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# **School Board Adopts LGBTQ Policy**

### Speakers Criticize Sports Implications

#### By Dick Myers Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has adopted a resolution "In Support of Transgender, Nonbinary, and All LGBTQ+ Students.'

The adoption at the school board's May 26 meeting came after a transgender student appeared before them at a recent meeting and complained about treatment in school and in the community.

Board President Pamela Cousins, who introduced the resolution, said, "As board members we have a responsibility to ensure that our community is a safe and secure environment for each of our students.'

Cousins said, "Each student deserves to feel seen, heard, respected, regardless of what language they speak, their skin color, how they learn or their religious belief, because after all, they come to us as their authentic selves and we must, as a school district, educate them, provide for them regardless of how they show up. So, for that reason, a board should be prepared to affirm its commitment to each student. And this resolution demonstrates the commitment to transgender non-binary and GLB plus students."

Cousins said, "This resolution does not reduce, take away from, or eliminate anyone from a commitment to a safe environment."

She explained, "The Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association established guidelines for participation of transgender youth and inter-scholastics athletics in 2016. And so today we're just merely affirming that guidance as a school district member of the association.

The resolution contains the following language: "In 2016 the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) affirmed that denying a student the opportunity to participate on a sports team



School Board President Pamela Cousins

consistent with their gender identity is prohibited sex discrimination; and, WHEREAS, the MPSSA supports transgender students participation in athletics based on their gender identity/expression, not the sex they were assigned at birth."

It was that language that caused the most concern later in the meeting in the public forum and which also caused board member Pat Nutter to abstain from voting on the resolution.

Board member Dawn Balinski said. "Everyone has concerns that if there's a biological male competing in a team with biological females."

She said MPSSA has board members from every county. She said, "Their guiding principles say the integrity of women's sports should be preserved and policies governing sports should be based on sound, medical knowledge, and scientific validity. And they go on to further talk about the eligibility requirements. What they recommend is creating an appeal review committee that would look on a case-by-case basis if we ever had any requests to put a biological male on a biological female's team.'

Melissa Goshorn, speaking for Cal-

vert County Public Schools Parents at the public forum, said, "Are you aware of the incident that happened in Loudoun County (Va.) with the biological male student that raped not one but two biological female students in their school bathrooms. How do you intend to keep girls safe in the girls' bathroom and locker rooms, including those that are victims of abuse? How do you intend to prevent abuse in our bathrooms and locker rooms?

Marianne Canning of Calvert Parents for Education, quoted Dan Cox, a constitutional attorney, state delegate and gubernatorial candidate, as saying, "This is discrimination against women and will result in fake competitions where girls will be denied sports title opportunities to the detriment of national scholarships to college and entry to national women's NCAA sports.<sup>3</sup>

She added, "This is about gender propaganda and indoctrination in schools to force all kids into conformity of a viewpoint that the state wishes to propagandize them with and has nothing to do with academics, but it will pervert the minds of the impressionable kids into a world

of questioning who they are and were born to be.

Several speakers quoted the Bible in decrying the LGBTQ lifestyle.

Ed Sullivan of Solomons said he decried bullying of any student by teachers or other students. "All of these students should be loved," he said. "They are created in the image of God as the scripture clearly teaches.'

He added, "They're loved by God, and we ought to love them too, period. If you're not loving them, I would check my own heart. But that does not mean we should affirm their feelings or their behavior, because I can guarantee you based on the authority of the word of God, it's wrong. God loves us, but he does not condone behavior of anyone, including heterosexuals, who are deviant in nature.

Teacher Amanda Poland McGrath, speaking as a parent, supported the resolution. She said, "When they're in school, they should feel safe. They should be respected. They should not have to sit like many students tell me and hear homophobic comments from their classmates day by day and feel like they can't do anything.

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# **Concerns Raised About School Discipline,**

Bullying

#### By Dick Myers Editor

Several years ago, school board meeting after school board meeting was peppered with public comments about school discipline. The comments came from teachers who had been assaulted by students. Others were fearful for their lives. The comments also came from parents and students.

Then the pandemic hit, and students were sent home and then eventually into a hybrid mode.

With the school year ending for the first full in-person learning in more than two years, those complaints about behavior and bullying have returned.

At the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dona Ostenso, president of Calvert Education Association (CEA), the organization that represents teachers, said, "This has been an incredibly challenging school year. And it's important that we reflect on those challenges. We as publicschool educators are very concerned by the daily behaviors we are seeing occur in our schools, our classrooms, in neighborhoods and on social media from both children and adults. The rhetoric of racially charged language towards teachers, substitutes, and other school staff, children using social media to bully other children, sexting, fighting, vap-ing, staff being bitten, punched, kicked. It's too much."

Ostenso added, "This is more than what educators signed up for when they chose this career. This behavior is not learned in Calvert County Public Schools classrooms. And the code of student conduct was written and is enforced by school staff to ensure that this behavior is met with the appropriate response. The accountability for action that is taught within the school system should be mirrored by parents at home. As we all are responsible for raising the future citizens of Calvert County, we have to do better in and out of our school buildings. The hateful rhetoric we see on social media is seen, heard, and regurgitated by our children. The nonpartisan issues we wrestle with as a society from race, to choice, to violence are echoed in the halls of our school buildings, because of how adults choose to politicize the issues in a partisan way. We are all culpable. We are all accountable."

Melissa Goshorn, speaking for Calvert County Public School Parents, said, "Our anti-bullying and zero-tolerance policies are all



CEA President Dona Ostenso

empty words. It is inexcusable for staff, teachers, and students in this school district to be fearful to go to school in one of our buildings, due to the behaviors or threats from a student. Your administration and your policies have created a reality where a child can make a threat to shoot up a school, including a hit list and date, and that child still remains in a CCPS building. There are children that are bullied every single day that aren't protected under your anti-racism resolution and are not covered under your LGBTQ plus resolution because your resolutions and your policies continue to be proven ineffective." She added, "The CCPS vision

She added, "The CCPS vision is to produce graduates who are responsible citizens with career and educational choices in the 21st century. Children that are not held accountable to their actions will never be productive citizens. I've heard from parents whose children are riddled with the anxiety about the thought of going to a certain class because they are bullied continuously by the same student. Yet that student remains in the class with all but a slap on the wrist."

Goshorn said, "It is your job to protect all students, not just the student groups that you decide are most important for your public image."

Dee Coughlan, a fifth-grade teacher at Windy Hill Elementary, talked about "the changes in behaviors and actions from our fifth graders that we have been seeing since August 2021."

She said, "While many of these occur outside of the buildings, the aftermath spills over into our schools and affects peer relationships within our classes and grade level, as well as instructional time."

She said, "When the teacher

has to investigate some of these behaviors and actions, including bullying via text, video, and social media platforms, vaping, tobacco, and marijuana products on the buses, sexting, changing group text names to mean or degrading names, sending screenshots of text and pictures and sending them to others, inappropriate behaviors in the community, such as fighting, posting threatening videos on social media, going to peers houses with intent to intimidate someone."

She had some recommendations, including "forming a working committee with fifth grade representatives, teachers and administrators from each school, members of student services and our SROs (School Resource Officers) to discuss the incidents that we are experiencing. Inform plans on how they can be handled. We need to be consistent with the outcomes, especially since many may not be part of the student code of conduct as related to in school and out of school occurrences." Coughlan also suggested "inperson parent nights throughout the year to discuss the use and misuse of technology, social media, bullying, peer pressure, etcetera."

She said, "We received notes, emails, and phone calls from families trying to get help and don't know where to go or what to do."

She also suggested continuing mental health awareness events. And "Educate families and communities about community mediation opportunities currently offered in the county."

Coughlan said, "If we say that these actions and behaviors that we are seeing at the fifth- grade level are normal, then it's only a matter of time before it trickles down to fourth grade and third grade and so on. I am not willing to accept that bullying, inappropriate use of social media, sexting and vaping are normal or acceptable for children who are 10 or 11. We need to stop blaming COVID and get to the root causes. Now!"

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### **Concern Expressed Over CSM Vaccination Policy** By Dick Myers

#### Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has expressed concerns about the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) vaccination policy for students that would be in effect for the fall semester unless rescinded by the school's board of trustees. There are sone waivers allowed.

The BOCC at their May 24 meeting decided to send a letter to the college asking for an explanation of the regulations. The college's board is expected to revisit the regulations at a meeting on July 15. Commissioner Kelly McConkey observed at the May 24 meeting that the original trustee's vote was a split decision.

