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COMMISSIONER BUDDY HANCE

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Commissioners Punt on Weapons Policy

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their June 23 meeting unanimously agreed to adopt a policy making it illegal for employees or visitors to any Calvert County facility to have a weapon or contraband there.

The vote came at what was originally billed as a work session on a staff proposal for the policy. The unanimous vote came after an amendment fostered by Commissioner Buddy Hance creating a procedure for exemption from the policy after review by a special committee.

The story on the decision created a firestorm after it was posted on The County Times Facebook page.

Sheriff Mike Evans commented: "It would have been nice if they talked to experts in the field."

A number of posters supported Second Amendment rights, such as Kenny Voorhees, who wrote: "First domino to fall on the path to tyranny is to keep and bear arms."

Meanwhile, The County Times inquired of County Attorney John Norris if the policy, as the language seemed to indicate, exempted the county commissioners. Norris asked County Administrator Mark Willis, who responded, "A county employee, with requisite approvals, can carry a weapon when their position requires it. When adopting the policy, the Board of County Commissioners appended that an employee who would not be allowed to carry a weapon under the policy may submit an 'appeal' for unique situations. The appeal process would consider the particular circumstances of each individual and their position to reach a rational and appropriate decision."

Willis appeared to believe the BOCC had adopted the policy. Yet with the social media uproar, at their next meeting on July 14 they punted on the policy. In a reversal, the vote was 4-1 in favor of shelving it, with only Commissioner Tim Hutchins favoring further study.

Before that vote, County Attorney Norris told the BOCC their earlier vote wasn't a vote at all because it occurred during a work session, "a category the board has consistently used for deliberation, debate and to provide direction to staff, not for action in adopting legislation or adopting admin-

istrative policies or procedures. For these reasons, it's my legal opinion that the board did not adopt the policy that was presented last meeting on June 23rd for the weapons and contraband, but only provided staff direction to modify that policy in return for further public discussion and deliberation."

Commissioner President Kelly McConkey said he thought they had not taken a vote.

Willis said the county already had a policy covering employees so what was being considered only added visitors.

Hutchins said, "There a lot of work that's gone into this. We have the opportunity to continue to refine it as it goes forward."

The other commissioners would have nothing to do with it. Latching on to the out given them, the board quickly did an about face.

Commissioner Buddy Hance said, "This is the third time and I've struggled with this policy every time and after a lot of discussion and thought process today I make a motion that we not adopt the policy and that we not allow staff any more work time on it."

Commissioner Mike Hart said, "From my understanding, the State of Maryland vets people pretty thoroughly, and they have these policies in place. So, I'm not looking to add any more restrictions than what's in place already through the state, as the way I understand it today. I'm not saying I can't be wrong folks. Life is a work in progress."

Hance added, "Last week I spoke with the sheriff. I spoke with the lieutenant colonel. Both of those individuals believe that they have all the tools they need today to take any action against individuals if they were to arise. It's just in the day and time we live in. If my family, as I explained to the sheriff, was out and there was a situation, and there's not a police officer close, I pray that somebody with a permit was close to take an action. Maybe it's just me, but weapons policies haven't stopped school shootings. They haven't stopped the individual in Virginia Beach, who was an employee who got into a building through security. There are so many instances where weapon policies certainly aren't working in the cities."

He added, "To ask our citizens to be put in a defenseless situation, if somebody wants to do harm, they're going to do harm. They are not going to sit home and say, 'Oh, Calvert has a weapons policy. I can't do any-

thing there because I'm not that smart.' I can figure out a thousand ways to get around a weapons policy if I want to harm somebody. Our county employees walk across a parking lot every day to get to their vehicles. That's a perfect opportunity, not to plant a seed, but having protection in a building is

not the end all."

Commissioner Steve Weems concurred. "I think it has good intentions, but like you say, it doesn't always apply. The old expression (is) locks are for honest people."

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Commissioner Buddy Hance

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County Government Embraces Telework

Go-ahead Given for New Office Building



Director of Public Works Kerry Dull

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County government is wholeheartedly embracing telework. With about 300 county employees working from home, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) sees telework as the wave of the future and possibly a way to reduce the need for additional office space.

“The only good thing about this pandemic is we were forced to telework,” said Commissioner Buddy Hance during the BOCC July 14 meeting. At that meeting, the board embraced a telework policy and agreed to move ahead with a technology strategy to support the telework.

But the increased telework has not eliminated the need for at least one county office building. At the same meeting, the board unanimously gave staff the marching orders to begin work on that new building next to the existing County Services Plaza.

The plan presented by Director of Public Works Kerry Dull would have the staff in the courthouse move into that new building along with staff in the County Services Plaza, which would be renovated. The county is being pressured to vacate the courthouse for court use.

In the separate discussion about facilities, Dull said the decision on preserving the National Guard Armory and a future location of a new sheriff’s office should be removed for a later discussion and decisions.

As to the ambitious telework technology plan, Acting Director of the Department of Technology Services Kathleen O’Brien said, “This will have a financial impact.”

In a meeting filled with numerous agenda items because the BOCC had not met for three weeks, they extended the local state of emergency for another 30 days. During

that discussion, they were told by Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn, “The total fiscal impact of this crisis is unable to be determined at this time; however, to date, the County has received \$8.2 million from the CARES Act to assist the County in offsetting the local cost to accomplish and provide the protection, prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts from the impacts of this health crisis. Our Department of Finance & Budget has established policies and procedures to track all costs related to the COVID-19 response and recovery from this ongoing health emergency.”

O’Brien said the technology upgrades can be paid for in part from CARES monies and in part with a realignment of the existing budget for laptops instead of desktop computers. She also said already approved capital projects include some of the needed technology upgrades.

O’Brien said the county’s immediate response to the need for telework included, “The number of users who accessed the county network over Virtual Private Network (VPN) increased by more than 200 percent.” That allowed workers at home to securely access the county server.

Part of the conversion to telework involved enhanced security protections. O’Brien said all county employees using telework will have to receive cyber security training.

O’Brien insisted, “With the right tools, many county functions can be performed through teleworking.”

Those tools include software to “increase the ability of citizens to request and obtain county services over the internet, rather than requiring in-person transactions.”

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There Will Be No Fair This Year

Would Have Been the 135th



By Dick Myers
Editor

These are unusual times. For the first time in anyone’s memory, there will be no Calvert County Fair this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It would have been the 135th celebration of life in Calvert County.

Fair Board President Carol Lee told The Calvert County Times a lot of thought and deliberation was involved. “It wasn’t a sudden decision,” she said.

The fairgrounds have been shut down since March due to state social distancing guidelines and if the fair had opened this year it would have been at 50 percent capacity.

Lee said the decision was based on what was best for the health and safety of the public. And, she admitted that a lot of the fair board members and other volunteers are older and more at risk of contracting the virus.

Lee said all 4-H activities are also on hold by the University of Mary-

land, so a decision has not been made about what to do with their members’ projects, particularly involving live animals. She said a decision on that would come from 4-H and if they decide to do something in the fall, then the fairgrounds would be available for them.

Lee said, however, that the Fair Board cancelled its insurance for this year’s fair.

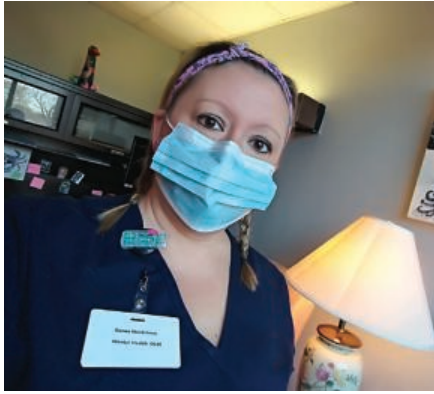
The board issued the following announcement: “The Calvert County Fair regrets to inform you that the 2020 Calvert County Fair, scheduled for September 30-October 4th has been cancelled. This decision was very difficult to make. But after evaluation of the COVID-19 requirements and toll this pandemic has taken on the public, we determined that the decision to cancel the fair would be best.”

“The Calvert County Fair would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding.”

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Living with COVID-19 at Veteran's Home



Renee Nordstrom

By Bri Corley
Contributing Writer

After 16 years at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, mental health coordinator Renee Nordstrom reflected on how the coronavirus has impacted the last few months there before she relocates to the Eastern Shore. From staff mental health to patient care, she recounts all the drastic changes that an unforeseen pandemic can bring to an elderly care facility.

