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Commissioners Approve Lowering Armory Square Density

Process to Take 4-6 Months

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has voted to begin the process of reducing the density allowed in a part of Prince Frederick. The area impacted is zoned New Town District and is largely comprised of land known as Armory Square, the former home of Calvert Middle School. The land was sold by the county to a development company.

That district's density was changed in 2015 from 14 units per acre, the density in the rest of the Prince Frederick Town Center, to 24 units per acre.

Subsequent to adoption of the update of the comprehensive plan in August of 2019, the commissioners initiated a change to reduce the New Town District density back to 14 units per acre.

The planning commission, however, rejected that request saying those decisions should be left to the town center update process, which was just getting ready to begin.

The commissioners could have rejected the planning commission recommendation but at the time chose not to do so.

The draft town center update plan does call for the reduction of the density to 14 units per acre.

The BOCC at their Sept. 28 meeting voted unanimously to begin that down-zoning process again ahead of finalization of the new Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan.

Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook said the process could take four to six months. The proposal will have to go to the planning commission for a recommendation. Recent comments from the planners indicate a desire to lower the density in the town center update process.

At the Sept. 28 meeting, Commissioner Kelly McConkey indicated that plans in the pipeline shouldn't be affected by



Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook

the commissioner decision. County Attorney John Norris said the commissioners could establish a grandfathering provision when they make their decision.

The timing could be critical, because the first phase of the Armory Square project is in the pipeline but has not yet reached the planning commission.

In monthly reports to the commission on projects in the pipeline, the Armory Square proposal is listed as:

"SPR-138176, Armory Square, located at 435 North Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick on 12.95 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District. This project proposes approximately 109,050 square feet of new commercial buildings, parking lots, utilities and related infrastructure. The submittal resumed agency review May 5, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates."

Since that appears to be a phase for just commercial development, it does not appear to be impacted by the reduction in residential density.

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Complete Streets Plan Endorsed for Calvert

Calls for Sidewalks, Crosswalks

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has endorsed a regional "Complete Streets" plan. The plan recommends 11 projects in Calvert and St. Mary's counties.

According to Tamara Blake-Wallace, a transportation planner in the Department of Planning and Zoning, "Complete Streets is a term used to designate the need for a street to function not only as a transportation route for vehicles. Streets should serve as a vibrant mechanism to connect people to places while accommodating all individuals and modes.

"The concept of Complete Streets encompasses many approaches to planning, designing, and operating roadways and rights of way with all users in mind to make the transportation network safer and more efficient."

A consultant was hired by the Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) to prepare the final draft of the plan.

According to the draft plan, "C-SMMPO became an urbanized area after the 2010 Census, when the population in the Lexington Park / California / Chesapeake Ranch

Estates region surpassed 50,000 residents. In keeping with federal requirements, a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) was formed to coordinate transportation planning for projects within urbanized areas that receive federal funding. The C-SMMPO also incorporates the Patuxent River Naval Air Station (NAS PAX)."

The plan prioritizes the 11 projects in the two counties and establishes cost estimates. The plan will be used to help secure federal funding for them.

Top priority in the plan is a more than \$1 million project for Tulagi Place in Lexington Park. The next three projects are in Calvert. They are:

- \$100,000 for Phase 2 of the Solomons Island sidewalk.
- \$300,000-\$400,000 for crosswalks on Patuxent Parkway.
- \$500,000 to \$1 million for a sidewalk along Appeal Lane in Lusby connecting the schools and the senior and community center.

To view the plan and videos from the recent public meetings go to <https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/1/messages/190184>

The C-SMMPO is expected to vote on the draft plan later this month.

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End Hunger Grant Application Approved

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners has approved applying for a state grant on behalf of End Hunger in Calvert County. The \$550,000 grant, if approved, will be used towards completing End Hunger's new \$7.3 million warehouse in Huntingtown. The project has been slowed because of the pandemic and construction supply chain problems.

The unanimous approval came after an Oct. 5 public hearing at which no one spoke.

According to a memo from Department of Community Resources Director Jennifer Moreland, her department "is coordinating an application with End Hunger in Calvert County, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to fund the continued construction of a 21,000 square-foot commercial-grade food storage and distribution center at 6021 Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown. End Hunger in Calvert County, Inc. is managing the project, and the county is the applicant."

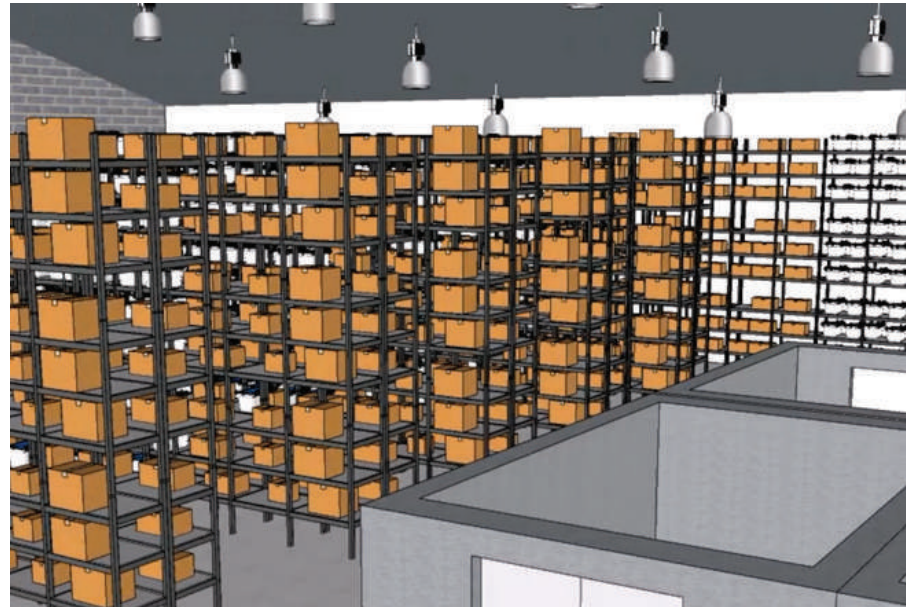
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This would be the second such grant for the project. "Their first CDBG grant in 2019 supported a portion of the structure and foundation costs, and these funds have been expended," Moreland reported.

End Hunger says the warehouse should be completed in October of 2022.

They say "The new End Hunger Warehouse will allow End Hunger to continue to serve as a Regional Distribution Center for The Maryland Food Bank, ensuring that a consistent food supply remains in our county.

"It will also serve as an asset to



Artist's rendering of End Hunger's new distribution space.

our community by providing shelter, resources, and other needs in the event of a natural disaster or other unforeseen incident.

"The End Hunger Warehouse project stands as a testimony that our values of compassion, service, and community will be passed onto future generations."

The main floor of the new warehouse would be for distribution

space. End Hunger says, "Building our own warehouse gives us the capability to customize design this area to better serve our Partner Feeding Organizations and increase our efficiencies."

It would, they say, "Facilitate food distribution of over 2 million pounds a year into Southern Maryland."

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North Beach Councilwoman Hagen Passes Away

By Dick Myers
Editor

North Beach Councilwoman Jane Hagen passed away October 1. Her obituary from Rausch Funeral home said Hagen passed away “peacefully in her sleep.” She was 80 years old.

Her passing was noted with sadness on the town website.

Hagen served as councilwoman from 2006-2010; was an Election Judge for the 2014 election; was appointed in 2016 to fill a vacant seat on the Town Council; and, was again elected in 2018 as Town Councilwoman.

The town notice said, “Jane has called North Beach her home and ‘little piece of heaven’ since 1999. In addition to being a steadfast Councilwoman, Jane was a member of the North Beach House and Garden Club, the Environmental Advisory Committee and was the founding vice-chair of the Bayside History Museum. She was a member of the Maryland Municipal League’s Legislative Committee, President of Southern Maryland Municipal Association twice and served as vice chair of the Bay Community Health Board of Directors. Jane was active in her church and enjoyed her friends and many activities at the North Beach Senior Center.”

Hagen attended the Sept. 8 town meeting and served as its chair in the absence of Mayor Mike Benton.

The town reported, “Jane happily volunteered for many community functions and was proud to be a public servant.”

