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Thu 1/27	Fri 1/28	Sat 1/29	Sun 1/30
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CalvertHealth COVID-19 Cases Nearly Double

Fox Run Test Site Hours Expanded

By Dick Myers
Editor

“Hopefully it was just a bad Monday.” That’s how CalvertHealth Medical Center President and CEO Dean Teague described what faced his hospital on Jan. 24. The day after, he reported to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) that Covid-19 cases at the hospital had nearly doubled, from 14 to 26.

Teague reported that of the five staff members at the hospital tested that day, four were positive.

Teague reported that they were seeing an increase in admissions to the Prince Frederick hospital by ambulances from Prince George’s and Anne Arundel counties due to no rooms there for admittance.

Teague said several weeks ago the hospital experienced its highest admission level ever. They have 81 beds, but he said they find room wherever they can.

“We have not turned anybody away. We find a place to put them.”

Teague said the overwhelming majority of the patients at CalvertHealth were unvaccinated.

Teague appeared before the BOCC to present a proclamation from his board thanking the county for supplying a test site to relieve the logjam at the hospital for those seeking tests.

The Calvert County Health Department reported that starting this week (on Monday Jan. 24), hours for COVID testing and vaccination at their Fox Run Shopping Center site (713 Solomons Island Road North in Prince Frederick) were expanded.

The health department reported, “People with high-risk underlying health conditions should contact their personal healthcare provider before self-scheduling



CalvertHealth President/CEO Dean Teague

an appointment for Covid testing. Those at higher risk may be able to get a test and start with treatment recommendations more quickly through their doctor’s office. Early medical attention for higher-risk individuals can be lifesaving.

“All tests at the Health Department test site are PCR, which are more reliable than rapid antigen tests. PCR tests are sent to a licensed medical laboratory with results typically available in 1-2 days. Testing will take place Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Testing is by appointment only. Information on scheduling an appointment can be found at: <https://www.calvert-countycovid19.com/testing-sites>

“Covid vaccinations will be administered Monday-Friday from 2:30- 4:00 p.m. each day. Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccinations are available. One day each week, vaccinations will be given until 6:00 pm. Dates for evening hours and registration for all vaccination clinics can be found on the Health Department’s website: <https://www.calvertcountycovid19.com/>

vaccination-registration

“Periodic Saturday vaccination clinics will be held at the Fox Run location. Health Department nurses also administer vaccinations at various sites around the county via its outreach van. Information on weekend and outreach clinics can also be found on the Health Department’s website listed above. Booster vaccinations have been extremely effective in preventing serious illness and hospitalization. If you have questions about boosters or getting a Covid vaccine for the first time, please contact your primary care provider.

“The FDA has approved Covid booster vaccinations for 12–15-year-olds. They have also shortened the waiting period between a second dose of vaccine and a booster dose from 6-months to 5-months. These changes follow excellent safety data from Israel where both policies have been in place.”

Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky said, “We are very happy that people will no longer need to wait as long for booster doses, especially as the number of

Marylanders hospitalized with Covid continues to rise. Careful monitoring of Covid cases in Calvert County has shown that 1/3 of breakthrough infections have happened prior to previously FDA-recommended 6-month waiting period. Our latest statistics show that people who are boosted are 10-times less likely to become infected than those without any vaccination and 5-6 times less likely to contract Covid compared to those who have yet to receive boosters. Within 1 week of receiving a booster dose, neutralizing antibodies against Covid are near maximum levels.

“If you received your second dose of vaccine before early August, you are now eligible for a booster dose. If you received a single Johnson & Johnson dose before early November, you are now eligible for a booster dose. Regardless of the brand of vaccine you have already received, you may sign up for a Pfizer if you are 12 or older (those under 18 must have consent from a parent or guardian) or a Moderna dose if you are 18 or older.”

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Democrats Support Five Commissioner Districts

Propose In-District Voting

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Democratic Central Committee is advancing a plan to create five commissioner districts in the county instead of the current three. And they would like adopted in-district voting, in which only the people living in the election district would vote for that district's candidates, instead of all commissioners now being elected by the whole county.

In an email missive sent out to members earlier this week, the Democrats said, "Do Chesapeake and North Beach have the same needs as Huntingtown or Lusby? Should Prince Frederick elect the commissioner representing Solomons? No? We don't think so either! But the Calvert County Redistricting Committee refuses to hold a town hall so you can make your voice heard."

The Calvert County Redistricting Committee was scheduled to hold its fourth meeting on Friday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. to consider the boundaries for Calvert County Commissioner Election Districts. A final meeting could be scheduled for February 4, also at 3 p.m. at:

Harriet E. Brown Community Center, room 113, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

According to a release announcing the meetings, "The public may attend either in person or virtually through Zoom. Participants may also dial in by phone (audio only). Meeting access information is available online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/3014/Redistricting-Committee.

"Meetings will be recorded and available to view on the Calvert County Government YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov."

The committee will forward their recommendations to the county commissioners.

The Democrats say, "Calvert Coun-

ty is in the throes of local redistricting. This once-in-a-decade process will profoundly impact how we are represented at our most local level. We have the opportunity to create a better, fairer system. more equitable elections, ensuring everyone is afforded a seat at the table. Here is what we need to make it happen:

- 1) Consideration of a five district map;
- 2) Holding an evening town hall to allow more robust public input; and
- 3) Adopting in-district voting.

A proposal was advanced during the 2021 Maryland General Assembly by St. Mary's County Delegate Brian Crosby (D: 29B) that would have required in-district voting. Crosby's bill would have impacted Calvert as well but it didn't get anywhere in the General Assembly. The Calvert County Commissioners opposed it, as did the St. Mary's commissioners. Crosby has not indicated whether he intends to introduce the bill this year.

At their first meeting in late December the county redistricting committee looked at an alternate proposal which would have put the county's three current districts closer to equal population. Currently the First Election District (southern Calvert) has a disproportionately lower population. There was no consideration at the meeting for the creation of five districts.

The Democrats in their email said, "Unfortunately, the redistricting committee has shut us down at every turn. They've ignored similar calls by non-partisan groups like the League of Women Voters and the NAACP. Enough is enough."

Currently three commissioners residing in each of the three election districts are voted in by the entire county. The other two commissioners run at-large and can live anywhere but also are chosen by the entire county.

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Solomons Firehouse Added to Capital Improvement Plan

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has added a new Solomons firehouse to their six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

At the BOCC's Jan. 25 meeting, Commissioner Steve Weems moved to add an additional \$15 million to the plan and more than \$13 million to the commissioners' request for additional bonding authority this year.

The legislature approves the additional bonding authority and in past years the delegation hasn't approved all the commissioners asked.

According to the proposed Public Safety CIP presented by Capital Projects Coordinator Veronica Adkins at the same meeting, the new firehouse construction is slated to begin in Fiscal Year 2026 and be completed in 2028. The county had already budgeted \$1,050,000 towards the project, for site selection and design. The new site has not yet been announced, nor have plans for the existing facility.

The new Solomons firehouse, which would accommodate both fire and rescue services, join a new St. Leonard facility already in the capital budget. Construction is set to begin on that in Fiscal Year 2024, also at a yet to be announced

location.

Together the two projects total \$26.5 million of the \$44.9 million, six-year Public Safety CIP, which also includes new apparatus.

The request for bond authority also includes an additional \$6 million for:

- Calvert Pines Senior Center Renovations: \$1,458,000 in FY '23
- Breezy Shoreline Restoration: \$2,250,000 in FY '23
- Lower Marlboro Culvert: \$75,000 in FY '23
- Storm Drainage (Piping) \$1,000,000 in FY '23

Bond authority for the Enterprise Fund, which is a self-sustaining account, has \$1.4 million for the West Prince Frederick Storage Tank.

The commissioners are in the process of reviewing a different department's CIP proposal at each meeting.

They have reviewed Education and Public Safety and have four more to do by March 1, Atkinson said.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance has predicted a tough budget year, particularly in light of inflation throwing many of the capital budget estimates out the window before they even reach the commissioners for consideration.

