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Local News

Polsky: 'This pandemic is not behind us'

By Dick Myers Editor

Things looked different for those watching the May 18 Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting. For the first time in quite a while the five commissioners weren't wearing facemasks. And the plexiglass dividers separating them had been removed. It was only later in the meeting that Commissioner Tim Hutchins donned the mask while he was speaking.

Indeed, the BOCC played a key role in the change. With Governor Larry Hogan last Thursday stating that facemasks were no longer required in most indoor settings, the day after the BOCC issued a statement that the county would follow the governor's lead, although some counties have not.

The weekend in the county was marked with confusion, with some stores still requiring masks and others being more lenient. Some chain stores said they were waiting for corporate guidance. And some were just waiting to see how everything shakes out.

The governor's order said that only those vaccinated were able to go unmasked; those not vaccinated still had to wear masks.

And there were some exemptions, including schools, public transportation, and health care facilities.

Even Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky shed his mask for the first time to give his regular briefing to the BOCC. "I am vaccinated. I'm taking my mask off," he said.

But Polsky was not ready to declare victory. "This pandemic is not behind us," he said, noting there were still 77 deaths in the state last week. "I put it in comparison. If you would annualize that 77 people died each week throughout a whole year, it's a little bit over 4,000 deaths in a year. If you add up all the deaths from colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer, it's only about half of the number of deaths that we are



Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky

currently seeing, not when things were even worse a few months ago, but currently seeing. So, this is still a major public health problem. Almost 700 people hospitalized across the state, about 200 in the ICU right now. So again, complacency is not a great way to go about things at the moment."

Polsky observed, "One thing that I think has frustrated me more than anything else is this knee jerk. We've got to do it today. You know, we're almost a year and a half into this. Some thoughtful policy, giving people a heads up, allowing people to make decisions and adjusting to changes in policy, I think will be a wonderful idea instead. All right, here's what the science shows today. We're going to change policy tomorrow.

"So, for the health department, we don't know what the governor will decide tomorrow. Certainly, we are a health care facility, but that mandate for masks could go away tomorrow. So, I've put out a directive that in all of our four facilities that face masks are still required in public areas, at least through the middle of June. And that gives anyone who at this point has, for various reasons, decided not to get vaccinated, it gives them the chance over this next week or two to get their initial vaccination. We know that regardless of the vaccine, whether it's Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer or Moderna, within two to three weeks after that first dose that people have at least 70-pervent protection and with the Pfizer and Moderna booster, then they're up to 95 percent."

Polsky was asked about the home test kits that area available. He said, "It makes it easier for people to get tested I suppose. The problem we have with that is that there's really no practical way to do contact tracing."

But he added that the regular testing was still "more accurate, more sensitive for people who are not symptomatic. And so, people still need to keep in mind that vaccination by far is the best way, not only to protect yourself, but to protect others. The reason people were doing that is so that they don't spread to others. They feel fine. In most cases, maybe they're visiting their grandmother or whoever they're going to visit. They want to make sure they're not passing it on to somebody else. But if they're an asymptomatic carrier, the sensitivity is not great in some cases, since if it's below 50 percent with those tests.

"And so, by far, the best way is to just go out and get yourself vaccinated, and this way you know the probability of passing on somebody else is extraordinarily low."

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North Beach Councilwoman Resigns

Schiada Had Served for 14 Years

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By Dick Myers Editor

North Beach Councilwoman Gwen Schiada announced at the May 13 town meeting that she has resigned. She told the council that she will be spending more time in the Bahamas, although she still will be spending part of the year in North Beach.

Mayor Mike Benton said that the town charter required council members to have their primary residence in town and that Schiada had sold her primary residence in town but still owned properties there.

"I will still be here," she said.

Benton said advertising would be put out seeking potential candidates to fill the vacancy. He said the council would interview the candidates and then make a decision for a replacement in executive session.

At the May 13 meeting Schiada said, "It has truly been an honor and a gift" to have served. She added, "North Beach is a small town with a big heart. I know this big heart will continue to grow."

Each of the council members in turn praised her for her hard work and dedication.

Her biography on the town website said Schiada served on the planning commis-



sion prior to being elected to the council.

The biography said, "I hold a doctorate in Clinical Psychology and have a passion for using media to create positive change. I serve as President and Co-Founder of Career Puppy, Inc., which is a multi-media company focused on assisting youth and career transitioning individuals 'Find their Path and Make their Mark.' I have also worked at the local, state and federal levels to help create safe and healthy communities through school and community education partnerships."

Schiada was the council liaison to the Environmental Committee and said she would continue to serve on that.

"It has been the highlight of my life," Schiada said of her time serving on the town council.

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Commissioners Allocate Revenue Windfall

Community Center Project Advanced

By Dick Myers Editor

The Calvert Country Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has ratified a plan for using a \$12,931,300 windfall of unbudgeted income tax revenue. The decision was 4-1, with Commissioner Tim Hutchins opposing.

The disagreement was over allocating \$6 million of the surplus to the proposed Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center in Prince Frederick, named after a county civil rights leader. The decision paves the way for the project to move forward earlier and without using bond authority and securing approval from the state legislature.

Hutchins argued the bulk of the money allocated to the community center should instead stay in a reserve for contingencies, such as hurricanes or another pandemic.

But the majority opinion was that there were a significant amount of large projects in the Capital Improvement Plan that would compete for funding with the community center, such as the St. Leonard Firehouse and needed schools.

"We have a lot of substantial projects," said Commissioner Steve Weems. Also it was pointed out that the Dominion Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PI-LOT) ends in 2024 and funding from that facility will likely reduce after that, further reducing the ability to do the community center project if it's delayed.

Director of Parks and Recreation Shannon Nazzal said no monies are currently in the budget for the center and plans to seek grant funding could take some time, even if successful.

Commissioner Mike Hart noted that both sides of the issue were right, but he felt the proposal for spending the additional income tax revenue was "something that is manageable."

Weems also pointed out that if the project is delayed, a new commissioner board may be in office who aren't as friendly to the idea of the community center as they are.

In addition to approving the \$6 million for the community center, the spending plan calls for:

• Ward Farm Roundabout/Restrooms (Not in the Budget) -- \$3,000,000

• Lore Oyster House Rehabilitation (Not in the Budget) -- \$300,000

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North Beach Increases Beach Fees

Biggest Hike for Out-of-County Visitors

By Dick Myers Editor

"More is not better," North Beach Mayor Mike Benton told the town council during a May 6 work session. He was referring to the large crowds that have historically descended on the town beach during the three busiest times, Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. The beach is so crowded you can't see the sand, he said.

"As much as we want visitors, I think we need to control what we put on our beaches," Benton said. He said the amount of trash alone that's generated makes the current fee untenable.

