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- Mahatma Gandhi

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## Curriculum Takes Back Seat to Safety, Transgender, Immigration Issues at Forum



Eleven of 13 registered candidates vying for four available Howard County Board of Education seats at recent forum. Left to right: Bob Glascock, Carleen Pena, Danny Mackey, Vicky Cutroneo, Jen Mallo, Saif Rehman, Chao Wu, Sabina Taj, Robert Miller, Anita Pandey, and Mavourene Robinson.

by **Ricardo Whitaker**  
Guilford Gazette

Four out of the eight seats on the Howard County Board of Education are open this election cycle. Bess Altwerger, Cynthia L. Vaillancourt, Sandra H. French, and Ananta Hejeebu all plan to vacate their seats on the Board.

They are not running for reelection. Hejeebu was appointed to his seat after Janet Siddiqui left the board in favor of a run for the Howard County Council seat in District 4. Altwerger, Vaillancourt, and French were all elected to their posts.

Primary election day in the county is Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Voters will be asked to choose eight candidates out of the 13 who are running to replace the incumbents. Four of the eight winners at the primary will be chosen in the general election.

The school board elections are considered non-partisan, which prevents the candidates from running under party labels.

At a recent forum held at the Charles E. Miller Memorial Library in Ellicott City,

eleven of the 13 candidates participated. Timothy Hamilton and Christopher Hilfiger were absent.

The following candidates attended the forum: Bob Glascock, Carleen Pena, Danny Mackey, Vicky Cutroneo, Jen Mallo, Saif Rehman, Chao Wu, Sabina Taj, Robert Miller, Anita Pandey, and Mavourene Robinson.

The assembly room where the forum was held was nearly filled to capacity. Approximately 130 spectators were present. The moderator requested questions from the audience.

The audience questions were read from cards. Two Howard High School students worked as time keepers. All of the candidates followed the debate rules without difficulty.

### Cell Phones

On a question regarding cell phone policy, all of the candidates agreed that the issue is dicey because most of the children have personal devices now, including elementary-age

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# Publisher's Notes

## Community News: Personal and Very Much in Need

The newspaper industry in America is in tatters in comparison to the news media of the twentieth century. With the onset of social media, not only have newspapers fallen in popularity, but also every other form of journalism has slipped. While people still want to know what's happening around them, many seem content to accept unsubstantiated news articles, popularly known as fake news. Unnamed sources and information that cannot be verified all seems acceptable to many.

It is easy to get updates of interest without paying a dime, but the reality is that news is not free. The Washington Post, The Baltimore Sun, other area newspapers and electronic media outlets pay reporters, photographers, producers, and many other personnel to make quality journalism accessible to you.

Radio and television are able to hold to the old revenue model of having advertisers sponsor their programs. Revenues are lower now than in past times, but they are hanging on. Newspapers must rely on subscribers more than ever. Advertising dollars are low, meaning that subscriber support is essential.

What's interesting is that often electronic media sources its news from the daily press. Frequently, articles from The Washington Post or The Baltimore Sun are referenced on television and radio news broadcasts. That means that print media is still doing the heavy lifting. Newspapers give you the details that broadcasters omit.

Newspapers can better afford to have a single reporter with a camera camped in a courtroom, a public hearing, or a debate. Electronic media cannot cover such events as easily because they need sound crews, video professionals, and seasoned on-air reporters. The cost is astronomical.

Just in the past several weeks, the Guilford Gazette covered two zoning hearings involving commercial and residential growth. Guilford, Kings Contrivance and North Laurel are the affected areas. We were the only media at those events. We also interviewed an outstanding student at Hammond High School and a local business owner in Savage. To boot, we covered the School Board Forum in Ellicott City and the most recent Savage Historical Society meeting.

