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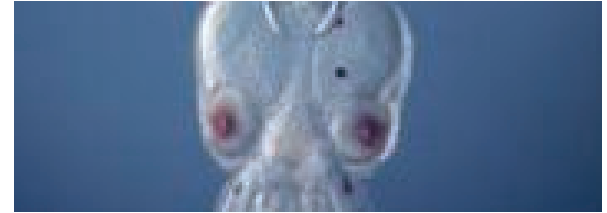
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Thu 8/6	Fri 8/7	Sat 8/8	Sun 8/9
81° 70°F	84° 69°F	84° 71°F	85° 71°F
Scattered	Scattered	AM	Isolated
Mon 8/10	Tue 8/11	Wed 8/12	Thu 8/13
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Isaias Roars Through Calvert County

Flooding, Tornado Damage Reported

By Dick Myers
Editor

Tropical Storm Isaias ripped through Calvert County on Tuesday, Aug. 4, dumping more than eight inches of rain and spawning a destructive tornado. During the day many roads were closed, including the critical Routes 2/4 and Plum Point Road intersection in Huntingtown. Some roads remained closed on Wednesday morning,

Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo reported, "Storm impacts to Calvert County primarily include downed trees and power lines throughout the county, localized power outages, and roadway flooding."

At the height of the storm, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative was reporting more than 8,000 outages in the county and by Wednesday morning that number had been reduced to slightly more than 1,000.

The National Weather Service confirmed a Category EF-1 tornado in Calvert County on a 2.2-mile path

from Dares Beach to Willows along the Chesapeake Bay from 7:37 a.m. to 7:43 a.m. The path width was reported at 100 yards with peak winds of 90 mph. About 25 homes received significant damage from trees falling on them.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office reported: "The effects of Tropical Storm Isaias have left numerous flooded and impassable roads throughout the county. Below is a list of roadways that have been washed out along with roadways that have trees and power lines down."

The following roads were washed out

- Dalrymple Road bridge was under water
- Partial wash-out at 255 Hoile Lane
- Grays Road @ Cyprus Swamp
- Stinnett Road @ Freeland Lane
- Plum Point from Cecil Lane to Route 4
- Trees were reported in the roadway at:
 - Millbridge @ Sollers Warf

- Meadow Lane @ Scott Street
- Bayside Rodd @ Chesapeake Avenue
- Ridge Road @ Willow Street
- Cornwall Road @ West Chesapeake Beach Road
- Newtown Road @ Lore Pine Lane
- Soper Road @ Lowery Road
- Greenwood Ave, 5th Street
- @ 5300 Breezy Point Road

Power Lines were reported un the roadway at:

- Lake Lariat
- Pondswood Road @ Houston Lane
- Kings Road in St. Leonard

A sanitary sewer overflow was reported in Chesapeake Beach as the result of the storm. A manhole in the area of C Street and 31st reportedly overflowed due to the heavy rain. About 150 to 200 gallons leaked from the manhole before it was caught and mitigated by the town's Public Works staff.

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Plum Point Road



Emmanuel Church Road. Photo Courtesy Calvert County Government



Calvert Beach Rd. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Hurst

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School Board Candidate Embroiled in Controversy

Keen Apologizes for Facebook Comments

By Dick Myers
Editor

As tropical storm Isaias plowed through the area, a storm of another kind was swirling around Calvert County Board of Education candidate Dawn Keen. Facebook posts by the candidate on racism issues prompted charges of racism against the candidate. Some of her Facebook friends, noting the rambling nature of the posts, asked if she was okay. That prompted expletive-laden posts from Keen.

One of the posts that prompted controversy said: "School system administrators and (currently, board members) in America, especially in targeted communities where traditional Judeo-Christian values are held, promote teachers and staff who are willing to discriminate against such values. They make it all about melanin, but it is really about hijacking verbiage to dehumanize people. It is the most profound example of projection I have ever seen. If you stand up to it, be prepared for the bullies with their projection."

"There are actually people with higher levels of melanin who agree and they are the most attacked as 'uncle Toms' or 'coons.'

"The most common quote I hear from the silent majority of teachers is 'they say we are not team players because we try to document the truth.'" The most interesting in this is that the charge is usually led by those lacking melanin. Toxic.

"These folks, often narcissistic in nature, become the 'useful ones' and work harder and harder to create a school system of 'CHAZ.' It started at Evergreen University and is now in much of higher education, where these social justice warriors and teachers are coming from. There are a small group of chaos coordinators who will toxify whole systems.

"The definition of justice so far hasn't changed, and is 'maintenance or administration of what is just, especially by the impartial adjustment of conflicting claims or the assignment of merited rewards or punishments.'

(<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/justice>)

"None of these defamed staff members are inherently racist in its original definition. Most often such staff are the hardest workers and the best teachers. They would rise to the top and receive accolades in fair systems regardless of melanin.

"If we are unable to stop the silencing of the majority by the small, loud and disrespectful few, our community instead needs to focus on our local controls to shift property tax dollars to buildings where these practices will not be tolerated.

"Moving these teachers and staff into spaces where they will receive excellent benefits and pay, deserved of



Dawn Keen in a picture on her Facebook page.

great teachers, providing a much safer space for our children. The toxic remaining narcissism in the community will fizzle out, eventually, and staff shortages will no longer be an issue.

"Our community has been desirable for the qualities that these narcissistic administrators and their minions are seeking to destroy. 'Equity' is rooted in a false ideal that was recently promoted by the museum of African American history. It has since been removed due to the backlash for its discriminatory nature. I have screenshot proof of this verifiable discrimination against conservatives, that is rooted in equity."

The screenshot was of a posting on the webpage of the National Museum of African American History and Culture that characterized whites, especially conservatives. The museum removed the post and explained, "... we believe that any productive conversation on race must start with honesty, respect for others, and an openness to ideas and information that provide new perspectives."

The incident Keen referred to at Evergreen University was the suggestion that white students and professors stay home for a day and backlash when a professor criticized that.

An example of the comments to Keen's post was from Manda Pullen-McGrath: "This is racist. Blatantly. And it's white supremacy. I cannot support you or condone these posts."

The not-often-seen-word "melanin" referred to in Keen's post means: "any of a class of insoluble pigments, found in all forms of animal life, that account for the dark color of skin, hair, fur, scales, feathers, etc."

As the result of the controversy, The County Times emailed Keen asking for her to explain what was going on. She responded: "I am writing to apologize to Calvert County for the Facebook posts they have seen on my personal page. I had a series of events I'd like to explain. here are a handful of strong

opinionated people, who do not want to see me get elected and several of which, for my viewpoints and my proof, have never wanted me to succeed. As is in any election.

"However, their push to get my name defamed went so far to send a screenshot taken way out of context to CAIR, a recognized hate group. These people defamed my character, because I believe all children should be given the same chance to succeed regardless of their skin color.

"In the moment of slander and libel, I had an awakening to my own childhood traumas which continued into my early adulthood, never addressed, but suppressed. These traumas surfaced amidst my defaming. I became obsessed with worry over Covid-19 changes to school policy, lack of decisions, trying to right the wrongs in my own children's school, loss of sleep, fear for my job and fears of what will become of our constitution and relationships in this county.

"I lost control of my Facebook postings due to extreme fatigue. In my distress I lost my ability to self-censor. I made a mistake. I spoke my angry words online, and they were left there as I dealt with my issues. Those words were my strong response to the perversion of our youth, and damage that adults for many years turn a blind eye to.

"With my name defamed at this point, I would like to stay in the race to show Calvert County who I really am. I am not my past, and I am not what my bullies would like you to think I am. These are the same people who defamed me, saying I don't care about childhood trauma or people of color, of which neither are true.

"The election may or may not be in November. Thank you for those who support me, and thanks to the media who has not taken part in this defamation and shaming for my mistake.

"Regardless, I made a mistake, had a lapse in judgement. I have agreed to

the next forum and I will be working on my coping skills until then. Lastly, I do ask one thing of my community, that they give me pardon, as the future of our children is in the hands of some people who do not mind covering up truth.

"Thank you for the opportunity."

The post of the above statement on The County Times Facebook page drew hundreds of comments, many along the lines of what Amy Beebe wrote: "Omg seriously?!? All I hear is 'I got caught so I'm going to try and shift the blame and make excuses'."

Keen was one of the two top vote getters in the June primary for the seat that will be left vacant when Tracy McGuire's term-limited service on the board ends. Keen's opponent is Antoine White, an African American. Two of the existing board members, who are not up for re-election, are also African American.

Keen was endorsed in the primary by the local Republican Party. The party posted the following on their Facebook page after the controversy over Keen's posts:

"The Republican Party, the party of Lincoln, will not tolerate racism in any way, shape or form!" their statement reads

The Republican Party began in the early 1850's, and was started by anti-slavery activists and those who believed that settlers seeking land in the west should be granted it free of charge. Their first meeting was informal, and took place in Ripon, Wisconsin. July 16, 1854, marked the party's first formal meeting, which was held in Jackson, Michigan. They chose the name of "Republican" for the party due to the world's allusion to equality, and to draw reference to Thomas Jefferson's Democrat-Republican Party. The Republicans became a national party in 1856, when John Fremont was nominated for President. Four years later, the first Republican President would be elected: Abraham Lincoln. Republicans worked to secure the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments, granting former slaves that their president freed equality under the law. The Republican Party was also the first party to favor women's suffrage and the majority of states that voted to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment were Republican states.

"The Calvert County REPUBLICAN Central Committee will not tolerate any form of racism within its ranks."

Calvert County Republican Central Committee Chairperson Catherine Grasso told The County Times that her group would be holding a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5, after press deadline, to discuss the issue.

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St. Mary's Ryken to Open as a Hybrid

By Guy Leonard, Staff Writer and Dick Myers, Editor,

St. Mary's Ryken High School, located in Leonardtown, announced that starting Aug. 25 it will begin the fall semester with a hybrid model of instruction, blending both on-line learning and in-person class time.

First-time students will have special arrangements made for them, according to the school's leadership.

"Our new students - freshmen and transfer students - will attend classes and events on campus on August 25, 26, and 27," the reopening plan on the St. Mary's Ryken's website reads.

"Our returning students will participate virtually during this week."

School officials warn, however, that plans could change quickly in the days leading up to the fall semester.

"Currently, we are expecting to open in hybrid learning," according to a statement from SMR President Rick Wood and Principal Catherine Bowes. "However, our community should be prepared to open in virtual learning, and we will alert parents and students as soon as it is determined that any change to our plans is necessary."

There's been no word yet from the Archdiocese of Washington about the plan for reopening elementary schools in Southern Maryland.

The archdiocese did issue a statement opposing plans by Montgomery County to require all private schools to open virtually. That order came from the Montgomery County Health

Department and was endorsed by county government.

Governor Larry Hogan stepped into the fray and issued an emergency order prohibiting blanket school closures. Hogan said, "The recovery plan for Maryland public schools stresses local flexibility within the parameters set by state officials. Over the last several weeks, school boards and superintendents made their own decisions about how and when to reopen public schools, after consultation with state and local health officials.

