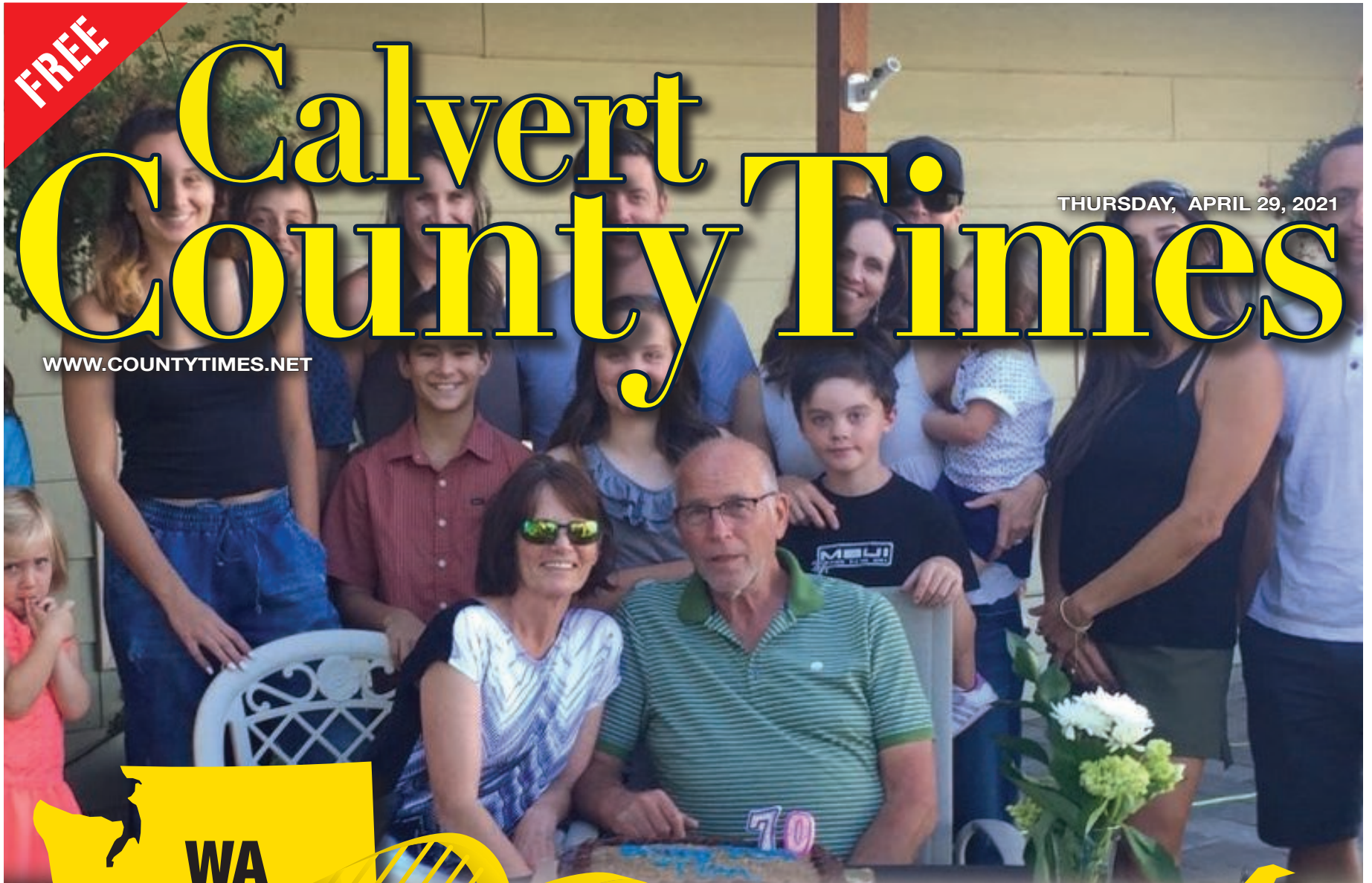


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COMMISSIONER MIKE HART CALLING FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

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Health Department Gets Supply of Pfizer Vaccine

Available for 16- and 17-Year Old's

By Dick Myers
Editor

"We are receiving, in conjunction with the hospital, a shipment of Pfizer vaccine," Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky told the county commissioners during an April 27 briefing. The health officer in his last report two weeks ago said he was only receiving the Moderna vaccine at the health department.

He said the Pfizer shipment "does two really important things. One, it increases the number of doses that we have locally. And the second is that now 16- and 17-year old's can be vaccinated with Pfizer. So, we've already begun discussions with the schools and in particular sports teams where we have seen a significant number of cases and outbreaks."

Polsky said his department has done outreach to the schools, recreation league travel teams and high school teams, as well as the business community.

"When we take a look at 65 plus ...we're doing a phenomenal job locally," he said. In the report two weeks ago there had been a decline in reported cases, but that flipped in the past two weeks, "primarily due to a rise in infections in children and teens, as well as adults, 36 to 55. All the reduction we saw the previous two weeks, we saw the numbers go right back up just a little bit above the baseline."

Polsky noted that a number of colleges are requiring vaccinations before returning for in-person in the fall. "Because this may be the last batch of Pfizer we get for who knows how long we want to make sure that we reserve some for those who really need this vaccine."

He said they are doing drive through clinics four days a week this week. Also, now those desiring to be vaccinated can go on



Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky

www.calvertcountymd.gov/vaccine and get an immediate appointment time. Those needing assistance can call 410-535-0219.

During the meeting Commissioner Mike Hart decried the lack of funding the message about healthy eating and exercise. He said, "78 percent of the people hospitalized for COVID were overweight or obese. Why is that such a hard narrative to get out to people?"

Hart quipped, "It's just, well, go get a shot and go back to eating 20 cheeseburgers and sit on the couch and you'll be okay."

Polsky agreed. "Public health has been for years starved for funding. You can't make money

off of helping people be healthy."

The health department still remains the number one dispenser of the vaccines, with a total of 29,605, of which 12,074 were the second shot.

CalvertHealth Medical Center and CVS virtually tied for second with about 7,000 each, followed by Giant with 5,033.

Countians have gone all over seeking shots, including the mass vaccination sites. The most popular has been Six Flags, with 3,777 shots administered to Calvert County residents.

Polsky noted the lifting of the ban on Johnson & Johnson's single dose vaccine. Regarding the small number (15) of reported blood clots after taking the vaccine, Polsky observed, "all occurred in women and 13 of the 15 occurred in women under age 50."

So, his advice, "You're seven times more likely to die from COVID if you're a woman in your 20's than you are to get a blood clot from that vaccine. That having been said, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have shown no blood clots after we put up 400 million doses in this country. So,

if I was counseling my patient, I would say that if the Moderna or Pfizer is available and you're female and you're under 50, and that takes away that risk."

Polsky also advised against listening to all the chatter on social media. "People are making decisions that impact not just their health, but potentially their lives or the lives of people around them. I'm not here to force anybody to get the vaccine, but it's important to me as a physician and as a public health practitioner, that people should be making informed decisions. And you cannot make an informed decision if you don't have good information. And so, people, if they're hesitant, should talk to their doctor. They should talk to the nurse practitioner, get information, not just what floats around on the website."

The health officer said, "I can't emphasize enough how important it is for people's individual health and how important it is as a humane gesture to others that you don't want to be the vector of transmission that could cause somebody else to get very sick."

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Lawmakers Discuss ‘Extremely Weird Session’

Decry Lack of Public Contact

By Dick Myers
Editor

Senator Michael Jackson (D:27) summed it up for the Calvert County legislative delegation: “This is the most unusual session that we’ve all partaken in.”

Senator Jack Bailey (R:29) agreed. “Jackson is a hundred percent right. It was an extremely weird session.”

The comments came at a virtual post-session briefing by the delegation to the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce two days after the session ended. The April 15 confab in normal times would have been an in-person breakfast.

Bailey added, “It was painful, not being able to have our constituents with us, not being able to just get their daily feedback. I have to say painful because that’s something that the process really needs. We need to have that interaction, with the stakeholders, with the community. We were talking, unfortunately, like we are today, on a computer.”

Bailey insisted, “We have to work very diligently to get back to normal. Being up there in the Senate in those, we called them the hamster cages that we were stuck in, where you couldn’t hear anybody to ask a question. It was extremely disheartening to sit in there by yourself where if you wanted to talk to your neighbor, you had to call them on the phone.”

Delegate Jerry Clark said, “It was fast and furious and very interesting in the way we



Delegate Mark Fisher.

operated, with half of us in the chambers, half of us in the House Office Building.”

At one point in the meeting Chamber Board Chairman Mark Frisco expressed concern about the lack of interaction this session between the legislators and his group. “What can we do better? Is there a better approach that we can take?” he asked.

Clark said, “There were minimal opportunities for our constituents to testify on bills, even though we were virtual. I know that was very challenging.”

Delegate Mark Fisher said, “We have found too in Annapolis there’s a disconnect between the state chamber and the local chambers. The state chamber is lobbying for crony capitalist bills that benefit only big

businesses to the detriment of small businesses. And the local chamber is more of an advocate for the small businesses. And so, the state chamber is intentionally not communicating with the local chambers as to what they are doing, and that I can tell you is 100-percent correct.”

Fisher charged the Democratic controlled legislature restricted the times constituents could sign up to testify. “The purpose of the rule was to limit any kind of testimony from the public and it is wholly unconstitutional,” he said.

Fisher observed that the 2021 session was really an extension of the legislature’s 2020 session that concluded at the pandemic’s start.

“They really are interrelated because it’s hard to look at one of those sessions and say, well, given the first pandemic in more than 100 years, somehow we should only look at one session and be fair and actually talk about it,” Fisher said.

Fisher noted the legislature was kept in session in 2020 “because the teacher’s union wanted to push down the Kirwan bill, which they did as the largest tax increase in Maryland’s history.”

“And then they included in that the digital download tax. So, we passed a tax on people who have to work remotely and learn remotely. The governor vetoed that, of course.”

“And then that brings us to 2021.” He said the first order of business was to override

the governor’s veto of those two tax bills.

He said of this year’s session, the priorities instead should have been, “to get schools open, which I know Calvert County is working towards.”

Fisher noted that the public-school attendance this year had dropped dramatically. “The reason they have dropped out of the schools is because the parents have made the choice to send their children to private schools from public schools, because the public schools have been closed. And I believe as a principled conservative that the money should follow the student and the student should have the right, especially when government schools are closed, to go to a school that is open, a private school of their choice.”