Commissioner Chris Gadway said, "From everything that I can understand, the vaccine does not and cannot inhibit the transmission of Covid. And I don't understand where the vaccine mandates come in, to the point where I believe that there's been quite a few governmental and corporate vaccine mandates that have fallen to different court decisions across our country."

Gadway said, "I'm personally against mandates. And I would be in support of offering a polite letter to the college to ask them to reconsider what some people call discriminatory practices."

Commissioner Mike Hart wanted to know where the mandate came from. Gadway said the college is saying they are following what other state institutions such as the University of Maryland are requiring.

Gadway said St. Mary's County Delegate Matt Morgan has pointed out that Virginia institutions are not requiring it. The St. Mary's County Commissioners have sent a letter to CSM asking them to re-



Commissioner Chris Gadway

scind the policy.

Hart said, "This college is the only college that some people can afford to go to. It's the only opportunity for so many folks. You've got to be very careful when you start saying who can come in and who can't."

Hart added, "I understand everybody wants to be safe at the end of the day. Nobody wants anybody hurt, but to say that a child can't go to school, that's a tough one. I'd like to know why."

one. I'd like to know why." McConkey observed, "It also goes both ways because there will be people that won't put their kid in school if people aren't vaccinated and there's people that won't go to it because they have to be vaccinated. So, it's a doubleedged sword."

In the end they all agreed to send the letter expressing concern and asking for an explanation.

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## **Grant to be Sought for Emergency Homeless Shelter**

To be Located in Prince Frederick



By Dick Myers Editor

Calvert County will be seeking an \$800,000 state grant for the purchase of a property on Main Street in Prince Frederick for an emergency homeless shelter and a homeless day program.

Director of Community Services Jennifer Moreland presented the proposal to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their May 18 meeting. The commission approved the project as consistent with the county's master plan.

In a memo to the commission, Moreland wrote, "The Department of Community Resources oversees Calvert County's Freezing Weather Plan, an annual planning process coordinated with Department of Public Safety and the Calvert County Sheriff's Office to ensure the safety of citizens during extreme winter weather. We have a documented need for an emergency weather shelter, due to an inadequate amount of beds in our local shelters and Safe Nights freezing weather program."

Moreland said the annual survey of homeless people in the county showed 373 in 2018, 451 in 2019 and 440 in 2020. She said, "These numbers also include the growing number of senior homelessness."

Moreland said, "The county's current Project ECHO Shelter, built in 2010, has exceeded available capacity and has limits on serving the chronic homeless with serious mental illness. Instead, these individuals live in encampments and cars all around Prince Frederick, presenting a health and public safety issue and frustrating small business owners."

The local nonprofit On Our Own of Calvert, Inc. has been providing services to Calvert County's homeless population for more than 27 years. Moreland said, "The non-profit has proposed a partnership with the county to acquire and develop an emergency shelter and homeless day program at 85 Main Street in Prince Frederick. The property identified is a two-story property and is zoned for commercial and shelter. The plan is that Calvert County government will own the property and lease the property to the non-profit for a one-dollar annual fee; in exchange the non-profit will provide financial support of the property's monthly utility expenses."

Moreland said her department has expertise in securing grants from Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). She said the grants would "assist with all the costs related to the acquisition, renovations and on-going operations of the property. The state's Continuum of Care (CoC) also provides ongoing operational funding for shelters."

Moreland explained, "This property also has the space to provide offices for other homeless-related service providers, like the Lifestyles of Maryland, who can also add financial support to the shelter's operational costs."

In documents provided to the planners, the project is expected to be done in two phases, with the first-floor renovation for the day program first and then the second floor for the emergency shelter later because renovation would be more extensive.

Moreland said, "The chronic homeless problem in Calvert has reached the point where it has become a public safety issue. Communities with growing rates of homelessness see an increase in crime. Shelter and wrap-around services are needed to transition these individuals to supportive, stable housing. This program also corresponds with direct public investment to infrastructure. services and support facilities in town enters. Currently On Our Own provides homeless support services in the Prince Frederick Business Park, which requires transportation for homeless individuals to participate and limits the hours the program can be operational. Directing this vital service to the town center will ensure it can be more effective."

The county commissioners are expected to review the grant proposal at their June 7 meeting before the application is forwarded to the state.

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# **Commissioners Hold Double Groundbreaking**

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) celebrated the groundbreakings for two new commercial projects at Patuxent Business Park (PBP) in Lusby on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

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Patuxent Business Park was the first comprehensively planned business campus in Southern Maryland. The purchase and development of this property allowed for assistance in getting critical and redundant infrastructure to the Lusby Town Center. There are 14 lots at PBP; six are either sold or currently under contract.

"We are thrilled to break ground on two important investments in Patuxent Business Park," said BOCC President Earl F. "Buddy" Hance. "This is a great win for our county that will help bring in new investments and new jobs, and we are pleased to see these projects move forward."

BHE GT&S purchased Lot 5 for expansion of their Lusby operations. The project will include a commuter parking lot for support and operations staff, as well as a 28,000-square-foot office and warehouse facility. This project received site plan approval in March 2022.

In June 2020, John Simpson, Jr., owner/partner of 2J Enterprises, LLC, purchased Lot 11 for construction of a flex space facility. The project is comprised of a 12,600-square-foot warehouse and flex-use space building that will accommodate a number of light industrial uses, with up to half the facility available for lease. This project received final site plan approval in April 2022.

Simpson said, "I am eager to get construction of this building under way and am certain it will be a popular and prime location for many local small businesses to expand and grow their operations."

"We are very excited to join the BOCC in welcoming these two new commercial development projects to our community," said Economic Development Director Julie Oberg. "Both of these projects represent important investments in our community. They will bring new products and services, new tax revenue, new jobs and increased opportunity for other businesses to collaborate, expand and succeed in Calvert County."

PBP is a 92-acre business campus designed to accommodate a variety of uses, including Class A office and flex space. The park was created in 2002 through a partnership with the Maryland Department of Commerce, the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) and the Calvert County BOCC.

PBP is located in a federal Opportunity Zone and offers a number of additional incentives for businesses seeking



BHE GT&S: Pictured, from left: Julie Oberg, director of economic development for Calvert County; Danny Woods, vice president of operations for BHE GT&S Cove Point LNG; Commissioner Chris Gadway; Commissioner Mike Hart; Frank Brayton, director of LNG operations for BHE GT&S Cove Point LNG; Commissioner Vice President Steven Weems; Chris McNelis, realtor/listing agent, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty; David Melson, Supervisor Cove Point LNG Maintenance, BHE GT&S Cove Point; and Commissioner President Earl "Buddy" Hance

to purchase land and build. PBP is also a Calvert County Commerce Zone, a designation that extends tax credits to qualifying new and expanding businesses. The PBP Commerce Zone real property tax credit is calculated on the value of the qualifying new construction. To qualify, businesses are required to construct new premises or expand existing premises. The real property tax credit is 50% in years one through five, 25% for years six and seven, and 15% for years eight through 10 before expiring.

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# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of May 16, 2022 – May 22, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,589 calls for service throughout the community.

#### **Damaged Property**

On May 16, 2022, Deputy Grierson responded to the Chesapeake Village subdivision in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) spray-painted the sidewalk near the entrance to the neighborhood. Several drawings of a male body part were observed to have been painted. Multiple neighbors also reported teenagers knocking on doors and running away. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$500.00.

#### Theft

On May 22, 2022, Deputy Mister responded to Bayfront Park located at 7255 Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD for a reported theft. The complainant advised two teens ran off with the victim's black and blue kayak paddle. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$50.00.

#### Theft

On May 22, 2022, Deputy Murphy received a report of a theft. The complainant advised unknown suspect (s) stole a sheet of drywall, a box of screws, and some drywall tape from the back porch of a residence located in the 3100 block of North Ave in Port Republic, MD. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$22.00.

#### Theft

On May 16, 2022, Deputy Morrison responded to a business located in the 900 block of Skinners Turn Road in Owings, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) stole the catalytic converter from one vehicle and vandalized a second vehicle. The estimated value of the stolen/destroyed property is \$4,000.00.