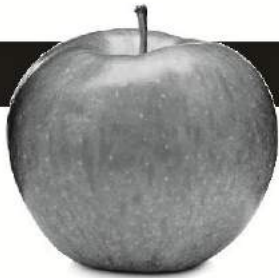
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# Business

## Local Photographer Opens New Studio in Savage Mill



Yanair Photography is set for its grand opening on Sunday, April 29th at Savage Mill. Pictured above is the new, brightly lit studio located in the Weave Building where co-owner Frank Castle plans to capture client memories. (Photo: **Yanair**)

by **Ricardo Whitaker**  
Guilford Gazette

When Frank Castle started his professional career as a photographer he was on vacation with his wife in St Croix. He did not know then that he would toss his Information Technology career aside. He was simply taking vacation pictures, but they were very high quality photographs. Being the jubilant guy that he is, he showed his pictures to hotel management and one of the resorts hired him to take promotional photographs.

Four years after taking his first clients, Castle has taken the plunge, opening up a swanky new studio in the peculiarly avant-garde mall in Maryland called Savage Mill, where uniqueness is the theme each day.

On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Castle is

hosting the grand opening of Yanair Photography from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Castle has a full-service studio. While he is perfectly willing to take a headshot or still portrait, he specializes in natural movement – stopping action to create for his clients “memories for their whole lives,” as he put it.

In a press release sent to the Guilford Gazette, Castle said of his new studio, “We offer a comfortable, private and safe environment for you and your family. Our studio features 1000 sq ft of relaxing space where we usually have the music pumping to get the blood flowing. There is a large television connected to the camera where everyone can see what the photographer sees and really keeps everyone involved!”

Exactly what services does Yanair Photography offer? The business, staffed by five, not including the ownership team of Castle and his wife Shamane Rangasammy, contracts with individuals and organizations to provide still and action photography, plus videography.

The team includes Mike Palmer, Melvin McClean, Chris Townsend, Chris Thess, and Ricky Lasser.

Yanair Photography meets client needs from the ground or from the air.

They are licensed to use drones when the customer needs that aerial perspective. The jobs that keep him busy are typically weddings, births, head shots, and portraits; but he gets calls to cover high school and college sports. The shop also sells photo

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children.

Pandey said, "Removing social media is impossible. We need to teach them critical thinking skills." Taj called for a "student-led movement on how to use devices," while Miller suggested that "Kids should be asked to leave their devices in the locker. Perhaps there could be days when they have their devices." Cutroneo called for a review of the current policy, while Pena said, "We have to teach our kids to be civil, starting in elementary school." There was some agreement among candidates, but no consensus.

### School Safety

On the issue of school safety and police officers in the schools, Mallo said, "Let's arm our teachers with books, not bullets." Robinson called for more support for disaffected children. Mackey called for the same, specifically calling for more counselors and restorative justice. Most of the candidates agreed that more was needed to help the emotional state and personal welfare needs of children. Pena pointed to an on-going facilities issue. She wants to end the practice of placing portables on school grounds as a substitute for brick and mortar structures.

### Overcrowding

On the hot-button issue of overcrowding, Mallo called for redistricting to move from east to west. Cutroneo agreed, adding, "Capacity is in the west, not in the east." Mallo wants to bring an end to children on buses sitting in traffic in the north-south Route 1 corridor. Sabina said, "Redistricting is disruptive and needs to be done smartly." Pandey and Robinson called for expansion

by building up on existing school structures. "Stop chasing development," said Robinson. Like Mallo she is looking for a smart approach to over-capacity solutions.

### Transgender

On the transgender issue, many candidates said they are willing to allow children to choose which bathroom to use, but others added some qualifiers.

"Equity is impartial," said Robinson. She says no to bathrooms with multiple stalls, but yes, to those that are single-stall. Mackey, who calls himself the LBGTQ candidate said, "But it's more than about bathrooms. Let's talk about solutions." Pena said, "We need to let our children lead us."

### School Budgets

On the issue of school budgets Wu said, "Spend money on teachers and evaluate central office spending." Rehman said he wants to cut back on the procurement practices of the school system.

Glacock called for zero-based budgeting, which is an accounting method that calls for expenditure justifications each fiscal year. Pena wants to find more money through foundations offering grants -- advocating for the hiring of more grant writers. She said, "There is money sitting out there on the table." Mallo said that the county needs to "stop increasing class size."

