and got back with the Lord. And I've tried to do the best work, just like you and everybody else. We're all sinners. We've come up short. We're all sinners."

When he graduated from high school, he went to work at the Naval Gun Factory as part of the war effort during World War II. But he felt guilty not going off to battle as his two brothers had and he finally convinced his boss to let him enlist. His boss said the job was his when he returned.

Fowler said, "The next morning I was down to G Street, Northwest (DC) and in the United States Navy."

On November 5th, 2018 Bernie lost the love of his life, Betty, his wife of 69 years. She was the daughter of one of his best customers in his rental boat business that he started after getting out of the Navy. He had worked in the business while in high school.

Her mother introduced them. He was nine years older than she was. He reminisced, "It was just love at first sight. And I think it was with her. She often told me that."

Fowler for years has been a fixture at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies. He said he joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars soon after returning home. He also became a



Boy Scout scoutmaster.

He had saved money while overseas but needed some more to start the boat rental business. He went to the only bank in Prince Frederick at the time and they refused him

As he was leaving, dejected, he ran into Calvert's legendary Louis Goldstein, who at the time was a state senator (he would later go on to become the country's longest serving comptroller).

Goldstein went back into the bank with Fowler and told the manager, "I'm almost ashamed to be associated with this bank. This boy has been overseas fighting for his country, lost his brother and another brother almost lost."

When he got home the banker called. His loan was approved.

He had a boat rental business and a small restaurant, and it had slot machines, which at first were illegal but everyone had them anyway. He said, "Every time they appointed a new grand jury, they hid them in the back rooms until the grand jury was over in 30 days."

Even after they were legalized in Southern Maryland, Fowler said, "I never felt right."

He clearly remembers to this day a man coming into the store and playing and losing everything he had and then begging Fowler to buy a new boat he had for \$60 and then losing all of that too.

He added, "And then I got married and had a couple of children and I send them off to Sunday school in the morning and I'm back there and it just bothered me. It really did it to watch that man spend all that money."

It was that and the reluctance to sell alcoholic beverages that led him to eventually sell the business after 10 years. "No more Sunday work. I could go to church with the children."

Fowler would then go on to work in the school system and then at the hospital, which was located where the sheriff's office now is and would eventually become assistant administrator. When the hospital moved, he and a group of three doctors purchased the building and established a nursing home. They later sold the capacity rights to a chain operator.

Fowler's foray into politics violated a promise he had made to his father never to get into politics. Fowler said his father chided him: "You just got your nose into everything." I said, well that's a cruel way to put it, Pop. But that's how I feel. If I see something wrong, I'm going to do something to make it right." His father eventually went along with it.

The issue that started it all was a proposed greyhound racetrack in northern Calvert County. For the reasons he had qualms about slot machines, he opposed the track.

He said the county commissioners at the

time were meeting behind closed doors in violation of the state's open meetings law. He made an appointment to see them and after waiting in the lobby for 45 minutes, they let him in.

He asked them where they stood on the issue. "They looked at each other - 'We don't want a dog track either'. I said, could you give me a letter to that? They said, 'We'll think about it.'"

He later learned they had signed a letter in support of the track. It was a big motivator when he eventually ran for county commissioner himself.

A hearing on the issue was held in Annapolis and when he got there a large group of like-minded citizens asked him to be their spokesman.

The hearing was run by the legislative committee vice chairman, a young lawmaker by the name of Steny Hoyer.

After the hearing was over, Hoyer came up to him and whispered in his ear, "Go home and sleep. I'm going to put this in the trash."

He noted of the House Majority Leader, "We've been close friends ever since. Philosophically, I don't always agree with him. Some of his endorsements, I really don't know." As to any inkling of socialistic government, he said, "I'll be honest with you. I have no support for that."

"The county commissioners right out lied to me that day when I went in on that dog track," Fowler remembered when he decided to run for the office. His other reason for entering politics was of course the Patuxent River. "My river died in 1969. The grass shrimp. I used to catch grass shrimp. They all of a sudden disappeared."

He had seen the deterioration of the river in the ten years he ran the boat rental business through the late 1950s. It wasn't like he remembered as a child and like what he talks about in his annual wade-in, how he could see his sneakers walking way out. It was Bernie's measure.

He remembers a woman named Dixie who was a super crabber making a killing and he remembers a time when watermen could really make good money working on the river. A way of life was fading.

After a stint (1963-1966) on the school board (education is another of his passions) he ran for county commissioner in 1970, won and was appointed president.

After being elected but before taking office, the three new commissioners learned the lame ducks were about to spend the county's surplus. They got legal advice that they could take over any time and quickly did so before that spending spree could happen.

It was during his three terms as county commissioner that the famous suit was filed by the three Southern Maryland counties against the Environmental Protection Agency over Patuxent pollution that eventually led to a consent decree for a plan to clean up the river.

Fowler remembers cajoling the three counties to join the effort at a Tri-County Council meeting at a Benedict restaurant. His main ally in the battle was the late Tom Rymer, then a member of the House of Delegates.

He used scientific evidence collected by Chesapeake Biological Lab in Solomons in making his argument that night in Benedict and thereafter whenever he spoke about the river.

During that time Governor Marvin Mandel told Fowler he didn't believe there was anything wrong with the Bay. Fowler told him, "That's your side, but I can tell you I've lived here all my life. The Patuxent River is symbolic of the Bay. What happens there is happening to the Bay. And I'm telling you we're in trouble."

As commissioner president, Fowler started every meeting with a prayer and made sure the open meetings law was adhered to and that every meeting was recorded.

In running for state senate after his third term as commissioner he got a lot of encouragement from St. Mary's County residents since part of his district was in that county. He easily defeated the incumbent John William Quade in his home county of St. Mary's.

Fowler served 12 years in the senate, and then voluntarily retired because he felt three terms was enough for anybody.

This reporter observed that he had never heard anyone say anything negative about Fowler and asked if that was something he aspired to. He said, "That answers my taste buds pretty good." He added, "The training that God gave me for my life, I owe so much to him. And how do I even say that? Jesus Christ, he knew his price. When you die the death that he died, all of our sins he took on his back. But when he died, three days later, he was alive and well, and he's coming back."

He reads the Bible every day and uses a study guide given to him by his daughter.

"It's been a good life, I have. I know that. I know that I sometimes would say things that I'd rather not say, but when people really irritate me for something that's close to my heart, I don't jump for joy."