#### ARRESTS

On May 21, 2022, shortly after 9:30 a.m., Deputy Murphy responded to a residence in the 600 block of Gunsmoke Trail in Lusby, MD for an attempted burglary and theft. The complainant advised an unknown female suspect later identified as

Mariah Mae Bergendahl, 27 of Lusby, MD, attempted to enter the victim's residence. When Bergendahl could not gain entry to the residence, she



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entered a vehicle on the victim's property, stole two pair of sunglasses, and left the scene. Bergendahl was located 100 yards from where the theft occurred and was taken into custody. Bergendahl was charged with Rogue and Vagabond and Theft \$100 to Under \$1500.

On May 16, 2022, Deputy R. Mc-Court responded to the Walmart



located at 150 Solomons Island Rd N. in Prince Frederick, for the report of trespassing. The complainant advised there was a suspect in the store who had been previ-

ously issued a 'No Trespass Warning' for the establishment. Deputies confirmed an existing trespass warning was active, and suspect **Benji** Lee Wells 47

Lee Wells, 47 Benji Lee Wells of no fixed ad-

dress, was not allowed back on the property. Wells was placed under arrest and charged with Trespassing: Private Property.

On May 18, 2022, at 5:15 p.m., DFC R. Evans responded to the Safeway located at 80 W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick,



MD for a group of disorderly subjects. Upon arrival, several individuincluding als Michael Phillip Wilson, 35 of no fixed address, were issued 'No Tresorders pass'



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Michael Phillip Wilson

and ordered to leave the property and not come back. At 6:56 p.m., deputies responded back to the Safeway for Wilson trespassing and issued him a trespassing citation. A third call at 8:23 p.m. was received and Wilson was placed under arrest and charged with Trespassing: Private Property.

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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Feature

# Calvert Oldest Church Christ Church Hosts Anniversary Festival

#### By Dick Myers Editor

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Christ Church in Port Republic is Calvert County's oldest continuously operating church and in many ways its history mirrors the county.

Sitting alongside Broome's Island Road in Port Republic, a short distance from the hustle and bustle of Routes 2/4, the church exudes history and a quiet reverence.

Calvert County was established in 1658. Christ Church parish dates back at least to 1672, but almost assuredly is older.

Where does the date 1672 come from? It was on April 24<sup>th</sup> of that year that a child named Mary Miles was born in the Christ Church parish. We know that because of records in existence now at the Maryland Archives.

Father Christopher Garcia, current church rector, calls the birth of Mary Miles one of his church's most compelling stories.

"We don't know what her parents did. We don't really know who they were. We don't know what she went on to do with her life, but her birth was recorded in a parish record book, which tells us, first of all, there was a vestry, there was an organized parish that cared enough to keep records, which was organized enough to bring in a priest to lead them in worship."

And there apparently was a building, but according to the church history, "The exact whereabouts of this church is uncertain, although it may have been in the now vanished town of Calverton on Battle Creek, which had been established in 1668, as the first county seat. What is known is that Francis Mauldin, a prominent settler, was granted a land patent for 250 acres in 1681 that he named 'Prevent Danger.' Out of this land, Mauldin set aside one acre on which to build a new Christ Church; this is where the present church sits today. By 1684, a small log building had been erected."

Maryland had been a Catholic colony, a land grant by the King of England to the Calvert family, who were Catholic. And Act of Toleration was passed at the colonial capital at St. Mary's City guaranteeing religious freedom.

But the king wrested control of the colony from the Calverts, and the Church of England was established as the official church of



Maryland by the Act of Establishment of 1692,

That act defined the geographic boundaries of Christ Church Parish as running from Hunting Creek in the north to present-day Solomons in the south.

Included in the parish were four "hundreds" or places in which 100 people lived. Those hundreds were Hunting Creek Hundred, Leonard Creek Hundred, Eldon Head Hundred and Lower Hundred of the Cliffs.

That territory encompassed the southern part of Calvert County, with All Saints Church in Sunderland responsible for the northern half, according to "The Story of Christ Church," originally written by John Fleming and published in 1972 for the church's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary and recently updated for the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary by a committee of church members.

According to a church history that will be handed out to attendees at the church's community birthday celebration on June 4, "After the wooden church burned in 1731, a new brick building on the same site was erected in 1735 at a cost of 10,000 pounds of tobacco. This in turn was rebuilt in 1769 and again in 1772 on the same foundations. The 1772 church is essentially what you see today, although there are later alterations or additions, including the belfry, the stained glass, the smaller pews, and the stucco on the brick exterior.

But the story of the buildings is only part of the story of the 350year history of the parish. It is a story of the determination and grit of the members of the congregation to ensure it and they survived through wars, economic hardship, and illness in the times before modern medicine.

That Act of Establishment of 1692 conferred much power on the church vestry. For one, they were entrusted with levying an annual tax of 40 pounds of tobacco on every household, whether they were members of the Church of England, Catholic, some other Protestant denomination or didn't belong to any church. That levy was to pay for the operation of the church and the support of its rector.

Father Garcia said, "Before there was a provincial legislature, before there was a county sheriff, before there was county administration, the vestry of Christ Church was the charitable government, really the civic government arm for the county."

That 1692 act gave the vestry of the Maryland churches even the authority to arrest a white woman who was deemed immoral and sell her into slavery. Records show that happening only once in Maryland, but not in Calvert, according to the history book.

"My sense from knowing the county and knowing the people of the county now is that they stepped in when they needed to," Father Garcia said. "So, if there was a family in particularly hard straits, then they would take relief action. If there was a real public nuisance, they would do something about it."

He added, "Everybody on the vestry was farming or had another occupation. So, they weren't going to sit around and do something just to do something."

One of the requirements for a rector in the early days of the church was horsemanship. "Fortunately, that's no longer required, or I would not have qualified," Father Garcia quipped.

The authority for the church

#### Feature

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### **Christ Church** Port Republic 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Festival** Saturday, June 4 Schedule

Today is a day of fun and festivi-ties for all ages and interests. All activities including pony rides, face painting, food vendors, artisan vendors, crafts, games, music, visits to the Church, Schoolhouse, Garden, History Exhibit are from 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. In addition, there are also special events throughout the day. (See schedule below.)

10:00 a.m. - Special Morning Prayer in Christ Church to highlight 350 years of continuous worship.

10:30 a.m. - Flag Raising, Singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and Presentation of Proclamation from Delegate Mark Fisher on behalf of the Calvert County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly's House of Delegates - The One-room Schoolhouse.

11:00 a.m. - Comedy/Magic Show

Join Bunky and Blondi the Clowns as they delight everyone young and old. -"Stage" - Parish Hall Back Porch.

11:30 a.m. - Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance Group will play and teach two period colonial dances - the Virginia Reel and the Jefferson and Liberty Dance. "Stage" - Parish Hall Back Porch.

#### 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. **Corn Hole Tournament-**

Grab your partner and show your skills. Register for this event at the Hospitality/Memorabilia Tent by 11:30 a.m. Prizes for the first and second place winners.

#### 12:30 p.m.

**Portrayal of Mistress Margaret** Brent by Mary Ann Jung.

Margaret Brent was the first woman to own land in America, first female lawyer, and the first woman in America to demand the right to vote! - "Stage" - Parish Hall Back Porch.

#### 1:30 p.m.

**Cemetery Story Tellers Tour** 

Ever wondered about some of the lives of past parishioners? The Youth of Christ Church have selected individuals in the Christ Church Cemetery, researched, listened to stories and created a First-Person Interpretation of these individuals. Sign up for the Cemetery Story Tellers Tour at the Hospitality/Memorabilia Tent by 1:00 p.m. The Tour begins at the Parish Hall Front Porch / History Exhibit.

#### 2:30 p.m.

**Jousting Exhibition** Join the Maryland Jousting Association on the Tournament Field to learn about Maryland's State Sport.

Visit Christ Church, the Schoolhouse, the Biblical Garden, the History Exhibit, and the Farm Equipment Display throughout the day.

vestry conferred by that 1692 act lasted until the Revolutionary War.

According to the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary history, "Christian belief and practice of the 17th and 18th century did not preclude the institution of slavery'

The current Episcopal Bishop of Maryland, The Right Rev. Eugene Tavlor Sutton, who spoke in Calvert several years ago at an MLK Day breakfast, supports reparation for slavery.

It too is part of the 350-year history of Christ Church.

Father Garcia said, "It is true that a number of early clergy in the Episcopal church and before unfortunately were slave owners, as most people were, because as an agricultural community, that's how you work the land. Fortunately, that's not the case anymore."

He said Christ Church had not formally discussed the bishop's call for reparations.

