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Light Rail or the TJ Bridge?

Charles Vs. Calvert/St. Mary's

By Dick Myers
Editor

In recent years deciding on Southern Maryland's top regional transportation priority has been a foregone conclusion – the replacement of the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge over the Patuxent River, connecting Calvert and St. Mary's counties.

The process usually had those two counties identify the bridge as their priority and then the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) adopt the bridge as their top regional priority and inform the state.

This year, with the bridge being removed by the state from its Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP), which looks six years into the future, the two counties decided they couldn't see a bridge anywhere in anybody's crystal ball. So, they replaced the bridge with another priority – Route 231 in Calvert County and the Great Mills intersection in St. Mary's County.

When the downgrading got to the Tri County Council's Regional Infrastructure Advisory Committee, the decision was made to adopt Charles County's top priority, light rail to Waldorf, as the region's top priority, since the Calvert and St. Mary's projects were more local.

The committee, co-chaired by Calvert County Commissioner Steve Weems and Charles County Commissioner Gilbert Bowling, crafted a proposed letter to send to the state transportation secretary. The letter said in part:

"Since 2002, the TCCSMD continues to recommend the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement with accompanying improvements to the Route 2/4 corridor and capacity improvements at the MD 235 interchange as the top regional highway bridge project priority. This project has been included in the CTP since FY 2007. This project will relieve commuter congestion and improve safety and emergency evacuation and will properly position the Naval Air Station Patuxent River for future BRAC activities and other mobilizations. In FY2019, the project received \$750,000, but, since that date, there has been little to no visible progress and the subsequent

MDOT budget removed future spending."

The letter goes on to say, "Although the importance of the Thomas Johnson Bridge remains a primary regional concern, these efforts have not resulted in success either presently or in the near future. Should the full bridge replacement not be including in the CTP budget, the TCCSMD is requesting funding for extending the MD-4 merge lane north of Patuxent Boulevard to allow more efficient intersection functionality."

The letter then gets to the heart of the matter: "Our Top Regional Transit Priority continues as the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT) Project to provide fixed-route, high-capacity transit service in the MD Route 5/US 301 corridor from the Branch Avenue Metro Station to Waldorf/White Plains in Charles County. The SMRT project is estimated to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips on MD 5 (Branch Avenue) by 24,000 to 28,000 vehicles each day and will enhance the Southern Maryland job base."

The letter failed to attain a consensus in the council's executive board, so it was brought to the full council at a virtual meeting on June 25 attended by 12 council members, just one more than a quorum. The letter immediately drew strong, adverse reaction from some of the members from Calvert and St. Mary's.

St. Mary's County's citizen member of the council, Helen Wernecke said the bridge had been a priority for a long time. She said the letter made the bridge seem like an afterthought, when in fact it was critical, being one of the area's vital emergency routes. "We can't lose sight of the Thomas Johnson Bridge," she insisted.

Delegates Matt Morgan of St. Mary's and Mark Fisher of Calvert were much more caustic. Fisher said, "This is so incredibly silly."

Morgan said the letter takes the region's No. 1 priority, the bridge, "and shoves it in a corner for some pipe dream of mass transit."

Charles County Commissioner President Reuben Collins, II charged that Morgan's comments weren't "in the spirit of regional friendship." Collins said that rapid transit "benefits the entire Southern

Maryland region."

Council Chairman Bowling, noting that the letter was reflecting each county's wishes, attempted to get the membership to support the committee letter. But the 6-6 vote, with all of the Charles County members supporting it and all of the Calvert and St. Mary's members opposing it, created a stalemate.

Three of the six Calvert and St. Mary's members opposing were county commissioners, Weems and Tim Hutchins from Calvert and Todd Morgan from St. Mary's, the two boards that removed the bridge as their top priority.

With an impasse, TCCSMD Executive Director John Hartline asked the Calvert and St. Mary's commissioner boards to revisit their decision and report back to the full council. He had hoped those two boards would meet this week, but neither had a scheduled meeting and no special meetings had been called as of press deadline.

Before the strident discussion, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen appeared virtually at the meeting. He said efforts were underway in Congress for increased federal bridge funding which could benefit the bridge project. He also said he sent a letter to the U.S. transportation secretary touting light rail, but he said that project needed to also be adopted by the state.

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The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces the newly constructed second entrance to Hallowing Point Park will open for use beginning Monday, July 6. The new roadway extends from the back of Hallowing Point Park to Jibsail Drive, on the east side of the Calvert County Industrial Park, and provides secondary access for those entering and exiting Hallowing Point Park.

Motorists are advised to follow directional signs posted in the area for entering and exiting the park, as traffic patterns will be adjusted. Motorists may access the second entrance from Jibsail Drive or Skipjack Road. Drivers exiting from the rear of the park must use Ketch Road and Skipjack Road to access Hallowing Point Road (MD 231).

Drivers may only make right turns into and out of the main park entrance onto MD 231.

Completion of the second entrance concludes the first phase of traffic safety improvements in the area of Hallowing Point Park. Additional phases will include further roadway modifications in the surrounding area to optimize the safe flow of traffic into and out of the park.

Hallowing Point Park is located at 4755 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick.

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Weapons Banned on County Property

Employees, Visitors Covered, Police Exempted

By Dick Myers
Editor

It is now illegal for employees or visitors to any Calvert County facility to have a weapon or contraband there. The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their June 23 meeting unanimously agreed to the new policy. County law had previously been silent on the issue.

The prohibition covers “employees, appointed employees and elected officials, visitors, and other persons” at any county facility regardless of whether they have a permit to carry the weapon. The exception to the policy is for “Sworn Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, or a Security Officer (as defined in the policy) who is carrying an assigned weapon while in the performance of their official duty, or Appointed Employees or Elected Officials who hold a valid Permit to Carry a Handgun issued by the Maryland State Police or a valid Proficiency Card issued in accordance with the provisions of Title 18, 44USC, §926B and 926C, and is performing their official duty.”

At the insistence of Commissioner Buddy Hance, a provision was added to provide for an exemption for an employee who has a valid permit to carry a handgun “for personal protection.” That exemption would have to be approved by a special committee set up for that purpose. Hance said he could get out of his mind the possibility that someone may have a permit to protect themselves from someone they

have a restraining order against “and there is an actual threat against you.”

Hance wondered if the county could be sued if something happened because the county prohibited the employee from defending against that threat.

The commissioners unanimously went along with Hance to add that exemption. But Hance also was concerned about the policy for visitors. He posited the possibility of a businessman who has a permit and was taking a deposit to the bank and wanted to stop on his way to see his child play at a park. Under that circumstance, that person would have to take the gun out of the car before going on county property. He said it was similar to someone who had a Maryland permit, going out of state.

“I don’t want him to get jammed up,” Hance said.

But Commissioner Tin Hutchins told Hance, “You don’t know if that same person had domestic violence issues.”

Commissioner Mike Hart admitted it was a difficult issue. He said, “You don’t want to close the door on someone to walk in with a weapon,” adding they would probably be a small businessperson.

But in the end, all of the commissioners went along with the proposed policy from Deputy County Administrator Wilson Parran and as amended with Hance’s suggestion about a committee to review exemptions for personal protection.

The meeting was the last for Parran, who is retiring.

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Churches Hold Community Prayer Walk



Prayers were said for law enforcement and first responders in attendance.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Several hundred people, representing Calvert County pastors and their churches, gathered Saturday morning, June 27 at Prince Frederick Shopping Center for a Community Prayer Walk.

Attendees were led in prayer by several ministers, including Pastor Sharon Holley-Ward of Greater Faith Ministries. She urged everyone to “Pray, Pray, Pray.” She said “We are together. No denomination can separate us. Religion cannot separate us. Racism cannot separate us. We are in this together.”

Pastor Holley-Ward added that it’s time, “We just come together to love and support each other because we know it’s about Jesus. We know it’s about building the Kingdom of God here on earth,

that it will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In heaven we are all together and in heaven there’s not a black church, nor a white church but it’s a church.”

She said, “Every evil place. Every wicked place. Together we will take a message to knock down the kingdom of Satan and let them know, not here, not in Calvert County.”

Law enforcement and first responders were invited to come forward and a prayer was said for them.

The attendees, praying along the way, matched out of the parking lot with Sheriff Mike Evans in the lead. They marched on the sidewalk up Solomons Island Road and then back along Main Street and a return to the parking lot.

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Beginning of the march up Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick.

Retail Stores Adjust to COVID-19



Rachel Giese

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

For 21-year-old Rachel Giese, a Brand Associate at Old Navy in California, the coronavirus has translated into significant schedule changes and increased customer protection policies.

Originally from Iowa, Giese moved to Maryland in 2017 and started working at Old Navy in November of that year. A few of the tasks that she performs there are cashiering, managing the fitting rooms, and arranging merchandise on the store floor.

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, managing the fitting rooms essentially meant folding clothes that customers didn’t end up wanting and then preparing those clothes to be returned to the store floor. Arranging store merchandise, which includes pushing a folding cart around the store and folding clothes, is an aspect of Giese’s job that has remained the same.

Regarding her schedule, she normally had shifts of about four hours. She noted that, as a brand associate, having a six-hour shift would be unusual. When she could work more during summers, she couldn’t get many shifts because other students were also available to work.

However, the store has been operating very differently since it reopened in late May.