### Police Officers

One audience member wanted to know if the candidates agreed with the new policy of having police officers in the schools. Most of the panel either did not agree with the decision or did not agree with the implemen-

tation. Wu took a different stand. He agreed with the policy. He called for "safety first" saying, "I spoke to the Superintendent [Michael Martirano] and the Diversity Chief [Kevin Gilbert]."

### Inclusion

Regarding inclusion policies, specifically how to reach the immigrant population, Taj said, "We need to start listening to them. Some kids are afraid and feel unsafe." Mallo said, "We need to lead by example. We need to go out to these communities and say, we value you." Mackey answered the question first in flawless Spanish, then responding in English where he gave his support for inclusion.

~~While the event went without a hitch,~~ Rehman had difficulty squeezing his answers into the 30 second timeframe, so very often he did not complete his statements. However, he made it perfectly clear that he wants to "invest more in children" and he wants an end to haphazard policy-making.

Pena gained some prohibited applause when she distinguished herself from the others by saying, "We forget about the kids right there in the middle." She was referring to the attention given to the high achievers and the low achievers.

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# Crime

## HCPD Crime Bulletin — Counterfeit Bills in County

MON, APR 23, 2018

### Robbery

**Laurel, 20723:** Route 216 & I-95, Apr. 22 3:54 a.m. An adult male victim reported that three suspects with whom he was riding assaulted him and stole his cash and cell phone before fleeing in the vehicle without him. No serious injuries were reported. The investigation is ongoing.  
**SUSPECTS:** black male in his 40s, 5'6"-5'10" with a thin build wearing a gray shirt and blue jeans; a white male in his late 30s-

early 40s, 5'10"-6', with a thin build wearing a blue shirt and white pants; and a black female, 5'2"-5'4", with a heavy build wearing an orange shirt and blue pants

### Commercial burglary

**Laurel, 20723:** Integrity Martial Arts, 8800 block of Gorman Road, Apr. 21-22 |Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the business by prying open the front door and stole cash, sports equipment, a speaker, and office equipment.

### Theft from vehicle/ vehicle break-in

**Apr. 20**

**Laurel, 20723:** 9300 block of Canterbury Riding, Apr. 20 1:02 p.m., various items 9500 block of Odelton Court, Apr. 20-21 overnight, four vehicles: cash, credit cards, jewelry 9500 block of Kings Grant Road, Apr. 20-21 overnight, checkbook

**Apr. 21**

**Laurel, 20723:** 9300 block of Decatur Drive, Apr. 21-22 overnight, seven vehicles: change, various items  
**Apr. 22**

**Laurel, 20723:** 9300 block of Fifth Street, Apr. 22 10:40 a.m., cash  
**Apr. 23 | Columbia, 21046:** 6300 block of Amherst Avenue, Apr. 23 12:12 a.m., backpack

FRI, APR 20, 2018

Commercial burglary Jessup, 20794: Cedar Motel, 8000 block of Washington Boulevard, Apr. 19 12:42 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the motel

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### 1ST Annual Hoopin' for Teen Health

Saturday, Apr 28, 2018, 6 pm—9 pm | Wilde Lake High School | 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia

**DESCRIPTION:** 3-ON-3 Co-Ed Charity Basketball Tournament sponsored by the NAACP Youth Council of Howard Council. For registration info: [www.howardcountynaacpyouthcouncil.org](http://www.howardcountynaacpyouthcouncil.org)

### Howard County Council District 3 Forum

Tue, May 1, 2018, 6:30 pm | Laurel Community Center | 8411 Whiskey Bottom Road | Laurel MD

**DESCRIPTION:** The Southern Howard County Civic Association is hosting all District 3 and State's Attorney candidates. | Each candidate will be asked to briefly answer a few general introductory questions, after which they will mingle with the audience to allow you to get to know them on a more personal basis.

### Ridgely's Run Spring Spring Event

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
8400 Mission Road, Jessup, MD

**DESCRIPTION:** Join our community in welcoming Spring! We are hosting a combination Vendor, Craft and Yard Sale at the Community Center. Spots are \$15 each. Held Rain or Shine. Contact Ms. Bessie at 443-280-1935 to reserve your spot.