With that in mind, Benton has advocated for much higher fees to use the beach by out-of-town visitors. The town council went along with Benton at their May 13 meeting, increasing the adult fee for anyone from outside Calvert County from \$17 to \$25 a day, with a discount to \$10 for children and \$9 for senior citizens and veterans.

The vote on the increase was 3-2, with the dissenters seeking a smaller increase.

The fee for Calvert County residents outside North Beach will be \$9, with children, seniors and veterans paying \$6.

There will continue to be no charge for town residents.

The beach was closed last year because of the pandemic but is scheduled to reopen Memorial Day weekend. The key to controlling the crowds, Benton believes, is the new online ticketing system which will be implemented for this season. Those registering will be told how many available slots there are and if the beach has reached its capacity, they will be denied a ticket.

Benton said those showing up without having registered online will be assisted in that process by the town's beach staff.

The council also voted to increase the fishing fees for the pier from \$7 to \$9 for the first pole and keep the fee for the second pole the same.

"We really need to increase the



North Beach Mayor Mike Benton

fee to help cover the labor and the cost," Benton said.

The fees are part of the overall budget for the town which will be adopted at the June 10 meeting. That budget includes an increase in sewer fees to continue the process of bringing those fees in line with actual usage instead of being subsidized by all town taxpayers.

Town Treasurer Joanne Hunt explained at the May 13 meeting, "The water and sewer minimum is going to be reduced from 5,000 gallons to 4,000 gallons. And that's part of our conservation plan. The new quarterly bill based on the grades will increase from \$148.20 to \$183.20."

Hunt said the general fund budget for FY 22 is \$3,247,000. The sewer budget is \$1,056,000 and the water budget is \$511,000. The capital improvement budget is \$ 595,000 and the community outreach budget was reduced to \$28,000."

The current tax rate of \$0.6170 will be reduced to the constant yield of \$0.6034.

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Economic Development: Key to Quality of Life

By Dick Myers Editor

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The Calvert County Department of Economic Development celebrated National Economic Development Week (May 9-15) as they, like everyone else, relished a return to normalcy after a tough year for the business community.

Director of Economic Development Kelly Robertson-Slagle said, "Economic Development Week was created in 2016 by the International Economic Development Council, which is an organization that we're a part of and really the main purpose, which we fully support, is to increase awareness of economic development and what it means with local programs and how economic developers work to create jobs, and advance career development opportunities. And all of that leads into improving quality of life."

Robertson-Slagle was asked the importance of economic development in Calvert, considering the county already has two major facilities (Calvert Cliffs and Dominion LNG). She said, "We feel like economic development is one of the most important functions of county government because if you think about it, you have to have businesses in order to have employees and workforce to gener-



Economic Development Director Kelly Robertson-Slagle

ate a paycheck to pay for your house, which pays for your lifestyle, which ultimately leaves tax revenue to pay for our schools and our parks and the great quality of life that we have. So. it's really intertwined. And that's why it's important for us to really continue to spread that message."

She said it's not just for the big guys, like the utilities, "but also for smaller mom and pops. A big part of what we do is the business retention.



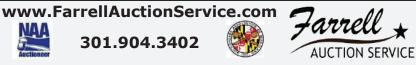
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And that's really kind of putting our arms around our local business community, who are growing and adding and expanding, and our entrepreneurs keep our economy vibrant and diversified."

Robertson-Slagle said her department is working or an updated economic development strategic plan which should be released shortly. "I would think of it as like our business plan," she said. "Business plans are always growing, expanding, updating the living. breathing document that's ongoing." She said the plan is looking two years into the future instead of the normal five years. "The main reason for that is the outcomes and some of the impacts from the pandemic. We felt that really two and a half years is really a realistic timeframe for us to target as we're coming out, and we are, we're actually doing well."

"What's the low hanging fruit, what are some strategies that we can put in place to not only come back better, but really learn from it and be resilient," she said, adding "if something does come down the pipe, whether it be weather related or pandemic related, we're going to be stronger."

The county has hired the same consultant that developed the original plan in 2016. The consultant looked at the county's existing economic development practices "to make sure that we're heading in the right direction? Was there any area that we needed to focus on? And it was a good report and we liked it."

Robertson-Slagle said, "We need actionable items moving forward, things that we might be able to get there 10 years from now, if we put all these things in place?"

The draft will go to the Economic Development Commission and the county commissioners and be circulated for public comment, with the goal to have their "marching orders" by July, she said.

Economic development is also part of the town center plan updates now going on in Prince Frederick and Dunkirk. "Economic development has been at the table. As the plan gets to agency feedback, we will be able to provide that as well as our economic development advisory commission. We've definitely been working hand in hand with them throughout that process. And we'll continue to do that.

She said the theme out of the pandemic is "resilient recovery. And by that, we always want to learn from any experience and one of the things that we preached even prior to the pandemic is continuity plans and being prepared in case of emergency. Historically, that would have meant like a flood or a fire or a weather event. In this case, it was a pandemic which kind of took us by surprise.

"We really want to continue to educate the business community on the reasons why it's important to have continuity plans, meaning you allow your staff to immediately go to telework, having those safety supplies, having that network in place that you can quickly tap into to make sure that you have the cleaning supplies that you need.

"Financially, making sure that you're better prepared, having that rainy-day fund, financially working with your bank, different things along those lines that they certainly learned as things have unfolded over the last year?'

She added, "We're doing a little bit better, but let's step back and let's make sure that we can be as resilient as we possibly cam moving forward." They're planning training sessions in hopes of achieving that.

Businesses in the county have been helped by \$1.6 million of grant funding from the state. She said, "Certainly as the grant funding has slowed down from the federal and the state level, getting that money into the hands of our business community as easy and as quickly as possible, and we'll continue to do that because grant money is still continuing to come down."

Regarding the much-reported national shortage of workers as businesses are staffing back up, she said "We are making sure that businesses that are struggling in hiring employees, that we are putting them immediately into contact with some of our resource partners that are facilitators of putting people into jobs."

She said the pandemic hasn't slowed interest in Patuxent Business Park in Lusby. They sold two lots and she added, "We have an active letter of intent which has been approved by (Maryland Department of) Commerce. A few more lots we'll be going to settlement there; we're hoping in the next, probably three to six months, because there's some due diligence that needs to take place there. And then we have another active letter of intent that we're working through the process now. And then we have two other more-than-mildly interested prospects. So, if we can get all of these to the finish line, we will be 50 percent. Can you believe it?"

Robertson-Slagle said, "I really wanted to give a sincere thank you to our partners at the Maryland Department of Commerce. They really have been a very integral partner with us throughout the pandemic. They were before, but really, they have been a true partner. Without the money that they have been able to grant to the local jurisdictions, the Board of County commissioners, for us to be able to distribute out to our local community has truly been invaluable." She added, "We have not taken any administrative fee off the top. One hundred percent of that money has gone directly to the local business community.'