Now, Giese’s work week generally has four or five shifts that are eight hours long. When she received her first schedule after returning to work, she said she was “pretty shocked to see I had four eight-hour shifts on there.” She was definitely pleased when she got her paycheck.

Perhaps the most drastic change for Old Navy has been the cleaning procedures now in place. Giese stated that, normally, “We would have someone come in, usually in the morning, to do a little cleanup of the store, like sweep and wipe down.” Now, essentially everything is cleaned thoroughly and frequently.

When Giese is checking out customers at the cash register, it’s mandatory for her to wear a mask and wear gloves.

After a customer leaves, she must use Germ-X on her gloves before helping the next customer. “And every two hours, we have to change our gloves out,” she added.

Also, the counter and PIN pad must be wiped between customers. A Plexiglass wall partially separates cashiers from customers.

Though not every customer is understanding, several have been gracious about the changes to their checkout experience. Giese noted, “They’re like, ‘Oh, thank you so much for cleaning.’”

Old Navy is one of very few stores to have its fitting rooms currently open. Under normal circumstances, the doors stay unlocked so anyone can walk in to use them. However, now they’re carefully managed by an employee.

“We have six fitting rooms total, but only three of them are open at the moment,” stated Giese.

Currently, customers can only enter the fitting rooms through one entrance and must wait in line if the three rooms are occupied. After a customer leaves a fitting room, Giese must clean it for the next customer. Although the process takes a little longer, customers are thrilled that Old Navy’s fitting rooms are available.

Likewise, the shopping bags have been receiving extra attention because they get a deep cleaning daily in the back of the store. She said, “...we’ll spray them down with our cleanser and then let them dry, and the next morning we bring them out.”

To stay within the half-capacity guidelines for retailers, an Old Navy employee must track how many people enter and leave the building. The store hasn’t yet reached its 80-person limit, but about 40 shoppers are typically in the store at once.

The shopping craziness has calmed down since the store reopened. At first, even weekdays were busy with customers. Recently, the number of shoppers has become more normal.

For ship from store orders, Giese said that “we basically pick the items that they order online from our store, and we ship those out to them.” This task is basically the same as it was before COVID-19, but the corporate office has hoped to see the store doing more Ship from Store orders.

Order Online Pickup in Store and Curbside Pickup are other options for customers who prefer not to shop inside yet. For Curbside Pickup, an individual calls the store to alert the employee that he or she has arrived to pick up the online order. The customer stays in the car while the employee brings out the order and puts it inside the vehicle.

Though Giese’s job has changed significantly since returning to work, she still likes her job. And customers can feel content shopping in an environment with protective policies in place.

Appeals Board Membership Increased

Current Calvert Board Opposed Change

By Dick Myers
Editor

On June 23, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), on a 4-1 vote, has approved the expansion of the county appeals board from three to five members and continuing with two alternate members. The decision came over objections from the current three board members and Commissioner Buddy Hance.

County planning staff had made the proposal, saying the majority of the state's counties, including Charles and St. Mary's, had five members or more.

Ever since the Calvert County Board of Appeals was established on March 20, 1964, it has had three members, a point noted by Hance. He said he believed the board has done a good job in the past. "Leaner is meaner," he said.

Commissioner Tim Hutchins argued that the idea to increase the size wasn't based on past performance, but on future needs and having broader citizen representation. He said the county's adoption of the master plan update last August and the anticipated adoption of a revised zoning ordinance could mean additional work for the board.

Hance said previous appeals boards hand handled zoning revisions just fine.

In a letter to the BOCC signed by Board of Appeals Chair Susan Hance-Wells and endorsed by the other two members, she wrote, "Our record has been sound, with very few cases being overturned. They are upheld only by the legal record we build in our orders. Therefore, we are concerned why the Board of County Commissioners initiated this process."

"Our decisions are based on the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan for the County, and the Critical Area regulations. All motions must be legally supported using the information presented to us by the applicant and staff as well as testimony from the public. Applicants have the ability to appeal our decisions."



Commissioner Buddy Hance

Board members that have conflicts with a case recuse themselves and an alternate is asked to join the board. Every attempt is made to efficiently review all the information and render a decision at the hearing, so that the applicant may move forward."

Hance-Wells also noted that the extra two members will cost the county an additional \$12,000 a year for the \$500 per meeting stipend each member receives.

Commissioner Hance noted that people weren't exactly standing in line wanting to be on the board and he was worried about finding applicants for the extra two positions. He also said that one board member had indicated intent not to reapply.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," Hance argued.

His arguments didn't win the day as he was the sole dissenting vote.

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Museum Budget Weathers COVID-19 Storm

By Dick Myers
Editor

It's been an especially tough couple of months for Calvert Marine Museum due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The museum has been closed and they had to cancel their concert series, a major annual fundraiser.

But Director Jeffrey Murray reported to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on June 23 that the museum's Board of Governors (BOG) budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 has been balanced at \$451,197. Murray said the museum has been able to weather the storm with some belt tightening and due largely to "the generosity of a private donor." Income from an endowment will be used to cover a \$138,306 shortfall.

The museum had developed a budget when the virus hit. "We had to go back to the drawing board," Murray said. The museum's Board of Governors approved the new budget late last month. It includes step and Cost-

of-Living increases for the staff covered by that portion of the museum's budget. They also receive funding from the county, which has owned it since 1979.

Murray reported in a memo to the commissioners: "The BOG's budget usually relies on earned income from admissions, donations, facility use fees, program fees, and an annual budgeted transfer of funds from the Society budget. However, with the circumstances regarding COVID-19 and projecting to earn less income than in years past, the BOG FY21 Budget is relying on income produced from an endowment to cover the deficit."

The budget includes a projected 50 percent decline in admissions in the next fiscal year. The BOG budget is audited each year by the same firm that audits all county funds.

Commissioner Tim Hutchins praised the museum board for their fundraising efforts. "They are fantastic," Murray boasted.

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Calvert Marine Museum's iconic Drum Point Lighthouse at last year's Patuxent River Appreciation Day.



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There will be no county bus service Friday, July 3.

The Appeal Landfill and county convenience centers will be open Friday, July 3 and closed Saturday, July 4. The Mt. Hope, Appeal and Barstow convenience centers will reopen Sunday, July 5 with normal operating hours and the Appeal Landfill will remain closed.

The Water & Sewerage billing and customer service office will be closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

The Solomons Septage Receiving Facility will be open Friday, July 3 and closed Saturday, July 4. On-call crews will be available for water and sewer service emergencies only at 410-535-3491.

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course will be open July 3-5 with normal hours. Modified policies and procedures for golfers and staff have been implemented to comply with distancing requirements and protective guidelines to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The course is open to all users.

Kings Landing Park will be open Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park will be open Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for Calvert County residents only.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp will be closed Friday, July 3 and will reopen Saturday, July 4. The nature center is closed until further notice, but park trails will be open.

Kings Landing pool will be open Friday, July 3 from 6-7 a.m., close at 7 a.m.

for team swim practice and reopen from noon to 7 p.m. Cove Point pool will be open Friday July 3 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Both pools will be open Saturday, July 4, noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 5, noon to 7 p.m. for lap swim only. Access is limited to Calvert County residents only and pool time will be limited to one hour. To prevent lines and wait times, swimmers must reserve a swim time through the WebTrac online registration system at <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbws/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>. Walk-ins will not be admitted.

All recreation parks including Dunkirk, Hallowing Point, Cove Point and Solomons Town Center parks will be open. Parks close at civil twilight.

Breezy Point Beach & Campground will be open to Calvert County residents only. Holiday weekend hours of operation are Friday, July 3, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Breezy Point Beach is limited to 100 people.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter and Animal Control Division will be closed Friday, July 3 through the holiday weekend. The shelter will reopen Tuesday, July 7 by appointment only.

Calvert Library locations will be accepting curbside appointments on Friday, July 3, 1-5 p.m. Library locations will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

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State Police Charge Prince Frederick Man

In Multiple Hit-And-Run Crashes

Maryland State Police have formally charged a man who was arrested Thursday in connection with multiple hit-and-run crashes in just a matter of minutes in Queen Anne's County.

The suspect, Sean Michael Tettimer, 27, of Prince Frederick, Maryland, is charged with driving under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance, driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, negligent driving, failure to control speed to avoid a collision, drug possession and related traffic charges. He was transported by ambulance to University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton treatment of his injuries. He is now being held without bond in the Queen Anne's County Detention Center.

Shortly before 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, troopers from the Maryland State Police Centreville Barrack responded to a report of a hit-and-run crash along Route 50 East just after the exit of the Bay Bridge. According to a preliminary investigation, Tettimer, who was driving a white Mercury sedan, had struck a guardrail on the Bay Bridge before it struck a tractor-trailer on eastbound Route 50 by Thompson Creek Road.

Tettimer continued to drive east on



Sean Micheal Tettimer

Route 50 as troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of his vehicle. Tettimer next struck a Honda CRV and a Chevy Tahoe. His vehicle eventually experienced mechanical failure and came to rest along the shoulder of Route 50 just prior to Maryland Route 213.

Troopers took Tettimer into custody at the scene without further incident. According to a preliminary investigation, Tettimer also had possession of suspected heroin in his vehicle.

No other injuries were reported as a result of this incident. Route 50 just prior to Route 213 was partially closed briefly following the crashes.

The case remains under investigation.

CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of June 22 – June 28 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,486 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 20-32758, 20-32800

On June 24, 2020, Deputy Grierson responded to Catalina Drive in Lusby for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised that sometime between June 22nd and June 23rd, an unknown suspect(s) stole a hose and various gardening tools from the shed at their residence, as well as cut the lock to the garden shed owned by Chesapeake Ranch Estates Gardens and stole a red gas can. The total value of stolen property is \$252.

Damaged Property: 20-32367

On June 22, 2020, Deputy Gott responded to Giant in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that between 8:10am and 9:03am, an unknown suspect(s) damaged their front bumper and stood on it while it was parked in the parking lot. The value of damaged property is \$200.

Damaged Property: 20-33499

On June 27, 2020, Deputy R. Evans responded to San Gabriel Road in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that they heard a loud noise outside the residence and observed glass in a window was damaged. The value of damaged property is \$300.

Theft: 20-32773

On June 24, 2020, Deputy Aurich responded to Stayman Court in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant advised on June 23rd, an unknown suspect(s) stole a package containing a water slide that was delivered to the residence. The value of stolen property is \$700.

Theft: 20-32783

On June 24, 2020, Sergeant Naecker responded to Scaggs Road in Owings for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole a card containing money that was to be delivered to their residence. The value of stolen property is \$40.

Theft: 20-32784

On June 24, 2020, Deputy Mason responded to Cypress Swamp in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised between 4:30pm on June 23rd and 7:45am on June 24th, an unknown suspect(s) cut the lock on the front gate and stole a bundle of lumber. The value of stolen property is \$500.

Theft: 20-32851

On June 24, 2020, Deputy Grierson responded to Shamrock Court in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime on June 5th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a package containing a prescription medication that was delivered to the residence. The value of stolen property is \$8.

Theft: 20-32865

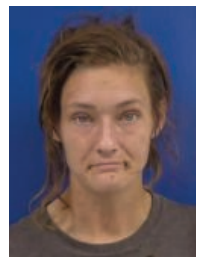
On June 24, 2020, Deputy R. Shrawder responded to Leason Cove Drive in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between January 1, 2019 and June 24, 2020, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plate from a trailer parked across from the residence. The value of stolen property is unknown.

Theft: 20-32871

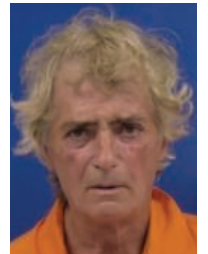
On June 24, 2020, Deputy Gough responded to Sequoia Way in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 3:00pm and 7:00pm on June 20th, an unknown suspect(s) stole two Men's wedding bands from an Amazon package that was delivered to the residence. The value of stolen property is \$14.95.

Arrests:

On June 22, 2020, Deputy Holt conducted a traffic stop on East Chesapeake Beach Road at Bayfront Park. Upon making contact with the driver, **Karl Frederick Kistler (56)**, and the passenger, **Jennifer Leigh Monahan (37)**, Deputy Holt observed open sores on Monahan's arm, and she began to nod off while speaking to him. Both occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in two cut straws containing a white powdery residue suspected to be heroin, one plastic baggie containing ten vials of a white powdery substance suspected to be heroin.



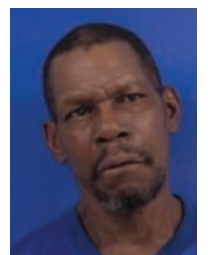
JENNIFER LEIGH MONAHAN



KARL FREDERICK KISTLER

Also located was a kit containing 8 syringes, 25 glass smoking devices, 3 filters, and 35 capsules containing a white powdery substance suspected to be heroin. Both Kistler and Monahan were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were each charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On June 27, 2020, Deputy Savick responded to Discount Liquors in Huntingtown for the report of a disorderly subject. The complainant advised the subject, **Walter Jay Brown, Sr. (61)**, was yelling numerous profanities and spitting on customers while yelling at them. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised Brown was issued an indefinite Trespass Order on 5/19/2019. Brown was also issued a Criminal Citation earlier in the day for trespassing at the store earlier in the day on June 27th. Deputy Savick placed Brown under arrest and could detect the strong odor or alcohol emanating from Brown's person. Brown was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property.



WALTER JAY BROWN

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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Fifty Years in Emergency Service **FIRE**

Thomas Yowell, a deputy chief with the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department (SVRS&FD), has been around the fire and rescue service for 50 years, starting as a teenager as a volunteer. He said, "I grew up in the small town of Capitol Heights. At the time everything was done at the firehouse -- dinners, 4th or July, things for the kids. I grew up with everybody. I knew them and we looked up to them (the firefighters)."

Being a community center is not unusual. Yowell said, "It was the same thing when they started Solomons Rescue Squad in 1954."

Yowell, 65, is now retired from the Washington, DC Fire and EMS as a paramedic supervisor. Most of the emergency services companies in Calvert County are combined fire and rescue so it is not unusual for someone to volunteer on both sides, as Yowell continues to do. In DC he

was a paramedic for 31 years but has retired from that. He now is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and firefighter.

Yowell was the number one responder last year for SVRS&FD, logging 1,500 combined calls. He has been one of the top responders since joining the department in 2013 after he retired and moved to Calvert County.

Being retired makes him available to answer so many calls. "I spend most of the time here during the daytime, and sometimes late in the night." He quipped, "It could be 10, 11 o'clock. Who knows? Just how I feel."

It's a busy place. "We're one of busiest in Calvert County," he said, noting they run a lot of mutual aid calls across the bridge to St. Mary's County.

Why has he done it so long and continues to do it? He said, "I've always

done it. I don't know. I guess because of my passion. I love it. I love what I'm doing, and I keep doing it until I can't do it."

He doesn't have a preference of running fire or rescue calls. "They both have to be done. So, it doesn't matter which one comes up. I just liked it. Enjoyed doing all of it."

He and all the company's officers are involved in training, some of which occurs in Solomons but also at the regional training center in La Plata and at the University of Maryland.

Yowell was asked what it takes to be a firefighter, what he tells those aspiring to do it. "You're required to be a firefighter to basically just take your classes and learn from everybody there. You have to listen. You have to be willing to learn."

And Yowell noted, "It takes a certain type of person, because going into fires is dangerous. They have to understand it." It not all excite-

ment. He said, "It looks exciting, but it's little bit beyond that too. It isn't everything in the TV and movies. It doesn't happen that way."

Yowell and everyone in his department are dealing with the pandemic. "You have masks when you're around anybody and look out for everybody and we have to clean the units." He added, "You need to wash your hands, make sure your hands are kept out of your face and mouth and eyes and everything. You have to take a lot of precautions to protect yourself and to protect others too."

Yowell said, "It's going to be the new norm. It has to be. You've got to protect yourself no matter what. You still think everything is still going on. That's the only way to protect yourself and protect your family and all the members you have. We have to think that way."

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Almost 2,000 Call Last Year



Huntingtown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Captain Michael Speelman

Every year at their annual awards dinner, Calvert County's volunteer fire and rescue companies announce the person in their department who has answered the greatest number of calls for the previous year. Visitors to those annual events, such as the county commissioners, go away in amazement at the numbers they hear, like 1,955.

That's the number of fire and rescue calls answered last year by Michael Speelman, a captain with the Huntingtown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad. About 75 percent of the company's calls are for rescue.

Speelman is able to respond to so many calls because he is one of a handful of volunteers who live at the firehouse. So, when he is not working his full-time job with a private ambulance company, he is a super volunteer. This is the second year in a row that he was the top responder with the department that he has been with for five years.

Speelman, 23, is a Northern High School graduate who grew up in Owings. He is an EMT or Emergency Medical Technician (both state and nationally certified). "We have our own rooms here that we live here full time, just because it's what we like doing," he said of the live-ins who are mostly in their late teens or early 20's.

Which begs the question – why does he do it? He said, "It's kind of hard to explain. I started doing this because I was right out of high school and for lack of a better term, I really had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I had always grown up around firefighters. Most of my neighbors growing up were in the fire department." For a while he had a job cleaning carpets and his boss was a retired firefighter. "He'd start telling all his old horror stories. And I'm like, that sounds kind of cool. I could probably do that. So, I came down here, filled out an application and fell in love with it and been doing it ever since."

Does he have a preference, fire vs. rescue? "Each call and each type has their own pros and cons. The fire calls tend to be a little bit more exciting, but some of the EMS calls interacting with people hit you a different way. Some stuff that may seem mundane to you is life changing for somebody else. And you're just didn't even think of that as that big of a deal, but just seeing how people react and the impact you have on people on the EMS side kind of makes up for it, not being the most exciting at times."

If a younger person approached him and wanted to know if it would be right for them, he said, "When I was first going through all my training, one of my instructors said something that kind of stuck with me. He said, 'I will never ask you to do something that you are never physically able to do.' It's all just how you go about it, how you prepare mentally, how you analyze the situation and adapt to it."

He said he didn't take to it right away. He explained, "I don't think anybody takes to anything right away, but it's one of those things, as you get the experience, you get more knowledge and you get better at doing what you do by going out and doing it, than you will sitting in a classroom. And it wasn't until I was actually out, essentially operating on my own, all my instructors that taken a step back, that I really started to get comfortable and kind of thrive with how I've been operating."

He added, "You think, 'I don't really know what I'm doing.' And then you get to a situation, your training kicks in and you're like, 'Oh no, maybe I do know what I'm doing.'"