"Private and parochial schools deserve the same opportunity and flexibility to make reopening decisions based on public health guidelines. The blanket closure mandate imposed by Montgomery County was overly broad and inconsistent with the powers intended to be delegated to the county health officer.

"To be clear, Maryland's recovery continues to be based on a flexible, community-based approach that follows science, not politics. As long as schools develop safe and detailed plans that follow CDC and state guidelines, they should be empowered to do what's best for their community.

"I want to thank all the parents, students, and school administrators who have spoken out in recent days about this important issue."

Calls to Calverton School and Cardinal Hickey Academy were not returned as of press deadline seeking comments on their reopening plans.

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Bond Funding Chosen for Golf Clubhouse

Public Hearing to be Scheduled

By Dick Myers Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will be holding a public hearing on a proposal to use available bonding authority to design and construct a new clubhouse at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course in Lusby. Estimated price tag is \$3.5 million.

The BOCC had previously withheld approval for bonding authority even though the project had been approved. The BOCC had also previously delayed a decision on the funding method for the design of the building after an architect had been selected.

The BOCC was presented with two options by staff - use bond authority or fund balance. The decision to use the bonding was controversial, and the ultimate vote was 3-2, with Commissioners Buddy Hance and Steve Weems in opposition.

Hance was concerned what message the decision would send to the county's legislative delegation, who must approve any additional bonding authority. Hance said typically the BOCC lists the projects set aside for use of the bond proceeds and the golf course was not on that list.

He said the next time they ask for more bonding authority, the delegation could ask, "How will we trust you today?"

Commissioner Tim Hutchins pointed out that the most recent bond authority request was cut by the legislators without any specific numbers assigned to any project.

County Administrator Mark Willis noted that there was plenty of bond authority remaining because any new county office building, which was on the list, would be a scaled-down version costing considerably less. That would be in part because of the lessons learned on space needs due COVID-19, he said.

It was the pandemic that was on Weems' mind when he voted against moving forward at all with the clubhouse. "I am not voting on this because I don't know what the final bill for COVID is."

But Commissioner Mike Hart noted that something had to be done to make the golf course profitable. He said there were no known takers to purchase the county-owned golf course.

The former clubhouse was taken out of service because of water damage and mold and was burned down in a training exercise.

The golf course is using a temporary clubhouse in a modular unit but that has been deemed inadequate to attract tournaments, which are considered a necessity to increase usage.

A memo to the BOCC from Capital Projects Analyst Veronica Atkinson said, "This \$3.5 million building should serve Calvert County citizens well into the future and make one of the few remaining local golf courses a more desirable location, which should, in turn, help Chesapeake Hills Golf Course increase revenues."

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County Landmark Now a Historic District



Preston-on-Patuxent

By Dick Myers
Editor

It has been “a familiar visual feature in Calvert County for centuries.” That’s how Preston-on-Patuxent was described during a July 30 public hearing to consider making it a Calvert County Historic District. That was approved by the county commissioners after the joint hearing with the planning commission.

According to a staff report from Historic Preservation Planner Kirsti Uumila, the existing home on the 13-acre property on Turner Road in Lusby may be one of the county’s oldest, dating at the latest to the second quarter of the 18th century.

In her report, Uumila said the house is “among the very few brick houses of that period. It is a fine example of Tidewater Maryland vernacular architecture. The house is on property that was, in the 1600s, a 400-acre tract owned by Richard Preston. Preston probably hosted sessions of the Provincial Court and the Assembly at his house in the 1650s. The existing house may be built on the site of the original Preston house. The existing house may have been built by Alexander Parran who lived there with his wife, who was the

daughter of Nathaniel Ashcomb, who had previously owned it. The Parran family arrived in Calvert County in the beginning of the 18th century and became prominent in provincial affairs. Alexander’s son, Young Parran, was a county judge. His son, Richard Parran, was a justice of the peace, and a judge of the orphans’ court. Richard also participated in the administration of county affairs during the Revolution.”

Uumila went on to report, “In the 20th century, novelist Hulbert Footner purchased the house. He wrote about the house in his book, ‘Charles’ Gift.’ Footner designed and constructed an addition to the rear of the house which has been deemed significant in its own right, owing to its association with the author.”

The application for Calvert County Historic District designation was made by Preston-on-Patuxent’s current owners Laurence and Roxanne Cumberland. Being in an historic district allows the owners to be eligible for tax credits for improvements. The property was also listed on National Register of Historic Places in 1974 in recognition of its historic significance.

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Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET DOTTIE



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To an empty house...
To coming Home

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State's Census Rate Above National Average

Hogan Encourages Full Participation

Governor Larry Hogan on July 31 provided an update on Maryland's progress in the 2020 Census and encouraged all citizens to complete their forms at 2020Census.gov. Maryland currently ranks 13th in the U.S. with a 66.7 percent self-response rate, above the national response rate of 62.8 percent. Maryland ranks fifth in the U.S. in Internet response. Carroll County leads the state with a self-response rate of 78.4 percent, ranking 25th in the U.S. out of more than 3,200 counties.

The Calvert County response rate as of July 31 was 71 percent compared to an 80 percent response rate in 2010. St. Mary's current rate is 66.4 percent compared to 75 percent in 2010.

Response rates for towns are: Chesapeake Beach, 72 percent; North Beach, 62.1 percent; and Leonardtown, 59 percent.

"Our administration is committed to doing everything possible to ensure that every single Marylander is counted this year," said Governor Hogan. "Every single response directly impacts the services our communities receive—funding for schools, hospitals, roads, and other emergency and essential services all rely on our responses. I urge every single Maryland resident to fulfill their civic

duty and help shape our future."

Every Marylander uncounted represents more than \$18,250 in unaccessed federal funding for programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), school construction, emergency preparedness, and transportation projects. Census data also informs reapportionment and redistricting, and ensures that Maryland receives appropriate representation in Congress.

Several statewide and local initiatives are well underway to encourage Marylanders to respond to the Census, and to remind everyone to fill out the Census before October 31, 2020, including:

- Coordination among state agencies to leverage all resources to reach Marylanders

- Census messaging on buses, billboards, and radio stations

- A weekly Census newsletter that reaches more than 41,000 recipients

- Social media messaging, including weekly Census Champions

- Assistance to local Complete Count Committees to find ways of developing language-specific messaging in order to reach hard-to-count populations

- Engagement with business and faith

leaders

Participation in local events, including one this past weekend in Wicomico County, where the Maryland Department of Planning worked with local residents to fill out their 2020 Census.

"While the Census is about \$1.5 trillion dollars in federal spending, including \$16 billion to Maryland, the Census is really about us as Marylanders," said Planning Secretary Rob McCord. "The Census is about who we are as a state and how many people reside in each community. We count people, not just citizens, and this is our one chance for the next 10 years to paint an accurate portrait of Maryland and each of our communities."

Maryland has adopted a 21st-century approach to the Census. In addition to the significant outreach on social media and as part of virtual and limited in-person events, Planning created several online tools to identify areas that require additional outreach. Governor Hogan, Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, and First Lady Yumi Hogan all recorded Public Service Announcements about the 2020 Census, which can be found on the Maryland Census website at census.maryland.gov.

Planning created a Low Response Score and Hard to Count dashboard,

which displays socioeconomic and demographic profiles of selected Census tracts, which allows staff to target strategies to improve the Census response rates. Additionally, Planning recently added a map of Food Distribution Centers and Census Tracts by Response Rate. This online mapping application displays Maryland food banks and distribution locations in relation to Census tracts, which staff can leverage to reach Marylanders at sites in low response areas. Planning is also working with the Maryland Food Bank to include informative flyers in meal distribution boxes across the state.

Additionally, Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't yet responded to the 2020 Census beginning in early August. All Census takers will wear masks, follow Maryland's public health guidelines, including physical distancing, and wear an ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

For more information about the 2020 Census in Maryland, please go to census.maryland.gov.

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CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of July 20 – July 26 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,409 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-38242

On July 20, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to MF Bowen Road in Huntingtown for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between July 16th at 5:00pm and July 20th at 7:00pm, an unknown suspect(s) broke out the back window of a vehicle parked at their property. The value of damaged property is \$400.

Damaged Property: 20-38586

On July 22, 2020, Deputy Freeland responded to Bandera Lane in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) damaged multiple lawn decorations, throwing them around yard. The value of damaged property is \$130.

Damaged Property: 20-38704

On July 23, 2020, Deputy Callison responded to Solomon Rutter Road in Saint Leonard for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between 5:15am and 6:15am on July 23rd, an unknown suspect(s) had knocked their mailbox off the post. The value of damaged property is \$50.

Damaged Property: 20-38739

On July 23, 2020, Deputy Anderson responded to Los Alamos Lane in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between July 20th and July 23rd, an unknown suspect(s) threw a rock through the basement window of the residence, breaking it. The value of damaged property is \$500.

Damaged Property: 20-38928

On July 24, 2020, Deputy Wilder responded to the Chesapeake Ranch Estates Water Company in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between June 22nd and July 24th, an unknown suspect(s) broke the top off the water meter at a residence and tampered with an antenna wire inside, causing the meter to not function. The value of damaged property is \$299.

Theft: 20-38468

On July 21, 2020, Sergeant Denton took a report of a theft that occurred on Broomes Island Road in Broomes Island. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:00pm on July 17th and 8:00pm on July 21st, an unknown suspect(s) cut the battery wires to their Bass Boat, stole two 12 Volt batteries, and three Cabela's Bait Casting fishing rods. The total value of stolen and damaged property is \$700.

Theft: 20-38599

On July 22, 2020, Deputy Anderson responded to Long Beach Drive in Saint Leonard for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 6:00pm on July 21st and 6:00am on July 22nd, an unknown suspect(s) stole several items that were hanging from the rearview mirror of their vehicle. The value of stolen property is \$25.

Theft: 20-38942

On July 24, 2020, Deputy Wilder re-

sponded to Spring Cove Road Marina in Solomons for the report of a theft. The complainant advised on July 10th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a gold Hamilton watch with an "IBM 25th anniversary" engraving from their vehicle while it was parked at the marina. The value of stolen property is \$800.

Arrests:

On July 20, 2020, Deputy W. McDowell conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Boulevard at Yellow Bank Road in Dunkirk. After multiple requests, the driver, **Darrick Michael Jackson, Jr. (29)**, retrieved his driver's license from a bag at which time Deputy McDowell observed a small plastic bag, containing suspected CDS. Jackson advised he did have marijuana, which he surrendered to Deputy McDowell, but refused to comply with a search of the vehicle. Jackson ignored multiple commands to exit the vehicle and to stop reaching for items out of view. Instead of complying, Jackson locked the doors and rolled the windows up. To gain compliance, Deputies broke the driver's side window, removing Jackson from the vehicle. A search of his person was conducted, resulting in a pocket knife from his pocket. Deputies located an additional plastic bag containing marijuana, several empty marijuana packaging bags, and knives. Jackson was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10GM+, and Failure to Obey a Reasonable/Lawful Order.