Even with the pandemic, Fowler has a busy schedule. He did do his annual Patuxent wade-in at Jefferson Patterson Park in June, albeit with a reduced crowd. And he's been serving as an advisor to the four county citizens who have filed suit against the county over adoption of the comprehensive plan.

Fowler was county commissioner in 1974 when the first master plan was adopted.

"I just feel like that they deserve another star in their crown because I am four square behind them," he said about the court suit plaintiffs.

He said the comprehensive plan is intended to make the county the crown jewel of the Chesapeake Bay.

But instead he said, "If their comprehensive plan that now exists goes into place, we're going to be closer to Hoboken, New Jersey."

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Library Expands Hotspot Lending

Calvert Library's mission is to serve as a gateway to information, imagination and inspiration by empowering lifelong learning and providing opportunities for connection to one another and the world. COVID has demonstrated that connection these days requires internet access. While wifi can be accessed from the library parking lots 24/7 and from library computers or inside the library on your own device during library hours, sometimes that's just not enough.

Most are aware that due to our rural nature, many Calvert County citizens are not able to get cable internet access and paying for cellular access by the gigabyte adds up in a stressful way when you are participating in Zoom meetings and classes.

Thanks to an Emergency Broadband Education Assistance Grant from the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband, Calvert Library has been able to expand their wifi-hotspot lending program. Thanks to a previous grant from the Maryland State Library and the Library Services and Technology Act through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the library has been circulating Ka-jeet Verizon hotspots for over two years. These hotspots provide up to 300MB of data per day. This is sufficient for email and some web browsing but it probably won't get you through a few online video

interviews or allow you to watch pre-hire training videos. Students are finding that the bandwidth needed for a day's worth of classes is more than 300MB.

The new hotspots will provide unlimited data on the Sprint network which will be helpful to those that are needing access to video and other data-heavy resources. Calvert Library Executive Director, Carrie Willson said, "We have all come to appreciate the critical need for access to the internet. We are so happy to have been able to use grant funding and our status as a public library to leverage a discount for additional devices to meet the internet needs of our customers. It won't solve the connectivity issue in Calvert but it will help many to have better access."

Fifty-five Mobile Beacon hotspots have been added to the library's circulating collection. The device can be kept for 14 days and while there are no late fees, the data will be turned off after that time to encourage return for the next customer to use it. Customers can place a hotspot on hold and when it becomes available, they will be contacted to check it out.

More information, including coverage maps for the two different devices, can be found on <https://calvertlibrary.info/using-the-library/services/mobile-hot-spots/>

Press Release from Calvert Library.

Free Flu Shot Clinics in Calvert

PRINCE FREDERICK, Maryland – To reduce the impact of seasonal flu, the Calvert County Health Department will host a series of free school and community flu clinics throughout the county.

The Health Department urges everyone ages 6 months and older to get an annual flu vaccine. "Although typical flu vaccines are 'only' 50-60% protective, not getting a vaccine is 0% protective," said Calvert County Health Officer, Dr. Laurence Polsky. "For those who may still become infected despite vaccination, their illness is typically much milder and they are less contagious to others as a result of partial protection from the vaccine. For business owners and managers, this also means fewer employees become ill and miss significant time from their jobs."

The flu vaccine is especially important for individuals who are at high risk for medical complications and severe disease, including adults 65 years of age and older, children younger than 5, pregnant women,

and individuals with chronic medical conditions, as well as those caring for individuals in these groups. In the past decade, between 12,000 and 61,000 Americans died annually from influenza, and hundreds of thousands are hospitalized each year. Millions more become sick enough to miss time from work or school.

Getting the flu vaccine is particularly important in 2020 because people can be simultaneously infected by influenza and COVID. The first of the free flu clinics will be held on October 7, 2020. For a listing of all locations, times and dates, go to <https://www.calverthealth.org/healthupdates/flunotice.htm>. To save time and decrease wait times, the Health Department recommends pre-registering for the clinics at <https://www.marylandvax.org/>.

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CBL Receives Gift for DolphinWatch

The JES Avanti Foundation has made a generous donation to the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) to support field and laboratory work for the Chesapeake DolphinWatch program.

“We are pleased to support Chesapeake DolphinWatch,” said Foundation Director Elizabeth Sanders. “Our mission includes wilderness conservation and preservation.” The JES Avanti Foundation also provides humanitarian assistance and education programs on wildlife conservation, ecology, and natural resource management.

CBL Associate Professor Dr. Helen Bailey expressed appreciation for the Foundation’s support. “The program is stronger because of donations as well as support of citizen scientists who report their sightings and send us amazing photos and video.” Bailey went on to say the Google Play and iPhone apps are popular with those reporting dolphin sightings in the region.

Dr. Bailey and her team started the Chesapeake DolphinWatch program because they’d received anecdotal



sightings of bottlenose dolphins in area rivers, creeks and bays. They tested hydrophones, underwater listening devices, before deploying them out at sea and thought there might be rare occurrences of dolphins coming into rivers. As they checked their devices, they found dolphins were frequent visitors. The team wanted to learn more about where the dolphins were coming from, where they were going, when and why.

“This is an example of how the contributions of citizen scientists are so important to our researchers,” said CBL Director and professor, Dr. Tom Miller. “We are extremely grateful to the JES Avanti Foundation for partnering with us and investing in our efforts to conduct the research we need to sustain the environment we want.”

Press Release from CBL

Watershed Stewards Academy Comes to Calvert

The Calvert County Department of Public Works invites citizens to participate in the inaugural Calvert County Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA). The program, run by University of Maryland Extension in partnership with Calvert County Government, will begin in the fall. The WSA is a program that trains adult community leaders in ways to reduce polluted stormwater runoff, improve local water quality and help Maryland to meet its requirements for reductions in nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment. The program is based on a successful model implemented in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Harford, Howard and St. Mary’s counties and the National Capitol region. To achieve the designation of Master Watershed Steward, participants will complete an intensive 16-session training program consisting of classroom and hands-on fieldwork, a class project and an individual capstone project in their community.

Once trained, Master Watershed Stewards will work with other members of their communities to:

- Assess watersheds to help identify sources of pollution and restoration opportunities;
- Educate their community on pollution sources and how to reduce them;
- Implement small-scale stormwater management practices such as installing rain barrels or constructing rain gardens;
- Inspect and/or maintain small-scale stormwater management best management practices; and

- Connect communities with environmental resources and people who can help restore watersheds.