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Chesapeake Beach Enacts Sports Betting Ordinance

Expands Admission and Amusement Tax



Rod 'N Reel Resort.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council at its Jan. 20 meeting expanded their Admissions and Amusement Tax to include sports betting in town.

The ordinance extends the tax to include Class A1, A2, Class B1, and Class B2 licenses. That would include the licenses for the electronic betting machines currently legal in town, such as those at the Rod 'N Reel Resort. The town collects significant Admissions and Amusement Tax revenue from proceeds from that gambling.

The state law enacted by the 2021 Maryland General Assembly provided authority for the issuance of a sports betting licenses to one such facility in town, according to Mayor Pat Mahoney.

During the 2020 Town Election, citizens overwhelmingly rejected expanded gambling and sports betting in town by a more than 2-1 margin in an advisory vote. After that the town council followed the voters' wishes and passed an ordinance preventing expanded gambling for full casino licenses and sports betting.

A press release from the town after the Jan. 20 vote said, "The state pre-empted the town allowing sports betting within the municipal limits of Chesapeake Beach."

Mahoney said, however, "The state did leave room for the town to tax them." He said estimates were that the sports betting could siphon off 25 percent of the revenue the town receives from current gambling.

Three persons spoke at the Jan. 20 virtual public hearing before the vote. Joshua Johnson, who was a mayoral candidate in the last election before he withdrew, criticized the proposed ordinance, claiming the town had the authority to challenge the state's pre-empting the town's authority.

Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin disagreed in making the supporting tax, although she said she would have liked it to be more than the one-half of one percent the ordinance calls for.

Councilman Greg Morris was the lone dissenter in enacting the ordinance, saying it wasn't right to tax what the citizens voted against to begin with.

Rod 'N Reel representative Mary Lanham also spoke at the public hearing. She said, "We are the largest employer in town. We are also the largest taxpayer."

Lanham debunked the mayor's assertion about sports betting siphoning off revenue from the other forms of gambling. She said the state's experience had been otherwise, that it was additive and not subtractive.

Lanham said the additional tax could impact their overall revenue, thus hurting town tax revenue.

She said visitors to town and their facility spend money and then leave without causing a tax burden. "It's a great opportunity not a burden."

The state has yet to issue a license to the Rod 'N Reel and has yet to approve online sports betting in Maryland.

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During the week of January 10, 2022 – January 16, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,031 calls for service throughout the community.

Destruction of Property: 22-01745

On January 13, 2022, Deputy Ashely responded to the 6000 block of Locust Road in St. Leonard, MD for a report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 6 p.m. on Jan. 11 and 4 p.m. on Jan. 12, unknown suspect(s) put a screw in the victim's rear tire. The value of damaged property is \$300.00.

Destruction of Property: 22-01928

On January 14, 2022, Deputy Aley responded to the 3700 block of Hunting Creek Road in Huntingtown, MD for the reported property destruction. Contact was made with the complainant who advised unknown suspect(s) put an explosive device in the mailbox causing damage to the interior of the box. Deputy Aley was advised by USPS that a mailbox on the same street had similar damage. The estimated value of damaged property is \$100.00.

Destruction of Property: 22-02243

On January 16, 2022, Deputy Gough responded to the 400 block of Round Up Road in Lusby, MD for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime between 2 p.m. on Jan. 15 and 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 16, unknown suspect(s) completely shattered and smashed the windshield of a truck parked in the driveway of the residence using a large rock from the homeowner's flower bed. The value of damaged property is \$500.00.

Theft: 22-01659

On January 12, 2022, Deputy Hudson responded to the 500 block of Stern Circle in Lusby, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised he ordered a package and received notification of the delivery. The complainant went to retrieve the package and the package was nowhere to be found. The value of stolen property is \$249.94.

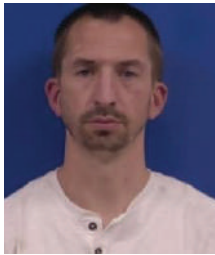
Theft: 22-01947

On January 14, 2022, Deputy Conic responded to report of a theft at 225 Town Square Drive in Lusby, MD. The complainant advised he parked a trailer at the mentioned address on Jan. 13 and when he returned to the address on Jan. 14, the trailer had been stolen. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

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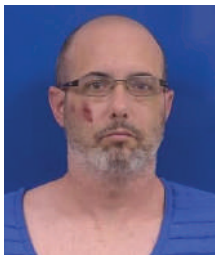
On January 15, 2022, Deputy T. Bowen responded to the 12800 block of Rousby Hall Road in Lusby, MD for report of a motor vehicle crash involving two vehicles. Contact was made with one of the drivers who ad-

vised a vehicle was travelling southbound in the northbound lane, struck the victim and attempted to leave the accident scene. Deputy Bowen made contact with the driver of the striking vehicle, **Daniel Wayne Grover, Sr.**, 39 of Lusby, MD who was observed to be stumbling and had slurred speech. It was determined Grover was operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. Grover was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. A search of Grover's person revealed a paper fold with suspected heroin. Grover was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement, along with other traffic related citations.



Daniel Wayne Grover Sr.

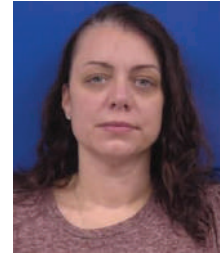
On January 10, 2022, Deputy Bowen responded to the 700 of N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the check welfare of an individual who had fallen and was unresponsive. Contact was made with **Larry Randolph Robison**, 44 of Chesapeake Beach, MD. Robison was conscious, but had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath. EMS arrived on scene for Robison to be checked out, but he refused treatment. Robison stood up and fell to the ground again due to his intoxicated state. Robison was advised to go to the hospital to get checked out, but continually refused. A search of Robison's person revealed a small amount of marijuana and a smoking device "bowl". Robison began acting in a disorderly manner by pushing deputies on scene, using profanities, and making threats. Robison was advised he was being placed under arrest and continued to resist. Robison was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Second-Degree Assault, Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest.



Larry Randolph Robison

On January 14, 2022, Sgt. Naecker responded to the Calvert County Circuit Courthouse for the report of a disorderly female. Per court deputies, **Dawn Marie Keen**, 42 of Port Re-

public, MD was advised masks were required while inside the courthouse per an administrative order issued Dec. 27, 2021 by Chief Judge Joseph M. Getty of the MD Court of Appeals in light of Omicron Variant of the COVID-19 Emergency. The provision states that ALL individuals entering the Circuit Courthouse of Calvert County shall wear face masks



Dawn Marie Keen

indoors regardless of vaccination status or other related health measures. Keen refused to wear a mask and was asked to leave the building, but refused to do so. Keen was advised multiple times of the policy, but refused to leave. Keen was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing of a Government House.

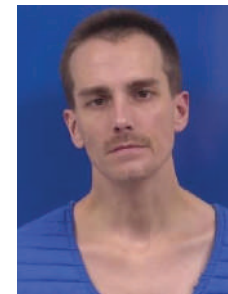
Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

Arrest in Lusby Reckless Endangerment Case

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau on Friday, Jan. 21 responded to the Appeal Convenience Center located at 200 Sweetwater Lane in Lusby for the report of shots being fired.

Preliminary investigation revealed the suspect Patrick Allan Portzen, 39, of Lusby, became involved in a verbal argument with an employee. Portzen threatened the employee and left in a vehicle. While exiting the Appeal Convenience Center, Portzen fired two shots. He was last observed traveling northbound on Rt. 4.

Deputies located the suspect vehicle and made contact with the Portzen at a residence in the 300 block of Skyview Drive in the White Sands neighborhood



Patrick Allan Portzen

in Lusby, MD. Portzen was taken into custody without incident. No injuries were reported.

Portzen was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with

First-Degree Assault and Reckless Endangerment.

Anyone with information about this incident, is asked to please contact Detective J. Buck @ Joshua.Buck@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from CCSO.