On July 21, 2020, Deputy Holt responded to Rod N' Reel in Chesapeake Beach to assisted Sergeant Shrawder with a disorderly female subject. Upon arrival, Sergeant Shrawder advised the female subject, **Leigh Anne Bauer (35)**, that she had to leave the property. Bauer stated she had a room at the hospital, however could not remember the room number and refused to ask the staff. Bauer took her belongings and left the property continuing to yell at deputies, and then proceeded to kick over a stop sign. Bauer was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On July 23, 2020, Deputy Aranda responded to Safeway in Prince Frederick for the report of trespassing. The complainant advised **Matthew Edward Dennis (23)**, was inside the store and was previously issued a tres-

pass order. Calvert County Emergency Communications confirmed Dennis was issued a trespass order on 4/9/2020 by Deputy Sturdivant. Dennis exited the store and was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property.

On July 26, 2020, Deputy Wilder conducted a traffic stop on Mill Bridge Road in Lusby with assistance from Trooper Kelly. Upon making contact with the driver, **Kelli Aaliyah Richardson (19)**, and passenger, **David Alexander Young (53)**, Trooper Kelly observed two burnt marijuana cigarettes in the passenger side door handle. Richardson and Young exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a small black plastic bag containing a suspected synthetic cannabinoid, as well as an additional plastic bag containing twenty one smaller sealed bags each containing the suspected synthetic cannabinoid. Richardson and Young were both placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were each charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.

Theft: 20-39803

On July 28, 2020, Deputy Anderson took a report of a theft that occurred at Walmart in Prince Frederick. The complainant advised sometime between 11:25am and 11:45am, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plate off their trailer while in the store parking lot. The value of stolen property is \$30.

Theft: 20-40032

On July 29, 2020, Deputy Crum responded to Haleys Way in Owings for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole a Husqvarna blower backpack from the bed of their truck. The value of stolen property is \$450.

Arrests:

On July 27, 2020, Deputy E. Payne responded to the area of Windmill Nursery on East Chesapeake Beach Road for the report of a vehicle all over the roadway. Deputy Payne observed a vehicle matching the description parked on the shoulder and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle continued driving away and increasing speed, ignoring Deputy Payne's emergency equipment and commands to pull the vehicle over. The vehicle came to a stop on Paris Oaks Road in Owings and Deputy Payne made contact with the driver, **Daniel Andrew Jarboe II (45)**, who she observed to have droopy eyes and slurred speech. Jarboe ignored multiple

commands to exit the vehicle and after being physically removed from the vehicle, attempted to walk away. After multiple attempts, and assistance from other deputies, Jarboe was detained and deputies were able to detect a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Jarboe's breath. A search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in an open can of compressed air duster that was cold to the touch, as well as five unopened cans. Jarboe was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Resist/Interfere with Arrest, CDS- Inhale Harmful Substance, Disorderly Conduct, and multiple traffic citations.

On July 28, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski responded to Prince Frederick Library for a welfare check. Upon arrival, Deputy Kwitowski observed **Zachary Lloyd Fisher (22)** to be visually upset and shouting loudly at other deputies on scene. Fisher eventually went on his way. Shortly after, deputies were advised a male was seen shouting at a female and being disruptive in the parking lot of Wawa in Prince Frederick. Deputies located Fisher in the parking lot and observed him to be shouting and throwing change onto the sidewalk. Fisher was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On July 31, 2020, Deputy N. Buckler responded to Eagle View Drive in Chesapeake Beach for the report of multiple thefts. Complainants advised their vehicles were rummaged through by a male Suspect during the overnight hours, and various items were taken. Deputies conducted a neighborhood canvas and made contact with **Tyler David Edwards (25)**, who matched the suspect's description. Edwards advised deputies he was staying with a friend but left the house, and was looking for a place to sleep overnight. Deputies located Edwards' backpack which contained the stolen items from the vehicles including a bag of change, Quay sunglasses, 64 children's movies, three small containers of communion wine and four cardboard vape packages. Edwards was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged in four separate cases with Rogue and Vagabond.

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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MARYLAND STATE POLICE CRIME REPORT

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.

Traffic Stop / CDS - Not Marijuana - On July 22, 2020, Trooper Emerson conducted a vehicle stop in the area of 4755 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick, for moving violations. Trooper Emerson made contact with the operator, Heather Christine Mallonee (01/14/76). A search of Mallonee's vehicle revealed seven pills of suspected amphetamine in the back seat. Mallonee was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged accordingly.

Warrant Service - On July 24, 2020, Trooper First Class Costello and Trooper First Class Backus responded to Patuxent Plaza, Solomon's Island, to make contact with a trooper from the Maryland State Police Leonardtown Barrack. The Trooper had Robert Barton Whitley (11/22/73) in custody for an open warrant (FTA - 2nd Degree As-

sault) through the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack. Whitley was turned over to Trooper First Class Costello and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center, where the warrant was served without incident.

Warrant Service - On July 25, 2020, Trooper First Class Whitman responded to the 1000 block of Prince Frederick Boulevard, Prince Frederick to assist the Calvert County Sheriff's Office with a subject showing a warrant through the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack. Once on scene, Trooper First Class Whitman made contact with Emmett Odyssey Harry Gantt (08/28/60), who had an active warrant (2nd Degree Assault). Gantt was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where the warrant was served without incident.

Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

Press Release from Prince Frederick Barrack, Maryland State Police

Owings Woman Dies in Pedestrian Accident

Charles County officers on Aug. 1 at 10:16 p.m., responded to the 8500 block of Gunston Road in Welcome for the report of a pedestrian who had been struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers initiated CPR until paramedics arrived. The pedestrian was transported to a hospital with critical injuries.

On Aug. 2, the victim, Kari Ann Katsouros, 40, of Owings died as a result of her injuries. A preliminary investigation showed the victim was crossing the roadway, on foot, when she was struck by the driver of a Honda. The driver stayed on the scene until help arrived. PFC D. Walker of the Traffic Operations Unit is investigating.

Press Release from Charles County Sheriff's Office.

Legal Notice

**IN THE MATTER OF KARIN NICOLE KOCH
FOR NAME CHANGE TO KAREN NICOLE JONES**

In the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland

Case No.: C-04-FM-20-000032
Notice (Adult)

The above petitioner has filed a Petition for Name Change in which she seeks to change her name from KARIN NICOLE KOCH to KARIN NICOLE JONES. The Petitioner is seeking a name change because she wants to be restored to her maiden name after divorce.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition for Name Change on or before the 28th day of August, 2020. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the Petitioner or her attorney, Steven B. Mudd, Esquire, P.O. Box 209, College Park, MD, 20741, Tel: (301) 441-4505, E-mail: steven@phillipsmudd.com. See Md. Rule 1-132. If no timely objection is filed, the Court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court for
Calvert County Maryland

Tax-Free Week is Coming

Shop Maryland: Aug. 9-15

In a year that has been anything but normal, Comptroller Peter Franchot reminds Marylanders that one thing remains the same: Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week begins Sunday, August 9th with big savings for customers, scholarship opportunities for college and trade school students and a catalyst to spur sales for retailers.

“This is one of my favorite weeks of the year because it’s a win for shoppers and businesses, while jolting Maryland’s economy during the slow summer months,” said Comptroller Franchot. “This year more than ever, it’s critical to shop local to support the small retailers who are going above and beyond to continue paying employees, creating a safe environment for customers and finding new ways to sell their products during a global pandemic.”

From August 9-15, any single qualifying article of clothing or footwear priced \$100 or less – regardless of how many items are purchased at the same time – will be exempt from the state’s six percent sales tax. The first \$40 of any backpack purchase is also tax free.

Although commonly associated with back-to-school shopping, Comptroller Franchot reminds Marylanders that the tax-free savings apply to shoppers of all ages.

Additionally, the Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) is once again offering scholarships to two students attending a Maryland university, college or trade school (\$1,000 for first place and \$500 for second place) by explaining how they helped a Maryland business keep the lights on during the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples might include helping to build or improve a company website, creating

unique content for a social media account or going above and beyond as a store employee to fulfill online orders.

Entries may be submitted via email to shopmdtaxfree@marylandtaxes.gov or they can be posted on the tax-free week’s social media pages: Shop Maryland Tax Free on Facebook and @shopmdtaxfree on Twitter and Instagram. Business owners, parents, colleagues and friends are encouraged to submit a nomination. Students may also self-nominate.

“Small businesses depend on their community to survive unexpected and long-lasting economic downturns,” said Cailey Locklair, president of the Maryland Retailers Association. “We want to hear about the young people who have stepped up during this global pandemic to support their local retailers. They deserve our appreciation and we’re happy to provide these scholarships to two worthy recipients.”

The University System of Maryland has agreed to match the \$1,000 scholarship award if a student attending one of their universities is selected as the first place winner. Administrators at Stevenson University, Hood College and the Maryland Institute for College Art (MICA) have also agreed to match the \$1,000 first place prize if one of their students is selected.

MRA, which is providing the scholarship money, will select the two entries that best exhibit a young Marylander supporting a small business during these challenging times.

For more information about Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week, visit www.marylandtaxes.gov, hover over the “News” tab and click on

Comptroller Initiatives. There, you can find a list of tax-exempt items, a list of frequently asked questions and some helpful facts for

shoppers and merchants.

Press Release from Office of MD Comptroller.

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Celebrating 20 Years of Blood Drives

Need is High for Blood Plasma

By Dick Myers, Editor
and Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

They've been doing for 20 years what saves lives every day. On Aug. 17, the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Knights of Columbus (K of C) Council #7870 in North Beach will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of holding regular blood drives at the church.

The demand for blood is especially urgent during this COVID-19 pandemic and organizers at St. Anthony's say they have been able to maintain their collection levels which are consistently the highest in the region.

But, representatives with the Southern Maryland Red Cross, headquartered in Glen Burnie, say they have stabilized the regional supply of blood available to hospitals but are in desperate need of the blood plasma of patients who have fully recovered from COVID-19.

Blood plasma, one of the components of whole blood, carries the antibodies that a recovered patient carries that can be used in another patient to fight the novel coronavirus.

"It is definitely a shortage, because... were collecting less and less [blood] in St. Mary's and Calvert counties," said Regina Boothe-Bratton, spokesperson for the American Red Cross.

"We're collecting the basic needs for blood in hospitals, though elective surgeries might have to be delayed.

"What is of urgent need right now is convalescent plasma."

So far Maryland has shipped out 1,400 bags of convalescent plasma across the country, Boothe-Bratton said, but the need is still growing.

"That plasma can help others who are fighting for their lives," Boothe-Bratton said. "There's a huge need."

Local health officials have reported evidence showing that antibodies which form to fight off COVID-19 may not last in those who have recovered from the disease; this leaves those who have survived the virus susceptible to infection.

Boothe-Bratton said the collection of the convalescent plasma was still critical as it was still a viable treatment option.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), those who have been fully recovered from COVID-19 for at least two weeks should consider donating plasma.

Recovered patients must a documented prior diagnosis of CO-

VID-19 by a laboratory test and meet other donor requirements.

Corrine Sewell, executive director of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Red Cross said in the first week when COVID-19 first struck, blood drives quickly closed.

