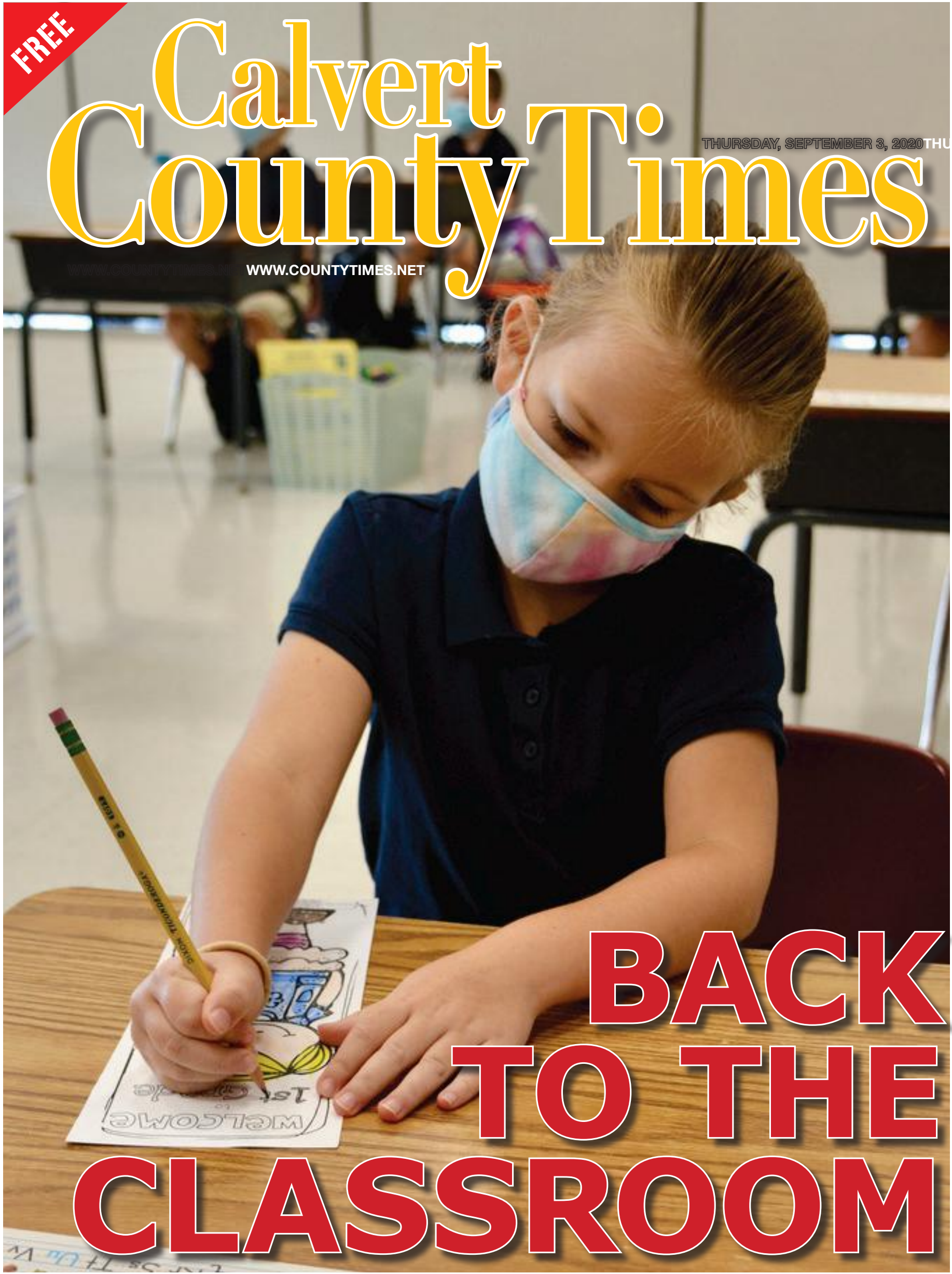


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# Marilyn McKay, Matriarch, Business Owner, Passes Away

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Friends and family of Marilyn McKay, who passed away last week at the age of 96, say they will miss a woman who not only had deep roots here but invested her time and effort in Southern Maryland to make it a better place over her entire life.

Marilyn was the matriarch of the McKay family and owned and operated the family chain of local grocery stores, which at one time included the Woodburns store in Calvert County, along with her husband James Manning McKay, who passed in 2008.

She was also the owner of The County Times Newspaper as well as Marilyn's Fine Fashions in Charlotte Hall.

Former state delegate John F. "Johnny" Wood, whose family was also in the grocery industry, had many fond memories of Marilyn as they were both members of the same purchasing cooperative.

Wood said they would often share car rides going back and forth to meetings.

"In the late 1970s we dealt with the same wholesale group," Wood told The County Times. "We would hit the road together and we got to be very good friends."

Marilyn and her husband started the McKay's Supermarkets chain in 1948 and dedicated decades thereafter to help ensure their growth all while raising a family of eight children.

Wood remembered Marilyn as not only a dedicated mother but as a hard-working businesswoman.

"If there were 100 hours in her day, she spent 99 of them in the store and then went home to take care of her family," Wood said. "In those days, work at the stores was 15 hours a day, seven days a week.

"That was life."  
Wood said his own children and family worked in their grocery stores and the situation in the McKay family was the same.

"We never had to worry about our kids or whether they'd have a job," Wood said. "She was a nice lady and she raised a good family. Marilyn was a hard worker."

She also had a keen interest in politics and served as campaign treasurer for her husband's successful bid to become president of the Board of County Commissioners from 1974 to 1978 as well as for her son Thomas F. McKay who was commissioner president from 2002 to 2006.



Marilyn graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1942 and had entertained the possibility of becoming a nun but decided to start a family instead.

One of her classmates said she and Marilyn became fast friends.

"I really don't remember not knowing her," said Lorretta "Tiny" Taylor.

Taylor said she and Marilyn learned from the nuns there about living a Christian life, with caring, compassion and scholarship being at the core of their student life at St. Mary's Academy.

Years later, St. Mary's Academy, an all-female school, would merge with Ryken High School to become St. Mary's Ryken High School.

Taylor said Marilyn excelled in everything she did and took the lessons she learned there to heart.

"They taught us how to be kind and compassionate," Taylor said of the lessons she and Marilyn learned from the nuns there. "They taught us to have respect for others, their property and that everybody has value."

Taylor also remembered Marilyn taking well to the nun's discipline and being a strong student; she would look to Marilyn for help in their schoolwork.

"For me she was a source of wisdom," Taylor said. "When we were in class, I'd often tap Marilyn on the shoulder and asked her 'What did you get for No. 4?'"

Taylor remembered Marilyn as being especially kind and compassionate and that Marilyn would go out of her way to help people in their time of need.

"Marilyn had a lot to offer," Taylor said. "We played ball together; she was easy to be

around.

"I'm going to miss her," Taylor said. "She was very special to me."

Marilyn's easy and friendly demeanor was evident even to people she did not have long-term relationships with.

Taylor said when salesmen would come to any one of the family's stores, they would always find a friendly welcome from Marilyn whether she purchased anything from them or not.

"Salesmen aren't always welcome at a business," Taylor said. "But they had nothing but praise for Marilyn; they liked her because she was such a fine woman.

"She was a masterful worker and operator."

Taylor is also the matriarch of the local family which owns Taylor Gas Company.

Marilyn also encouraged integration of white and black people in the workplace when it was not a popular notion; she would not only encourage hiring of black people to work in her stores but also to shop there.

In that era of St. Mary's County, black residents would often only patronize black-owned businesses with the same practice adhered to by white residents.

"They believed in serving the community, whether black or white... rich or poor," said David McKay, one of Marilyn's sons and owner and CEO of Fairland Markets, Inc. "We weren't going to let a choice of who cuts their meat, because of their skin color, affect who we do business with."

McKay explained that in years past cer-

tain customers would not patronize a McKay's store because of the black employees who worked there; but his parents stood firm in their hiring and employment beliefs.

"It didn't matter to them, they were there to serve the community," McKay said.

Marilyn was so involved in the business, McKay said, that she would shop for and deliver groceries to families who could not afford the fuel money to come to the store.

When the family first started their stores, McKay said, his father was head of public works on Patuxent River Naval Air Station, which meant that Marilyn was running the daily operations of the stores.

"We all worked under her guidance," McKay said of being brought up working in the stores. "But she still made us breakfast every morning, made dinner at night and got us to church."

Marilyn would continue working even while she was pregnant, McKay said, often up until she was going into labor.

McKay said his mother learned to be strong, independent as well as a woman of faith from her mother and grandmother, who raised her from the age of 9.

Her father died when she was that age due to injuries he had sustained in World War I, McKay said, and her grandmother had also lost her husband.

"That's who gave her her strong Catholic faith, her mother and grandmother," McKay said. "They taught her to be a strong independent woman."

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# Looking for New Things to Do:

## School System Ponders Jobs Without Work

By Dick Myers  
 Editor

When school began this week with all-virtual learning there were few buses rolling, silent cafeterias and empty classrooms not in need of maintenance.

The Calvert County Board of Education when they voted on an online opening (with some exceptions), they also insisted that no one be laid off. That was even though School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry discussed a Reduction in Force (RIF) with staff until school returned to in-person learning.

In making that decision, school board member Dawn Balinski said, "For those whose jobs have been sidelined to date with the closure of our buildings, I personally don't want to see any kind of layoff, but I know that we have to be good stewards of the money. I know that in this time we can come up with new, innovative ways to do things. We need to start thinking outside the box, as they say, to where maybe we start new initiatives that we've never even thought of before. I know if we could keep as many people on board as possible, that we can make it through this. So that's what I'm going to push for. And please just everyone start bringing their ideas to your supervisors, to your directors and administration. And let's just start try to work on how to keep people productive and keep people gainfully employed."

The principals and teachers for the first few weeks are working to identify which students are unable to handle an online environment so they can be eligible for coming into school at least part of the time to be taught by teachers who have volunteered for that duty.

The school system is also planning "online cafes" in the school libraries so students who don't have internet connectivity can work within the four walls of a school.

Curry told the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Aug. 25 meeting that the students getting that opportunity would be bussed and fed. And he said that could be an opportunity for work for those whose jobs have disappeared.

He said, "We're going to need to assign them to staff. If we do open up some internet cafes, we can maybe have the kitchen up to feed those kids."

Curry explained the dilemma he faces with virtual leaning: "Once

you make a decision to go online, and once you make a decision that teachers can either work from school or from home, if we're all online, there's a lot of other folks who are out of work. Cafeterias rely on selling food every day to make the revenue to keep the cafeteria staff employed. We have 30 some bus aides that help with special needs populations and they're not all running right now. A few more will be running. We have the before-and after-school childcare program that does like two hours of care before and two hours of care after that's dependent on the checks parents pay for that particular service. And even something as simple as our building service workers, they're all staffing a school based upon anticipated use. And if the whole school isn't being used and all the restrooms aren't being used, things like that, they're underemployed."

Curry also told the BOCC, "We are working on identifying some tasks that need to be done. We're freezing any vacancies. We might have a specialty in those job categories we're just not filling. And any vacancies we might have that we really need to fill, we'll be looking at those people who are already employed seeing if they have the skills to temporarily fill those positions."

There have been savings even with the policy. For instance the schools haven't needed substitutes since the pandemic began – "no substitute teachers, no substitute nurses, no substitute bus assistants, no substitute service workers, all of those accounts just lie dormant because no such were needed."

There was a flip side to that. He said the costs for unemployment insurance rose by \$200,000.

Curry detailed some of the budget costs of the pandemic, including \$473,000 on PPEs, \$375,000 to pay for additional digital licenses for online student work, and \$828,000 last spring to support child nutrition programs.

They did save \$1.1 million on the substitutes and they received grants including \$1.2 million from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and \$1.7 million for technology.

From that grant, all teachers were provided new laptops, although there was a defective chip in the ones handed out in June and the replacements are just now getting into teachers' hands.

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On August 17th and 18th our blood drive was held at St. Anthony's in North Beach.

The Red Cross/ Knights of Columbus Calvert Council 7870 celebrated our 20th Anniversary of conducting blood drives since July 2000, holding two-day drives since April.

These past two days we had 160 registered donors with 133 coming in to donate.

We collected 98 Units of Whole Blood (17 Power Reds = 34 Units) for a total of 132 Units.

The drive also celebrated surpassing our 5000th unit of blood collected in our 20 years !

