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COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT BUDDY HANCE ON THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL SIGNS.



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Software Approved to Expedite Permitting

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a budget adjustment for a new software system for the Department of Planning and Zoning.

According to Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook, her department and “the Department of Technology Services (TS) are in the process of implementing a new software, DigEplan, which allows concurrent permit and application reviews by multiple internal and external organizations thereby increasing efficiency and reducing application time.”

Total cost of the software is \$126,195. Monies for the software will be tapped from two contract services accounts, so there will be no net increase in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget.

“We are doing this to expedite services,” Commissioner President Buddy Hance said.

Cook was asked by Hance if the permit application process will



Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook

now be able to be started online.

Cook said that would be the case for residential projects. “We are working on commercial. We hope to implement that by the end of the year,” Cook added.

The unanimous approval came at the BOCC’s July 12 meeting. Acting Director of Technology Services and Chief Information Officer Stephen Pereira attended the presentation with Cook.

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School Board Becomes Hot Commissioner Issue

By Dick Myers
Editor

The school board and the nine-candidate primary for two at-large seats has become a hot issue in the county commissioner races as well.

At a forum hosted by the Republican Central Committee June 28 at Northeast Community Center in Chesapeake Beach, Third District Candidate Catherine Grasso said, "Election after election, the Republican Central Committee has come to you and asked for candidates to run for the board of education. We had to go into critical condition with the pandemic and grandparents and parents becoming aware of what their children were learning and what their children weren't learning. We have some great conservative candidates this year."

Grasso added, "You need to do your homework. You need to get two conservatives in there. And in two more years, as a conservative party, we need to push forward two more conservative candidates. You, as parents, as grandparents deserve to have a voice in your children's lives. We need to get back to basics."

In response to a question about how to encourage cooperation between the commissioners and school board, Third District incumbent Kelly McConkey, who has held both positions, said, "I moved here for the school system, just like most of the people here in this room."

McConkey added, "It's against the law to hold back funding to a school system because they're not doing something that the Board of County Commissioners wants them to do. If you were to say, 'I'm not funding you because you won't have more than 10 public comments, we can get in a lot of trouble for that.'" He noted he was in favor of the school board rescinding that policy.

At-Large commissioner candidate Paul Harrison observed there were four or five good conservative school board candidates. "They're going to split their vote. And the two Democrats that were organized to run are going to win. This is the problem, we don't fight."

On a question about safety of students in school, Grasso drew audience and



Catherine Grasso

candidate reaction when she said, "I'd really like to know what leverage our SROs (school resource officers) have within the schools. And, quite frankly, are they prepared to shoot somebody who's going to harm our children and our grandchildren, because that's what I want. Don't be in there just standing around. Shoot them."

McConkey emphasized what had already been done. "When I was on the board of ed, we had a film put on all the front doors and the front windows that was smash resistant. And if you were to shoot a gun, it would take five or six times to even create a hole. That could be put on the surrounding windows of the schools."

The comment was in response to an earlier comment read from a teacher that her classroom had two outside windows.

McConkey added, "I had talked about putting fencing around schools where there's a wooded area that would help stop people from being able to shoot from the woods."

"As commissioners, he said, "we built new communication towers. When we had a kid in Calvert High School that brought a gun to school, the officers went into the school, and they could not communicate with each other."

He said he and his wife also arranged for an active shooter training session at Chesapeake Church.

"In response to an earlier question, At-large candidate Myra Gowans said, "We must turn off the cell phones in the classrooms. They should not be on. The teachers are scared to death of the kids.



Kelly McConkey

They know that they are being filmed in the classroom. They know that if the teachers say to them, 'I would like you to put that away so that we can all learn at the same time,' they tell them to basically 'F off.' This is unconscionable and the teachers are scared to death.

"So, we need you, the parents and grandparents, to stand up for the children."

The fatal accident several years ago involving an off-duty deputy and that officer's subsequent acquittal of felony charges, has been an issue not only in the sheriff's race but also the commissioners' race, as District 1 commissioner candidate Steve Jones was called to duty at the sheriff's office that night. At an earlier forum (County Times, June 16) Jones responded to allegations by his

opponent, incumbent Mike Hart about Jones' culpability.