"We lost about 700 drives across the country," Sewell said. "That's a lot."

When schools and other facilities began to close down, which is where many of the blood drives occur, churches and hotels opened their doors in some cases.

"Some jumped at the opportunity, others questioned whether it was safe to be giving blood in the middle of a pandemic," Sewell said.

Donation levels of blood are still below pre-pandemic levels, said Sewell. Part of the reason for that is that the Red Cross is not able to see as many people at once as they were once able per social distancing rules.

Temperature testing and question forms for screening potential donors also must take precedence, she said.

At St. Anthony's, Dave Wilson, Sr. started the drives and has been doing it ever since. "I've been doing a blood drive for 20 years. Our people at our North Beach community area have been very consistent in responding to donating. There's a shortage. They do have a problem getting a lot of the drives together since COVID. We actually have added a second day to our blood drives to increase the total number of donors. And we have the space to be able to handle that."

Everyone is social distanced and K of C volunteers and Red Cross personnel make sure everyone is safe.

It started for Wilson with a newspaper story "about a young boy at 18 months old who was suffering from neuroblastoma, which is a nasty cancer. He was being treated at Children's (Hospital). Every month he needed a blood transfusion of several pints." A friend of Wilson's said they ought to do something about it and Wilson said that was a perfect project for the Knights of Columbus.

They collected 70 pints of blood in that first drive in July of 2000. After that, Wilson said, "We started off with two drives a year and ended up with maybe 30 units of blood each time, which was good. And ever since then we've been growing and increasing"

They now do six drives a year.

"We've been averaging probably 75 units of blood per drive, which is phenomenal. It's probably one of the largest in the DC- Baltimore area."

The K of C uses a little bit of an enticement to encourage blood donors. They feed them afterwards, Wilson said. "We make steak and cheese right there, and we make homemade tuna salad and a homemade egg salad, and a variety of breads. We feed everybody that comes in that door."

Michelle Atwood, who is in charge of blood drives in Calvert and St. Mary's counties for the American Red Cross said, "We ask donors to please schedule your life-saving donation by visiting our website at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-REDCROSS."

The following is a list of upcoming blood drawings in Calvert County

CalverHealth Medical Center @ St. Nicholas Lutheran Church
1450 Plum Point Rd, Huntingtown, MD

August 7, October 8, November 27, December 4

St. Nicholas Lutheran Church
1450 Plum Point Rd, Huntingtown, MD

August 8, October 10, and December 12

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
8816 Chesapeake Ave, North Beach, MC

August 17 & 18, October 19 & 20, December 21 & 22

American Legion Post 274
11820 HG. Truman Rd, Lusby, MD

September 8 and November 10

Wilson said of why he's been doing it for so long at St. Anthony's, "Because it's good for the community. It was good for our Knights of Columbus to have an activity, a program to help the community. It was a big need. I really never donated blood before myself and now I'm working on my ninth gallon of donation."

On Aug. 17, the K of C will be celebrating collecting 5,000 units of blood in that 20 years of service.

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Town Prepares for November Election

Absentee Ballots to be Mailed

In preparation for the 2020 Election, the Town of Chesapeake Beach Board of Elections is distributing election information to all town citizens to inform and prepare voters, and potential candidates, for the upcoming election. The election will be held November 3rd, 2020 at the Northeast Community Center Mini Gym from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For voter registration information, go to <https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/government/board-elections/pages/registration-information>

All residents in the town limits will receive a paper version of the election information and an absentee ballot application delivered to their mailbox or PO Box.

If you want to become a candidate for elected office, you need to file a declaration of candidacy, at https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4261/f/uploads/declaration_of_candidacy_.pdf, and Financial Disclosure, available at <https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/sites/g/files/>

[vyhli4261/f/uploads/electedofficial_candidatesethicsform_2020.pdf](https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4261/f/uploads/electedofficial_candidatesethicsform_2020.pdf) with the town clerk by Sept. 8, 2020. The town clerk can be reached at (410)257-2230, via email at shumm@chesapeakebeachmd.gov <shumm@chesapeakebeachmd.gov>; or by mail at 8200 Bayside Rd. PO BOX 400 Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

Due to COVID-19, absentee ballots are encouraged as a safe way to vote in 2020. An absentee ballot application form will be included in the town mailer coming to your mailbox in the coming week. The form may be copied for use by each eligible voter in the household. The form must have an original signature in order to be validated. The form is available at https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4261/f/uploads/absentee_ballot_application_1_.pdf or by calling town hall at (410)257-2230.

Turn in the signed application to the Board of Elections via Town Clerk as follows:



- Drop the application off at the Town Hall drop box, or

- Create a PDF, JPEG, or clear image of signed application and email to: shumm@chesapeakebeachmd.gov, or

- Mail to: Board of Elections, 8200 Bayside Rd., PO BOX 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

Applications must be received by Oct. 27.

Printed ballots will not be back from the printer until end of September 2020. Once available, with approved application, a ballot package will be mailed to voter or available for pickup at town hall based

on the selection in the application.

Residents should follow the instructions in the ballot package.

Ballots must be received by the Board of Elections not later than closing of polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020 by any of the following methods:

- Drop off at Town Hall Office, or
- Mail to: Board of Elections, 8200 Bayside Rd., PO BOX 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732, or
- Place in drop box at polling place on Election Day

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Two Countians Named Census Champions

Two more Calvert County residents have been named Maryland Census Champions. They are Dawn Tucker and Roseanna Vogt.

A Maryland Census Champion is a person or group that has gone above and beyond in spreading the Census message in their community. Census Champions have devised innovative ways to get their community engaged in completing the 2020 Census. The individual or group being nominated could be a member of a local complete committee, a faith leader, a business leader/owner, or even someone in the community making a difference. Recipients of the Census Champion will be highlighted in this newsletter, on social media, and on the Maryland 2020 Census Champions web page.

Who best to take the lead to reach the under-counted minorities of every category in Calvert County than the Calvert County Minority Business Alliance's own Dawn

Tucker (immediate past president) and Roseanna Vogt (vice president)

Tucker and Vogt did not leave any leaf unturned alerting African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, women, and the disabled business owners and consumers in their commercial community to be counted in Census 2020. They heeded the U.S. Census Bureau experts' message, assessed the needs, and planned their targeted strategy to spread the word throughout their network and beyond. Their agile efforts are helping Calvert County reach its response rate goal of 90% for Census 2020.

Tucker and Vogt have featured the 2020 Census on the Minority Business Alliance's website, including posting the county's two Census videos (English and Spanish language). And, Tucker's two daughters were featured in the English language video.

Press Release from MD Department of State Planning.



Solomons Dragon Boat Festival Cancelled

But Dragon Quest' is Coming

Hear ye! Hear ye! There's an elusive invader wreaking havoc in our realm of Southern Maryland and throughout the modern world. And now, it has even caused our Solomons Dragon to literally fall to pieces, curtailing his annual August appearance and eliminating the entire Southern Maryland Community Resources' (SMCR) Solomons Dragon Boat Festival this year! But we shall not be conquered this easily!

Announcing SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020! All brave lords and ladies of the realm, and citizens of their respective fiefdoms, are called to step forward and join SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020! Do you have what it takes to help us locate the pieces of our dragon from the far reaches of the realm, put him back together, and slay the elusive invader?

The QUEST takes place on August 15, but preparations are already underway. Cedar Point Federal Credit Union, has led the way on this quest by anteing up a healthy sum for the cause, thereby claiming the title, Ruler of the Realm. Others are encouraged to ante up as additional sponsors in order to ensure a successful quest. Various levels of sponsorship are offered: Nobles, Knights, Defenders, and Merchants of the Realm.

Artisans of the Realm desiring to peddle their wares or foodstuffs are encouraged to join us as well.

Citizens of the Realm are those who choose to participate in the Quest itself, and all are encouraged to do so, vying for prizes in the pro-

cess! Participation will require personal chariots (vehicles) with each rider donning personal helmets (masks). Each chariot team is asked to register its riders and will be assigned a starting time between 9 AM and noon. Each chariot will be taxed \$25 per rider, age 16 and above, to join the QUEST. Those under 16 ride FREE! Each chariot team is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$100 through personal fundraising efforts, but of course much higher goals are encouraged to better benefit SMCR of the Realm (and for your team to qualify for much greater prizes)! Sir Somdcr.org stands ready to offer its services to assist each chariot team in raising these funds!

Just as the Annual Solomons Dragon Boat Festival has in the past, SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020 serves to provide merriment for the people of the realm, while also raising greatly needed funds for Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that helps to bridge the gap for individuals with developmental differences. This year's merriment will abide by the ever-changing mandates of the realm regarding social distancing as we seek to locate the pieces of our dragon, reassemble him, and help slay this elusive invader.

Visit us at www.somdcr.org to sponsor, register to participate in, or simply sign up to be kept abreast of SMCR DRAGON QUEST 2020 developments. "For SMCR and our Dragon!"

Press Release from SMCR.

Second Round Open for COVID Small Business Relief

County Fund Also Covers Nonprofits



The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners announces it will open a second round of the COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Fund Grant to provide assistance to local for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that have experienced adverse financial impacts or expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant application opens Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020, at noon and will remain open until Aug. 19, 2020, at 11:59 a.m. Closing date is subject to change based on the number of applications received.

The county government will continue to distribute grant funding to businesses and nonprofits providing services in Calvert County that meet criteria from the original federal allotment of \$1.25 million for businesses and \$500,000 for nonprofits. The grant may be used for expenditures related to business interruption or unusual expenses incurred due to the public health emergency. Repayment is not required for any funds received through the grant program and eligibility criteria is less restrictive than in Round One.

Entities that received funding in Round One are not eligible to reapply in Round Two; however, any organization that was denied in Round One is encouraged to revisit criteria for this round to determine eligibility.

Grants will be awarded in the following categories and amounts:

- Sole Proprietor: \$1,500
 - Micro Business (1-15 employees): \$5,000
 - Small Business (16-50 employees): \$7,000
 - Grassroots Nonprofit: \$1,500
 - Small Nonprofit: \$5,000
 - Mid-Size Nonprofit: \$10,000
- To be considered eligible to receive

a grant, both for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations must:

- Be in good standing with the state of Maryland;
- Be current on all county tax liabilities;
- Have no outstanding/open zoning or permitting code enforcement issues; and

Be able to demonstrate significant financial impact caused by COVID-19 or address a community need resulting from COVID-19.

Each grant category has specific eligibility criteria and application requirements. Business owners and executive directors interested in receiving a grant are encouraged to review criteria and requirements online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/COVID19ReliefFund. Those interested in applying are encouraged to create a user name and password prior to the application period. Interested business owners may also send an email to grant@calvertcountymd.gov.

The relief program is funded through the Maryland Coronavirus Relief Fund, established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Questions may be emailed to grant@calvertcountymd.gov. For business assistance, call the Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583. For nonprofit assistance, call the Department of Community Resources at 410-535-1600, ext. 8803.

The county continues to share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Small Business Center Welcomes New Director

The Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) announces that Wynne Briscoe has been appointed Director for the Southern Maryland regional office. The Southern Region SBDC is hosted by the College of Southern Maryland and provides free, confidential business consulting and low-cost business training to aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners in Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties.