Each unit of blood donated can help up to 3 people. With this drive we gave the potential to help up to 396 folks in our neighboring communities and over 15,000 folks in our 20 Years !

Red Cross Director Lisa Macaluso, Regional Manager Jodi Zand and Southern Maryland Coordinator Michelle Atwood visited our drive Monday and presented Calvert Council/St. Anthony's a beautiful plaque recognizing our "Twenty years of outstanding commu-

nity support helping to meet community blood needs" within the DC, MD and DE Region.

Helping us celebrate this notable year was our 5000th donor, Jerome Finan, longtime donor to our drive, and having donated over 180 units of blood through his years!

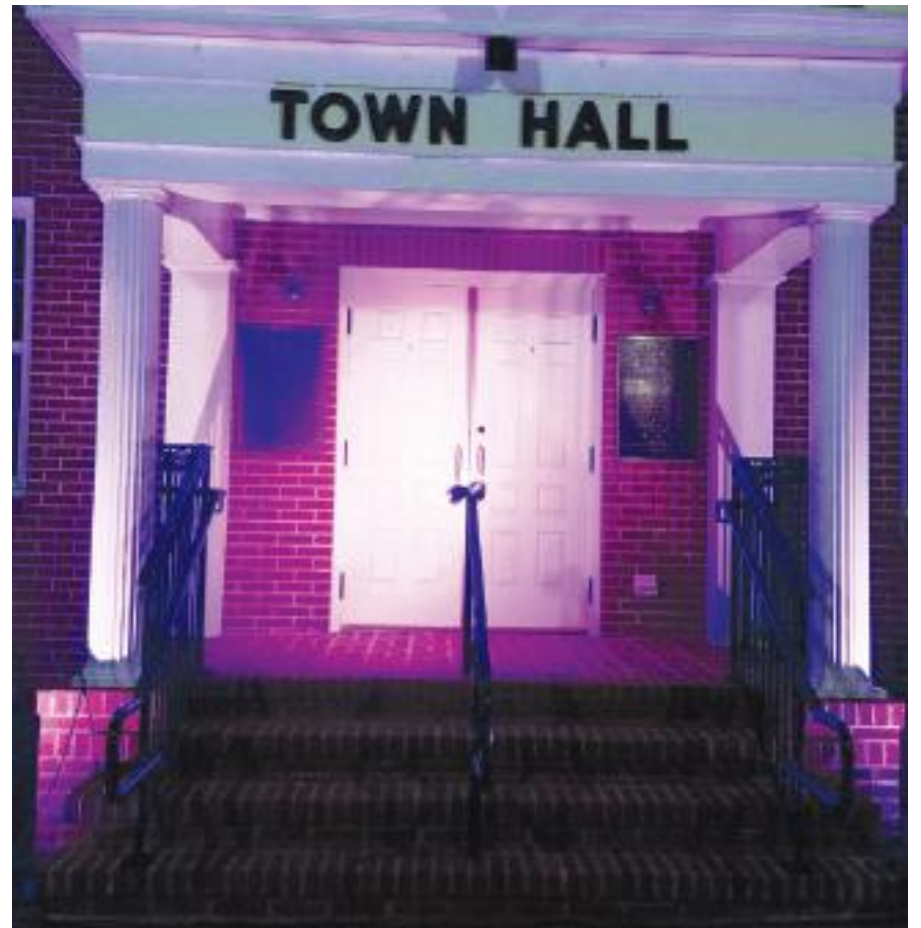
We also recognized Terry (Albright) DiZebba as our Anniversary Volunteer, having been with us nearly 15 years as a blood donor, helping with our registration desk and many years now as our canteen assistant; where we make steak and cheese subs, offer egg salad or tuna salad sandwiches to our donors, Red Cross staff and volunteers (20 years).

A special "Thank You" to ALL our volunteers who make these drives happen, the donors who unselfishly give their time and precious gift of blood and the Red Cross staff who offer their time and talents making these blood drives so successful !

We are still going strong. Our next drive is Monday and Tuesday, Oct.19-20, 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

*Press Release from Knights of Columbus Calvert Council 7870.*

## Light the Beaches Purple



Residents of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach are being encouraged to light up their homes and businesses purple, as has the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall. It's in recognition of International Addiction Awareness Day and Recovery Month (September) hosted by the Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Coalition.

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# Governor Hogan: All Schools Can Open

## Calvert's Plans Meet Muster

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Governor Larry Hogan at an Aug. 27 press conference announced that "every county school system in Maryland is now fully authorized to begin safely reopening."

The press conference caused immediate negative reaction for Hogan's chiding of eight school districts for not having "plans for returning children to schools for some form of in-person instruction this calendar year."

Calvert County is not one of those eight, nor is St. Mary's, but Charles County is. Although Calvert is opening school virtually, they do have plans to bring some students into the schools for in-person learning who are unable to do the online work, including those without the technology.

In the Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) reopening plan, called "Road to Recovery," is a re-evaluation plan. It says:

"The CCPS community is well aware of the much higher level of teaching and learning that must occur during the 2020-2021 school year. There is also an understanding of the barriers to teaching and learning which are present for staff, students and parents with online teaching and learning. Therefore, CCPS will engage in an ongoing monitoring and evaluation process during the period of the Blended Learning Environment."

A press release issued after the press conference said, "The authority and decision making on safe openings continues to rest with county boards of education. Decisions should be based on a set of statewide metrics, guidelines, and benchmarks issued today by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) in collaboration with the Maryland State Department of Education."

But Hogan's rebuke of the eight counties drew criticism from Maryland's Democratic legislative leadership.

And, a joint statement from Maryland Association of Boards of Education and the Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland said, "We are pleased that the State finally heeded our call for statewide guidance on reopening metrics that are informed by medical facts and public health science. However, the remarks at the Governor's press conference yesterday were very surprising and implied that superintendents and local school boards have been unable and unwilling to return our students to school. That is an inaccurate characterization, and certainly not in the spirit of partnership we have extended to both departments."

In giving the go-ahead for school reopening, the governor provided the following health metrics:

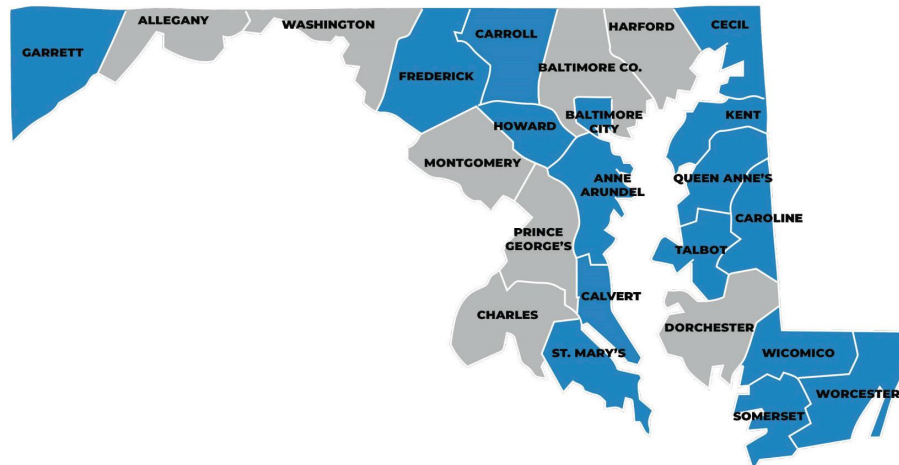
- "The statewide positivity rate is now down to 3.3 percent, a decline of more than 87 percent since it peaked on April 17 at 26.91 percent

- "Maryland's positivity rate has now been under 5 percent, the benchmark recommended by the World Health Organization and the CDC, since June 25, and has been under 4 percent since August 8.

- "Last week, for the first time, the COVID-19 positivity rate for all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland fell below the 5 percent milestone. Currently, 17 of the state's jurisdictions have positivity rates below 3.5 percent.

- "The positivity rate among Marylanders under the age of 35 has declined by 44 percent since July 23, and has now fallen below 4 percent, to 3.79 percent. The positivity rate among Marylanders 35 and older has dropped below 3 percent and is now 2.97 percent."

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Map showing counties with and without reopening plans.

# All Businesses Can Reopen Friday

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan announced Sept. 1 that all businesses will be allowed to open this Friday at 5p.m., ushering in the third and final stage of the state's recovery plan dealing with COVID-19.

Movie theatres and similar entertainment venues will be able to reopen to 50 percent capacity, Hogan said, or up to 100 people for indoor activities or 250 people for outdoor activities.

Retail stores and churches will also be allowed to reopen above 50 percent capacity to 75 percent while still following "appropriate health and safety guidelines."

Hogan noted that all the counties in the state had reached testing positivity rates of less than five percent, with the statewide metric down to 3.39 percent; other rapidly declining health metrics also showed that the state was ready to fully reopen for business.

The governor said that the state's economic recovery was far ahead of many other states and that Maryland was able to retain 70 percent of its economy through the pandemic over the last six months.

Hogan thanked doctors and nurses for their continued efforts under great stress to combat the deadly novel coronavirus.

"It's thanks to all of you that you've crushed the curve and saved lives," Hogan said. "We've seen a sustained drop in cases per 100,000

"In the last month alone our statewide case rate per 100,000 has dropped by 45 percent."

Hogan said his decision was to strike a balance between vigilance against the virus and fighting to recover the state's economy.

"The law still empowers the counties to make decisions that are more restrictive regarding timing of Stage 3 re-openings," Hogan said. "Just because we are moving into Stage 3, it does not mean this crisis is behind us.

"We must remain vigilant to ensure Maryland remains open for business."

Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz said Maryland's unemployment rate is "7.6 percent and falling" and that the state has gained more than 156,000 jobs during the recovery.

It has also let \$175 million in grants and loans to thousands of small businesses to stay operational, she said.

"We have stayed strong during this pandemic and we will remain vigilant," Schulz said. "We are, in fact, keeping Maryland open for business."

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# Another Calvert Restaurant Closes

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed another restaurant victim in Calvert County. After 15 years in Dunkirk, Heavenly Chicken and Ribs has closed, according to its owners, Gary and Jennifer Armstrong and their family.

The following was posted on their Facebook page:

"I can't tell you how many times I have started typing this post and have deleted. It's truly hard to put everything into words.

"It is with great difficulty we announce that Heavenly is permanently closed. This is not a decision we make lightly. We have been blessed to have our family business in our own home community for 15 years.

"We were fortunate to make it through the challenges of the 2008 economy thanks to the support of all of you.

"But as more competition opened in our area, in our shopping center, it became increasingly difficult to make ends meet. We found ourselves already struggling when COVID hit and became a double-edged sword to our business. As we struggled to continue to provide carryout and delivery business with a skeleton crew, the personal hours I have had to work to make ends meet has taken its toll and I simply can no longer do it. Continuing at this point would simply make things worse physically, emotionally, and financially.

"We have so many great memories... karaoke, live music and comedy nights, amazing Spirit Nite fundraisers for local organizations, North Beach Farmers Market and holiday parades, Celtic Festival, Calvert Cannons lacrosse Bull & Oyster Roasts, and of course crazy SuperBowl and St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

"The great local support over the years and the regular customers we enjoyed seeing all the time made owning Heavenly a pleasure. Many new friendships have been made over the years.

"And I could never thank our staff enough. We have had so many wonderful employees over the years that have truly cared for our business. Your dedication and commitment to the store we will be forever grateful. You became our extended family and having to tell you that we were closing broke my heart and was one of the most difficult things I've ever had to do. You all will be missed very much and I wish nothing but great things for each and every one of you.

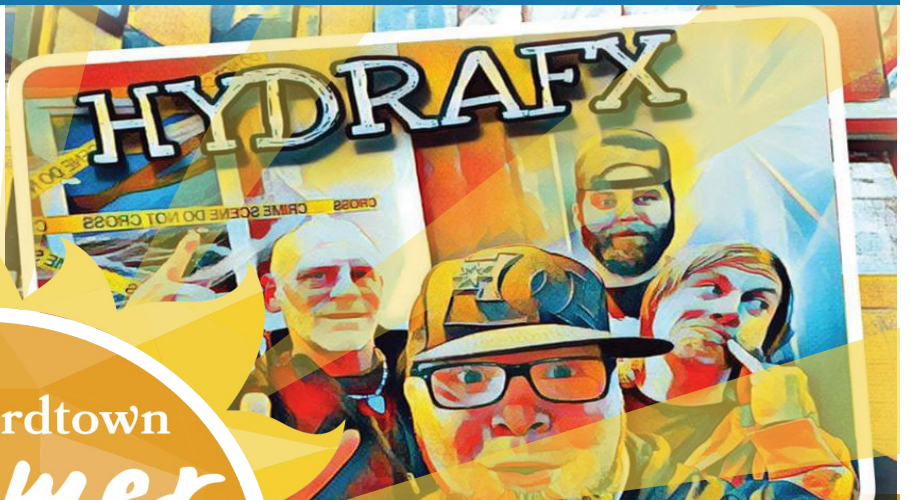
"So, thank you again EVERYONE for the wild ride that has been Heavenly Chicken & Ribs in Dunkirk. We're still locals, still call Calvert County our home. So, don't be strangers."