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Huntingtown Accident Claims Woman's Life

A Huntingtown woman has died as the result of injuries received in a two-vehicle accident.

On May 17 at approximately 12:15 p.m., members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded to a serious motor vehicle accident on MD 4/ Southern Maryland Blvd at Lower Marlboro Road in Huntingtown.

Upon arrival, units located a blue Suzuki XL7 SUV on its side and a red Dodge Ram truck with front end damage.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2003 Dodge Ram, operated by Hunter Todd Ferguson, 18 of Prince Frederick, was traveling south on Southern Maryland Blvd. A 2005 Suzuki XL7 SUV, operated by Allison Carroll Smith, 49 of Huntingtown, was making a left turn from Lower Marlboro Road

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onto north Southern Maryland Blvd. Both vehicles entered the intersection at the same time, resulting in the Suzuki being struck on the driver's side.

Smith, the operator of the Suzuki, was transported to CalvertHealth Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries as a result of the crash. Smith was pronounced deceased. Ferguson was not injured.

The cause of this collision remains under investigation.

Sgt. T.S. Phelps of the Crash Reconstruction Team is conducting the investigation into the crash. Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact Sgt. Phelps at (410) 535-2800 or via e-mail: Thomas.Phelps@calvertcountymd.gov.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of April 26 – May 9, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 2,907 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 2021-21744

On April 26, 2021, Deputy Sturdivant responded to the Weis Market located at 210 Village Center Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of a theft. Contact was made with the complainant who advised an unknown black female, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall with long black and gold dreadlocks entered the store with an empty box. The suspect proceeded to place five New York strips, one T-bone steak, and two ribeyes inside the box. The female exited the business without paying for the meat. The value of stolen property is \$162.18.

Theft: 2021-21993

On April 27, 2021, Deputy Aranda received report of a theft. The complainant advised her prescription bottle containing 28 Adderall capsules was stolen from the center console of her unlocked vehicle on April 26 between 4:30 and 5 p.m., while parked in the marina parking lot located at 155 Holiday Drive in Solomons, MD. No other items were stolen from the vehicle. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 2021-22261

On April 28, 2021, Deputy Aley responded to 11500 block of San Rafael Road in Lusby, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised a black Mongoose BMX bicycle with gold petals was stolen from the property. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 2021-22498

On April 29, 2021, DFC Aurich responded to the CVS Pharmacy located at 10095 Ward Road in Dunkirk, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown black male wearing a black mask, blue jacket with a white logo, black pants and white shoes entered the store in the company of a black female wearing a black shirt with a white logo, gray pants with white shoes and long braids in her hair. Upon entering, the suspects pulled out a large shopping bag and filled it up with numerous containers of Dove brand soap and body wash. The suspects exited the store, failing to purchase any of the items and got into a gray, two door sedan with Maryland registration and fled the area. The estimated value of stolen property is \$234.00

Theft: 2021-23132

On May 2, 2021, Deputy Huy responded to the 3000 block of Broomes Island Road in Port Republic, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised her gray i-Phone 6s was stolen between 6 and 9 p.m. on May 1st from Abner's located at 3748 Harbor Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD. The total value of stolen property is \$100.00.

Damaged Property: 21-24377

On May 8, 2021, DFC Cress responded to Dunn Cleaners located at 8052 Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD for a reported destruction

of property. The complainant advised upon entering the building, three unknown individuals were observed inside a closet of the business and fled the scene. Investigation revealed the closet door had been forced open, causing damage to the jam. The estimated value of damaged property is \$100.00

Theft: 21-23326

On May 3, 2021, Deputy Aley responded to the 2100 block of Dasher Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised 31 dark grey Trex decking boards went missing from his property. The estimated value of stolen property is \$1,000.00.

Theft: 21-24165

On May 7, 2021, Deputy T. Buckler responded to 9000 block of Bay Ave in North Beach, MD for a reported theft. The complainant advised her rear license plate was stolen between May 5 -7th. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time

ARRESTS

On April 27, 2021, Deputy Durnbaugh conducted a traffic stop in the area of Solomons Island Road and Skinners Turn Road in Owings, MD, following a lookout for a vehicle all over the roadway. Upon making contact with the driver, John Michael

Harris, 32 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, a grinder was observed to be in plain sight. search of the vehicle several pills of suspected A1-



John Michael Harris

prazolam and Zabsolv in the vehicle. Harris was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with two counts of CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

On April 27, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker responded to the 3400 block of Chaneyville Road in Owings, MD for the report of a check welfare. Upon arrival, Deputy Shoemaker observed a vehicle with an individual slumped over the wheel. Deputies attempted to knock on the driver's side window multiple times before the individual identified as Stephanie Lyann Boothe, 51 of Owings, MD,

woke up. Boothe advised Deputy Shoemaker there were drugs in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a \$1 bill containing an un-Stephanie Lyann known substance Boothe of CDS, a purple

container containing suspected crack cocaine, a \$10 bill containing suspected heroin, and a glass pipe smoking device containing suspected residue of crack cocaine. Boothe was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with five counts of CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS- Possession of Paraphernalia and traffic citations for Driving/Attempting to Drive Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving/ Attempting to Drive Vehicle While Impaired by Alcohol, Driving While So Far Impaired by Drugs or Drugs/ Alcohol, Driving While Impaired by Controlled Dangerous Substance and Negligent Driving.

On April 30, 2021, Deputy W. Mc-Dowell conducted a traffic stop in the area of southbound Rt. 4 in the area of Lower Marlboro Road in Huntingtown, MD. While making contact with the driver, Jerry Gilbert Sinkfield,

64 of Washington D.C., it was determined Sinkdriving field's privileges were revoked. Deputy W McDowell observed a plastic bag with marijuana in plain view.



Jerry Gilbert Sinkfield

A search of the vehicle revealed a grocery bag containing balled up copper filings. A search of Sinkfield's person revealed a glass pipe containing a burnt white residue and burnt copper filings. Sinkfield was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

On May 1, 2021, Deputy W. Mc-Dowell conducted a traffic stop in the area of Route 260 and Kidwell Lane in Owings, MD. While making contact with the occupants of the vehicle. Andre D'Vaughn Bradley, 45 of Wash-

ington D.C., and **Denetria Dena** Phillips, 27 of Washington D.C., a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 15 pills



Denetria Dena Phillips

and three plastic bags containing marijuana. Both Bradley and Phillips were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Phillips was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession Marijuana 10 GM+. Bradley was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.