It went on to say, “Mayor Mike Benton, members of the Town Council, and the staff of the Town of North Beach wish to extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Jane. We have enjoyed Jane’s camaraderie and friendship over the years, and she will be deeply missed.”



Hagen was born and raised in Bellingham, WA. She attended Western Washington University before working as a medical assistant to local general practitioners. Shortly thereafter, she married Jim Hagen, also of Bellingham, and they remained together for 32 years until his passing in 1992.

In her obituary, her children wrote: “Our mother regularly taught us life realities and lessons so as to prepare us for adult life. She taught us about religion: ‘You better pray that stain comes out of the chair.’ She practiced pride of workmanship: ‘I just finished cleaning, so if you’re going to kill yourselves you better do it outside.’ She was ironic: ‘Keep crying and I’ll give you something to cry about.’ And she was logical: ‘Fall off that swing and break your neck and you won’t be going to the movies with the rest of us.’”

The complete obituary for Hagen appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Blueprint Implementation Coordinator Approved

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has finalized the approval of the school board’s choice as implementation coordinator for the state’s education reform program, known as Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.

The commissioners, after haggling with the school board for more than a month, approved the selection of Kevin Michael, a school system administrator and the school board’s choice.

The BOCC originally balked at naming Michael, instead saying County Administrator Mark Willis should be selected since the commissioners are the funding authority (along with the state) and thus should have a say in the outcome of the costly implementation of Kirwan Commission reforms.

But in the end the two boards, after a joint meeting, compromised on standing up a committee which will work with Michael. Representatives of the committee will include members of the school system’s employee unions and also several selections from each board. The commissioners are soliciting interest from the public for appointment to the committee.

According to a memo from Willis at the Oct. 5 BOCC meeting, “The Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education was a multi-year initiative to re-

search and develop major funding and policy reforms intended to improve the quality of Maryland’s public education system. Legislation was passed in Annapolis that requires local action. Specifically, the BOCC and Calvert County Board of Education are to appoint a local Implementation Coordinator (the “Blueprint for Maryland’s Future”) for each fiscal year 2022 through 2026. Additionally, the BOCC and BOE agreed to appoint a Calvert County Blueprint Implementation Committee. It was decided that the Committee would have a membership that represents the citizens, teachers, and educational support staff.”

The BOCC at the meeting approved a Joint Resolution “that reflects the composition and responsibilities of the Calvert County Blueprint Implementation Committee.”

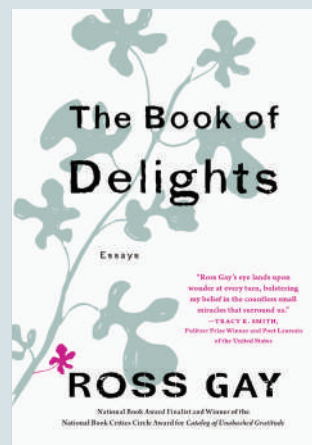
“Interested stakeholders will have a meaningful role in defining key milestones to be achieved for each year of the implementation period,” Willis said.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance noted the importance of implementing the Kirwan Commission recommendations and the BOCC felt they needed a stake in the decision-making process.

School Board President Inez Claggett attended the BOCC meeting and thanked the commissioners for coming to the agreement.

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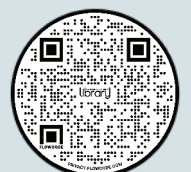


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Domestic Violence:

By Dick Myers
Editor

"There's just so many people out there to help, but not everyone knows about it, or they don't feel comfortable reaching out." The speaker was Sharon DiMaggio, who is the Calvert County Sheriff's Office orders of protection specialist and victim services coordinator. The "It" she was referring to is domestic violence.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month around the country. And in case anyone believes it's not an issue in Calvert County, consider that in the past year the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office handled 362 domestic violence cases involving people in intimate relationships, married or otherwise. All cases don't reach the court system. The sheriff's office had 965 cases so far this year, including incidents involving all family members.

To recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Commission on Women and the Center for Change, is participating in a program called "The Number 1 Thing," wrote State's Attorney Bob Harvey in a release. "What is the Number 1 Thing that I can do in my home, in my neighborhood, or in my workspace to put an end to domestic violence?"

"It can be as little as speaking to your children, to your neighbors, or to your coworkers about the problem of domestic abuse. It can be providing support, financial or otherwise, to your local domestic violence shelter. Frankly, it can be anything you can think of."

Harvey went on to say, "Whatever it is, take steps to put your ideas into action. Domestic violence is a serious problem in America. It affects an estimated 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men. It can take the form of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, or economic abuse. It affects all age and economic groups."

Today (Thursday, October 7) at 6 p.m. there will be a Domestic Violence Awareness Community Event at the Circuit Courthouse in Prince Frederick. Harvey said, "Please take the time to attend this event and learn what you can do to address the problem of domestic violence in our county."

Harvey spoke about the subject recently to the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. He said, "At a time when some are attempting to silence victims of domestic abuse, I'm working to ensure that their voices are heard and their stories get told."

A victim of domestic violence told The County Times: "I was young, and didn't know any better. I got involved with a man who promised to change my world. He definitely did, that's for sure just not the way I expected. I knew it quickly, but I felt I couldn't turn back. For nearly 10 years, I was emotionally, physically and sexually abused.



State's Attorney Robert Harvey

"One day, it seemed like I had a snap of reality. I didn't want to live like that anymore. The wheels started turning in my head a little differently this time. I started going to therapy, it was the best thing I ever did but the realization was harder to handle than I was expecting. I then realized just how poorly I had been treated, and how much of my life I wasted because I wasn't strong enough to stand up for myself. I was told about the shelter, and that it was a place I could escape to when I was ready.

"The day my breaking point occurred, I fled the house with my children and called the number I was given. I was told because I wasn't 'in fear for my life' at that moment that I couldn't stay there. I sat in my car and cried - really not knowing what to do at this point. I felt even more alone and scared. I ended up calling the number back and asking to speak to my counselor. She had to explain my situation for me, and they finally allowed me to stay there.

"The shelter was MY home, my saving grace. Something he couldn't take away from me. Something he couldn't control or use against me. I got a job for the first time and managed to find a lawyer who had a fee structure for people just like me. I felt empowered for the first time in my life. It took nearly a year to work through the legal process, and I was still living in the shelter with my children. I remember the day the judge finally made the ruling on the biggest battle my attorney and I had fought. A huge sigh of relief. It wasn't over just yet, but we were able to coast.

"That was over a decade ago. Today I have my Bachelor's Degree and a career. I'm not as strong as I want to be, but he has never and will never have that power over me. My life is completely different, all because one conversation changed how I viewed the world."

Some of the people who The County Times interviewed for this article conceded that domestic violence for a long time was a local problem that was swept under the rug. They, however, feel things have gotten better in recent years.

DiMaggio said she got involved with

the issue more than 20 years ago when she and her then seven-year-old daughter volunteered with Safe Harbor, the county's domestic violence shelter.

"It was something I thought that would be really important to do with my daughter to give back to the community, to serve the community in some way."

Regarding domestic violence being a background issue, DiMaggio said, "I think that we're making strides to change that though. I think we've come a long way from back in the early 90's, when I volunteered with my daughter to now in 2021. A lot of efforts have been made to raise awareness. And I think that social media has played a huge part in that because you can reach so many people."

DiMaggio is instituting domestic abuse training for all new county hires. "All employees will know that if they themselves are in an unhealthy relationship, that there are resources out there, and we don't want them to go through it alone. There are advocates, there's abuser intervention training, there's the shelter if needed. It's so important because our workplace is affected as well. It can affect work productivity, work quality, attendance, the health of our employees."

She added, "Statistics have shown that in any kind of mass shootings and workplace violence, it's not unusual for perpetrators to actually have a domestic violence history."

One of the workplace settings that have received a lot of publicity recently is sports. DiMaggio is a big fan of the non-profit foundation called "onelove," which was created, she said, "after the death of Yardley Love in 2010. She lived in Maryland. She went to school in Virginia, and she was murdered by her ex-boyfriend. She was a lacrosse player and her family after her death and talking to friends and family, they all noticed red flags, but they didn't know what they were seeing. So, they created this amazing foundation that has free online resources, how to start the conversation about domestic violence."