The church's history is also contained in the cemetery that sits between the church and the church hall. Burials in the church cemetery include former U. S. Representative Thomas Parran, Sr., and United States Coast Guard Admiral Merlin O'Neill.

Father Garcia has been at Christ Church just short of five years.

He entered the ministry after 25 years in the military. His ministry included churches in a rural part of Virginia and at Christ Church in Georgetown

He picked Christ Church because of "the rural setting, the people who were here, the history of the church."

"I think I've always known I would be a priest" he said. "I remember as a little boy seeing my parish priest on the altar on Sundays and thinking that's going to be me. Life had other things that came along and eventually, I got back to what I wanted to do."

He was also attracted by the community's stability. "This is the least itinerant congregation I've ever served with.'

He added, "I would say many of our families have been active in this church for generations,<sup>2</sup>

"That gives them a deep knowledge of the community, of the church and what the community's needs are," he said. Community outreach is one of the parish's cornerstones.

The church hall is another indication of the church's community involvement. Father Garcia said, "The funds for this parish hall were given not so much that it would be a church hall in the sense that it was for church activities, but it was intended for community activities. So, we host an AA group here, we host some other recovery groups, and there's a number of other community groups that use this hall.'

But he added, "Fundamentally the most important reason that a church exists is to gather together for worship once a week. And that's really been the heart of this place for 350 years."

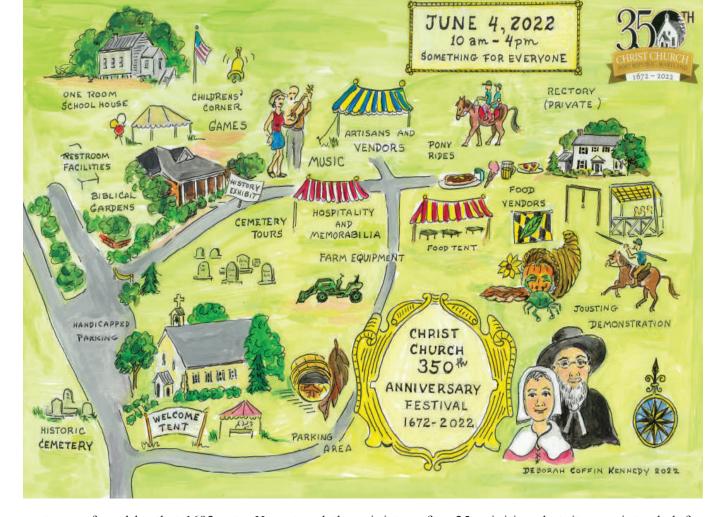
Father Garcia singled out two of his predecessors for their achievements. The Rev. William M. Plummer, Jr. was rector from 1950 to 1985 for 35 years, who for the first nine years served both Christ Church and St. Paul's in Prince Frederick. And The Rev. John Howanstine, Jr. served as rector from 1985 to 2014.

This weekend the church will be formally celebrating its long history with an Anniversary Festival on Saturday, June 4. The schedule is included elsewhere in this story. Then on Sunday there will be a celebratory church service and a dinner following in the church hall (tickets are sold out).

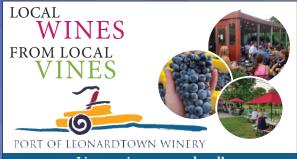
It's a big deal - 350 years! It's a lot of candles on a very big cake. Father Garcia said, "350 years.

Yes. It's incredible."

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10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Shepherd's Old Field Market Specials throughout the Market - www.shepherdsoldfield.com

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. The Old Jail Museum & Visitor's Center will be open with extended hours for First Friday - www.facebook.com/theoldjailmuseum

5 p.m. – 8 p.m. St. Mary's County Arts Council Meet & Greet Artist Allen Price – www.stmarysartscouncil.com

### 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. North End Gallery Opening

Reception for new, all-member show Toast the Coast - www.northendgallery. com

#### 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Patuxent Transportation

FREE Trolley Rides throughout Town- www.visitleonardtownmd.com/leonardtowntrolley

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Board & Brush First Friday Make & Take – www.boardandbrush.com/leonardtown

6 p.m. – Ltown Alley Mural "Where Art & Agriculture Meet" Ribbon Cutting next to New View Fiberworks in Leonardtown Square (22696 Washington Street) www.visitLeonardtownmd.com/leonardtownae

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. St. Mary's County Arts Council Drum Circle in the grass outside the Arts Council Building - www.stmarysartscouncil.com

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Yellow Line Studio - First Friday Art Studio at Yellow Line (ongoing every FF) – www.theyellowline.co

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Sunset Cruise at Leonardtown Wharf with Captain Phil of Fish the Bay Charters sponsored by Visit St. Mary's - www.visitstmarysmd.com/ cruises

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. St. Mary's County Arts Council Drumline in the grass outside the Arts Council Building - www.stmarysartscouncil.com

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### Saturday, June 4th

#### 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pax Adventure Center

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**10 a.m. – 7 p.m.** Shepherd's Old Field Market specials throughout the Market - www.shepherdsoldfield.com

#### 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Patuxent Transportation

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**10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Earthwise Pets** Pet Adoptions – www.facebook.com/earthwisepetleonardtown

#### 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Port of Leonardtown Winery

Live Music at POL Winery Bootleggers Food by Calvert Crabs & Seafood - www.polwinery.com

### Sunday, June 5th

#### 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pax Adventure Center

Canoe & Kayak rentals at Leonardtown Wharf or McIntosh Run First Pick Up 10am Last Pick Up 4pm - www.pacpaddle.com

**10 a.m. – 7 p.m.** Shepherd's Old Field Market specials throughout the Market - www.shepherdsoldfield.com

**11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Patuxent Transportation** FREE Trolley Rides throughout Town- www.visitleonardtownmd.com/leonardtowntrolley

**1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Burdergarten at Shepherd's Old Field Market** Viking Axe Throwing in the beer garden- www.brudergarten.com

#### **2 p.m. – 5 p.m.** Port of Leonardtown Winery

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# **Chesapeake Biological Lab Employee Honored for Research Support**

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Senior Faculty Research Assistant Casey Hodgkins has been given the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science>s President's Award for Outstanding Research Support to recognize rising above the norms of research responsibilities to include unique leadership, mentorship, and service roles. She has been an integral part of a variety of projects and technical support roles during her 13 years at UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.

"Casey Hodgkin's outstanding contributions to research and mentoring exemplify excellence in supporting scientific research," said University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science President Peter Goodwin. "Faculty research assistants are critical to our research enterprise and contribute to the graduate experience at UMCES. She has played impressive leadership roles contributing to both research and mentorship of colleagues and students in the scientific process."

As the manager of Dr. Jeremy Testa's lab, she has mastered a diverse array of field approaches, laboratory analyses, and quantitative data analysis techniques, and she has never failed to deliver high-quality work in all of these venues. She possesses an attention to detail and organizational skills that not only help research groups operate effectively, but also sets a tone and example for other technicians and students. She goes out of her way to help faculty, staff, and students.

"Casey has served as an exceptional mentor. She has guided me in learning numerous field and laboratory methods, such as conducting sediment incubations and

instrumentation analyses imperative to my research," said Ph.D. student Drew Hobbs. "Throughout all of this, Casey has demonstrated a level of professionalism and patience that continue to help me grow as a young researcher, and her sense of vigor creates a fun and exciting environment in which to work."

Hodgkins' contributions to the research endeavors have been extensive. Since 2014, she has participated in 34 cruises aboard the R/V Rachel Carson, serving both as assistant to non-UMCES groups (e.g., the Nature Conservancy, Montgomery County Community College) and as a senior scientist in support of research efforts aimed at understanding ocean acidification, sediment processes in response to nutrient loading changes, and other dynamic processes in the Patuxent River ecosystem. She has a unique role as the manager of the Pier Monitoring Program, leading a collaborative effort to routinely measure the chemical, physical, and biological properties of the Patuxent River, in continuation of a data set dating back to 1938.

A unique aspect of her contributions is her generosity in sharing her experiences and skills to mentor junior FRAs and students. Hodgkins has worked first-hand with students and interns to teach them laboratory and field methods, including maintenance and sample collection for the Pier Monitoring program, impressing upon them the importance of laboratory safety and supervising less experienced individuals in the rigor and care involved in the scientific enterprise. She has leveraged her extensive small boat operating hours (more than 900!) to lead training days for students



Award recipient Casey Hodgkins (University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science/Cheryl Nemazie)

and FRAs, an effort she independently envisioned, planned, and executed.