And he added, "Experience plays a big part of it. And that's kind of what I lean back to now. We have a lot of younger people that have just gotten all of their certifications. I'll pick up things sometimes that they might not think about, or I'll be one or two steps ahead just because I have that extra experience and passing that kind of experience along is just what makes the department thrive."

The pandemic has been a game changer. Speelman said, "We've had to make a couple adjustments. Currently our station is essentially locked down for anybody who is not an emergency personnel. We are wearing masks, eye protection, a little bit of protective gear on most of our calls, especially on the ambulance. We go through heavy detox procedures every day." Speelman has been a part of regular meetings between his company and the health department and state and national officials. The new normal – "it's definitely been kind of a culture shock."

Will it revert to the former normal after the pandemic is over? He said, "The pandemic has kind of been eye-opening for us, looking at how we go about different procedures and learning from things we've done in the past, learning from things we're doing now and updating some of our policies that have gotten a little antiquated."

And they have always dealt with people with infectious diseases. He said, "We gotten to the point where sometimes we're not always going to know what we're dealing with, so we've been able to adapt and overcome. I'm very proud to say that we have not had any major incidents of COVID. To my knowledge none of our active members have gotten positive tests."

During the series of articles The County Times did last year on the fire and rescue companies, members often mentioned camaraderie. Speelman said, "I feel like the camaraderie is the backbone of (what we do). Hollywood puts out it's all action. But all the time, we're sitting at the station, we're talking to each other, playing pranks on each other."

"We're very much a family."

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Deputy First Class (DFC) Robert Shrawder receives Deputy of the Year Award from Sheriff Mike Evans

Calvert County Sheriff's Office Deputy First Class (DFC) Robert Shrawder had a role model growing up that caused him to choose law enforcement. His father was a Washington, DC police officer and then moved to the Calvert County's Sheriff's Office. Now a sergeant, his father has been with the county force for 14 years.

DFC Shrawder, 27, is now a role model himself. He was chosen as his agency's deputy of the year at a dinner ceremony earlier this year.

As to his father's influence on his career, DFC Shrawder said, "I've always been around law enforcement. I've always obviously seen my dad go to work, being a cop and that's just what I've always wanted to do and kind of saw how he carried himself and wanting to follow in his footsteps."

He said of his father, "He always talked good about the job and just told little stories here and there about different things that he did and different people he helped and in different things he came across then, and that was appealing to me. I was like, 'Hey, that's really cool. I want to do stuff like that.'"

The county native got his associates degree in Criminal Justice from the College of Southern Maryland and first became a correction's officer with the sheriff's office and then a year later, in 2015 became a deputy.

"I guess it was in a combination of some extra training that I have and my performance on the road this past year," DFC Shrawder said about his selection as deputy of the year. "That's been one of my ultimate goals to get that award, that trophy and work to get that accolade. It was nice to actually receive it and be recognized."

It's not an easy time these days to be a cop what will all the national criticism. He said, "We're all just taking it day by day, just being ourselves. I know there's not, for the most part, issues here in Calvert County, like there are other places. I think we have a pretty good bond with our citizens here in the county."

He added, "You can't let other things that are going on in the world affect you and how you present yourself, how you handle different things and how you communicate and talk to people. I don't watch the news. I don't par-

ticipate on any social media arguments or anything like that. I just go to work, do what I have to do and then come home."

As to his greatest job satisfactions, he said, "There's a lot of them. My favorite thing to do is getting impaired drivers off the road." He added, "You are not only helping them and saving them because they could potentially crash and hurt themselves, you're also saving and helping who knows how many other lives of people that they would put at risk by driving."

He also likes interacting with the citizens, using as an example being summoned to a noisy crowd of 20 or 30 kids playing basketball. "Instead of going out there and saying, 'hey, everybody, get off the court,' we talk to them, bond with them and actually played a little bit of one-on-one with them. I'm not the best, but it was just to show that we're people too, have hearts, we can talk to you. We can give advice or be someone to talk to."

"We are a counselor, a teacher, and a little bit of everything."

DFC Shrawder noted, "There's an issue with some traffic stops. Sometimes people don't know exactly what to do; either they stop in the middle of the road or they're moving around grabbing stuff before we get up to the car. The protocol is hands on the wheel, just wait for us to get up there, let us do our spiel and all that stuff."

He observed, "I've had good interactions with the community and very few bad interactions. And for the most part, with the community, I have had no complaints."

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Churches of Southern Maryland:

Calvary Bible Church

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

For Calvary Bible Church, which is right off Route 4 in Lusby, missions and outreach are the main focus.

Pastor Daniel Simmons explained that the church's mission "is to teach and preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we'll continue to do that. The church was founded on that principle years ago."

The church formed in the 1950s but began as a Bible study. The group's goal was to start an "undenominational church," which met in a house off H.G. Trueman Road. Though the church sanctuary was built first, the fellowship hall and education building were added later.

Simmons, who actually grew up in Calvert County, became a Christian as a tween. "But you have to really decide at some point whether it's for real, it's for you, [and] it's not your parents' faith or other people around you," he noted.

When he started going back to church after a period of drifting away, he attended Riverdale Baptist Church and met his wife there. In the early 1980s, they got married and found Calvary Bible Church.

However, for over two decades, he worked in the professional world because he didn't feel led to the ministry. That changed over time, so he attended Washington Bible College in Lanham, Maryland. "I was a late bloomer, I guess," he laughed.

Formerly the associate pastor and currently the head pastor, Simmons described Calvary Bible Church's congregation as "about 100 people who [are] not always in attendance but are associated with the church."

Though the church mostly consists of older folks, there are multiple children's programs in place to reach that demographic.

About 50 kids attend Awana on Sunday nights during the school year for games and Bible teaching. Simmons said many children come who "have a home church somewhere else but they don't necessarily have anything for kids there, so they come here."

Similarly, for the annual High Power Sports Camp, which is the church's vacation Bible school program, several kids who attend don't go to church. In the past, over 150 kids have attended the camp. It also provides a way for the church to meet local families.

Without missions, Calvary Bible Church wouldn't be the same. Simmons stated, "Missions has been another emphasis of this church for many years even, well, since the very beginning. I think they founded the church on a mission platform."

The church helps support about 20 missionaries, and a missions' conference is held annually for members to form relationships with them. Because of changing technology, Simmons said that the conference may "change even more in the future because I think we'll do more livestreaming and more long-distance conferences, possibly



Pastor Dan Simmons

with some of these missionaries who are across the ocean who can't get here."

Following the governmental guidelines, Calvary Bible Church resumed in-person services on May 24. "I mean, there's still churches that are not meeting, and that's fine," said Simmons. "They make that decision themselves. But we wanted to get back as soon as we could."

They met in the church gymnasium, rather than the sanctuary. Chairs were spaced out several feet apart, though individuals could move the chairs to sit closer to their family members. People also wore masks during the service, but no songs were sung by the congregation.

The children's church program during services hasn't resumed yet. Though Simmons admitted it may take some time to resume certain kids' activities, he said that "I really want to get children's church back again and Sunday school back."

Unfortunately, the plans for building a playground on the church's property were also put on hold. The playground has been fully funded, so Simmons hopes to resume progress on that soon.

Now, the women's Bible study, men's Bible study, college and career Bible study, and youth group have been using Zoom. Also, the services can be livestreamed through video, instead of listened to as an audio recording.

Simmons noted that a positive aspect of the coronavirus "was that it forced us into learning technology that we can use in the church." He said the technology that the church has had to learn "may even change the church a little bit as far as the way we work."

He believes God wants to use the COVID-19 crisis to teach the church as a whole a valuable lesson.

"He's teaching us something," Simmons stated. "I think maybe it's possible that he allowed this to happen because people needed to see their need for the fellowship of the church and to yearn for a connection to Christians and value it maybe even higher than we were."

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Join the Quest, Help Slay the Elusive Dragon

Scavenger Hunt Replaces Solomons Festival

By Bri Corley
Contributing Writer

Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR), the organization behind the now-cancelled Solomons Dragon Boat Festival, have come up with an alternate fundraising event called Dragon Quest that plans to bring fun and excitement to competitors while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

SMCR Dragon Quest is a scavenger hunt for puzzle pieces at locations around Calvert and St. Mary's counties in teams and their "chariots," the motor vehicle they will use to go from one location to another. Chariot teams will have the opportunity to win prizes while trying to decipher clues to determine where to find their next puzzle piece. Each chariot team will be asked to complete a "challenge" at each stop to gain the puzzle piece and next clue. The Quest will not be timed and is not a race.

Dragon Quest is a 2020 substitute event for SMCR's main annual fundraiser, the popular Solomons Dragon Boat Festival which had to be canceled due to health concerns regarding large crowd gatherings. SMCR Dragon Quest 2020 plans to follow all requirements outlined by the State of Maryland regarding social-distancing, mask-wearing, and other precautions for health and safety concerns during the event.

Executive Director of SMCR Bonnie El-

ward said, "We will have everyone socially distant and mask themselves. We will have cleaning crews at every station to keep it up to state protocol."

Each chariot rider aged 16 or older must pay a \$25 registration fee to participate and to be eligible for prizes, each chariot team will be encouraged to raise at least an additional \$100. After registering, SMCR will build a custom fundraiser page for your team and additional prizes will be awarded based on funds raised.