DiMaggio explained, "We have the mobile crisis team through Calvert Behavioral Health. They can be dispatched out to a domestic violence scene if necessary." She said the deputies who respond make an assessment of the severity of the problem, and if warranted, they will call Calvert Center for Change, "which is our domestic violence and sexual assault victim service provider in Calvert County through Calvert Behavioral Health. And they give an opportunity to safely plan and to see if they need some place safe to go immediately. And, if not, they can have an advocate follow up with them to provide safety planning when they're ready or any additional services or court accompaniment, and counseling for free for themselves and their children."

DiMaggio added, "So we're very proactive. We want to make sure everyone knows from on the scene that there's

help out there. And, they don't have to go through it alone."

DiMaggio steps in to originate protective orders. But she said, "Not every order of protection comes as a result of a call for service. Some people go and file an order of protection on their own." In that case, she said, "I call the petitioner to reach out to them and make sure they know of all the county resources that are available to them. And when I say all the resources, not only the victim service providers and the shelter, but even such things as clothing and food, to the food banks, and ways to get clothing, because some people leave, and they have nothing."

She observed, "That's why so many people stay because they may be dependent on the other party."

If need be, there's the shelter, Safe Harbor. "It's so important to let victims know that they do have a safe place to go. And they are 24/7."

As evidence of the coordination network in the county, DiMaggio said at a recent state meeting to "brainstorm ways to get education awareness out in our communities and how to prevent the loss of lives through domestic violence," 10 of the 59 attendees were from Calvert.

"We're really hoping that we can make a difference statewide, not just county-wide," she said.

In an interview with the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Clinical Supervisor for Calvert Center for Change (formerly Crisis Intervention Center) Erin Wilkings observed that Calvert is a close-knit community and "many of our organizations work very closely together."

Wilkings explained, "I previously worked with the chronic mental illness and substance abuse populations. This helped me to understand just how many people have been impacted by domestic violence and sexual violence, as these are common issues within both those populations."

DiMaggio noted that after the honeymoon phase of a relationship, "tensions have reached their peak and the abusive incident occurred, and it doesn't have to include physical violence necessarily. And then, after that there's the reconciliation phase where maybe the abuser's apologizing, begging the victim to believe that it won't happen again. They may blame the victim for the abuse. They may be sending them flowers, giving them gifts and just promising they'll never do it again." And then the cycle returns all over again.

Sometimes children and animals are in the mix. "Children are resilient," she said. "However, I think they have more success at the end if they have connections with good resources that can support them when they are in a household in which domestic violence is prevalent. But if a child has adverse childhood experiences, such as domestic violence, there is a 50 percent likelihood to grow up as an

'The Number 1 Thing'

adult who's either an abuser or a victim themselves."

As for animals, domestic abuse shelters don't allow them. But the Calvert animal shelter has a program that will accept pets on a case-by-case basis.

Captain Tim Fridman heads the sheriff's office Criminal Investigation Division, which handles domestic violence calls. He said if there's a reluctant victim, "Sometimes they have a choice and sometimes they do not. If there are injuries or we see visible signs of injuries, we believe that there is going to be future injuries, then we make an arrest, regardless. Maryland law dictates that we have to make an arrest in domestic violence cases."

Without the victim's cooperation, they investigate the crime scene, he said. "It's a statewide protocol that officers are trained in strangulation determination."

Michael Gerst, an assistant state's attorney who handles domestic violence cases, said when he gets a case, "I look it over to determinate if the charges are appropriate or more charges have to be added. And then, if necessary, our investigator would conduct any follow-up investigation that's necessary. The state

police or sheriff's department personnel would do any follow-up interviews that would be necessary. If it's a misdemeanor or level case, if there are no felonies or if there's no other reason to bring it up to the circuit court, its stays in the district court for prosecution. If there are felony charges, then depending on how the case came about either the case will be presented to the grand jury for an indictment or in rare circumstances a criminal information would be filed bringing the case from the district court to the circuit court for prosecution."

Asked if his office treats domestic violence cases as serious matters, he responded, "We do. Fortunately, in Calvert County we did not have the levels of attempted murder or obviously murders that are present in other areas of Maryland. But domestic violence usually are the types of cases where they start small, and over time, as things progress, when you're dealing with spouses, significant others, unfortunately, the levels of violence increase. And that's why domestic violence cases are so important to handle from the outset, when possible, because you want to try, at the very least, get protection for the injured person, and to

make sure that the court orders are being enforced."

"I can tell you that in speaking to Mr. Harvey, he's actually seeking additional funding for next fiscal year to obtain additional services for victims, and just in general for the domestic violence unit, so that we can better serve the citizens of Calvert County or victims, to ensure they have everything that is necessary to see these prosecutions," Gerst said.

Victim Advocate in the State's Attorney's Office Allison Baker said about the sometime reluctance of victims to report it. "I think a lot of it has to do with the cycle of abuse. It's almost like there's a circle that goes round and round. There are periods of violence and then periods of apology and then periods of trying to make up for the violence. And then there's like a happy period and that's where you think everything's going to be okay. And they're going to change and that's going to be different. And then it goes right back around to the violence again."

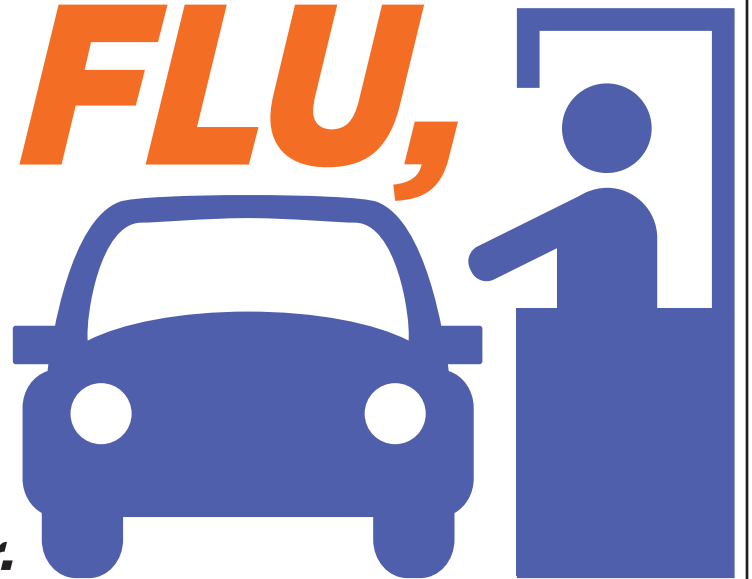
By the time an abuse is reported it is rarely the first time. DiMaggio said as to why the victims continue in an abusive relationship, "Because the abuse may be terrible, but they're alive. If they really



believe that the person could potentially kill them, they may stay, and if they believe that their children will be physically abused, mentally abused, they will stay oftentimes. And then you have the pet factor in there as well. And what we need to start asking is instead of putting the blame on a victim, why do they stay? Why don't we ask, why did the abusers abuse, who is witnessing the abuse and not saying anything, who has an opportunity to reach out to their friend, family member, coworker to say, hey, this is not acceptable. There are resources to help you. There's a better way. You can learn to do things differently in a healthy manner."

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Sentence Imposed for Third-Degree Sex Offense

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey has announced that George Andrew Taylor, 36, of Waldorf was sentenced on Sept. 27 for the crime of third-degree sex offense. Taylor received a sentence of 10 years, suspended down to five years of active incarceration. The sentence was made to run consecutively to a sentence Taylor received in Charles County. All told, he will be required to serve a total of 15 years.

Taylor pleaded guilty in August



George Andrew Taylor

to having inappropriate sexual contact with a family friend. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca N. Cordero.

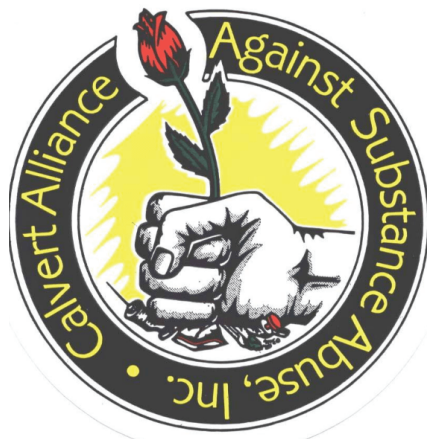
Press Release from Office of Calvert County State's Attorney.