The delegation has three Republicans and two Democrats. Delegate Rachel Jones, a Democrat, was appointed to replace then delegate Jackson when he was appointed to the Senate seat of the late former Senate President Mike Miller. Jackson took his new seat on session opening day, but it was several weeks old before Jones was seated. So, both lawmakers had to contend with new positions in addition to everything else related to the pandemic.

During the Chamber session Jones remained attendees that there were indeed those with other opinions in Republican majority Calvert County. The Calvert native says she will strive to represent both sides.

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Golf Course Clubhouse Concept Plan Approved

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission has approved the concept site plan for the proposed new clubhouse at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course (CHGC) in Lusby.

According to a staff report presented to the commission at their April 21 meeting, “The golf course and clubhouse were constructed in the 1960s and purchased by Calvert County in 2008. Renovations of the clubhouse were originally included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), but later removed. A Master Plan for the renovation of the clubhouse was developed in FY2012, and then removed from the CIP in FY2014 due to funding constraints. Plans for the clubhouse rebuild were eventually added back into the CIP for FY2020. The current plans are for an 8,149 square foot clubhouse building and outdoor patio situated where the old clubhouse once stood.”

Plans for the new clubhouse accelerated when the former clubhouse suffered extensive water damage leading to mold and was deemed not useable. The building has since been burned down in a training exercise and a mobile facility is serving as the temporary clubhouse until a new facility is built.

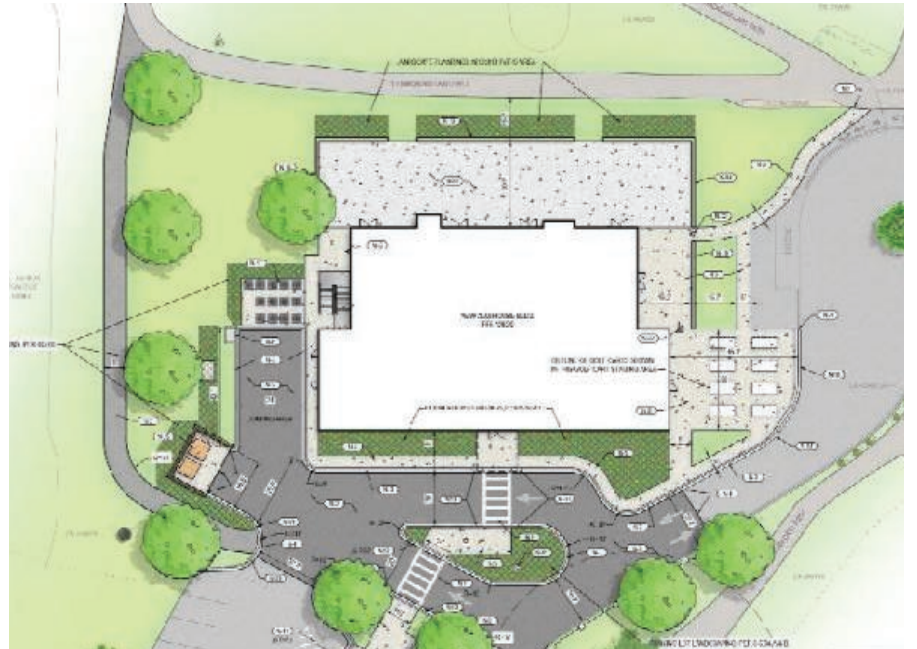
The lack of a permanent clubhouse is deemed a deterrent to the golf course’s financial success, according to county staff.

The new facility would be on central water and sewer, although it is yet to be determined whether the water would come from the Chesapeake Ranch Estates system or one owned by the county across the street in the industrial park.

According to the staff report, the golf course is on 143.42 acres off H.G. Trueman Road. The new clubhouse would consume about an acre of that.

The clubhouse would include a grille and banquet facility, with a capacity of 136 people. Existing parking more than meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance and most of that parking will be retained with the new facility.

The staff report adds, “There are no sensitive environmental features within proximity to the limits of work, except for a single Specimen Tree (30” diameter at breast height). The tree is located between the green of the 18th hole and the existing parking lot and is not proposed to be impacted or removed. Protective measures for the tree will be part of the Forest Conservation Plan and Sediment and Erosion Control Plan. The site is in the Mill



Concept Plan for proposed Chesapeake Hills Golf Course Clubhouse.

Creek watershed, which drains to the Patuxent River, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.”

Since the building is not located in the Lusby Town Center, no architectural review is required.

Director of Parks and Recreation Shannon Nazzal told the county commissioners at their April 27 meeting that the price tag for the clubhouse is

\$3.8 million and groundbreaking was scheduled for Sept. 21.

“I feel very confident that can be achieved,” said Commissioner Mike Hart.

The Conceptual Site Plan, which is step one of a three-step process, was unanimously approved by the planning commission.

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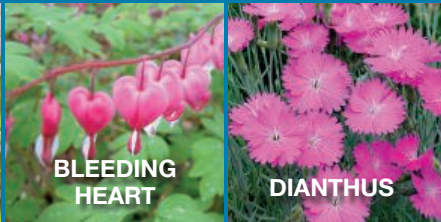
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Report Shows Progress on Commissioner Guidance

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) received a status report on April 27 on progress being made on the 10 Commissioner Guidances established last year. The report from County Administrator Mark Willis showed progress being made in 26 goals contained within those 10 broad categories and four of the goals completed.

Some of the categories listed as "In Process" had subareas that were completed.

Willis noted, for instance, that in the Parks and Recreation Department, "There is so much going on. They are spread around the county."

Willis observed that the progress showed that the county staff remained active even during the pandemic.

"It's really a team effort," Willis insisted.

The following is those actions that have been completed and those deemed still "In Process."

Complete

- TS received approval to reorganize in March 2021 and immediately began implementation. This created a dedicated cybersecurity team and rebalanced the workload in other teams to streamline the organization
- The Department of Public Safety has hired all planned paramedics for FY21
- Establish and fund in-house veterinarian to support the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter to create a more efficient working environment and to better support the animals at the facility, and the public. The veterinarian was approved and hiring is in process.

The BOCC established the new VAC (Veteran's Advisory Commission)

In Process

- Add additional BOCC meetings, including one evening per month or quarter.
- Expand operations of Channel 6 to effectively communicate government services.
- Enhance the Calvert County Government information Dashboard, CalvertStat, by providing important and relevant statistics to the citizens of Calvert County.
- Expand and complete full build-out of Comcast cable services in the community
- Continue to expand workforce housing opportunities.
- In mid-February, the Community Resources Director participated in the final Maryland State Housing Advisory Board meeting sharing the results of the State's Needs Assessment
- Evaluate the various Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Use Tables that currently restrict the types of businesses that are permitted in areas outside of the Town



County Administrator Mark Willis

Centers.

- Continue to identify ways to enhance and improve tourism opportunities!
- Stabilize and beautify the Lore Oyster House/preservation
- Continue to identify ways to enhance and improve Agri-Tourism opportunities
- Reorganize Technology Services (TS) to establish cybersecurity team and streamline technology support and operations
- Educate the community on the importance of cybersecurity.
- Complete 800-mhz project; identify a firm to manage this effort, including leasing space on towers. Includes water towers
- Enhance and complete EMS buildout.
- Establish funding formula for Sheriff's Office to create agreed-upon funding criteria for more efficient planning for known funding and future operations
- Improve quality and number of fields, improve lighting (Ward Farm).
- Improve quality and number of fields, improve lighting (Dominion Energy Regional Park).
- In process: Improve quality and number of fields, improve lighting (Lighting Upgrades).
- Improve quality and number of fields, improve lighting (Dunkirk, Ward Farm & Cove Point Parks - Field Quality).
- Construct Chesapeake Hills Club House Design
- Re-establish the Board of Education funding formula to create agreed-upon funding criteria for more efficient planning and future operations
- Create a local commission to engage the community on veterans' affairs and advise the BOCC on related veteran matters
- Work with the Tri-County Council to identify the mechanisms to explore regional feasibility
- Road infrastructure targeted for improvement.

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Governor Announces 'No Arm Left Behind'

Governor Larry Hogan has launched a series of "No Arm Left Behind" initiatives, which involve every state agency, private industries, and every demographic in an all-hands-on-deck effort to make sure that every Marylander who wants a vaccine can get access to one as quickly as possible. These initiatives will target seniors, college and university students, and the state's largest employers.

"Our goal throughout this massive effort has remained the same—to provide a vaccine to every single Marylander who wants one," said Governor Hogan. "We truly are close to that light at the end of the tunnel. Those of you who have not yet been vaccinated, please go get a vaccine as quickly as you can. Do it for yourself, do it for your family, do it for your friends, and do it so that all of us can put this global pandemic behind us."

The governor announced this new series of initiatives as the state surpassed 4 million vaccinations. Maryland ranks 12th in the nation for vaccinating its total population and is outpacing the national average in all of the key vaccination metrics.

• **Expanded Walk-Up Lines.** The State of Maryland is expanding no-appointment necessary opportunities at mass vaccination sites, adding walk-up lines at the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital for Baltimore City residents, Greenbelt Metro Station, and Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Walk-up times and vaccination



capacity may vary, and individuals should be prepared to wait depending on demand.

• **Mobile Clinics.** The State of Maryland continues to expand the deployment of mobile clinics, utilizing both federal and state resources. The state has facilitated more than 50 mobile clinics, mostly as part of closed pods through targeted outreach and has begun to hold walk-up mobile clinics, including today at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church in Greenbelt.

"NO ARM LEFT BEHIND" INITIATIVES

• **Direct Outreach to Seniors.** The state is redoubling its efforts to reach Maryland seniors, going county by county and zip code by zip code in an effort to get every senior vaccinated.

• **Completed or scheduled clinics at 98% of all senior housing facilities in the state**

• **Directly and proactively contacting more than 70,000 of the state's Medicaid recipients age 50 and older who have not received a vaccine and booking appointments for them.**

• **Conducting clinics at dozens of senior**

centers through partnerships with Rite Aid, Safeway, and Giant pharmacies

As the governor announced earlier this month, senior centers will be authorized to safely reopen for in-person activities as early as April 30.

• **College and University Students.** Everyone who studies at a Maryland higher education institution is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated.

• **Partnering with the Maryland Higher Education Commission to conduct direct outreach to campuses**

• **Blocking off and reserving appointments at mass vaccination sites specifically for college and university students, including 'university day' slots at the Greenbelt FEMA site for multiple schools**

• **Partnering with 42 public and private universities, colleges, and community colleges on a social media and ad campaign to get a vaccine to every student who wants one**

Brigadier General Janeen Birkhead, head of the Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force, announced that the state will partner with two HBCUs in the coming weeks:

• **Three-day-a-week clinic at Morgan State University for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community beginning on April 30**

• **Town hall and clinic at Bowie State University on April 26**

• **Partnership With Major Employers.** State health officials are partnering with

some of the largest employers in the state, including Southwest Airlines, Exelon, Comcast, Amazon, and others to get their workforces vaccinated as expeditiously as possible.