Starting in June 2004 as a mental health counselor in assisted living, she worked hands-on with patients until three years ago when she was promoted to mental health coordinator, responsible for both assisted living and the nursing facility. In her time there she says that Covid-19 has created more change than they have ever experienced.

"In the last several months, they have significantly changed the way we look at and treat mental health and shows how we are trying to evolve within the facility," said Nordstrom. "We started focusing on the residents first and foremost, but shortly thereafter we started to integrate help for the staff to deal with the transition and stress and what it is doing to them as well. We have involved a couple different areas, like an employee assistance program. Our psych provider has also provided free counseling that the veterans home pays for and then the state of Maryland just recently provided free mental healthcare for nursing home staff."

Nordstrom says her job responsibilities have changed drastically due to Covid-19, making her a lot more involved when facilitating "telehealth" services via video for patients and nursing staff in order to keep the quality of care upheld. But as many would expect, getting elderly residents adjusted to video conferencing when they are used to in-person interaction has been difficult. Vision and hearing issues that come with age add an additional obstacle for facilitators to tackle when bridging the gap between their prior in-person treatment and their new virtual format.

Another issue comes with explaining the changes in procedure to patients who may have issues like Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and are unaware of the severity of the changes occurring in the world. Nordstrom said that for those cases, they have relied heavily on the nursing staff to give a full picture of what's going on with them in their day to day life. Watching for any issues with eating, sleeping, mood and behavior

can help the staff track any changes, as Nordstrom says that dementia patients typically don't do well with virtual healthcare.

Due to the high-risk patients living in the veteran's home, volunteers, close contact activities and visitation has been halted for the time being. To help the residents keep a connection with their families outside the home, video chats have become the main form of communication between patients and loved ones. The staff have used their in-home television channel to keep guests entertained while being distant by playing trivia, movies, religious services, and other activities. Nordstrom said the channel also helps them prevent watching the news all day and getting even more nervous of the virus.

The lack of visitation has also led to the veteran's home putting an emphasis on transparency so the families of residents can know what decisions they are making and why they are making them. There is a Covid-19 hotline available where people can call and get updates on what the staff of the home are doing to combat the virus and keep patients safe. All decisions regarding the tracking, treatment and precautions taken at the veteran's home are done at the guidance of the health department, which is in turn at the guidance of the federal government.

When it comes to how the community can help both staff and residents of the veteran's home, there are many options. Donations have been a helpful thing provided by the community, with items ranging from face shields and masks to snacks for the staff and patients. However, Nordstrom emphasized that it would be helpful for people in the community engaging with residents who may just want someone to talk to during a time that can feel very isolating. Cards, care packages, and requests to call and video chat with patients can help maintain the connection between the residents and the community. For more information on ways to volunteer at this time, visit www.charhall.org/content/volunteering/.

As her time at the veteran's home comes to a close, Nordstrom said that the pandemic hitting in her final few months has taught her to never take anything for granted.

"I work with an amazing group of people that I don't think get enough credit," Nordstrom said. "If one single person could come in and spend a day in the nursing staff's shoes and understand what they're dealing with. Even when it was at its worst, we still came back every day. If we can make it through this and we are all still here, then we can make it through anything. and we can give the veterans what they need. It's even harder leaving now rather than if it had been a year ago, but as things are starting to level out for us, we look at each other and know we did this, and we have each other's back. I want the community to know that you see these brick walls and you have to understand that amazing things happen inside there every day. These veterans are our family and they mean as much to us as we mean to each other."

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Draft Plan Outlines Schools' 'Road to Recovery'

Includes Students in School Twice Weekly

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education will receive at their July 16 meeting an 84-page school reopening plan called "Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Road to Recovery."

The plan calls for students to report to their school two days a week and work from home the other three days. Under the plan:

- Group A: Face to Face Instruction -Monday/Thursday
- Group B: Face to Face Instruction -Tuesday/Friday
- All students will participate in distance learning three days a week
- Wednesday will be devoted to teacher planning and professional learning
- Students living in the same household will attend school on the same day.

Teachers will report to their school five days a week.

"We looked at every possible combination," said School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry about the process that began on May 26 and included work groups from elementary, middle, and high schools. The planning involved central office directors and supervisors from all departments, principals, assistant principals, deans, teacher specialists and other teacher leaders, school counselors, instructional assistants, Head Start staff, union representatives, and parents, the report said.

The reopening plan will be finalized at an Aug. 13 school board meeting and then sent on to the state to meet their Aug. 14 deadline. In the intervening month, CCPS will solicit public comment on the proposal.

Curry noted that the plan was being unveiled during Phase 2 of the governor's reopening effort and that Phase 3 could allow "everybody back." Curry said whatever happens between now and the Aug. 13 finalized plan would be factored into it.



School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry

Curry insisted that whatever is in the final plan will allow parents to opt out and keep their children at home for online learning until they feel it is safe to return, for instance with a COVID-19 vaccine.

The upcoming school year is the final year of the rollout of the "Future Ready" plan in which every student, grades 3-12 will have a laptop. The purchasing of additional I-pads for grades Pre-K to 2 is being explored.

As to the iffy internet accessibility in some parts of the county, the report says, "Department of Informational Technology will continue to work with families who do not have connectivity to access community resources and district resources."

Separate plans have also been developed for Pre-K, Career and Technology education, students with disabilities, English as a Second Language, and advanced learners.

Principals will have a key role in managing everything:

- Schedule students into two cohorts to comply with the Two-Day Rotation model
- Communicate expectations for learning in a hybrid model
- Understand how instruction will be delivered in the hybrid model and monitor the delivery of instruction
- Continue outreach to students and parents
- Facilitate staff meetings, PLCs, department meetings
- Complete staff observations and evaluations according to CCPS procedures
- Continue fulfilling all responsibilities of a principal
- Provide regular feedback to the Superintendent and his Cabinet

The plan also details the responsibilities of others in each school building.

As to safety of students and staff, the plan calls for distribution of:

- Masks
- Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- Face Shields
- Wipes
- Gowns
- Distancing Tape

The plan says, "Students in any indoor space must wear a face covering when able (medically fragile, very young, or sensory sensitive students may not be able to tolerate wearing a face covering.) and "Students should not be excluded from instructional activities if unable to wear a face covering."

Transportation presents significant challenges. The proposals says:

Maximum 11-12 students on a regular route bus; one student in every other seat, in a zig-zag pattern reduces bus capacity to 17 -27 percent

Maximum six-eight students on a special-needs bus, one in every other seat, in a zig-zag pattern reduces bus capacity to 25 percent

Student must always wear face covering when able

Students from same household can be seated in the same row, and count as "1"

No student in seat behind driver, unless they live in driver's household.

* NOTE: One student in every seat on a regular route bus reduces capacity to 33-45 percent.

Cleaning will occur after each run, which could lead to increased material and time costs, the plan says.

There will be a modified, gradual return of athletics. Full resumption "coincides with Governor Hogan's Stage Three." The plan says resumption of large-scale events and engaging students at full capacity and functionality must comply with guidance issued by the Maryland Public Secondary Sports Athletic Association (MPSSAA)."

All other extra-curricular activities should be limited to outside as much as possible.

The plan concedes it has some challenges, including:

- Reduced instructional time
- Providing instruction in both the face to face and virtual modes
- Providing a fully online curriculum option for Kindergarten through grade 12 students.
- Lack of connectivity in parts of the county
- Transporting students at 27 percent capacity on buses
- Health and safety practices, especially with our youngest learners
- Parent and staff concerns regarding returning to school
- Uncertainty of timeline for decision making
- Reopening in a partial capacity will create childcare challenges for families

Town hall virtual meetings on the proposed plan will be held on July 23.

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Out: Twice Weekly Recorder In: Once a Week So. MD News

By Dick Myers
Editor

After almost 50 years, the Recorder newspaper will cease publication in print form this week. Started as the Prince Frederick Recorder by Charles Molitor, publisher of the Enterprise in St. Mary's, it was later changed to the Calvert Recorder. The Enterprise will be seeing the same fate this week.

In a front-page letter to readers on July 10, Jim Normandin, president and publisher of APG Media of Chesapeake announced that the Recorder, Enterprise and the Maryland Independent in Charles County, all twice-weekly print publications, would merge into one publication, called Southern Maryland News, and would only come out once a week, on Friday.