"Casey is an amazing FRA. Since I started as a student, Casey has motivated me to get out of my comfort zone, think outside the box, become resourceful, and think quickly to overcome mishaps in the laboratory and the field. Her input and training in the field and the lab have undoubtedly helped me and my research get to where it is today, three years into my graduate degree," said Ph.D. student Isabel Sanchez-Viruet.

When not in the field, she has made substantial contributions to technical reports and peer-reviewed publications. She was the lead author of technical reports for the Calvert County monitoring program and a primary contributor to reports to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of the Environment, where she also participated in presentations to agency staff. She has not only been a central player in research efforts, but has taken on the additional task of communication of the research to funding agencies.

"Casey is an outstanding colleague and a leader in all aspects of our group's research. Her skills and support help us think big as we envision new research," said UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Associate Professor Jeremy Testa.

Press Release from CBL



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# **Be Prepared for Atlantic Hurricane Season**



The Atlantic hurricane season officially begins June 1 and the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division, urges citizen awareness and preparedness.

The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from June to November, but most hurricane-like weather occurs between mid-August and late October. Calvert County is at risk for strong winds, heavy rain, inland flooding and other severe weather. Residents can be "weather ready" by knowing how to receive information and warnings, having a plan and practicing safety during and after a storm.

The National Weather Service notes hurricanes can cause coastline damage and destruction for several hundred miles inland. Hurricanes often produce extreme winds, devastating high tides, flooding from torrential rains and even tornadoes.

Residents can take the following actions to prepare for severe weather:

- •Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for official weather information, alerts and warnings.
- •Follow instructions and advice given by emergency officials.
- •Know your evacuation route and have an emergency shelter plan.
- Remain indoors during a hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.
- If you live in a mobile home, plan alternate shelter. Mobile homes are unsafe in high winds.
- Have a family communication plan and easy-to-find meeting place in case you are separated when a storm or disaster strikes.
- Consider specific needs of household members, such as medical needs, dietary needs, disabilities, languages spoken, pets or service animals, as well as babies and young children.
- •Build an emergency kit and store supplies in easy-to-carry containers. Recommended items for a basic kit include water, non-perishable food,

battery-powered or hand crank radio, flashlight, first aid kit, whistle to signal for help, local maps, cell phone with chargers and backup battery, prescription medications, cash, important family documents, blankets and change of clothing. Prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles.

• Fill a bathtub or large container with water for sanitary purposes such as for cleaning and flushing toilets. This is important for those whose water runs on an electrical system.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed and prepared in the event of an emergency by visiting www.Calvert-CountyMd.gov/BeAwarePrepare and signing up for Calvert County ALERT to receive timely information about various emergency and non-emergency situations in the county. Calvert County ALERT messages can be received by cell phone, landline, email, text messaging, fax, pager and more.

Citizens may register with Smart911 to create a safety profile for emergency communications. Smart911 is a free online service that allows individuals and families to automatically provide vital information to 911 call takers during an emergency. Citizens can also visit the portal to register individuals with special needs for the Calvert County Emergency Management special needs registry. Anyone who has unique needs that hinder or prevent them from taking protective actions during an emergency should sign up for the special needs registry.

The Department of Public Safety also offers a free "Calvert Prepare" app to put critical, real-time information at users' fingertips in the event of a regional emergency and helps residents stay prepared. Those without internet can contact the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up for additional emergency preparedness information. To view more emergency-planning tips and information visit www.ready.gov.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

# **Golf Classic Raises Funds for Urologic Care**

Annual CalvertHealth Foundation Event



The inaugural Grapes on the Green event, running concurrent to the Benefit Golf Classic, was a huge success. Participants enjoyed golf, wine tasting, shopping and great company. The CalvertHealth Foundation held its ployed Urologist Dr. Jack Cooper.

The CalvertHealth Foundation held its 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Classic presented by CDI, LLC and L2 Construction Management Corporation at The Cannon Club in Lothian on May 9. More than 150 people including sponsors, golfers and supporters helped make this the most successful golf classic in tournament history. Proceeds from this year's event will be used to support the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment for the diagnosis and treatment of urologic diseases including kidney, bladder and prostate cancers.

Reflecting on the success of the day, Foundation Board of Trustee and Golf Committee Chair Frank Smith shared, "As a small business owner and resident of Calvert County, I continue to be blown away by the generosity of our local business community. For the second year in a row, the tournament sold out and that is a testament to both the hard work of our planning committee as well as the strong reputation of CalvertHealth."

CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague, who sponsors a foursome each year, expressed his gratitude to the golfers, sponsors and employees who contributed to the event's success. "CalvertHealth is dedicated to advancing health care in our community and ensuring access to specialized care close to home," said Teague. As part of the expansion of services in Calvert County, CalvertHealth also recently emIn total, 154 golfers took to the green making up two flights. The winner of the first flight's low gross score was Empire Graphics, Signs & Lighting and the winner of the first flight's low net score was The Mark Frisco Team Century 21 New Millennium. The winner of the second flight's low gross score was Copper River and the winner of the second flight's low net score was Idea Solutions.

Teague extended special thanks to sponsors CDI, LLC; L2 Construction Management Corporation; The Mark Frisco Team Century 21 New Millennium; All American Ambulance and Transport; American Radiology Services; M&T Bank; North American Partners in Anesthesia; John & Tanya Redding, The Tanya Redding Group Century 21 New Millennium; Adfinitas Health; Asbury Solomons; The Concord Advisory Group; Crothall Healthcare; Empire Graphics, Signs & Lighting; Idea Solutions; Power Solutions; Sheppard Pratt; USACS/Alteon Health; Waldorf Dodge; Wilmot Sanz Architects; WSP; and Wilson and Parlett.

Since the inaugural Golf Benefit Classic in 1990, the event has raised more than \$1.8 million to fund patient care equipment and vital hospital services at CalvertHealth Medical Center.

Press Release from CalvertHealth.



First flight low net winners representing The Mark Frisco Team Century 21 New Millennium - Mike Parker, John Henson, Dru Superior and Brandon Gronert.



First flight low gross winners representing Empire Graphics, Signs and Lighting – Byron Laudenberger, Colin Laudenberger, Fred Brown and Mark Hirshman.

## **Artworks@7<sup>th</sup> Presents Under the Chesapeake Skies**



Mary Gault's Cove Point

The month of June brings the end of school days and the beginning of summer, when Southern Marylanders get out and embrace their place on this planet, the Chesapeake Bay. Artworks@7th Gallery is celebrating life along the Chesapeake Bay and our community under the Chesapeake skies.

The Chesapeake Bay is an abundant source of nature activities, from hiking to birdwatching and beachcombing. Boating, kayaking, fishing, and crabbing are enjoyed by all ages up and down the long Calvert coast. All of this inspires artists to capture the beauty and awe of the Chesapeake Bay. From Lesley Alexander's acrylic of birds taking up residence on a buoy in the bay to Donna Tizol's multi-media picture of a blue heron and Mary Gault's Cove Point on crab crate bottom, you're sure to find something to peak your interests!

Our featured artist this month is JoAnn Laboy, an abstract artist residing in Washington D.C. Her art practice incorporates various materials into her work to express her fascination with shapes, lines, and marks and the spaces they create – an interest she says dates back to her love of algebra and geometry.

an added bonus, As Artworks@7<sup>th</sup> will be open for North Beach First Friday (June 3) from 6 - 9 p.m.

Please join us for our opening reception on June 4 from 1 until 4; light refreshments will be served. If you can't make the reception, visit the gallery any time during the month to see art from local



By JoAnn Laboy



#### artists.

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

ArtWorks@7<sup>th</sup> is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue (near 2<sup>nd</sup> street) in North Beach. Marvland. Our summer hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Press Release from ArtWorks@7<sup>th</sup>



esley Alexander's buoy

# **Ryan Griffin to Open for Old Dominion**

#### Coming to PNC Waterside Pavilion

Ryan Griffin, a hitmaker with a #1 song under his bel, will be joining Old Dominion at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion on Friday, June 10 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$39 - \$89 (additional fees apply). Visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com for tickets.