Briscoe previously served as SBDC Business, Management, Technology & Manufacturing Consultant. She has received several awards in recognition of her exemplary performance and commitment to small businesses: the 2017 Maryland Governor's Citation in Recognizing Small, Minority and Women-Owned Businesses, the 2019 ASBDC State Star (Maryland), and the 2019 St. Mary's County Commissioners' Small Business Proclamation.

"I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve as the new Director for the SBDC Southern Region," said Briscoe. "My longstanding passion to empower individuals to live their dreams while providing a livelihood for themselves and their community has been my greatest joy."

Wynne Briscoe is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Minor in Business and Concentration in Business Law. She has over 30 years of entrepreneurship and business ownership experience to include retail, professional

services, technology and manufacturing. Since 2001, Briscoe has successfully consulted and advised entrepreneurs, businesses, and non-profit organizations. She is known for her creativity and innovation in the development of new businesses by offering in-depth experience and assisting them from concept to profitability to exit strategy. Briscoe has a passion to work with Young Entrepreneurs. She enjoys coaching and mentoring youth towards years of success, while helping them realize business ownership and self-employment as a viable career option. She is also highly engaged in the Southern Maryland community and the Maryland Small Business Eco-System.

"I am looking forward to carrying on the great legacy of my mentor and former SBDC Director,

Ellen Flowers-Fields," said Briscoe. "SBDC is such an impactful resource in our community and we will continue collaborations with our regional stakeholders, community organizations and entrepreneurs help create a more thriving and prosperous Southern Maryland."

The Maryland SBDC provides a wide range of low-cost training and no-cost business counseling services to new and existing small businesses throughout Maryland. For more information on the Maryland SBDC program and its services, please visit www.marylandsbdc.org.

Press Release from MD SBDC.

Leaders Program Experiences Multigenerational Workplace

Leadership Southern Maryland's (LSM) new Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) Class of 2020 on July 17 held its third of six program sessions.

They began their first all virtual program day with a discussion on the three tenets of communication: clarity, accountability, and feedback led by Nikki Phillips, owner and corporate trainer with Professional Communication Training. This was followed by a panel discussion on managing in a multigenerational workplace with Kristina Moore LSM'13, human resources, Island Creek Associates LLC; Ed Rule LSM'18, president, Naval Systems, Inc.; and Andrew Ponti, marketing manager, St. Mary's County Museum Division. The panel provided their insights and experiences representing generational cohorts when discussing cross-generational communication challenges in the workforce.

After lunch, Wynne Briscoe, regional director of The Maryland Small Business Development Center, Southern Region, led an engaging discussion on creating a

30-second elevator pitch centered around authenticity. This was followed by Captain Barbara Ives LSM'09, USN (Ret.), who explored intentionality in networking. Leslie Fazio, emergentics facilitator, wrapped up the day with an exercise on communicating within the context of the class and participant emergentics profiles.

Leadership Southern Maryland's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) provides educational programming opportunities to new or emerging leaders in our region. Through a series of six "experiences," young leaders will facilitate, foster, and refine their individual leadership understanding and abilities via structured course curriculum and a focus on self-discovery, teamwork, and networking. These sessions will conclude with a capstone project and graduation in October. Experts from across the region and state representing business, government, education, and the non-profit community serve as panelists and guest speakers.

Press Release from LSM.

St. Mary's Professor Contributes to Milestone Study

First Gene Knockout in Cephalopod Achieved

St. Mary's College of Maryland Professor of Biology Karen Crawford, who was the Whitman Scientist this summer on a team at Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, is first author of a milestone study reported in the July 30 issue of *Current Biology*.

The team at MBL, led by MBL Senior Scientist Joshua Rosenthal and Crawford, has achieved the first gene knockout in a cephalopod using the squid *Doryteuthis pealeii*, an exceptionally important research organism in biology for nearly a century.

The team used CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing to knock out a pigmentation gene in squid embryos, which eliminated pigmentation in the eye and in skin cells (chromatophores) with high efficiency.

"This is a critical first step toward the ability to knock out -- and knock in -- genes in cephalopods to address a host of biological questions," Rosenthal says.

Cephalopods (squid, octopus and cuttlefish) have the largest brain of all invertebrates, a distributed nervous system capable of instantaneous camouflage and sophisticated behaviors, a unique body plan, and the ability to extensively recode their own genetic information within messenger RNA, along with other distinctive features. These open many avenues for study and have applications in a wide range of fields, from evolution and development, to medicine, robotics, materials science, and artificial intelligence.

The ability to knock out a gene to test its function is an important step in developing cephalopods as genetically tractable organisms for biological research, augmenting the handful of species that currently dominate genetic studies, such as fruit flies, zebrafish, and mice.

It is also a necessary step toward having the capacity to knock in genes that facilitate research, such as genes that encode fluorescent proteins that can be imaged to track neural activity or other dynamic processes.

"CRISPR-Cas9 worked really well

in *Doryteuthis*; it was surprisingly efficient," Rosenthal says. Much more challenging was delivering the CRISPR-Cas system into the one-celled squid embryo, which is surrounded by an exceedingly tough outer layer, and then raising the embryo through hatching. The team developed micro-scissors to clip the egg's surface and a beveled quartz needle to deliver the CRISPR-Cas9 reagents through the clip.

Studies with *Doryteuthis pealeii* have led to foundational advances in neurobiology, beginning with description of the action potential (nerve impulse) in the 1950s, a discovery for which Alan Hodgkin and Andrew Huxley became Nobel Prize laureates in 1963. For decades *D. pealeii* has drawn neurobiologists from all over the world to the MBL, which collects the squid from local waters.

Recently, Rosenthal and colleagues discovered extensive recoding of mRNA in the nervous system of *Doryteuthis* and other cephalopods. This research is under development for potential biomedical applications, such as pain management therapy.

D. pealeii is not, however, an ideal species to develop as a genetic research organism. It's big and takes up a lot of tank space plus, more importantly, no one has been able to culture it through multiple generations in the lab.

For these reasons, the MBL Cephalopod Program's next goal is to transfer the new knockout technology to a smaller cephalopod species, *Euprymna berryi* (the hummingbird bobtail squid), which is relatively easy to culture to make genetic strains.

The MBL Cephalopod Program is part of the MBL's New Research Organisms Initiative, which is widening the palette of genetically tractable organisms available for research -- and thus expanding the universe of biological questions that can be asked.

Press Release from SMCM.



Curled tentacle of the longfin inshore squid, *D. pealeii*. Credit: Karen Crawford



Squid embryo at hatching with pigmentation gene knocked out. Credit: Karen Crawford

Mentoring Program Points Black Males To Success

Every fall for nearly a decade, the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has welcomed its African American students to join its Men of Excellence Program – a college-wide initiative aimed at improving the recruitment, success, retention, graduation and transfer rates of black men who enter as first-time, full- or part-time students at the college. The program was recently highlighted at a ‘Lunch and Learn’ as part of CSM’s 30-Day Justice Challenge that has had CSM communities spending the month of July learning about racial injustices against black people in America.

“This is a necessary program and serves an immeasurable role on our campuses,” CSM’s Director of Organizational Development and Learning Institute Trenace Richardson told the Lunch and Learn audience. “We took a look at this population and recognized, based on data and graduation rates, that we needed to help support the African American male population better.”

While all mentoring programs help improve student performance and graduation rates, some community colleges are finding that minority mentorship programs are even more beneficial, reported the Community College Review in 2018. “Colleges across the country are celebrating the outstanding results achieved through the collaborative efforts of on-campus minority mentoring programs.”

“We provide empowerment, leadership and academic resources,” explained Tim Fenner, who coordinates Men of Excellence. “We connect our students with assistance in the areas of mental health, student planning, advising and financial aid,” he explained. “We are a mentoring community and together we grow.”

“To be able to positively influence youths’ lives – it is by far the best position I’ve ever had,” he told the Lunch and Learn audience. “Every year we watch the retention rates and Grade Point Averages (GPA) for our African American male students improve.”

There is still a long way to go to close the equity gap, Fenner acknowledged, “but we are making strides here at CSM and I love this job.”

CSM’s promise to close equity gaps was emphasized in the heart-felt message penned by CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy May 29, four days after the death of George Floyd.

“A college education is commonly understood as a ticket to a better life, and at the College of Southern Maryland, we embrace our mission to close the equity gap, so all learners can improve their lives and the lives of their families,” Murphy wrote in an open letter. “Racism is not welcome here. Intolerance is not welcome here. Bigotry is not welcome here. But people are welcome here. Our



CSM Men of Excellence member Micah Kay will welcome new students during CSM’s virtual student orientation this fall.

black learners. Our white learners. Our Asian learners. Our Latinx learners. Our LGBTQIA learners. Everyone, but right now we especially want our black learners to know our commitment to them is unwavering.”

Black Lives Matter: Students are Awakening

In response to Black Lives Matter, and because of COVID 19, Fenner said that the Men of Excellence Program shifted last semester – and has continued through the summer – to give Men of Excellence students a place to connect, to discuss current affairs and to support each other in a virtual setting instead of face-to-face.

“Like everything else, we adjusted to meet weekly in Zoom,” he said. “And during those meetings we cover the gamut. We talk about what’s going on and how we feel about it. The students are awakening and are looking at things differently. We spend a lot of time talking about our African American history.”

Fenner said that every African American male student is welcome to participate actively or passively in the program and past participants have ranged in age from 18 to 68. The current weekly Wednesday Zoom meetings have seen between five and 25 students in attendance.

To further explain the unique and pertinent mentoring offered by Men of Excellence, Ellen Flowers-Fields, CSM associate vice president of Continuing Education and Workforce Development talked about an event last fall that had CSM alum and Charles County’s first African American Sheriff Troy Berry speak with students about how to interact with police officers.

“In light of what has been going on, the students really resonated with, and understood,” what Berry was teaching them, Flowers-Fields shared. “The students left very empowered about what their rights are when they encounter police officers as African American men.”

“It is critical that our black male students have a person like Tim, who looks like them, and who is representative of the achievements to which black men can aspire in higher education” said CSM Counselor Kellie Jamison. “Statistics indicate that, black men don’t matriculate at the same rate as their counterparts where academics is concerned. There are fewer black men in higher education than other undergraduate students comparatively. It’s tremendously important our students have someone with whom they can relate; who looks like them and who might have greater awareness and insight as to the unique challenges black male students face.”

“Those of us who are student-facing in any way – particularly faculty or in financial aid – we are becoming aware, more aware – getting a deeper depth of knowledge about what the Men of Excellence program is and will be directing our African American men to the program,” shared Richardson, pointing to CSM’s over-arching approach to equity and student success.

Men of Excellence Participant Micah Kay Welcomes New Students this Fall

One of the students who will welcome new CSM students during the college’s first virtual student orientation this fall is CSM second-year psychology major and active Men of Excellence member Micah Kay.

“I am a member of distinguished

group of brothers at the College of Southern Maryland – the Men of Excellence,” he shared with viewers in a pre-recorded video.