• **Continuing to conduct vaccine clinics for essential workers at manufacturers across the state**

• **Conducting outreach programs to Maryland's agricultural workers**

• **Expansion of Vaccine Support Call Center.** Maryland is enhancing the capabilities of its state call center, which has already taken more than 1.5 million calls to answer questions and book appointments for mass vaccination sites.

• **Providing direct assistance to Marylanders who need help getting a vaccine, particularly those who are homebound or who need transportation or technological assistance**

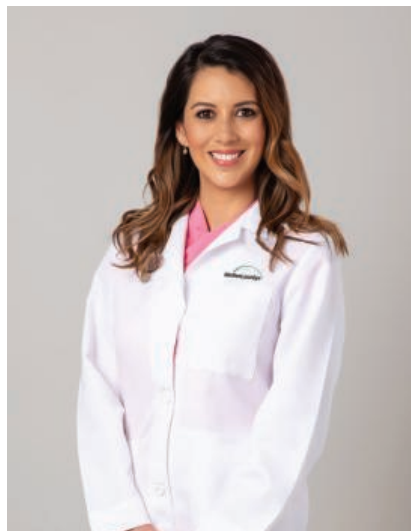
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Senior Centers to Reopen



The Department of Community Resources, Office on Aging (OOA), announces that all three Calvert County senior centers will reopen to the public on Monday, May 3, 2021, with limited programming.

"Senior centers are vital to keeping the older adults in our community engaged, active and connected, and we are excited to finally be able to reopen safely," said Community Resources Director Jennifer Moreland. "We appreciate everyone's patience during this past year and for all that citizens, staff and volunteers have done to support the well-being of our aging community during this challenging time."

Senior centers will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Social distancing procedures will be followed and face masks must be worn.

Meals will be served each day at noon. Reservations are required and will be accepted beginning Monday, April 26. The fee is \$5 for individuals between ages 50 to 59 and a suggested \$3 donation for those 60 years and older. Seniors may preregister to participate by contacting their senior center of choice.

Information and assistance will be offered at each center by appointment only. Limited exercise classes will also be offered, however fitness rooms will remain closed at this time.

Contact a senior center for more information and to register for available programs:

North Beach Senior Center (9010 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach) 410-257-2549

Calvert Pines Senior Center (450 W. Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick) 410-535-4606

Southern Pines Senior Center (20 Appeal Lane, Lusby) 410-586-2748

The OOA continues to offer virtual programming through a virtual senior center that features fitness lessons, nutrition tips, recipes, safety information and more.

Visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/VirtualSeniorCenter for virtual classes, lessons and activities designed especially for older adults and taught by Office on Aging staff and partners.

The OOA provides a broad range of programs and services that enable senior citizens to maintain the best possible quality of life.

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Press Release from Calvert County government.

Park Quest Takes Flight for 2021 Season

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the annual Maryland Park Quest returns for 2021, running from May 1 through Oct. 31. In this beloved annual tradition, more than 25 Maryland State Parks, will offer opportunities to engage families in outdoor activities to experience Maryland's vast cultural, historical, and natural resources on public lands and parks.

The 2021 Park Quest theme is "Spread Your Wings to Explore Maryland's State Parks," and many of the quests will help participants learn more about Maryland's birds.

As one of many adjustments to the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryland State Parks adapted the ranger-led group activities of Park Quest into "Do-it-Yourself" programs, many of which will continue in 2021 with new ones added. Participants can download and print Park Quest worksheets on the Maryland Park Service website.

Additionally there is no longer a Park Quest Passport or registration required,

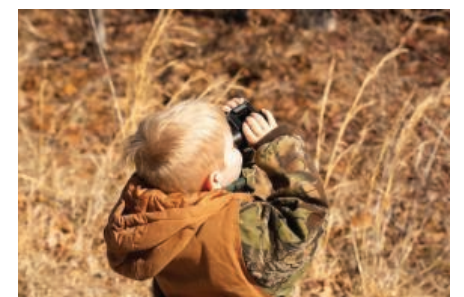


Photo by K Michael Lathroum, submitted to the 2019 Maryland Natural Resources Photo Contest

so this program is accessible to everyone! Participants will need to pay the appropriate day-use service charges at certain participating state parks.

Teams can take advantage of cabin and campsite reservations and spend a night or two under the stars as they explore the state's network of parks.

Additional information for this year's program, including the quest locations, can be accessed at the Park Quest webpage.

Press Release from MD DNR.

DNA Unites Father, Son After a Half-Century

By Dick Myers
Editor

The two men were separated by 2,710 miles and 53 years – one in Lusby and the other in Hanford, WA. The one in Lusby never knew who his biological father was. The one in Hanford, WA never knew he had another son. They were united by DNA.

“My sister and I, she had a separate father, were raised by our mom Dalene. We moved around a lot,” said Lusby resident Troy Christensen. That was mostly in Oregon, although they moved back and forth from California.

His mother always refused to tell him who his father was, inventing multiple stories that never added up for the young boy.

“I guess we had enough for what we needed. We didn’t starve, anything like that, but it was rough times,” Christensen said.

Things changed dramatically when his mother married his stepfather, Michael Christensen, who adopted him and his sister. “My sister and I both took on his last name. We were raised by him. He was a loving father. I loved him a lot. I was heartbroken when he passed away at age 56,” adding, “He had surgery and he didn’t wake up from the surgery.”

Life wasn’t bad for Troy growing up after his stepfather arrived on the scene when he was eight. “I spent a lot of time camping and fishing and where I lived there was a river nearby and I’d go riding my bicycle with my friends all over the neighborhood and we’d go fishing and inner tubing. We had a great time.”

Just short of finishing high school his parents’ video rental business went belly up and they declared bankruptcy and lost their house, but he was able to finish high school there.

He attended a local community college and while there got a scholarship to University of Portland. “It was a good engineering school. I spent two and a half years there and completed all my degree requirements in mechanical engineering,” he said.

“I always wanted to join the Air Force and I wanted to be a pilot, but I had a red/green color deficiency,” he explained. He didn’t feel he had much hope of achieving his dream but was encouraged to apply for officer training school and was accepted. He joined October 5, 1995 and was sent to school in Montgomery, Alabama.

His engineering background was the ticket. “I think that’s one of the reasons why I got accepted was my mechanical engineering degree.” He graduated as a second lieutenant and was assigned to Wright Patterson Air Force Base where he worked on the F-22 program, a structural engineer for the jet engines.

While there he got his first master’s engineering degree on a full scholarship.

It was also there that he met through a friend his future wife Melissa, who was professional ballet dancer for Cincinnati Ballet Company.

After he separated from the Air Force on December 30, 2003 their first child Zachary was born. “I felt I wanted to settle down. So, I got a job working at Pax River.” His Air Force experience allowed them to move to Maryland, where Melissa’s parents were living.



Tom in the Air Force

Since February, Troy has been working on the Presidential Helicopter Program at Pax River as chief engineer.

He went back to Oregon in 2005 for a family reunion and once again tried to get this mother to tell him who his father was. “I had asked her point blank . . . what she could tell me and she, at some point told me, I just need to forget about it.”

He added, “So I just tried to move on as best I could.” But “It was always in the back of my mind.”

He said, “I was sort of at peace with it until my half-sister told me that her biological father discovered that he had a son that he didn’t know about through ancestry.com. And so that sort of hit close to home for me. And I was like, well, if that’s possible, well maybe there is a chance.”

It was more than curiosity. He said, “Every time I would go to apply for a job, I’d have to produce that (birth) certificate and I’d look at it and once again, I don’t know who my real father was. And then there were the medical reasons. I’d like to know if there was anything, as I got older, that I should be worried about.”

He also would have liked for his children to know his side of the family.

“I think about everything I’ve accomplished, from having so little growing up to all the degrees, I got a second degree through a Naval postgraduate school,” he said.

“For some reason I had this drive to pursue it.”

So finally in May of last year he submitted his DNA to ancestry.com. He didn’t tell Melissa about it.

It took a while to process the results. Then on “August 12, 2020, I got the email saying my results were ready. So, I logged on to ancestry.com and checked. And it was really a surreal moment for me, because at the top of the list, there was this person, Tom Heinbigner. I was like, I don’t even know that name. It’s like, that’s odd. And then I looked at the rest of the data there and it said parent-child relationship is a hundred percent and I looked below. It showed these two other people, Mandy and Travis, I was close relationship with like a sibling,” he related.

Tom Heinbigner, 73, was retired and living a comfortable life in Hanford, WA with his wife Vicki. They had three successful grown children. As a Christmas present they had given him a subscription to ancestry.com and he had sent his DNA off, not particularly interested in his family tree, but



Troy in the Air Force

to please them.

When Troy got that email and read on down, he said, “I went back up and looked at Tom’s information again, and then it sort of clicked. I was like, whoa, that’s my dad. I was sort of floored. I never thought that would happen. I wasn’t expecting really to see anything, maybe some of the people on my mother’s side, but the odds that he would have actually been alive and would have submitted his results to ancestry.com. It was a blessing, a miracle for me.”

He googled the name. “I found one in California and that person was deceased. So, that sort of got my hopes crushed a little bit. They could maybe have passed away and I didn’t find them in time.”

But then on further research he found a second person by that name through a social media site that listed relatives, and two of them had the same names listed by ancestry.com, Mandy and Travis. He found Travis on LinkedIn, where he’s a member too. So, he contacted him and wrote, “I think your father is my father.”

Troy said, “He contacted his sister, Mandy and then we had a flurry of communication through LinkedIn and through Facebook Messenger initially. Then at some point they’re like, all right, this is real, we believe you, but we still want to do a paternity test just to make sure. I was fine with it because I wanted to make sure too.”

Travis and Mandy, who is an assistant attorney general for the state of Washington, did research and found a place in Waldorf where Troy could get a DNA test. They did the same thing on their end. “And then we got those results back and it said it was confirmed that he’s my dad to 99.999997 percent, something like that.”

Of course, the kids had to tell their father to get him to do his DNA paternity test.

Tom Heinbigner told The County Times, “My kids called me one day and all three of my kids were on the phone at once. And I thought, well, this is strange. They go, dad, we love you very much, but you’ve got another son. I go, Oh, B S, you know, I didn’t believe that at all because I knew nothing about Troy at all.”

The reason was he was never told by Troy’s mother and in fact, when shown her picture, doesn’t remember her. Based on the timeline he would have been in college at the time.