On their website they had posted, "We love our food, we love our staff and customers and we love Southern Maryland."

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# Catholic Schools Reopen with In-School Learning

By Dick Myers, Editor  
and Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

As Catholic schools in the area started classes last week, they were given three options by the Archdiocese of Washington: in-person, virtual or a combination.

Earlier this summer the Archdiocese of Washington announced its reopening plan for Catholic schools. Each school submitted a plan for what they felt was best for their community.

Washington Archbishop Wilton Gregory said in a video address to teachers and staff, "Because the pandemic is a health matter, a great deal of consideration was given to thoroughly research safe practices for return. As we move to reopen schools for the new school year in a variety of models, we will take a careful step toward normalcy in our daily lives. This will be a long journey – one that will rely on our perseverance and our commitment to the new health and safety guidelines that will govern how schools operate."

Of the Washington Archdiocese schools, 28 percent are following the distance learning model, 49 percent chose the blended learning model and the remaining 23 percent are following the modified classroom option. Calvert County's two Catholic schools, Cardinal Hickey Academy in Owings, and Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) in Solomons have opted to give parents the option of their children being in the classroom or virtual learning.

Principal at OLSS Jennifer Thompson said 118 students are in school and 22 are online or combination of the two.

Calvert County Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Daniel Curry says his enrollment is anticipated to be off about 500, with parents opting for home schooling or private schools.

That could be affecting OLSS. Thompson said the school population has increased from 105 last year to more than 135 at the start of school last week.

Thompson said, "There were a number of people that said that they had considered a Catholic education for their children and that this kind of presented a prime opportunity to make that change. And then we did have a few families that indicated that it was because we had in-person schooling that they were interested in our school."

School opening was "slow and gradual" beginning the week of Aug. 24. Thompson said, "Our Pre-K students came for their assessments Monday and Tuesday. And then on Wednesday we just had our K, 1 and 2, and then Thursday, 3, 4 and 5, and then Friday our middle school. And it just gave parents, students, teachers a chance to slowly acclimate. And because we had a lot of different procedures as far as our morning routine."

For the first full day for everyone on Monday, Aug. 31, Thompson said, "Actually it was a lot better than I imagined it would be. We have increased our enrollment a bit and I thought maybe there'd be a big rush in the morning,



Teaching class outside at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Solomons

taking the temperatures, asking the pertinent questions, and we were still able to get it done in the time that we wanted in order to start our day. And then things actually went very well."

The online learners in the middle school are with their classes throughout the entire day while the younger learners at home have more breaks.

For the younger students, Thompson said, "The teachers are videoing themselves or doing more intentional teaching and then sending those videos to the parents so that they can watch them at whatever time is convenient."

She added, "We have guaranteed at least three live teaching videos a day, reading, math and religion, and then the others on an as-needed basis for the science and the social studies. And that seems to be working pretty well for our younger students."

There isn't a wall between the online and in-school students. Thompson said, "There's a link that all students can click on that links them to our virtual learners, to our actual classroom that they can have some downtime with their classmates, on a daily basis just to connect with them. If they're having a show and tell kind of thing, or if they're sharing book reports, students can link in."

The system provides flexibility. Thompson said, "If students are not feeling well, or if someone in their family's not feeling well, or they need to quarantine due to travel, then they just seamlessly become a virtual learner for the day, that week or whatever the duration and then can join back in-person and they haven't missed a beat."

For other school routines, Thompson said, "We are eating in our classrooms now just because we're trying to keep the groups separated." She added, "There's one little section (in the cafeteria) that's available and we have let our middle school students use that for lunch on occasion."

As for what would have normally been recess, "teachers are supervising so that the students are maintaining their social distance. And then games like a soccer ball that they're able to kick back and forth now and keep with the distance, or street hockey where

they can hit the puck back and forth."

Also, they have "individual bags of sidewalk chalk where they can space out and become little artists."

Thompson explained, "We don't let them stay in a mask for more than an hour. So, after every class they get what we call a mask break, and we're very blessed to have the beautiful campus that we do. Sometimes they'll just go on what we call walkabout and they'll just walk around the school."

Thompson, who has been at OLSS for 16 years and has been principal for the last two, said of the COVID ordeal the sharp pivot in the spring to all virtual was her biggest challenge. "We had to switch in a weekend, essentially going from in-person learning to virtual learning and in trying to come back this year, my teachers did a fabulous job. I can't complain about that, but we wanted to step it up so that those students didn't feel as isolated. So that has been a challenge because we have had to completely learn over the summer."

There are some slots available for more students, but the school has to be mindful of the dramatic reduction in available classroom space because of social distancing. She explained, "Even though a classroom could technically hold 20 to 22 kids, we're dramatically reducing, and some classrooms have been kicked out. Some classes have been kept because they're at their max, but we do have some spaces in some classrooms."

And she added they have unlimited available space for virtual learners.

St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown is another Archdiocese school in the region, and it has a number of Calvert County students. Principal Catherine Bowes said Aug. 31 was the first day back for sophomores, juniors, and seniors but the week before all the freshmen came in for in-person learning.

"It's gone really smoothly," Bowes said Monday. "We've been pre-thinking this for so long."

"We brought our freshmen back last week; we wanted them here getting used to the campus, getting used to their teachers and each other."

With the four grades now working

in the same space, the school has embraced a hybrid model of instruction with all of the students in the first half of the alphabet coming in on Mondays and Tuesdays and the remainder attending class on Wednesdays and Thursdays; each section not in school will learn virtually using a learning management system called Veracross, which is an equivalent platform to the Schoology system used by the county public schools.

"To maintain social distancing, we have to divide the kids in some way," Bowes said. "As long as the [Gov. Larry Hogan's] order stands, that's what we'll be doing."

Using a system known as Ascendo, which puts a sound bar and camera in each classroom at their campus in Leonardtown, students will be able to see and interact with their teachers while learning virtually.

The system has not been fully implemented, Bowes said, but it will especially benefit that 20 percent of students who have decided to remain home.

Fridays are left for extracurricular activities that can be done virtually, Bowes said, and it also allows teachers to plan their lessons and other tasks for the coming week.

St. Mary's Ryken has 650 students enrolled and it is now the responsibility of the students and their parents to ensure they are healthy each day before coming to school.

They have an at-home checklist, which includes taking their temperature and monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19 that must be completed each morning.

"We're working in close cooperation with the county health officer and she [Dr. Meena Brewster] said we just can't test 650 kids a day; we'd never be able to open the school," Bowes said. "So, we've asked families to take up that responsibility."

For contingencies, the school does maintain temperature check stations for the few students who do not have the form completed at the beginning of the day, Bowes said.

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# CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of August 17 – August 31 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,228 calls for service throughout the community.

## Theft: 20-43322

On August 17, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to Owings Hills Court in Owings for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) ripped open the packing and stole a purple iPhone 11 that was delivered to the mailbox. The value of stolen property is \$699.99.

## Theft: 20-43983

On August 21, 2020, Deputy R. Evans responded to Sycamore Road in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised a blue Motorola smartphone was stolen during the overnight hours from outside the residence. The value of stolen property is \$600.

## Theft: 20-44040

On August 21, 2020, Sergeant Denton took the report of a theft that occurred on Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown. The complainant advised that sometime between August 15th and August 18th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a package containing a green iPhone 11 Pro Max that was delivered to the residence. The value of stolen property is \$1,000.

## Arrests:

On August 17, 2020, Deputy Wilder conducted a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road at Calvert Cliffs Parkway in Lusby. Upon making contact with the driver, **Julian Patrick Obama** (22), Deputy Wilder detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Obama exited the vehicle and advised there was marijuana and prescription pills inside the vehicle. Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and located a partially smoked marijuana cigarette, as well as a prescription bottle containing three Oxycodone acetaminophen pills not prescribed to Obama. Obama was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



JULIAN OBAMA

On August 18, 2020, Deputy Plant responded to Hunting Creek Road in Huntingtown for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised a male subject, **Isaiah Franklin Carter** (24), arrived at the residence and began drinking, later becoming upset and punching numerous holes in the walls, and throwing things around the house before leaving the residence. Deputies located Carter on the corner of Hunt-



ISAIAH CARTER

ing Creek Road and placed him under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property/ Value <\$1,000.

On August 20, 2020, Deputy R. Shrawder conducted a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road at Cove Point Road in Lusby following a brief pursuit. Upon making contact with the driver, **Keteyian Elexamis Reynolds** (19), deputies detected the strong odor of raw marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. Reynolds exited the vehicle and deputies located a black backpack containing 18 grams of Marijuana. Reynolds was placed under arrest and was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+ as well as multiple traffic citations.



KETEYIAN REYNOLDS

On August 20, 2020, Deputy E. Payne and Corporal Moran responded to Wawa in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised a male subject, **Thomas Wayne Beach, Jr.** (26) entered the store and began eating food without paying for it, putting food items in a bag he was carrying, and walked behind the deli counter several times. Beach was issued a trespass order and was then placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft Less Than \$100.00.



THOMAS BEACH JR

On August 22, 2020, Deputy Parks responded to HG Trueman Road in Solomons for a warrant service. **John Fitzgerald Butler** (55) was taken into custody by Maryland State Police Leonardtown Barracks for an active warrant in Calvert County. Deputy Parks took custody of Butler and conducted a search of his person which resulted in a tissue containing two dime sized bags containing a white substance, suspected to be crack cocaine. Butler was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was served with his warrant and charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.



JOHN BUTLER

On August 23, 2020, Deputy Deleon responded to Greenspring Court

in Chesapeake Beach to assist Deputy Gilmore with an attempted break in. The complainant advised they observed a male subject go through the yard, open the screen door and attempt to open the rear door. Deputies located **Ryan Tyler Smith** (22), laying in the yard with abrasions to his fists, glassy and bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and could detect the strong odor of alcohol emanating from his person. After briefly resisting and yelling profanities, Smith was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Burglary-First Degree, Intoxicated Public Disturbance, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting/ Interfering with Arrest.



RYAN SMITH

## Burglary: 20-44975

On August 26, 2020, Sergeant Phelps responded to Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:30pm on August 25th and 5:00pm on August 26th, an unknown suspect(s) stole an orange and cream in color Trek Hybrid bicycle with saddle bags containing various items. The value of stolen property is \$1,100.

## Damaged Property: 20-44563

On August 24, 2020, Deputy Gough responded to Mount Olive United Methodist Church Annex in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between the afternoon hours on August 19th and 9:00am on August 24th, an unknown suspect(s) damaged a cement well cover, breaking it into multiple pieces. The value of damaged property is \$200.

## Damaged Property: 20-44569

On August 24, 2020, Deputy Hardy responded to Williams Wharf Road in St. Leonard for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between 2:30pm on August 20th and 11:00am on August 24th, an unknown suspect(s) removed an LED light fixture that was mounted to the side of a camper. The value of damaged property is \$100.

## Damaged Property: 20-44755

On August 25, 2020, Deputy R. Shrawder responded to Oyster Bay Place in Solomons for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised on August 23rd, a group of unknown suspect(s) removed a sign and used it to pry open the tennis court door. The suspect(s) then damaged a plastic storage bin and smashed tennis balls. The value of damaged property is \$50.

## Damaged Property: 20-44936

On August 26, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to Giant in Dunkirk

for the report of damaged property. The complainant and witnesses advised an unknown male suspect exited his vehicle and slashed the tires of the complainant's vehicle, then fled the scene. The value of damaged property is \$200.

## Damaged Property: 20-45606

On August 30, 2020, Deputy Aulich responded to 8th Street in North Beach for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised in the overnight hours, two unknown male suspect(s) were observed shaking a food pantry box, breaking it. The value of damaged property is unknown.