The inaugural Calvert County WSA class is expected to start Oct. 6, 2020 and continue on the first and third Tuesdays each month through spring 2021. Classes will be held primarily online and field sessions will be determined pending Centers for Disease Control, university, state and county guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

There will be an enrollment fee of \$100 to help defray the cost of materials that will be used in the course. Scholarships may be available for applicants if the enrollment fee represents a financial hardship.

Enrollment in the WSA class will be limited to 18 participants. The program is offered on a non-discriminatory basis. Anyone who is interested is welcome to apply, however, priority will be given to Calvert County residents. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Anyone interested in applying to participate in the WSA program to become a Master Watershed Steward can learn more by registering for a virtual information meeting and visiting <https://go.umd.edu/CalvertWSA> or by contacting WSA Coordinators Nicole Basenback at 410-535-3662 or by email at nicoleb@umd.edu, or Jackie Takacs at 240-393-6508 or by email at jtakacs@umd.edu. Applications must be submitted by Sept. 9, 2020.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

STARTING A LIFETIME FINANCIAL PLAN FOR WOMEN

*Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel*

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 of a woman:

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 this list? Clearly, concern about having and keeping money. It seems that money worries upset this woman—she fears lack of money. OK, that’s fine as a motivator. But why? What’s going on in her life that causes such worry? What she 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! This woman’s more extensive list contains something important. Control. Her relationship with money is out of control. Now we get to a real motivator for her.

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. She can do it and so can you.

If you think, as a woman, you’ll never be able to achieve your financial plan because of a lack of education about finance or lack of a large income, 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.

Join me on the third Wednesday of each month at 11am at my office in 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach for a discussion of this and other matters. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

CSM Launches Miller Center for Leadership

Miller, Hogan Discuss Bridging Political Divides

Nearly 200 people tuned in Sept. 15 – International Day of Democracy – to participate in the College of Southern Maryland’s (CSM) and St. Mary’s College of Maryland’s (SMCM) leadership and voter education series entitled ‘Informed, Engaged, Empowered = Ready – Set – VOTE!’ to inaugurate the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership.

The live webinar included commentary about bi-partisanship from Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and an intimate conversation between Maryland Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller, a panel of college students and the audience about the senator’s life in politics and his take on the current political climate.

Messages of Bi-partisanship

“I am so pleased to join you today for this inaugural event of the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership at the College of Southern Maryland,” shared Hogan, a Republican, in a message recorded for the evening’s event. “Since taking office in 2015, it has been a privilege to serve alongside my good friend Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller.”

Labelling Miller a “strong unifying leader for the legislature and for the state,” Hogan went on to explain that while he and Miller come from different sides of the political aisle, they have often found ways to come together in the best interest for the people of Maryland.

“On this International Day of Democracy, let’s each resolve to follow Mike’s great example,” Hogan added, “to continue putting problem-solving ahead of partisanship, compromise ahead of conflict and to finding that common ground where we can all stand together.”

“I am 13 years older than Governor Hogan,” Miller laughed after the video played. “I was 18 and he was 5 years old when I worked for his father. Our love for this state has always superseded our love for our [political] party.”

A native son of Clinton, Md., Miller referred to himself as “just a local fellow and a student of history,” who continues to feel honored and privileged at having been the longest-serving state senate president in Maryland history and in the United States. A member of the Maryland State Senate since 1975, Miller served as senate president from 1987 until January 2020 when he was named Senate President Emeritus. He continues to serve in the senate, representing District 27.

“My mother was a history teacher and I was one of 10 children,” he shared with the attendees. “I learned about history every single day. We would travel all over the region – Bull Run, Williamsburg, Gettysburg, Annapolis – to learn history. I am able to deal with today’s issues based on how prior, great leaders handled things in the past. You can come up with appropriate responses [by studying history.]”

Miller said politics are in a season of change – mostly on Capitol Hill – which he referred to as “broken.”

“Here in Maryland, unlike Capitol Hill, we have a Republican governor who put

in a budget and all 47 members for the senate voted for it,” Miller pointed out. “There is something there that everyone doesn’t like. There is something there that everyone likes, too. All 33 Democrats and all 14 Republicans voted for it because it is the right thing to do. It’s about teamwork, camaraderie, having shared goals and it’s about working together.

“That’s what the people have forgotten about on Capitol Hill,” he continued. “On Capitol Hill, it’s about the political party: the ‘I,’ the ‘you,’ the ‘person’ – instead of what’s best for the country. Hopefully, that will never happen in here in Maryland.”

On Leadership: “Attack the Issues, Not Each Other”

Miller joined CSM and SMCM student leaders Reanna Robinson, Verkia Smith, Humacao Sanchez Santos and Calvin Ryan to share thoughts on leadership, unity and the future of American democracy in conversations moderated by SMCM Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy Dr. Antonio Ugues and CSM Communication Professor Denise Gilmer-Knudson, who has been awarded the Miller Center’s Distinguished Professor for Leadership.

Miller said the key to successful leadership is to be a responsible person, have integrity and do work with enthusiasm.

“The buck does stop on your desk,” he said. “You’re the leader and you make the decisions. You don’t alibi. You accept the bad things that come your way as your fault. You have to have integrity and enthusiasm and you have to communicate that you enjoy what you do.

“I hire people smarter than me,” he laughed. “If we’re successful, it’s their fault; if we’re not successful, it’s my fault.”

“Hearing [these messages] from the governor and Senator Miller – we can adopt their skills,” said Robinson. “We need not be single-minded and we need to find a middle ground to move forward together. We need to attack the issues, not each other.”

Sanchez agreed.

“What resonates with me is that we need to apply the principles of good communication and compassion in every aspect of life,” said Sanchez

“These small intimate conversations are the starting point to get the gears going on those larger conversations that start to produce the change in which we the people want to see,” shared Smith. “We need to invite the idea of humility and self-reflection with open arms so that we can use it as a tool in our education process.

“Senator Miller and Governor Hogan have both accomplished so much by ‘reaching across the aisle,’ and we must continue discussions and raising awareness to respectfully bridge the divides within our wonderful nation to create one community for the common good,” Smith continued. “Allow yourself to be a puzzle piece within our ambitious world and use your power to vote for the better of all people.”