But at the June 28 forum, the other candidate for the position, Patrick Flaherty, in an unusual move, stood up for Jones and blasted Hart. "Some things need calling out," he said. "Commissioner Hart has participated in spreading unsubstantiated rumors. Rumors, destroy reputations, specifically targeting the character of Mr. Jones here, a man that has shown in the time that I've known him to be a forthright and honorable man."

Flaherty said Hart had been playing "DC politics" by spreading "vicious rumors, and which is in fact using a darkened picture of Mr. Jones in campaign mailings, causing Mr. Jones to appear evil or darker skinned."

Flaherty added, "Last election cycle, Commissioner Hart promised to you and you and you and you at home, that he would not seek a third term. And yet here he sits mocking you for trusting him. He shows his lack of character and honor. His word is not his bond. He should not be sitting up here."

Flaherty said, "Will you overlook Commissioner Hart's lying to you? It is obvious that term limits must be instituted. I call on all candidates for commissioner to support term limits with a maximum of eight years."

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Early Voting Turnout Deemed Low

Primary Election Day: July 19

By Dick Myers
Editor

“Signs don’t vote, people do,” was Commissioner President Buddy Hance’s reaction to the proliferation of political signs all over Calvert County. The signs created sign farms outside the three Early Voting locations for the last week. Early Voting’s last day is today (Thursday, July 14) with polls closing at 8 p.m. Then it’s voting in earnest on Election Day, Tuesday, July 19.

Hance reported at the July 12 commissioner meeting that he had been told by Election Office Director Gail Hatfield that for close races the results might not be in until July 29.

At least some of the signs will come down after that, Hance said and the county’s viewscape will be restored.

Hance noted the low turnout at Early Voting as of the Tuesday meeting. He called it “surprising” considering the several hotly contested races, including his own at-large seat.

Elections Office Executive Ad-

ministrative Aide Kristen Scott, at around 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, characterized the turnout as “slow.” She said there had been 2,094 votes up to that point, or just 2.66 percent of total registered voters in the county. Four years ago, at the last non-presidential election, 2,895 votes were cast at the one polling place, compared to this year’s three locations. That represented 5.76 percent of eligible voters.

Hance reported that the numbers of absentee ballots sent out are up this year, to more than 8,000.

Scott said the election office put out signs on Routes 2/4 at both ends of the county reminding voters of the new locations at Southern Community Center in Lusby and the Fairview Library in Owings.

The office also initiated a wait-time tracker on their website to show voters how much time it would take to cast their ballots at the three locations. At 2 p.m. on Tuesday the wait time was zero at all three locations.

On each early voting day Repub-



Zane Rettstatt casts his vote at Southern Community Center

lican voters outnumbered Democrats at each polling place by about two to one. Each party had a booth with literature at the three polling locations.

The weekend days were much slower than the weekdays at each location.

County Commissioner candidate Steve Jones, who was at the Southern Community Center midday on July 11, said those who had come up to him on the way into and out of the polls wanted to know about growth and what the county would

look like in the future.

The poll workers at both booths reported things were slow but steady.

Scott noted, however, that the final day of early voting is often the busiest.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Primary Election Day, July 19. For a list of the 21 polling places for the July 19 primary go to: Polling Places | Calvert County, MD - Official Website (calvert-countymd.gov)

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County to Receive Extra Housing Assistance

Monies to Come from the State

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County is expected to receive an additional \$850,000 in emergency rental assistance from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The monies are in addition to \$1,239,878 already received under the Emergency Rental Assistance Project 2 Grant.

According to Community Resources Specialist Lisa Tolomei, "These funds enable the county to provide rental assistance, utility assistance, other housing-related financial assistance, and housing stability services to people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement."

Tolomei said, "No match is required. The county provides in-kind administrative support for this project."