About those answers Troy was seeking when he set out to find his father, he said,

“Now it seems like a few of those pieces are answered because I see how successful Tom was and his children. It’s like, now I feel like I belong. That’s always been a big open hole for me in my life. It feels like I have some closure now.”

Both men marvel at the parallels in their lives. For one thing, both were in the Air Force. Tom was a pilot and served for six years.

After leaving the Air Force he went into the wheat ranch business with his father in Oregon. “And then I was hired on with Pacific Northwest national laboratory.” He stayed with them until his retirement in 2017.

Troy said of his first conversation with his new-found father, “It was wonderful. I was afraid initially that I wasn’t going to know what to say, talking to a complete stranger from this side of the country who was my long lost father at 51 years old. It was a shock to me, but he was kind and polite and Vicki was on the phone too. And we just had an enjoyable conversation, introducing each other to one another and talking a little bit about our life and our family. I realized right off, we had a lot of similarities, the fact that we both were in the Air Force, we were both engineers.”

Tom said, “It’s always been a really good conversation with Troy. He talked to our kids quite a bit initially, and then we set up a time that we confirmed.”

He added, “It’s surprising how much commonality there is between Troy’s family and ours. He was in the Air Force. I was in the Air Force. He was with the Navy too and my son’s in the Navy. His wife was a prima ballerina. My daughter was in ballet. We’re both Lutheran.” They spent a lot of time talking about their families.

Tom is already boasting about Troy. “He has all kinds of what I would call prestigious positions” he said, adding, “He’s a really, really sharp guy.”

Both families are looking forward to an in-person meeting when COVID-19 will allow it.

Tom said, “One of the things I don’t know how to approach is he hasn’t called me dad and I don’t think I qualify as that. Maybe biologically, but I certainly didn’t raise him and he turned out great without me. So, it’s just kind of a slow process. We’ve just been acquainting ourselves with him and we’re real comfortable talking to him now. It’s enjoyable.”

Troy pointed out that Tom and Vicki have their own children and that Michael Christensen raised him but “Tom is my father. Initially, I wasn’t comfortable with it, but now as to calling him father or dad, at some point I would like to be able to do that. It’s one of those things where he’d one day say, hey, why don’t you start calling me, dad? I’d be all over that. I just don’t want to be presumptuous, and I worry about how it would come across to Travis, Mandy, and Jared if I started referring to Tom as dad or pops. I don’t want to offend them either.”

But his new step-brothers and step-sister have been “very welcoming and friendly and I can’t wait to meet them someday. All of them.”

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of April 12 – April 18, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,411 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 2021-18889

On April 12, 2021, Deputy Burgraff responded to the area of Catalina Drive and Beach Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised a Takeuchi TB180 excavator had its left window completely shattered, a Komatsu WA270 loader's front window was cracked, a fire extinguisher had been discharged inside the cab of the loader and a section of fence had been knocked over. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1500.00.

Damaged Property: 2021-18930

On April 12, 2021, Deputy Lewis responded to the 200 block of Fairground Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised unknown suspects damaged her frog garden decorations. The value of damaged property is \$15.00.

Damaged Property: 2021-20168

On April 18, 2021, Deputy Lewis responded to the 300 block of English Oak Lane in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of arson. The complainant advised unknown suspects set fire to the community playground. Several pieces of equipment were discovered to have been partially burned. The value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

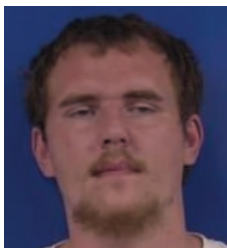
Damaged Property: 2021-20191

On April 18, 2021, Deputy Fox responded to the 4000 block of 15th Street in Chesapeake Beach, MD, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between April 16 and April 18, her flower pot and a ceramic yard bird had been cracked and a metal welcome sign was broken. The value of damaged property is \$50.

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Arrests

On April 14, 2021, Cpl. Denton conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of the McDonald's located at 515 Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD. While making contact with the passenger of the vehicle, **Robert Merton Pitcher III**, 26 of Prince Frederick, MD, Cpl. Denton noticed a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a syringe located in the trunk. A search of Pitcher's person revealed a Heroin capsule and two rolled \$20 bills covered with a white powdery substance, which he stated was Heroin. Pitcher was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center (CCDC). A secondary search was conducted once he arrived at the CCDC and revealed 26 additional Heroin capsules. Pitcher was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of



Robert Merton Pitcher III

Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, April 18, 2021, Deputy Savick conducted a traffic stop in the area of Southern MD Blvd. and Ferry Landing Road in Dunkirk, MD. While making contact with the driver, **Morgan Allen Presgraves**, 25 of Millersville, MD, Narcan was observed to be in plain view.



Morgan Allen Presgraves

A K-9 search of the vehicle was conducted and revealed two white capsules with Heroin inside. Morgan was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

On April 13, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker responded to a residence in the 600 block of Clubhouse Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised an unknown female suspect made entry to the residence. The homeowner confronted the unknown female later identified as **Ana Lizette**

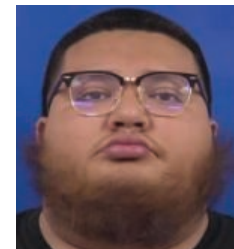


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Nunez, 36 of Silver Spring, MD and repeatedly asked her to leave. Nunez was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with 4th Degree Burglary and Trespassing.

On April 16, 2021, Deputy Durnbaugh conducted a traffic stop in the area of Southern Maryland Boulevard and W. Mt. Harmony Road in Dunkirk, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **Edgar Alberto Guerra**, 24 of Lancaster, PA, a strong odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. The driver advised he did not have a valid driver's license and had marijuana in the vehicle. A search was conducted and revealed a large amount of marijuana, a large sum of edibles containing THC, \$518 in cash and multiple digital scales. Guerra was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute and CDS: Possession Marijuana 10 GM+.



Edgar Guerra

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

Dunkirk Man Faces Tax Evasion Charges

Accused is PG Police Lieutenant

A federal criminal complaint has been filed charging Edward Scott Finn, age 46, of Dunkirk for the federal charges of attempting to evade or defeat taxes for tax years 2014 through 2019. Finn is a lieutenant with the Prince George's County Police Department and owned and operated Edward Finn Inc. (EFI). EFI employs off-duty law enforcement officers to provide security services to apartment complexes and other businesses, primarily in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Finn was arrested on April 22 and was scheduled for an initial appearance on April 23 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gina L. Simms.

The federal charges were announced by Acting United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Jonathan F. Lenzner; Acting Special Agent in Charge Darrell Waldon of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, Washington, D.C. Field Office; and Special Agent in Charge Jennifer C. Boone of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore Field Office.

According to the affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, Finn allegedly omitted a total of \$1.3 million of EFI income on his 2014 through 2019 individual income tax returns. During that time frame, the affidavit alleges that Finn deposited approximately \$1,397,295 of checks written for services from EFI

into his personal bank account or into his children's bank accounts. These security service deposits were not reported as income on EFI's corporate tax returns for tax years 2014 through 2019, nor as income on Finn's personal tax returns. This underreported income resulted in a total tax loss to the government of \$484,281.

If convicted, Finn faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison for each of five counts of attempting to evade and defeat taxes. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

A criminal complaint is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by criminal complaint is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

Acting United States Attorney Jonathan F. Lenzner commended the IRS-CI and the FBI and for their work in the investigation and thanked the Prince George's County Police Department and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office for their assistance. Lenzner thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Thomas M. Sullivan and Thomas P. Windom, who are prosecuting this case.

Press Release from U.S. Attorney's Office.

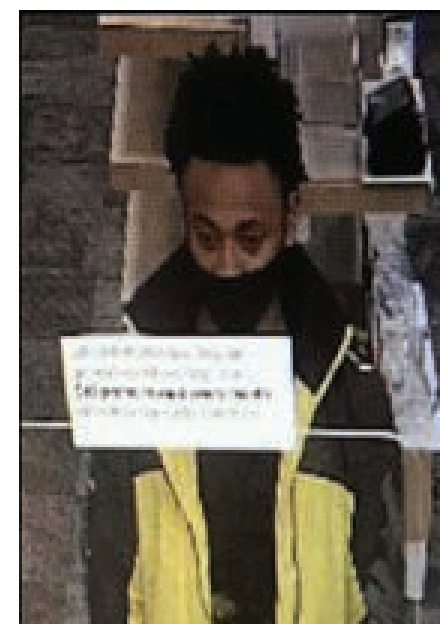
Detectives Seeking Identity of Prescription Fraud Suspect

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a prescription fraud that occurred on Tuesday, April 6. The suspect pictured below entered the CVS Pharmacy, located at 10095 Ward Road in Dunkirk and attempted to pass a fraudulent prescription.

The suspect is described as a black male in his early to mid-20s, approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a thin build and short dreadlock hair. He was wearing the clothing pictured and had two diamond-like earrings. The suspect's vehicle is described as a silver SUV, possibly a 2004-2009 Dodge Durango.

Anyone with information pertaining to this crime or the suspect's identity is asked to contact Deputy W. McDowell at Wyatt.McDowell@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case number 21-18153.

Press Release from CCSO.



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SMECO Honors Outstanding Teachers

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) worked with the school systems of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties to select and honor 24 educators with Outstanding Teacher awards for their leadership in the fields of mathematics, science, technology, and engineering.

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"We are recognizing these teachers for their accomplishments because their contribution to educating students is important to SMECO. Our cooperative and our community benefit from the solid foundation these teachers provide." Cox continued, "Whether they are teaching students in person or online, educators must be resourceful, flexible, and caring. These qualities have become even more essential because of the COVID-19 pandemic. And, as we have learned over the past year, a good education and experienced teachers have never been more important."

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SMECO's Outstanding Mathematics, Science, and STEM Teachers of the Year from Calvert County are:

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Jennifer Bodden, Huntingtown High School, Science

David Goodrich, Patuxent High School, Mathematics

Jennifer Lawrence, Mount Harmony Elementary School, Mathematics

Sarah Legge, Windy Hill Middle School, Science

Michelle O'Donnell, Northern High School, Science

Karen Pirchio, Windy Hill Elementary School, Science

Karl Sturge, Calvert High School, STEM

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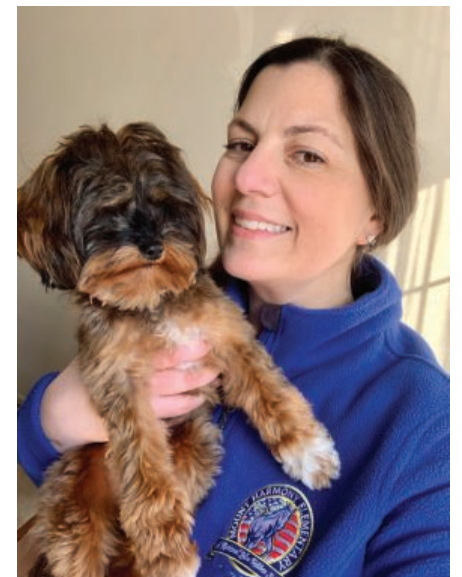
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Scott Goldstein, Northern High Win MASC Awards

The Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) has named Scott Goldstein the Karen L. Crawford Regional Advisor of the Year. The Northern High School Student Government Association (SGA), led by Theresa Jackson, is the recipient of the Felix Simon High School Award for Leadership and Service.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, "Student government provides opportunities for students to learn leadership skills, affect change, and shape the future of their communities. We are grateful to Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Jackson for their dedication to their programs."