Normandin wrote: "Additionally, in lieu of the Wednesday print edition, subscribers will receive a daily (Monday—Thursday) subscriber only exclusive e-newsletter called the Coffee Edition, debuting on Wednesday, July 15." He said subscribers, as they now do, will have access to their website.

The APG in Normandin's title stands for Adams Publishing Group, which purchased the three papers from the Washington Post in 2015. Adams Publishing Group is a relatively young company, having been formed in 2013, but they have quickly gobbled up 127 weekly and daily newspapers in 15 states.

The family patriarch and chairman of the board of APG is Stephen Adams. His son Mark Adams runs the company. Their headquarters is reportedly in Greeneville, TN. The closely-held company is relatively secretive, according to reports published about them.

One of those reports, in 2017, came from Poynter Institute, a non-profit journalism school and research organization which also owns the Tampa Bay Times newspaper. The article written by Rick Evans said that Stephen Adams amassed his fortune with outdoor advertising, a group of community banks and more recently "the huge Camping World/Good Sam network of RV dealers and camping equipment retailers."

The article goes on to say: "One thing is for sure: The Adams are loaded.

"Estimates put the family's net worth north of a billion dollars. In 2005, Steve Adams and his wife donated \$100 million to the Yale School of Music, a gift he revealed three years later in a Wine Spectator article about his vineyards in California and France."

The article gives APG generally high marks for keeping leadership and staff when they take over newspapers. Such was not the case in Southern Maryland, where many employees were fired. There is an unconfirmed report that three editors were dismissed with last week's merger announcement.

In a Power Point conference presentation, which has made it to social media, Mark Adams says the company is interested "in community investment and engagement." He is quoted as saying they are interested in community newspapers because they are available "at low valuation multiples."

The loss of the print Recorder comes about 10 years after its fiercest competitor at the time, The Calvert Independent was shuttered (The Calvert County Times was started after that). The independent was so called because when Republican Ed Hall and Democrat Billy Weems, founded it in 1940, they wanted everyone to know they would keep politics out of it.

The Calvert Independent was much later purchased by the owners of the Washington Times, which folded it. Charlie Mister, long time Independent publisher, is sad about the loss of another local news outlet. Mister said, "When Sally wins a ribbon at the county fair," she wants to read about it and so does everyone else.

He doesn't feel combining the counties will work and that folks who don't live here are making the decisions don't understand that. "It's different when you work here, and you go into the Safeway and rub into people you do business for."

"It's a shame," Mister said on hearing the announcement. His cousin, Hagner Mister, agreed.

Hagner Mister grew up on a farm and later would become county commissioner, state agriculture secretary and head of the Democratic Party. He grew up with the Calvert Independent, and as a young boy depended on it for sports and farm news.

Hagner Mister said, "It was a while getting used to the Recorder. Eventually I learned to read it."

Rick Thompson has had a long career in Southern Maryland journalism. Now retired, he quips that most of the places he has worked are now out of business. He was editor of the Recorder in the early 80's when Molitor still owned it. He ran the paper with two other reporters and a sports editor and it was filled with everything local.

Thompson said if there were a lot of things going on, he would ask the paper's general manager Bud Snyder if he could have a few more pages. Thompson said he always got it, on one condition: "It better be local stuff."

Thompson has bemoaned the loss of local coverage under APG. "There used to be a lot of feature stories," he observed, and lately it has declined to mostly court coverage, he said.

He doesn't feel people will take to the combined issue. "People aren't going to pay more to get less," he said.

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Health Department Releases COVID-19 Death Information

Sixty-four Percent in Calvert are African American

The Calvert County Health Department, on July 13, provided the following update on COVID-Related Deaths in Calvert County

As of July 12, 2020, there have been 11 COVID-related deaths among Calvert residents. The mortality rate in Calvert is approximately 4.5 times lower than the mortality rate for the state of Maryland as a whole. For those who have seen a higher number of deaths on the state COVID website, it should be noted that their accounting is erroneous. A fuller explanation can be found in our earlier post: <https://www.calvertcountycovid19.com/post/new-policy-to-list-covid-19-deaths-on-our-websites>

It is difficult to write about this topic because each of those 11 is not a statistic, but a human being with family and friends. However, we understand that members of our community may want to understand more about the most serious consequence of COVID infections. Until this time, there has been no mention of details related to the deaths of Calvert residents because of the need for the Health Department to maintain individual confidentiality. With such few cases in the spring, almost any information could have allowed people to trace details back to a specific person's death. This remains a concern, so the information that follows is meant to provide a reasonable understanding of trends while continuing to respect the privacy of families that have lost loved ones.

One should keep in mind that there is a limited amount of generalizable information that can be understood from very low incidence of any type of event. Eleven deaths are too few to reach definitive conclusions, but there are several things of note. Age and racial breakdowns are as follows:

55-64 -- three deaths
65-74 99 three deaths

75+ -- five deaths

African American -- seven deaths

White -- four deaths

Four important factors emerge at this point. First, there have not been any deaths of individuals below the age of 55 in Calvert. However, throughout the rest of Maryland, close to 300 people under 55 have died of COVID-related infections.

Second, each deceased Calvert resident had at least one underlying chronic health condition.

Third, the staff at each of our county's nursing homes and assisted living facilities have done a consistently great job in protecting their residents.

And fourth, we are witnessing yet another clear sign of the disproportionate health burden carried by African Americans.

Statewide, 31 percent of the population is African American and 40 percent of COVID deaths have occurred in this population. In Calvert, African Americans account for 13 percent of the population and 64 percent of COVID deaths. Although it would be unwise to draw definitive conclusions from our local sample size, national data has made it clear that greater attention is needed to chronic disease management, historic inequities, and continuing social stressors that impact African Americans.

Each of us should reflect on how we can take action to make our community a more just and equitable place for every child and adult regardless of race or ethnicity. COVID is the latest indicator of a deeper problem that we continue to grapple with as Americans. Perhaps posterity will look back at 2020 as a turning point in U.S. history. We all have an opportunity to make a difference.

Press Release from Calvert County Health Department

COVID-19

As of July 14

Positive Cases

Deaths

Calvert

456

11

Information provided by St. Mary's and Calvert Health Departments 7-14-2020

Calvert Marine Museum Reopens

The Calvert Marine Museum will reopen to the public on Friday, July 17, with members-only preview days on Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16.

The museum looks forward to welcoming back the community and have new procedures in place to keep our guests, staff, and volunteers safe. To adhere with social distancing guidelines, the museum will operate at reduced capacity and implement a timed entry system. This means visitors will be able to experience their favorite exhibits while remaining six feet from other guests.

In order to have the best experience, all guests and members are asked to reserve their admission window ahead of time. Reservations can be made at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/visit. The museum will resume its regular hours of 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, however, guests will be able to preselect a two-hour time window for their visit. Session times are 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The museum and Museum Store will completely close between each session to allow for thorough sanitization of indoor and outdoor



Even the CMM otter mascot wears a mask when visiting the museum.

spaces. All guests, staff, and volunteers are required to wear a face covering while visiting the museum. Guests under the age of 2 are not required to wear a face covering. CMM understands that wearing a mask for an extended period of time can be difficult or uncomfortable, so several outdoor “no mask zones” have been designated. There, guests and members

of their party may have a seat, take a breather, and relax for a few minutes before continuing with their museum adventure.

During this unprecedented closure period, the CMM Society has introduced a policy adjustment that will extend affected memberships for the number of days the museum has been closed due to COVID-19. Members will continue to receive

free admission. However, online reservations are highly encouraged to manage limited capacity.

Learn more about museum membership, its benefits, and what members can expect during reopening at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/membership.

Additional information, including children’s activity schedules, sanitization efforts, and other COVID-related museum changes can be found on their website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

For questions or comments regarding the museum’s reopening, please contact CMM Deputy Director Rachelle Green at Rachelle.Green@calvertcountymd.gov.

Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with limited capacity and a new timed entry system. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$7 for seniors, military with valid I.D, AAA and AARP members; \$4 for children ages 5 - 12; children under 5 and museum members are admitted free.

Press Release from CMM.

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MARYLAND STATE POLICE CRIME REPORT

June 30, 2020

The below incidents, investigations, and arrests are, in part, demonstrative of the Prince Frederick Barrack's effort to ensure that Calvert County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Warrant Service - On June 23, 2020, Trooper First Class Rutkoski responded to the Calvert County Detention Center to make contact with Kelvin Leon Thomas (02/10/68). Thomas has two active warrants (Kidnapping & 2nd Degree Assault) through the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack. Both warrants were served without incident.