April Drug Take Back Day a 'Huge Success'

Calvert County residents on April 24 disposed of approximately 160 lbs. of unused and expired medications in an effort to keep them from falling into the wrong hands and being misused. Collections from the three community center sites included 62 bottles of opioid pain medications, over 550 bottles of non-opioid prescription medications, 135 bottles of over the counter medications and cough syrup and various other items, such as patches, inhalers, and pet medications.

The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAA-SA) in partnership with Calvert County Department of Parks and Recreation, Calvert County Sheriff's Office and Calvert County Behavioral Health sponsored the April 24th event in an effort to help residents safely dispose of medications, provide prevention information and Narcan training to those who visited the collection sites.

"Those who stopped by the sites were appreciative of our efforts and given free Deterra® prescription drug disposal packets and information on the county's 24/7 drop box locations," stated Debbi Mister, president of CAA-SA Board of Directors.



CAASA encourages residents to dispose of their unused/expired medications regularly at the drop boxes located at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, 30 Church Street, Prince Frederick or the Maryland State Police, Barrack "U", 210 Main Street, Prince Frederick. Sharps containers can be disposed of at the Sheriff's Office in the marked drop box or at the Solid Waste Convenience Centers in marked containers. Additionally, certain pharmacies will accept the return of medications. To find a pharmacy near your, visit <https://apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e2s1>.

Press Release from Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of September 20 – September 26, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,454 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 21-53622

On September 21, 2021, DFC Flynt responded to the 900 block of Alameda Drive in Huntingtown, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised she went to retrieve a UPS package on the ground beside her mailbox, which had a hole in it and an Apple watch had been stolen. The value of stolen property is \$400.00.

Theft: 21-54207

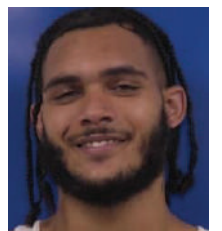
On September 24, 2021, Deputy Grierson responded to the 12600 block of Santa Rosa Circle in Lusby, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised a FedEx package had been delivered to the residence and was damaged and slightly torn. It was discovered that the package containing AirPods was empty and the AirPods had been stolen. The value of stolen property is \$175.00.

ARRESTS

On September 20, 2021, DFC B. DeLeon conducted a traffic stop in the area of 2200 block of S. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **George Dale Scruggs II**, 29 of Lusby, MD, a large orange knife was observed on the dashboard of the vehicle. Scruggs and his passenger, **Alexis Hope Smith**, 23 of Lusby, MD, were asked to exit the vehicle. A K9 search of the vehicle revealed and a glass smoking device "crack pipe" and copper wiring. A search of Scruggs person revealed crack cocaine hidden in his buttocks and a search of Smith revealed a one dollar bill with suspected crack cocaine hid-

den inside her person. Scruggs and Smith were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

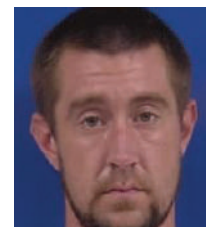
On September 21, 2021, Deputy Aranda a conducted a traffic stop along Rt. 4 at Hickory Ridge Road in Dunkirk, MD on a vehicle traveling at speeds of 100+ MPH. Upon making contact with the driver, **Ahman Rah Page**, 21 of Silver Spring, MD and passenger, **Dwayne Allen McClaine**, 22 of Clinton, MD, a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed, a loaded black, Smith & Wesson M&P Shield .40 Caliber Semi-Automatic Handgun, a box of 9 MM Luger full metal jacket rounds, and a grinder containing marijuana flakes. Page was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm, Loaded Handgun in a Vehicle, Handgun in a Vehicle, and Illegal Possession of Ammunition. Dwayne Allen McClaine was also transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Identity Fraud to Avoid Prosecution, Obstructing and Hindering and False Statement to a Peace Officer along with other traffic related charges.



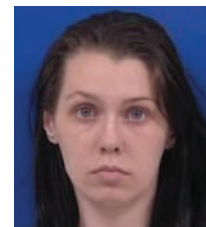
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Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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Budget-Friendly Dining Room Renovation Ideas

If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the dining room may be akin to one of its arteries. The mood created in the kitchen spreads to the dining space where family and friends gather to eat and enjoy one another's company.

Dining rooms can get lost in the home renovation shuffle, as many homeowners tend to focus on renovating kitchens and bathrooms instead. Homeowners do not have to invest a lot of money in renovations to give their dining spaces awe-inspiring makeovers. Here's how to do so on a budget.

• Lighten and brighten.

Dining rooms were once very formal spaces. Dark woods, large pieces of furniture, over-the-top chandeliers, and other details could be found in many homes. But now that houses are being built with open floor plans, dining rooms can blend with other spaces, which have moved to lighter colored walls, flooring and furniture. A fresh coat of vibrant paint can work wonders and it doesn't cost much. If you can't remove a floor, cover it with a brightly colored area rug.

• Switch things up with slipcovers.

Slipcovers can be changed each season to dramatically alter the look of a dining room for little investment. Slip

covers also protect chairs and can be easily laundered after spills.

• Add floating shelving.

Floating shelves provide much-needed storage or display space without the need to invest in another piece of furniture. Depending on the shelving, they can work in modern design schemes or even farmhouse dining spaces.

• Clear out the clutter.

It might be time to say "so long" to that large curio cabinet and the knick-knacks within it. Curio and china cabinets used to be de rigueur, but plenty of people now prefer more open and airy dining rooms. For those who want to keep the cabinet, try decluttering inside to only include the very best display pieces and see if the cabinet can be refinished with paint or a lightly colored stain.

• Improve lighting.

Make the chandelier the statement piece of the space. Go for a bold color or an innovative design. Then add accessories throughout the space that coordinate with the chandelier.

• Add bench seating.

Those who need additional seating may not have to get entirely new furniture. Swap out some chairs for benches, which can fit a couple more guests



than chairs.

• Create depth with color.

HGTV says that using various shades of the same color in a space can add depth. Coordinate drapes, walls, seat fabrics, and accessories for a cohesive

design.

Renovating a dining room doesn't require a large investment of time and money. A few simple steps can give dining spaces a whole new feel without busting homeowners' budgets.

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Quick and Simple Ways to Make a Front Door Pop



Visitors' impressions of a home are often dictated by the home's entryway. Much as one may judge a book by its cover, the same can be said about the impression that a front door and entryway can create, regardless of how accurate that impression is.

Making certain changes to an entryway can go a long way toward improving curb appeal. Entryways also can set the scene for a home's interior. Whether one chooses to be classic or bold, modern or traditional, there are various ways to quickly transform a home's entryway.

• Bold front door color

Color can dramatically enhance an entryway. Painting an existing door or replacing it with a more vivid option can do the trick. The DIY Network says certain colors stand out as favorites. These include turquoise, yellow, red, indigo, orange, and black. The door color should complement the other shades of the home, such as those on siding and trim.

• Custom walkway

Guide guests right to the front door with an attractive (and safe) walkway. Stamped concrete or decorative paver blocks may fit the bill. This walkway can extend to the street or to the driveway.

• Contain plants.

Landscaping around the entryway should be neat and well-tended. Overgrown plants or shrubbery may give off an air of neglect. Container plants and carefully curated shrubs can create a neat and inviting aura.

• Highlight the address.

Make sure the home can be found easily with bold and decorative house numbers. Consider two different address signs: one illuminated and easily viewed from the curb, and another closer to the front door.

• Utilize high-end materials.

The relatively small area of real estate by the front door enables homeowners to splurge on more opulent materials that can really add a feeling of luxury. These can include colorful tiles, ornate planters, decorative wooden doors, or elaborate knobs and lighting fixtures.

• Add architectural details.

Find out which architectural elements will meld with the style of the home and then incorporate them. Moldings, columns, shutters, and trim are areas to consider.

The entryway to a home garners a lot of attention. Homeowners can enhance their spaces with entryways that really make a statement.