On May 8, 2021, Deputy Dymond conducted a traffic stop in the area of MD Rt. 4 South and Dunkirk Way in Dunkirk, MD. While making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 152+ grams of marijuana and 3 scales. Kenneth Alexander Nunez, 28 of Baltimore, MD was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10

GM+.

On May 3, 2021, Deputy Flynt responded to the Safeway parking lot in Prince Frederick, MD for the check welfare of a subject in a vehicle. Deputy Flynt arrived on scene and observed a female passed out behind the steering wheel. Deputy Flynt attempted several times to wake the female up, but the individual kept nodding off. The driver identified herself as Gigi Amanda Adams and consented to a search of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a small amount of marijuana, a folded \$10 dollar bill with a white powdery substance inside, a clear baggie containing Fentanyl and four pills containing Buprenorphine Hydrochloride and Naloxone Hydrochloride. While in transport to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, it was learned that the true identity of the female was Jennifer Kyle Gregory, 39 of Prince Frederick,

MD, as Gregory initially gave a fake name. Gregory was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, False Statement to Peace Officer, Driving Vehicle/



Jennifer Kyle Gregory

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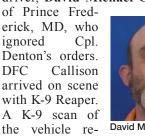
On May 3, 2021, Deputy C. Murphy and Cpl. Denton responded to the intersection of Solomons Island Road and Southern Maryland Blvd. in Owings, MD for report of a vehicle parked in the intersection. Units arrived on scene and observed an individual slumped over the wheel. Cpl. Denton attempted to make contact with the driver, David Michael Goad, Jr., 39

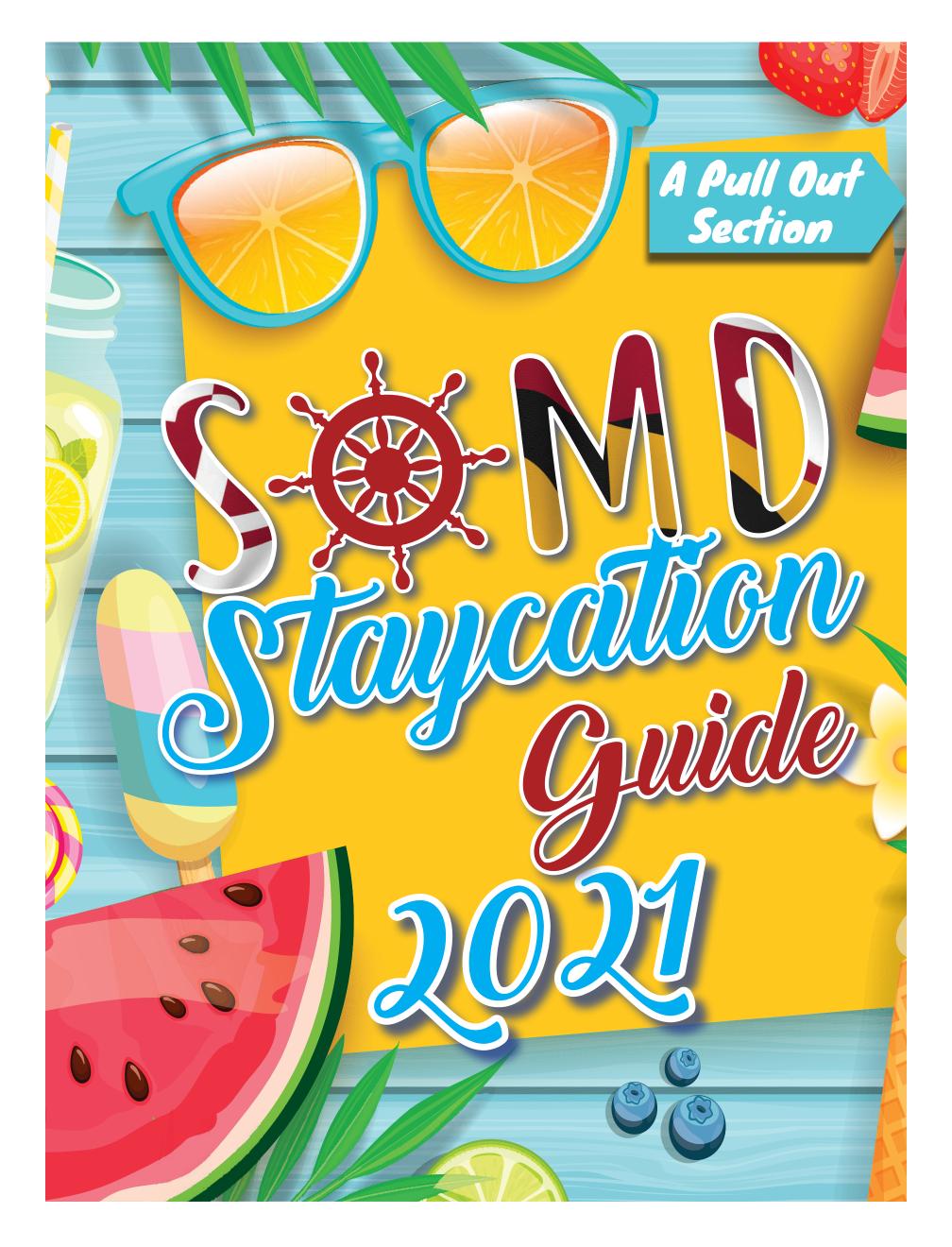
erick, MD, who ignored Cpl. Denton's orders. DFC Callison arrived on scene with K-9 Reaper. A K-9 scan of the vehicle resulted in a posi-



tive alert. A search of the vehicle revealed a hollowed-out pen containing white residue of suspected cocaine, a black Glock 22 .40 Caliber handgun and a silver Derringer .22 Caliber handgun along with two loaded Glock magazines. Goad was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Handgun in a Vehicle and two charges of CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