Because of the amount of the grant, a public hearing was required, which was held by the county commissioners on July 12. Only one person, Joseph Cornier, spoke in support.

Commissioner President Buddy



Hance noted the availability of funding for county residents in need of financial assistance.

"Any issues you may have, reach out to Community Resources," Hance said.

"Please reach out," he reiterated.

After the public hearing, the commissioners voted unanimously to sign the agreement for the funding from the state. Commissioner Chris Gadway recused himself from participation in the discussion and vote.

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County to Host Free Paper Shredding Events



The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host free paper shredding events for county residents and businesses to help prevent identity theft by destroying confidential or sensitive documents. The following shred events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine:

- Saturday, July 23 at Northern Middle School located at 2954 Chaneyville Road in Owings

- Saturday, Aug. 20 at Huntingtown High School located at 4125 Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown

- Saturday, Sept. 24 at Appeal Landfill located at 401 Sweetwater Road in Lusby

Proof of residency or business location is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes

prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable.

Businesses are allowed up to five banker boxes of paper per business (or the equivalent volume of five banker boxes in alternate containers). There is no limit for residents.

Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested.

Shredding events are held monthly throughout the year. For more information about recycling events, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, at 410-326-0210 or visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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I come from a long history of watermen and farmers. The Chesapeake Bay, local waterways, parks and other natural resources are integral to Calvert County. I will support the livelihood of our watermen and farmers as well as the preservation of these resources – both on land and on the water.

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Local Management Boards Receive Increased Funding



The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services on July 8 announced \$23 million in funding for local management boards in support of children and families across Maryland. Governor Larry Hogan increased funding for the awards this year by \$4.5 million, including \$1.5 million for local care team coordinators who ensure that youth with intensive needs receive the appropriate services.

Calvert County's board will receive \$536,744 and St. Mary's will get \$530,488.

"Local management boards play an important role in strengthening our communities and we are proud to support them," said Governor Hogan. "This funding will work to comprehensively support children and families around Maryland."

Established in the 1990s, local management boards empower local authorities to plan, implement, and monitor

service programs for organizations that serve youth and families. Active in each jurisdiction, the boards collaborate with local stakeholders and agencies to support many aspects of child and family services, including reducing the impact of incarceration on communities, reducing youth homelessness and child hunger, and preventing out-of-state residential placements.

"One of our office's top priorities is making sure children and youth in Maryland have every possible advantage in life," said Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Kunle Adeyemo. "We will continue to provide this critical funding and work with all of our community stakeholders to ensure local management boards' important missions are accomplished."

Press Release from Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services



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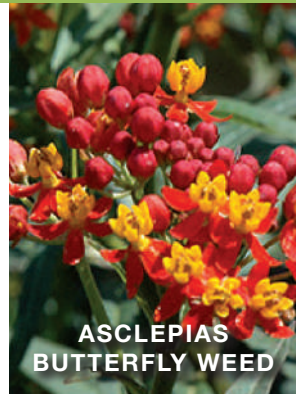
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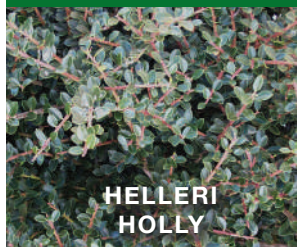
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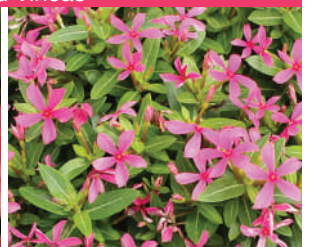
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The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter

is an open admission animal shelter managed by the Animal Shelter Division of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety. Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an intake appointment call 410-535-7387. The shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. For more information about adopting from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Poster Content Finalists Present Art to CalvertHealth



(left to right) Chief Nursing Officer/VP Clinical Affairs Diane Couchman, CalvertHealth; Maria Lendacky, Art Teacher at Sunderland Elementary School; Noelle Harrell, rising third grader, CCPS; Lilah Flores, rising 6th grader, CCPS; Christie Cook, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, CCPS; and Kasia Sweeney, VP of Strategy & Business Development at CalvertHealth.