Goldstein teaches social studies at Patuxent High School. In addition to serving as the advisor for the Patuxent student government, he sponsors the Calvert Association of Student Councils and is an assistant varsity football coach. Patuxent High principal Marcus Watson said, "When anyone talks about SGA in Calvert County Public Schools, they mention one name, Scott Goldstein. Students and staff have witnessed his energy and passion for student government for the past twenty years."

The MASC Karen L. Crawford Regional Advisor of the Year Award was created to recognize the contributions that regional advisors make to their regions and to students across the state of Maryland. While the award does single out an individual regional advisor on the state level, the purpose of the award is to highlight the many contributions made by all regional student council advisors throughout the state.

The Felix Simon Award recognizes organizations for their well-

rounded structure, participation, and achievements through exemplary leadership and service. The prestigious state award is a first for the Northern High SGA. Students persevered through the pandemic by planning, implementing, and participating in much needed community and schoolwide service projects. The Northern High SGA officers are: President, Esha Ahmad; 1st Vice President, Sydney Parlett; 2nd Vice President, Isabella Crum; Secretary, Alyssa Dolina; Treasurer, Marisa Powell; Parliamentarian, Tori Jackson; Historians, Amreen Anowar and Ava Wilson; Web Master/ Reporter, Izza Ahmad and Alina Creek; and Community Outreach Chairs, Camryn Baker, Avey Barillaro, Holly Hyatt, and Zoe Posch.

Goldstein shared that MASC leaders noted that the Northern High School SGA has served as a model this year during the pandemic. "Their commitment to excellence in service, leadership, and the community," he said, "went well beyond the threshold for earning this award."

The Felix Simon Award is not a competition among councils, but rather a set of criteria for all school student councils to use to enhance leadership, service, and student empowerment within their schools.

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students.

Press Release from CCPS

Homeschooling Reviews to be Virtual

This year the Department of Student Services of Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) will conduct portfolio reviews of students who are homeschooled either through the submission of documents or through video conferences. The reviews will be scheduled between June 1 and June 25, 2021.

The creation and review of a portfolio is required by the Maryland State Department of Education for students who receive parental instruction, not for students who participate in the school system's Home and Hospital Instruction program.

Parents and guardians who are homeschooling their children may visit the CCPS website at <https://bit.ly/CCP-Shomesch> to learn about the options



and timeline for portfolio submission. For more information, please contact the Department of Student Services at 443-550-8460.

Press Release from CCPS.

Construction Underway for CSM's Health Sciences Center

Located at Regional Hughesville Campus



Construction of the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) new Center for Health Sciences building is underway at the college's Regional Hughesville Campus. Construction is currently on track for completion in fall 2022.

The Center for Health Sciences will be the second building on CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus and will serve as a central, convenient location for the college's popular health programs and instruction. It will be approximately 50,000 square feet, designed to LEED standards and will feature specialized health sciences laboratories for CSM's programs in nursing, emergency medical services, rehabilitation, wellness and fitness, pharmacy technician, medical assisting, health information manage-

ment and medical coding, and medical laboratory technology. The center will also include a clinical simulation center, collaborative learning spaces, classrooms, a computer lab, faculty and staff offices, a student success suite and a large multipurpose meeting room.

The Center for Health Sciences is the second phase of construction at the Regional Hughesville Campus. The first phase was the completion of a 30,000-square-foot Center for Trades and Energy Training, which opened in 2017.

Preview CSM's Center for Health Sciences here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2QDR1XaUns>

Press Release from CSM.

CSM's Robotics Team Back in Business

Compete at Skills Tournament

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) competitive robotics team – the Talons – participated in the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Inaugural Remote Skills Event April 16-17. The Talons were one of 13 colleges in the national weekend tournament which was Nebraska's first remote, skills-only VEX U event, hosted by UNL's VEX U team.

The Talons are currently tied with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for 42nd place worldwide, and in 34th place in programming. In 2019, the Talons placed 11th in the world in their division, fifth in the United States, and were one of only three U.S. community colleges to earn a spot at the VEX U World Robotics Championship and claim global recognition.

The Talons staged for the April event at CSM's Velocity Center in Indian Head. The team participated a series of matches played on a square field where they maneuver their robots to place balls in goals and connecting rows across the field.

The international and national VEX U competitions and skill events are spon-



sored by the Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation, whose mission is to increase student interest and involvement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Participating teams build robots to compete in a series of challenges through VEX U that involve maneuvering game elements and completing tasks. Each year, VEX U creates a new game to challenge students to design robots to score the most points against their opponents. Because each game is different, students must critically think through new design iterations and strategies as they master the game.

Press Release from CSM

St. Mary's College Drops Doubleheader to Salisbury



Photo by: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team (8-10, 6-6 C2C) hosted the #3 Salisbury University Sea Gulls (16-3, 9-1 C2C) on Friday (Apr. 23) afternoon in Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference action. The Seahawks dropped game one 6-2 and fell in game two 11-3.

How It Happened (Game One)

- After a scoreless first inning, the Sea Gulls grabbed the lead with two runs in the second inning. Salisbury tacked on another run in the fifth inning to extend their advantage to 3-0.

- The Seahawks finally broke through on the scoreboard when Andy Collins drove a single to right field, plating Dillon Waters and Joey Bryner. Leading by one, Salisbury gave themselves some breathing room with three runs in the seventh and held the Seahawks scoreless for the remainder of the game for the victory.

Inside the Box Score

- Max Elliott led the Seahawks from the plate with three hits in four appearances to the plate. In addition, Elliott led St. Mary's College with one stolen base. Collins recorded the lone RBI of the game for the Seahawks.

- Mark Smith started the game on the mound for the Seahawks and threw three innings. Smith recorded three strikeouts and allowed two earned runs. Jake Wills pitched the next three innings and delivered three strikeouts, while allowing one run. Tyson Johnson

threw the final three innings and also struck out three batters, while allowing two earned runs.

How It Happened (Game Two)

- Salisbury struck first in the contest with one run in the first inning. St. Mary's College answered by adding two runs in the second inning to grab a 2-1 lead. Brady Waters lined a two RBI single in the inning to give the Seahawks the early advantage.

- The Sea Gulls tied the game up at two with a run in the top of the third, but the Seahawks responded in the bottom half of the inning with a RBI single from Elliott to retake the lead 3-2.

- Salisbury broke the game open in the fifth inning with six runs to capture a 8-3 lead. From there, the Sea Gulls tacked on one run in the sixth, seventh, and ninth innings for the 11-3 victory.

Inside the Box Score (Game Two)

- D. Waters led the Seahawks from the plate with two hits in four appearances. B. Waters posted a team-high two RBI.

- Jackson Edelman started the game on the mound for the Seahawks and threw 4.2 innings. Edelman struck out one batter and allowed two earned runs. Will Spanoghe, Nick Testoni, Jake Sandridge, and Bryan Brooks pitched in relief. Sandridge held the Sea Gulls scoreless and tallied one strikeout.

Press Release from SMCM.

A View From The BLEACHERS



Draft Day

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

A baseball rolls up to a pair of little feet to introduce itself. A hand grasps the stitched sphere while young eyes examine it with a curiosity that will morph into an obsession. In the backyard, a football is grabbed around the laces and hurled toward an awaiting father. The perfect spiral sends parent and child airborne in excitement. A young heart is hooked. Thump, thump, thump: A basketball's rhythmic bounce echoes off a driveway. A determined soul stares at a hoop high in the air. Is this the day? A deep breath is drawn in. Hands slip under the ball and from just inches above the ground a burst of energy sends it skyward. The ball clears the rim and passes through the net with an intoxicating "swish." A first made basket marries player to game.

Moments happens. Dreams form. A sports journey begins.

Years pass. Parents shuttle to and fro. Sacrifices are made – by player and family. Road trips mean early morning departures, convenience store lunches, take out dinners and unfamiliar hotel beds. Laundry rooms adopt the perma-stench of smelly jerseys. Dirty cleats ensure mudrooms earn their name. Well-worn basketball sneakers create a bedroom odor only a young athlete could love. There are so many practices. So much gear. Injuries happen; ace bandages, ice packs and stitches follow – whatever it takes to get back on the field. Games quickly change from pure fun to competition. Wins start to matter – a lot – and losses sting. Youth league, high school and college – seasons become a blur; a special few are memorialized with a trophy – league, conference, county, state or national...champions.

The arrival, so to speak, comes in a fancy suit or on a couch with family and friends, not in uniform while between the lines. After a long final evaluation, interviews, rumors, trades and, for some, an agonizing wait, an athlete's name is called. The emotions flood – joy, relief, gratitude. Tears flow and families embrace. A player hugs a commissioner, a team's hat is slipped on and cameras flash on a bright stage. The kid who gripped that baseball, hurled that spiral or made that modest basket so many years ago, who

went to all those practices, taped up all those nagging injuries, took to coaching, and benefitted from committed family and consistent opportunities finally made it to "The League."

Draft day.

This story lands in The County Times and in your hands on NFL Draft weekend. As each name is called, a long journey ends and a dream is fulfilled. The same pattern repeats for all major sports leagues. The details of individual stories vary, but the plot is familiar. Whatever legitimate cynicism is carried about big-time college sports, boosters, agents and other dark aspects of the business ("amateur athletics"), the moment when a young athlete reaches a sport's pinnacle is powerful stuff to witness – organic, touching, decidedly human.

Few reach such lofty athletic destinations, but drafts are not limited to sports. Dedicated and decorated academic endeavors lead to college admissions, acceptances to elite graduate-level programs and fulfilling careers. Hard work, commitment and proven performance land employees in an executive's office to be congratulated on a big promotion. After much courting and being on one's best behavior, a man gets on knee, holds a ring in a shaky hand, pops a powerful question and receives a "yes" in reply. And, a rookie writer queries his local paper with a column idea about the intersection of sports and life – and they give him a shot.