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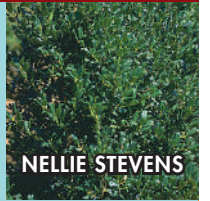
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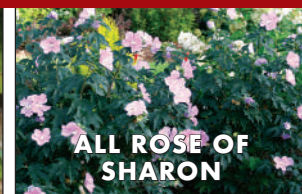


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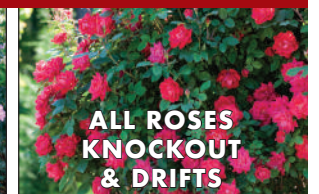
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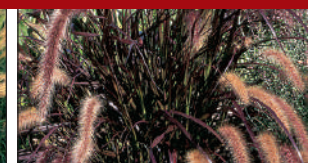
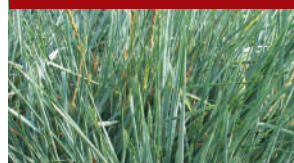
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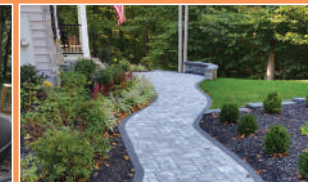
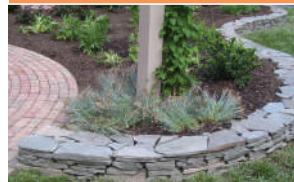
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Each weekend in spring, summer and fall, millions of homeowners fire up their mowers and cut the grass in their yards. A few hours spent mowing the lawn can be a great time to get some sun and some exercise in the great outdoors.

As fall gradually transitions to winter, homeowners may wonder when to stop mowing their lawns. Each lawn is different, and when to stop mowing may depend on a host of factors, including local climate and the type of turf. In addition to climate and turf, homeowners can keep an eye on these conditions to determine when the time is right to put their mowers away for the winter.

• Frost

Warm-season grasses typically go dormant after a couple of significant frosts. Homeowners can jot down each frost during fall. Frosts are most noticeable in the early morning hours, so be sure to check lawn conditions each morning as the weather begins to grow cold. Frost may be noticeable without even going outside, but homeowners may need to go outside to check on chilly mornings or on days when the previous night was especially cold. If you must go outside, stay off the grass to protect it. Two or three frosts might be enough to make warm-season grasses go dormant for the winter. Cool-season grasses may keep growing and require mowing even after a few frosts, so it's imperative that homeowners determine which type of grass is in their yards.

• Soil temperature

If it's hard to determine if frosts have occurred, homeowners can try checking the temperature of their soil to decide if they need to keep mowing. The lawn care experts at Pennington recommend homeowners continue mowing warm-season grasses so long as they keep growing. Lawns may not grow as quickly in fall as they do in spring or summer, and growth may not be as visible to the naked eye during this time of year as it is in other times. Homeowners can routinely check soil temperature to determine if their grasses have stopped growing. Warm-season grasses tend to stop growing once the soil temperature is consistently at 55 F or below, while cool-season grasses tend to stop when temperatures are 45 F or lower.

Falling leaves have long been a barometer used by homeowners to determine if they need to keep mowing their lawns. That's not necessarily a reliable metric, as grass can still keep growing even if leaves have been falling for weeks. In addition, using a mulching mower when leaves begin falling is a great way to provide the lawn with nutrients it can use throughout the winter. Some trees shed their leaves more quickly than others, but it's a good rule of thumb that lawns will need to keep being mowed if trees are still retaining more than half their leaves.

A host of factors can help homeowners determine when it's safe to put their mowers away for the winter.

Prepare Your Deck For Winter

Homeowners often take steps to winterize the interior of their homes in the weeks before winter's arrival, but such efforts should extend to the outside of a home as well.

Decks make for great gathering places when the weather permits. Decks are where many people spend their free time and eat their meals come spring and summer, when the temperatures climb and the sun sets well into the evening. But as summer turns to fall, homeowners must take measures to protect their decks from potentially harsh winter weather.

• Inspect the deck for problems.

Decks tend to be used more often in summer than any other time of year. That makes fall and early winter an ideal time to inspect for wear and tear and any additional issues that may have cropped up throughout the summer. Damaged boards and loose handrails should be fixed before winter arrives, especially for homeowners who plan to use their decks in winter. Fixing such issues in winter and even into spring may be difficult thanks to harsh conditions, so

make good use of the relatively calm autumn weather to fix any issues on the deck.

• Clear the deck of potted plants.

Even homeowners who intend to use their decks in winter should remove potted plants from the deck in the fall. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that moisture can get trapped between deck boards and plastic, wood or ceramic containers in cold weather, and that can contribute to mildew, discoloration or decay.

• Store unnecessary furniture.

Homeowners who like to sit on their decks in winter will no doubt want to leave some furniture out over the winter. But those with lots of furniture for entertaining guests can likely move the majority of that furniture into a garage or shed for the winter. HGTV notes that doing so will prevent the potential formation of blemishes on the deck that can result from inconsistent weathering.

• Remove snow, but do so carefully.

Prolonged contact with snow and ice can damage a deck. As a result, homeowners should clear

snow from their decks when accumulation is significant. HGTV recommends using a snow blower on the deck to avoid scarring. If a shovel must be used, push snow with the planks to reduce the risk of damaging the deck.

Homeowners who take steps to protect their decks throughout the winter months can ensure these popular areas are ready once entertaining season returns in the spring.



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Public Forum Set on Parks and Recreation Plan

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation will hold a public forum to receive input regarding updates to the Calvert County Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP). The public forum will be held as a virtual and in-person hybrid meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Interested persons can attend the meeting virtually or in person by registering online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/LPPRP. The in-person meeting will be held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick.

The Calvert County LPPRP guides land conservation and development of outdoor recreation opportunities over the next five years. The plan will set a vision to integrate planning of the county's amenities, natural resource conservation, recreation land use and open space. The current LP-



PRP and additional information is available for review online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/LPPRP.

Citizens who are unable to attend, can view the meeting at a later date on the Calvert County Government website at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Videos and Calvert County Government Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd.

For updates on Parks & Recreation services, park availability, field closures and more visit Parks & Recreation at www.Facebook.com/CalvertCountyParks.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Ribbon Cutting for Dunkirk Park Playground



The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners held a ribbon cutting ceremony Sept. 30 to celebrate the new Dunkirk District Park playground. The new playground theme is "Chesapeake Bay: Above and Below Water" showcases two iconic Calvert County structures: the W.B. Tension and the Drum Point Lighthouse.

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Patuxent River Appreciation Day Returns This Saturday



PRAD 2019 guests enjoying Drum Point Lighthouse Boat Basin activities. Photo courtesy of CMM.

Patuxent River Appreciation Day (PRAD), one of Southern Maryland's longest running festivals, celebrates its 43rd year on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Calvert Marine Museum. All members of the family can enjoy the fun from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Museum admission is FREE all day.

This year's event will feature a weekend's-worth of fun all in one day, with extended hours and a River Party from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., featuring local favorites Wylder and Robbie Boothe performing live at the PNC Waterside Pavilion at 5 p.m. Festivities begin at 10 a.m., with food vendors, live music, boat rides, children's activities, and arts vendors. For the first time, a limited number of resale and flea market vendors will also be included.

Guests are invited to sample local beer and wine, while grabbing a bite to eat from a variety of food vendors and enjoy live music throughout the day. The complete lineup of performers at the museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion is as follows:

- 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Jay Armsworthy and the Eastern Tradition
- 1p.m. - 2 p.m., Groove Span
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Pond Scum
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., RIVER PARTY featuring Wylder and Robbie Boothe

Explore the museum grounds to visit dozens of nonprofit and community groups that celebrate the Patuxent River in a variety of ways. There will be exhibits, demonstrations, and displays about recycling, oyster farming, native plants, local wildlife, and more that help keep

our area a wonderful place to live and play.

Head over to the Drum Point Lighthouse and surrounding boat basin for even more fun! Children can build their own toy boats, and the whole family is encouraged to enjoy free cruises aboard the Wm. B. Tennison and Dee of St. Mary's. Take a ride in a rowboat or pedal boat, or even try your hand at navigating a remote-control sailboat.

There's more to discover inside the museum, with many exhibits offering additional interactive experiences for the day. Don't forget to stop at the Museum Store to get a head start on holiday shopping with new and unique items that celebrate the paleontology, estuarine biology, and maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding waterways.