Warrant Service - On June 25, 2020, Trooper Moorman responded to the 3900 block of East Chesapeake Beach Road, Chesapeake Beach. Once on scene Trooper Moorman made contact with the Calvert County Sheriff's Department, who was out with Vashawn Eugene Parran

(07/19/96). Parran had an active warrant (FTA- Revoked License) through the Maryland State Police, Prince Frederick Barrack. Parran was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where the warrant was served without incident.

Traffic Stop / Weapon Violation - On June 26, 2020, Trooper Kelly conducted a traffic stop on Route 4, in the Lusby area. Trooper Kelly made contact with the operator, Kevil C. Gregory (10/21/80), and while speaking with Gregory noticed a large fixed blade knife within his reach. Gregory was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where he was charged accordingly. The knife was packaged and processed at the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack.

Press Release from Prince Frederick Barrack Maryland State Police.

Section of Prince Frederick Boulevard Closed

Roundabout to be Constructed

The Calvert County Department of Public Works closed a section of Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick, to facilitate developer installation of a roundabout for the Calvert Hills subdivision. Construction is expected to continue through Saturday, Aug. 15, weather permitting.

During construction, Prince Frederick

Boulevard will be closed to all traffic in both directions between Allnut Court and West Dares Beach Road. Traffic will be redirected to use MD 2/4. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area while construction is underway.

Press Release from Calvert County government.



CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of July 6 – July 12 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,450 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 20-35940

On July 9, 2020, Deputy Flynt responded to Haley's Way in Owings for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised on July 7th around 10:00am an unknown suspect(s) entered the garage and stole a golf club set. The value of stolen property is \$450.

Theft: 20-35908

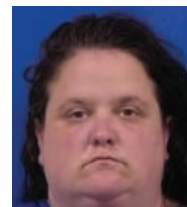
On July 9, 2020, Deputy Buckler responded to Woodland Lane in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 9:00pm on June 8th and 4:00am on June 9th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a child sized black Mongoose bike from the front yard of the residence. The value of stolen property is \$200.

Theft: 20-36128

On July 10, 2020, Deputy Wilder responded to Santa Rosa Lane in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime in the past two weeks, an unknown suspect(s) stole their orange Lifetime Daylite model kayak from the launch rack at Lake Lariat in Chesapeake Ranch Estates. The value of stolen property is \$150.

Arrests:

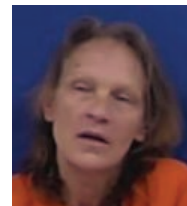
On July 6, 2020, Deputy Stevens responded to Wawa in Prince Frederick for the report of vehicle tampering. The complainant advised they observed the doors to their enclosed trailer to be open upon exiting the store. A female was observed on surveillance walking to the back of the trailer and opening the doors. Deputies made contact with **Laura Marie McElhinney (40)**, who advised she was looking for a hammer to break into a vehicle. McElhinney was detained and a search of her person was conducted which resulted in an unlabeled prescription bottle containing suspected Vyvanse. McElhinney was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, Rogue and Vagabond, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and CDS Regis. Remove/Alter Label.



Laura McElhinney

On July 7, 2020, Deputy Sturdivant responded to Super 8 in Prince Frederick for a welfare check. The complainant advised a female guest at the hotel seemed out of it and needed to be checked on. Deputy Sturdivant made contact with the female guest, **Sandra Lee Pitcher (52)**, who he observed to be lethargic and have slurred speech.

Sturdivant entered the room and observed several objects scattered on the floor, as well as a syringe on the night stand and a syringe cap on the bathroom floor. Pitcher was detained and a search of her person was conducted which resulted in a small capsule containing suspected heroin residue. Pitcher was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Sandra Pitcher

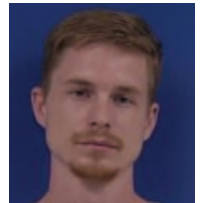
On July 9, 2020, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road

at Dowell Road in Solomons. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised the passenger, **Kevin Tyshawn Bannister (32)**, had an active warrant through the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. Bannister exited the vehicle and was placed under arrest at which time Bannister advised he had five or six Percocet pills on his person. Bannister was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where the pills were retrieved and he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.



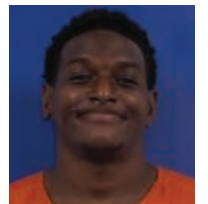
Kevin Bannister

On July 12, 2020, Deputy Gott conducted a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road at Creston Lane in Solomons. Upon making contact with the driver, **Maxwell Lewis Scroggs (29)**, Deputy Gott detected the strong odor of raw marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Scroggs advised there was marijuana in the vehicle and a search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in a metal marijuana grinder containing two marijuana cigarettes, three white pills suspected to be Alprazolam, a cut straw with suspected Alprazolam residue, and a prescription bottle containing 3 buprenorphine pills. Located in the trunk of the vehicle was two small plastic bags containing white residue suspected to be cocaine, as well as a plastic straw containing suspected cocaine residue. Scroggs was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Maxwell Scroggs

On July 12, 2020, Deputy Crum conducted a traffic stop at CVS in Dunkirk. Prior to exiting his vehicle, Deputy Crum observed the driver making movement directed toward the driver's side floor. Upon making contact with the driver, **Daniel Maraud Johnson (29)**, Deputy Crum observed multiple wounds on Johnson's arms and hands. Johnson exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a Ziplock bag containing multiple mini Ziplock bags, a clear tube containing a white powdery substance of suspected cocaine paraphernalia, an open syringe containing suspected heroin, and a cut off corner of a plastic bag containing suspected heroin residue. Also located inside the vehicle were blue brass knuckles, a small plastic container containing suspected cocaine, and an orange tube containing cocaine paraphernalia. Johnson was placed under arrest and a search of his person was conducted which resulted in an additional syringe containing suspected liquid heroin. Johnson was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, CDS Packaging Material Distribution, and Contraband-Conceal Weapon.



Daniel Johnson



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Improve Storage At Home

Homes are getting bigger, but it seems like people are still lamenting a lack of storage space.

National Public Radio says the average American home has nearly tripled in size during the last 50 years. Despite that, 10 percent of Americans still need to rent off-site storage, according to a report in the New York Times Magazine. Self-storage facilities are one of the fastest-growing commercial real estate segments, and the Self Storage Association says there are more than 50,000 storage facilities in the U.S. alone. The commercial real estate company CBRE, Ltd., says there are roughly 3,000 self-storage facilities across Canada, and 65 to 85 percent of self-storage tenants are residential users.

Improving storage at home can be a cost-effective alternative to renting storage space. With these easy tips, homeowners can maximize space immediately.

Utilize track storage systems

Closets may be plentiful, but if not efficiently utilized, space may still seem lacking. Track closet storage systems often make greater use of closet space than traditional shelf and hanging rod systems. Customizing closets using track systems or other modifications can improve utility of all closets in the house.

Invest in storage beds

Storage beds typically feature cubbies or drawers within a platform-style bed

frame. It's a practical home storage solution, and does not require any building.

Think vertically

Maximize spaces by looking up and down for storage possibilities. Items that are not used frequently, such as seasonal decorations or travel suitcases, can be stored in high spaces. Shelving on walls can go as high as necessary and be put to use in awkward wall areas, such as in corners or under eaves.

Invest in storage benches/ottomans

A stopping area inside the front door replete with a storage bench can house shoes, umbrellas, hats, backpacks, and other items, keeping them tidy and out of sight. In living rooms, look for chests or ottomans that are decorative and functional. Store throw blankets or board games inside.

Recess drawers or shelves

Gain more storage by recessing a chest of drawers into what is called the "knee wall" of homes that have sloped ceilings in attics and upstairs bedrooms. Utilize these short walls in an efficient manner by sinking drawers or shelves into them, without taking up floor space.

Rafter shelving

While in the attic (or a garage), add hanging shelves to rafters or exposed beams to create off-the-floor storage as well.

These are just a few of the handy ways to improve the interior storage space in a home.



Preparing Your Home For The Next Natural Disaster

We all want our homes to be safe, comforting spaces that offer refuge and protection from the outside world. The global pandemic has taught us this, as well as the importance of preparation — not just for illness — but also for natural disasters like fires, floods, earthquakes, and tornados.

Making sure your house is a secure and resilient structure is critical no matter where you live, as global warming has altered the climates and weather events of many regions. Fortunately, thanks to advances in design and innovative materials, building a stronger, disaster-proof home is possible.