Draft days all.

Of course, "The Draft" meant something completely different to prior generations. Joy was not synonymous with having your name – or number – pulled. A sober reminder lands near the middle of the spring/summer sports draft continuum – a month after the NFL selects its annual crop of rookies and a month or two before MLB, the NHL and the NBA do the same. Memorial Day: It is an important moment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to appreciate the brave volunteers – past and present – who changed the connotation of "The Draft" and made articles like this possible.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Quade and Pilkerton Double at Potomac

Grady Ends Hatcher Win Streak

Derick Quade was again the class of the field as he took his second consecutive win in the 20-lap Limited Late Model headliner last Friday night at Potomac Speedway. The win for Quade, steering his Longhorn no.74, would be his overall 33rd career win at Potomac for the defending division champion.

The redraw placed Quade on the pole for the start of the event and he would make the most of it by pacing all 20-circuits. Eventual runner up Kyle Lear got to second on the 9th lap and would chase Quade for the duration, but would fall two car lengths short at the stripe. "The crew gave me another great car here tonight and we wouldn't be here without them." Quade stated post race. "We still have some tweaking to do on this car because we think we can get it better." Billy Tucker, Chuck Cox and Brian Hankins completed the top five. Heats went to Lear and Quade.

In the companion 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model feature, 2020 track champion Jeremy Pilkerton drove to his 2nd win of the season aboard his Rocket no.8. Pilkerton and last week's RUSH tour winner Kyle Hardy waged hand to hand combat during the contest with Pilkerton prevailing for his 5th career class victory. "Kyle is one of the best in the business and I knew we had to beat him to the front first if we had a chance to win."

Joey Love, Chuck Bowie and Timmy Booth trailed at the finish. Heats went to Hardy and Pilkerton.

Winchester invader Mike Grady Jr. started on the pole and would lead every lap of the 15-lap Street Stock main, collecting the \$200 bounty on PJ Hatcher. As Grady lead, Hatcher climbed from his 7th starting spot to challenge, but would fall one spot short at the finish, ending his incredible 10-race win streak. Defending champion Deuce Wright was third with Marty Hanbury and Dylan Ruth-erford rounding out the top five.

In support class action, Defending division champion Buddy Dunagan took his first win of the season in another thrilling 15-lap Hobby Stock feature, Justin Hatcher ended Greg Mattingly's three race win streak with his first win of the season in the 15-lap Strictly Stock feature with Terry Hartlaub scoring his first career track win in the nightcap 15-lap Roadster contest.

Limited Late Model feature finish
Derick Quade, Kyle Lear, Billy Tucker, Chuck Cox, Brian Hankins, Sam Archer, Todd Plummer, Wayne Bryant, Richard Culver, Cory Higgs, Jonny Oliver, Brandon Long, Boo Lawhorn

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish
Jeremy Pilkerton, Kyle Hardy, Joey Love, Chuck Bowie, Timmy Booth, Megan Mann, Ed Pope Jr, Cody Stamp, Ben Scott, Mike Raleigh, Matt Tepper

Hobby Stock feature finish
Buddy Dunagan, Eric Hanson, Wyatt Hanson, Colin Long, Hilton Pickeral, Troy Kassiris, Mason Hanson, Austin Lathroum, Billy Crouse, Watson Gordon, Owen Lacey, James Rainey, Mikey Latham, Stephen Suite

Strictly Stock feature finish
Justin Hatcher, Greg Mattingly, Nabil Guffey, Casey Sheckles, John Hardesty, Daniel Knodle, Richie Gibson, Jesse Lockhart, Brian Johnson, Scooter Tippett, Cameron Harris, Natalie Davis

Street Stock feature finish
Mike Grady Jr, PJ Hatcher, Deuce Wright, Marty Hanbury, Dylan Ruth-erford, Mike Bladen, Ben Pirner

Roadster feature finish
Terry Hartlaub, Richard Inscoc, Jason Jarvis, Lonnie Hobday, John Burch, Earl Whitehouse IV, Joey Suite, Brook Bowles, Kyle Randall DNS- Justin Bottorf

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway

CSM Hosts Virtual Juried Art Exhibition Showcases Students Creativity



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will host the return of its Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition in the Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery with a virtual reception on Thursday, April 29 at 2:30 pm. An expanded version of the exhibition will also be available as an online gallery – a first for the college.

The exhibition is a collection of artworks from current CSM students, selected by their art faculty. The assembled work showcases a variety of mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, ceramics and graphic design.

"The annual student exhibition is our gallery's most popular show," said CSM Professor George Bedell, who is also the gallery co-director. "It's an opportunity for CSM's best 'creatives' to see their work displayed in a professional context. They're excited. We're excited. It's contagious in the best sense of the word."

Artists featured in this year's exhibit will have the opportunity to win best-in-

show, and media-specific awards. Some of the artists' work will also be selected for acquisition to the college's permanent collection. Additionally, the recipients of the Walter B. Grove III Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the virtual reception.

The Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery is an all-purpose exhibition space that presents a diverse range of innovative exhibitions and educational programs that offer insights into the works of established and emerging regional, national, and international artists and designers. Gallery hours are maintained in accordance with CSM operational status.

Register in advance to attend the virtual reception can be found at <https://csmd.zoom.us/j/9123456789>. The link to the virtual gallery will be available following the reception.

Press Release from CSM

Gallery Welcomes Spring with Wild Flora and Fauna

Artworks@7th's May Show, Wild Flora and Fauna, highlights the ceramic artistry of the gallery's three dedicated potters: Candace Morrell, Linda Owens and Helene Vonnegut.

Candace Morrell focuses on Southern Maryland's bounty rendered in beautiful serving platters and sculptures that capture the wetlands, woodlands and bay life.

Linda Owens offers spring inspiration with her home and garden containers complete with plants, bowls that make you smile and birdhouses that beckon.

Helene Vonnegut's collaborative works feature hand decorated porcelain and stoneware mugs, bowls and Ethiopian inspired incense burners.

All 21 cooperative members join in, heralding spring with works in acrylic, glass, jewelry, mixed media, oil, photography and wood. This is



a must see show as Mothers' Day approaches!

Gallery Artworks@7th is located in North Beach at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, gallery hours are Thursdays-Sundays, 11am-5pm. Masks, limited gallery numbers, and physical distance precautions are required. Shop the gallery 24/7 online at www.artworks@7th.com and Instagram or call 410-286-5278 to schedule a private showing.

Press Release from Artworks@7th.



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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, April 29

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult, this program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a carry-out craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity is limited to 10 people per session. No pre-registration; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Saturday, May 1

Meet and Greet the Artist

calvART Gallery; noon - 5 p.m.

Meet Pat Morrison, creator of our For the Birds collection. Linocut prints of birds of all sorts; flying, foraging, flocking, and floating. Also included are gourds made into fully functional birdhouses, painted and decorated to become whimsical habitats such as space-ships, creatures, and characters.

Solomons Maritime Festival

Calvert Marine Museum; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Celebrate Southern Maryland traditions! Antique boats and motors, master maritime carvers, cooking demonstrations, traditional music, toy boat building, and boat rides offer something for all members of the family! This free event has limited capacity; pre registration at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com is strongly encouraged. Walk-ins are only available as space allows.

Thursday, May 6

Maryland in the Age of Sail

Virtual; 5 p.m.

Join Mark Wilkins, CMM Curator of Maritime History, as he explores topics ranging from European influences, to the tobacco trade, to the Civil War on the Chesapeake and more, through the 20th century. Today we will consider the evolution of transportation on the 'watery highways' of the bay. Before and after the advent of railroads the water was the easiest way to transport goods and travelers. The Chesapeake Bay connected towns such as Richmond, Alexandria, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Annapolis, Norfolk, and countless smaller towns. <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/235/Lectures>

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity is limited. No pre-registration; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This program is offered three times per day to accommodate guests. For specific times, please visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Ongoing

Calvert Library Openings

Thanks to declining COVID-19 positivity numbers, Calvert Library is welcoming customers back in for short visits. Customers are still asked to keep visits

as short as possible and no longer than an hour, wear an appropriate mask over your nose and mouth, maintain a social distance of 6' from others and help your children do the same. At all four library locations, in-person library hours will be Monday-Thursday, noon to 5pm, Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Curbside pickup appointments will continue Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appointments. Customers can also follow and interact with library staff on Facebook and Twitter. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website. Call 410-535-0291 or email getanswers@calvertlibrary.info with any reference questions you may have.

Flora or Fauna Exhibit

Calvert Marine Museum; April 15 - May 15

In partnership with the Maryland Federation of Art (MFA), the Calvert Marine Museum is pleased to introduce Flora or Fauna, fine artwork depicting a broad range of animal and plant life. This MFA juried art exhibition will display selected works at the Calvert Marine Museum. The show will be located on the mezzanine level and is included with museum admission.

Upcoming

Night at the Museum

Calvert Marine Museum; May 14

The Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) is opening its doors on Friday evening, May 14, for Night at the Museum for Friends with Disabilities. The museum and grounds will be open exclusively for guests with disabilities and their families,

friends, or caregivers from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Have fun in a relaxed and supportive environment and see why the museum is a fun and welcoming place to visit any day of the week! This FREE event is offered in cooperation with Calvert County Parks & Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Services. Meet the museum otter mascot, learn about fish, fossils, river otters, skates and rays, maritime history, and enjoy activities in the Discovery Room. Explore the boat basin and the Drum Point Lighthouse. A special calming room will be available. The Museum Store will be open and chock full of items for all ages and interests, and the Wm. B. Tennison is available for 30-minute cruises at 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for each individual to access the museum's indoor exhibits and to ride the Wm. B. Tennison. Proper face coverings will be required when not in designated areas. Register to attend the event by visiting <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us> and searching for Activity #470773 and #470774. Guests who would like to register for the Wm. B. Tennison cruise must call the Therapeutic Recreation office directly at 410-535-1600, ext. 8205.

Craft Fair/Flea Market

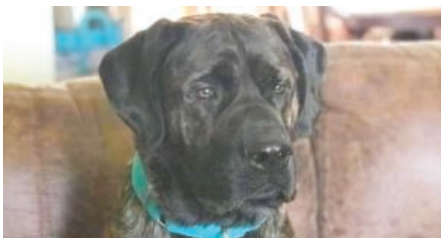
St. Anthony's Catholic Church; 8:30 a.m. - noon, May 15

The Knights of Columbus-Calvert Council #7870 will be holding a Craft Fair/Flea Market at St. Anthony's Catholic Church parking lot, 8816 Chesapeake Ave. North Beach, MD. Vendor spots are \$15/1 spot and \$25/2 spots. To reserve a spot please email: koccc7870@yahoo.com or contact Janet Wyvill @ (240)463-3269.