Ryan Griffin is poised for a Country breakout with his Billboard Top 20 all-genre viral smash "Salt, Lime & Tequila." The Florida native adds the soul of R&B to the honest universality of Country, forging a mix of romantic fun landing somewhere between Keith Urban and Brian McKnight. Ryan will bring these songs to the PNC Waterside Pavilion stage this summer while working on his upcoming record.

Proceeds from the Waterside Music Series support the education and preservation efforts of the Calvert Marine Museum. This event would not be possible without the generous support of the community and many local businesses. Sponsors include: Prince Frederick Ford Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, PNC Bank, O'Brien Realty, Bozick Distributors, Inc., Bay Weekly, Sunshines Catering, Equity Resources, Inc., Solomons Inn Resort and Marina, 102.9 WKIK, SOMAR Communications, Quick Connections, Isaac's Restaurant, Asbury-Solomons, The BayNet, Directmail.com, Southern Maryland - This is Living, Quality Built Homes, Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, Southern Maryland Newspa-



pers, and Chick-fil-a - First Colony Center. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Director of Development Bonnie Barrett at 410-326-2042, ext. 8065.

Gates open at 5 p.m. with food and beverages for sale on-site. Chairs and coolers are not permitted. For additional information, please visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum com

Press Release from CMM

### **Twin Beach Youth Troupe to Present 'The Alibis'** The 🚔 Alibis

Twin Beach Players will present its 2022 Teen Show production of "The Alibis" by Jonathan Dorf, et al. June 17-26 at the North Beach Boys and Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue in North Beach. Curtain times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and military. They may be purchased at www.showtix4u.com/ event-details/65393.

The show, directed by Terri McKinstry, follows a Detective Casey Neptune as she tries to solve the murder of billionaire J. Leslie Arlington. There are eight suspects reluctant to admit their alibis — because they were all committing other ludicrous crimes at the time.

By Dorf et al 2021

"This is our first live teen show since COVID. We were looking for a fun ensemble show the teens would enjoy doing that would challenge them," McKinstry said. "This show has 55 characters being played by an ensemble of 18 teens.

She continued, "The kids are having fun and working hard. Come check it out! This show is going to be a fun ride."

Press Release from Twin Beach Players

## **CSM Announces Spring Candidates for Graduation**



The following students were among those recognized as candidates for associate degrees, certificates or letters of recognition at the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) 63rd Spring Commencement ceremony held Friday, May 13, 2022, at the La Plata Campus.

#### Chesapeake Beach

Savanna Renae Beaulac, Andrew John Brower, Brittney A. Burke, Matthew Tyler Jarman, Shaunte Lorraine Parran, Marjorie Renea Plaudis and Jayla M. Wilson

#### Dunkirk

Sarah Rose Ashe, Erika Thomas Bruce, Kailey N. Catucci, Kelsey Taylor Culbert, Katie A. Garrett, and Victoria Ruth White

#### Huntingtown

Carley Renee Aley, Jake A. Angell, Grady F. Armacost, Angela Helen Boley, Isabelle Jolie Buckler, Brittany Michelle Carver, Stephanie N. Gray, Colby Nathan MacKall, Ashley Lyn McMullen, Kurt Gregory Miller, Patrick Bernard Moore, Sarah Nicole Noble, Harley Vincent Noel, Ryan K. Pellegrino, Oscar Fabian Perez, Adrian Javon Clifton Reynolds, Lisa Marie Schwallenberg, Abi-gail M. Sellner, Shelby Olivia Snyder, Caitlin Elaine Straughan, Natalie Marie Sulhoff, Hannah D. Tucker, Hayli D. Tucker, Jaden Alexis Vermillion and Patrick Daniel Weiskircher

#### Lusby

John E. Alexander III, Jennifer Maria Bendfeldt, Matthew J. Duncan, Celine Martita Fisher, Olivia A. Flynn, Cassandra Garren, Brianna Nicolette Gross, Kami M. Hardin, Daniel S. Hartle, Taylor G. Jones, Taylor Gabrielle Jones, Tasneem Luto, Adam S. McCloskey, Mackenzie Leigh Moore, Jessica Nicole Penn, Alexis Renay Stefanic, and Caleb Matthew Withers

#### North Beach

Travis Scott Kekoa Dowell, Andrea Marilyn Hawkins, Lesley G. Keller, Sydney Faith Nauman, Janna-Beth Willaum Smith, Alexis Renay Stefanic, and Megan D. Tillini

#### Owings

Taylor Nicole America, Courtney Lee Anderson, Christopher D. Brandts, Jenna Marie Guido, Julia Grace Lee, Savannah Mae Richardson, and Tara A. Wilson

#### Port Republic

Brittney Marie Douglas, William J. Micknick, Lindsey Marie Roush, Ashley M. Smith and Clare Rosemary Woollen

#### **Prince Frederick**

Alivia Aiken, Stephanie Hart Butler, Christian Joseph Carrero, Griffin E. Carson, Kathryn Marie Crider, Jonathan L. Davis, Tristan Fleckenstein, Kathryn Ann Humphreys, Beverly Jones, Aryan Jitendrabhai Kakadia, Branden Michael Milam, Nathaniel Wayne O'Dell, Madison Renee Scrivener, Shannon Renee Stoneburner, Vanessa Surat and Jessica M. Walters **St. Leonard** 

Savannah Michelle Blackwell, Evaleigh Claire Cooley, Lauren Rhea Faucette, Collin Thomas Felix, Joseph R. Gionfriddo, Claire N. Jenkins, Chandler Maldonado, Emily E. Mutchler, Emiliann Carmela Simpson and Justin R. Turner

Solomons Katrina Ann Crabtree

## **SMECO Awards Scholarships**

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) has awarded four scholarships for 2022 to high school seniors who live in the Cooperative's service area. Scholarships are based on the applicants' scholastic achievement, financial need, and school and community involvement. SMECO has awarded scholarships to 120 students in the 30 years since beginning the program in 1993. Each of the following students will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship: Destiny Erugo, Corey Goddard, Sawver Gray, and Julianna Hammett.

Destiny Erugo, a graduate of North Point High School (NPHS) in Charles County, plans to attend Loyola University New Orleans to pursue a degree in public health. She has served as secretary of the NPHS Best Buddies. Erugo has also been a member of the NPHS varsity tennis team, National Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society. She volunteers through OUR Place Soup Kitchen. Erugo served as the chairwoman of the National Council of Negro Women during the 2021 Top Teens of America Area II Conference and has participated in the Southern Maryland chapter of Top Teens of America since 2018. She is active in programs that further her education, including participating in the Brandeis Precollege Program for Women's Health and completing 40 clinical hours at the University of Maryland Charles County Regional Medical Center. She has received the Principal's Honor Roll each year. Her mother, Ebere Erugo, and stepfather, Alland Leandre, live in Waldorf, Maryland.

Corev Goddard. Jr is a graduate of North Point High School in Charles County. He plans to study biology at Howard University. An avid soccer player, Goddard is a member of the NPHS soccer team and a club team. In addition to soccer, he also enjoys lacrosse and volleyball. He is a member of the NPHS marching band, serving as both section and squad leader. Goddard won the Marching Band Choreography Award and performed two solos, helping the band win second place in two separate competitions. Goddard has earned the Principal's Honor Award and the North Point Theatre Volunteer of the Year Award.

He has volunteered at the Bethel Baptist Church, performing outreach and facilitating bible-teaching videos. Goddard is the child of Corey Goddard, Sr. and Sophia Goddard of Waldorf, Maryland.

Sawyer Gray, a graduate of Patuxent High School (PHS) in Calvert County, plans to study elementary education at the College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus. Grav has been a member of the National Honor Society since 2020. She has served as a treasurer, vice president, and president of the PHS Best Buddies. Gray has been a member of the varsity lacrosse team for two years, a member of the PHS varsity Cheerleading Team, and the symphonic band. She volunteers in her community while also working a part-time job and running a small business with her sister. Gray is ranked 18th out of 231 students and has earned Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, the Academic Excellence Award, the Academic Excellence Award for the Teacher Academy of Maryland, and Most Spirited Award. Gray is the child of Paul and Abbe Gray of Lusby, Marvland

Julianna Hammett is a graduate of Leonardtown High School (LHS) in St. Mary's County. She plans to study nursing at Salisbury University. Hammett is a member of the National Honor Society and a cabinet member and mentor for the Freshman Academy. She is a member of the chorus and chamber choir, performs mentorship, student-to-student serves as head editor of the LHS newspaper, and has been a baseball manager each year. Hammett volunteered through the Key Club and Leo Club service organizations and served as president of the Leo Club for one year. She attended the Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference, where she worked alongside students from other states to help find solutions for the ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine. Hammett's parents are Suzanne and Jose Ocasio (stepfather) and Robert Hammett of St. Mary's County.