“An intrinsic value and idea about what democracy is all about is bringing people together of different backgrounds, and different orientations,” shared Ryan. “In order to do this, effective communication and a sense of active listening is very important. As elementary as that may sound, it is very crucial to operate and to have an effective conversation to lead to results and what we hope to accomplish as one body. It is also important to recognize and acknowledge the many different identities that make up our state and our nation.

“It is really up to our generation – my generation – to continue this dialogue, this reaching across the aisle,” Ryan added. “We should not shy away from conversations and broader initiatives no matter how difficult they may be.”

When asked which compromise of which he was most proud, Miller reflected on all of his compromises.

“Capital punishment, abortion, bus-ing, taxes – we’ve had to compromise and collaborate on every single issue,” he explained. “It is not easy. The price of greatness is responsibility.”

Accolades for Miller

“The 2020 presidential election is marked by an increasing divisiveness between Republicans and Democrats that is of great concern to many,” said CSM’s Executive Director of Equity and Inclusive Diversity Dr. Sybol Anderson, who moderated a portion of the webinar. “While political differences also exist at the state level, the approach of Maryland leaders to navigating those differences is noticeably different. As CSM launches the Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Center for Leadership, we recognize the leadership of Maryland Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller and his longtime friend Gov. Larry Hogan in steering the state of Maryland through treacherous political waters using their skills in effective bi-partisanship.”

CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy said the College of Southern Maryland is living testimony to Miller’s belief in – and success with – compromise.

“More than 20 years ago he worked to bring our three counties—Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s—together to form the College of Southern Maryland as a regional college,” Murphy shared. “I believe he called it ‘hell on wheels!’ Actually, I’ve heard stories that, after a year or more of back and forth, that Senator Miller threatened to lock all three sets of county commissioners in his office and not let them out until they came to agreement. That may be hyperbole, but it underscores Mike’s passion for the College of Southern Maryland, most specifically the students.”

Murphy emphasized Miller’s dedication to students.

“Senator Miller always has time for our students, on his campus visits, at the annual Veteran’s or Legislative breakfasts, and most significantly, at our annual Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis,” she continued. “During the 2019 Legislative

session, on Student Advocacy Day, I took a group of CSM students to the gallery to watch the Senate in progress. Our own Senate President Miller saw us enter and stopped the proceedings to recognize us. More than that, he asked Senators (Jack) Bailey and (Arthur) Ellis, who also represent Southern Maryland, to speak to us. Our students were thrilled, over the moon really, and on the way home, one declared his intention to become Senator Miller’s chief of staff someday.

“You’d better watch out,” she said to SMCM President Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan. “This student transferred to St. Mary’s College.”

“I cannot think of a better paragon of bi-partisan leadership and service to the citizenry than Senator Mike Miller,” said Jordan. “Nor I do believe that there is a more appropriate time than right now to shepherd in a series of events focused on leadership and what is required to ensure that our citizens become informed and feel empowered to engage in processes that move humankind closer to creating a more just and equitable society for all. The stars are aligning.

Jordan cited Miller’s ‘visionary leadership’ to establish SMCM as the state’s and nation’s first public honors college in 1992.

“The mission set for the college: To provide a liberal arts education akin to that found in elite private institutions that is accessible, affordable and committed to diversity was unique and challenging,” Jordan said. “More importantly, it provided the opportunity for a premier liberal arts education for all Marylanders who wanted one. It is primarily due to the senator’s leadership acumen that the legislation made it through.”

On Oct. 8, CSM and SMCM will virtually host “A Pledge to Truth and Civility” that focuses on the need for media literacy and civility in public discourse and an Oct. 22 event entitled, “Liberty and Justice for All? The History of Voting Rights in America.” The series concludes Nov. 10 with “Indivisible: A Post Election Debrief.”

“We do not know what the results of the 2020 presidential election will be, but we do know that many of our neighbors will celebrate, and many will be frustrated—perhaps feeling despair,” shared Anderson about the series’ final event. “Our last moderated session will enable CSM and SMCM faculty, staff and students to come together again to process thoughts and feelings about the election process and results and to begin to envision a positive path forward as one community.”

The Nov. 10 event is for CSM and SMCM’s student, faculty and staff. The other events are open to the public.



NJROTC Becomes Career & Technology Program

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) is pleased to announce that, in coordination with the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Division of Career and College Readiness, the Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) is now available to students as a CTE program of study, beginning with the graduating Class of 2021. All students are required to complete either a College Prep pathway or CTE program to be eligible for high school graduation, with many students choosing to complete multiple pathways. The NJROTC program becomes CCPS's 27th available CTE pathway.



undecided.”

This new designation of the NJROTC program is the result of collaborative efforts among the Division of Career and College Readiness, local school systems, and representatives from each branch of JROTC. In order to be considered a CTE completer, students must complete three required courses (NJROTC I – III) and may choose to complete an optional fourth course (NJROTC IV). NJROTC students are offered the opportunity take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test and participate in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. A score of 31 on the ASVAB meets Technical Skill Attainment (TSA) requirements for the program.

According to Carrie Akins, Director for Career and Technology Education, “The goal of all CTE programs is to prepare students to have a world of options available to them post high-school with regard to careers and college. It is therefore fully fitting to add the NJROTC program as a CTE completer pathway. Through NJROTC, students can choose to prepare for a career in the military, but this program is not limited to students who wish to pursue a career in enlisted service. All students in NJROTC gain valuable leadership, collaboration, problem-solving, and communication skills that will prepare them well in any chosen career field. NJROTC is an ideal program for both students who have chosen a future career pathway as well as for those students who may yet be

Britta Sparks, Supervisor of Instruction, shared, “We are pleased that MSDE has recognized NJROTC as a CTE program of study. We have for years advocated for the recognition of the program's benefits toward career and college readiness. If students elect military service as a career after high school, they begin at a higher rank and paygrade than other enlistees. If they opt to attend university, there are potential scholarships and military academy recommendations based upon their high school NJROTC course of study and participation within the unit. If they move into other career areas, the knowledge and skillsets acquired from NJROTC can contribute to success in careers in government, private industry entrepreneurship and non-profit organizations. The attributes of personal honor, individual discipline, self-reliance, and positive leadership will serve students well throughout their lives in any chosen career.”

