

CALVERT INDEPENDENT

# OPINION

## 'For being there when a fellow countian needed help'

### To the Editor:

Who remembers where they were or what they were doing this past February when the snows were so high they closed the roads?

I don't know about you, but I was sitting in the lobby of Calvert Memorial Hospital. I had spent an overnight having tests-a-plenty run on my ticker because of chest pains that occurred because I was doing what everyone else was doing—shoveling snow—when I shouldn't have.

But, those perceptive few who read into stories by now know the real question. If the snows were so high and the roads were all closed and I was sitting in the lobby of the hospital, how did I get home?

I got home because of Evan Slaughenhaupt, a man I'd never met and haven't seen since. He wasn't out campaigning; however, he now is a candidate for county commissioner (I remember reading an interview two or three weeks ago in this paper). He was out being a good neighbor and helping those of us who really needed it. Since that time I have failed to read about any other of our elected officials so much as being present at a command center monitoring road cleaning progress. But, that's another story. For being there when a fellow countian needed help in conditions too dangerous for my wife to attempt, I offer my sincere thanks—and my vote.

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