The money will be used to benefit SMCR, a nonprofit organization that creates programs and events for individuals with developmental differences. Elward said, "This, in replacement of the Dragon Boat Festival, is our main annual fundraiser and it really means a lot to get the community involved to help us raise money for SMCR."

Additionally, chariot teams are encouraged to establish a theme, decorate their chariot, and dress up in order to get prizes for superlatives like "Best Dressed Chariot Team" and "Best Chariot Decorations," among others.

SMCR is looking for sponsors, chariot teams, vendors and volunteers to make Dragon Quest a success. Please visit www.somdcr.org or contact Executive Director Bonnie Elward at info@somdcr.org for information on how to get involved.

Pet OF THE WEEK

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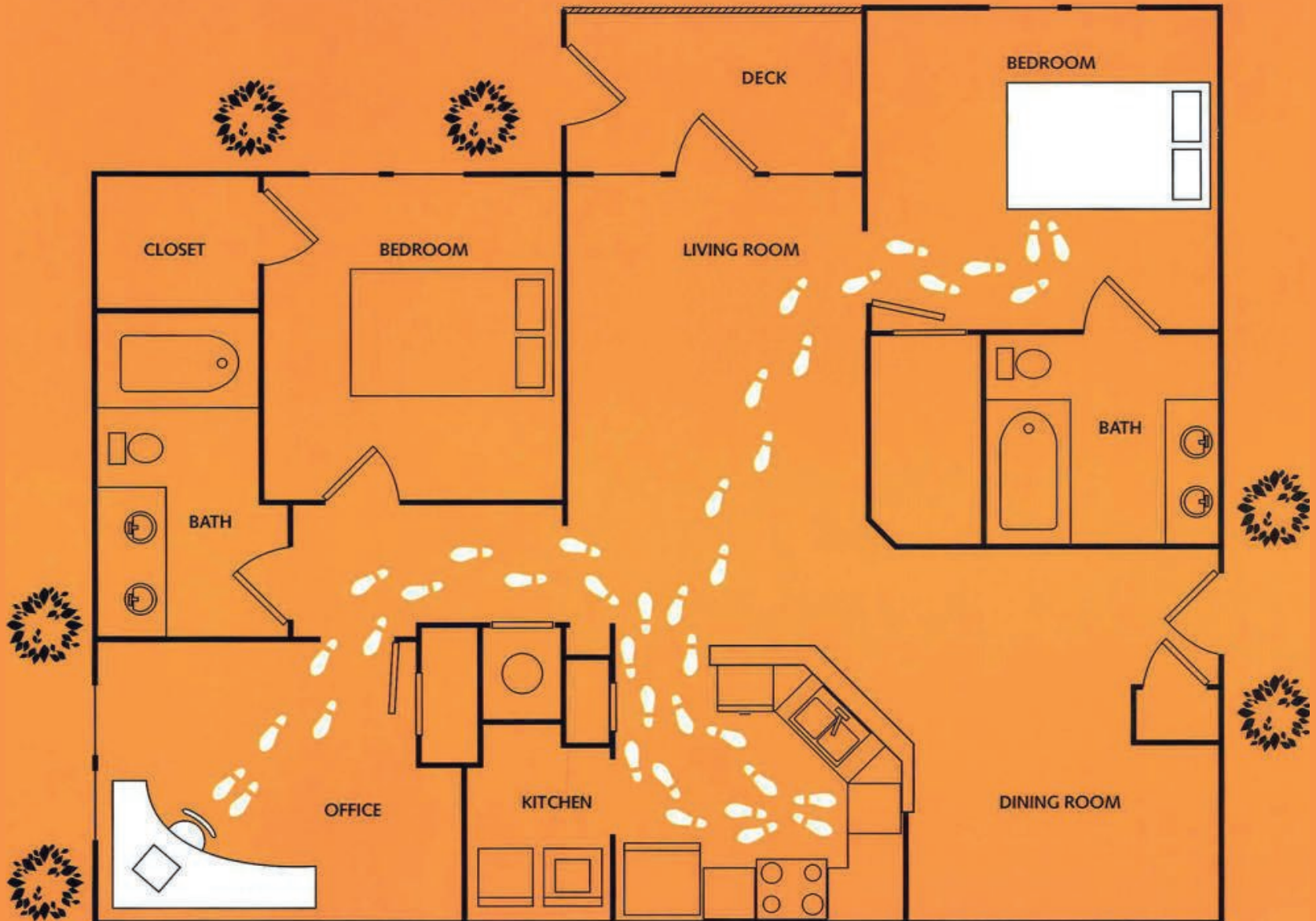
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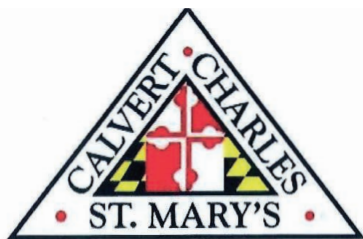


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Central Committee Elects New Officers

During the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee meeting held online via Zoom on June 18, new officers were elected as well as the appointment of a new associate member to fill a gender balance vacancy on the committee. According to a press release, "Appointment of the new associate member was incredibly difficult, as we had six outstanding women apply to join our committee. We thank each of them for their time and commitment to serving, and we look forward to working with them all to progress Democratic ideals and get Democrats elected in Calvert County!"

Mikayla Salazar is the new asso-

ciate member of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee! The release said, "Her youth and excitement are going to be incredible assets as we continue our outreach and activism here in Calvert County."

Results of the officer elections for the Central Committee are as follows:

- Chair- Jeanette Flaim
- Vice Chair- Jeff Long
- Treasurer- Beth Swoap
- Secretary- Helenmary Ball

The press release said, "We thank the previous executive committee for their work for Calvert County and we look forward to the next steps we will take as a committee led by these hard-working and dedicated individuals."

Community Rallies to Support Hospital

Calvert County is a special place where friends, families and neighbors care about one another, according to officials at CalvertHealth Medical Center. This has never been more evident than during the recent COVID crisis. From very early on, businesses and individuals were asking what they could do to help the hospital. Even now, months later, the swell of donations has continued to grow.

"We have been blown away and humbled by the enormous outpouring of support for the hospital from our community. We couldn't do what we do without the generous spirit of Calvert County," said CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague. "More than 200 individuals and families, nonprofits and businesses have shown incredibly resourcefulness and generosity," he added.

Ben Banyasz of Sneade's Ace Home Center was among the first to contact the hospital and ask what was needed. Sneade's went on to donate N95 masks, protective eyewear and Ben even had the idea to use Tyvek coverall suits in place of isolation gowns which were invaluable. "When we learned we would be blessed to be able to stay open, and when we saw the numbers [of those affected by COVID-19] trend upward, we knew we might be in a position to help keep supplies moving to the hospital if they needed them," said Banyasz. He continued, "Even though Calvert has grown, it still has a small-town feeling and giving back to the community is always something the Sneade family has strived for. We rely on the healthcare providers who serve the community with love and care. For us, it's all about loving, caring and serving."

"I think we've kept the sewing machines humming," said Andrea Cooper, of Owings, of the many volunteers in Calvert County who have been sewing masks and isolation gowns for hospital staff.

Cooper learned early on of the desperate need for reusable isolation gowns from her daughter, who is a family nurse practitioner working outside of the county. Soon, Cooper

began researching patterns and the best fabrics to use. After making a few for her daughter and still wanting to do more to help, Cooper reached out to CalvertHealth. "It was truly a family effort," Cooper said of her son-in-law making a how-to video, her husband working on ways to share the video to the largest audience and her daughter making masks.

The COVID-19 crisis became very personal when Sylvia Lockett's nephew was rushed to the hospital with difficulty breathing. Lockett, of Huntingtown, is a lifelong resident of the county and remembers when the community hospital was very small. "It has grown in size and reputation, and now our family can't imagine going anywhere else," she said. While her nephew was in the ICU, Lockett looked for ways to help the nurses who were caring for him. She learned many people caring for COVID-19 patients are concerned about bringing the virus into their homes. "What I do not want any healthcare worker to worry about is: what taking care of my family member could possibly do to their family member," said Lockett. She created kits with items for ICU nurses to change into after coming off of a shift and before entering their home.

One thing all the donors had in common was a spirit and sense of community that drove them to jump in and help when they saw a need. From the donation of N95 masks, from local construction companies, landscapers and their suppliers, to cases of gloves from dental offices and restaurants, to surgical masks and hand sanitizer from organizations outside of the county, to meals and bottled water from individuals, CalvertHealth has felt "the love" from the community it serves.

For complete listing of individuals and businesses who supported CalvertHealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit CalvertHealthMedicine.org/ThankYou.

Press Release from CalvertHealth Medical Center.

Library Offers Book Curbside Service

Calvert Library reopened book drops on June 10 and restarted Curbside service on Monday, June 22. One of the Library's Facebook posts about the service received such comments as, "Happy you will be providing books again. Digital is ok, but holding a book..." and "One of the things I missed most in the last few months!" and "I picked mine up at Twin Beaches this morning! So easy! <3".

Executive Director Carrie Willson said, "We are so glad to get physical books into customers' hands again. And movies and audiobooks and games! Our staff has worked hard to get a process in place to do so safely as well as continuing to provide digital materials, phone and email service and quality virtual programming. I'm so proud of their creativity and commitment to meeting the information, connection and entertainment needs of the community."