Current juniors and seniors who have already successfully completed Levels I, II, and III of NJROTC will be retroactively awarded CTE completer status. Those current juniors who complete NJROTC III this year will be considered pathway completers this year. Students who still wish to enroll in the NJROTC program for this school year should contact their school counselor as soon as possible.

Press Release from CCPS.



CSM's Jones Takes Helm of State Group

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces that CSM Maryland Center for Environmental Training (MCET) Assistant Director Tara Jones has been sworn in as president of the Water and Waste Operators Association of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia (WWOA). She served as the organization's president-elect for the past 12 months until the 'gavel' was passed to her Sept. 9, 2020.



Tara Jones

WWOA represents water, wastewater and biosolids professionals in the Chesapeake Bay region.

“WWOA's primary mission is providing training opportunities for water and wastewater operators in Maryland, Delaware, and Washington D.C. and it is a privilege to be able to help contribute to something so important,” said Jones, of Avenue. “The water and wastewater operators in this area are some of the most dedicated and fantastic people I have ever met, and I look forward to serving them as WWOA president.”

MCET was established on the CSM's La Plata Campus in 1982 to provide free technical assistance to small rural communities with their waste water treatment facilities, and train waste water treatment facility inspectors. Originally funded by the Environment Protection Agency, today the MCET is located at CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus and is funded by a combination of state grants and statewide open enrollment.

MCET strives for excellence in environmental, safety and health training and compliance assistance through practical applications. Employers and employees who partner with MCET integrate regulatory compliance into their site-specific training and day-to-day activities. Combined with applications of best management practices geared to the

actual performance of their duties, the participant's learning experiences will focus on and relate to their working environment. MCET technical assistance program, funded by MDE, is available to qualified wastewater treatment plants. Learn more about MCET by visiting <http://www.mcet.org/index.html>.

About WWOA: WWOA is a non-profit organization whose objectives are: To further the knowledge of the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and management of systems for water supply and distribution, collection and treatment of domestic and industrial wastewaters, and solid waste collection, disposal, recycling and utilization; To inform the public about those systems and the necessity for highly skilled operating personnel; and To promote the certification of operators in these facilities.

You may also be interested in reading: <https://news.csmd.edu/all-news/csms-lenny-gold-earns-stanley-ekappe-training-award/>.

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BY AND THROUGH HIS/HER MOTHER
In the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland

Case No.: C-04-FM-20-486
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from CARINNA MARIA DESANTIS to KYLE MAXWELL DESANTIS. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: This is my child's referred name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 07/19/2020. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

Kathy P. Smith,
Clerk of Court for
Calvert County Maryland

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A View From The BLEACHERS

Chunky Soup and Bubbles

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

During my, ahem, illustrious athletic career, I ran onto many diamonds, courts and fields with sparsely populated bleachers. Despite free admission, there was little to draw patrons to that level of competition other than family obligation, an adolescent crush or sheer boredom.

Over the last few months, the greatest athletes in the world have been living the modest rec league athletic experience. Due to COVID rules, mostly or entirely empty venues have greeted men and women accustomed to competing in packed houses with raucous fans providing vibrant feedback – positive and negative – on their performances. Now the cheers and boos are manufactured and the faces in the stands are peculiar virtual representations or cardboard likenesses.

Such are these strange times.

With several sports months into bubble life and the NFL nearing its quarter-pole, I often ponder the athletes as much as the scoreboard. What must this be like? Certainly all are grateful to be employed and have the means afforded professional athletes. But this has to be an incredible grind – the restrictions, risk of contracting COVID, distance from family and eerie game-day experiences. No amount of money can relieve the psychological burden. And regardless of political leaning, there's the added weight of national events ladled over these bizarre daily operations.

So, I watch and wonder. Where does LeBron James find motivation? Drew Brees or Tom Brady? What about Max Scherzer or Bryce Harper? Or Celtics forward Gordon Hayward, whose wife just had their first son, a child he won't hold until Boston's season ends?

The Undefeated recently published a fascinating piece on Miami Heat big man Udonis Haslem. Haslem, 40, is a 17-year NBA veteran and three-time champion. He can't possibly need the paycheck or relish any aspect of bubble living – a suggestion validated in the feature. Haslem discussed his approach – purposefully avoiding interaction with other teams' players, approaching every day with discipline and an edge; in other words, being a little salty to cope with salty circumstances. Haslem then dropped this fabulous bubble-life quote: "I

didn't want to get too comfortable. I didn't want to feel like home. I don't want to get relaxed. I want to keep my edge. I want to stay focused on the task at hand. So, I'm sleeping on the couch right now, dog, with a room full of Chunky soup."

Udonis Haslem is now one of my favorite athletes.

So why are these guys doing it? Brady and Brees – why, at 40-plus-years-old, are they going through this implausible season? Why is LeBron, at 35, laying it on the line in front of virtual fans? Why is Haslem locked in his room eating Chunky soup on his couch/bed?

The easiest answer: an athlete's professional lifecycle is finite. Father time allows for only so many opportunities to cash professional checks, build tenure and make championship runs; a season is just too precious to forfeit to a virus. If you can play, you play.

There are two more common, non-sports-specific reasons.

The first is duty – to self, team and profession. James knows the Lakers can't win a championship without him. Same for the Saints, sans Brees. Haslem, while not a major on-court contributor, is the Heat's captain. Brady no doubt feels an obligation to his new organization and teammates. So, to a man, they play.

The other is the opportunity to be the standard – an example. Staying limber - of mind, body and spirit - while facing an uncertain and evolving world, surely affords athletes a way to use their platforms in a transcendent way and without the condescending and naïve "stick to sports" criticisms.

Our individual adaptation to pandemic life, no matter how effective, has undoubtedly had moments of great challenge. A sense of duty to self and employer, and a responsibility to be an example for our families – personal and professional – has no doubt provided inspiration. For the sports fan, an added source of encouragement has been seeing athletes doing the same.

So, thank you LeBron, Brees, Brady and, of course, Udonis Haslem and his Chunky soup. Thanks for keeping me...us...sane through all this madness.

From my bubble to yours – cheers, fellas.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com



Letters TO THE Editor

Cumbo Gives His 'Side of the Story'

To the Editor:

Just wanted to explain my side of the story as written by Dick Myers .