SMECO provides scholarships to local students who excel in their endeavors and who show promise in their chosen field of study.

Press Release from SMECO



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

#### Thursday, June 2

Sea Squirts

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

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

#### Friday, June 3

**Dee of St. Mary's Sunset Sail** (adults only) *Calvert Marine Museum* 6-8 p.m.

Join us on a 2-hour evening sail aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's, and experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail. This Friday evening cruise is for adults-only, and you are welcome to BYOB. Capacity allows for 30 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$45 per person. To register visit: Dee of St. Mary's Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

#### Saturday, June 4

**350th Anniversary Festival** *Christ Church Port Republic Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.* 

Engage the family with numerous fun-filled activities. There will be planned events, including a Comedy/Magic Show, period dances, meet Mistress Margaret Brent—First Suffragette, Cemetery Tour, and a Jousting Exhibition. There will be balloon artists, arts and crafts, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, and games for all ages including corn hole competition. Visit Historic Christ Church, a Biblical Garden, History of Christ Church Exhibit, and the One Room Schoolhouse. Check out antique and old farm equipment. Listen to music by the Port Tobacco Pickers. All activities free, except for charges by Food and Artisan Vendors. There will be plenty of parking available. For more information, please visit our website at www.christchurchcalvert.org/ events-2/ or call 410-586-0565.

#### **Open House**

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

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

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

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#### Sunday, June 5

**Children's Day on the Farm** Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission; https://jefpat.maryland.gov/

35th annual Children's Day on the Farm, a celebration of Southern Maryland's rich agricultural heritage! Bring the entire family for a day of fun with live performances, crafts, games, and food vendors. Enjoy a new view of the Park from atop a wagon or get up close and personal with some animals at the petting zoo. And don't forget to check out the demonstrations and exhibits to learn about rural life in the past and today.

Thursday, June 9

Sea Squirts

#### Calvert Marine Museunm 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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

#### UPCOMING

**OLD DOMINION with opener RYAN GRIFFIN perform LIVE** *Calvert Marine Museum Friday, June* 10 - 7 - 10 p.m.

To kick off concert season, GRAMMY-nominated Nashville band OLD DOMINION will perform at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion as part of their summer tour! Florida native, Ryan Griffin, will bring the soul of R& B to the honest universality of Country music and open for Old Dominion at 7 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m. with food and beverage vendors onsite. The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store close at 3 p.m. for concert preparations.

#### Free Drive-thru Rabies Clinics

The Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Animal Services Division, in partnership with the Calvert County Health Department will host drive-thru rabies clinics to offer free rabies vaccinations for pets. Clinics will be held 5-7 p.m. at the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter on June 15.

Online registration is required. Interested parties can register using the shelter calendar online at www. CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Proof of prior rabies vaccination is required to receive the three-year vaccine. Eligible pets include cats, dogs and ferrets in carriers or on leashes and muzzled if necessary. Citizens are advised no special accommodations will be available for

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animals that cannot be restrained by their owners, such as feral or aggressive animals.

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

#### Virtual Lecture: Megalodon The Morphology and Ecology Calvert Marine Museum Wednesday, June 15, 6 p.m.

In honor of National Megalodon

Day (June 15), international guest lecturer, Jack Cooper, will give a virtual presentation on Megalodon: The Morphology & Ecology based on 2D and 3D modeling; and the importance of this iconic species in studying shark functional diversity. Jack Cooper is a PhD researcher at Swansea University in Wales, UK investigating the functional diversity and ecology of sharks through time using the fossil record. For more information and the zoom link, visit: Fossil Club | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

#### ONGOING

**Wm. B. Tennison Public Cruise** *Calvert Marine Museum Wednesday through Friday the month of June – 2 p.m.* 

Relax and enjoy a leisurely onehour sightseeing cruise on the river aboard the Wm. B. Tennison, a logbuilt bugeye. Capacity allows for 40 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4.00 for children 5-12 years. Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by a paying adult. For more information and to register visit: Wm. B. Tennison Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

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# **Three License-Free Fishing Days Scheduled**

Opportune Time to Try Fishing



Photo by Jeff Swartzendruber, submitted to the 2020 Maryland DNR Photo Contest

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announces its 2022 license-free fishing days will be held on Saturday, June 4, Saturday, June 11, and Monday, July 4.

Maryland's annual license-free fishing days offer anglers a unique opportunity to explore the state's diverse fishing without needing a fishing license, trout stamp, or registration. On these days, any individual may catch and possess finfish in any tidal and nontidal waters of Maryland, as long as it's for recreational purposes. All anglers must follow current size and catch limits found in the DNR fishing and crabbing guide. The department also has dozens of other resources to help new or experienced anglers, including angler access maps, Click Before You Cast environmental monitoring reports, and fish identification charts. In addition, anglers of any level are encouraged to sign-up for the Maryland Fishing Report, which provides up-todate fishing information.

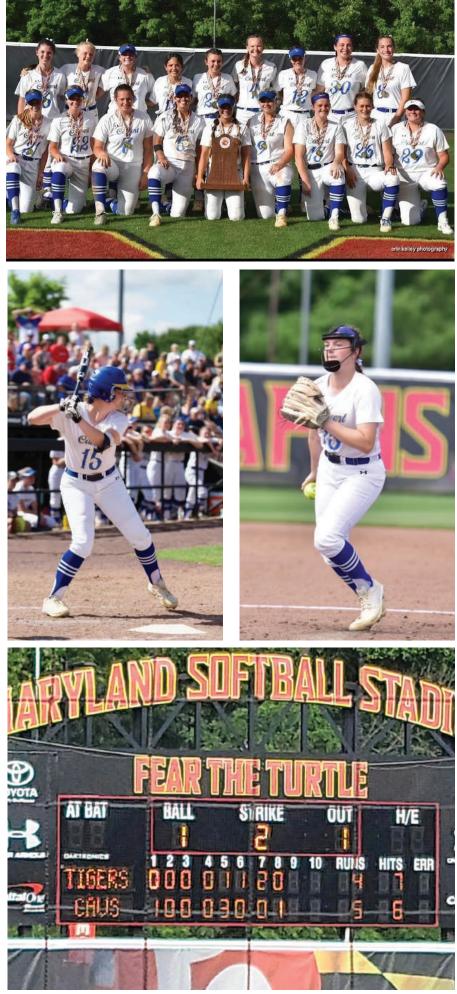
Aside from these free fishing days and certain license-free areas, anyone 16 or older fishing in Maryland must possess a license, which can be obtained or renewed online or on the department's mobile app.

Press Release from MD DNR



# **Calvert Softball Wins State Championship**

The Calvert High School Softball Team captured the Maryland State 2A Championship Saturday in College Park with a 5-4 extra inning win over Rising Sun High School





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Jesse Wayne Coyner



Jesse Wayne Coyner, 40 of Churchton passed away May 27, 2022. He was born September 24, 1981, in Silver Spring, MD. Jesse was raised in Greenbelt and moved to Churchton in 1996, where he attended Southern High School. He married Valerie Bell on September 25, 2017, and they made their home in Churchton. He was employed as a union electrician before working as a carpenter in construction and home improvement. Jesse enjoyed working out, sewing, and watching documentaries. He was deeply religious and enjoyed reading scriptures in the Bible. He was interested in how things work and enjoyed taking things apart and putting them back together. He loved animals and will be remembered as a compassionate, kind, and good-hearted person, who will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Jesse is survived by his loving wife, Valerie Coyner, his mother Rene Hunt and her husband Christopher of Churchton, brother Jamie Coyner of Odenton, nieces Taylor and Kaylee Coyner and grandparents Russell B. and Kathy Scholl. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Geraldine Scholl.

Services for Jesse will be private for family only. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jesse's name may be made to the Recovery Centers of America for individuals battling addiction and substance use disorders. Contact info: 11100 Billingsley Road, Waldorf, MD 20602; Link:

https://recoverycentersofamerica. com/

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

#### James Ray Wise, Sr.



James Ray Wise, Sr., 89, of Dunkirk passed away May 25, 2022 at his home with his children by his side. He was born October 13, 1932 in Beaumont, TX to James Oscar and Gladys Fern Wise. Raised in Beaumont, where he went on to Lamar University to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Jim became a member of the armed forces on September 21, 1954, where he served on active duty in the Air Force until his honorable discharge on June 13, 1958. He loved camping, hunting, and fishing, and was also quite the story teller.