Man Pleads Guilty to Animal Cruelty

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced that Charles Henry Hall, III, 44, of Chaptico, pleaded guilty on January 21, 2022 to 1 count of felony animal cruelty, and 1 count of misdemeanor animal cruelty, relating to the use and possession of a dog for dog-fighting. Hall faces a maximum penalty of 3 years incarceration and a \$5,000 fine. As part of the plea agreement, Hall forfeited his ownership of the dog recovered at his property and will be prohibited from owning, possessing, or residing with any animal. Sentencing is scheduled for March 14, 2022 at 9 a.m. before the Honorable Mark .S. Chandler.

These charges are the result of a collaborative effort between the St. Mary's



Charles Henry Hall

County Sheriff's Office, St. Mary's County Animal Control, Humane Rescue Alliance, and the Calvert County Animal Cruelty Task Force, comprised of members of the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control,

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How to Create Structure After Retirement

Professionals typically look forward to retirement and the freedom that comes with it. The notion that commuting and deadlines will one day be a distant memory is enough to make anyone excited for retirement. But when the day to leave the daily grind behind arrives, many retirees admit to feeling a little anxiety about how they're going to find structure. Retirement is a big transition, and Robert Delamontagne, PhD, author of the 2011 book "The Retiring Mind: How to Make the Psychological Transition to Retirement," notes that some retirees experience anxiety, depression and even a sense of loss upon calling it a career. Some of those feelings can undoubtedly be traced to the perceived lack of purpose some individuals feel after retiring. Without a job to do each day, people can begin to feel useless. Overcoming such feelings can be difficult, but finding ways to build daily structure can make the transition to retirement go smoothly.

• Find something to truly engage in. Professionals who truly enjoy their work tend to be fully engaged, so it's no surprise if such individuals have a hard time adjusting to retirement. Some may suggest volunteering can help fill the void created by retirement, but researchers with

the Sloan Center on Aging and Work at Boston College have found that only those individuals who are truly engaged in their post-retirement volunteering enjoy the psychological benefits of such pursuits. So before retirees dive right in to volunteering as a means to creating structure, they should first exercise due diligence and find an opportunity they'll find genuinely engaging.

• Embrace the idea of "bridge employment."

"Bridge employment" is the name given to the trend that has seen retired individuals take on part-time or temporary employment after they have retired from full-time working. COVID-19 has no doubt skewed post-retirement working statistics since the World Health Organization first declared a pandemic in March 2020, but a 2019 survey from the LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute found that 27 percent of pre-retirees with at least \$100,000 in assets planned to work part-time in retirement. Even part-time work can provide enough daily structure to help retirees feel as though each day is not just a free-for-all.

• Make a concerted effort to be more social.

Volunteering and working are not



the only ways to create structure in retirement. A concerted effort to be more social can help retirees fill their days with interactions with like-minded individuals who may be experiencing the same feelings. Join a book club, a local nature group that goes on daily or semi-daily morning hikes or another local community organization. These are great ways to build structure and meet new people. Retirees can create social media accounts

to find local community groups that cater to their interests. Even if it seems hard to believe, plenty of retirees are seeking to create structure in retirement life, and social media can make it easier to find such individuals in your community. Structure and retirement may seem like strange bedfellows. But many retirees seek structure after calling it a career, and there are many fun ways for seniors to create more organization in their lives.

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Active Couple Finds Ideal Retirement Community

He Works, She Volunteers at Asbury-Solomons

By Dick Myers
Editor

The water was the draw. When Mike and Susan Vecchione set out to find a retirement community to settle into, Asbury-Solomons with its picturesque site on the Patuxent River was a natural magnetic attraction. They've been there a year-and-a-half and they have no regrets.

The draw for Mike was natural. He's a Marine Biologist with the Smithsonian. He was a Navy brat. "So, I've been all around the country, but on the shoreline, on the coast the whole time."

Susan, on the other hand, was from the Midwest (Minnesota). "As far away as you can get, but I went to the University of Miami," she said. That's where they met.

Mike later did graduate work at William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science on the Chesapeake Bay.

"I pretty much wanted to be a marine biologist since I was a kid," Mike said.

While the Patuxent River site was

the main attraction, the closeness of Asbury-Solomons to Mike's Washington, DC office was also important, although because of the pandemic he's been working virtually from their Asbury apartment.

According to an article on the couple in an Asbury-Solomons publication, "technology allows him to study squid, octopods, and other undersea creatures via a remote hookup to an undersea submarine streamed on his large TV screen."

As to the search for the perfect retirement community, Mike said, "She (Susan) does her research when she wants to make a decision. So, she looked online before we went around in person."

Mike said they were looking for "someplace on the river, someplace with good medical care and someplace with a great community of people that have similar backgrounds to us. There's a lot of veterans here. There's a lot of people that worked up in DC working for the government."

Why move to a retirement community when they were both still active,



Aerial view of Asbury-Solomons

and in Mike's case still working? The decision came from the experience with Susan's grandmother and great-grandparents.

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ement Community By the Water



Portuguese Water Dog and Cappy, a Lagotto Italian water dog. “Dogs are important to my quality of life,” she said.

“When we were looking, we were looking for some places that would be dog friendly,” Susan explained. All the animal owners live on the first floor of their apartment unit.

After a series of back and neck surgeries, Susan has limited mobility. Pico has been trained as a mobility dog. “He picks up anything. I drop my cell phone, my airline ticket, he picks it up,” she explained.

Susan has been active along with other dog lovers in improving the community’s dog park, which both her dogs love.

According to the Asbury publication, “When not volunteering, Susan likes to take part in Asbury Solomons’ resident clubs and programs. Both she and Mike take water aerobics and attend guest lectures, and Susan joins others to crochet, have tea, and kayak – a sport she loves.”

“It’s very relaxing to be out on the water,” said Susan, who often spots turtles and dolphins during her journeys. She’s part of a group that is teaching other Asbury Solomons residents to kayak.

Meanwhile, Mike said, “I’ve been volunteering down at Calvert Marine Museum on the skipjack (the Dee of St. Mary’s) that they have down there because I’ve got a background in traditional sail investments. That was another selling point for this community.”

“His first job at 16 was on a three-master schooner built on the Chesapeake Bay,” Susan said.

“So, it was just like old home week for me to start volunteering at the museum there,” he added.

At the Smithsonian, Mike said, “They have collections of different kinds of animals and I’m in charge of the collection of squids and octopods and that sort of thing.” He actually works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration but has been working within the Smithsonian for more than 30 years.

Over the course of Mike’s 35-year career, he’s conducted joint explorations with other countries, including a nearly-3-mile-deep dive on a Russian submarine. He also teaches at Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

Mike said of the tools available for him to work remotely from Asbury-Solomons, “it’s actually a big advantage over living in the woods in Virginia because I didn’t have very good internet activity access there, but I do a lot of things that require quite a bit of bandwidth. I can participate in robot submarine dives as they’re happening. Actual-

ly, I can talk to the ship and to the operators, doesn’t matter where they are. It can be out the middle of the Pacific Ocean. I tell them to look at this other thing off one side, watching the high-definition videos coming over the internet from the satellite, from the ship, from the submarine, that requires some bandwidth and being here gives me a better access to that.”

As to any future retirement plans, he said, “I think as long as I’m capable off contributing productively, I would like to continue. So, the short answer is no, I don’t have any plans. I probably will eventually, but I’m not sure when.”

“I really like my job. I like what I do.”

As to the move to Asbury- Solomons, Susan said “making friends” was a big attraction, and they have been able to do just that.

And she added, “I see another advantage is that we don’t have to cook all the time,” as she went to answer the door for their evening meal to arrive.

Mike is also impressed that since they moved to Asbury-Solomons they’ve installed two electric vehicle charging stations that are linked to

solar panels on the roofs. “It’s another big advantage.”

“If we waited another 10 years, I’m not sure we would have been able to take advantage of all the activities Asbury Solomons and the surrounding area offer,” Susan said.

She’s pragmatic about aging, having seen the impact on her family. The community’s publication noted, “With three sons scattered across the country, she has peace of mind knowing that she and Mike have a plan in place should they need it.