Earlier this year, the Office of the Governor of Maryland and the Maryland State Department of Education presented the 2022 Governor’s Healthcare Heroes Poster Competition for Maryland school students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. The competition encouraged Maryland students to submit poster designs that depicted the theme “Celebrating Maryland’s Health-

care Heroes.” A total of 131 schools from 18 local education districts participated in the competition. On June 15, the two Calvert County finalists for the 2022 Governor’s Healthcare Hero Poster Contest presented the health system with their artwork, which will be proudly displayed in the medical center.

Press Release from CalvertHealth.

Lutheran Minister Ordained



Rev. Nathan Wong, shown with his wife and son, was ordained by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) at a ceremony July 10 at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Lusby, where he becomes their new pastor. Photo by Joan Hoerning for Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

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SMECO Issues Credits to Members

General Refund Totals \$4.7 million

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) is refunding members' capital credits totaling nearly \$7.1 million. Of that total, a general refund of approximately \$4.7 million will be issued in July. Eligible active members will receive credits on their bills, and checks will be issued to eligible former members. Special refunds of about \$2.4 million will be paid throughout the year to include estates of deceased members.

SMECO's margins for 2021 totaled more than \$24 million. SMECO uses margins—revenue minus expenses—as working capital for new construction, system improvements, and facility upgrades. Sonja M. Cox, SMECO president and CEO, explained, "Our members help to finance SMECO's operations, and they can be assured that we are investing in infrastructure and technology that will benefit them."

Cox added, "SMECO customers invest in their cooperative every time they pay their bill, and we are responsible for keeping the lights on. But, because our customers are our members, we also exercise a basic cooperative principle by sharing a portion of SMECO's margins with them." SMECO's margins are based on the cooperative's revenue and expenses, not the cost of energy. While the cost of energy has increased over the last year, SMECO makes no profit on energy costs, and energy rates have no impact on

SMECO's margins.

At the end of each year, SMECO's margins are allocated to a special account for each member, based on how much electricity the member purchased and the rate at which the account was billed. SMECO's Board of Directors regularly evaluates the financial condition of the cooperative and determines when SMECO members' capital credits will be refunded. Refunds will be credited to members' bills beginning July 11 and checks will be mailed to eligible former members beginning July 25.

All eligible active members will receive a credit on the bill for their primary account. If members wish to contact SMECO to designate their primary account, they may call 1-888-440-3311. Eligible former members will receive a full refund of the balance in their capital credit account if the balance is \$100 or less. Any remaining balances attributable to allocations made in the year 1988 will also be issued to eligible members and former members. Whenever SMECO members move out of the co-op's service area, they should contact SMECO to update their mailing address in order to receive refund checks in the future.

Press Release from SMECO



Nonprofit to Unveil New Corporate Identity

Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living (SMCIL) - a non-residential, non-profit community-based human service agency working to empower individuals living with disabilities with the tools they need to lead self-directed, independent, and productive lives - is excited to unveil a new brand and corporate identity as they aim to have an even larger impact in Southern Maryland's Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

"As a non-profit organization created for and by people with disabilities, our mission is to promote independent living and empowerment for people of all ages with all types of disabilities," said Lidiya Belyovska, SMCIL's Executive Director. "Advocacy, information, and education all play key roles in our efforts to provide access to the resources individu-

als with disabilities need to enhance their independence."

She added, "That's why our recent rebranding and new corporate identity are so important. Both add fresh energy and vibrancy to our work, and with this refresh, we hope to reach more residents in our community than ever before, through all our activities, ranging from providing exceptional Independent Living Skills training, Veterans' services, access to Assistive Technology, Advocacy, and Peer Support for individuals living with disabilities and their families."

To learn more about or support Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, visit our website at <https://www.smcil.org>.

Press Release from Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, Inc.