## Theft: 20-44961

On August 26, 2020, Deputy Wilder took a report of a theft that occurred on Stock Drive in Lusby. The complainant advised sometime between August 23rd and August 26th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a Shadow System 9mm MR920 handgun and magazines. The value of stolen property is \$1,040.

## Theft: 20-45340

On August 28, 2020, Deputy Hardy responded to Yearling Drive in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 5:00pm on August 26th and 8:30am on August 28th, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plates from their truck while parked in the driveway. The value of stolen property is \$40.75.

## Theft: 20-45454

On August 29, 2020, Deputy Bowlan responded to Ivy lane in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that between 4:30pm and 4:40pm on August 28th, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plate from their motorcycle while it was parked at Walmart in Dunkirk. The value of stolen property is \$5.

## Arrests:

On August 26, 2020, Deputy R. Evans conducted a routine patrol check in the area of Safeway in Prince Frederick. Deputy Evans observed **Robert Allen Rice** (54) to be intoxicated on the sidewalk in front of the store. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised Rice was previously issued a trespass order for Safeway in Prince Frederick. Rice was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass- Posted Property.

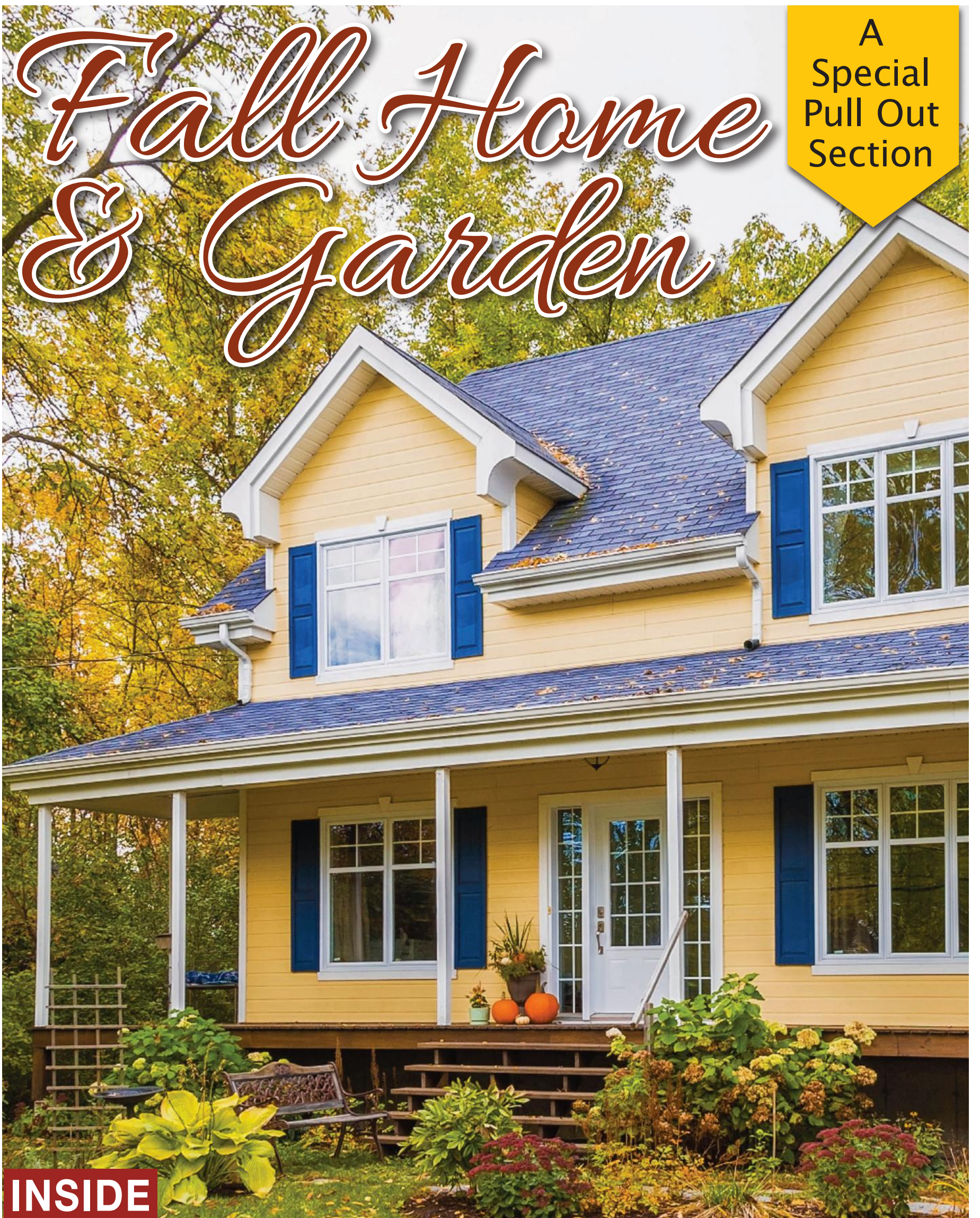


ROBERT RICE

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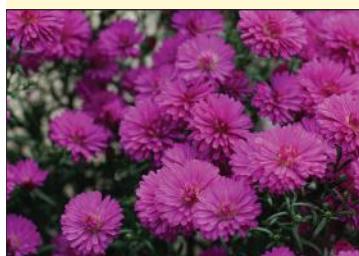
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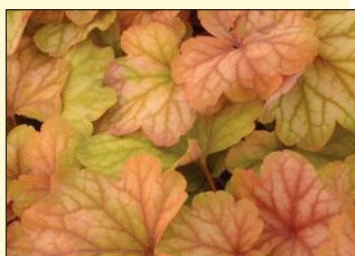
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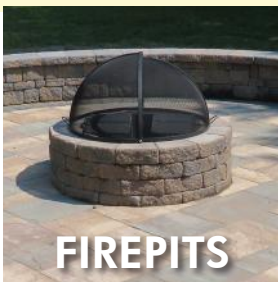
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Does it seem like your hamper is always full and the washing machine is running constantly? You may not be imagining it. Laundry Butler for You, a wash, dry and fold service, says the average household washes 50 pounds of laundry a week and 6,000 articles of clothing every year. Families with children at home are doing laundry most often, and those with pets may find there is ample laundry to wash as well.

With so much laundry being generated, homeowners may want to consider paying extra attention to the space in the house where their clothing is being cleansed. Laundry room renovations may not top homeowners' priority lists, but it may be time to give these rooms another look.

### Assess your equipment

If your appliances are aging, a laundry room renovation can start with an investment in new appliances. New models have large capacity loads, tend to be energy-efficient and could have innovative features that help fit with your laundry lifestyle. Purchasing front-loading models also can free up design space, as you can install a counter directly above the units, saving room for other items like drying racks.

### Figure out your room needs

A laundry room need not be limited to laundry only. Many homeowners make large laundry rooms

catch-all spaces that can serve as utility or mud rooms, pantry overflows, or off-season storage areas. Consider the functions you want the room to serve and include those ideas in your designs.

### Add some natural light

If possible, include a window in your laundry room. Natural light can help make the room more enjoyable. It also can help you identify stains on clothes that need to be addressed and make it easier to fold matching items like socks.

### Think about a utility sink

Many washing machines drain out directly to waste pipes in the floor or wall, but you also can opt to have them empty into a utility sink. This sink also provides a convenient place to handwash items, clean tools or paintbrushes, or store items that perhaps you do not want to bring into a bathroom or kitchen sink.

### Include some flair

This utilitarian space need not be boring or bereft of design elements. Mirror your home's style in the laundry room, and include wall hangings, plants, accent items, and even task lighting. Play up certain features with a bold floor tile or brightly colored walls.

Updating laundry rooms can be a great way to make doing laundry more enjoyable and efficient.

# Signs Your Gutters Are In Need Of Repair

Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

• **Gutters hanging off the home:** Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home.

A professional who specializes in gutter

repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

• **Gutter separation:** Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

• **Peeling exterior paint:** Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.

• **Basement flooding:** Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

Fall is an ideal time to inspect gutters and have any issues fixed before leaves begin to fall or harsh winter weather arrives.

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# How To Protect Wood Floors From Inclement Weather

Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.

- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A

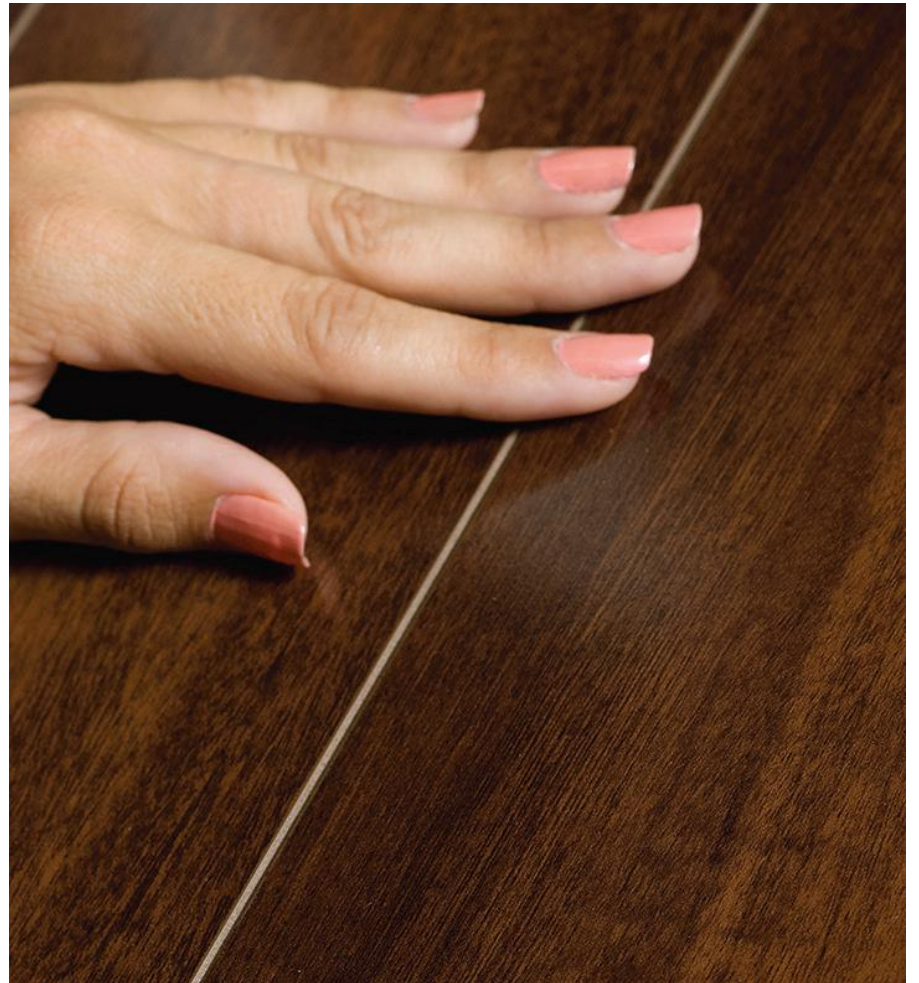
nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.

- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.

- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

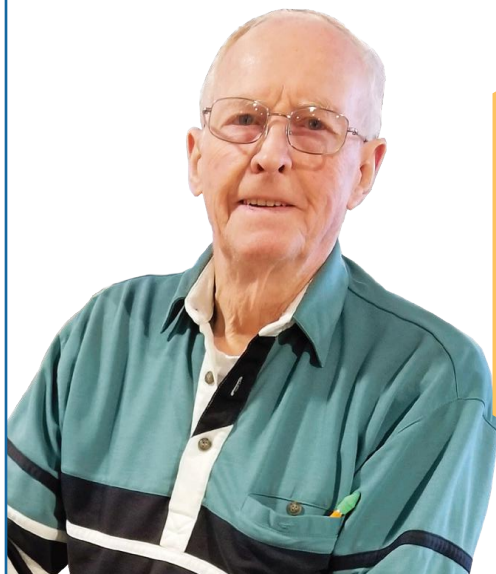
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# Stay safe around power lines

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- Never climb trees near power lines.
- Keep equipment away from overhead lines when carrying ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning tools.
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# Prevent Growth Of Mold/Mildew In Colder Months

Mold and mildew are not only unsightly, but unhealthy. These fungi grow readily in damp areas and are found in the air breathed both indoors and outside. If left unaddressed, mold and mildew can threaten the health of a home's inhabitants.