He was the loving husband of Sharon for 60 years, who preceded him in death in 2019. A loving, caring, strong father to three children, Cynthia Pilon (David) of Littleton, CO, Bonnie Wise of North Beach, MD, and James Wise (Denise) of Bowie, MD. He is also survived by grandchildren, Joseph, Aaron, Anna, Jamie, Jessica, and Logan and great-



grandchildren Reigan, Tylar, Olivia, and Nora. He was also preceded in death by his sister Jeanette.

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.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 18, 2022, 11:30 a.m. tol2 noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A memorial service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

### Maurice Calvert Paddy



Maurice Calvert Paddy, 67, of Huntingtown passed away May 24, 2022 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born March 4, 1955 in Prince Frederick to Albert Warren and Elsie Elizabeth (Norfolk) Paddy. Maurice was raised in Huntingtown on the family farm and graduated from Calvert High School. He married Kimberly Anne Crites in 1983 and they also made their home on the farm. Maurice worked as a produce manager for Super Fresh for 32 years, retiring in 2004. He later worked at Bowen's Grocery as a meat cutter, while also owning and operating Hilltop Acres Lawn Care. He then worked as a custodian for the Calvert County Government and retired again in January 2022. Maurice enjoyed being outdoors, watching the wildlife and also enjoyed animals. Most of all, he loved being with his family.

Maurice is survived by his loving wife, Kimberly, children Amanda Brooks of Huntingtown, Brianna Paddy of West Virginia and Christopher Paddy of Huntingtown. Also surviving are grandchildren Daniel and Madison McGinnis, sister Cynthia Ward, Elsie Horstkamp and Linda Fowler and husband Malcolm, all of Huntingtown and a brother-in-law Michael Anderson and wife Staci. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Albert Paddy and Mary Helen Marshall.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

#### Connie Elizabeth Thompson

Connie Elizabeth Thompson, 76,



of Dunkirk, MD passed away May 23, 2022 at her residence. She was born July 9, 1945 in Washington DC to Mabel Lucile (Perrie) and Charles Andrew Smith.

She was raised in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. She worked for both the State of Maryland and Prince Georges County, as a Clerk and Assignment office supervisor. She enjoyed watching movies with Bob, spending time with her granddaughters and bowling with her friends. She is survived by Robert (Bob) Dewdney of Dunkirk, MD her loving lifelong partner of 36 years, her son Frank Brodnax of Joppa, MD, granddaughters Madison and Michaila Brodnax, of Severn and cousins Robin Hanifin (Perrie), Eddie Perrie and Steve Perrie.

She is preceded in death by her mother Mabel and Step-father Edward Vaughn. She is also preceded in death by her Aunts, Alice Hopkins and Doris Smith and Uncles Edward Perrie and Howard "Sonny" Perrie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the COPD Foundation at 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd.

Miami, FL 33134; Link:

https://www.copdfoundation.org/

Visitation will be Sunday, June 5, 2022, 2-4 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

### Robert Michael "Bob" Pumphrey, Jr.



Robert Michael "Bob" Pumphrey,

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Jr., 45, passed away May 22, 2022. Bob was born October 21, 1976, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to Shirley Jean Steffey and Robert Michael Pumphrey. He was raised in the Lusby area in Calvert County and attended Appeal Elementary and Southern Middle School and graduated in 1994 from Calvert County High School where he lettered in golf. In his youth Bob was active in the Boy Scouts. After graduation he began working in the flooring industry and spent most of his career with Choice Home Center as a flooring mechanic, salesman and estimator. Bob was well known as an expert in the flooring industry.

He married Nicole Walker May 19, 2006, and they lived and raised their family in North and Chesapeake Beach until moving to Huntingtown in September of 2021. Bob loved cars and racing, working with his hands, spending time at the beach, cake making and decorating, and celebrating Halloween. He was also a proud member of Narcotics Anonymous.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife Nicole, daughters Madeline Rose Pumphrey and Rosalie Danielle Pumphrey, his father Robert Michael Pumphrey and stepmother Eileen Pumphrey, his mother Shirley Jean Steffey, sister Corrin Pumphrey, and his mother-in-law Deborah Rose Walker. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law Glenn Allen Walker.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

#### **Brian Duncan Ritter**



Brian Duncan Ritter, 54 of Lusby, MD and formerly of Calverton, MD, passed away on May 22, 2022 at his residence. Born September 1, 1967 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late James Carroll Ritter and Diane (Chestnut) Ritter.

Brian graduated from High Point Senior High School in 1984. He was an Aquatics Specialist for MarylandNational Capital Park and Planning. Brian Loved to fish and play golf.

Brian is survived by his wife, Carlette Norwood Ritter whom he married on June 20, 2003 in Upper Marlboro, MD; his children, Angelique D. Ritter of Birmingham, England and Brianne M. Perez of Temple Hills, MD; and siblings, Jim Ritter of Washington, DC, Jon Ritter of NJ and Kirsten Ritter of MA.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

#### Michael Joseph Otto



Michael Joseph Otto, 66. Of Washington, DC passed away May 21, 2022 in Washington DC. He was born on September 22, 1955 at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas to the late Edward M. and Maryann Barr Otto.

Michael was a Carpenter by trade, but it was also a hobby for him. He loved motorcycles, dogs, scuba diving, the band Little Feat, and traveling around to Bluegrass Festivals when he was able. Michael was also very outspoken, if the thought came into his mind... he would tell you, whether you wanted to hear it or not.

Michael is survived by his siblings, Shawna M. Rubenstahl, Casey A. Otto, and Victoria A. Gellings. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other family members and many friends.

Date and time of Memorial Mass to be announced soon.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

#### Paula Lynn Etherson

My family is sad to announce Paula Lynn Etherson, 60, of Port Republic, MD passed away on May 21, 2022. Paula was born on April 3, 1962 to Clifford Harrell Sr and Louella Harrell (Gott) in Calvert County where she grew up. She loved going to the beach, camping, making her crafts,





being outdoors, being with family and friends, and her job as a school bus driver.

She is survived by her daughter Trish Gray and her husband Dion Etherson, her brother Clifford Harrell Jr, her sister Betty Lou Reece, her sister Bobbie Jo Dorais, and all of her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Amy Anderson, her father Clifford Harrell Sr, and her mother Louella Harrell (Gott).

In lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to the Humane Society of Calvert County, PO Box 3505

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Link:

https://humanesocietyofcalvertcounty.org/

Visitation will be Thursday, June 2, 2022, 3-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Funeral service will be Friday, June 3, 2022, 11 a.n. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic. Interment will be in Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens, 3270 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

#### Dennis Taylor Hanvey

Dennis Taylor Hanvey, 53 of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed



away May 19th, 2022 at home.

Dennis was born on October 6th, 1968 in Ridgewood, New Jersey to Suzanne Monnett Hanvey

and Forrest Robert Hanvey, Jr. He grew up in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, together with

sisters Monnett and Jacqueline, and brother Forrest. From an early age, he showed strong

interest in nature, gemstones, science, and trees, and he climbed to the top of one of the tallest

local trees before he was ten.

Dennis attended Allegheny Community College to obtain his degree in Forest Technology, and

continued on to do tree work. He was well known and respected for his skilled tree work, a

career that brought him many strong and lasting friendships that remain to this day.

Dennis was a loving person that always tried to help people and brighten their day.

He is survived by his father Forrest Hanvey, Jr., brother Forrest Hanvey, III, sisters Monnett and

Jacqueline, sons James and Taylor, and wife Deirdre.

A memorial service is planned for June 21.

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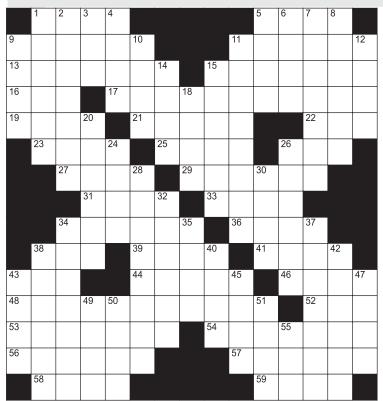


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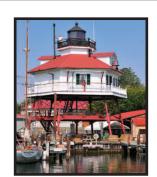
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