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Homes built with these ICFs are proven to survive natural disasters — houses that faced Hurricane Michael in Florida and Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans are still standing. ICFs even offer wind resistance of up to 250 mph, equivalent to an F4 tornado.

Homes that use ICF construction have other added benefits, including enhanced insulation for lower energy bills, a reduced carbon footprint, and improved ventilation for better indoor air quality and lower susceptibility to mold. Concrete forms also require less maintenance over time, saving you the expense and effort of continuous upkeep and providing additional peace of mind.



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Home Office Must-Haves

Remote work has been around for many years, though it certainly picked up steam in 2020. In an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, in March 2020 government officials implemented stay-at-home measures that mandated many working professionals to begin working from home. That transition occurred seemingly overnight, forcing men and women to find somewhere in their homes to work.

As the dust settled and working professionals grew accustomed to working from home, many recognized the need to have an office in their homes. Various factors can make home offices more conducive to getting work done, and the following are some home office must-haves that can help people be more productive while working from home.

Lighting

Lighting is important in a home office. It's easy to overlook natural light, especially for workers who previously worked in offices that did not have windows. But natural light can help save on energy costs and boost mood. In fact, natural light is a valued commodity for people used to working in office settings. A 2018 survey of more than 1,600 workers conducted by the human resources advisory firm Future Workplace found that access to natural light and views of the outdoors were the most sought after attribute of a workplace environment. In addition, 47 percent of workers surveyed admitted they felt tired or very tired from

the absence of natural light or a window at their office. When designing their home offices, homeowners should keep this in mind and choose areas of their homes that get ample natural light during a typical workday. Additional lighting also will be necessary. Recessed lighting can give an office a sleek look, and lights that can dim can allow workers to adjust their lighting based on how much they need at any given point in the workday.

Quiet

Professionals forced to work at home when social distancing measures were implemented may not have had much quiet, especially for those with young children whose schools were closed. But when designing a home office, homeowners have the chance to make their offices more conducive to concentration. Soundproofing walls may not be necessary, but look for areas of the home that don't get much foot traffic. Kitchens are very popular rooms in many homes, so try to locate your home office away from the kitchen. A spare bedroom upstairs may make for the most ideal home office setting if the home does not have a traditional den. Spare bedrooms come with doors, which can instantly create a sense of quiet when closed. A converted garage also can make for a useful home office, but make sure the room already has cooling and heating and, ideally, windows.

Electrical outlets

Recently built homes tend to be equipped with enough outlets to accommodate our

increasingly connected lifestyles. But older homes may need some electrical updates before they can capably accommodate home offices. When updating your electrical, replace existing outlets and fixtures with energy-efficient LED fixtures, which save money and benefit the environment. Before updating the electrical, decide on how you want the office to be laid out so

you can have outlets installed where your computer, devices and other items, like a printer and television, will be. This makes it easy to hide cords and give the office a clean, professional look.

Home office capabilities became a big priority in 2020. Designing such spaces can be fun and easy.



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Types Of Home Insulation And Where To Install Them

When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamorous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people comfortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves,

is needed when handling them. Installing this type of insulation is relatively easy since the materials are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to The Home Depot. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIYers who need only small applications can use canned products. Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

Foam board/rigid foam panels

Ideal for unfinished walls, such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.



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What To Expect During A Bathroom Remodel

There are many reasons to renovate a home. Some homeowners purchase fixer-uppers and commit to making major renovations before they even move in, while others may renovate their homes with an eye on resale value. But many homeowners also take on renovation projects to make the homes more livable for themselves.

Bathroom renovations are popular projects. In fact, a 2018 survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that bathroom remodels are the most popular remodeling projects. But just because bathroom remodeling projects are popular doesn't mean they're easy to endure. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom remodel can help homeowners get through the renovation process.

Cost

Bathroom remodeling projects can be expensive. According to Remodeling magazine's "Cost vs. Value 2019" report, a mid-range bathroom remodeling project cost an average of \$20,420 in 2019, while an upscale remodel cost just under \$64,000. Homeowners should develop budgets for their bathroom renovation projects to determine which type of project they can afford. In addition, setting aside a little extra money for overruns is a wise move that can help homeowners handle any unforeseen expenses that arise during the project.

Noise

Few home renovation projects can be undertaken quietly, and bathroom renovations tend to generate a lot of noise. The noise can be difficult to overcome for professionals who work from home full-time, and it also

can be hard on parents of young children who still nap and don't yet go to school. Parents of young children may find it best to delay bathroom renovation projects until their children are school-aged and out of the house for most of the day on weekdays.

Mess

The debris generated by bathroom renovation projects is another thing homeowners must prepare for. In addition to preparing for the waste generated by the project, first-time renovators must realize that dust might be a big issue once the project begins. Dust can pose a threat to residents' overall health, particularly the health of youngsters whose bodies haven't yet fully developed. As a result, parents of young children may want to schedule renovations during family vacations so their children are exposed to as little dust as possible.

Changes

Few renovations go off without a hitch. Once a project begins, contractors often uncover issues that weren't noticeable to the naked eye. These issues may increase the cost of completing a project or force homeowners to change their plans to make the project stay as close to their budgets as possible. Recognizing that these decisions may have to be made on the fly can help homeowners feel more prepared when unexpected issues arise.

Bathroom renovation projects are worthwhile investments. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom renovation project can help homeowners handle all the twists and turns that may arise.



Add A Pop Of Purple Around The House

Pantone named "Ultra Violet" its color of the year in 2018, helping to create a resurgence in popularity of all things purple. As a result, homeowners who pride themselves on staying on top of the latest trends have increasingly turned to purple when designing their home interiors.

Purple influences can range from the dramatic to the subtle. Here are some ways to embrace purple in your home.

Transition bedroom color

Purple has long been a favorite shade for adolescents who are growing up and moving away from pinks and peaches into more mature room colors. Purple looks well when accented by white, magenta and yellow.

Even though it is embraced by young girls, purple also can be used by adults who want to create soothing retreats in their bedrooms.

Create an accent wall

A purple room may intimidate people who prefer mild, more neutral design schemes. But a purple accent wall can add a pop of color, suggest the home experts at Realtor.com. When it comes time to list a home, it's easier for the

next homeowner to embrace a purple accent wall than an entire room decorated in this jeweled tone.

Use accent items

It's easy to add a splash of plum or other variations of purple without making a permanent commitment. Dress up neutral decor with throw pillows, rugs, table linens, or draperies in all shades of purple. As trends change, it's easy to exchange accent items.

Modern kitchen

Homeowners can offset efficient, modern design in kitchens characterized by white cabinetry and stainless appliances with some well-placed grape focal points. A purple backsplash, purple-clad island or lavender bar stools can lend vibrancy to a space.

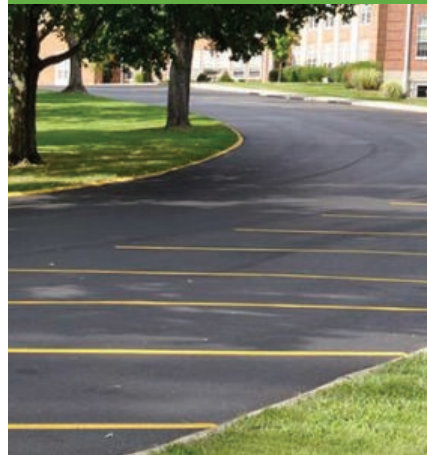
Purple powder room

A purple guest bathroom is the ideal place to help overnight guests feel regal. Violet and deeper shades of purple can feel warm and luxurious. Beige or cream bathrooms can be enhanced with a deep purple bath mat, shower curtain and hand towels.

Purple is hot right now and turning up in unexpected places in many homes.



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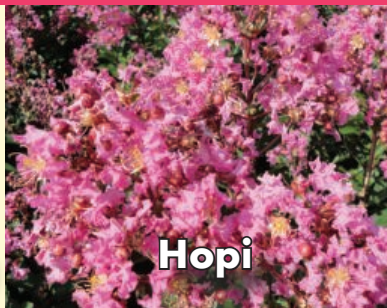
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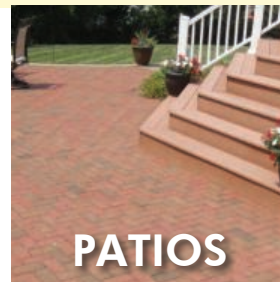
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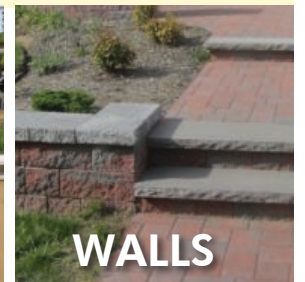
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Churches of Southern Maryland: Waters Memorial United Methodist Church

By Grace McCready
Contributing Writer

With a nearly 200-year-old history, Waters Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Leonard has a small but devoted congregation.