PRAD brings together and reflects the continuing commitment of the community, Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, Calvert Marine Museum, and other organizations that share a desire to preserve the Patuxent River and to celebrate its positive influence on the area's quality of life in the past, present, and future. By bringing these people together in a public forum, PRAD organizers hope to grow local support of the environmental programs and tourism activities surrounding the Patuxent River and its tributaries. This longtime event would not be possible without the support of its sponsors: The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, Calvert Marine Museum, Calvert County Waterman's Association and Holiday Inn Solomons.

Press Release from Calvert Marine Museum.



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The half-mile dash is for children ages 6 and younger. Participants will run on the grassy area just beside the Calvert Marine Museum parking lot.

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Calvert Community Calendar

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Thursday, October 7

Transfer Thursdays

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

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

Friday, October 8

NDCT 'Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds'

Long Beach Community Center, 5845 Calvert Blvd., St. Leonard, 7 p.m.

Shy Matilda Hunsdorfer, nicknamed Tillie, prepares an experiment involving marigolds raised from seeds exposed to radioactivity for her science fair project. Plagued by her alcoholic mother, Beatrice, and unstable sister Ruth, Tillie retains hope and manages to blossom in her toxic and unconven-

tional family. For tickets, visit www.ndctheater.org.

Saturday, October 9

Patuxent River Appreciation Day (PRAD)

Calvert Marine Museum, 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The museum is open and FREE to the public. Festivities include food vendors, live music, boat rides, children's activities, and local vendors. This year's event will contain a weekend's worth of fun, all in one day, with extended hours and a River Party from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Local bands Wylder and Robbie Boothe will perform live at the PNC Waterside Pavilion beginning at 5 p.m. Find more information for the day on our Facebook page or at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/PRAD.

NDCT 'Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds'

Long Beach Community Center, 5845 Calvert Blvd., St. Leonard, 7 p.m.

Shy Matilda Hunsdorfer, nicknamed Tillie, prepares an experiment involving marigolds raised from seeds exposed to radioactivity for her science

fair project. Plagued by her alcoholic mother, Beatrice, and unstable sister Ruth, Tillie retains hope and manages to blossom in her toxic and unconventional family. For tickets, visit www.ndctheater.org.

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's Annual Spirit and Steeds Fall Festival

7940 N. Flint Hill Rd, Owings, MD; 2-7 p.m.

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spirits-steeds-2021-tickets-162984756795>

Spirits & Steeds is Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's annual fall festival! Located in our arena, over thirty local breweries, distilleries, wineries, artisans, and vendors come together to create a large, open-air market for visitors to enjoy. Come to the farm and enjoy supporting FHHR and some of our favorite local businesses! We will also be joined by award winning author, Valerie Ormond!

Visitors 21 and over can purchase a Drink Ticket for \$25 and includes a free FHHR tasting glass. Drink Tickets also include 2 free tastings at each brewery, winery, or distillery. If you'd rather not drink, we have a discounted

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10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Sample the best wines, craft beers and mead from Southern Maryland makers at 13th Annual Calvert Arts Festival A \$15 fee to taste wines/beers/mead gives you a souvenir tasting glass and wristband. No fee to shop from outstanding local juried artisans. Enjoy delicious food and beverages, live entertainment, children's crafts, raffles & more. Tour our 1692 church & labyrinth. Event is rain or shine. Save money: reserve your wine/beer/mead gla\$\$ at <https://CalvertArtsFestival.yapsody.com/>. Age verified for alcohol tasting by picture ID at festival. Proceeds benefit 5 local charities that aid County children. Free parking at All Saints' Church, Rts 2 & 4, Sunderland, MD, and nearby Sunderland Park & Ride. In 2022, our festival will return to its usual May date: May 14.



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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.

Regina Margaret "Jean" Reese



Regina Margaret "Jean" Reese, 90, of Lusby, MD passed away on September 21, 2021 at her residence.

Born October 7, 1930 in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of the late Ralph T. Johnson and Margaret (Breslin) Johnson.

Regina graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1950, and married her husband, Fred E. Reese on June 21, 1952 in Washington, DC. During her career, she was a secretary for the CIA and NASA, retiring in 1992.

Regina is survived by her children, Fred E. Reese of Upper Marlboro, MD, Cheryl A. Bane of Lusby, MD, Mildred Forbes of Hughesville, MD, Christopher and Bonnie Reese of Berlin, MD, Deborah Lyons of Lusby, MD and Ralph and Lisa Reese of Frederick, MD; eleven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred E. Reese on February 18, 1993; and her siblings, Ralph Johnson, Eileen DiJoseph and James Johnson.

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

Roland Donat Pelletier, Jr.



Roland Donat Pelletier, Jr., 57, of Chesapeake Beach passed away October 2, 2021. He was born December 19, 1963 in Washington, DC

to Roland Donat Sr. and Patricia (Kaplan) Pelletier. Roland was raised in Clinton and attended Surratsville High

School. He has lived in Calvert County since 1981. Roland worked in the family business, Roland's of Chesapeake Station, for many years. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, boating, riding motorcycles, gardening, cooking, and animals, especially his dog Rusty and cats Loco and Lulu. Roland was a hard worker and will be greatly missed.

Roland is survived by his son Roland D. Pelletier III of Sterling, VA, sisters Shirley Pelletier (Fran) of Chesapeake Beach and Sandra Pelletier Richnafsky (Gene) of Dunkirk, father Roland D. Pelletier, Sr. (Nancy) of Chesapeake Beach, former spouse Jennifer Kennedy, cousins Derek and Kyle Richnafsky and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his mother Patricia Pelletier.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home

Jane Helen Hagen



Jane Helen Hagen, age 80, died peacefully in her sleep on Friday, Oct 1, 2021. Our mother was born & raised in Bellingham, WA. She attended Western

Washington University before working as a medical assistant to local general practitioners. Shortly thereafter, she married Jim Hagen, also of Bellingham, and they remained together for 32 years until his passing in 1992.

In her time as a parent, our mother regularly taught us life realities & lessons so as to prepare us for adult life. She taught us about religion: "You better pray that stain comes out of the chair." She practiced pride of workmanship: "I just finished cleaning, so if you're going to kill yourselves you better do it outside." She was ironic: "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about." And she was logical: "Fall off that swing and break your

neck and you won't be going to the movies with the rest of us."

After many years as a Marlton resident in Upper Marlboro, MD with her husband, Jane relocated in 1999 to North Beach. As an empty-nester, she was a long-time member of the NB town council, NB House & Garden Club, Red Hat Society, Maryland Municipal League, and Trinity Episcopal Church. Our mother was also proud to be part of the extended Navy family.

She is survived by her four children John Hagen, Julie Mitchell, Jay Hagen, and Jennifer Schwartz. She is also survived by her brother Bob Martin and her grandson Jakob Schwartz.

Burial with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery will be on a TBD date in Nov, as Arlington scheduling permits.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

Warren Oliver Stallings, Jr.



Warren Oliver Stallings, Jr., 81, of Huntingtown passed away October 1, 2021. He was born May 7, 1940 in Prince Frederick

to Warren Oliver, Sr. and Louise Virginia (Cochran) Stallings. Warren was raised in Calvert County and married Cheryl Hardesty on May 6, 1966. They lived in Camp Roosevelt before moving to Huntingtown where they have lived for the past 43 years. Warren joined the United States Army in 1963 and was honorably discharged in 1965. He was employed as a builder and later and owned and operated Stallings Associates with his brother Page for many years. Warren enjoyed cutting grass, woodworking, NASCAR, Western movies, reading the newspaper and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Warren also loved getting 7-11 coffee every day. Warren will be remembered as a kind and caring person who had a big heart.