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You can also read about proposed Hallowing Point Waterfront Recreation Area improvements on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website and submit feedback on the master plans for site redevelopment at <https://bit.ly/3zUsIsx>.
Calvert County Government Press Release



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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of June 27, 2022 – July 3, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,430 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 22-37512

On July 1, 2022, deputies responded to the Jewelry Exchange located at 2805 W. Chesapeake Beach Road in Dunkirk, MD, for a commercial burglary that had already occurred. Investigation revealed three subjects forced entry into the store and began smashing display cases. Approximately \$75,000 in jewelry was stolen. The estimated value of damaged property is \$35,000. The suspects were wearing all black and were seen to have matching gloves. Anyone with information on these suspects or incident, is asked to contact Det. Wells at Wayne.Wells@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case number 22-37512.

Theft: 22-37825

On July 7, 2022, Deputy R. Jones responded to the 4200 block of Sixes Road in Prince Frederick, MD, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect (s) cut the catalytic converter off his vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$1,000.

Theft: 22-36843

On June 27, 2022, Deputy Hendrickson received report of a theft. The complainant advised the front registration plate was stolen from his vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$100.

Theft: 22-36824

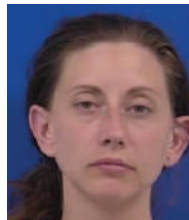
On June 27, 2022, Cpl. Livingston received report of a theft. The complainant advised the front and rear registration plates were stolen from his vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$100.

Theft: 22-37062

On June 28, 2022, Deputy Morrison responded to the 6300 block of 3rd Street in Chesapeake Beach, MD, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an Amazon package containing a t-shirt and a hoodie were stolen from her mailbox. The estimated value of stolen property is \$100.

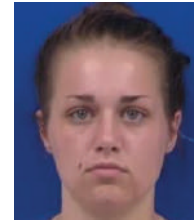
ARRESTS

On July 2, 2022, Deputy Krueger initiated a traffic stop in the area of Highview Circle and Thunderbird Drive in Lusby, MD. During the stop, a small plastic tear-off containing a white powder/rocks (suspected crack), a crack pipe, a scale, and three Suboxone strips were located. A passenger, **Tessa Leanne Clark**, 34 of White Plains, MD was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



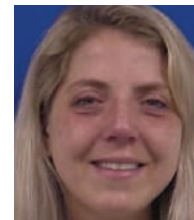
Tessa Clark

On July 1, 2022, Cpl. Moran initiated a traffic stop following a traffic complaint in the area of Armory Road and Monnett Court in Prince Frederick, MD. Contact was made with the driver, **Brooke Alexandra Wood**, 22 of Chester, NH, who had a bag of marijuana stuffed in her shirt, hanging out in plain view. Wood exited the vehicle and handed Cpl. Moran the bag of marijuana. A vehicle search revealed three cut straws. Wood advised she had additional items stuffed in her shirt. A search of Wood's person revealed one pill of Oxycodone and 13 pills of Alprazolam. Wood was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Negligent Driving, Reckless Driving, and other traffic related charges.



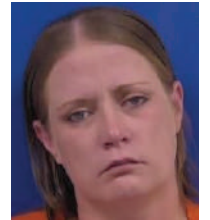
Brooke Wood

On June 27, 2022, Sgt. Denton initiated a traffic stop in the Walmart parking lot located at 150 N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD after observing a vehicle drive strike a curb and drive over the grassy median. The driver, **Christina Marie Sita**, 32 of Huntingtown, MD, admitted to drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed a cut straw with a white powdery residue, a folded \$5.00 bill with a white powdery residue, and a prescription bottle with seven Clonazepam pills and half a Xanax pill. Sita was transported to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office where she was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Negligent Driving and other traffic related charges.