Mildew is a type of mold that remains relatively flush with the surface it grows on. Other molds can grow puffy in appearance. Molds serve the purpose of destroying organic materials, but in high amounts, these microorganisms can cause respiratory problems, sinus congestion, throat irritation, headaches, and other issues, particularly when mold grows unchecked indoors, says Better Homes and Gardens. As a result, it is essential to address mold before it becomes problematic.

According to Polygon, a drying technology and temporary climate solutions company, the wet season in winter is when molds often grow and expand. Mold can break down the integrity and strength of the surfaces where it grows.

Homeowners can employ the following strategies to prevent mold growth.

- Keep all surfaces clean, using proper cleaning products. Diluted bleach solutions are highly effective at killing microscopic fungi, viruses and bacteria.
- Reduce moisture and humidity by ensuring sufficient air circulation in rooms, particularly bathrooms and kitchens. An exhaust fan will help re-

move moisture quickly.

- Fabrics covered in mildew that can be laundered should be carefully removed and washed in chlorine bleach and hot water. An oxygen bleach product also can be effective.

- Invest in a dehumidifier that can reduce moisture in the home in problem areas, such as damp basements or garages.

- Fix plumbing leaks as soon as possible.

- Remove damp leaves and snow from areas around the foundation of the home. Ensure that gutters and downspouts are clear of debris and can shuttle water away from the house effectively.

- Replace cracked or defective mortar in basements.

- Make sure all seals on windows and doors are not compromised and are in good working condition.

- Be sure an HVAC in-line humidifier is adjusted to the right setting and isn't pumping too much moisture into the heated air; otherwise, the added humidity can contribute to mold.

- If there is a flood or water infiltrates a home in other ways, hire a professional service to help clean and dry the home effectively.

Mold and mildew are problematic, but with diligence they can be kept at bay.

# Understanding R-Values



Insulation recommendations are based on certain factors that coordinate with regional climate zones to increase energy efficiency. These factors are known as R-values. The R in R-value stands for "resistance," and refers to how certain products resist the flow of heat through walls, floors and ceilings. Products should reduce heat escape so heat is kept on the right side of the wall. In summer this means outdoors, in winter it means indoors. R-values relate not only to insulation, but also to walls, windows and other barriers. R-values also coordinate to the type, thickness

and density of the material being used. The higher the R-value, the more resistant to heat the product is. The U.S. Department of Energy coordinates R-value to climate zones 1 through 7 (1: Tip of Florida; 7: Canadian border). A higher R-value is needed in Zone 7 and a lower R-value is necessary in Zone 1. Those embarking on home improvement projects that involve choosing between R-values are urged to speak with a professional or to visit the Department of Energy website (www.energy.gov) to determine which R-Value is ideal for their homes.



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## What To Do To Prepare Your Garden For Winter

Gardens provide an idyllic escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In fact, many gardening enthusiasts typically cannot wait for the spring thaw so they can spend the next several months tending to their plants under the warm sun. But a gardener's work is never truly done, and the work to make gardens stun in the spring actually begins during the preceding fall.

Preparing gardens for winter is an important step that can help homeowners ensure their gardens return to full strength in the spring. The tasks necessary to prepare gardens for winter may depend on what homeowners are planting, but the following are some general maintenance suggestions that can keep gardens safe this winter.

- Remove weeds and debris. Weeds and debris are unsightly and detrimental to plant life in spring, but they also can be harmful in the winter. Weeds and debris left to linger in gardens through the winter provide overwintering spots for insects and can contribute to disease. So it's imperative that weeds and debris are removed before the ground hardens in winter. Don't wait until the ground hardens, as that can make it hard to remove the roots of weeds, adversely affecting the garden as a result.

- Prepare the soil. The Farmer's Almanac advises homeowners to gently till the soil in their gardens so they can expose

any insects before they settle in for the winter. Once garden soil is exposed, add a layer of compost, leaves, aged manure, and, if necessary, lime, gently tilling it into the soil. According to the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the only accurate way to determine if lawn or garden soil needs lime is to test it. Lime makes soil less acidic and reduces soil pH. Low soil pH makes it hard for certain plants to grow, but acidic soil is ideal when growing blueberries. Test the soil for lime and amend it depending on what you hope to grow in the spring so it's ready to thrive when winter ends.

- Remove dead or diseased plants. Dead or diseased plants should not be left in the garden through the winter. These plants can attract insects and are vulnerable to disease, which can make it hard for the garden to thrive in the spring.

- Protect fruit trees. If you have fruit trees, install mouse guards around the base to prevent mice and voles from killing the trees over the winter. If left to their own devices over the winter, mice and voles may eat the bark of fruit trees, killing the trees as a result. The Farmer's Almanac notes that mouse guards made of fine mesh hardware cloth can effectively protect fruit trees from hungry mice and voles over the winter.

A gardener's work is never done, and the work to create beautiful spring gardens begins in the fall.

## How To Recognize When You Can Stop Mowing



Each weekend in spring, summer and fall, millions of homeowners fire up their mowers and cut the grass in their yards. A few hours spent mowing the lawn can be a great time to get some sun and some exercise in the great outdoors.

As fall gradually transitions to winter, homeowners may wonder when to stop mowing their lawns. Each lawn is different, and when to stop mowing may depend on a host of factors, including local climate and the type of turf. In addition to climate and turf, homeowners can keep an eye on these conditions to determine when the time is right to put their mowers away for the winter.

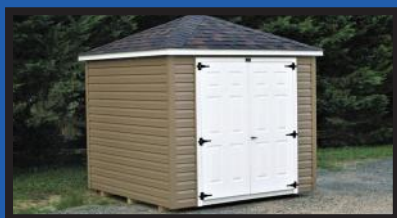
- Frost: Warm-season grasses typically go dormant after a couple of significant frosts. Homeowners can jot down each frost during fall. Frosts are most noticeable in the early morning hours, so be sure to check lawn conditions each morning as the weather begins to grow cold. Frost may be noticeable without even going outside, but homeowners may need to go outside to check on chilly mornings or on days when the previous night was especially cold. If you must go outside, stay off the grass to protect it. Two or three frosts might be enough to make warm-season grasses go dormant for the winter. Cool-season grasses may keep growing and require mowing even after a few frosts, so it's imperative that homeowners determine which type of grass is in their yards.
- Soil temperature: If it's hard to deter-

mine if frosts have occurred, homeowners can try checking the temperature of their soil to decide if they need to keep mowing. The lawn care experts at Pennington recommend homeowners continue mowing warm-season grasses so long as they keep growing. Lawns may not grow as quickly in fall as they do in spring or summer, and growth may not be as visible to the naked eye during this time of year as it is in other times. Homeowners can routinely check soil temperature to determine if their grasses have stopped growing. Warm-season grasses tend to stop growing once the soil temperature is consistently at 55 F or below, while cool-season grasses tend to stop when temperatures are 45 F or lower.

Falling leaves have long been a barometer used by homeowners to determine if they need to keep mowing their lawns. That's not necessarily a reliable metric, as grass can still keep growing even if leaves have been falling for weeks. In addition, using a mulching mower when leaves begin falling is a great way to provide the lawn with nutrients it can use throughout the winter. Some trees shed their leaves more quickly than others, but it's a good rule of thumb that lawns will need to keep being mowed if trees are still retaining more than half their leaves.

A host of factors can help homeowners determine when it's safe to put their mowers away for the winter.

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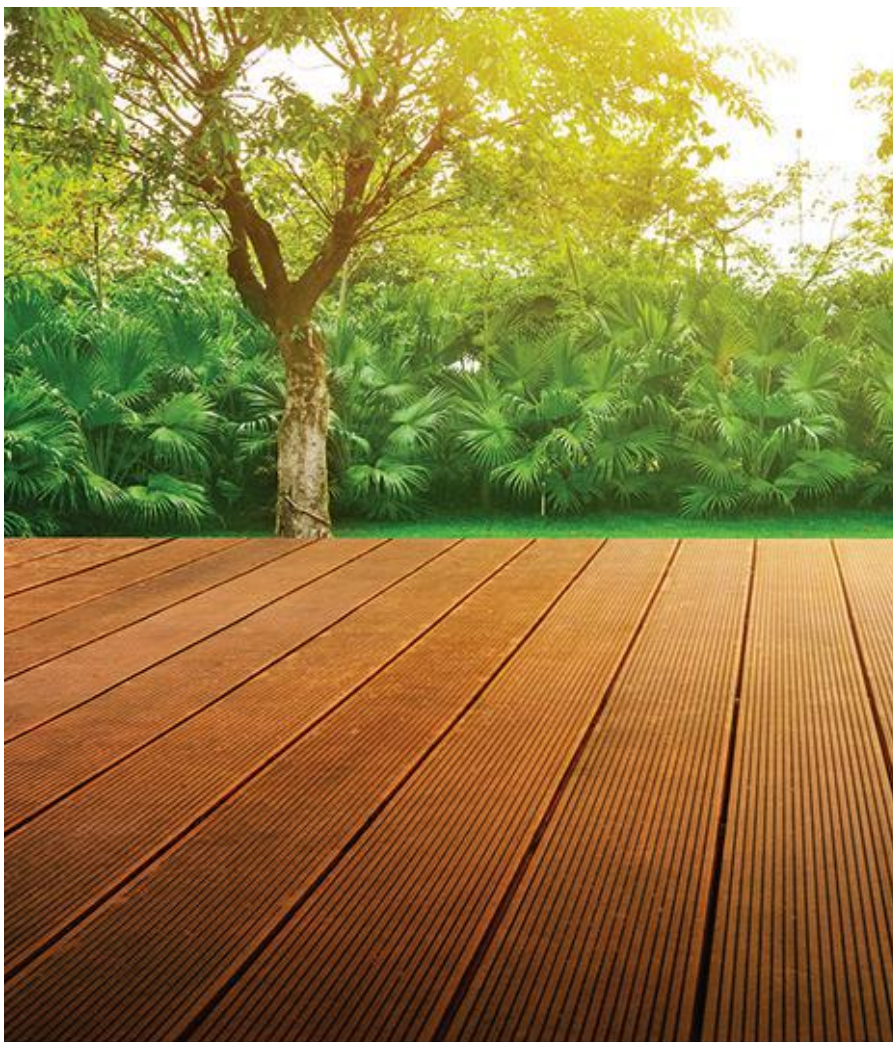
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# Prepare Your Deck For Winter



Homeowners often take steps to winterize the interior of their homes in the weeks before winter's arrival, but such efforts should extend to the outside of a home as well.

Decks make for great gathering places when the weather permits. Decks are where many people spend their free time and eat their meals come spring and summer, when the temperatures climb and the sun sets well into the evening. But as summer turns to fall, homeowners must take measures to protect their decks from potentially harsh winter weather.

- Inspect the deck for problems. Decks tend to be used more often in summer than any other time of year. That makes fall and early winter an ideal time to inspect for wear and tear and any additional issues that may have cropped up throughout the summer. Damaged boards and loose handrails should be fixed before winter arrives, especially for homeowners who plan to use their decks in winter. Fixing such issues in winter and even into spring may be difficult thanks to harsh conditions, so make good use of the relatively calm autumn weather to fix any issues on the deck.

- Clear the deck of potted plants. Even homeowners who intend to use their decks in winter should remove potted

plants from the deck in the fall. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that moisture can get trapped between deck boards and plastic, wood or ceramic containers in cold weather, and that can contribute to mildew, discoloration or decay.

- Store unnecessary furniture. Homeowners who like to sit on their decks in winter will no doubt want to leave some furniture out over the winter. But those with lots of furniture for entertaining guests can likely move the majority of that furniture into a garage or shed for the winter. HGTV notes that doing so will prevent the potential formation of blemishes on the deck that can result from inconsistent weathering.

- Remove snow, but do so carefully. Prolonged contact with snow and ice can damage a deck. As a result, homeowners should clear snow from their decks when accumulation is significant. HGTV recommends using a snow blower on the deck to avoid scarring. If a shovel must be used, push snow with the planks to reduce the risk of damaging the deck.