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







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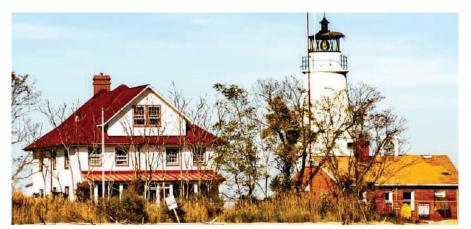
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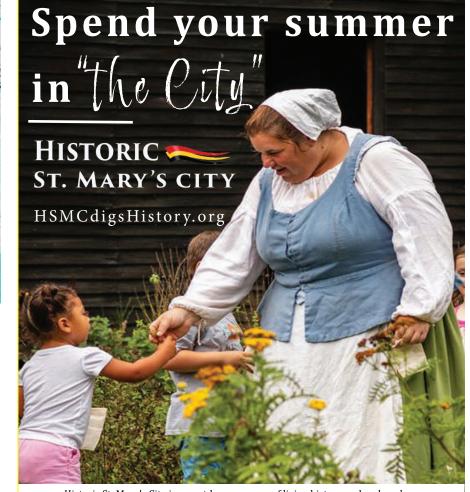
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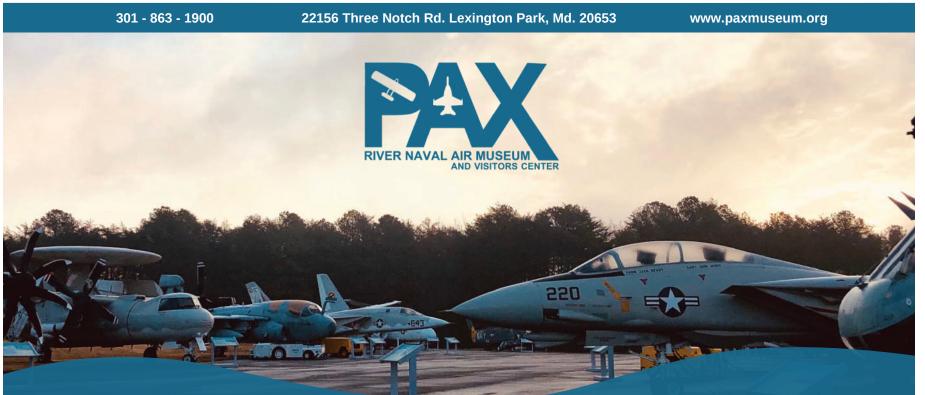


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By Dick Myers Editor

Tourism is one of Calvert County's main industries. Being close to three major metropolitan areas, Washington, Baltimore and Richmond, the county is ideally positioned to capture day trippers and people looking for a close-by weekend getaway. And those visitors are ideal for the economy because they don't require spending for schools, which makes up almost half of the county's budget.

Kelly Robertson-Slagle, director of Economic Development, the agency tasked with tourism, said, "Part of our marketing mix is promoting our quality of life: certainly, our attractions, the four destinations of the three museums and Annemarie Garden, plus the ability to get on the Bay, fishing and the cool stuff going on in the beaches and Solomons and everything in between."

But all of that also adds to the quality of life for people living here. "That's all part of it," Robertson-Slagle said. "People want to come and move into a community where they have a good quality of life and a sense of community. Certainly, good schools is another part of it, but it makes them comfortable, and they want to raise their family (here)."

These attractions have also been a godsend during the pandemic, giving families something to do when vacation travel was restricted. And the parks in the area have benefited from the pent-up demand. Robertson-Slagle said Calvert Cliffs State Park had its biggest year ever.

The attractions have weathered the pandemic and are looking forward to a busy summer as things begin loosening up. Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) Director Jeffrey Murray sees light at the end of the tunnel. "That is where we're headed. It's not going to happen overnight, but I do think that day by day, we are seeing positive and real change toward getting back to normal."

The museum was closed for four months at the beginning of the pandemic and then reopened with limited hours and capacity, social distancing and masks. "I think it went really well, given all of the constraints and unanticipated things that we had to deal with given COVID," Murray said, adding that Deputy Director Rachelle Green, "put together a really dynamite reopening plan that we put in front of the health department in June and then we got their approval to go ahead and open back up on July 15th."

Murray said they went virtual where they could. "We shifted as quickly as we could. We still had to cancel in-person summer camps and things like that, but we ended up doing virtual summer camps." He said the virtual program touched areas like Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore that they don't normally serve.

They also had to cancel sone of the larger events such as Solomons Maritime Festival, Shark Fest, PRAD (Patuxent River Appreciation Days) and their concert series, which is a big fundraiser.

They also recently cancelled the 2021 Waterside Concert series but are resolved for it to return next year, with one budgeted before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2022. They also hope to schedule sone smaller concerts this summer and fall.

They had to revise their budget, which is really three budgets: "county government, which supports our core staff and as well as our buildings and grounds; then we have what's called the board of governor's budget, which is a special revenue fund under Calvert County, which allows us to reinvest all of our mission and program revenue, things like summer camps, educational programs, fossil field experiences, lighthouse cruises."

Murray added, "So we had to make some real adjustments for the board of governors budget as well as for our nonprofit, which is the Calvert Marine Museum Society, because we were looking at admissions revenue at about half what it had previously been. And we were looking at running the nonprofit without concerts. And so, there was a lot of work put in by a lot of people."

One of the museum's properties, the Cove Point Lighthouse is owned by the county and operated by the Calvert Marine Society, which rents it out. That was one of the bright spots of the pandemic year with people seeking to escape the city with their families and friends for the peace and quiet of the Chesapeake Bay shoreline, "without masks and in a place where they can socially distance away from others," observed Murray.

Murray said the museum store has also been successful during the last year.

With the virtual events since they've reopened, he said, "The exhibition building was a bit empty. And then certainly after Christmas, when we had large spikes of the virus, there were issues. January, February were really lower attendance than we normally would have in those months. But those are our slowest months anyway. And in March, it really picked up and it started with our homeschool week, which was very well attended.

"Certainly, I think we have come through the pandemic, and it's certainly not over, in very good shape, both financially and in terms of our programs and what will be happening in the immediate future." He added, "We continue to open things up. We had our Drum Point Lighthouse, closed for the better part of 14 months, reopen on May 1. The Discovery Room, which is our kid's room, opened up on May 3. We opened up the Cove Point Lighthouse as of May 1. It's only open on Wednesdays and Sunday afternoons, but that is open." They also held the Solomons Maritime Festival with 800 attendees wearing masks, and socially distancing.

The museum will follow the guidance of Calvert County, which followed the governor's order and eliminated the requirement for masks as of last Saturday. "I have informed our staff that we could no longer enforce masks inside the building, but of course it is an individual choice on the part of our staff members that if they want to continue to wear their own masks, they certainly can."

They also have lessened the capacity re-



strictions and now are limiting it to 120 people at any one time, and they are encouraging online reservations.

One of the highlights this summer will be the return of Shark Fest on Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with regular museum admission. Among the activities, kids will be able to dig for shark's teeth in the Discovery Room.

There's plenty to see and do at the museum for adults, but it can be a really special place for kids. And Murray said the museum really caters to local visitors and has done so especially since reopening last summer. Kids gravitate to the museum's three river otters and the rays.

Murray said, "We have a big maritime history gallery that traces the history of Southern Maryland all the way from pre-European contact up to the present, with a great new exhibit that was put in about 18 months ago called "Recreational," which focuses on the post-World-War-II era of recreational boating, and fishing, as well as power boat racing.

He said in conjunction with Shark Fest, on July 1 they'll be opening a new shark exhibit, including the Megalodon, "the largest underwater predator in history." There will be a visual representation of that big boy.