Christina Sita

On July 2, 2022, Deputy Plant responded to the 7-Eleven located at 2849 W. Chesapeake Beach Road in Dunkirk, MD for a welfare check. The complainant advised a female with a young child appeared to be nodding off at the Slurpee machine. Contact was made with **Jessica Marie Vaughan**, 35 of Upper Marlboro, MD, who appeared confused and disoriented. Vaughan exited the store and asked the deputy where her vehicle was. Vaughan began searching her purse for her keys and a prescription pill bottle not prescribed to Vaughan was observed in plain view. A search of Vaughan's purse revealed seven clear capsules containing heroin, five clear capsules containing heroin residue, and three cut straws containing heroin residue. Vaughan was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and two counts of CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Jessica Vaughan

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

Calvert County Crime Solvers offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest or indictment of a person responsible for a crime in Calvert County. All individuals who provide tips through Crime Solvers will remain anonymous. Anyone with information about an unsolved crime or the location of a fugitive may contact Calvert County Crime Solvers by calling 410-535-2880.

Tips can also be submitted by email to ccsotips@Calvertcountymd.gov or by using the Sheriff's Office mobile app, which can be found in the Android Store and Apple store by searching Calvert County Sheriff's Office or visit <https://apps.mycocv.com/share/a39520678> to download.

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IN THE MATTER OF GREYSON MIDDLETON Case No. C-04-FM-19-000066
SHOW CAUSE ORDER

Upon consideration of the Petitioners, Alexis Gray and Michael M cNeil Jr.'s Second Petition for Termination of Guardianship of the Person and Property of Greyson Middleton, a minor, and this Court's Order for Alternative Service entered June 7, 2022, it is this 7th day of June, 2022, by the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland, hereby,

ORDERED, that the Guardian of the Person and Property and Grandmother of the Minor Child, Victoria Middleton, show cause by answering or filing a response in writing on or before the 25th day of July, 2022, why the relief prayed in the Second Petition for Termination of Guardianship of the Person and Property of Greyson Middleton should not be granted, provided that a copy of this Order and a "Notice to Interested Persons" be posted by the Sheriff at the courthouse door or on a bulletin board within its immediate vicinity in accordance with this Court's Order for Alternative Service entered June 7, 2022 on or before the 13th day of JULY, 2022; and, it is further,

ORDERED, that the Guardian of the Person and Property and Grandmother of the Minor Child, Victoria Middleton, show cause by answering or filing a response in writing on or before the 25th day of July, 2022, why the relief prayed in the Second Petition for Termination of Guardianship of the Person and Property of Greyson Middleton should not be granted, provided that a copy of this Order, said Petition, the exhibits, and a "Notice to Interested Persons" be served by certified mail on any Interested Persons listed in the Petition in accordance with this Court's Order for Alternative Service entered June 7, 2022 on or before the day of July, 2022; and, it is further,

ORDERED, that the Guardian of the Person and Property and Grandmother of the Minor Child, Victoria Middleton, show cause by answering or filing a response in writing on or before the 25th day of July, 2022, why the relief prayed in the Second Petition for Termination of Guardianship of the Person and Property of Greyson Middleton should not be granted, provided that a copy of this Order and a "Notice to Interested Persons" be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in this county and proof of publication be submitted to the Court through submission of a Certificate of Publication in accordance with this Court's Order for Alternative Service entered June 7, 2022 on or before the day of JULY 13th, 2022; and, it is further,

ORDERED, that this matter be set for a hearing on the 12th day of August, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.; and, it is further,

ORDERED, that the personal appearance of the parties is required at the hearing.

Lusby Man Pleads Guilty to First-Degree Murder

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey reports that on July 11, Travis Benjamin Ridgely, 34, of Lusby, pleaded guilty to first degree premeditated murder. The plea was accepted by Judge Mark S. Chandlee of the Calvert County Circuit Court.

Ridgely was convicted of the murder of Selena Noel Persinger. Police were called to Persinger's residence in Lusby on January 28, 2022. Upon entry, Persinger's body was found lying on the kitchen floor. Evidence revealed that she had been strangled to death and that her truck was missing. Video surveillance cameras captured Ridgely leaving the victim's residence and driving away in the truck. He subsequently crashed the truck in Charles County and was apprehended. After being advised of his Miranda rights, Ridgely admitted to Calvert County Sheriff's Office Detectives that he killed Persinger after an argument



Travis Benjamin Ridgely

over money. Sentencing has been scheduled for November 14, 2022. First degree murder carries a sentence of life imprisonment. By law, Ridgely will not be eligible for parole consideration until he has served at least 20 years in prison. As part of the plea agreement, the defendant forfeited his right of appeal, his right to request a modification of sentence, and other post-trial rights.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy State's Attorney Timothy J. Maher and Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca N. Cordero.