### Columbia Democratic Club

Wed, May 9, 2018, 7 pm | Jeffers Hill Community Center | 6030 Tamar Drive | Columbia MD

### (CRIME Cont'd from page 7)

by forcing open the front door and stole cash.

#### Theft from vehicle

**Columbia, 21045:** 9000 block of Snowden Square Drive, Apr. 16, suitcase

**Laurel, 20723:** 9200 block of Pinenut Court, Apr. 18-19 overnight, wallet, other items

9300 block of Meredith Avenue, Apr. 18-19 overnight, cell phones, wallet  
11400 block of Harding Road, Apr. 19, unclear if anything was stolen

**Jessup, 20794:** 7400 block of Assateague Drive, Apr. 18-19 overnight, electronics, other items

#### Vehicle theft

**Jessup, 20794:** 8200 block of Morris Place, Apr. 19 5:15 p.m.

Nissan Maxima

THU, APR 19

#### Theft from vehicle

**Jessup, 20794:** 8100 block of Stayton Drive, Apr. 18 8:54 a.m., tag

**Laurel, 20723:** 10000 block of Washington Boulevard, Apr. 17-18 overnight, tires  
9200 block of Stream View Lane, Apr. 17-18 overnight, two vehicles: credit cards

WED, APR 18

#### Theft from vehicle

**Laurel, 20723:** 9000 block of Thamesmeade Road, Apr. 16-17 overnight, radio

TUE, APR 17

#### Drug violation/counterfeiting

**Laurel, 20723:** Whiskey Bottom Road & Northgate Road, Apr. 16 10:09 p.m.

During a traffic stop, police discovered quantities of suspected marijuana, drug paraphernalia and counterfeit money. All three subjects in the vehicle were arrested.

**ARRESTED:** Wesley Jordan Walker, 18, of Briar Croft Lane in Laurel; Kai-mon Terrell Morgan, 19, of

Hogarth Court in Beltsville; and Michael Anthony Jackson, Jr., 18, of Blue Ponds Terrace in Beltsville, charged with drug distribution and other related charges. Jackson also is charged with possession of forged currency. Residential burglary

#### Theft from vehicle/vehicle break-in

**Columbia, 21046:** 8700 block of Snowden River Parkway, Apr. 16 4:27 p.m., airbag | Vehicle theft |**Laurel, 20723:** 9400 block of Canterbury Riding, Apr. 16 10:11 a.m. |2002 Toyota Sequoia



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June 18-22 for current 10th graders (rising 11th graders)

<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM.php#fndtn-panel1-Attending>

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# Living

## Benny Mardones is a 'Savage Legend' with Neighbors



Friends and former neighbors of Benny Mardones enjoy a video conference with the singer-song writer last week at the Faith and Ministry Center in Savage, Maryland where Mardones grew up.

by **Ricardo Whitaker**  
Guilford Gazette

Twenty-two Savage residents came out last week to the monthly Savage Historical Society meeting at the Faith and Ministry Center, 9032 Baltimore Street in Savage, Maryland.

The group had to shift to a larger room. The group, dedicated to keeping the history of the small, unincorporated town alive, usually has a smaller gathering of dedicated devotees of town history.

This night, thanks to the advances of audiovisual technology, Benny Mardones, 71, a singer-songwriter with roots deep in this picturesque Central Maryland hamlet, visited his friends and former neighbors via a video conference.

Savage pride was on display and Mardones was its poster child. Of

course they needed more room.

Mardones is not a household name for most folks, but in Savage, at least for the people with whom Mardones grew up, he is not only memorable, but he is a legend, as the meeting title suggested. They came to experience "A Savage Legend: Benny Mardones."

While this singer-songwriter may not be known to today's hip hop and club music generation, he is known to those who tuned into radio in the 1980's and to old-school Savage residents.

According to Billboard, Mardones peaked on the charts on September 9, 1980 with his hit song, "Into the Night." He remained on the chart for 37 weeks peaking at number eleven.