“People really do look out for each other and will be there for each other,” said Pastor Brian Berger.

Though Berger wasn’t appointed to the church until 2018, the church dates back to the 1800s. Sewell Davis Waters donated the land and began building Island Creek Church in 1842. It was later renamed to honor him.

Black and white church members worshiped in the same building but were segregated. The black members split off to start their own church, which is Brooks United Methodist Church today. Now, the churches are reconciled and serve together.

Growing up at Calvary United Methodist Church in Annapolis, Berger received his ministry calling as a high-school freshman. One night at youth group, he had to write down his future plans. Although his dream was to play basketball in college and the MBA, he didn’t know what he’d do after that.

“God really spoke to me in that moment and really led me to think about life beyond basketball...,” Berger shared.

He earned his Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary but didn’t pastor Ferndale United Methodist Church of Glen Burnie until four years afterward. A few years later, he was reappointed and has been leading Waters Memorial United Methodist Church since 2018.

Around 40 people typically attend the church, and the congregation includes mostly older individuals. Normal services occur on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and are traditional overall.

Additionally, the church has Open Mic Church on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., which balances Bible study and worship. Berger said that there’s a time with “an open mic where people can share their testimony or, as we study the Bible, people can share their thoughts or their comments.”

Prayer is prioritized at Waters Memorial United Methodist Church, and one way that happens is through prayer meetings every Thursday. These meetings include a devotional, a discussion of previously added and newly learned prayer requests, and prayer itself. Berger and a former lay leader of Waters Memorial United Methodist Church pray through specific requests, as well as general requests, like for the U.S. President and troops.

Similarly, the church’s prayer chain helps individuals become informed about urgent prayer requests. Berger shared that “there’s three people that

I personally will contact and let them know and then they have people on their list they will contact, and so we get the message out...as far throughout the church as we can.”

Regarding outreach, the church is involved with Heart F.E.L.T. by supplying backpacks of food to children in need for meals over the weekend. Likewise, with Project ECHO, the church takes over a meal monthly and interacts with residents.

Waters Memorial United Methodist Church’s food pantry is essentially where members supply canned and boxed foods for the less fortunate. “If somebody gives the church a call and says that they’re on hard times or in need of food or something, we figure out a way to try to meet their needs,” stated Berger.

He also said the church “is very well known for its fundraisers.” The Strawberry Festival and the Christmas Concert, for example, supply needed funds for the church.

Congregational life slowed down when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, but Berger has been constantly updating the church’s services.

As a church in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Waters Memorial United Methodist Church had to end in-person worship on March 8. He explained that, initially, “I just went into the main church office by myself with my cell phone and used the Waters Memorial Facebook page and recorded myself doing Facebook Live.”

He and the music director later began doing Facebook Live in the sanctuary, including organ music, and then Zoom was utilized.

Since May 24, a drive-in service at the church’s pavilion has been offered. Or people can continue to stay home to watch online. “And...we see ourselves doing that for the foreseeable future—doing Zoom, Facebook, and also the drive-in service,” stated Berger. The church won’t resume sanctuary services until September at the earliest.

Unfortunately, Waters Memorial United Methodist Church can’t easily provide food for the hungry during this season. “If somebody calls the church with a need, we would still make that available to them,” Berger noted. “However, we would have to be very strategic in how we handle that.”

Prayer meetings and Open Mic Nights still occur on Zoom and Facebook. He added, “We are trying to determine if we can do a fundraiser because...we have a couple fundraisers during the summer and fall season, so they are not cancelled yet. But our task force that I formed is going to determine whether we can make them happen or not.”

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Pastor Brian Berger.

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County Government Announces Reorganization

All Departments to Report to Willis

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces a minor reorganization plan designed to improve overall government operations and services to the public. The plan does not call for staff reductions. Changes in the county's organizational structure take effect July 1, 2020.

To better meet the needs of the citizens, changes in the General Services and Public Works departments are planned. The reorganization is a response to guidance established by the BOCC to ensure the effective and efficient use of county resources by determining alternative approaches to the way government is run part of the reorganization, two actions will occur. First, the departmental reporting structure will be realigned, and all departments will report to Calvert County Administrator Julian M. Willis. Second, two departments will merge: the Department of General Services and Department of Public Works will be encompassed under the Department of Public Works.

Moving to the Department of Public Works are:

- General Services
- Division of Buildings and Grounds
- Mosquito Control
- Mailroom Services
- Capital Improvement Projects (facilities related)

"These changes set the foundation for a more effective response to the public," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "More efficient management of operations will provide improved services and also draws against existing talents and skills in the organization. The minor reorganization provides operational and cost efficiencies; its implementation will have long-term benefits to our community."

"The restructure establishes two new deputy director positions, at no additional cost in the fiscal year 2021 budget under the Department of Public Works," said County Administrator Julian M. Willis. "The new structure is an important step to streamline internal processes and will better align services, share county resources more efficiently and effectively, and improve operations, while at the same time, reducing costs."

The governmental restructure will include initiatives to enhance employee training, government accountability and problem solving.

Find information on Calvert County Government services online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov. Stay up to date with Calvert County Government on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Hogan Appoints New CSM Board Trustee

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan appointed College of Southern Maryland (CSM) alumna Christy Lombardi of Calvert County to serve CSM as trustee, effective May 13, 2020 through 2021.

Lombardi is currently the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Community Bank of the Chesapeake in Waldorf, Maryland. The Saint Leonard resident has worked for the bank from more than 20 years and held numerous leadership positions including senior vice president and director of human resources, executive vice president and director of HR and administration and executive vice president and chief administrative officer.

"The College of Southern Maryland plays such an important role in this community by providing opportunities for students with diverse backgrounds and needs to gain knowledge, skills or credentials to prepare for successful careers or further education," said Lombardi. "I am truly honored to be appointed to serve CSM in this capacity."

Lombardi currently serves on the Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board and is the current chair of Maryland Bankers Association Council of Professional Women in Banking and Finance Advisory Board. She also served on the CSM Foundation Board. She is the past chairwoman of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Along with being a 2005 CSM graduate, she holds a bachelor of science in

HR Management, a master of science in Management /Human Resources and a master's in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College. She is also recognized for completing the Program on Negotiation for Senior Executives at Harvard University and for receiving her Maryland Banking School Diploma of Graduation with honors from the Maryland Bankers Association. She is currently pursuing her Stonier Graduate School of Banking Diploma from the American Banking Association at University of Pennsylvania.

CSM's trustees also include, Jay Webster and Samuel C. Jones of Calvert County; Shawn Coates, Cordelia Postell and Jose Gonzalez of Charles County; and Ken Abell, Dr. John W. Roache and Sonja Cox of St. Mary's County. Serving as secretary/treasurer to the board is CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy and as Senior Executive Associate to the board is Larisa Pfeiffer. For information about the college's leadership, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/about/leadership/>.

CSM's Board of Trustees is the governing body providing leadership and oversight of the college's mission and policies. Members are appointed by the governor for five-year terms. The board consists of nine members, with Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties equally represented. The chair and vice chair are selected by the trustees among themselves annually.

Press Release from CSM.



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Virtual Activity Center Launched

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation (CCPR) has launched a virtual activity center to provide citizens with a variety of recreation opportunities and information easily accessed from the comfort of home. Visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/VirtualActivityCenter for virtual classes, lessons and activities for citizens of all ages and abilities.

The activity center features sports and fitness tips, craft and activity tutorials, virtual field trips, local park and animal information, special events and more.

“The virtual activity center allows

CCPR to stay connected with local residents by providing health, wellness, education and recreation opportunities to keep citizens engaged all year long,” said CCPR Director Shannon Nazzal. “During this time, it is crucial that we continue to offer new, safe and innovative methods to provide the recreation services our community expects and deserves.”

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

Press Release from Calvert County government.