Press Release from Calvert County State's Attorney

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Graphic Communications Student Wins National Gold Medal

Huntingtown High School and Calvert Career and Technology Academy (CTA) student AJ Halsey earned a gold medal in this year's Graphic imagining sublimation contest held at the 57th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) held in Atlanta, GA on June 20-24th, 2022. Over 6,500 secondary and post-secondary students from across the country competed in 108 different trade, technical and leadership fields. The contests are organized and run through a partnership of industry, labor, and education. The trip to NLSC and Atlanta was not only centered around the competition, but also around opportunities to grow in leadership, professional, communication, and community service skills.

Graphic imaging sublimation is the process of using heat processes to print on a variety of surfaces, including fabrics, ceramics, and plastics. During the competition Halsey was required to print a design across a series of ceramic tiles, on a "promotional" cell phone holder, and on a cloth

facemask. The competition also included a written test, a quality-check performance task, and a job interview.

Halsey stated, "I don't think I would have been able to do it without Mr. Owens. He's the best teacher I've ever had, and his class has not only been well-paced and comfortable, but a blast. My motivation to compete and go to nationals came from him and I don't think I would have gotten there if not for him helping me to succeed".

Halsey's Graphic Communications instructor, Scott Owens, has been working with students in the graphics program at CTA for 19 years, which follows 14 years as the owner of a local printing business. In his 19 years of teaching, Owens has had two students place fourth at the highly competitive national event but never a gold medalist. "What a thrill it is to see your student on stage receiving the gold, after weeks of practice, studying, and preparation. It's one of those 'why I love teaching' moments," said Owens.

Halsey will be a senior in the



AJ Halsey at 57th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference

graphic communications program in the fall and looks forward to the opportunity to return to next year's championships and repeat this year's result as well as play an active part in the CTA SkillsUSA chapter by serving as chapter

president.

For more information about the CTA chapter of SkillsUSA, visit <https://cta.calvertnet.k12.md.us/programs/skills-usa>.

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CalvertHealth Foundation Awards Record Number of Scholarships

The CalvertHealth Foundation Scholarship committee recently awarded the largest scholarship total in its history – providing \$170,231 to 35 award recipients. Twenty-three of the applicants will receive Allied Health scholarships and seven of the applicants will receive E. Anne Spitzer Scholarships. The latter is specifically for students in pursuit of a medical degree.

Since the scholarship program began in 1991, it has awarded more than 545 scholarships totaling \$925,000 in student assistance.

Each recipient received a gift box to help celebrate their accomplishments. Vice President of Brand Strategy and Philanthropy Theresa Johnson said, “We are honored to be able to provide this assistance to students who are actively seeking higher education in an allied health or medical field.” She added, “We are always looking for driven and compassionate students to join our team and help us realize our vision of making a difference in every life we touch.”

The 2022 scholarship recipients are Hannah Akil, University of Maryland, Nursing; Madison At-

tick, Salisbury University, Nursing; Rachel Black, Shenandoah, Doctor of Physical Therapy; Danielle Bowman, University of Washington, MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program; Julia Carbo, College of Southern Maryland, Nursing; Logan Davis, University of Lynchburg, Doctor of Physical Therapy; Emily Farrell, York College of Pennsylvania, Nursing; Erin Field, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine; Laila Flores, Xavier University of Louisiana, Biology/Pre-Med Major; Peyton Fort, Cornell University, Masters of Healthcare Administration; Shaniqua Hasell, Howard Community College, Dental Hygiene; Ava Jabara, Duquesne University, Undergraduate Pre-Medical and Health Professions Program; Katie Johnson, University of Lynchburg School of PA Medicine, Doctor of Medical Science Program; Anastassia Kerasidis, Georgetown School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine; Courtney Locke, Fortis College-Lanover, Dental Hygiene; Candice Mackall, College of Southern Maryland, Nursing; Madilyn Mandich,



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The 2023-2024 scholarship application will open in January 2023 with applications being due by April 30, 2023. For more information, contact the Foundation office at 410.414.4570 or visit CalvertHealthFoundation.org.