“Along with the proximity to the water, the couple also valued knowing that Solomons provides on-campus physical therapy and other health services and was near quality healthcare and emergency services if needed.”

“We’re still relatively young, but you don’t know what’s going to happen today or tomorrow. I spent years working in home health and although I love the concept, I know how difficult it is to really provide consistent, reliable care at home,” said Susan.

And Mike summed it up with his dry wit: “I’m just glad my wife is happy.”

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How active seniors can Lower Their Injury Risk



Physical activity is one of the key components of a healthy lifestyle. Though physical activity benefits people of all ages, it can be especially helpful for seniors by making it easier for them to overcome some of the obstacles associated with aging.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physical activity supports daily living activities and independence. That's a significant benefit for seniors who are worried that age-related physical and mental decline might one day compromise their ability to live independently. The CDC also notes that physical activity lowers the risk for early death, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers.

The CDC reports that physical activity is generally safe for fit individuals who are 65 and older and have no existing conditions. Despite that, it's best for any senior to consult his or her physician prior to beginning a new exercise regimen. Once doctors give seniors the go-ahead to begin a new workout routine, seniors can take the following steps to reduce their risk for injury.

• **Warm up before working out.**

Seniors may think they don't need to warm up before exercising because their workouts are not as high-intensity as they might have been when they were younger. But Harvard Medical School notes that warming up pumps nutrient-rich, oxygenated blood to the muscles and helps increase heart rate. The American Council on Exercise reports that warming up helps reduce workout-related injury risk by improving tissue elasticity. So prior to beginning a workout, regardless of how moderate- or low-intensity that regimen will be, seniors should warm up for five to 10 minutes.

• **Start with a routine that's commensurate with your abilities.**

Seniors excited by the prospect of working out must temper that excitement if they're not accustomed to physical activity. Such individuals should consider working with a personal trainer. Personal trainers design exercise regimens based on each individual client's fitness levels and goals. As clients make progress and their bodies become acclimated to routine physical activity, personal trainers can then tweak regimens to make them more challenging. Seniors can take on these responsibilities themselves, but are urged to begin slowly and gradually build up their exercise tolerance.

• **Don't skip strength training.**

Seniors may think lifting weights is for young people who want to look buff, but the AARP® notes that muscle-strengthening activities protect the joints, reducing seniors' risk for injury as a result. The Department of Health & Human Services recommends seniors who have been cleared to exercise engage in strength training at least twice per week.

• **Stretch after your workout.**

Harvard Medical School reports that efforts to cool down after a workout, including stretching, can prevent muscle cramps and dizziness and lengthen muscles throughout the body, which improves range of motion. Harvard Medical School recommends holding each stretch for 10 to 30 seconds, as the longer a stretch can be held the more flexible individuals' muscles will be.

Physical activity is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle for seniors. Active seniors can take various steps to reduce their injury risk so they can continue to reap the rewards of exercising for years to come.

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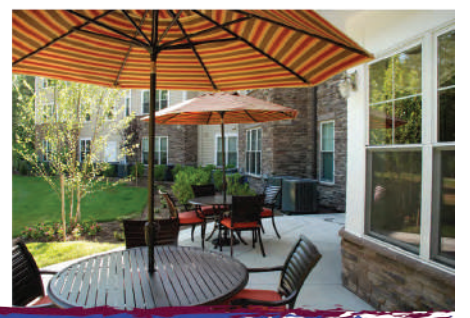
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Public Works Coordinates On Watch Campaign



Citizens are invited to honor a World War II veteran with a memorial paver brick on the Veterans Patio at the “On Watch” memorial statue in Solomons. The Calvert County Department of Public Works, General Services Division, is coordinating the annual campaign, which runs through May 2, 2022.

The monument commemorates those who served the United States during World War II. The cost of each brick is \$100 and is tax deductible. Purchasers will be notified when engraving and installation are complete. Gifts made toward the memorial brick campaign are used for the maintenance and care of the statue and grounds, located at 14485 Dowell

Road in Solomons.

The “On Watch” memorial statue is an 8-foot bronze statue by Maryland artist Antonio Tobias Mendez commemorating the people and work done at the Solomons Amphibious Training Base during World War II. This facility, the nation’s first amphibious training facility, was active from 1942-1945 and its effect on the area continues to be felt today. The statue was unveiled in August 2007.

An application is available online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/OnWatch. To learn more, contact Theresa Windsor at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Museum Joins Effort for Access to the Less Served

Calvert Marine Museum has announced that it has joined Museums for All, a signature access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Association of Children’s Museums (ACM), to encourage people of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum-going habits. The program supports those receiving food assistance (SNAP) benefits to visit Calvert Marine Museum for free admission, up to four people, with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.

Similar free or reduced admission is available to eligible members of the public at more than

700 museums across the country. Museums for All is part of Calvert Marine Museum’s broad commitment to seek, include, and welcome all audiences.

Museums for All helps expand access to museums and raise public awareness about how museums in the U.S. are reaching their entire communities. More than 700 institutions participate in the initiative, including art museums, children’s museums, science centers, botanical gardens, zoos, history museums, and more. Participating museums are located nationwide, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Press Release from CMM.

Museum Sets Universal Coprolite Day

Inaugural celebration of excrement excitement!



12 million-year-old crocodile coprolite that preserves shark tooth bite impressions found along Calvert Cliffs by William (Douggie) Douglass. Photo courtesy of Calvert Marine Museum.

Remarkably, when feces fossilize, they are known as coprolites. The term coprolite comes from the Greek words *kopros* (meaning dung) and *lithos* (meaning stone).

To celebrate the importance of coprolites in the fossil record and in the study of prehistoric life, the Department of Paleontology at the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) is initiating the celebration of Universal Coprolite Day, recognized every year henceforth on February 22.

“Universal Coprolite Day” is recognized to celebrate coprolites wherever they may form in the Universe.

In this inaugural year, the Calvert Marine Museum will celebrate Universal Coprolite Day on Sunday, February 20, 2022. From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., activities and learning stations will be placed throughout the museum, as well as CMM’s vast collection of coprolites. Don’t worry, coprolites don’t have the odor you typically associate with feces. These fossils preserve through mineral replacement, which removes the organic materials that produce the familiar fecal funk.

In honor of this monumental occasion, a logo was designed to represent this day (Fig. 1). As the *State Paleontology Collection and Research Center*, CMM’s Universal Coprolite Day logo

was inspired by none other than, *Astrodon*, the Maryland State Dinosaur.

The Paleontology Collection at the Calvert Marine Museum houses some of the most amazing coprolites ever found, including shark and fish-bitten coprolites, a coprolite preserving the impression of a baby turtle shell, partially eaten coprolites, and the only known fossil skull filled with coprolites. Coprolites were first recognized as fossilized feces by British fossil hunter Mary Anning in 1824. Then in 1829, British geologist William Buckland named them coprolites.

Coprolites are also known as trace fossils because they are evidence of the activities of once-living animals.

The vast majority of feces do not fossilize; they are recycled into the ecosystem. But when conditions are just right, feces can fossilize, and in so doing, they preserve a wealth of information on the diets of long-dead animals.

Coprolites are found worldwide in rocks from the Cambrian (beginning 540 million years ago) to the present. Untold thousands of specimens are housed in museums and private collections around the world. We hope that this year and in years to come, they too will celebrate Universal Coprolite Day!

Press Release from CMM.

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CSM Welcomes New Faculty



Clockwise from left are member of CSM's newest faculty Beth Caruso, Dr. Brent Alan Ferguson, Pamela Burkett Jones, Amy Spitz and Dr. Seth Wright.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) welcomed several new faculty members last fall, all of whom have already made their mark on students and the campuses.

Beth Caruso is a new assistant professor of English at CSM's La Plata Campus. Caruso earned her bachelor's in English Language and Literature from the University of Georgia, and she holds a master's in the Teaching of English from Loyola University Maryland. Prior to her arrival at CSM, Caruso taught first-year composition at Howard Community College along with literature and composition classes at Stevenson University. Caruso brings a wealth of curriculum development experience and e-learning design expertise with her to CSM.