“One of the skills I have picked up while being in the Men of Excellence is that it has helped me grow my communications skills,” he said. “It has put me in environments with a variety of communicators; with a variety of different people talking in different formats and in different ways. It has allowed me to grow in that area and I am grateful.”

Kay encouraged students to join the program, adding “it exposes you to people who will make you a better person for your future and a better person in college right now.”

Thanks to his involvement with the Men of Excellence, Kay entered and became the 2020 collegiate-level winner of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, Nu Zeta Omega Chapter’s MLK Day of Service Essay Contest. Results of the contest were announced earlier this year during the MLK Day of Service Program at St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

Kay successfully wrote on the topic of “The Harlem Renaissance: Its Contributions and Its Challenges for Us Today.” The contestants were challenged to describe the lessons learned from the Renaissance and to apply the quote, “The past is prologue” to the relationship between the Harlem Renaissance and the present time with support from personal experiences. (Read Kay’s essay here.)

To learn more about CSM’s Men of Excellence, visit www.csmd.edu/student-life/men-of-excellence/.

Press Release from CSM

ACLT's Passport to Preservation:

Partnering with Breweries, Wineries

For the entire month of August through Labor Day, the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) is partnering with nine breweries and wineries in and nearby Calvert County for a fundraiser that emphasizes the need to support local agriculture-based businesses. All the businesses are locally owned; most, if not all, use local ingredients; and several of the participating wineries are located on permanently preserved agricultural land.

Part of ACLT's mission is to promote land conservation and preservation throughout Southern Maryland and to "connect people to the land". This event does just that. Supporting these local agriculture-based businesses is important now more than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects on most local businesses, many of whom will not survive. It is important that we show our support and help them get through this crisis.

The "buy local movement" is a trend that is really taking hold and (hopefully) is here to stay. The advantages of buying local food also apply to beer and wine. Buying from local farmers and businesses that use local products is good for the local economy and good for the planet – consumers are getting fresher products that have traveled much shorter distances, while cutting down on the pollution and inefficient use of fossil fuels created by long-distance shipping. In addition, this event encourages participants to buy directly from the breweries and wineries, which gives the businesses a better return on their products.

The event is simple: participants will visit local breweries and wineries where they will enjoy discounts on beer and wine and have their "passport" stamped for the chance to win prizes at the end of the 5-week period.

(The more places they visit and/or purchase beer and wine from, the greater their chances are of winning a prize.)

Those who are concerned about visiting the venues in person can purchase their beer and wine to-go or from local liquor stores and restaurants. Two of the participating breweries (Greenspring and Gypsy) are delivery-only. For at-home participants, they simply need to send us a picture of themselves enjoying the local beer or wine to get credit.

As an added bonus for participants, two local artists will perform private concerts in the event's Facebook Group via Facebook Live.

One of the performers, "Longman" Joseph Norris, is a St. Mary's County native, and well known in Southern Maryland as a musician and singer. His performances include songs and storytelling about the history of Southern Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay region, and the lives of watermen and farmers. Joseph's concert will be broadcast live from the barn at the north side trailhead and participants will have the option of attending the concert in person (socially distanced) if they choose.

The second performer, Dylan Galvin, performed at ACLT's Sip & Save event last year. Dylan is a native Calvert County native who is now building his career as a musician in Los Angeles and recently released a new music video featuring one of his original songs. Along with other original music and covers of popular tunes, Dylan's performance will include his original song "The Chesapeake"; a tribute to his youth spent growing up on the very land ACLT works so hard to protect.

For more details, visit the event website at www.bit.ly/ACLTPassport. Please drink responsibly.

Press Release from ACLT.



Joseph Norris



Dylan Galvin

A View From The **BLEACHERS**

UNITED FRONT

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

We are now 148 days past the NBA's sudden COVID shutdown, but a week into its unprecedented bubble city reboot. Baseball's back too, but after playing briefly outside of a tightly controlled environment, COVID cases with the Miami Marlins, Philadelphia Phillies and St. Louis Cardinals have caused postponements and tattooed a big question mark on the rest of the season. If this is any indication of how sports will fare while operating where pathogens roam, the chances of football this fall are slim (at least football with any acceptable level of competitive integrity). And let's hope MLB's bubble-less experience isn't a prelude for school re-openings.

Rumors are swirling that poor choices by some Marlins players caused the outbreak. Bad choices by unsupervised humans? Get out of here. You mean like how the nation shut down in March and April, made progress against the viral enemy, then rushed to re-open around Memorial Day with no uniform strategy other than the hope that 300 million people would put the country's interests ahead of their own hankering for a mask-less life featuring massive pool parties, nights at the club and political rallies? Just this past weekend I watched a mask-less couple enter a local restaurant without seemingly a care in the world. Maybe they just missed the massive sign on the door requiring masks upon entry. I figured once they got inside and saw all the employees and patrons dutifully wearing masks, they would do the right thing and extend the same courtesy. Or not...

You know who has been doing the right thing? Washington Football Team (love how that sounds) QB Alex Smith.

It was the afternoon of Sunday, November 18, 2018. I was leaving Miami International Airport in a rental car and looking for the fastest trip out of the city and toward a unique world where roosters and the ghosts of pirates, writers and former presidents roam – Key West. I flipped on the radio to get an update on NFL action and, specifically Washington's pivotal game against the Houston Texans. It was late in

the second half, Washington was trailing and backup QB Colt McCoy was in the game.

That's where I was when I learned that Alex Smith had suffered a gruesome compound fracture of his lower right leg, an injury that immediately threatened his career, then the viability of his limb and, ultimately, his life.

Where were you?

Smith's recovery since was chronicled in the documentary "Project 11." It is equally inspirational and disturbing. The 17 surgeries aside, there are clips of Smith's leg in the film that leave the cringing viewer marveling at modern medicine and the quarterback's resolve. For those that haven't seen it, I won't attempt a detailed description. Just know this: A dangerous infection necessitated significant tissue removal.

With that context, it is a miracle that Smith just has his leg, much less that he's moving around without restriction and living a normal life – but he is. Admission: This is where I thought the story would end. After seeing that injury and learning of the complications that threatened his life, I figured happily ever after was Smith being able to run around in the backyard with his kids.

Smith, however, is flirting with a different conclusion. Last week he was cleared by his medical team to resume football activities. The Washington Football Team officially placed Smith on the Physically Unable to Perform list and his availability during the upcoming training camp is uncertain, but even the hint of Smith on a football field for anything more than polite applause to acknowledge his journey is a comeback of biblical proportions. That he has made it this far is a testament to the alignment of his mind, body and spirit. It also stands witness to the shared commitment that he, his wife and family and his tending medical professionals had in defeating the bacteria that threatened his life and avoiding an amputation.

Now, to scale that gritty team effort nationally in order to disintegrate political divides, divisive rhetoric and false claims and create a united front against a novel virus...

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

Calvert LIBRARY Events

For more information & to register for events visit <http://calvertlibrary.info>

Thursday, August 06

Pints and Private Eyes Book Discussion (Online).

7:00pm-8:30pm.

Have you always longed to drink beer and talk detective books with a librarian? Pints and Private Eyes is a book group for fans of noir, detective and crime fiction. We are currently meeting online on the first Thursday of the month from 7-8 pm. Register for the link! Abbie awakens in a daze with no memory of who she is or how she landed in this unsettling condition. The man by her side claims to be her husband. He's a titan of the tech world, the founder of one of Silicon Valley's most innovative start-ups. He tells Abbie that she is a gifted artist, an avid surfer, a loving mother to their young son, and the perfect wife. He says she had a terrible accident five years ago and that, through a huge technological breakthrough, she has been brought back from the abyss. She is a miracle of science. But as Abbie pieces together memories of her marriage, she begins questioning her husband's motives--and his version of events. Can she trust him when he says he wants them to be together forever? And what really happened to Abbie half a decade ago? Beware the man who calls you... THE PERFECT WIFE! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Saturday, August 08

Poets' Circle (Online).

9:00am-10:00am.

Beginner or big-time, confident or compulsive, stuck or star-lit! All are welcome. Expect a friendly session of discussion, editing and support. We will meet via WebEx. Registration required to receive participation information. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Sunday, August 09

Calvert Library's Book Bites.

2:00pm-3:00pm.

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 Sunday at 2 pm and Wednesday at noon. Find us on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Simplecast and more! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Monday, August 10

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>.

Books & Toys book discussion (online).

8:00pm-9:00pm.

Book Discussion for Adults, play-time for kids Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Tuesday, August 11

Story Tapestries Arianna Ross: Summer Fun.

10:00am-10:45am.

Use your imagination to explore stories, fairy tales, myths and fantastical adventures. Sit back and get ready to dance, laugh and play through the streets and jungles of Brazil, America, Mexico, Indonesia, Egypt or India. All ages. Live event will air on Crowdcast and replay for the following 48 hours at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/summer-fun-arianna-ross> Join us on Crowdcast at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/summer-fun-arianna-ross> to experience this multi-lingual storytelling program. Leave the program ready to hop on a plane and see the universe, dancing to the tunes of the world and wanting to tell your own stories and those of cultures all over the world. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, August 6

Volunteer with Calvert Democrats

7 p.m.

You can participate in a 30-minute introduction to volunteering with the Calvert Democratic Party. Contact Barbara Ferrenz, Volunteer Coordinator, at BarbaraPrecinctCaptain@comcast.net and you will be sent an easy to use link to the Zoom presentation. Let's get out to vote!

Calvert Toastmasters Zoom Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Our club provides a supportive and positive learning experience for members to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Please email cua942nd@gmail.com for the password if you need it.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88508048718?pwd=RHc3a2lrR3liZXpXeXN1c09JaE1CQT09>

Saturday, August 8

NBVFD Auxiliary Yard Sale

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department; 8 a.m. - noon

Be a BUYER or a SELLER! It's your choice! Either way, we would like to see you there! The cost to reserve a table is \$15 for one or \$25 for two. Tables must be reserved in advance by contacting Diana, after 5:00pm, at 410-231-1775. Social Distancing will be practiced by having everyone to stay 6 feet apart. Face covering/mask is a requirement while in attendance.

SOMD Fair Food Drive Thru

Calvert County Fairgrounds; noon- 8 p.m.

The fairs are cancelled but the food is not! Join us to feed your fair food cravings! We will be offering everything from "Classic Eats" such as Italian Sausage, Gyros, Hand Cut Fries, Funnel Cake, Calvert Kettle Corn, and more.. Or venture to the "Only at the Fair!" menu and try an award winning Krispy Kreme Doughnut Cheeseburger, Texas Toast Grilled Cheese Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich, or Cheesy Bacon Bombs!

Sunday, August 9

SOMD Fair Food Drive Thru

Calvert County Fairgrounds; noon- 8 p.m.

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Ongoing

ArtsWorks@7th

Artworks@7th is OPEN with new hours and policies to stop the COVID-19 spread. August in-store hours, masks required, 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/Artworkat7th/> and <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA47uj-9Bomp/>). Please respect appropriate safe distancing and limited numbers in the gallery at this time. Artworks is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach.