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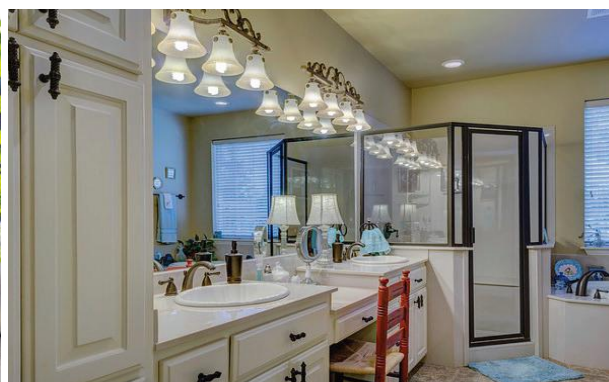
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# Colleges Celebrate Democracy Day

## Marks Inauguration of Miller Center for Leadership

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) are partnering to kick off a five-part leadership and voter education series entitled 'Informed, Engaged, Empowered = Ready - Set - VOTE!' on Sept. 15 - International Democracy Day - with the inauguration of the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership. The series of virtual community-focused events to promote voter education, civic engagement and personal empowerment are a collaboration between the center, CSM's Equity and Inclusive Diversity Office and Student Life Department; and SMCM, the Center for the Study of Democracy and SMCM Student Activities Department. The events are aimed to prepare students and the Southern Maryland community for the upcoming elections.

CSM established the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership a year ago in September to support students, faculty and rising community leaders who demonstrate and inspire leadership in others. Maryland's Sen. Miller was the nation's longest serving state senate president, having been a member of the Maryland Senate since 1975 and serving as the president of the Maryland Senate from 1987 to January 2020. A resident of Calvert County, the Senate President Emeritus continues to serve District 27.

"Imagine being a young person today, trying to find your footing and make sense of the world amid chaotic public discourse and polarized news sources," CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy said at a fundraising event last fall that



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established an endowment in Miller's honor to support the center. "Imagine being a college whose charge is to support young people as they learn to reconcile contradictory ideas in a culture that gives as much credence in opinion as in fact. In our current environment, helping students grapple with complexity and learn that there can be multiple valid perspectives on issues

is becoming increasingly difficult."

During the series' kick off Sept. 15, students will hear a message from Miller on leadership and his lessons for bridging political divides with a focus on how all citizens can work together for the good of our communities. Student leaders from CSM and St. Mary's College of Maryland will then share thoughts on unity and the future of American Democracy in a panel moderated by the center's director, CSM Communication Professor Denise Gilmer-Knudson and Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy Dr. Antonio Ugues.

The 'Informed, Engaged, Empowered = Ready - Set - VOTE!' series continues with a National Voter Registration Day virtual event Sept. 22 hosted by the Calvert County League of Women Voters entitled "Your Vote. Your Choice. Your Future." On Oct. 8, CSM and SMCM will virtually host "A Pledge to Truth and Civility" that focuses on the need for media literacy and civility in public discourse and an Oct. 22 event entitled, "Liberty and Justice for All? The History of Voting Rights in America." The series concludes Nov. 10 with "Indivisible: A Post Election Debrief."

"We do not know what the results of the 2020 presidential election will be, but we do know that many of our neighbors will celebrate, and many will be frustrated—perhaps feeling despair," shared Anderson about the series' final event. "Our last moderated session will enable CSM and SMCM faculty, staff and students to come together again to process thoughts and feelings

about the election process and results and to begin to envision a positive path forward as one community."

The Sept. 22 and Nov. 10 events are for CSM and SMCM's student, faculty and staff. The three other events will be open to the public.

The CSM Foundation has established an endowment in Miller's name that funds, in part, the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Leadership Academy which provides a framework agreed upon by the Maryland Community College Activities Director's Association (MCCADA), that will help students become engaged leaders.

"Upon successful completion of the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Leadership Academy, students will receive a CSM Certificate of Completion and be eligible to apply for the Maryland Community College Leadership Certification, a statewide recognition of exceptional leadership skills in Maryland community college students awarded by Maryland Community College Activities Director's Association (MCCADA)," explained Gilmer-Knudson.

About the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership: The purpose of the Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership is to serve and connect the College of Southern Maryland and surrounding region by offering leadership training and other opportunities to develop student and community leaders who contribute to their local and global communities. For more information, visit [www.csmd.edu/community/miller-center-for-leadership/](http://www.csmd.edu/community/miller-center-for-leadership/).

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# THE RULE OF 72

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Financial planning involves strategy. Basically, you need to plan how to get to where you want to go and how long it will take you to get there. If this involves retirement, planning should encompass both your current and your anticipated lifestyle. If this involves financing a child's college education, planning involves setting aside sufficient funds in savings to pay tuition, books and living expenses when your child needs the money.

But, how do you calculate how long it will take to get to your goals? The easiest way is to use the "Rule of 72". The Rule of 72 is a handy rule used in finance to estimate quickly the number of years it takes to double a sum of capital given an annual interest rate, or to estimate the annual interest rate it takes to double a sum of money over a given number of years.

Simply, dividing 72 by the rate of return on your investments equals the approximate number of years it will take for your money to double. Or, dividing 72 by the number of years you have until you need to use the money you have set aside equals the rate of return you need to have on your investments.

For example, David and Susan have saved \$10,000 towards their six year old child's college education. They want to know how long it will take them to double that amount. Their daughter is 6 years old. Assume she will need the money to go to college when she is 18. That's 12 years of saving. 72 divided by 12 equals a 6% rate of return on their investments. In other words, David and Susan need to obtain a six percent rate of return on their investments for 12 years to double their savings to \$20,000. That means no spending from the college account and reinvestment of all dividends and interest for the period of 12 years.

The Rule of 72 can also be used to calculate the effect of inflation. If college tuition increases at 5% per year, tuition costs will double in 72 divided by 5 or about 14.4 years. Think about it. That means David and Susan need to save much more money for college than they might at first have anticipated.

The Rule of 72 is a simple math shortcut to estimate the effect of any growth rate. The formula is "years to double equals 72 divid-

ed by interest rate." The results you achieve, a doubling of growth shows you the tremendous effect of compounding interest.

What is compound interest? For example, start with \$1 at 10% interest. At the end of one year you have \$1.10 and at the end of year 2 you have \$1.21. The dime earned in the first year starts earning money on its own (a penny). Next year add another dime that starts making pennies, along with the small amount the first penny contributes. Ben Franklin, said by some to be the inventor of the Rule of 72, apparently said: "The money that money earns, earns money."

Compound interest is deceptively small, cumulative growth that is very powerful. No wonder that Einstein is reputed to have called it one of the most powerful forces in the universe.

Don't let the rule of 72 work against you, as it does when you take on high interest debt. At an average interest rate of 18%, the credit card debt doubles in just 4 years (18 X 4 equals 72), quadruples in only 8 years, and keeps escalating with time. The first rule of your financial plan should be to pay off all high interest credit card debt and avoid it like the plague.

Using the Rule of 72 will help you figure out what you need and for how long. Compound interest will be the way you get there. These simple concepts provide the basics of financial planning. Let the Rule of 72 work for you by starting saving now. At a growth rate of 8% per annum, you would double your money in 9 years (8 X 9 equals 72), quadruple your money in 18 years and have 16 times your money in 36 years. No wonder financial planners advise 20-year olds to start a savings plan. Over time, with compound interest, even a small amount of savings consistently set aside when you are in your twenties could make you a millionaire by the time you are retired. But, even if you are older, compound interest works for you and you are never too young or too old to save.

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## *A View From The* **BLEACHERS**

### **EPITAPH ON HUMANITY**

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
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The texts and emails arrived in mass last week. Daniel Snyder, overlord of the Washington Football Team, was back in the news – always a bad thing – and a volley of ill-intended friends of other NFL persuasions wanted to ensure that I, longtime fan of the team, was aware. I was easy prey; it was a familiar wound to peck.

Twenty years into Snyder's abysmal ownership, such occurrences have become cliché. The ribbings from opposing fans have ceased to cause irritation. After all, how could they resist? Snyder's been a treasure trove of botched coaching hires, obnoxious free agent signings, odd front office structures and disgraceful on-field performances. The incompetence is just too tempting to ignore.

But Snyder has gone next-level embarrassing this offseason. First, after receiving pressure from big corporate sponsors (threats to his precious bottom line), he had to move on, kicking and screaming, from the team's racially insensitive (being kind here) nickname. Snyder's years of foolish defiance of the inevitable left him so ill-prepared that his team will now play nameless this season.

After this debacle, a raging feud between Snyder and his minority owners was exposed - the tiff has one in a legal wrangle with Snyder and others so fed up with him that they are seeking to sell their stakes.

Worst of all, though, are the growing reports of a deep, systemic organizational culture that permitted rampant incidents of sexual harassment and sowed a hostile, demeaning work environment for female employees. The Washington Post first exposed the moral rot within Snyder's franchise in a July expose. It has proven to be the tip of an ugly iceberg, as last week, The Post published an expansive follow-up chronicling more boorish, disgusting behavior. In all, 40 women have made various allegations – propositions, verbal abuse and salacious outtake videos from a swimsuit calendar shoot - against some of the highest ranking men in the organization, including Snyder himself.

It would be easy to lay this all at the feet of Snyder, slap him with the Scarlet letter and feel good that justice was served to society's great

amoral villain. The uncomfortable reality is that what happened in Snyder's organization is too common, and with creeps like Larry Nassar and Harvey Weinstein, among many others, this feels like just the latest chapter in human indecency. And these are just examples of how women are treated; what about our ongoing struggles with racism or the disgusting predation of children by the likes of Jerry Sandusky and evil doers in the Catholic Church?

If humans suddenly vanished and the epitaph on our species was written today, it would be "They had so much potential." When the next advanced Earth inhabitants or aliens sift through our artifacts, they will be puzzled by humans' demise. They will discover our amazing technological advances - including the ability to live sustainably within the planet's resources, our great works of arts, the music of Louis Armstrong, Chuck Berry and the Rolling Stones, the deep thoughts of Eleanor Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr., the courage of Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, the imagination of Dr. Seuss and Steve Jobs and a widely documented moral code – various "good books," the seven deadly sins or Dangers to Human Virtue and the 10 Commandments (even reduced to two...and one added...by the brilliant George Carlin), among many others. It will all leave the beings analyzing human history asking, "How did they fail?"

Not as evident in the relics will be our susceptibility to tribalism and fear-based propaganda, our failure to address inconvenient existential threats, our obsession with differences and our inability to embrace our common humanity. There will be evidence of war but it will inadequately convey the depth of our compulsion to fight over territory, ethnic or racial dominance or whose god was cooler. Despite our brilliance and accelerating technological arc, humanity's legacy is its inability to tolerate, achieve equality, share vast resources and recognize our intertwined destiny – fatal flaws so illogical that it will shroud our ruin in mystery.

Hypothetically speaking, of course...for we are still here, and our ending remains mercifully unwritten.

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## Marilyn Ann Dixon McKay "Mary"



Marilyn Ann Dixon McKay "Mary", 96 of Hollywood, MD passed away on August 27, 2020 in Hollywood, MD. She was born on January 4, 1924 in Leonardtown, MD. Mary was the daughter of the late Viola Norris Dixon and Thomas Dixon. Mary was the loving wife of the late James Manning McKay whom she married on September 21, 1943 in Leonardtown, MD and who preceded her in death on December 9, 2008. Mary is survived by her children; Pat Murr (Bobby) of Adelphi, MD, Betty Johnson (Frankie) of Hollywood, MD, Jimmy McKay of Hollywood, MD, Cherry Price (Billy) of Leonardtown, MD, Beverly Ryan (John) of Derwood, MD, Tommy McKay (Laschelle) of Hollywood, MD, David McKay of Hollywood, MD, and Ed McKay (Laura) of Fairfax, VA, 27 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers Ralph Dixon, Thomas Dixon, grandson Jim McKay, III, and great-great granddaughter, Serenity Dare. Mary was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1942. She was the business owner of McKay's Supermarkets, which she and her husband Manning McKay started in 1948; along with Marilyn's Fine Fashions and The County Times Newspaper.

Mary was a member of the Maryland Food Dealers Board of Directors; Maryland Retailers Association Hall of Fame, and Catholic Daughters. Her hobbies included attending and watching the Baltimore Orioles Games, playing cards especially Pitch, with her family on Saturday nights. She loved her trips to New York to buy clothing for her dress shop.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 4, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father Ray Schmidt officiating, co-celebrating will be Fr. Keith Woods and Fr. John Dillon. Interment will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Hollywood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Murr, Joe Johnson, Ricky Hammett, Steve Hammett, Chris Ryan, Eric McKay, Justin McKay and Mitch McKay. Honorary pallbearer will be Robbie Murr.