"What I'm most looking forward to about teaching at CSM is getting to know the diverse student body," Caruso said.

Dr. Brent Alan Ferguson recently came on board as an assistant professor of Music at the La Plata campus. He earned his bachelor's in Music Composition at the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2007; master's in Music Theory at Texas State University in 2011, and doctorate in Music Theory and Composition at the University of Kansas in 2020. Ferguson is a seasoned instrumentalist, a composer for music in the concert hall and for video games, and a published scholar on music and multimedia. He has taught for 15 years and serves on the committees for the Ludo musicology and Global East Asian Music Research study groups for the American Musicological Society.

"I have already worked with some great thinkers and scholars wanting to expand their knowledge and impact their fields," Ferguson said, adding that he is excited to watch his students continue to grow over the next year.

David Green is an assistant professor of History at the La Plata

campus. He earned his bachelor's in History at St. Mary's College of Maryland and a master's in History at Catholic University of America. He has taught in both public and private schools and currently lives in Silver Spring.

Pamela Burkett Jones recently joined the Prince Frederick Campus as an assistant professor of criminal justice. She is a former criminal justice professional with 32 years of experience in the field, including 27 as a law enforcement officer. She said she is looking forward to educating students in the criminal justice field as they seek to maximize their professional potential.

Amy Spitz is a new instruction librarian for CSM, based primarily on the Prince Frederick campus. Spitz received her bachelor's in English from Grand Valley State University in 2015 and her master's in Library and Information Science from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in 2020. She her worked in public libraries and nonprofits, and as a graduate assistant in the undergraduate library at UIUC. Spitz's research interests include information behavior, Fan Studies, inclusive cataloging/metadata practices, and information literacy pedagogy.

Dr. Seth Wright is an associate professor of sociology at the La Plata campus. He obtained his doctorate in Sociology from the University of Arizona in Tucson, as well as a master's in Education from Northern Arizona University. Wright is committed to a learner-centered and inclusive teaching style, and actively integrates technology into the classroom. He said he is excited to help CSM develop its concentration in Sociology and ensure that students maximally benefit from this new opportunity.

"In my short time at CSM, I've been most excited by the community of teachers, and how dedicated the faculty and staff are to equity and student success," he said.

Press Release from CSM.

CSM Students Race to Identify Cells

Nation's First Ever 'Cell Bowl'

Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) students at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) recently competed in the first ever "Cell Bowl," a competition that had students from across the country racing to identify different cells that they will encounter in their medical professions. CSM's nine-member team achieved rankings as high as second in the nation before ultimately finishing at third place in the Eastern region.

CSM's two-year MLT program prepares graduates to work as members of a diagnostic health care team, performing routine and automated procedures under the supervision of a medical technologist or pathologist. Tests that MLTs perform include complete blood counts, urinalysis, cross matching blood for transfusion, identifying pathogenic organisms, and chemical analysis of blood and other body fluids.

The Cell Bowl was organized by CSM MLT Program Coordinator Tiffany Gill, who runs a similar competition in her class each year. She challenges her students to race against their classmates to identify cells, with the winning team claiming ownership of a trophy for the week.

This year, Gill, who also produces the YouTube channel Medical Lab Lady Gill, worked with the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) to expand the contest to students nationwide.

"The CSM MLT students represented Maryland well," said Gill. "I am so proud of their enthusiasm and progress. It was also wonderful to have other health program students rally around them during the competition. I could hear other students stopping them in the hallway to wish them 'good-luck' and to 'keep up the great work!' Hopefully, those connections will extend out into the clinical world where the professions work together as a collaborative healthcare team."

Students in the contest used the quiz feature on the CellaVision CellAtlas app, which challenges users to correctly identify 30 cells in one minute. Teams submitted their best score to the contest each week for seven weeks, with lab-oriented prizes awarded each week during the second half of the competition.

"Participating helped me refresh myself on material I learned last year. I'm currently doing my clinical rotations, so the Cell Bowl was a great way to revisit things I've learned while applying it in a simulated work environment," said CSM student Cameron Burgess of Accokeek, who will complete the program this spring.

A total of 71 programs from 33 states competed: 34 from the Eastern region,



CSM Medical Laboratory Technician students compete during at the first ever national "Cell Bowl" – a competition that had students from across the country racing to identify different cells that they will encounter in their medical professions.

including three from Maryland, 30 from the Midwest, and seven from the west, representing an almost even mix of four-year Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) programs and two-year MLT programs. Gill said that one thing that stood out in the contest was that there were not significant differences in scores between MLS and MLT students.

For the first four weeks, teams competed within their regions. The top two teams in each region then advanced to the playoffs, with the two final teams competing in week seven to be champions. The results were presented in a weekly YouTube video on Gill's channel that also included information about the field, such as special guests, tutorials, and information about accreditation.

Burgess was a valuable member of CSM's team, at one point scoring the second-best time in the country on the app, according to Gill.

"I'm a very competitive person, so naturally I wanted to play just to win," said Burgess. "I did my best, but each week there would be someone better. It motivated me to try more and more for a better score."

The overall winning team, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College's MLT Program, received a trophy. Each team member received a certificate and Interactive Practice Exam Bundles. They will also be interviewed live on Gill's YouTube channel, written up in ASCP critical values publication, and featured in episode of the eLABorate Topics podcast.

Gill said that the contest was a fun way to raise awareness about a profession that is often overlooked by students who want to pursue a career in the health care field.

"We have been called the hidden profession in healthcare," Gill said. "I want to increase awareness about the importance of the medical laboratory and the type of individual who should look into the field, because we currently have a critical need for laboratorians."

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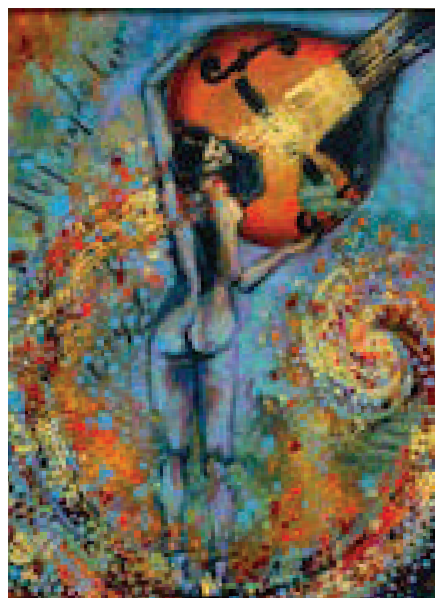
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Nico Gozal's "All Bound for Mo Moo Land"



Tracey Vernon's "Mandolin Wind"

If you ask an artist what inspires their creations, from where they get their ideas, they will often shrug and say it just comes to them. Thomas Edison would disagree with this claim. "Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." All sweating aside, what inspires you? Is it what you see in the world around you? Is it a story you read? Is it a song on the radio?

In February, ArtWorks@7th's theme is art inspired by music lyrics. Music and songs move us to dance, to feel, and time travel us into the past where we perceived life as simpler or sweeter. We welcome you to visit ArtWorks@7th to enjoy our local artists' interpretations of song lyrics. Come be inspired!

Silk artist Nico Gozal provides two examples of works inspired by "Justified and Ancient" by KLF and Tammy Wynette: "Cowleidoscope" and "All Bound for Mo Moo Land".

Tracey Vernon provides mixed media inspired by "Girl with Pearl Earring" by Vermeer titled "Music to my Eyes"; an acrylic painting inspired by Rod Stewart titled "Mandolin Wind"; and "Mr. Bojangles" in watercolor.

Photographer Wayne Thomas provides "Sitting By The Dock" as mentioned in Otis Redding's "Sitting By The Dock of The Bay". "The image was made at Bushwood Pier in St. Mary's County and is a place that I go on occasion to just relax, fish, take photos

and just observe nature. It's usually quiet and peaceful and represents much of what is beautiful along the banks of the Bay, the Potomac, and their various tributaries here in Southern Maryland", said Wayne.

We hope you will come in and enjoy a semi-intimate viewing at the gallery on Saturday February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Meet the artists and experience the variety of art represented by these wonderfully talented people. If you can't make it to the Open House, please be sure to stop by anytime during the month.