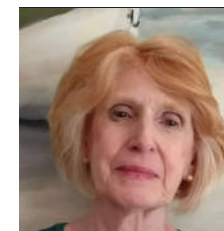
Warren was preceded in death by his sons Richard Anthony and Tommy Allen Stallings and siblings Clifton Stallings, Constance Wood, Gloria Frisco, Russell Stallings, and Page Stallings. He is survived by his loving wife Cheryl Darlene Stallings, children David Joseph Stallings of Waldorf, Warren Oliver Stallings III of Dunkirk, and Lisa Dawn Stallings of Huntingtown, grandchildren Judi Thompson and husband Brian, Ashlye Stallings and significant other Nick, Tommy Stallings and significant other Samantha, Tyler Bonnett, and Dena Stallings, and great grandchildren Cooper, Cruz, Warren, Dac, and one on the way. He is also survived by his brothers Roger and Ronnie Stallings and Michele Turner who Warren thought of as a daughter, as well as

a many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, October 8, 2021, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral Service will be Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

The pallbearers will be Brian Thompson, Sutton Fowler, Ronnie Stallings, Jr., Lisa Stallings, Jimmy Dean, and Carl Foster. Michael Hardesty will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

Virginia Catherine Johnson



Virginia Catherine Johnson, 75, of Dunkirk passed away September 30, 2021. She was born February 11, 1946 in Lonaconing, MD

to Forrest Anderson and Jenna Mae (Wagner) Miller. Virginia grew up in Western Maryland and moved to North Beach when she was 15 years old. She graduated from Calvert High School in 1963. Virginia married David Owen Johnson on June 2, 1966 and they lived in Deale and North Beach before moving to Dunkirk in 1972. She was employed as an administrative officer for the Department of Defense for many years, retiring in 2006. Virginia was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking, volunteering at church luncheons and events, and spending time with her family. Virginia was a kind person who always helped others, especially family. She often volunteered to take her grandchildren places so their parents didn't have to miss work. Virginia will be greatly missed by all.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband David in February of 2021. She is survived by her children Shelly Johnson (Tracy) of Bowie, Christina Thomas of Hollywood, and Erik Johnson (Charlene) of Dunkirk, grandchildren Emma, Lillian, and Samantha Thomas, and Alexander and Gage Johnson, and sisters Linda Jessen, Gloria Baker (Gerry) and Cleta Cranford (John).

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, October 22, 2021, 2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Rebecca Sue "Becky" Moreland

Rebecca Sue "Becky" Moreland, 42, a lifelong resident of Lothian, MD passed away September 28, 2021. Becky was born December 21, 1978 in Annapolis to Donna Lynn (Mathis) and James W. "Bo" Moreland, Jr., and raised on their family farm in Lothian.

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Becky graduated from Southern Sr. High School in Harwood in 1996. From a young age she worked on the family farm raising tobacco, corn, soybeans and vegetables. She also worked for many years at Wayson's Bingo and as a cafeteria worker and manager at Southern High School for fifteen years. For the past several years she worked in food preparation in the delicatessen at the Giant Food store in Dunkirk. She was a member of the Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau, and was a volunteer coach with the Northern Calvert Little League. Becky enjoyed decorating for holidays, Disney collectables, Shirley Temple dolls, hunting, fishing crabbing and boating, tractor pulls, raising roses, playing corn hole games, and family gatherings.

Becky was preceded in death by her devoted father Bo Moreland, Jr. She is survived by her beloved mother Donna Lynn Moreland, her brother Michael Moreland and wife Tabathe Canter; aunts and uncles Eleanor Mae and Dennis Thomas, Alice and Joe Canter, Bessie, Scott, and Howard Norfolk, Tommy Curtin, and Sandy Duley; God-daughters Amanda Hudson and husband Daniel and Caitlyn Marie Moreland, nieces Emily Parks, and Madison Varlich; and good friends and cousins Sonny Ireland, Joann Thomas, Chuck Canter, Gunnar Christe, and Joseph Tippett and wife Lisa.

Becky was known to all as a loving, kindhearted, genuine, generous, unselfish nurturing person who loved helping and taking care of others. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Becky's family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory be made to her family to help with her funeral expenses. Checks can be made to Becky's brother Michael Moreland. Members of the Rausch Funeral Home staff will accept any donations during the visitation and service times at the funeral home, and will provide them to the family.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral home.

Robert William Sambrook



Robert William Sambrook, 52, of North Beach passed away on September 27, 2021. He was born in Norwalk, CT to William and Ginger (Barnstead) Sambrook. Rob grew up in numerous places while his father served in the Navy. He was primarily raised in Pensacola, FL where he

graduated from high school. Rob was employed as a federal police officer at Naval Air Station Patuxent River for almost 20 years and was currently working as a security officer at NAS PAX River. Rob married Christina Cooper on August 5, 2015 on the beach, which is one of the places he loved. They lived in North Beach, MD. He was a member of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church and was also an avid fan of the Washington Capitals, Baltimore Ravens, and Baltimore Orioles. He also enjoyed playing baseball and golf, and spending time with his family, especially his children.

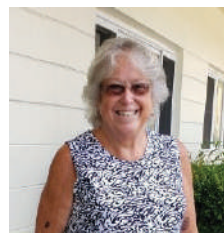
Robert is survived by his loving wife Christina Marie (Chrissy) Sambrook, children Brayden, Savannah, and Zander Sambrook, parents William and Ginger Sambrook, sisters Patricia Sambrook and Nancy Colyer, and mother-in-law Sharon Cooper.

Due to Covid-19, the family requests that masks be worn at the funeral Mass.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, October 7, 2021, 11 a.m. at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 1601 W Mt Harmony Road. Interments will be in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral home.

Penny Mae Brown



Penny Mae Brown, 72, of Tracy's Landing and formerly of Shady Side passed away September 27, 2021. She was born May 9, 1949 in

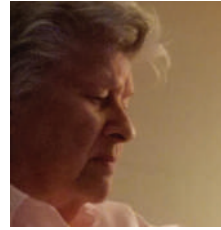
Annapolis to George Washington and Lydia Jessie (Miller) Price. Penny grew up in Shady Side and graduated from Southern High School. She later attended and graduated from the College of Southern Maryland with a degree in accounting. She married Roland "Sonny" Brown on May 18, 1968 and they lived in Shady Side before moving to Tracy's Landing in 1996. Penny was employed as an accountant for the National Archives for many years. She was a member of St. James' Parish and a long-time volunteer member of the Shady Side Rescue Squad. In her spare time, she enjoyed painting, walking, going to the beach, her dogs, playing dominoes and BINGO with her friends, and spending time with her family.

Penny was preceded in death by her husband Sonny. She is survived by her children Kimberly Brown Melton and husband Randy of Layton, Utah and Charles Edward Brown and wife Connie of Lothian, grandchildren Kadee Melton, Cody and Casey Brown, Erin Radach, and Aubree, McKenna, Haileigh, Tyler, and Trevor Melton and sister Mary Sumpter of Clearwater, FL.

Funeral arrangements were by

Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Marjorie Eloise Kane



Marjorie Eloise Kane, 95, of Prince Frederick, MD, died September 27, 2021 at her home in Prince Frederick of natural causes.

Born in Gloucester County, VA, on Dec. 5, 1925. Mrs. Kane arrived in Washington D.C. in 1943, recruited by the US Government to work at the State Department during World War II. She went on to become a bookkeeper for most of her career, and then switched to selling real estate before she retired. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her hobbies included sewing, quilting, cake decorating, painting, but her first love was her family.

Surviving are her children, Tina Kanelopoulos (Johnny Stalcup), Basil Kane, Jr. (Mariella), Suzanne Kanelopoulos (Talbot Clark) and Linda Strohecker (Bobby). She was blessed with eight grandchildren, three step grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and six step great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Basil Kane, Sr., her grandson Joseph

Stout, and siblings, Ursula Hess, Stella Stump, Ruth Hess, Muriel Witmer, Paul Hess, and James Hess.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Foundation, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Doris Ann Cochran

Doris Ann Cochran, 89, of Chesapeake Beach passed away September 26, 2021 at her residence. Doris was born August 5, 1932 in Prince Frederick to Helen Estelle (Hall) Paddy and Samuel Owings IV. She was raised in



Calvert County, graduated from Calvert High School and was employed as a telephone operator and later as a clerk and secretary with GEICO

Insurance, Southern Maryland Oil Company, the Town of Chesapeake Beach, and the Calvert County Election Board. She married Martin Thornton Cochran March 16, 1951 and they made their home and raised their family in Chesapeake Beach. Doris loved her husband Martin, her grandchildren, her mom, family holiday gatherings, country music, dancing, the color purple, volunteering on election day, and listening to Ronnie Dove.