Murray said of CMM, "It's just an amazing place. We have the William B. Tennyson, which is our Bugeye going out at 2 p.m. every day from Wednesday to Sunday during the summer, as well as our skipjack, which is our sailing vessel, which goes out on a special public cruises a couple times a month. And you can check out the website for ways in which you can participate in a sailing cruise." For more information go to http://www.cal-

vertmarinemuseum.com/

The museum also has oversight of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, which is undergoing renovation. Murray said it won't be ready to reopen this summer, but "we are certainly hoping to be open by the fall."

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center.

A few miles away on Dowell Road sits another major Calvert destination, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center. About the last year, Marketing Director Joann Foltz said, "It's actually been good. It's of course challenging because things have changed so much, and we were constantly changing throughout the year. We had to pivot on a lot of things. We were not open for a while and you had to rethink a lot of our events, but some of the changes we had to implement with admissions and things like that for our events actually turned out were improvements. So, there were lots of good things that came out of what was happening."

"The staff has been incredible, just going above and beyond, making things work and being creative and coming up with solutions for things and coming up with new ideas," she said.

Foltz said, "When things closed down, for some of our events we took to a virtual format, like our bad art night and lots of kids activities and classes, art lab classes, and different theme workshops. We tried to have a few meetup kinds of things, keeping our volunteers and members connected. And we sent out a survey at the beginning of everything to get how our community was feeling."

She added, "We made it through the challenging time and actually we saw that when things did open back up and people were able to come out, we actually did pretty well as far as people could feel safe in the outdoor setting."

Some of the changes probably will remain, Foltz said. "Some good things we may not have thought of, or maybe we thought perhaps wouldn't work, worked very well. With our admission systems and the ticketing and the online ticket sales, for the most part, with people not having to come in for our Garden in Lights, for example, where they came into the building to pay their admission, it actually made it a much easier process for people to buy their ticket ahead of time."

Even with the governor's order, Foltz said, "People are still required to wear their masks indoors. But as far as outdoors, masks are not required. We still want to make people feel safe and encourage them to just be aware of the people around them. We want to encourage people to just be considerate of others who may be anxious or whatever."





For this summer, Foltz said, "Near normal and actually enhanced." She explained, "We normally have camps every year and lots happening every day with camps, but not this year. Last year we started something called Enchanted Summer at the Garden. And so, we're doing that again this year. There are lots of activities that you can do all throughout the garden." They include

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hunting Fairy houses, and a "wild rumpus run on the path where kids can follow along with really bright-colored, active, whimsical prompts."

Foltz also said, "We have an outdoor exhibit of creatures in the garden. There are some sculptures and creations hidden throughout the garden."

They've reinvented the art lab. She said,

"We've had to have that area closed and that's our creative reuse space where people can come in and just make things and we have projects and things. We've taken that outside where visitors can just grab a kit and take it with them, and it has instructions, and they can do it."

Some new things this summer include "a really wonderful exhibit "Printmaking and beyond." A couple of the artists are going to come and do one- day workshops over the summer," Foltz said.

Also coming up is a "shine exhibit" dealing with lights which opens in June. Ongoing through May is their "Artists in Action" workshop with rotating visiting artists. "We have them all in our main gallery where they'll have a temporary studio space set up and people come and watch them work, it's really interesting, and chat with them."

Arts and crafts vendors have been hurting during the pandemic. Foltz said, "We usually have our makers markets every month. They're usually themed and we have those ongoing now, but we did a few virtual ones just to give the artists an opportunity to have something."

She added, "Even though we had to scale back on our ArtsFest last year, which we called Arts Walk, it still did give some of the artists an opportunity to have a place to

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show their work and have a space. So, we've gotten a lot of great feedback from the artists that are able to take part in what we're doing."

ArtsFest in September is one of their major events, and Foltz said, "Definitely everything's on target to do that again. We're having our markets over the summer. We had our Mother's Day market last weekend and that went very, very well. The artists are just really appreciative of having the opportunity to have someplace to show their work."

Coming up on June 5 is a free event with the Calvert Citizens Green Team. "That's just a day full of learning about sustainable living, healthy lifestyles. There'll be booths with organizations talking about different ways to save energy and be kind to the earth."

Foltz observed, "A lot of things that we're doing, we're trying to be family friendly, so the family can come out and there's something for everyone to enjoy."

Hours this summer are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Friday when they're open to 7 p.m.

For more information go to their website: https://www.annmariegarden.org/ annmarie2/

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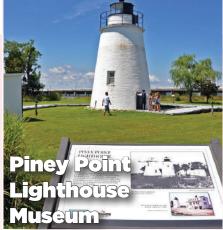


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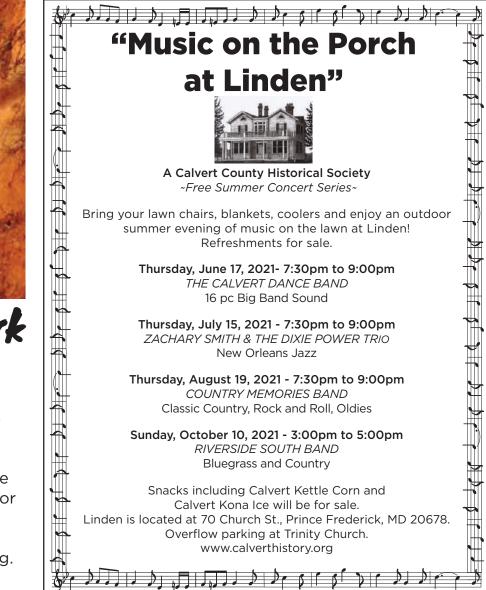
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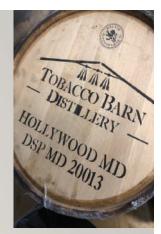
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Wander through antique shops and unique boutiques.



Shop a farmers market or roadside stand for local produce. **2**



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Visit an art gallery showcasing local talent.



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Calvert Library to Increase Access

Calvert Library is phasing in more access. On May 22, the onehour limitation on library use will be lifted. Building capacity limits will also be increased. Customers will still be asked to wear an appropriate mask over their nose and mouth and to maintain a social distance of 6' from others and help their children do the same.

On June 1, all library locations will be extending their walk-in building hours to Monday through Thursday, 10am to 7pm, Friday 1-5pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. Curbside services will continue to be offered during those times as well. When asked what facilitated this increase in hours, Executive Director Carrie Willson said, "We are now at the stage where most of our staff have been vaccinated, and we will be able to work confidently together without risking quarantining a large segment of our staff if someone becomes ill." She added, "We know morning library visits have been missed, particularly by some of our oldest and youngest customers. We are all very much looking forward to the return of those who couldn't come because of an afternoon nap time."