Money spent locally stays in the local economy and continues to strengthen the economic base of the entire community. Small local businesses make indispensable contributions to communities and neighborhoods. Supporting local artists allows them the opportunity to continue to serve their communities. You will often see members of Artworks@7th supporting local charities and organizations by participating in art shows, teaching workshops, and donating items for fundraisers.

ArtWorks@7th is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue (near 2nd street) in North Beach, Maryland. Our winter hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Press Release from ArtWorks@7th.

Cove Point Tennis Courts Closes for Lighting Upgrades



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation advises citizens that the tennis courts located at Cove Point Park are temporarily closed for lighting retrofit upgrades. Work is expected to complete Friday, Feb. 4, weather permitting. Access to the rest of the park remains open during this time.

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation strives to enhance the health, economy and well-being of the Calvert County community through sustainable practices, leisure op-

portunities and environmental stewardship. For more information about Parks & Recreation facilities and programs, visit online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/ParksandRecreation.

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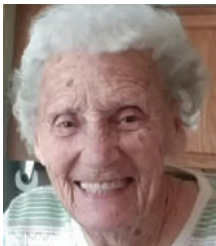
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In Remembrance

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.

Thelma Louise Scott



Thelma Louise Scott, 91, of Port Republic, Maryland passed away on January 24, 2022 in Solomons, Maryland.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 29, 2022,

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens, 3270 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676

Jessica Nicole "Jess" Burton

Jessica Nicole "Jess" Burton, 34, of Lothian passed away January 22, 2022 at home surrounded by family. She was born August 18, 1987 in Cheverly to Gregory and Terry (Walker) Horning. Jess grew up in Dunkirk and attended Mt. Harmony Elementary, Northern Middle, and graduated with honors from Northern High School in 2005. She then attended Anne Arundel Community College and graduated with an Associate's Degree in information technology. Jess had a love for computers and worked as an IT Security Specialist with ZeniMax Studios. She married Steve Burton on November 13, 2015. Jess loved playing video games and cosplay. She traveled to Japan and Australia to participate in cosplay and was sponsored by Wizards of the Coast. Jess also had a love of Japanese culture, enjoyed shopping with her mom, and spending time with her dog Freyja. Most of all, Jess loved being a mom, and wanted the best for her family, especially her son Stevie. She was focused on Stevie's education and wanted him to grow up to be as smart as possible.

Jess is survived by her husband Steve and son Stevie, parents Gregory and Terry Horning of Dunkirk, brother Nicholas Horning and his wife Stephanie of Sedro Woolley, WA, nephew

Jozef Horning, grandfather Joseph Horning, aunts and uncles Debbie and David Bourget, Dana and Robbie Carr, David Horning and his fiancé Polly Houge, Norman and Eugene Walker, and Brenda Roundtree, mother and father-in-law Cynthia and Steve Burton of Lothian, sister-in-law Rachel Burton, and grandfather-in-law Larry Bogemann.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 5, 2022, 10 a.m. -Noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral Service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery-Suitland, 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suitland, MD 20746.

Michael McManus Mayhew Jr.



It is with great sadness we announce the death of Michael McManus Mayhew Jr. Michael McManus Mayhew Jr., 59, of Owings, Maryland, passed away Friday, January 21, 2022 at Calvert Health Medical Center. Michael was born 12/17/1962 in Cheverly, Maryland. He attended Northern High School where he graduated from in 1982. Michael worked at Merton as a plumber. He loved to spend time with his daughter, Valarie Mayhew and watch her grow in many things, especially becoming a Police Officer. He also loved spending time with his little dog, Bearsy. Michael loved spending time with his family and friends. Michael had many hobbies which included collecting wolves and classics. Some of his other hobbies included doing arts N crafts and attending car shows. His favorite singer was Tanya Tucker, and his favorite holiday was Christmas. Michael always loved and made time to listen and talk to many people. Michael

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McManus Mayhew Jr. is greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

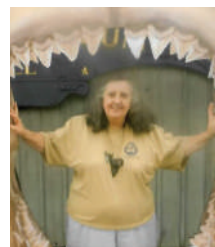
Michael is survived by his loving daughter Valarie Nicole Mayhew of Clarion, PA, his twin sister Margaret J. Woods of Owings, and sisters Mary A. Mullins of Hughesville, Marie T. Dorsey and husband James of Chaptico, and Melody A. Huckelby and husband Tommy, Sr. of Owings. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and many other loved ones and friends. Michael was preceded in death by his parents Mary Patricia Ann (Boswell) and Michael McManus Mayhew, Sr.

Family and friends will be received Thursday January 27 from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. and Friday January 28 from 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home in Owings, where a Funeral Service and Celebration of Michael's life will be held Friday January 28 at 11 a.m.

Michael's Services will be livestreamed on the Rausch Funeral Home Facebook page starting five minutes before the time of Service at 11 a.m. on Friday.

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

Florence Jones Streat



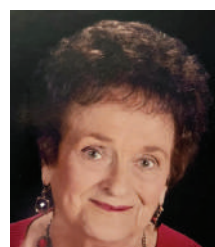
Florence Jones Streat, 82, of Port Republic, Maryland, passed away peacefully at her home on January 19, 2022. Florence was born on May 9, 1939, in Greenville, South

Carolina to the late Benjamin and Lucia Jones. Florence spent her 28-year career as an Oceanographer and Cartographer for the Department of the Navy where she also met her beloved late husband, Bernard Max Streat, Jr. Florence loved to collect fossils, seashells, rocks, and minerals from up and down the East Coast. Florence is survived by her two nephews, Robert Flynt Streat and Chad Lockey Streat.

The family will receive friends at the Rausch Funeral Home 4005 Broomes Island Rd, Port Republic, MD on Monday January 31, 2022 from 10 a.m. Noon.

A graveside service will follow at Christ Church Cemetery, 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Barbara Rose Bowen Elliott



Barbara Rose Bowen Elliott, 88 a lifelong resident of Calvert County, MD passed away January 19, 2022 at her home in Huntingtown,

MD surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 22, 1933 at her parents' home in Huntingtown, MD. She attended Towson University, Bowie State University and University of Maryland, College Park and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Master's Degree in Education. Barbara was a well-respected teacher at Huntingtown Elementary School for 38 years. She was loved dearly by her students and colleagues. She treated all her students as if they were her own children. Barbara also served as a Judge of Orphans' Court for Calvert County from 1990- 1994 and then served as Chief Judge of Orphans Court from 1994-2010. She was a Member of Maryland Association of Orphans' Court Judges, Member of Calvert County Democratic Central Committee, Member of Calvert County Democratic Club, President of Calvert County Retired Teachers Association, Director of Huntingtown Citizens Association, and Member of League of Women Voters. Her hobbies included taking long drives, playing cards with friends, going out to social events, taking care of family, and bowling. She was in a Bowling League at Lord Calvert Bowl for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Leroy Elliott, her parents, John Benson Bowen and Virginia (Hudson) Bowen, her brother, John Benson Bowen Jr, her youngest son, Patrick Elliott and her grandson, Jason Elliott. She is survived by her sons, Jeffrey Elliott and Mark Elliott, her grandchildren, Jennifer Rider and husband John Rider, Julia Elliott and significant other Olivier Gonifei, Caisi Elliott, and Emily Elliott, her great-grandchildren, Chad Albrecht and wife Selena Albrecht, Magdalyn Albrecht, Marcus Elliott and significant other Unique Keemer, and Brielle Gonifei, her nieces Monica Bowen Kilsheimer and Candis Jane Bowen, sister in law Barbara E. Bowen and nephew John Benson Bowen, III. She is also survived by many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held at St John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick, MD on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10 – 11 am for the general public.

Funeral Mass will also take place at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick, MD at 11 a.m. She will be buried at Huntingtown United Method Church in Huntingtown, MD following the service.

All are welcome to join! Contributions may be made in memory of Barbara Elliott to St. John Vianney Catholic Church and/or Calvert Hospice.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, there will be no Reception following the burial.