The number one hit on that date was "Upside Down" by Diana Ross. Mardones was also in competition

with Christopher Cross' "Sailing," "Emotional Rescue" by the Rolling Stones, "All Out of Love" by Air Supply, and "Fame" by Irene Cara, among others. Another website, Songfacts.com, says the Mardones song was rereleased in 1985, hitting the charts again at number 20.

Mardones wrote and recorded a song in 2012 called "I've Got You," which he made available on Apple iTunes. On that site, the history of his top song, differs with the information listed on Billboard.com. "Into the Night" is listed as having hit the top ten twice, something Mardones reiterated during his teleconference.

Mardones is living in California now. He is battling some health issues, which he plans to beat. According to Mardones, he has surgery planned for May 9, 2018.

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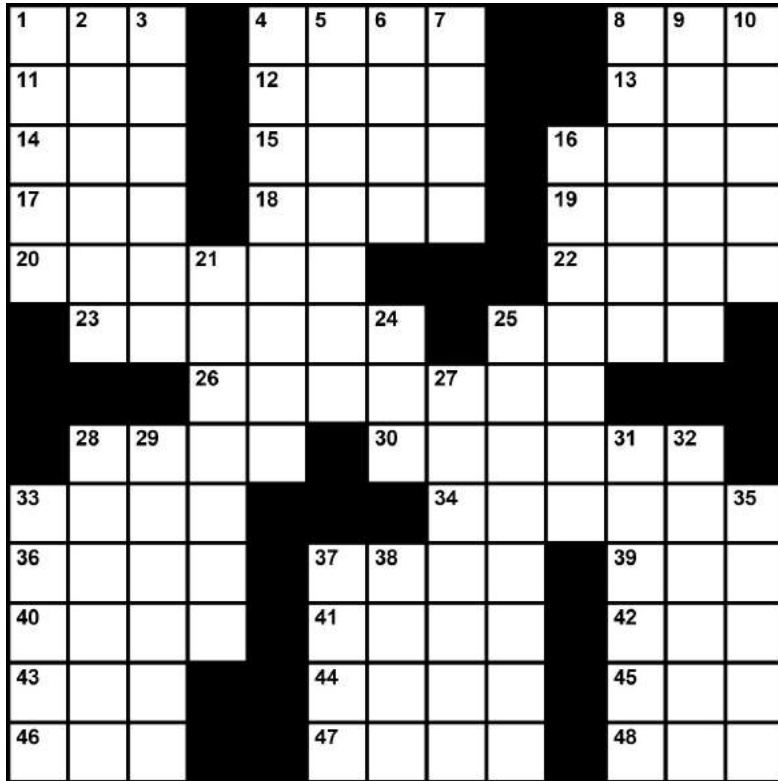
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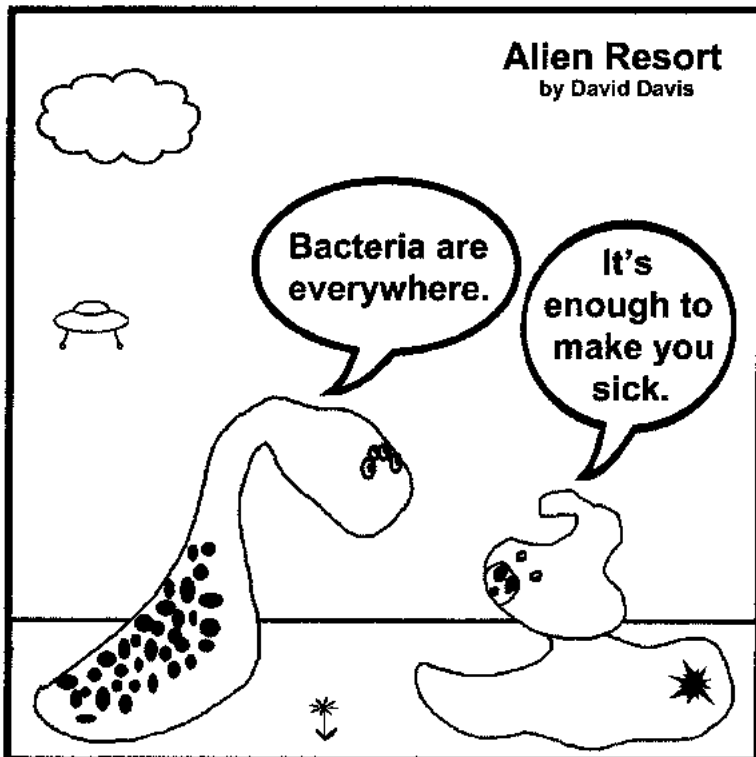