CalvART

CalvART clay artists explore a diversity of approaches to expressing their creativity in two and three dimensions. Marie Bundy Estabrook, Randy Estabrook, Denise Breitburg, Ray Bogle, and Richard Preston are hosting a

virtual exhibit, where their art and their stories will be highlighted. Please join us for this celebration of the creative mind as seen through the hands of these talented artists. View the artwork on Facebook or on CalvART's NEW ONLINE STORE via <https://squarespace.com/store/calvart-gallery> or <https://www.facebook.com/www.calvartgallery.org/>. Or visit us at the Gallery as we will be there Friday thru Sunday, three days a week 11 to 5pm.



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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.

David "Dave" James Hollweger



David "Dave" James Hollweger, beloved husband of Brenda, crossed the threshold peacefully on the evening of July 18, 2020 while under the compassionate hospice care of the nurses

and doctors at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington DC. He was 82 years of age, and had advanced Parkinson's Disease.

Dave was born on October 20, 1937 in Oceanside, CA to the late Frederick Karl Hollweger and Elizabeth (McCaslin) Hollweger. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1955, and from UCLA in 1961. For 38 years he worked as a Propulsion Design Engineer initially for McDonnell Douglas, and later Boeing mainly in St. Louis, MO, where he met and married Brenda. His final 3 year-project as Propulsion Chief on the F/18 Super Hornet Strike Fighter brought them to Calvert County, MD, where he retired in January 1999. Dave was a member of the UCLA Alumni Association, and the (AAAS)/American Association for the Advancement of Science. He enjoyed reading and triking, and in his younger days, skiing, biking and a little golf.

He is survived by his wife Brenda, his sister Ruth Eastham & family in San Clemente, CA, and his brother Henry Hollweger in Olympia, WA. His deep, quiet presence and wry sense of humor will be sadly missed, as the world bids farewell to a very special and beloved human being.

A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held later at Middleham & St. Peter's Parish. Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of any further gifts please send donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org.

Joseph "Wayne" Hardesty

Joseph "Wayne" Hardesty, 59, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away July 31, 2020 in Prince Frederick, Maryland.



He was born on April 8, 1961 in Prince Frederick to the late Eldredge Ridgeway Hardesty Jr. and Janet Moore Hardesty Gee. Wayne served 36 years of Public Service to Calvert

County and was a Volunteer 40 years between Huntingtown and Prince Frederick Fires Departments.

Wayne is survived by his spouse, Sheryl Simmons Hardesty, his children Jennifer Miller and her husband Christopher, and Jeffrey Hardesty and his wife Rachel Grandfather of Alexis Faith Hardesty, Teagan Rae Hardesty and Everleigh Shae Miller. He is also survived by his mother, Janet Ann Gee and brothers Gary Lee Hardesty and his wife Wanda, and Richard Paul Hardesty and his wife Dee.

The family will be receiving friends on Saturday August 8, 2020 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department Co. 6, 4030 Old Town Road, PO Box 482, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department Co. 2, 450 Solomons Island Road South, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link: <https://www.pfvfd.org/>.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Taffie Len Lutz



Taffie Len Lutz, 58, of Deale passed away July 31, 2020. She was born July 31, 1962 in Washington, D.C., to Barbara Ann Jones and Chester Leo Curtis. Taffie married Rickie Lutz on November 12, 1977

and they primarily lived in Montgomery County before moving to South County in the mid 1980's. Taffie's greatest joy in life was being a mother and grandmother and was constantly taking care of her family. From baking desserts to packing her grandchildren's lunches, Taffie was always there for her family. She had the biggest heart and would do anything for anyone. Taffie was a strong, independent woman who fought

cancer valiantly for a year and a half. She enjoyed baking, lighthouses, the beach, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. "Good Job"

Taffie is survived by her loving husband Rickie Allen Lutz of Deale, sons Rickie A. Lutz, Jr. and wife Shannon of Churchton, Joey N. Lutz and wife Shannon of Yukon, OK, Bobby L. Lutz and wife Tiffany of Pasadena, and Tony M. Lutz and wife Michelle of Chesapeake Beach and grandchildren Trey, Isabel, Drew, Jack, and Charlie. She is also survived by siblings Chester, Michael, Jeffrey, and Angelia, many nieces and nephews and her beloved dogs Lucky and Levi.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 6, 2020, 10 a.m. to noon at Friendship Community Baptist Church, 37 Jewell Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754. Funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship Community Baptist Church, 37 Jewell Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Richard Wade Collinson



Richard Wade Collinson, 70, of Lothian, MD passed away July 29, 2020 at his residence surrounded by family. Rich-

ard was born May 13, 1950 in Annapolis, MD to Leola W. (Carter) and Joseph Connor Collinson. He was raised in Annapolis and graduated from Annapolis High School in 1969. He attended Anne Arundel Community College, and moved to Lothian with his family in the early 1970's. He married Sandra Trott April 14, 1973 and they lived and raised their family in Lothian. Richard was a professional land surveyor and was employed with Wilkerson & Associates and McCrone, Inc. surveying companies. In 1990 he founded C.O.A., Collinson, Oliff & Associates a surveying and engineering company, retiring in 2017. Richard enjoyed playing softball and spending time with family, especially his grandchildren, and he loved attending their many activities.

Richard is survived by his wife Sandra Trott Collinson, daughters Carrie Collinson Halaus and husband Steve of Lothian, and Arin Collinson Lake and husband Jason of Moseley, VA, and his son Richard Wade Collinson, Jr. and wife Lauren of Lothian. He is also survived by grandchildren Nathan, Noah and Leah Halaus, Chloe, Jase, Mazie and Evie Lake, and Lilly and Connor Collinson, and by his brother Joseph C. Collinson III and his wife Maggie, of Lothian.

Services for Richard will be private.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Ronald Lee Barchers

April 20, 1951 curious bright blue eyes blink open to observe a very peculiar sight, two smiling faces blotting out the view of the Bethesda Naval Hospital maternity ward, the same smile is returned briefly before being snatched away by a nurse and checked for positive vitals, Ronald Lee Barchers had just been introduced to the world.

Parents Ernest and Norma Barchers



would eventually fill out the family tree with three children: Steven Douglas Barchers, Ronald Lee Barchers and Joy Elaine Barchers (Carter). It's been said that arguably the best years to grow up

were in the 50's and 60's, and in the suburbs of Twinbrook, located in the city of Rockville, MD were no exception.

Ronald would attend Richard Montgomery High School as a Freshman in 1966, and it was during one of these school nights at a local bonfire, that a chance meeting with Patricia Ann Shipe (Barchers) would lead to 6 years of dating and 48 years of marriage.

A sense of adventure and competitiveness enables Ron to letter in Cross Country Track and with America in a state of war for over 14 years, duty calls. One week after graduation, a young recruit is standing on a pair of yellow boot prints at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island.

A tour of duty in Vietnam with the 1st Marine Division would instill attributes and characteristics in Ronald that would carry him for the rest of his life: Duty, Honor, Integrity, Humility and Compassion. There is nothing like a few epic skirmishes during a year-long deployment to put the frailty of life in perspective, so upon arrival stateside, Ron wasn't taking any chances. He married his high school sweetheart Patricia and started his 30-year career as a Master Firefighter combined with 45 years as a School Bus Driver.

Throughout Ron's illustrious dual pilgrimage, he would receive numerous awards and accolades, but nothing was more gratifying than being a first responder on the morning of September 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 slammed into the west wall of the Pentagon killing 189 individuals.

Free time was scarce, but when he had it, Ron would take the time out to raise his three boys, Erick August, Aaron Lee with wife Kimberly Lynn Williams (Barchers) and Kyle Robert Barchers and the preferred activity was wetting a line on the Chesapeake Bay. Fishing became more than a hobby to the Barchers family, it was what all enjoyed the most.

Nothing put a smile on the old man's face like loading up the family truckster and heading to the Outer Banks of North Carolina for the annual summer vacation. A week of sun soaked, salt infused fishing adventures and some much needed relaxation that everyone loved.

In 1997 the family would move from Gaithersburg to Port Republic where Aaron and Kyle would attend middle and high school. Ron loved to read books and educate the masses on his findings in every type of book known to man. He also enjoyed sharing stories about any adventure that he was a part of and all the neighbors and friends from school flocked at the opportunity to be entertained by such stories. Ron would soon be known as "Pops." The latest edition to the family would come only 4 years ago as the daughter to Kyle, Kylee Lynn Barchers, Ron's little pride and joy as a first time ever grandfather, she was his world.

There was nothing that Pops wouldn't do to help out anyone in need. From freeing cars stuck in the snow to cutting someone's

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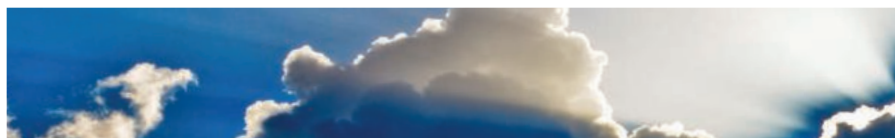
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lawn for them or taking in kids and being a father figure and role model for them, Ron was always willing to extend a helping hand. This kindness and generosity didn't go unnoticed. He was a hero to all who knew him.

On 28 July 2020, Ron would lose the battle to COVID-19 and those curious blue eyes closed for their final time. With a darkness that envelops the Barchers family also comes light that shines in the form of remembrance and love. A truly selfless warrior that will always be loved and missed by all.

Visitation and services will be Saturday, August 8, 2020, 2-5 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Memorial contributions may be made to Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, 932 Hungerford Drive, Suite 32-B, Rockville, MD 20850-1713; Link: <http://www.iafflocal1664.org/index.cfm?section=22&pagenum=161>

James Nelson Webb

James Nelson Webb, 66, of St. Leonard, MD passed away on Sunday July 26, 2020 in Prince Frederick, MD. James was born in Baltimore, MD in 1953 to James and Catherine Webb. He had was a retired United States Capitol Police K9 Officer. James is

survived by his loving wife Pamela. He is also survived by his children, James Webb of North Beach, MD; Christopher Webb of St. Leonard, MD; Kelly Webb of Owings, MD; and Brandi Webb of Leonardtown, MD; and his grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Bob Lutz

Bob Lutz passed away peacefully at Burnett Calvert Hospice House on July 26, 2020. Bob loved the game of golf – teaching youngsters how to play, setting up tournaments at the country clubs where he worked as a pro, playing the game competitively, watching Tiger perfect that swing on TV, or going to the driving range and hitting a bucket of balls. Years ago, I was his “caddy” (AKA sister-in-law) for nine holes during a pro-am tournament and witnessed his skill, integrity, and graciousness up close. Over the course of his life, he lived in many places, but The Green was his true home.

Robert Smith Lutz was born June 25, 1942. After finding college not to his liking, he became a successful salesman for General Mills and, fast forward, the General Manager of Fox Chevrolet. I remember his calling me one day and saying he had to quit; firing people was too painful. Thus, began three decades of Bob living his dream of working as a golf pro.

If you befriended Bob, he was eternally

loyal and loving.