Contributions may be made to St. John's Catholic Church, and School 43950 St. John's Road Hollywood, MD 20636 and Hollywood Vol. Fire Department, P.O. Box 7 Hollywood, MD 20636.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A.

Leonardtown, MD.

## Ernest Howard Jones



Ernest Howard Jones, 83, of Lusby, MD – passed away peacefully at home on August 23, 2020. He was born August 19, 1937 in Prince Frederick, MD, and was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, three sisters and one grandson. He is survived by his sons; Tony (Pam), Rodney (Christine), and Garth; his sisters; Rose Rush and Shelby Gibbons (Charlie); his brother; Jerry Jones (Ruth Ann); his 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and many wonderful nieces, nephews, and friends.

Ernest was the loving son of Edward Leo Jones and Edith Elizabeth Jones; loyal brother to Lucille Murphy, James E. Jones, Marie Schmidlen, Rose Rush, Lucy V. Willis, Wm. Claude Jones, Jerry Jones, and Shelby Gibbons. Raised with a tough work ethic and a strong faith in God, Ernest Jones believed that "A man should work every day, no matter what." From the 1940s through the 60s, he grew up with his brothers and sisters, working some of the largest tobacco farms in Calvert County, MD. He would later become an accomplished painter, working many years for the shipyard in Drum Point, followed by the Naval Service Weapons Center in Solomons, MD. In 1975, he began his own business, EJ's Paint Service, painting for both residential and commercial properties. It was often said by many in his trade, "Watch out! If you stand still too long, Ernest Jones will paint you!" Reluctantly, after 50 years of painting, he finally hung up his brushes, retiring in 2000.

Ever devoted to his family and friends throughout his lifetime, Ernest loved and cherished his sons, and adored his brothers and sisters. Fondly nicknamed "Uncle Bunk," he watched over his nieces and nephews, as if they were his own, and always looked forward to visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Over the years, he thoroughly enjoyed hosting countless family picnics, working in his workshop, being outdoors, having crab cakes at Stoney's, sipping on his coffee, and greeting family and friends who would stop by to visit.

Music was the love of his life! While Elvis Presley was, without question, his all-time favorite artist, the sounds of bluegrass, country, and gospel music could be heard playing throughout his home every day of the year! We will miss his warm, affectionate greetings, "Hey Brother!" "Hey An-

gell!" followed by a smile that would light up the room. Ernest Jones was a spiritual, loving man, so grateful to God for his many blessings. Always a treasure to his family and friends, he will remain forever in our hearts.

A memorial mass to celebrate the life of Ernest H. Jones will be scheduled for a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601; 1-800-LUNGUSA; Link: <https://www.lung.org>

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

## Mary Virginia Williams



Mary Virginia Williams, 80, of Prince Frederick passed away August 31, 2020 at her daughter's residence in Brandywine. She was born March 19, 1940 in Washington,

D.C., to George Harold and Mary Virginia (Fox) Boerckel. Mary was raised in Hyattsville and moved to Fairhaven as a teenager. She graduated from Southern High School in 1958. She was employed at Calvert Memorial Hospital in the billing department and later volunteered at the front desk for many years. Mary loved playing BINGO, shooting pool, gambling and playing the slot machines and poker. She was an avid sports fan and especially liked the Washington Redskins, Baltimore Orioles, and college football. Mary also enjoyed the beach, floating in the ocean, eating Creamsicles, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary was a very loving person who had a great sense of humor and the ability to make everyone feel special.

Mary is survived by her children James Richard Williams and wife Devra of Arnold, Mary Virginia "Candy" Butler of West River, Barbara Jean Reynolds and husband Allen of Owings, Susan C. Walker and husband Kenny of Brandywine, and Timothy Ray Williams and wife A'anna of Hertford, NC. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and siblings Pat Tull, Delores Simonds, Barbara Cawley, Regina Jameson, George Boerckel, David Boerckel, David Boerckel, Michael Boerckel, Chris Boerckel, Rosemary Bishop, and Joe Boerckel. She was preceded in death by her daughter Sarah Lynn "Peanut" Brown, grandson Zachery Chase O'Steen, brother Larry Boerckel, and sister Vickie Parker.

Visitation will be

Thursday, September 3, 2020, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

## Dylan Michael Smith



Dylan Michael Smith, 27, of Prince Frederick, MD, passed away on August 29th 2020 in Washington D.C. after a 4-year long battle with brain cancer.

Dylan was born at Anne Arundel Hospital to Shari and Carroll Smith on June 20th 1993. He worked as an elevator mechanic for 7 years at Schindler Elevators. He's been a member of Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department since 2008 and was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award, 15 Life Save Awards, 5 Green Cross Awards, 2 Medals of Courage,

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and a National Medal of Honor by the age of 23. In 2019, the Huntingtown Fire Department named their Rookie of the Year Award, the "Dylan Smith Rookie Firefighter of the Year Award" in his honor.

Dylan was born to be a fireman, and the only things he loved more than fighting fires were, his sister, his parents, his girlfriend, his dog and his friends. He was a hero through and through, and he changed the lives of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was the most selfless, noblest, funniest, loudest, most child-like man this world has seen. He requested that his loved one's cheer on the Orioles and the Titans for him in the coming years.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Barbara and Carroll Smith.

He leaves behind his sister, Hope; his parents, Shari and Carroll; his grandparents, Robert and Carol Young and David Stotler; the love of his life, Brittney Colliflower; their furry son, Brooks; and his godchildren, Charlotte Bittner and Brooks Montgomery.

Visitation will be Friday, September 4, 2020, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department, 4030 Old Town Road, PO Box 482, Huntingtown, MD 20639; Link: <https://www.hvfd6.org/>

Funeral service will be Saturday, September 5, 2020, 11 a.m. at the fire department.

Pallbearers will be Justin Bittner, Mike Montgomery Jr., Matt Montgomery, Josh Buckler, Kevin Kady, and Ty Lester.

Burial will be at Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens, 3270 Broomes Island Road

Port Republic, MD 20676.

Following the burial, a wake will be held at Huntingtown Fire Department. Attendees are encouraged to wear sports memorabilia, specifically Orioles and Titans, although Washington sports gear is strictly banned.

The remainder of the funds that were generously donated to help pay for Dylan's treatment as well as any funds that would have been spent on flowers for his funeral will be donated to Pediatric Brain Cancer Foundation.

## David Eugene Taylor



David Eugene Taylor, age 79, of White Plains, met the Lord on August 28, 2020. He was born June 19, 1941 in English, West Virginia to Lundy Sanders Taylor, Sr. and Ruth Ester Taylor. Dave was raised in Bartley, WV, played on the football team, and grad-

uated from Big Creek High School, War, WV, in 1960. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Sandra Sue Whitt Taylor, on September 4, 1960. They lived in Lanham, Gaithersburg, Severna Park, Oxon Hill, Catonsville, and White Plains, Maryland. Dave was the vice president of Direct Mail Advertising Company in Mount Rainier/Hyattsville, MD. In his leisure time, Dave enjoyed building construction, renovation, woodworking, and repairing nearly anything. He coached community club sports, assisted as an usher in many United Methodist Churches, served as a role model of humble integrity, and supported his wife's ministry in every way. He loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His Christian values, compassion for others, loving spirit, and devotion to God and his family, will be greatly missed. "Well done good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son David E. Taylor II

Surviving are his devoted and loving wife, Rev. Sandra Sue Whitt Taylor, Ordained Minister of the BW Conference, and daughter Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Cox and her husband Donald Cox, and daughter in law Teri Taylor. Also surviving are Grandchildren Samantha Meekins and her husband James, Danielle Cox, Joseph Cox and his wife Sarah, Cassidy Patrick and her husband Ryan, Kolby Taylor, Kirkland Taylor, and Kayla Taylor and Great Grandchildren Sophia Meekins, Isabella Meekins, and Leo Patrick, Brothers Lundy Sanders Taylor, Jr. and his wife Patricia, Claude Taylor and his wife Mary, sisters Mildred Wilson and her husband Tommy Joe, and Zelma Mast and her husband.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 3, 2020, 5-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral service will be Friday, September 4, 2020, 12 p.m. at .

Good Shepherd UMC, 305 E Smallwood Drive, Waldorf, MD 20602; Link: <http://gsumc.com>

Interment will be in Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd UMC, 305 E Smallwood Drive, Waldorf, MD 20602; Link: <http://gsumc.com>

## Juanita Mae Leonard



Juanita Mae Leonard, 59, of Chesapeake Beach, MD passed away at her home Thursday, August 27, 2020. Juanita was born March

15, 1961 in Cheverly, MD to Stanley and Naomi (Messineo) Leonard. She was raised in Capitol Heights, but has called Calvert County home for the past 20+ years. Here, she received her diploma, and kept a warm and loving home for her children and grandchildren. As a woman of simple pleasures, Juanita enjoyed a strong cup of coffee, cooking, and spending quality time with her family, especially her grandchildren. "Momma" or "Ma" to her children, "Nana" to her grandbabies, and "Nita" to friends and family, she was known for making you feel at home and never let you leave hungry. She never had much to give, but she would give all she had. She was a true human being and left a legacy of warmth and love for all who knew her. Juanita is survived by her son Robert (Bobby) White, and wife Jessica, with grandchildren Jersi, Sonny, and Naomi; daughter Reina Andujar, with grandchildren Nicholas and Camilla; son Dominic Andujar; and son Jeremiah Long, with granddaughters Averyanna and Nevaeh; all of Chesapeake Beach, MD. She is also survived by her brother Stanley Leonard, Jr. and wife Darlene, of North Beach; brother Calvin Leonard and wife Judy, of Deale; brother Richard Leonard and wife Beth, of Upper Marlboro; sister Lisa (Leonard) McDonald and husband Ricky, of Chesapeake Beach; brother Bryan Leonard and wife Stacie, of Golden Beach; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her brother Ralph Louis Leonard, daughter Christina Marie Andujar, and granddaughter Amelia Rose White.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Christina Marie Robbins



Christina Marie Robbins, 34, of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland passed away on August 27, 2020 in Prince Frederick Maryland. Christina was born on January 30, 1986 in Cheverly, Maryland to the late Sarah Margaret Creighton and Dale Michael Robbins, Sr. She grew up in Calvert County and attended Calvert County Public Schools.

Christina and Jesse knew each other when they were younger but had not spoke nor seen each other for years until the reunited-on Facebook. They started talking to each other, then dating and eventually got married. They were best friends.

Christina is survived by her husband, Jesse Robert Buchholz, mother

of Emma Rose and Lily Grace Flynt, her father Dale M. Robbins, Sr. She is also survived by her Grandmother Rosalie K. Robbins and two half-brothers, Dale M., Jr. and Devin Sloan Robbins. Christina was also preceded in death by her Grandfather, Coy Robbins, Sr.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Jack Bradley Nicholson



Jack Bradley Nicholson, 62, a long-time resident of Deale passed away August 25, 2020. He was born January 10, 1958 in Annapolis to Lavania Jane (Campbell) and

George Heritage Nicholson, Jr. Jack was raised in Deale Beach and graduated from Southern High School in 1976. He was employed as a carpenter with Nicholson Brothers, working alongside his father and uncle. He was also employed with Jackson Enterprise for many years. In his spare time, Jack enjoyed fishing, hunting, crabbing, attending bike rallies, and listening to Motown and classic country music. He was also a member of the South County Moose Lodge.

Jack is survived by his brother George H. Nicholson III of Jessup, sisters Julie Ann Nicholson and her husband John Gaskin of Lothian, and Sandra Lee Alderson and her husband Mike of Chester. He is also survived by his niece and nephews George IV, Mike Jr., Martin, and Erica, as well as numerous cousins, extended family members, and friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 5, 2020, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Edwin DeJesus "Chapo" Correa



Edwin DeJesus "Chapo" Correa, 33, of Owings passed away suddenly on August 24, 2020. He was born August 1, 1987 in Washington, D.C., to Jose Luis and

Maria D. (Rodriguez) Correa. Chapo grew up in Calvert County and attended Northern High School, class of 2006, where he played linebacker and running back on the football team. He was a self-employed "mobile" barber



and worked at various barbershops in the area. Chapo was also employed as a boxing trainer at Sugar Ray Leonard Training Center in Palmer Park, MD and previously worked at King Sports in Los Angeles, CA. Chapo loved the sport of boxing and was an accomplished athlete and trainer. He also enjoyed dancing, music, cleaning and organizing, the water, going to the beach, traveling, and motorcycles. Chapo was also very stylish and enjoyed shopping for shoes. Chapo was a great father whose greatest joy was spending time with his family and kids.