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- 1. Shade of blonde
- 4. Street fleet
- 8. Girls youth org. (abbr.)
- 11. Baseball's Durocher
- 12. Caspian Sea feeder
- 13. Tax month, for short
- 14. Philosophy
- 15. Stir, with "up"
- 16. Congeal
- 17. Write extra
- 18. Bug blaster
- 19. Hawaiian welcomes
- 20. Bunked with
- 22. Deeply
- 23. Aussie lizard
- 25. Small fly
- 26. Lettuce variety
- 28. With competence
- 30. Hardly a brainiac
- 33. Putdown
- 34. Go back into business
- 36. Novice
- 37. Style
- 39. Time of anticipation
- 40. Card type
- 41. London gallery
- 42. Crow's call
- 43. Civil aviation controllers
- 44. Mideast ruler
- 45. Commercials

**Down**

- 1. Shrine
- 2. Experienced sailor (2 words)
- 3. Jinx
- 4. British pounds for example
- 5. Gave Theseus a thread to escape the labyrinth
- 6. Island east of Java
- 7. Go downhill
- 8. MO city
- 9. Gone bad
- 10. Pretentious
- 16. Clutch (2 words)
- 21. Where letters are delivered
- 24. Alphabet
- 25. Shrubs, trees, etc
- 27. Inconsistent
- 28. Creature
- 29. News office
- 31. Medicinal syrup
- 32. Reno's state
- 33. Rod
- 35. Gossipy
- 37. Library catalog abbr.
- 38. Buddhist priest



**Solution to last week's puzzle**





**(MARDONES** continued from page 12)

One at a time, friends of Mardones sat in a chair facing the camera to have a brief one-on-one conversation. "Savage seems like small town America," Mardones conveyed. He attended Howard High School, but left to join the U.S. Navy at age 17. In a nostalgic moment, Mardones said, "We used to throw rocks at the windows of Savage Mill."

Mardones shared his career history

also. He played Madison Square Garden, "but I had never been afraid to go on stage," he said. Seeing and meeting Elvis Pressley in 1973 was a different story. "It was the first time I was ever afraid, because this was about me coming from a Savage, a small town."

One of the first times locals experienced the skills of Mardones was at talent show in the area. Later when he returned to visit Savage he performed a song called "Hometown

Girl" because, as he put it, "The girls in Savage were the best looking girls around."

Mardones said, "I treasure those memories. I wish I was there with everybody." He added, "When I come back we'll all get together at the community center." His friends and neighbors agreed that when Mardones comes to Savage, they will all sing along with him performing his big hit from the 1980's.

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graphic art.

In 2016 Yanair Photography covered several Hammond Golden Bears sports teams for this newspaper. Later, the company volunteered on a number of occasions to create masterful images and video for the Hammond High School sports program.

Yanair Photography created two sports promotional videos for the school – one featuring the varsity football team, and the other for the men's basketball team. Castle said he wants to cover women's sports

next.

While Castle has been a professional photographer for four years, he has seven years of experience. He ran the shop out of his home in Columbia. He said, "We wanted to expand. We thought it was time. It's better for our clientele."

"It's better when you have a real creative space. We have high ceilings; better lighting," Castle said.

When asked, "Why Savage Mill?" he described the management there as "really nice." He added, that they understood his business and worked out a plan that made sense. He said, "It's an artsy place. No big box

stores.

It's a perfect fit. It's more of a creative space for us."

Castle promises door prizes. The shop is located in the Weave Building. Savage Mill, a historic cotton mill is now a complex of shops and restaurants, antique center shops, home furnishing stores, craft galleries, artist studios, specialty shops, and banquet facilities.

*See this article on GuilfordGazette.com to see pictures and video created by Yanair Photography.*

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