Kayla Sue Brumfield

Kayla Sue Brumfield, 64, of Lusby, MD passed away on January 16, 2022 at her residence. Born December 10, 1957 in Little Rock, AR, she was the daugh-

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ter of the late Audie W. Cleveland and Janis (Ellis) Cleveland.

Kayla was a member of the Holly Springs Missionary Baptist Church. She loved to hunt,

fish, cook, play games, camp and spend time with family. Before becoming disabled, Kayla owned and ran the family business of A&J Gen. Mdse. in Holly Springs, AR.

Kayla is survived by her husband of 35 years, Vincent Brumfield, whom she married in Searcy, AR on December 12, 1986; her daughter, LaTisha Waters and husband Cody of Lusby, MD; four grandsons, Logan Wolfe of Conway, AR, Brendan Wolfe and husband Corey of California, MD, Jacob Carter of Lusby, MD, and Kyle Waters of Lusby, MD; and one “adopted by heart” brother, Darrell Martin and wife Sue of Searcy, AR. She was preceded in death by her parents, Audie and Janis Cleveland; her daughter, Leslie Wolfe; her sister, Lorrie Ann Poss and brother-in-law, Chris Poss.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

William Ernest McKenny



William Ernest McKenny, 89, of Greenville, NC passed away peacefully on January 16, 2022 at the North Carolina State Veterans Home in Kinston, NC.

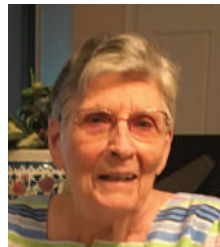
He was born August 12, 1932 to the late Joseph Arthur and Maude Iola Williams McKenny in Calvert County where he lived most of his life. Ernest served in the Army and was a retired mail carrier for the United States Post Office. His family lived in the old McKenny house on Skinners Turn Road which was built by his father in 1930. He also used to mow the grass in the cemetery at Mt Harmony Church.

In addition to his parents, Ernest was preceded in death by his first wife of 38 years and mother of his children, Dorothy Lucille Burke, his second wife Jeanette Marie Fincham, and a sister Bertha Viola Leitch Sharper. He is survived by three daughters; Elaine (Bob) Kennedy of Taylorsville, NC, Debbie Kennedy of Greenville, NC, and Sandy Dobbs of Winterville, NC; grandchildren, Bill (Kimberly) Kennedy, Kimmie (Jason) Gray, Ken (Amanda) Dobbs, John (Nicole) Dobbs, Sherlene (Todd) Sommers, Shellie (David) Taylor, David Dobbs, and Rachel (Troy) Trinosky; and great-grandchildren Taylor Kennedy, Alexander Kennedy, Drew

Kennedy, Haven Gray, Jon Trinosky, Nathaniel Taylor, Aiden Dobbs, Liam Dobbs and two more on the way.

Rausch Funeral Home is serving the family of Ernest McKenny. The family would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the North Carolina State Veterans Home for their loving dedication and care to Ernest.

Martha Coleman Jones



Martha Coleman Jones, 90 of Annapolis, formerly of St. Leonard, Maryland, passed away January 15, 2022, in the loving care of her children.

She was born, September 29, 1931 in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania to the late Murray Glenn and Virginia Pearl Coleman.

She moved to the DC area when she was 17 and worked for the FBI where she met the love of her life, Walter S. Jones. She was a homemaker after having her children for many years but returned to work at the Naval Sea Systems Command as a Logistics Management Specialist.

She enjoyed bowling, her gardens, traveling and especially spending time with her family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Walter S. Jones. She is survived by her children, Joy L. Schoenbauer (Bob), and Jill L. Cropper (Phil); her grandchildren Christopher Schoenbauer (Michelle), Jennifer Francisco (Jesiel), Bradley Schoenbauer (Tracy) and Ryan Schoenbauer (Autumn) and her great grandchildren Evan, Bryn, Nolan, Reese and Alex Schoenbauer and her great grand-doggy Melli.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway

Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link:

<https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/> Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Virginia Rose Brickey



Virginia Rose Brickey, 81, of Owings, passed away January 15, 2022 at Calvert Health Medical Center. She was born March 19, 1940 in Washington, D.C., to

Virgie Frances McDermott and William Daniel Woodard. Virginia graduated from Suitland High School class of 1957, and went on to work as a secretary for Prince George’s County Office of Finance. She was one of the founding members of Dunkirk Baptist Church, and a member of the Daughters of the

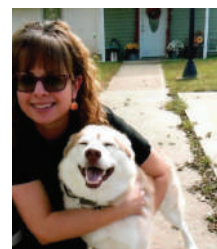
American Revolution. She enjoyed crocheting blankets, playing Bingo at the Optimist Club, bowling 10-pin and Duckpin, researching her genealogy, rooting on her favorite NASCAR driver, Kurt Busch, watching her beloved Redskins football, and reading a good book – especially one by her favorite author, Clive Cussler – in her spare time. Virginia competed in and often won countless Powder Puff demolition derbies for over fifteen years, and she loved to travel by car—she had even planned to take a trip to Mount Rushmore this summer. She is a beautiful and amazing woman who will be missed greatly by her family.

Virginia is survived by her daughter Bonnie Robey of Owings, sons William Brickey of Huntingtown, and Michael Brickey (Alison) of Mt. Airy; grandchildren Dave, Nichole, Jessica, Khristopher, Kelly, Kevin, Sara, Chloe, Anthony, and Matthew, as well as nine great-grandchildren, her brother William, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her husband Winford, her daughter Elaine Graham, her parents William and Virgie, and her sisters, Gloria and Sharon.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 29, 2022, 10 a.m. to Noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral Service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Washington National Cemetery, 4101 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD 20746.

Jennifer Lynn Roberts



Jennifer Lynn Roberts, 41, of Gambrills, passed away January 15, 2022. She was born in LaPlata, Maryland on February 22, 1980, and raised in

Dunkirk, Maryland. She graduated from Northern High School class of 1998, and went on to earn her Bachelor’s degree in Psy-

chology and English at University of Maryland.

Jennifer is survived by her husband, Brian Patrick Roberts, daughter Brooklyn Elizabeth Roberts, son Tyler Patrick Roberts, all of Gambrills; parents Sharon Kay and Robert Wayne Stewart of Dunkirk; mother-in-law Barbara A. Roberts of Odenton, father-in-law Edward Roberts, Jr. (Deborah Claire) of La Plata, and brother-in-law Michael Edward Roberts (Andy Leigh Eberly) of Suitland. Jennifer is preceded in death by her stepfather-in-law, Warren Glen Roberts.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 27, 2022; 10-11 a.m. at Grace Brethren Church of Calvert County, 9870 Old Solomons Island Road, Owings, MD 20736; Link:

<https://calvertgrace.org/>

A Memorial Service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Andre Todd Collins



Andre Todd Collins, 50 of Lusby, MD formerly of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away suddenly at his residence on January 17, 2022. He was born on April 23, 1971 in

Santa Monica, CA to Lucille Witucki and Percy Collins. He was the loving husband to Tonya Collins.

Andre loved spending time doing family activities, keeping up with his favorite sports teams, and current events.

He is survived by his wife, Tonya Collins; mother, Lucille Witucki, and children, Ace Collins, Summer Collins, Kane Collins, and, Madison Collins.

The family will receive friends for a Life Celebration Visitation on Friday, January 21, 2022 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm in the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD.