SHEAMUS NEEDS A NEW OR LONG-TERM FOSTER HOME PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE DESCRIPTION!

Sheamus is a Mastador, born in 2017. On April 20th, he was assessed for aggression by the owner of a reputable K9 Academy in Southern MD who determined that Sheamus should be retrained and given a different owner. He had bitten someone four months ago, BUT there have been no subsequent incidents.

The expert assessment determined that Sheamus had displaced aggression that was territory-based and the result of general anxiety about his hectic environment. The breeder and the K9 Academy agree that he can be well-trained to curb his aggression, and be a stress-free pet and that a new home and new people, will also curb



the tendency.

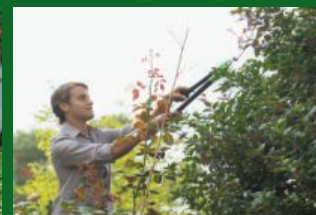
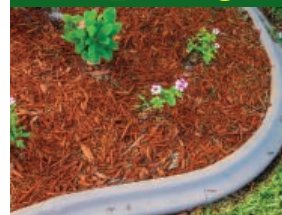
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In Remembrance

The Calvert County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to dickmyers@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Eugene Levi Randolph



Eugene Levi Randolph, 83, of St. Leonard, Maryland passed away surrounded by his family on April 24, 2021 at his home. Born on February 3, 1938 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he was the last living of 7 sons of the late James Alfred and Molly Welch Randolph.

Eugene served in the Army from 1961-1963. He was in the Signal Corp stationed in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, achieving the rank of Private First Class when he transferred to the Reserve until his discharge in 1967.

An avid nature lover, he especially loved caring for his birds that he feed every morning and evening. He was a strong, dedicated, hardworking man and a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Eugene is survived by his wife, Diana R. Randolph, father of Melaney Crosby, Gregory Randolph, Alicia Andrews, Elizabeth Wolfe, and Derrick Richmond. Grandfather of 16, he is also survived by nine Great Grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Thursday April 29, 2021, from 5-8 p.m. at the Rausch Funeral Home, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, Maryland where services will be held on Friday April 30, 2021

at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens, Port Republic, MD.

Should friends desire, Memorial contributions may be made to any local Animal Shelter of your choice.

John Russell "Jack" Ward



John Russell "Jack" Ward, 86, of Owings, passed away Friday April 23, 2021 at Calvert Health Medical Center. He was born on January 4, 1935 in Prince Frederick to Julius Russell and Esmerelda (Bowen) Ward. Jack was raised in Huntingtown, graduated from Calvert High School, Class of 1953, and went on to attend Drexel University, graduating from his Bachelor's program in 1958. Jack married Addie Mae Brady in September of 1959, and lived with her in Owings on their family farm while he worked as a mechanical engineer at the David Taylor Naval Ship Research and Design Center in Annapolis until his retirement in 1990. Jack was faithful and serving in many ways throughout his life; he was member of the Calvert County Board of Education, Planning Commission, and up until the time of his passing was still serving on the Board of Appeals. He was a charter member and Lieutenant Governor of the Optimist Club, and also volunteered his time to charitable orga-

nizations such as Meals on Wheels. Jack was a devoted Christian, and as a member of Huntingtown United Methodist Church he headed the committee responsible for obtaining the church's organ, and the committee that oversaw the installment of the church's ventilation system. Other passions of Jack's included raising and training Gordon Setters for field trials, and tending tobacco and hay crops on his farm. Above all, Jack was an extremely committed and faithful husband, father, and grandfather.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife Addie Mae Ward, sons John David Ward of Owings, and Alan Brady Ward and his wife Rev. Laurie Gates-Ward of Waldorf, grandchildren Rachael, Jessica, Brady, and Rebecca Ward, brother Joseph Ward of Owings, sister Judy Ward Brightwell and her husband Walter of St. Leonard, and numerous nieces and nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Esmerelda, and his granddaughter, Hope Marie Ward.

In lieu of flowers donations in Jack's name may be made to Huntingtown United Methodist Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Road, P.O. Box 550, Huntingtown, MD 20639 or Calvert County Department of Mental Health, 975 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

All are welcome to attend the visitation. However, due to capacity restrictions please sign-up by using the following link if you are planning on attending the service. <https://rsvp.church/r/fhjl2qva>

Visitation will be Saturday, May 1, 2021, 10-11 a.m. at Huntingtown United Methodist Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Road

P.O. Box 550, Huntingtown, MD 20639. Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

James Robert "Robbie" Moore



James Robert "Robbie" Moore, 55, of Upper Marlboro passed away April 22, 2021. He was born on January 19, 1966 at 7:55 AM, 10 minutes before his twin brother George, in Washington, DC to Robert George and Betty Jean (Stillwell) Moore. Robbie was involved in the Cub Scouts as a kid and received the Arrow of Light Award. He graduated from Frederick Douglass High School and later graduated from the Melwood Training Program where he also served on the Board of Directors for 10 years. Robbie was employed with Prince George's County Central Services for 35 years alongside his brother. He was a member of the Upper Marlboro Moose Lodge, the Deale Elks and the Gateway Lions Club, where he was currently serving as President.

Robbie is survived by his mother Betty Moore Parker of Ocean Pines, twin brother George Everett Moore of Upper Marlboro, and sister Kristie Wilkins and her husband Ken of Waynesboro, VA. He is also survived by nephews Kyle and Kurtis, great nephew Kayden, cousin Marie Van Zandt, aunts Barbara Eloise McMillion and Nancy Stillwell, uncles Cal McMillion, Randy Stillwell, and Hunter Stillwell, and numerous other cousins and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father Robert George Moore.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robbie's name may be made to the Lions Club Camp Merrick, PO Box 56, Nanjemoy, MD 20662; Link: <https://lionscampmerrick.org/> or Melwood, 5606 Dower House Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Link: <https://melwood.org/>
The service for Robbie will be livestreamed on the Rausch Funeral Facebook Page on Friday, April 30 starting at 11:55 AM and can be accessed by using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/RauschFH/>.

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

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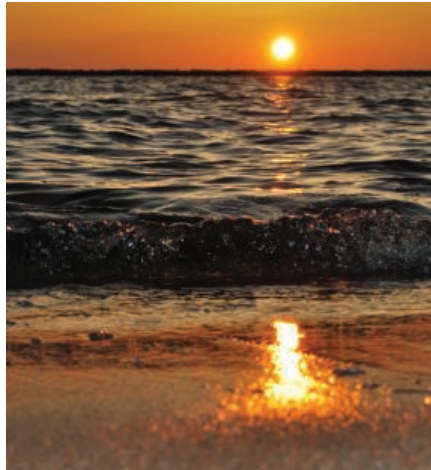
Iris Mae King, 87, a lifelong resident of Owings passed away April 22, 2021 at her home surrounded by family. She was born May 28, 1933 in Lower Marlboro to Hugh Stanley and Hazel Ethel (Marcellas) Jackson. Iris Mae was raised in Lower Marlboro and graduated from Calvert High School. She married William Benjamin "Buddy" King in 1954 and they lived in Owings. Iris Mae was employed as a secretary and bookkeeper for many people and companies including Harry Sturdivant, Judge Perry Bowen, Southern Maryland Oil, Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Dr. Kenneth Kates, DDS and Dr. Lucinda Keller, DDS. She also worked for the Owings Post Office delivering mail for several years and volunteered at the Calvert County Election Board as a polling house official before retiring at the age of 81. Iris Mae was a dedicated member of Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir, helped with church dinners, and was member of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Iris Mae had many interests and talents, including bowling and writing poetry. She was a senior bowling champion and was a member of the bowling team at the Senior Olympics in Towson. She enjoyed writing and won honorable mention for a poem she had published. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles, watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, playing Scrabble and card games, and spending time with her family, especially the love of her life Buddy, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Iris Mae is survived by her husband William B. "Buddy" King, Sr. of Owings, children William B. "Skipper" King, Jr. of Owings, Robert H. King and wife Patti of Prince Frederick, Scarlett Coblentz and husband Andy of Frederick, and Douglas Alan King and wife Amy of Owings. She is also survived by grandchildren, Leah Coblentz, Jonathan Coblentz and wife Jaqueline, Schylur, Vallen, and Brody King, and Heather and Bruce Lyons, great-grandchildren Rachael and Juniper Coblentz, sister Carolyn Ruth Jackson, brother Hugh Stanley Jackson Jr., and wife Fran, nephews Hugh S. Jackson III, John W. Jackson, and Jackson Moran and nieces Yvonne Scott and Melissa Catron.

Pallbearers for the April 27 funeral service were John Ireland, Dennis Ireland, Darrell Ireland, Lee King, Lester King, and Schylur King.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Kevin Scott Willingham, "Big Kev"



Kevin Scott Willingham, "Big Kev", 47, of Davidsonville, Maryland passed away suddenly on April 22, 2021 in Prince Frederick, Maryland. He was born on September 20, 1973 in Annapolis, Maryland to Allen and Gwen Willingham.

Big Kev graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School, and attended Oklahoma State University. After returning from school, Big Kev worked in the HVAC field before going into the construction business. He enjoyed sports, baseball and football, but loved to play basketball. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, crabbing, and traveling throughout Europe and the Caribbean. Big Kev was a happy guy who always had smile.

He is survived by his parents, Allen and Gwen Willingham, brother Dean Willingham, sister Kristy Willingham Davis, her husband Jimmy, and a nephew Chase Allen Willingham. He also leaves behind many other relatives and good friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 1, 2021, 10:30-12 noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676

Memorial contributions may be made to Broomes Island Wesleyan Church, 8520 Church Road, Broomes Island, MD.

Ronald James Draper

Ronald James Draper, 74, of Chesapeake Beach passed away April 21, 2021 at his home surrounded by family. He was born September 1, 1946 in Alexandria, VA to Norman and Polly (Cox) Draper. Family and friends were everything to Ronald. He enjoyed family time together and social gatherings with his buddies. More than anything he had a passion for sailing.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife Linda Louise Draper Fugini of Chesapeake Beach, daughter Danielle Weis and her husband Eric of



Falls Church, VA, grandchildren Campbell and Tucker Weis, brothers Dennis Draper and his wife Donna of Clifton, VA and Robert Draper and his wife Susan of Tuscaloosa, AL, and sister Norma Jean Talley and her husband Eric of Chesapeake Beach, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A private service for immediate family only will be held at a later date.