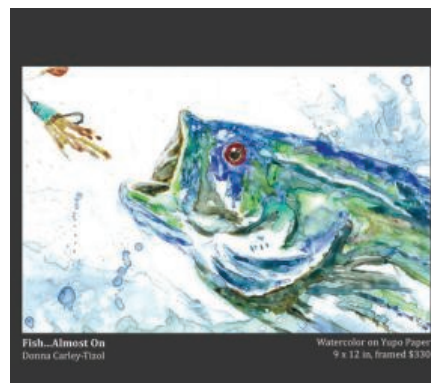
Artworks@7th Reopens with New Policies

Artworks@7th has reopened with new hours and policies due to COVID-19.

Member artist Donna Tizol's paintings are featured in the newly renovated gallery space. July in-store hours are Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-5pm; private appointments available by calling 410-286-5278 or shop 24/7 on social media @ FB and Instagram(<https://www.facebook.com/Artworks-at7th/> and <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA47uj9Bomp/>).

New gallery policies for COVID-19 prevention include wearing a mask, respecting appropriate safe distance from other customers and limited numbers guidance. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from 11 am-5pm at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach.

Press Release from Artworks@7th.



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Maryland Market Money Program Rescued

Matching Dollars Help the Food-Insecure



The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, announces they have partnered with the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) to acquire the Maryland Market Money program (MMM), previously run by the now disbanded Maryland Farmers Market Association.

Maryland Market Money is a statewide food incentive program that provides a dollar-for-dollar match for purchases made using federal nutrition benefits at select farmers' markets. Each MMM dollar works to help food-insecure Marylanders access whole-

some foods, boosts farmers' sales at the markets, and strengthens the farmers market community.

SMADC, a Southern Maryland regional entity that works closely with farmers and farmers' markets and that has extensive knowledge of the MMM program, has partnered with MARBIDCO, a statewide-serving agribusiness development organization with a long track record of successfully running financial assistance programs, to reinstate and also hopefully expand the reach of the MMM program.

MARBIDCO is collaborating with SMADC to facilitate the program, and as the fiscal agent has the capacity to accept and distribute MMM-designated

funds. The day-to-day management of the program will be delegated to SMADC staff. SMADC's Director, Shelby Watson-Hampton, provides added expertise having worked previously for the Maryland Department of Agriculture on the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and possesses extensive knowledge of farmers' markets in Southern Maryland and across the State.

The MMM program provides farmers markets statewide with funds - via a combination of county, state, and privately-raised grant monies - to provide low-income SNAP/EBT, WIC and Senior FMNP customers with additional resources to match their federal benefits.

For example, if an eligible customer comes into a farmer's market with \$5 in SNAP benefits, they could receive an additional \$5 in Maryland Market Money as a match to use for more purchases at the market. This allows them to buy more fresh produce and eligible farm products. Therefore, not only does the participating customer benefit from the \$10 in food product purchases, the farmers benefit from the increase in extra product sales.

The following federal nutrition benefits can be matched with the Maryland Market Money program at participat-

ing farmers' markets:

- Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) for Seniors and WIC
- eWIC (Women, Infant, and Children Fruit & Vegetable Benefit Program)
- SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

The match does differ slightly among the benefits programs; the SNAP benefit match is limited to \$5 per customer per market day, as is eWIC benefit. However, there is an unlimited dollar-for-dollar match for the FMNP benefit coupons.

The success and impact of the program has been far-reaching: In 2019 the MMM program served 21,873 Marylanders in 7,291 food-insecure households, and spent \$455,128 in federal nutrition benefits and MMM matching dollars with 416 agricultural producers at 36 farmer's markets across the State.

“SMADC is excited to partner with MARBIDCO to continue to run this vital program for the consumers and farmers of Maryland”, said SMADC Director Shelby Watson-Hampton. “The Maryland Market Money program is a great fit for our organization and aligns directly with SMADC's mission to support farms and the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland and beyond.”

Press Release from SMADC

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.

Paul Anthony Vogtner



Paul Anthony Vogtner, 55, of Lusby, MD passed away on July 4, 2020 at his residence. Born April 16, 1965 in East Point, GA, he was the son of the late Francis Quigley Vogtner, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Zietz) Vogtner.

Paul graduated from St. Pius X Catholic High School in Atlanta, GA. He served in the U.S. Army from March 6, 1991 until April 15, 1998, during which time he earned the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Lapel Button, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Germany). Paul began his thirteen year employment with Dyncorp as an Aircraft Mechanic on September 4, 2007.

Paul is survived by his wife, Lisa Michele (Lever) Vogtner whom he married on August 9, 2005 in Savannah, GA; his children, Kayla M. Vogtner of Caro, MI, Meagan R. Vogtner of Birmingham, AL and Nicholas G. Vogtner of Pensacola, FL; his siblings, Francis Q. Vogtner, Jr. (Alice) of Mobile, AL, William J. Vogtner (Becky) of Mobile, AL, Richard A. Vogtner (Merrilyn) of Suwanee, GA, Daniel M. Vogtner (Alina) of The Villages, FL, John D. Vogtner (Karen) of Peachtree City, GA, Mary Anne Crocker (the late Greg) of Fayetteville, GA, Marjorie E. Ebert (Jeff) of Acworth, GA, Mark E. Vogtner (Kelly) of Colorado Springs, CO and Carol E. Smart (Joe) of Locust Grove, GA; and many nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with military honors.

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

Faye Marquis Ellwood

Faye Marquis Ellwood, 83, of Huntingtown passed away July 10, 2020. She was born June 26, 1937 in Glen Rock, PA to Polly Rohrbaugh Marquis and Leroy Alexander Marquis. As a child, Faye traveled the eastern half of the country with her brothers Ronnie and Gary, following their fathers' career in construction. In



1963, she married Samuel Ellwood and they lived in New Carrollton until moving to Kitty Hawk, NC in the mid 1990's. They later moved to Currituck, NC for a short time before moving back to Maryland to be closer to the grandchildren after Sam's passing. Faye was a member of Huntingtown United Methodist Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed painting, gardening, fashion, the beach, and a good bottle of wine. Faye loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a very generous person and made friends everywhere she went.

Faye was preceded in death by her husband Samuel M. Ellwood and her brother Gary Marquis and his wife Peggy Marquis. She is survived her brother Ronnie Marquis and Bonnie Marquis of Phoenix AZ. and by her son Gregory A. Ellwood and his wife Page of Huntingtown, grandchildren Zachary and Jacob Ellwood.

A visitation will be held Thursday, July 16 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, Owings. The service and interment will be private.

Douglas Collinge "Buddy" Bohlayer



Douglas Collinge "Buddy" Bohlayer, 81, of Owings passed away July 9, 2020. He was born March 24, 1939 in Washington, D.C. to Mary Allen and John Bohlayer. Buddy lived in Florida, Tennessee, and Maryland over the years, and has called Owings home since 1993. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. Buddy was a self-employed transporter of boats and classic cars, transporting vehicles all over the country. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and most recently a member of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach.

Buddy thoroughly enjoyed driving, NASCAR, going to races, and boat racing.

Buddy is survived by his longtime companion Dorothy "Dotty" Ward of Owings, children Dennise King of Elizabethton, TN and Sheree Bolano of Windermere, FL, grandchildren Kaley, Anthony, Julian, Gino, and Giovanni, and stepchildren John Newton and his wife Heather of Huntingtown and Mike Newton and his wife Kellie of Owings. He is also survived by step-grandchildren Ryan, Matthew, Nicholas, Ashlyn, Nathan, Lucy, Nicole, Kaitlyn, Dillon, Angelica, Jeremy, and Ruthie, great-grandchildren Aubrie and Danny, and a sister Mary Grasso.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Mary Louise Hilton



Mary Louise Hilton, 91, of Chesapeake Beach passed away July 6, 2020 at her home. She was born October 22, 1928 in District Heights to Nellie Elizabeth Vermillion and William Henry Radtke.

Mary was raised in Prince George's County and has been a resident of Chesapeake Beach since 1970. She was primarily a homemaker and also worked as a waitress at various restaurants. Mary was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206. Mary loved music, dancing, entertaining, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Harry Lee Hilton III, children Pamala Riston, Mary Irene Riston, JoAnn Riston, and George "Ricky" Riston, and sisters Helen Taylor, Dorothy Seis, and Hilda Brady. She is survived by her children Mark Riston (Cathy) of Chesapeake Beach, Edgar Hilton of Millington, MD, Harry Lee Hilton IV (Denise) of Huntingtown, Margaret Hilton of Virginia, and Starlene Hilton of Churchton, as well as 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The ARC of Southern Maryland, 355 W Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were made by

Rausch Funeral Home.