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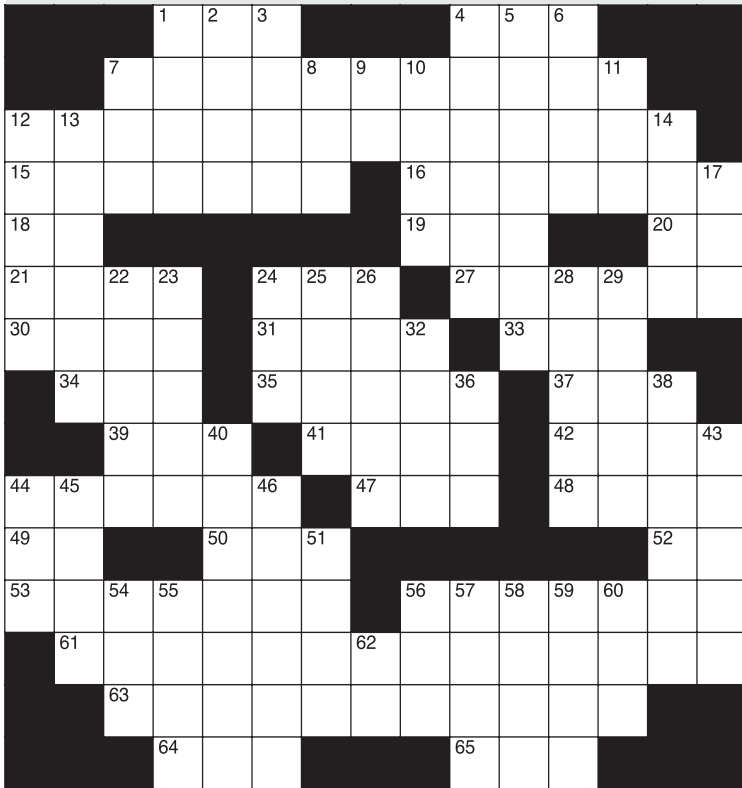
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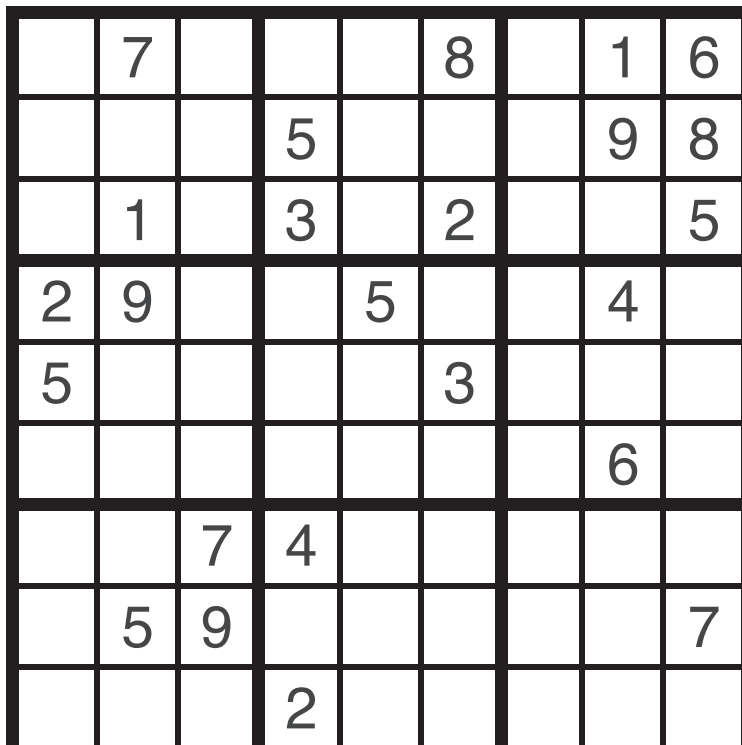
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- 7. Rigid external covering in some animals
- 12. Promotional materials
- 15. More high-pitched
- 16. Widely cultivated cereal
- 18. Dormitory employee
- 19. Bad act
- 20. One's mother
- 21. Scored perfectly
- 24. Space station
- 27. Exchange for money
- 30. Edible seaweed
- 31. Iranian city
- 33. Lakers' crosstown rivals
- 34. Nothing
- 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 37. ___ student, learns healing
- 39. Military official (abbr.)
- 41. Matchstick games
- 42. Gasteyer and De Armas are two
- 44. Distant planet

- 47. A type of residue
- 48. Punk art icon Jimmy De___
- 49. Millihenry
- 50. Canadian media firm
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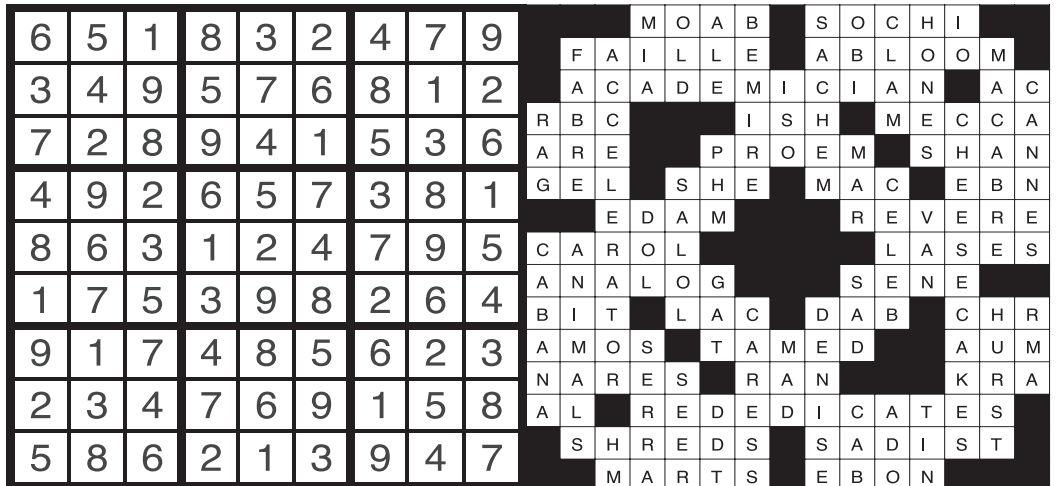
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- 2. Scandalized actress Loughlin
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Essay
- 5. Continuing indefinitely
- 6. Tool for lifting food
- 7. Partner to Adam
- 8. Dry white wine drink
- 9. Spanish be
- 10. Smaller quantity
- 11. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 12. (Scottish) island
- 13. Church officer
- 14. Large wrestler
- 17. Polite address for

- women
- 22. Famed Susan Lucci character "___ Kane"
- 23. Mason ___ Line
- 24. Disfigure
- 25. Asian nation
- 26. Rage (Span.)
- 28. Khoikhoi peoples
- 29. Opera solo
- 32. Database management system
- 36. Similar
- 38. Move up and down playfully
- 40. Alfalfa
- 43. Satisfied
- 44. Baseball official
- 45. Large, flightless bird of S. America
- 46. Money given in support
- 51. Flower cluster
- 54. Beginning military rank
- 55. Russian weight measurement
- 56. Explosive
- 57. An individual unit
- 58. Midskirt
- 59. Weapon featuring balls
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- 62. Unit of measurement



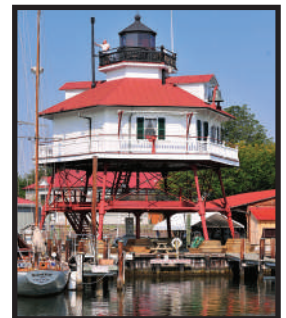
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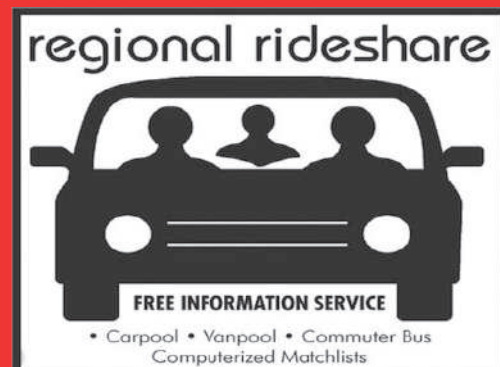


SchoolPool We understand the safety of your children is of the utmost importance to you. For this reason SchoolPool only shares the parents' contact information and never information about your children. Take advantage of SchoolPool to get your children to school in a safe and secure manner.

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GRH provides a free ride home for registered commuters who ride in a carpool or vanpool, take transit, bike or walk to work at least twice a week. In the event of an unexpected emergency or unscheduled overtime, GRH will arrange for a free taxi ride, a free transit ride, or even a free rental car up to four times each year to get you home.



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