The process described on the library website, seems relatively easy and familiar to those who have ordered from grocery stores and restaurants...

request the books you want either using the online library catalog or calling the library,

get the notification that your items are available for you at the location you requested,

schedule an appointment on the library website or by calling the library, show up at the right time and either grab your labeled bag of books off the table if you chose Table Pickup or a librarian will put the bag in your trunk if you chose Trunk Delivery.

Are the items safe? Willson says, "We're quarantining returned materials for 3 days per recommendations based on the most current research. Our staff are following a stringent protocol which includes a health check before entering the building,

wearing masks, washing hands frequently and disinfecting common and high-touch surfaces regularly. We are limiting the number of staff in the building as well. I feel confident but of course, customers are welcome to quarantine their items for another 3 days if they like. The checkout period for most items is 3 weeks and we don't charge late fees."

Are people using the service? Over 230 appointments were made for the first day. Each of those appointments could be for multiple library accounts in one household but according to Willson, "We're checking out, at best, half of what we would if people were able to come in to browse. Don't be shy! Give us a call and we'll browse for you." Calvert librarians are always offering reading recommendations, usually based on an interview of the person requesting advice and right now, most of that is happening on the phone, via email, on social media and even using a new "PS from Calvert Library-Personalized Suggestions" service where a customer can fill out a form on the library website and get recommendations emailed to them.

When asked when customers will be allowed back in the building, Willson responded, "We don't have a date yet. We are working on adapting the interior spaces and furniture to allow for social distancing and safe use. We're also still waiting on some equipment and supplies to improve customer and staff safety. While our staff have been incredibly responsive and innovative in serving customers online, they are happy to be providing materials with curbside service and will be happier still when we can welcome customers back inside."

For more information, call Robyn Truslow at 410-535-0291.

Press Release from Calvert Library



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End Hunger in Calvert County Receives Donation

Rotary Club of Prince Frederick Helps Feed Children

Rotary Club of Prince Frederick, MD donated \$20,000 to End Hunger In Calvert County to ensure that 1,300 children in Calvert County, who stopped receiving school meals, will continue to be fed.

“Food is not something anyone, especially children, should ever worry about,” says Jeremy Robinson, club member of Rotary Club Prince Frederick. “We are proud to serve our community and help meet the basic needs of thousands of children. Rotary’s motto is ‘Service Above Self’, that is a value that Rotary’s Prince Frederick Club lives by.”

As part of COVID-19 precautions, Calvert County Public Schools closed their doors in March causing thousands of children in Calvert County to stop receiving breakfast and lunch at school. Though the State set up programs and pick-up locations throughout Maryland, some families could not make the time slots and pick-up requirements. This left a gap for 1,300 children in our community.

In partnership with Calvert County Public Schools and Calvert County School Resource Officers, Kids Kits are delivered to children’s homes every Monday and Tuesday. Kids Kits are a four-day supply of breakfast, snacks and lunch. Because of the generosity of individuals and groups like Rotary Club Prince Frederick, these chil-

dren have continued to receive food.

“End Hunger In Calvert County is proud to partner with Rotary,” says Jacqueline Miller, president of End Hunger. “It’s precisely this type of collaboration that maintains the important values of community and cause and collaboration. Children will eat tonight because of their fine work.”

End Hunger In Calvert County will continue to provide kits to children throughout the summer and as long as needed and until schools are able to resume normal operations.

For more information about End Hunger In Calvert County, to sign up to volunteer, or make a donation, visit endhungercalvert.org

Press Release from End Hunger In Calvert County.



Governor Proclaims Freedom of the Press Day

Marks Second Anniversary of Capital Gazette Tragedy

Governor Larry Hogan has proclaimed June 28 “Freedom of the Press Day” in honor of the five Capital Gazette employees who were murdered in the newsroom on June 28, 2018: Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith, and Wendi Winters.

“Two years ago today, five Marylanders lost their lives to a heinous and unthinkable act of violence,” said Governor Hogan. “Today, as we honor those we lost and all who have lost their lives in the pursuit of informing our citizens, we recognize the vital role that the freedom of the press has in our democracy and our duty to honor and protect this most fundamental constitutional right.”

Here is the proclamation for Freedom of the Press Day:

WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of the United States recognized the vital importance of a free press to uphold the nation’s democracy through the inclusion of the right to a free press in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Other nations throughout the world do not enjoy this right; and

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces have defended and given the ultimate sacrifice to protect this right; and

WHEREAS, This right is threatened in the United States and around the world by acts of violence and dangerous, irresponsible rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, All Marylanders join on June 28, 2020 in honoring the loss of the lives of Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters of the Capital Gazette, who were murdered in the newsroom in Annapolis, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, June 28, will be observed as Freedom of the Press Day in Maryland to memorialize the lives lost on June 28, 2018, at the Capital Gazette offices and to honor and protect all journalists serving a vital role in the world’s democratic process to inform residents of the happenings of their governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2020 as FREEDOM OF THE PRESS DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance.

CSM Trustees Approve Budget, Freeze Tuition

The College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees at its June 18 meeting approved the college’s Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget of \$60,556,232, which reflects an 8.6 percent decrease from FY 2020 based on projected tuition, and approved funding by the state and by Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s counties’ boards of county commissioners.

In approving the budget, the trustees held tuition and course fees at 2019 levels. Tuition for residents of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s counties will remain at \$131 per credit, and the combined fee remains at 25 percent of tuition. All online/web course fees have been waived for the year.

CSM’s operating budget is supported by funding from the state, the three counties within Southern Maryland, and tuition and fees. Approximately, 33 percent of this budget is tuition and fees, 31 percent county appropriations, 29 percent state appropriations and 7 percent from other sources. Those percentages may change as CSM learns more about the economic impact of COVID-19.

“The reality is we do not really know yet what the financial impact of the pandemic will be on our students or our institution,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. “The state of Maryland and our three counties have kept us mostly whole in their budgets, but they may have to do mid-year adjustments, if tax revenues don’t materialize. Likewise, our enrollment is uncertain.”

CSM leadership began taking steps to prepare for a dip in the budget when it announced in April it was bracing for the hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, CSM instituted a soft hiring freeze; offered employees with 20 years or more of service a voluntary separation incentive; and offered all employees a voluntary workload reduction. Those actions are still underway.

“I suspect we will be making mid-year budget adjustments, depending

upon state and county allocations and enrollment,” Murphy added. “We remain committed to helping students find ways to complete their education at CSM. We have several initiatives underway to assist with retention and will be announcing additional financial support for students in the near future.”

Students may participate in CSM’s Tuition Payment Plan that allows tuition and fees be paid over four months. Since this is a deferred payment plan, there is no debt, no credit search and no interest. There is a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$50 per semester. For information on the payment plan, contact the Bursar’s Office at paymentplan@csmd.edu or 301-934-7712. To enroll in the plan, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/tuition-and-fees/Tuition-Payment-Plan/>.

Various resources are available for students regarding financial aid, grants, loans, veterans benefits or student employment. For information on financial assistance and the types of aid available to attend college, please visit <http://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/>.

Additionally, the college offers an online application that helps students to easily identify and apply for potential scholarships. The CSM Scholarship Finder is a quick, easy and free service that helps Southern Maryland students match their backgrounds and financial needs against more than 200 scholarships in a wide variety of academic programs. Every student must submit their FAFSA in order to apply for scholarships. To learn more, visit online at <http://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/scholarships/scholarship-finder/>.

For information on scholarships and financial aid assistance at CSM, call 301-934-7531 or visit <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/>.

Press Release from CSM.



In Remembrance

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 jenicoster@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Irene Martin Lankford



Irene Martin Lankford, 93, of Lusby, Maryland passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2020.

Irene was born on April 18, 1927 in Duluth, Minnesota to the late

Chad and Emily Martin. At a young age, Irene chose to dedicate her life to the Church. As a young lady she became a nun (known as Sister Agnes Regina) entering the Order of The Sisters of Divine Providence at St. Anne's Province in Melbourne, Kentucky where she spent over 20 years.

Upon retiring from the Province, Irene returned to Solomons where she rekindled a relationship with the love of her life Frederick "Booty" Lankford. The two were married November 29, 1972. Irene soon went to work for the United States Department of Agriculture where she served as a Senior Management Analyst supporting the Food and Nutrition Services Division until her retirement in 1989. After her second retirement, Irene and Booty spent their time travelling all over the country in their RV with family and friends.

Irene was a founding member of SMILE where she volunteered her time as often as she could. She was also a founding member of the Bereavement Committee at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Solomons, Maryland. Additionally, Irene was a member of the Red Hat Club; and was a dedicated parish member at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. She was an amazingly talented artist and musician.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband Fred "Booty" Lankford; parents Chad and Emily Martin; brother William "Bill" Martin; sisters Dorothy Womaski and Elizabeth "Betty" Lankford; and stepdaughter Doris Crimmins.

She is survived by her grandchildren

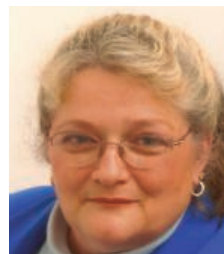
James Crimmins (Kate), Bernard Crimmins (Cindy), and Corinne Crimmins (Erik); sisters Mary Ellen Schmidt and Kathy Wolfe; five great-grandchildren: Mia, Sophie, Celia, Jacob, and Evan; and countless nieces and nephews.