Chapo is survived by his fiancé Bethany Stergiou, children Saylor Grace and Sebastian DeJesus Correa, stepchildren Sophia Brooks and Solomon Williams, parents Jose and Maria Correa, and siblings Jose S. Correa, Osvaldo "Cuqui" Diaz, Linda Diaz, Jose Sevilla, Margarita Correa-Weis and her husband Michael Weis, Angelica Correa-Smith and her husband Troy Smith, Marisol Correa and Benjamin Johnson, Luzdelia "Lucy" Correa-Schantz and her husband Joseph J. Schantz II, and Migdalia "Mimi" Correa-Dennis and her husband Andrew B. Dennis. He is also survived by his nephew Adalberto "Chulo" Leonardo and niece Loryel Diaz-Lentz, as well as many other nieces, nephews, and cousins. Chapo was preceded in death by his sister Detra Martin and niece Lauryn Santiago.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Charles William Allen Hanners (Chuck)



Charles William Allen Hanners (Chuck), age 72, of Owings, MD passed away on August 22nd, 2020 surrounded by his wife Beverly and brother

James. He was born on May 11th, 1948 in Columbus, Ohio, first born son of Charles and Wanda, brother to Linda (Guy) Latham of Greenville, SC., Patrick (Grace) Hanners of Huntingtown, MD, and James Hanners of Huntingtown, MD, loving husband of 38 years to Beverly Hanners, and nurturing father to Ann (Rex) Newton, of Chesapeake Beach, MD, Morgan Hanners of Ogden City, UT, and Amy (Mark) Dick of Frankford, DE, grandfather to Jacob, Jeremy, Hattie, Braden, Lydia, Liam, Grayson, and great grandfather to Carolina.

Chuck graduated from Duvall High School in 1966 and Bowie State Teachers College in 1970. Upon graduation

from Bowie State Teachers College, he worked for Prince Georges County Board of Education as a Special Education Motor Development teacher for 38 years. Although he initially retired in 2001, the Board of Education reached out to him requesting his services in the same capacity. He returned to work for another 8 years, primarily due to the love and caring he had for his special students thru 2009. His love and caring was not limited to his special students. His love and devotion to family and society started at a very early age. At age 6 he helped his mother with the moving of his 3 year old sister Linda and his baby brother Pat from Columbus Ohio to New York, and the long flight to Germany where his father was recently stationed. In the 70's, taking on numerous part time jobs to make sure there was food on the table for his children, starting up one of the first summer soccer camps for the children in Bowie, MD, and taking his children across the country to discover their roots with their ancestors in Oregon. He never stopped moving forward and taking care of others including neighbors, friends and family.

In 1982 Chuck married Beverly Dixon and his life changed dramatically; he had found a partner in life who also accepted the responsibilities of helping Chuck raise his three children. As Beverly was a Special Education Teacher, there was not only a professional bond but an emotional bond that lasted the rest of his life. After his final retirement in 2009, Chuck expanded his activities. He continued to fix and refurbish anything especially if it involved an engine, he even learned and became a proficient banjo player and continued to provide 24/7 care for his mother and father who were in their 80's.

Two of Chuck's joys of life were being with family and spending time with his wife Beverly at their beach house in Ocean City.

Memorial contributions may be made to I Am ALS, Link:

<https://iamals.org>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Isabelle Alberta Moreland Watson



Isabelle Alberta Moreland Watson, 94, passed away August 22, 2020 at Washington Hospital Center in the District of Columbia. Alberta was born February 17,

1926 in Dunkirk, MD to James Albert and Martha Jane Isabelle (Griffith)

Moreland. She attended the former Fairview School in Chaneyville, and graduated from Calvert High School in 1942. She went to Strayer Business School and then worked for the Internal Revenue Service from 1943 through 1947. On September 14, 1946, she married Murray Vernon Watson. They had one daughter and were married for 60 years. She was a devoted wife and mother, and enjoyed flowers, music, and being active in her church. She is survived by her daughter, Jane Murray Watson of Dunkirk, special friend Donovan Foster of Edgewater, nephews Jamie Fowler (Eileen), Bill Watson, and Steve Watson (Debbie), all of Dunkirk, great nieces Dana Langley (Larry) of Prince Frederick, and Tiffany Nickels (Rich) of Owings. She was preceded in death by her husband Murray V. Watson, and her sister Genevieve Fowler.

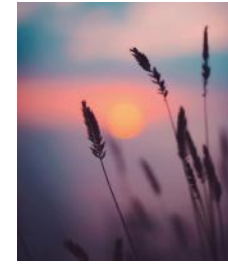
Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

The pallbearers for the August 29 funeral were e Donovan Foster, Bartley Wood, Terry Nobles, David Nobles, Tommy Miller, and Billy Barnes.

Memorial contributions may be made to Smithville United Methodist Church, 3005 Ferry Landing Road,

Dunkirk, MD 20754.

### Geary Alan Cox



Geary Alan Cox, 68, a long-time resident of Calvert County passed away August 22, 2020. He was born February 17, 1952 in Prince Frederick to Virginia (Jones) and


Jep Hugh Cox. Geary was employed as a craftsman and installer for Capital Doors. Geary was a very athletic person who enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles, and spending time with his family and friends. He will be remembered as a loyal, kind, and generous person with a great sense of humor.

Geary was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings Cheryl, Larry, and Mark Cox. He is survived by his niece Tonya R. Fowler, and great nephew Raymond Andrew Fowler.

A celebration of Geary's life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

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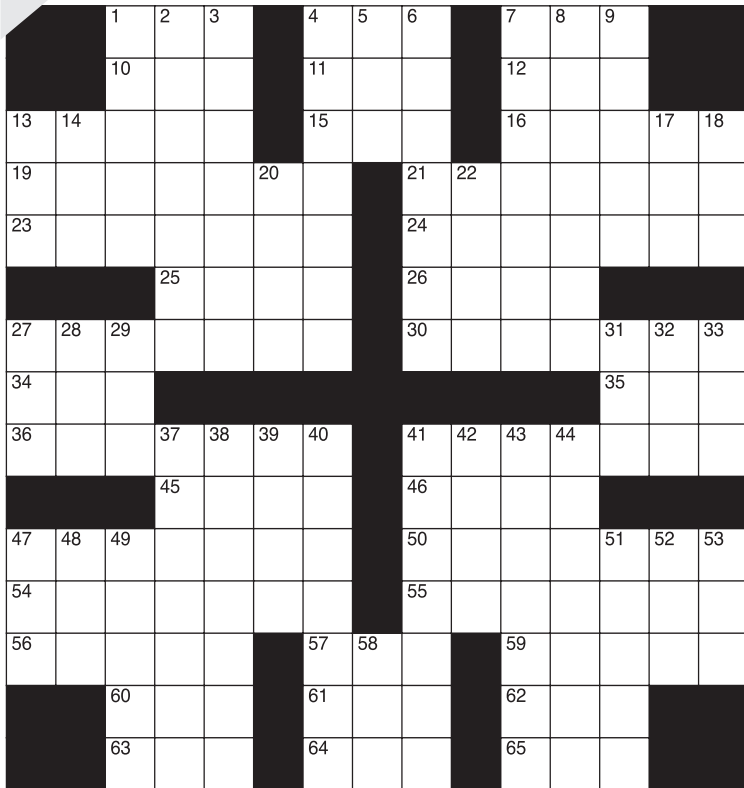
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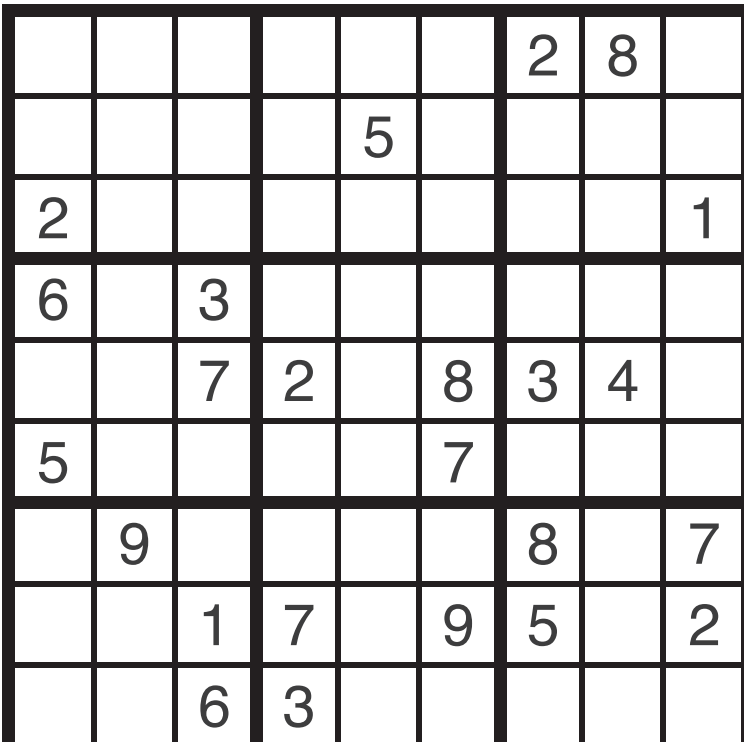
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- 4. Where a bachelor lives
- 7. Indicates near
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. It's just a number
- 12. Type of bread
- 13. Lively ballroom dance
- 15. Charles S. Dutton TV series
- 16. A way to use up
- 19. Singular event
- 21. Home of Disney World
- 23. Minerals
- 24. Most insightful
- 25. Consult
- 26. In addition
- 27. Agents of downfall
- 30. Organizations
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Dish soap
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Newspaper bigwigs
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Support

- 56. Popular sportcoat fabric
- 57. Take hold of
- 59. Pre-Mayan civilization
- 60. Woman (French)
- 61. Wheeled vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Cold War player (abbr.)
- 64. Pitching stat
- 65. Attempt

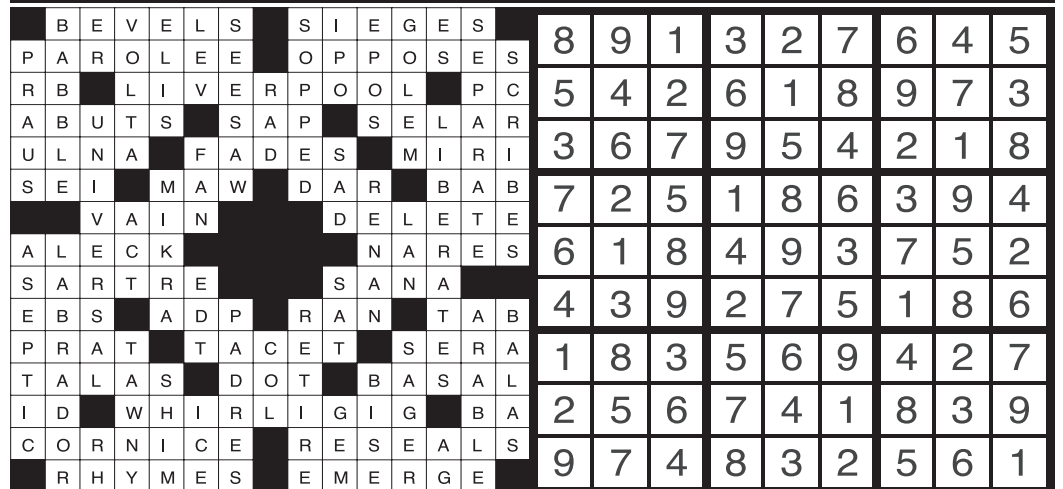
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Czech monetary unit
- 2. Arousing intense feeling
- 3. Elks
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Before the present
- 6. Figures out
- 7. Infinite
- 8. A low wall
- 9. Silly
- 13. Political organization
- 14. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 17. Divisions of the psyche
- 18. Denial
- 20. Ancient Iranian

- person
- 22. Count on
- 27. Popular sports league
- 28. Water (French)
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. When you hope to get there
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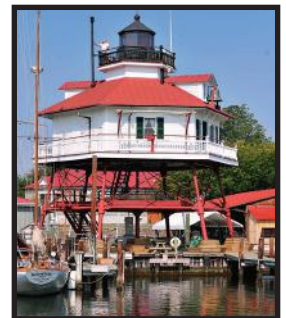
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