Doris is survived by daughters Shellie Sue McCarroll of Chesapeake Beach, Pamela Ann Curtin of Chesapeake Beach (late husband James R. Curtin), and Sylvia Lynn Lockett and husband Christopher of Huntingtown; grandchildren John Martin "Marty" McCarroll and wife Tammy of Owings, Leanne Estelle Curtin of Malmo, Sweden, Liam Hunter Lockett and Samuel Nelson Lockett, both of Huntingtown; great-grandchildren John Lansdale Higgs and Amanda Marie Higgs Dobbin, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Martin, her parents, brothers Maurice LeRoy, Albert W., James J., Arthur W., Tommy E., and Robert L. Paddy, and sisters Marian Lyons, Betty Clark, Dorothy Patterson, Margaret Phipps, Frances King, Edna Paddy, and Emma Morgan.

In lieu of flowers donations in Doris' name may be made to Calvert Hospice or North Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

Visitation will be Friday, October 22, 2021, 10-1 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.

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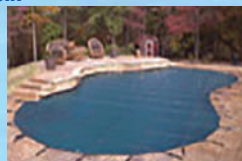
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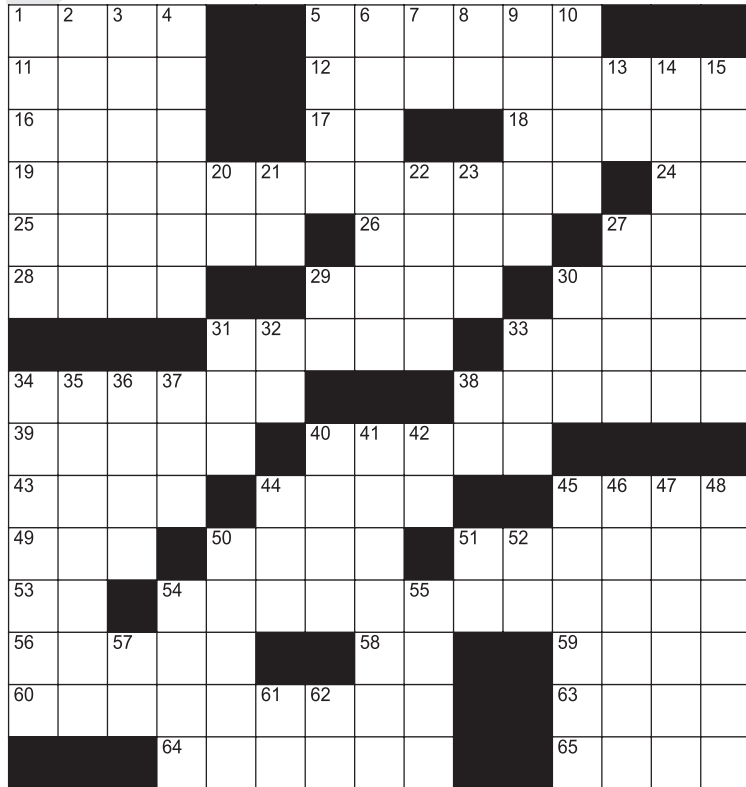
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- 11. "VeggieTales" character
- 12. Getting out of by cunning
- 16. Mythological mountain
- 17. Atomic #18
- 18. Viscous liquid
- 19. 2010 Denzel film
- 24. 12th star in a constellation
- 25. Made better
- 26. Pouches
- 27. Nervous twitch
- 28. This (Spanish)
- 29. Tennis legend Bjorn
- 30. Hand (Spanish)
- 31. Afrikaans
- 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- 34. Treated with kid gloves
- 38. Leaseholder
- 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 45. Mark
- 49. Health insurance

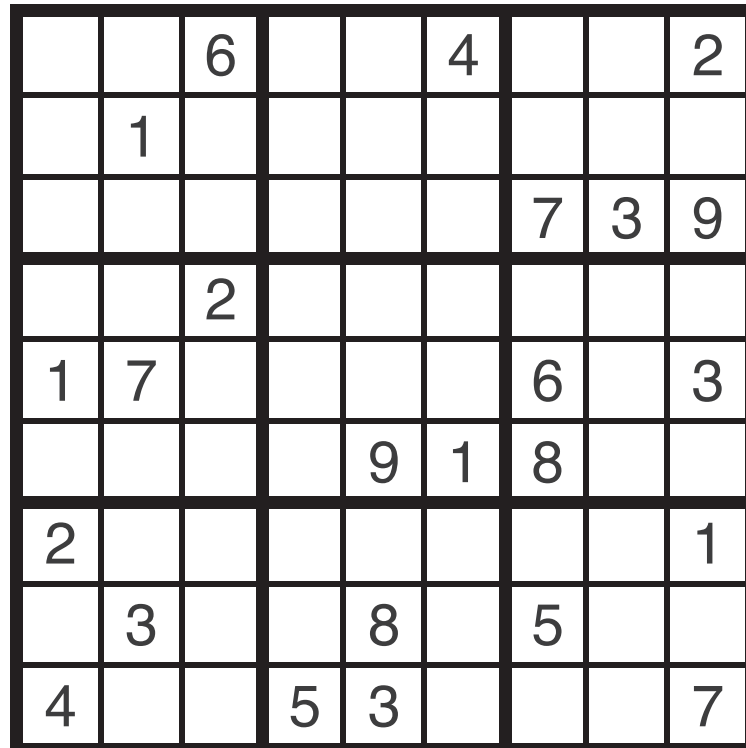
50. Custom clothing brand

- 51. One who makes suits
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- 56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Imaginary line
- 60. Hopeless
- 63. Darken
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units

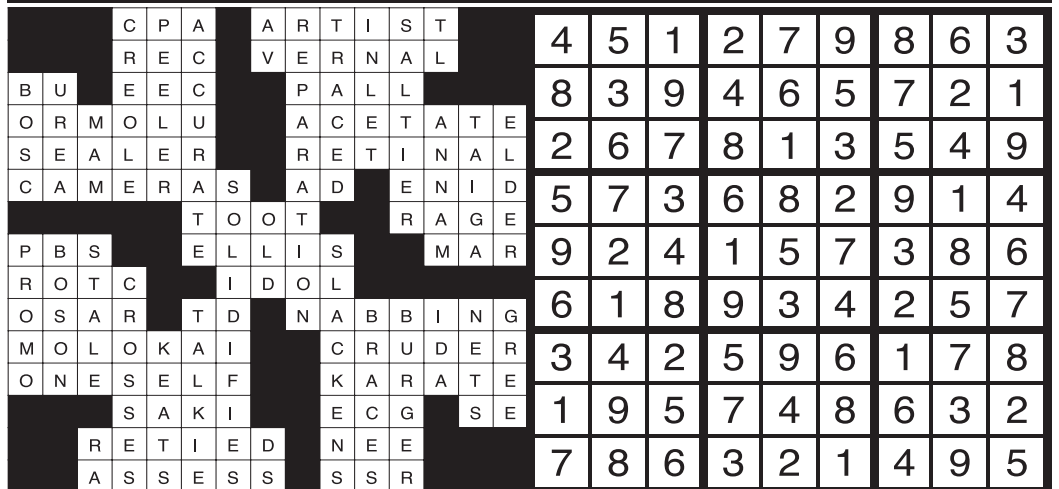
CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to fit out
- 2. Football carries
- 3. Force out
- 4. Maintaining equilibrium
- 5. Sealed with a kiss
- 6. Type of container
- 7. Hollywood
- 8. We
- 9. Small freshwater ducks
- 10. Norse personification of old age
- 13. Says who you are
- 14. Candidate
- 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- 20. Defunct language (abbr.)

- 21. Take too much
- 22. Iranian province
- 23. Records electric currents
- 27. ___ and feathers
- 29. Beloved Mr. T character
- 30. More (Spanish)
- 31. Beverage
- 32. Promotional material
- 33. Green vegetable
- 34. National capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Pound
- 40. Popular Yugo
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Millihenry
- 44. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 45. Make wider
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Acknowledging
- 48. Private, romantic rendezvous
- 50. Calvary sword
- 51. Disease of the lungs
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Fleshy, watery fruit
- 55. In one's chambers (abbr.)
- 57. Set of information (abbr.)
- 61. Dorm employee
- 62. Indicates position



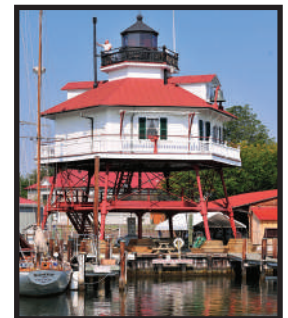
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