The grandchildren would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the multiple family members who assisted in the care of Irene during her final years. Specifically, her niece Terese "Tee" who dedicated countless days to Irene's care; and her niece Laura who assumed the role as primary caregiver, moving in with Irene to provide 24-hour unconditional care and comfort.

In Lieu of Flowers please make donations to Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 90 Alexander Lane Solomons, Maryland 20688.

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

Dianne Elizabeth Hickman



Dianne Elizabeth Hickman, 68, passed away February 19, 2020 with her family by her side. She was born July 11, 1951 in Winthrop, MA. In the late 70's she

headed to southern Maryland and loved it so much she never left.

Dianne was an accountant by day, and during tax season she was an accountant by day and night and weekends. Her most rewarding job was banquet coordinator at the Light House Inn and she worked so hard behind the scenes with so many great people to make events flawless.

Dianne was a force of nature. She had her first of many major heart attacks at 48, lung cancer at 54, and brain cancer at 55 and she beat them all. She had been cancer free since her brain tumor was removed on December 26, 2006 and she did not miss a beat with tax

season the next month.

Dianne's greatest joys in life were her grandchildren, her dogs, football, lobster, and ALL animals, not necessarily in that order. She was known as Nana to her grandchildren and so many others. She spent the most time with her grandson Derek and loved every minute playing games, painting ceramics, and whatever he wanted to do. She equally loved the Washington Redskins and her hometown New England Patriots, and when they played each other she dressed her dogs, Bernie and Chica, in opposing team outfits. Dianne earned her name "the duck lady" because she loved feeding the dozens of ducks that showed up every morning to her home near Flag Harbor Marina. Dianne opened her home to anyone in need, including the many friends and animals her children would bring home. There was never a child or animal in need with Dianne nearby.

Dianne's legacy lives on in her children Alicia and Alex, her son-in-law Ken, daughter-in-law Tanya, and her grandchildren Derek, Nicholas, and Cody.

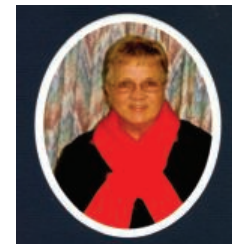
A celebration of life for Dianne will be held on Saturday July 11, 2020 from 2- 3:30 PM with a memorial service to follow at 3:30 PM at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. If you have any pictures of Dianne's adventures to share please email them to diannehickman@outlook.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Dianne's name be made to St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co 7, 200 Calvert Beach Road Saint Leonard, MD 20685 OR Calvert Hospice, PO Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Maxie C. (Wilder) Morgan

Maxie C. (Wilder) Morgan, 76, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on June 26th, 2020 in Edgewater, MD.

She was born January 24th, 1944 in Lee County, VA to the late Campbell L. Wilder and Ollie M. Combs Wilder.



Maxie was survived but her daughter Tracy Thomas (Richard Pike Jr), grandson Brandon Thomas, and granddaughter Erica Thomas; Sisters Darlene

and (William) Bowen, Freda Gray, and Joan Annie Corrales. She also survived by a host of family and friends. Maxie is preceded by sister Dorothy M. Wilder Wolfe and brothers Campbell Junior Wilder, Colby Ray Wilder, and Cecil E. Wilder.

Maxie loved spending time with her family and going to church. She is now resting peacefully with her late pet Lucy and enjoying the lord to the fullest.

Visitation will be Monday, July 6, 2020, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Funeral services will be Monday, July 6, 2020 at noon at Asbury Cemetery, 3660 Hallowing Point Road

Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Interment will follow in Asbury Cemetery.

William Lee "Bill" Kugel



William Lee "Bill" Kugel passed away June 25, 2020 at Calvert Health Medical Center in Prince Frederick, MD.

Visitation will be Monday, July 6, 2020, 6-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Services will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 11:30 am at Meadowridge Memorial Park, 7250 Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075.



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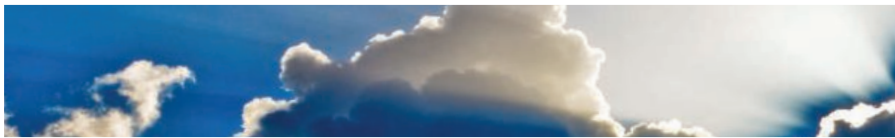
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Port Republic

4405 Broomes Island Rd.
410-586-0520

Lusby

20 American Lane
410-326-9400



Memorial contributions may be made to Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter, 5055 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-7387; Link: <https://calvertcountyanimalshelter.com/>

Paul Nicholas Conner, Sr



Paul Nicholas Conner, Sr. of Tracy's Landing passed away at the age of 63 on Friday, June 19 at the Heritage Harbor Health & Rehabilitation Center in Annapolis. He was born January 9, 1957 in Cheverly, MD to Ralph Allen and Mary Anne (Dixon) Conner. Paul worked as a Steamfitter under the UA Local 602 prior to his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan M. (Crawford) Conner, his sons Paul N. Conner, Jr. and wife Amanda of Friendship, and Christopher D. Conner and wife Sulma Sanchez of Annapolis, his sisters Lauren Boccabello of Dunkirk, Elaine Emler of Harpers Ferry, WV, and Ann Rochelle Langley of Bowie, his brother Craig A. Conner and wife Debra of Tracy's Landing, and his grandchildren Kyla, Corah, June, and Cadhan. Paul was preceded in death by his brothers James M. Conner and Charles A. Boteler.

A visitation and celebration of Paul's life will be held Friday July 3, 2020 from noon until 2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, P.A., 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD.

Margaret Mabel Reatherford



Margaret Mabel Reatherford, 88, of Owings passed away June 28, 2020 at her home surrounded by family. She was born April 27, 1932 in Huntingtown, MD to Clara Frances and George William Edward Scaggs. Margaret married Finley Reatherford on August 20, 1949 and they lived in many places during Finley's time in the United States Army, but have called Lower Marlboro home for the last 43 years. Margaret was a longtime member of Mt. Harmony-Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church and would often volunteer for the church yard sales with her good friend Jan Heaton. Margaret enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, playing games with her family, and listening to country and gospel

music.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband of 70 years Finley Reatherford of Lower Marlboro, children Deborah Biggers and husband Ed of Hollywood, MD, Donna Sams and husband Dave of Lusby, Sandra Goldwasser of Jacksonville, NC, Russell Reatherford and wife Cynthia of Yuma, AZ, Danny Ray Reatherford of Creedmoor, NC, and Sheila Stevens and husband Brian of Huntingtown. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, and a brother Donald Edward Scaggs and his wife Fazelle of Little River, SC. Margaret was preceded in death by her daughters Joann Reatherford, Katherine Jo Reatherford, Susan Diane Reatherford and Terri Marie Bohrer.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 2, 2020, 1-2 p.m. at Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church, 6519 Lower Marlboro Lane, Owings, MD 20736, Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/> or Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102; Link: <https://alz.org/nca>

Rex Faw



Rex Faw, 87, of Dunkirk passed away June 25, 2020. He was born July 29, 1932 in Millers Creek, NC to Vestal and Grace (Brooks) Faw and grew up in North Wilkesboro, NC. Rex married Helen in 1952 and they have lived in Dunkirk for the last 36 years. He joined the United States Army in 1953 and was honorably discharged in 1954, having earned the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal. Rex was employed by Sears in various management roles for many years, retiring in 1984. Following his retirement, he went to work for Buck Distributors and retired again in 1994. Rex was an avid sports fan, especially golf and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rex is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Helen C. Faw of Dunkirk, children Rex Anthony "Tony" Faw and his wife Julia of Annapolis and Teresa Grimes and her husband Jim of Crofton, grandchildren Tara Miller and her husband Nick and Ryan Faw, and great-grandchildren Blake and Rhett.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Annmarie Garden Now Filly Re-opened

Evening Hours Extended for Summer



Fairy Lolly Creative Play Space now open

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons announces new extended evening hours for the park, as well as the re-opening of the Murray Arts Building and Fairy Lolly Creative Play Space. New this summer, the sculpture garden will stay open until 7pm three nights each week – Thursday, Friday & Saturday. The reason for the late hours is to allow guests to enjoy the park during the cooler hours of day.

The Murray Arts Building has re-opened, including two spacious galleries featuring summer exhibits, Bloom & Grow: Brilliant Botanicals and SHE: an expression of womanhood. Masks will be required for all guests (over the age of two) to visit the Arts Building. The exhibits feature the work of artists from Southern Maryland, as well as works from artists across the nation. You'll find a wide open and spacious gallery, with beauty and inspiration at every turn. The Fairy Lolly Creative Play Space has also re-opened to the public. Use of the Fairy Lolly will be restricted to 10 guests at a time. The Fairy Lolly is a wonderful place for kids to let their imagination soar as they hop along the stump jumps, twirl on the stage, and create new worlds in the tee pee, log cabin, the Gypsy wagon. The entire 30-acre park has now fully re-opened. With a wide vari-

ety of daily programs, exhibits, and activities, there is plenty to do for all ages. From whimsical fairy-themed games to a beautiful walk among world-class outdoor sculpture, guests of all ages will enjoy their time where art and nature meet. Admission is free for members; non-members are asked to donate \$5/person (using a touchless payment system). To learn more about daily activities, visit www.annmariegarden.org.

Murray Arts Building & Fairy Lolly Creative Play Space are open!