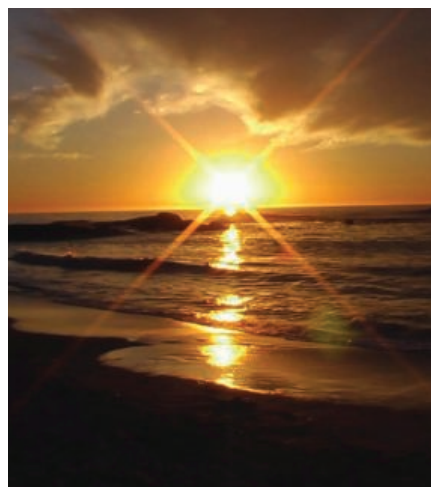
In lieu of flowers, donations in Ronald's name may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838

Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Robert Walter Delamarter



Robert Walter Delamarter (June 15, 1935- April 19, 2021) was born to Walter and Ruth Delamarter in Hawthorne, New Jersey. He had four sisters who doted on him. In his early years he enjoyed racing box cars, working for his uncle at the car dealership, and learning skills as a boy scout. After high school, he joined the Army and was a member of the Presidential Honor Guard. He attended University of Maryland with a focus on drafting and engineering.

He met his wife Ann, while she was in nursing school and he was serving in the Army. According

Bob, it was love at first sight when he saw her singing in the church choir Easter Sunday. They married on July 8, 1956 and shared a wonderful life of more than 65 years together. Over the course of their marriage they lived in Maryland (Fort Washington Forest, Lusby, Solomons) and Virginia (Arlington, Mineral). Bob designed and supervised the building of two of their homes to highlight their love of nature and water. These homes allowed them to enjoy boating, fishing, gardening, and entertaining friends and family.

Family has always been one of the most important parts of Ann and Bob's life. Their love produced four children who learned their values of hard work, integrity, and love: daughter Linda and Mike Mahler; son Bobby and Kim Delamarter; daughter Nancy and Allen Trawick; and son Jim and Carla Delamarter. Bob was a loving grandfather to Robbie, Michael, Dianna, Aimee, Chad, Rosalie, Kenny, Lindsay, Emily, Allison, Mikayla, and Hunter. His blessings grew when he became a great-grandfather to Waverly. Trips camping, fishing, and to the Outer Banks with this large group, nicknamed the Delamahlerwicks, brought great joy to all.

Everyone knew him by his nickname, "Big Bob". His zest for life, engaging smile, quick wit, and ability to talk to just about anyone allowed him to excel as a salesman, leader, and great friend to many. Bob loved to entertain, cook, and lend a hand to others. His pig roasts, crab feasts, and spaghetti and meatballs were legendary. Bob shared his talents in every community he lived in. He was a boy scout leader, football coach, and local pool board member.

Ann and Bob joined the Asbury-Solomons community 18 years ago. They were delighted to spend time with their fellow residents. Bob was an active member of the community including the Party People (especially planning and cooking for events like Oktoberfest and New Year's Eve) and clubs focused on gardening, fishing, and woodworking. One of his favorite roles was that of Santa Claus at the Asbury holiday parties.

Bob had a great spirit and love of life. He was devoted to Ann, his family, and friends. He will live on in the hearts of many.

Services: Private. A Celebration of Life gathering will be planned when COVID restrictions allow.

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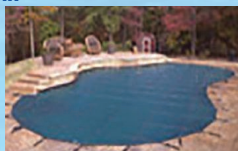
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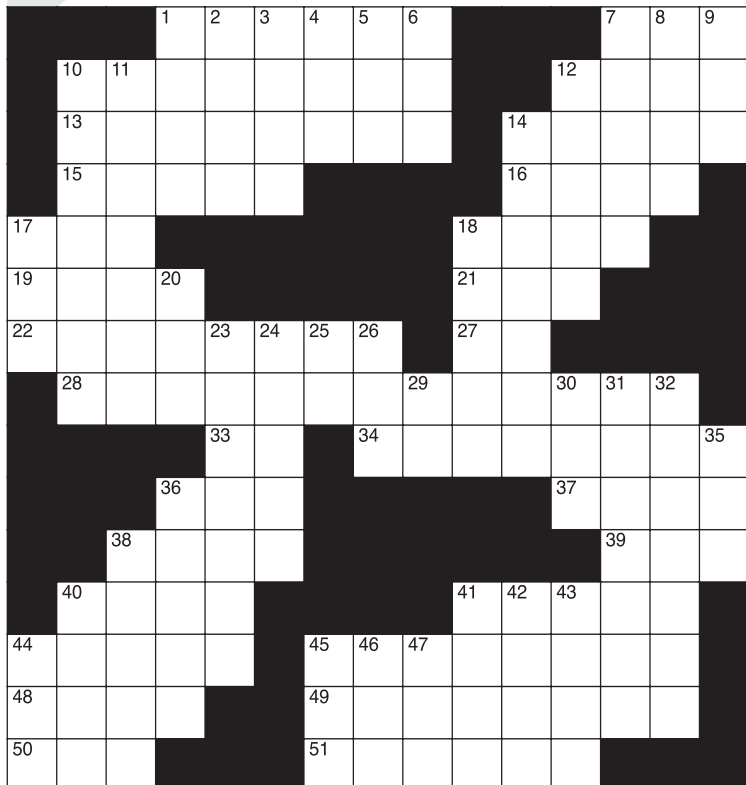
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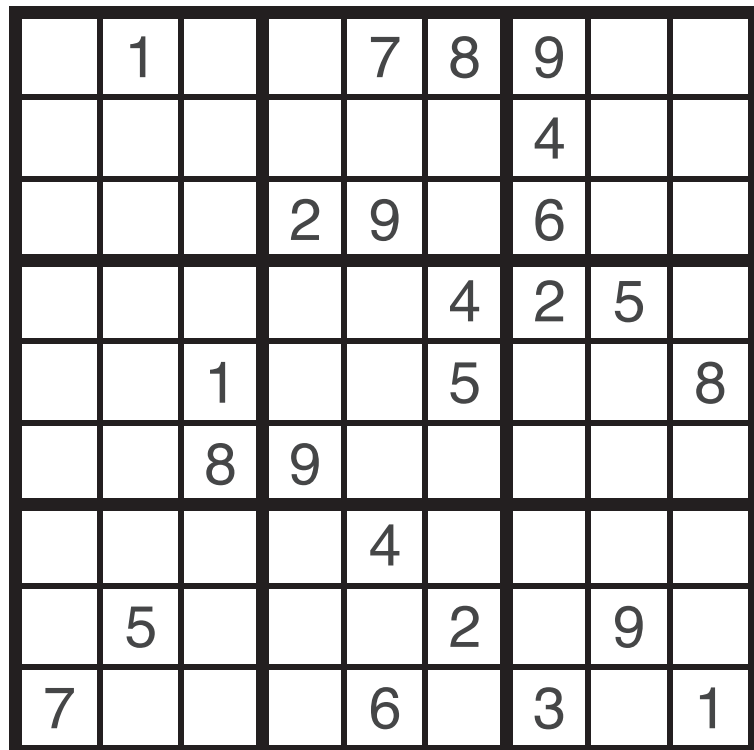
- 1. Switches
- 7. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 10. Sweeties
- 12. Competition
- 13. Measures electrical resistance
- 14. Psychotherapy researcher
- 15. Causes injury to
- 16. Open
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Hebrew calendar month
- 19. Whale ship captain
- 21. Children's accessory
- 22. Unknown point
- 27. Exists
- 28. Extremely confident
- 33. Expression of disgust
- 34. The government has many
- 36. Small constellation
- 37. Northern Indian city
- 38. The best pitchers
- 39. Naturally

- occurring solid
- 40. Apple computers
- 41. Portuguese city
- 44. Ancient Greek war dance
- 45. More reliable
- 48. Sailboat
- 49. Newspapers
- 50. Frequently flooded area
- 51. They dig for coal

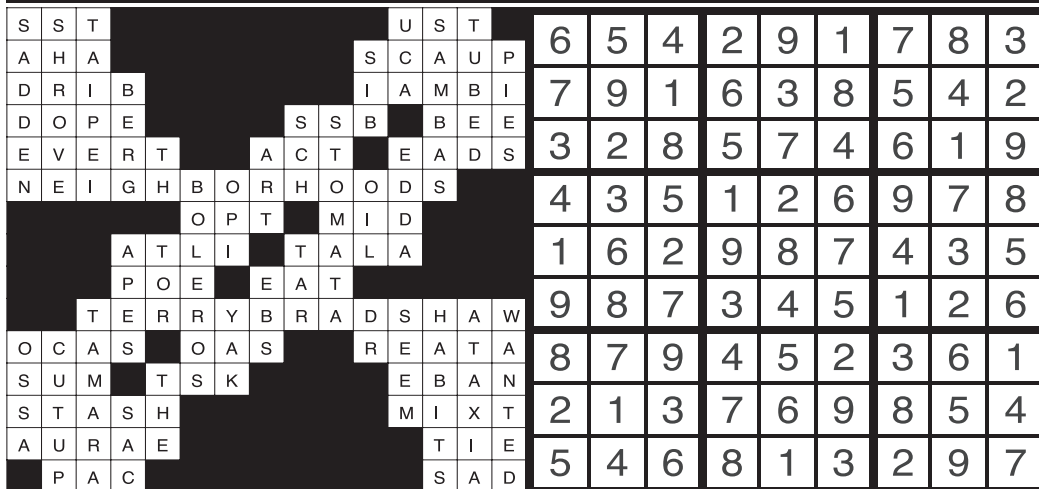
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partial
- 2. "Mad Men" leading man
- 3. The __ of March
- 4. Healthy
- 5. Where golfers begin
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
- 7. Of the cheek
- 8. Injury reminder
- 9. Statesman Franklin
- 10. For an unknown reason
- 11. Brain parts
- 12. Islamic calendar month
- 14. Avenue where ad men work
- 17. Possesses

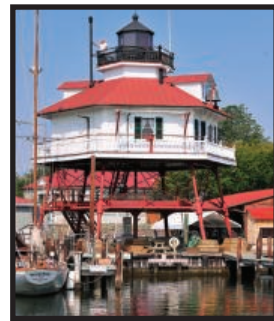
- 18. Accept
- 20. Stake
- 23. Former British PM
- 24. US battleships circa 1939
- 25. Greek alphabet letter
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 29. Top lawyer
- 30. Fiddler crabs
- 31. Intolerant
- 32. Persons that cause extreme fear
- 35. Car mechanics group
- 36. Capital of Ghana
- 38. Famed ballplayer Hank
- 40. Emphasizes insignificance
- 41. Light-colored
- 42. Distinctive smell
- 43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Short-term memory
- 46. Japanese delicacy
- 47. One point north of due east



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