The Maryland Department of Health has advised that quarantining library materials be ended as of June 1. This will speed up the pace of getting new titles into borrowers' hands.

Vaccination rates in Calvert County continue to lag behind other areas of the state, thus the risk of transmission is higher, particularly among the vulnerable populations the library serves. Library leadership stays in close touch with the local Health Department about county numbers and recommendations. If the local pace of vaccinations continues and Calvert County reaches the state level of vaccinations, the library will be

able to open meeting rooms. The library currently hopes to make them available for reservations beginning in July. Small tutoring rooms and study rooms have been available for reservation since September, 2020.

Board of Library Trustees President Jeffrey Lewis said, "We are pleased to be able to phase in expanded access over the next several weeks. We are optimistic that our customers will continue to follow our requests for masking and social distancing so that we can stay accessible to all. We hope that our local vaccination rates continue to rise so we can confidently increase access." Executive Director Willson added, "If you know people who are still on the fence about getting vaccinated, have them join us and physician Michelle Folsom Elder for an online lunch conversation on Thursday, May 27 where you can bring your questions and concerns about the vaccine." Registration for this conversation is required to receive the Zoom link to participate live. It will also be streamed to Calvert Library's YouTube page. Call Calvert Library at 410-535-0291 or visit calvertlibrary. info for more information

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Press Release from Calvert Library.

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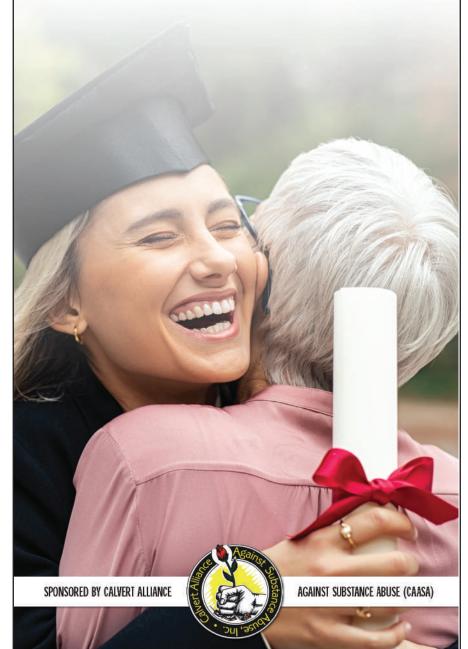
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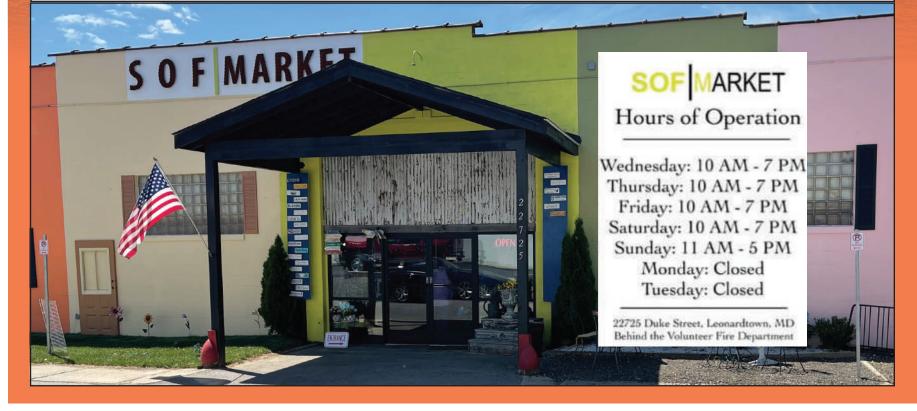
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Eleven Calvert Women Honored at 2021 Women of the World

On Saturday, April 17, 148 people joined the Calvert County Commission for Women (CCCW) and its six community partner organizations to celebrate the achievements and contributions of 11 outstanding Calvert County women at the 18th Annual Women of the World Celebration. Because the CO-VID-19 pandemic delay from Spring of last year, the 2020-2021 event was held virtually this year with the Calvert Library providing technical support.

Each year the Commission for Women awards fout Outstanding Achievements Awards. Nominations are sought community-wide in four categories: Advocacy, Business, Service and Woman of Tomorrow.

This year the recipients were:

For Advocacy - Lori Honey, Executive Director of Project Echo for her work with the homeless for many years;

For Business - Stacy Hutchinson, Associate Director of Administration and Facilities at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Chesapeake Biological Lab in Solomons for her work in helping to make a unique institution in Calvert County a leader in response to environmental concerns;

For Service - Joyce Freeland for her many community contributions with various organizations that have demonstrated her commitment to serving others over the years; and Diamond Lewis, Woman of Tomorrow who graduated from Northern High School in 2020 after demonstrating



Lori Honv



Stacy Hutchinson

outstanding leadership during her high school years and a bright future as she has moved on to college this year.

The CCCW also awarded a Special Award in Leadership to Terry Shannon, former County Administrator for her years of leadership to the county and her support for women and girls, and the Commission for Women during her years of service.

Six community partner organizations helped in the planning of WOW. Each recognized an outstanding volunteer who has provided leadership and many contributions to their organization. The WOW partner organizations and their 2020-2021 Women of the World Awardees are:

Calvert County Historical Society Christine Banks;

Calvert County Minority Business Alli- 'Mike' Miller, and Special Recognition ance: Christine Coates;

Community Mediation Center of Calvert Laverne Day;

Concerned Black Women of Calvert County-Norma Onley;

League of Women Voters of Calvert County – Sharron Bickel; and NAACP - Calvert County Branch -

Gladys Jones.

In addition to the Award presentations, this year's WOW included an Invocation delivered by Pastor Dottie Yunger of Solomons United Methodist Church, a Keynote Speech with Q&A delivered by Yun Jung Yang, chair of the Maryland Commission for Women and an immigration lawyer, a tribute to former State Senator Thomas

of former WOW partner organization, the Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth, which dissolved during 2020.

The 2020-2021 Women of the World was chaired and coordinated by Joan Dowell Winship, chair of the Commission for Women. Excellent technical support was provided by the Calvert Library and led by Robyn Truslow, Public Relations Coordinator.

For more information contact: Joan Dowell Winship , Chair, Calvert County Commission for Women; Email: jwinship@gmail.com; Tel: 202.494.2280

Press Release from Calvert County Commission for Women.