Guests will be required to wear a mask to enter the Arts Building and maintain proper social distancing

Use of Fairy Lolly will be restricted to 10 guests at a time

New Annmarie Summer Hours

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00am-7:00pm

About Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, Annmarie Garden is located in scenic Solomons, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay. The 30-acre sculpture garden features a handicap accessible walking path, as well as numerous footpaths that meanders through the forest past permanent and loaned sculpture, including more than 35 works of art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art. During the summer of 2020, guests can pick up a map and seek out charming handmade fairy house hidden in the woods of Annmarie, along with fairy-themed games and activities. The spacious Murray Arts Building is also open featuring lovely exhibits to inspire and delight. Annmarie Garden is conveniently located just off Route 2-4, on Dowell Road in Solomons, Maryland. Visit www.annmariegarden.org for hours and closings. To learn more, visit www.annmariegarden.org.

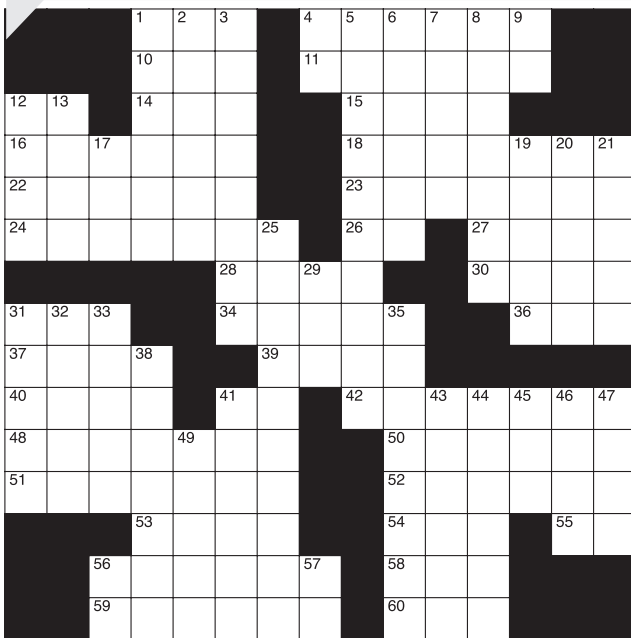
Press release from Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center



Murray Arts Building now open



GAMES & PUZZLES



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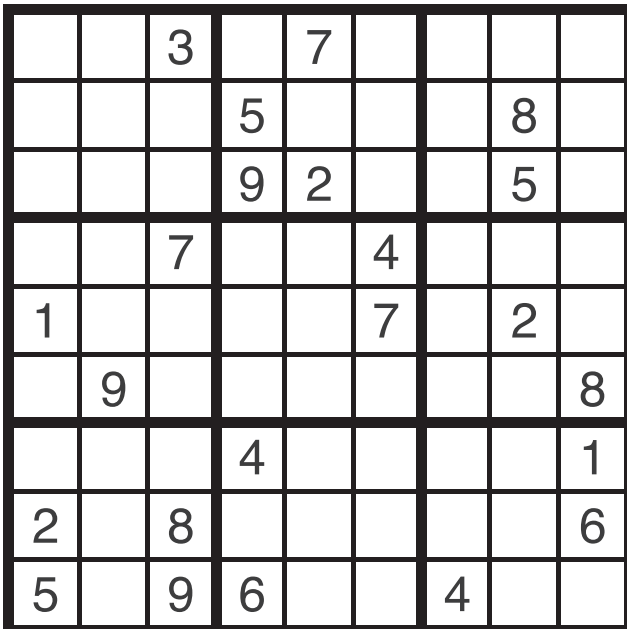
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- 11. Unsafe
- 12. Of (French)
- 14. Autonomic nervous system
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- 16. Accuse formally of a crime
- 18. Promote
- 22. Type of lava
- 23. Meat from a deer
- 24. Herbaceous

- plants
- 26. Potato state
- 27. Helsinki neighborhood
- 28. Sports officials
- 30. Shout wildly
- 31. Reptile genus
- 34. Frocks
- 36. Born of
- 37. N. Scandinavian indigenous people
- 39. Poultry cage
- 40. Aquatic insect genus
- 41. Of I
- 42. Ad ___: tirelessly repetitive
- 48. Item
- 50. Produce

- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Bond in a third party's control
- 53. Legendary character ___ Finn
- 54. Space station
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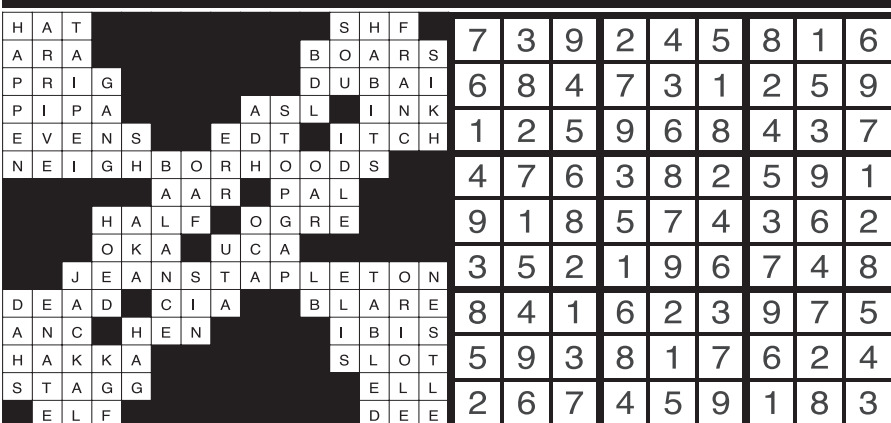
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Presides
- 2. Artist's tool
- 3. On a higher floor
- 4. Commercial
- 5. Something to watch
- 6. Chased
- 7. Commercial producers
- 8. Keyboard instrument
- 9. Blue grass state
- 12. Phonograph recording
- 13. Unusual
- 17. Popular average
- 19. A native or inhabitant of Asia
- 20. N. Sweden river
- 21. Related on the mother's side
- 25. Mediator
- 29. Partner of to
- 31. Arm bones
- 32. Korean seafood dish
- 33. Tap of the foot
- 35. Astronauts
- 38. Carolina footballer
- 41. Indiana city
- 43. Of or relating to bears
- 44. Not widely known
- 45. Body part
- 46. At the peak
- 47. High-pitched cries of a cat
- 49. A way to intimidate
- 56. Prosecutor
- 57. Atomic #66



Level: Advanced

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Identity Protection Day

Identity Protection Day has been re-scheduled for Saturday, August 1, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Shred trucks will be located at the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services Administrative Building, located at 41780 Baldrige St in Leonardtown, MD, to safely dispose of unwanted or sensitive documents in a secure manner. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will be on-site to collect unwanted and expired medications. This event is free and open to the community. Due to continued concerns regarding COVID-19, informational workshops will not be held during this event. For more information, contact Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or email Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com.

Department of Aging & Human Services Offers Call-In Census Assistance

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to support the 2020 Census by offering call-in assistance to the community. Anyone seeking help completing their 2020 Census should contact Jenny Beyer, MAP Coordinator, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71057. According to the United States Census Website, the census collects demographic information that can affect federal funding, Congressional representation, and much more. For more information about the 2020 Census and the importance of your participation, visit <https://2020census.gov>.

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) Check Distribution

In order to comply with all COVID-19 related social gathering guidelines, distribution of SFMNP checks to eligible seniors will be handled differently this year. Please read the below details carefully.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 60 years of age or older
- Photo ID card which indicates proof of St. Mary's County residency
- Meet income limits

Maryland 2020 SFMNP Income Limits

- Household Size Annual Income
- 1. \$23,606
 - 2. \$31,894
 - 3. \$40,182
 - 4. \$48,470

Call for income limits for larger household sizes.

Distribution Information: Read the following steps closely. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have new distribution procedures.

1. Obtain required paperwork. Call to be added to the mailing list. Calls will be taken beginning Monday, July 6 at 8 a.m. through Wednesday, July 8 at 5 p.m. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71080. A limited supply of checks is available; calls and voicemails will be answered in the order received.

2. Complete required SFMNP paperwork. In order to ensure a smooth, low-contact distribution, please be sure all paperwork is completed thoroughly. Checks will only be distributed to eligible seniors with thoroughly completed paperwork.

3. Return Paperwork in the addressed and stamped envelop provided prior to Friday, July 24.

4. Receive checks. Once paperwork is received staff will contact eligible seniors to arrange distribution of checks and a Maryland Farmer's Market directory.

5. Use your checks! Be sure to use your checks prior to the expiration date of November 30, 2020. Practice good social distancing and follow federal, state and local guidelines for COVID-19 prevention when visiting markets.

Sign up to receive email announcements from the Senior Activity Centers!

The senior activity centers have been busy creating virtual activities and want to be sure you have the most up to date information about what we have to offer, especially during this time of social distancing. To be added to our senior activity center email list, email us at senioractivitycenters@stmarysmd.com.

For more information and updates, visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging, [www Facebook.com/SMC-DAHS](https://www.facebook.com/SMC-DAHS), or call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.





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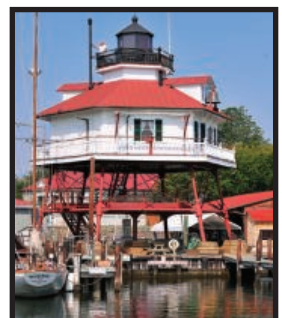
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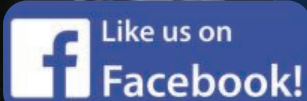


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