Richard Scott "Nat" Conatser



Born December 20, 1960, in Burbank, California and raised in Simi Valley, Scott passed away peacefully on July 2, 2020, surrounded by his beloved family following a year-long battle with glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain

cancer. He is pre-deceased by his parents, Leon "Travis" and Shirley Conatser and is survived by his four siblings: Lisa Cook, Linda Greaves, Melanie Rodenbeck and Clayton Conatser, and by numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends.

Nicknamed "Nat" while in the United States Air Force, Scott honorably served with distinction as a non-commissioned officer from 1979-1994. As a graduate of the Defense Language Institute, with his specialty as a German-Russian cryptologic linguist, Scott received assignment postings at the National Security Agency in Maryland, and at Tempelhof Air Base in Berlin, Germany, where he made significant contributions to the security of our nation, Europe, and NATO. During his assignment in Berlin, Scott witnessed the historic fall of the Berlin Wall.

For the last 28 years, Scott has been Vice President and General Manager for Federal Information & News Dispatch (FIND) of Washington, D.C. Scott was a positive inspiration to many individuals throughout his life and he will be missed always.

The family wishes to thank all of Scott's amazing friends, doctors, nurses, and hospice workers. The date of his celebration of life will be announced at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be sent to Scott's favorite animal shelter; Calvert Animal Welfare League (CAWL), 1040 Prince Frederick Boulevard, PO Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-9300; Link: <https://www.cawlrescue.org/>

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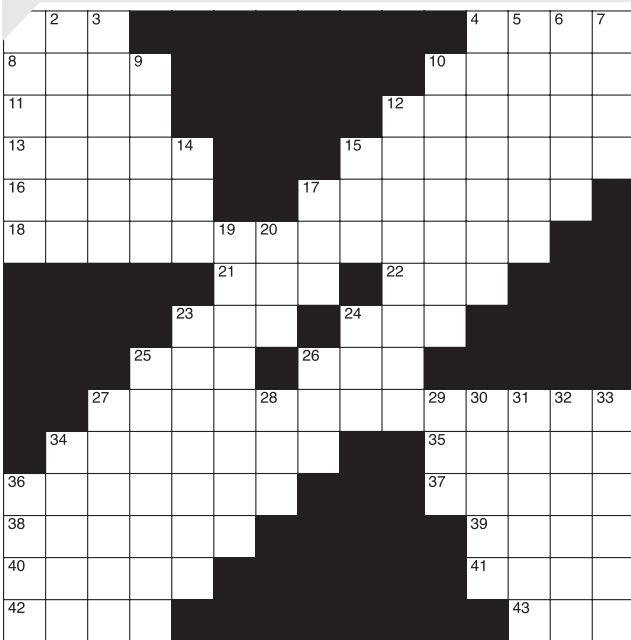
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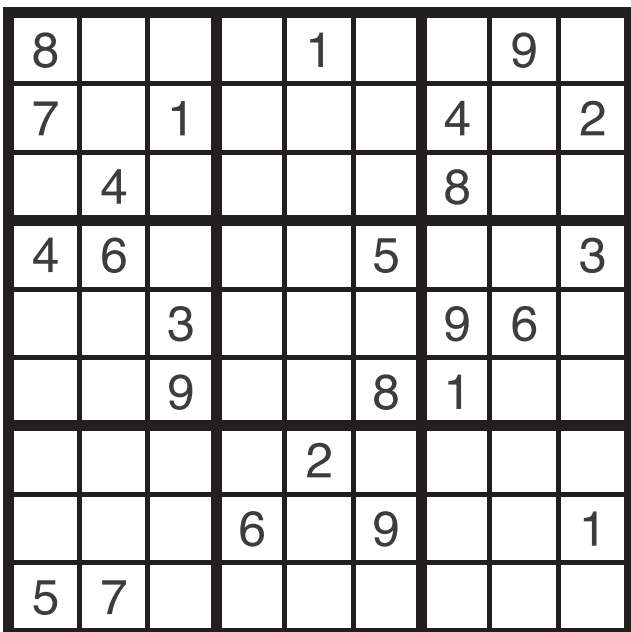
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- 4. Trim by cutting
- 8. Small buffalo
- 10. Ancient manuscript
- 11. Look angry or sullen
- 12. Glum
- 13. Northern Zambia peoples
- 15. Central
- 16. Collector of birds' eggs
- 17. Misbehavior

- 18. Top of the line
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Have already done
- 23. Al Bundy's wife
- 24. Entertainment channel
- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. Legendary actress
- 34. Seasoned sausages
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed

- 37. Three-dimensional arrangement
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Type of protein
- 40. Denmark natives
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Artistic dancing
- 2. Plenty
- 3. Act leisurely
- 4. Serve as a warning
- 5. Admired lovingly
- 6. Leftover oil from distillation process
- 7. Company officer
- 9. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 10. One transmits information
- 12. Middle layer of an embryo
- 14. Form of "to be"
- 15. Cairo Regional Airport
- 17. Partner to cheese
- 19. Sample
- 20. A shirt may have none
- 23. Public gatherings
- 24. Disallow
- 25. Overnight suitcases
- 26. French river
- 27. Where boats dock
- 28. Top of a pot
- 29. Type of drug
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They go in martinis
- 33. A way to break away
- 34. Intermediate ecological stage
- 36. Baby term for father



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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Friday, July 17

Writers by the Bay. 7:30pm-9:00pm.

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Saturday, July 18

Dungeons & Dragons - TEENS (ROLL20/ZOOM). 2:00pm-5:00pm.

Meet up the 3rd Saturday of each month and have fun with D&D. Players of all levels and interest welcome. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Monday, July 20

It's Elementary! 9:00am-9:15am.

Science, technology, engineering, art, math? What will we talk about this week? Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited to join Calvert Library each week for It's Elementary! Enjoy a story followed by a fun at-home STEAM based activity using common household items! Check out Calvert Library's It's Elementary! on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter and don't forget to invite your friends! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

"How to Be an Antiracist" Author Ibram X. Kendi (Crowdcast). 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Calvert Library is proud to partner with Maryland State Library and Prince George's County Memorial Library System, who are hosting author Ibram X. Kendi for a live virtual event on Prince George's County. Crowdcast, YouTube, Twitter/Periscope and Facebook. Dr. Kendi will be interviewed by Dr. Charlene Dukes, the outgoing president of Prince George's Community College. The Prince George's County presenting partners are PGCMLS, the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission and Joe's Movement Emporium. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Summer Fun: Circus Science with Greg May. 10:00am-10:45am.

Join professional knucklehead and silly scientist Gregory May on a tour of the scientific principles behind his circus skills. Ages 5 and up. Live event will air on Crowdcast and replay for the following 48 hours at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/summer-fun-greg-may>. Join us on Crowdcast at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/summer-fun-greg-may> as a former Ringling Brothers Circus performer and Port Discovery Children's Museum educator, Gregory May uses juggling, rolling globe walking, lasso spinning and other amazing tricks to explore Newton's Laws, Gyroscopic Motion and Center of Gravity. It's a wild ride for the entire family! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Online Book Discussion (ZOOM). 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Join us this month on Zoom for an online discussion of "The Mountains Sing" by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. Please register so we can email you the link to join the discussion. The link will come an hour before the event. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Calvert Library's Book Bites. 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Listen to the first chapters of popular, new and recommended books. New chapters are posted every week. Search "Calvert Library's Book Bites" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to podcasts. Calvert Librarians read the first chapters of popular, new and recommended middle grade books that are available in our digital collection. New episodes post every Wednesday at 1 pm. Find us on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Simplecast and more! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Teen Jackbox Party (Virtual). 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Teens, come play some Jackbox games with us! Jackbox games are online party games where you have to come up with funny and creative answers to some very unusual prompts. You will need a device to attend an online meeting (like a tablet or laptop) as well as another device (like a phone) to answer questions for the best experience. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.



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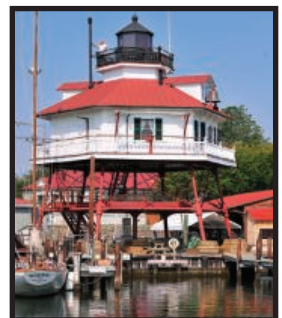
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