Terry Shannon



Joyce Freeland







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

Maryland in the Age of Sail *Virtual; 5 p.m.*

Join Mark Wilkins, CMM Curator of Maritime History, as he explores topics ranging from European influences, to the tobacco trade, to the Civil War on the Chesapeake and more, through the 20th century. Today's discussion will chronicle the transition from the sailing Navy to one made of iron. See why the bay was so important during the Civil War, and discover ways Confederate raiders tried to out-smart the Union blockade of the eastern seaboard. https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/235/Lectures

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult, this program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity is limited. No preregistration; sign up at the Admissions

Desk when you arrive. This program is offered three times per day to accommodate guests. For specific times, please visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Saturday, May 22

Toy Boat Building

Calvert Marine Museum; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Toy boat building, sponsored by the Patuxent Small Craft Guild, has been part of the museum for over 30 years. A \$2 donation per boat is requested. Museum admission is required. This activity is ideal for ages 5 and up and will take place outdoors in the Corbin Nature Pavilion. Capacity is limited; visitors will be accommodated on a first-come, firstserve basis.

Barbershop Concert *Virtual; 7:30 p.m.*

CSM's Barbershop Chorus, "Southern Mix," under the direction of Paul Douglass, is a choir specializing in traditional barber shop-style music and contemporary popular music. "Southern Mix" is a member of the national Barbershop Harmony Society. Although this ensemble is traditionally seen as a men's ensemble, CSM's chapter is open to men and women who have an interest in barbershop or close-harmony singing! Free. https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/05/barbershop-concert.html

Thursday, May 27

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Ongoing

Calvert Library Openings

Thanks to declining COVID-19 positivity numbers, Calvert Library is welcoming customers back in for short visits. Customers are still asked to keep visits as short as possible and no longer than an hour, wear an appropriate mask over your nose and mouth, maintain a social distance of 6' from others and help your children do the same. At all four library locations, in-person library hours will be Monday-Thursday, noon to 5pm, Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Curbside pickup appointments will continue Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appointments. Customers can also follow and interact with library staff on Facebook and Twitter. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website. Call 410-535-0291 or email getanswers@ calvertlibrary.info with any reference questions you may have.

Enchanted Summer at the Garden

Annmarie Sculpture Garden; May 1 -September 6

Enjoy a safe, outdoor, engaging experience where you will find a variety of low-touch, no-touch fun along the trails and paths of the sculpture garden. During the Enchanted Summer, daily visitors can explore the galleries; search for over 100 fairy houses; play in the Fairy Lolly Nature Play Space; build your own fairy house in the forest; search for gems and fossils at the Fairy Grove Mining sluice (additional fees apply); try the Wild Rumpus Run; enjoy unique photo opps along the trail; find the hidden Dragons Nest; search for the hidden tree pop paintings; and more! Grab your bug spray, pack a picnic blanket or chairs, and spend a fun, creative and active day at Annmarie. Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Details: www.annmariegarden.org



The Calvert County Times

In Remembran

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

Burl Cornelius Thompson



Burl Cornelius Thompson, 77, of Huntingtown passed away May 16, 2021 surrounded by family. He was born January 21, 1944 in Washington, DC to Burlen Cornelius and Doris Grace (Lightfoot) Thompson. Burl was raised in Kentland, MD and graduated from Bladensburg High School. He married his high school sweetheart Helen Dube on July 6, 1963 and they lived in Lanham before moving to Huntingtown in 1976. Burl was employed as a police officer for Prince George' County Police Department for 27 years, retiring in 1992. Following his retirement, he and Helen moved to Kodak, TN where they lived for 17 years before moving back to Calvert County. Burl was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and in his spare time he enjoyed collecting, competing in competitive shooting competitions, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Burl is survived by his loving wife Helen Thompson, children David Thompson and his wife Beth of Huntingtown, Michael Thompson and his wife Tiffany of Dunkirk, and Deborah Thompson Eisenberg and her husband Neil of West Friendship, MD, grandchildren Christopher Thompson and his wife Erin of Arnold, Kathleen, Elizabeth, and David Thompson, all of Huntingtown, Maya and Morgan Eisenberg of West Friendship, and Michael Thompson of Dunkirk, great-grandchildren Blake and Nolan Thompson of Arnold, and sister Delores Imblum of Salisbury, NC.

All services will be private for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, donations in Burl's name may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838,

Prince Frederick, MD 20678l 410-535-0892l Link:

https://calverthospice.org/

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Charles (Chuck) W. DeLong Sr.

Charles (Chuck) W. DeLong Sr.,

92, husband of Carlene M. DeLong,

Prince Frederick, MD (formerly of

Williamsport, PA) passed away at the

Calvert County Nursing Center on

Friday, May 7th, 2021. Born in Mil-

roy, PA on March, 25, 1929, he was

the son of the late John DeLong and

Chuck is survived by his wife, Car-

lene (Miller) DeLong, whom he mar-

ried on December 10th, 1966; one

Berdie (Zettle) DeLong.

son, Charles W. DeLong Jr., his wife Jennifer DeLong, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Chuck retired from Lonza after 39 years. He was a proud Army Veteran who loved to write music, play his guitar, and perform at Bluegrass gatherings. He was a member of Garden View Church of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10305;

www.parkinson.org

A grave side service will be held at Green Lawn Memorial Park, 62 Route 54 Highway, Montgomery, PA 17752 on May 20th, 2021 at 12 noon. Funeral arrangements are by

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Roberta Christine Schrom



Roberta Christine Schrom passed away May 07, 2021 at the Reston Hospital Center in Reston, Va. She was born in Cheverly, Maryland to William H. Schrom, Jr. and Ruth Elinor (Gruber) Schrom on October 06, 1952.

Raised first in Greenbelt and moved to Huntingtown, MD in 1962. Graduated from Calvert Sr. High in 1970 as valedictorian, attended and graduated from Western Maryland College in 1974 receiving the Cum Laude award.

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She taught mathematics for a year, then pursued her career with several Department of Defense Contractors mainly as a Computer Flight Simulation Programmer in Maryland and later Virginia. She was offered a position with the Houston Space Flight Center which she declined in order to live closer to her family.

Roberta was a generous and gifted person always reaching out to others. She traveled to Europe on several occasions and throughout the United States. She loved the boardwalk at Chesapeake Beach. She was very talented in painting, sketching and drawing from a photographic memory. Roberta lived a full life and lived it her way. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and church. It is times like this we all need to reflect on family and friends and celebrate her life.

Roberta is survived by her sister Barbara Ann (Schrom) Brady and husband Elmer Frank Brady of Huntingtown, MD, niece Amy Lynn Adams of Salisbury MD, niece Jennifer Ann Brady of Huntingtown, MD, nephews Matthew Nicholas Macey and Joshua Joseph Macey both of Huntingtown, MD, Nathaniel Jacob Macey of Floyd, VA, and niece Sarah Ann Macey. She is also survived by a great nephew Lukas Lee Macey and soon to be great niece Nevaeh Rose Macey. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother William H. Schrom III.

God bless the life and memory of Roberta C. Schrom.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: https://calverthospice.org/.

Interment is private.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rauch Funeral Home.











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