The Maryland wiretap statue can be easily and inadvertently violated. Having a Ring Doorbell or similar device that records both video and audio upon automatic activation without a warning of the audio recording, puts you in violation of a Maryland felony wiretap law. There is a need for a change in the Maryland statue to require criminal intent for prosecution.

This November, I am running for Mayor of Chesapeake Beach. Therefore, I want to inform those who may not know of an incident that happened to me in the late quarter of 2018. I learned from it, regret it, and I apologize; nevertheless, a few good things evolved as a result. What happened is as follows:

I installed a widely available telephone app on my cell phone. In lieu of writing notes, I recorded from July to November 2018 to remember telephone conversations while I was on the go. I did not record to seize personal information, which is typically thought of as wiretapping. Furthermore, I had neither criminal nor malicious intent or purpose. Of the 275 reported calls, many were in legal jurisdictions outside Maryland, and most were to friends and family. None of the calls were shared - other than the one call that was the cause of a complaint. Nevertheless, my action was a violation of Maryland law. I acknowledged, and I regret breaking that law. To be specific, the very brief, recorded conversation was in an effort to save the loss of the library in Chesapeake Beach. I addressed a procedural question regarding why the library was not automatically relocated back in Chesapeake Beach after North Beach reneged on their proposal following the deadline for submission. I chose to share the recorded conversation with a council member and the town administrator because the message was succinct and clear to prove a point. In addition, afterwards, the person recorded was not the complainant. Mayor Pat Mahoney, who was not at all involved, reported this recorded telephone conversation to the States Attorney, and Mahoney pursued the complaint.

I was completely cooperative with law enforcement and the States Attorney, and I accepted responsibility. I am grateful that the Maryland States Attorney agreed to recommend probation before judgement (PBJ). In Maryland, a PBJ is not a conviction. I was given a fine in lieu of community service, since, for nearly all my life, I have been involved in community service.

My career of public service began in high school. I co-founded and launched the Prince George's county Hotline and Suicide Prevention Center, a program that continues to operate today. From those efforts, I was appointed to the advisory board of the Prince George's County Mental Health Department Mental Health Unit, I volunteered as a member of my local volunteer fire department as a firefighter and served on the rescue squad while also working as technician in the emergency room at Prince George's Hospital. After that, I served 27 years as a law enforcement officer, having retired as a detective sergeant/first sergeant. I served 19 years honorably as an elected official serving as your town councilman in Chesapeake Beach, President of the Maryland Municipal League, and President of the Southern Maryland Municipal Association. I have served on numerous Boards. I received certificates of appreciation for dedicated service, governor citations, commander's awards, recognition for meritorious service, recognition for demonstrated valor, and Maryland House and Senate Awards.

I will continue to serve my community. I offer my record for your comparisons for Mayor of Chesapeake Beach. I hope that I will not be shadowed by a single mistake committed outside of character. Because I am a person with a lifetime of honorable and dedicated service to our community, I hope you will give me your vote for Mayor of Chesapeake Beach in the November 3, 2020, Town Election held at Town Hall. I want to continue serving my community, open and honest with honor and dignity bringing about results "you can see" and appreciate

*Stewart Cumbo
Candidate for Mayor 2020
Chesapeake Beach, Maryland*

A Resounding Success

To the Editor:

The Big Conversation held on September 13, 2020, was a resounding success. It was an amazing community effort.

This year's topic was "Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care (In) Equity". There were 216 online participants in the program. It took an incredible amount of technical support to host and sustain a three hour on-line virtual program. This could not have happened without the expertise of Calvert Library staffer Robyn Truslow, Director Carrie Wilson, and other library staff members.

The event included a pre-recorded panel discussion of experts addressing historical inequities in Southern Maryland healthcare, implicit bias in healthcare delivery, and systemic and environmental impact on health outcomes. Generational trauma and lack of trust in healthcare by many African American families were also addressed. The panel included: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Public Health Officer in St. Mary's County; Shell-nice M. Hudson, RN, Director of Quality Assurance, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; Dr. Laurence Pol-sky Public Health Officer in Calvert County; Cheri C. Wilson, MHS from Johns Hopkins Medicine, Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity; Malcolm Funn, JD from Calvert NAACP; and Moderator: Laurretta Grier, from Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co. The panelists not only offered information; they also offered thought provoking commentary, which inspired conversation in the small group discussions.

The 13 small group conversations that followed, offered the online participants the opportunity to share their personal perspectives and in-

sights on past and current healthcare in Southern Maryland. The Library went the extra mile for community, as did so many others.

We would be remiss without recognizing Maryland Humanities for the grant to support the Big Conversation, and the 29 trained mediators from the Community Mediation Centers of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties, who facilitated the small group discussions.

We also acknowledge the support of the 22 Big Conversation Partners: Middleham and St. Peter's Parish, All Saints Episcopal Church, Calvert County Public Schools, CalvertHealth, Calvert Interfaith Council, Community Mediation Centers of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, College of Southern Maryland, , Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co, Emmanuel SDA Church - St. Leonard, Historic Sotterley, Inc., NAACP Branches of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, Patuxent Friends (Quaker) Meeting, Public Libraries of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, Remnant Center of Excellence, Inc., St. Mary's Co. Health Department and St. Mary's Co. Public Schools.

This program is evidence that we belong to a community where people feel deeply about one another. Thank you to all those who spent a Sunday afternoon to learn and talk about issues that affect us all. If information leads to transformation and change, we have taken important steps toward making positive and lasting changes for a just community for Southern Maryland.

*Diane Davies - Chairperson
The Big Conversation Partners in
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Margaret Weekes Reynolds



Margaret Weekes Reynolds of Solomons, Maryland, a wife, mother and retired executive with a Washington, D.C. learned society for over thirty years, died on September 13 at Calvert Hospice House in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She had been suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Maggie, as she was affectionately known, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to her parents, George Edward Weekes and Helen Mealey Weekes. She graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, California in 1964 and from Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California in 1968.

She met her husband, Christopher J. Reynolds, at Santa Clara and they were married at All Saints Catholic Church on June 21, 1969 in Hayward, California. They moved to Washington, D.C. that year. She attended Georgetown University for two years studying Modern European History. She was employed at the National Catholic Education Association and then joined the staff of Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) on Capitol Hill during the Watergate era. For over thirty years, she was employed at the Linguistic Society of America and rose to the position of Executive Director.