He took his car for repairs only to Scott Strickler, who Bob bragged about because Scott took such good care of him. A couple months ago Scott gave Bob a new loaner Ford while Bob's car was in the shop. It was like Christmas had come early!

The saints who were his best friends and who sometimes saved his life were two unselfish and accomplished gentlemen, James Jackson and Tommie Miller. Bob would want them to know how much he loved and appreciated them.

If Bob thought he owed you money and you thought otherwise, you would often discover random cash stuffed into your pocket or purse. He enjoyed breakfast at Trader's and his favorite dinner was the end cut of roast beef at the Moose. Every Christmas Day he drove alone from Maryland to Ardmore, Pennsylvania to visit our parents' graves. He was stubborn and sentimental, gregarious but a loner, and though he hated cats, last month he sent two toys for my feline pets.

Bob's upbeat attitude never flagged, even as illness made his day-to-day life progressively more challenging.

He was a dear brother and I will miss him.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

David Monroe Van Hoy III



Beloved husband, father, and grandfather David Monroe Van Hoy III passed away on Friday, July 24th, 2020 after spending 80 wonderful years of life on this earth. He was born in 1940 to David Monroe Van Hoy Jr. and Frances Sutton, and raised in North Carolina, where he met his beautiful wife Lorraine, before moving to Maryland and starting a family of three lovely daughters, and later many wonderful grandchildren. A jack-of-all-trades, he was a bookbinder and worked for the CIA before pursuing a career as a real estate broker and opening his own real estate business, which became a staple of the Calvert County community. After retiring, he and his wife spent their time RVing to warmer weather, creating lasting memories.

David is survived by his wife Lorraine Howell Van Hoy, with whom he spent nearly 58 loving years, and his three daughters and seven grandchildren: daughter Lori (Yvette) and grandson Caden, daughter Diane and granddaughter Tara and grandsons Matt and Douglas, daughter Sandy and grandson Devin and granddaughters Kelsey and Taylor. He is also survived by brothers Frank (Cindy) and Bill (Barbara), and his sister Mary Ann (Charlie). He was preceded in death by his brother Kenny.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in David's name may be made to The Salvation Army, 615 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314, Link: <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/> or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Link: <https://www.stjude.org/>.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

5 CHANGES IN THE NEW RETIREMENT LAW

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The SECURE Act, the “Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act” was passed into law effective January 1, 2020. This new retirement law has five significant changes, as follows:

1. The new law increases the age for Required Minimum Distribution (the “RMD”) from 70 ½ to 72. The RMD is the amount you are required to withdraw from your retirement account. Starting in 2020, you are required to withdraw retirement funds at age 72 (as opposed to 70 ½ prior to 2020).

2. The new law eliminates the IRA “stretch” option. This is potentially the most significant law change. When you withdraw money from a traditional IRA in RMDs, you must pay income tax on the money. Inherited IRAs with death dates prior to 2020 were able to “stretch” the RMDs over the beneficiary's lifetime. For younger beneficiaries, this meant the amounts of RMD could be much smaller and therefore result in a smaller income tax. Beginning in 2020, the new law requires, for non-spouse beneficiaries, that an inherited IRA has to be distributed over 10 years after the individual's death. The new provisions make it clear that IRAs must be liquidated, and income taxes paid, over a ten year period, potentially resulting in income tax on much larger amounts required to be withdrawn. For deaths in 2020 and later, all IRAs must be distributed in full by the tenth calendar year following death.

3. The new law repeals the maximum age for traditional IRA contributions. Prior to 2020, no one over age 70 ½ was permitted to make IRA contributions. The new law allows anyone over 70 ½ who has U.S. earned income to make contributions to a traditional IRA. With our population aging, this is a good benefit for saving.

4. The new law expands Section 529 plans. Parents can now use their 529 accounts to cover costs associated with registered apprenticeships and for up to \$10,000 of qualified student loan repayments. This should be a help to those paying student loans.

5 The new law increases the maximum credit for start-up business retirement plans from \$500 to \$5,000. A new tax credit of \$500 is also available for some smaller employers who set up automatic enrollment in their plans.

Everyone with a traditional IRA or similar retirement plan should consult their financial advisors or accountants about how to cope with the changes in the new law.

Join me on the third Wednesday of every month to discuss this and other topics at 11am, 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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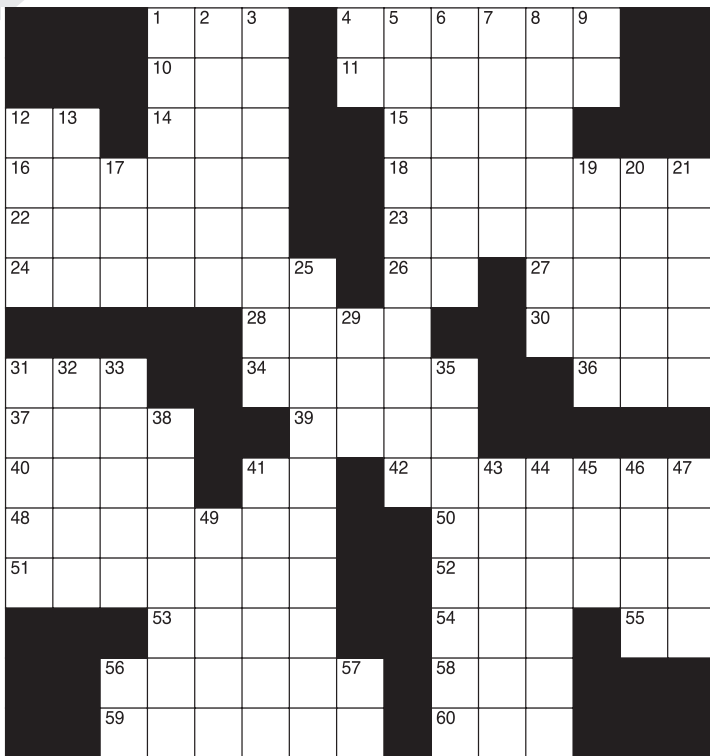
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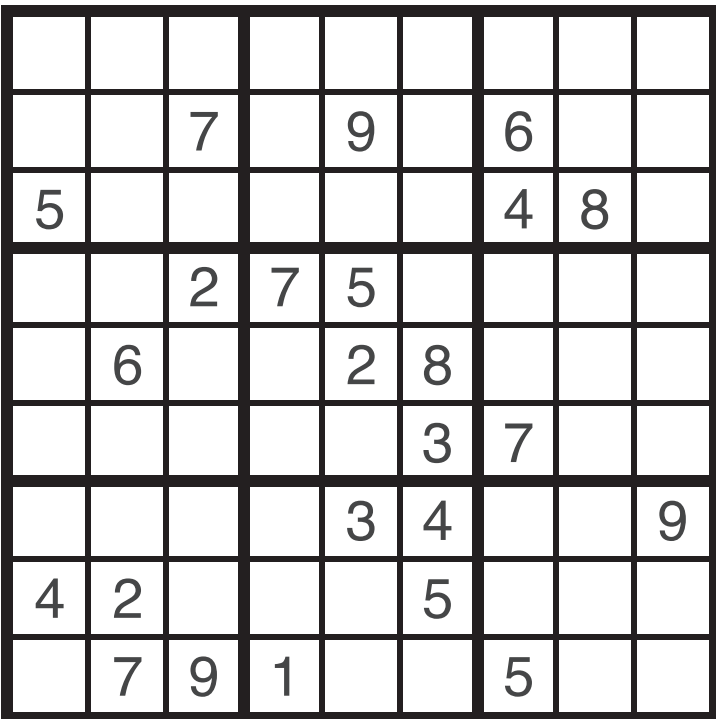


CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of on
4. Creator
10. No seats available
11. About springtime
12. Flagship ESPN show (abbr.)
14. Automobile
15. A matchup
16. Porous volcanic rock
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Not written in any key
23. Revolved
24. Archrival
26. Within
27. Smoker's accessory
28. Disfigure
30. Primordial matter
31. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
34. Kisses
36. Some is iced
37. A way to derive
39. Unaccompanied by others
40. Discontinued Google app
41. Tony B. left his heart there
42. Condiment
48. Ancient Italian city
50. One who distributes payoff money
51. Guarantees
52. Highly decorative
53. Strike with a stick
54. Pie ___ mode
55. Spanish be
56. Glued
58. A way to drench
59. Part of the body
60. Changes the color

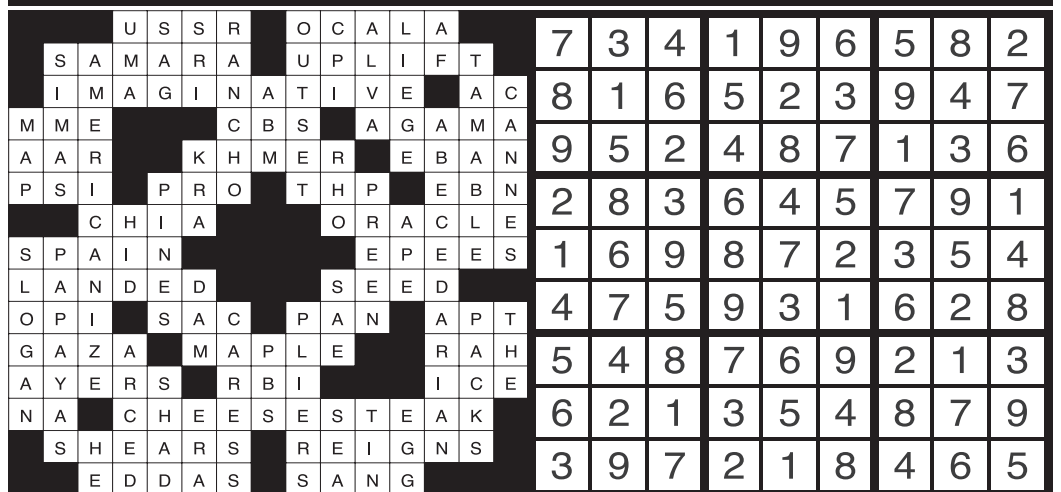
CLUES DOWN

1. Passerine birds
2. Noisy quarrel
3. The front arm or leg of an animal
4. Early multimedia
5. Golden years
6. Large mollusk
7. Small arm of the sea
8. Persian jurisdiction
9. Atomic #81
12. From end to end
13. Adorable
17. Ma
19. Nearly falling
20. Portable conical tent
21. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
25. Fish with high dorsal fins
29. Equal (prefix)
31. Aquatic plant genus
32. Choppers
33. Hand parts
35. Region bordering the sea
38. Well-liked
41. Nap
43. It's used to make beer
44. Related on the father's side
45. Senior officer
46. Delicacy (archaic)
47. Figures
49. A way to take away
56. Beloved sandwich __&J
57. Symptom typical of withdrawal (abbr.)



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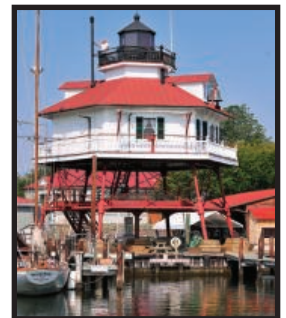
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