She is survived by her husband, Christopher, and their son, Rowan Foley Reyn-

olds and his wife, Julie; brothers Rusty Weekes and Terry Weekes and sister Monica Weekes and her husband, Rob; nieces and nephews Patrick Weekes and his wife, Karin, Kelly Johnson and her husband, Tristan, Connor Weekes, Kieran Weekes, Brennen Honaker, Casey Honaker, Roslynd Lenahan, Seanne Weekes, Reiley Weekes, David Reynolds and Beau Doom. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Mary Ann Weekes and brother Tom Weekes.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Solomons, Maryland. Charitable contributions may be made in remembrance of Maggie to Calvert Hospice or End Hunger in Calvert County.

Shirley Ann Denton



Shirley Ann Denton, 78, of Lusby, MD passed away on September 25, 2020 at the Calvert County Nursing Center.

Born June 29, 1942 in Prince Frederick, MD, she was the daughter of the late Claggett Johnson and Lillian Gentry.

Shirley graduated from Calvert High School in 1959. She was a Nurses Aide until her retirement in 2012. Shirley enjoyed playing Bingo, visiting her sister Claudia and going to the mountains.

Shirley is survived by her children, Patricia Denton of St. Mary's County, James Denton of Calvert County, Michael Denton of TN, and Gregory Denton of WV; fifteen grandchildren; twenty

two great-grandchildren; and her brother, Bill Johnson of VA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Milling whom she married on May 25, 2008 in Lusby, MD; her son, Jeffrey Denton; and her siblings, Bobby Johnson, Harold Johnson and Claudia Gentry.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. with a Funeral Service conducted by Rev. Dave Showalter following at 12 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will follow in St. Paul United Methodist Church Cemetery, Lusby, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be Garrett Denton, Cody Denton, J.D. Denton, Christopher Denton, Robert Denton and Dillon Denton. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Dutta, Dr. Munshi, Dr. Hakim, Dr. Patel, Dr. Clark and Dr. Thomas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

Irene Evelyn Pursel



Irene Evelyn Pursel (Nickname - Tootie), 78, of Shallotte, NC and a former residence of Dunkirk, MD passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday September 17, 2020. She was born April 16, 1942 in Wheeling,

WV to Joseph Havelka and Irene (Regan) Havelka.

She was a high school graduate and later went on to marry her sweetheart Phillip Pursel in Temple Hills, MD. They settled into their home in Deale, MD and later had four boys. Her family was her world and she was a stay at home mother for years while raising their children. Once their children were in school she went on to work for Giant Food, where she later retired from.

Irene was a very simple, down to earth, devoted wife and mother. She always sacrificed her needs for the good of her family. Some of her hobbies included bowling when she was younger, diehard Pittsburgh Steelers fan and faithfully watched their games. She absolutely loved to cook and would not let you leave until she knew you were full. Some recent hobbies included playing card games, taking peaceful walks outside, sitting outside soaking up some sunshine while taking her afternoon naps and lets not leave out watching Fox News to catch up on the recent events in the world.

Her surviving family members include her four sons, David Pursel of Calvert Co., Richard Pursel of Dandridge, TN, Mark Pursel (Jenny Padgett) of Huntingtown, MD, Brian (Renee) Pursel of Myrtle Beach, SC, four grandchildren, Brittany (Robert) Mockabee, Devon Pursel, Mary Pursel and Alexis Pursel and (Justin Fulford), six great grandchildren, Cameron Mockabee, Jace Mockabee, Mason Mockabee, Harley Fulford, Dillion Pursel and Kayden Pursel.

Irene was preceded in death by her loving husband Phillip Pursel, her parents Joseph & Irene Havelka and one sister, Beverly Kemp.

Visitation will be Friday, October 2, 2020, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

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

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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, October 1

Calvert Toastmasters Zoom Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Our club provides a supportive and positive learning experience for members to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Please email cua942nd@gmail.com for the password if you need it.

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

This program invites adults and children 18 months to 3 years to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is O is for Otters. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Saturday, October 3

Pirate Day

Calvert Marine Museum

Throw on your best pirate outfit and head to the museum for pirate-themed adventures! Learn to talk like a pirate and walk the plank. Build your own pirate ship with one of our pre-packaged kits, available as a carry-out craft during each open session at the museum, while supplies last. Program included with museum admission.

Tuesday, October 6

Science for Citizens Seminar.

Online; 7 p.m.

Chesapeake Bay striped bass move up and down the Atlantic coast from their estuarine birthplace. Until recently we have only seen glimpses of this movement when tagged fish are caught by anglers or scientists. Now with electronic transmitters embedded in the tummies, or chemical tracers in bones in their ears we can follow them along on their journey - learning why and when they move and how these migrations affect their growth, survival and reproduction. Hear internationally recognized expert, Dr. Dave Secor talk about his most recent work on this striped nomad of the Bay.

Wednesday, October

Literary Connections Series

Online; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will present a virtual Connections Literary Series reading featuring Poet, Editor, Essayist and Translator Martín Espada. Espada will continue CSM's long-standing tradition of connecting established and emerging authors with the Southern Maryland community by reading from his forthcoming book, *Floater*, and other works during a free Zoom webinar. https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/community-events/2020-10-07_connections-martin-espada.

Thursday, October 8

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

A Pledge to Truth and Civility

Online; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Professor of Communications Michelle Christian and CSM Instructor of Media Studies, Journalist and CSM Non-Profit Institute Coordinator Cara Fogarty discuss how to spot fake news, the importance of checking facts and sources of information, and a variety of strategies for maintaining civility while engaging in difficult political conversations. Hosted by CSM's Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership, Student Life Department and Equity and Inclusive Diversity Office, and St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) Center for the Study of Democracy and SMCM's Student Activities Department, registration is required for this free Zoom event. Register at [https://csmd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUuceCvqjGtIQTs5BvgvLRF_L3TZqgSwm](https://csmd.zoom.us/join/https://csmd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUuceCvqjGtIQTs5BvgvLRF_L3TZqgSwm)

Virtual Acidified Foods Workshop

Online, October 8th

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is offering a virtual FDA-certified Acidified Foods Better Process Control School training workshop in partnership with Dr. Y. Martin Lo, Process Authority and Ambassador of the International Union

of Food Science & Technology. <https://smadc.com/news/>

Ongoing

We Love Calvert Arts Festival \$10k benefit for Children

Online, October 1st - 10th

All Saints' Church will hold this event to raise \$10,000 for five charities that support our County's children AND promote our loyal artisans (<https://www.facebook.com/calvertartsfestival/>)! This event replaces the Calvert Arts Festival. Visit All Saints website (<https://www.allsaints1692.org/>) to donate (checks, cash, credit card, PayPal); donations are tax-deductible.

CalvART Gallery

CalvART welcomes you to come in and enjoy a semi-intimate viewing at the gallery or to visit our new online venue. Come experience the variety of art represented by Linda Craven, Freeman Dodsworth, Nico Gozal, Davy Strong, and Marcia Van Gemert. calvart-gallery.square.site

ArtsWorks@7th

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



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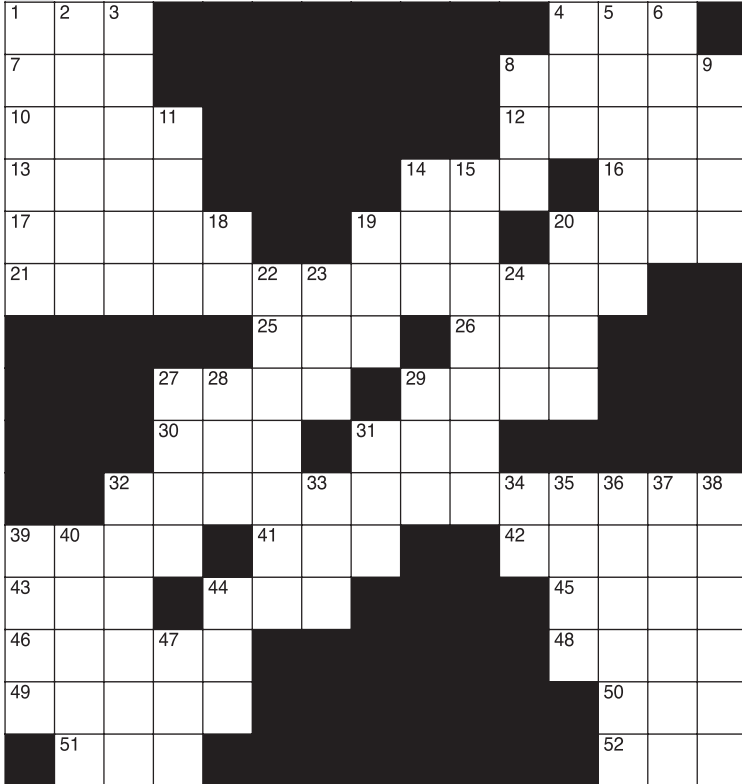
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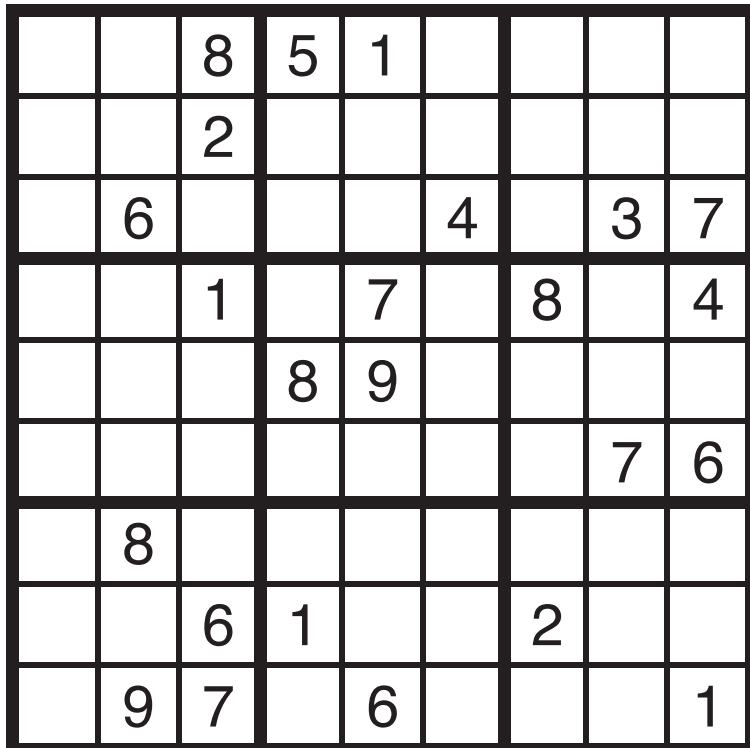
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. They look out for kids
- 4. Play
- 7. Water (French)
- 8. Prayer leader
- 10. Small constellation
- 12. ___ Carta: influential royal charter
- 13. Pressure unit
- 14. Extrasensory perception
- 16. A symbol of "Aloha"
- 17. Portion of the small intestine
- 19. Psychedelic amphetamine
- 20. Very long period of time
- 21. British overseas territory
- 25. Cereal grain
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Wish harm upon
- 29. At a specific prior time
- 30. Peyton's younger brother
- 31. UK firefighters' union
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's screen partner
- 39. Popular show honoring musicians
- 41. Basics
- 42. Honk
- 43. Trent Reznor's

- band
- 44. Patti Hearst's captors
- 45. Long-legged wading bird
- 46. Specialized biological grouping
- 48. A coin goes in it
- 49. Of the wind
- 50. One-time measure of length
- 51. A very large body of water
- 52. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Boston hoopster
- 2. A type of bribe
- 3. SE England county
- 4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Italian province
- 8. Mischievous child
- 9. Popular street name
- 11. Boxing promoter Bob
- 14. Snakelike fish
- 15. Break into pieces
- 18. The Bay State
- 19. Time zone
- 20. Port city in Yemen
- 22. In name only
- 23. 007's creator
- 24. No (Scottish)
- 27. Baseball's Gordon and rock's Snider are two
- 28. Pie ___ mode
- 29. Don't know when yet
- 31. Supervises interstate commerce
- 32. Make a ringing metallic sound
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are two
- 36. Put on the back burner
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Poker stake
- 40. Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
- 44. Pouch
- 47. Not around



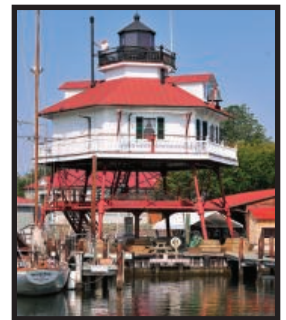
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