Press Release from CalvertHealth



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Windy Hill's Dynamic Duo

By Tom Alexander

From the writer: As a school bus driver, I'm at the school every day. When I pick the kids up in the morning and drop them off in the afternoon at Windy Hill Elementary, I'm met by Olivia or Tia to assist in getting the students to and from the bus. Each day I have a 20-minute layover at the school which allows me to go inside and use the facilities. While inside the school, I've had the opportunity to observe how these teachers interact with the students. Olivia Jones and Tia Brooks impressed me so much that I felt that I needed to talk to them about what they do, their lives, and how long they have been teaching.

I felt that I needed to write the story to let the community know about them, and what they do.

I've become friends with Principal Kelly Cleland and several of the other teachers, along with Olivia and Tia. They like to come out and see the decorations on the bus that I do for Halloween, Easter, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Luau. (Celebration of Summer). They all know me as Mr. Tom.

Olivia Jones and Tia Brooks have a combined total of over 53 years as educators in the Calvert County school system. They are associated with the before- and after-school programs. After working with them over the past year, I knew that I had to write this article.

As a school bus driver, I would see them every day, and observe what they do and how they interact with the kids. They always have a positive attitude and are upbeat, even when things get tough.

The school day for them starts with a lesson plan. Some of the activities include group gatherings with topics such as: all about me; book-time; music; art projects; learning about weather; the alphabet; free play time; and breakfast.

Olivia and Tia have a passion for working with children and it shows. They are kind, attentive, and the givers of good advice. Their teaching skills have been honed and it shows. They attend to minor cuts /scrapes with band aids. They listen to the kids' stories: show patience; respond and attend to their sadness as well as their happiness.

They are effective disciplinarians. Their guidance continues as they encourage the students to play nice and be kind to each other. The kids absolutely adore and respect Ms. O and Ms. Tia, as they are affectionately called. I'm sure that they have become role models to many of their students over the years.

Mrs. Tia says that the best thing about her job is seeing the kids smiles; No matter how the day starts or ends, she said, "I always let them know that tomorrow is a new day."

Ms. Olivia feels that "In-school learning" is essential for the best retention of information. She also feels that the social aspects of school are extremely important in a child's life.

These ladies face challenges every day. They say that their reward is seeing how the kid's progress. Mrs. Tia says, "The best part is watching all that we plant in the children, bloom when they become productive citizens in our community."

They have both stated that their success would not be possible without the support and guidance from their supervisors, their principal, Calvert County Public Schools, and the parents.

Thirty some years ago, Ms. Olivia, a single mother, wanted to wait until her daughter was of age to enter school before getting a job. When that time came, she interviewed with the Calvert County Board of Education and was hired right away. This allowed her to take her daughter to school. A



The Dynamic Duo at Windy Hill Elementary School, Olivia Jones (left) and Tia Brooks.

career was launched! The person that has influenced her the most over the years is her mother, Vera.

Mrs. Tia grew up in Calvert County and attended Sunderland Elementary School. The biggest influences in her life were her kindergarten teachers Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Parran.

Over the years both ladies have worked for many schools in the county, including Angel's Systems, Prime Time Children's Center, Beach Elementary, Sunderland Elementary, and now Windy Hill Elementary.

It has been my pleasure to work

with both of them. They are an asset to the county school system. They always have a smile on their face and a kind word for me when I arrive and depart the school. They make my day.

Congratulations to Olivia Jones and Tia Brooks for their 53 years of dedicated and faithful service to this community. I hope to see them again when school starts up in the fall. Their students will never forget them.

*By Tom Alexander,
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Thursday, July 14

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2:00pm-3:00pm.

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Summer STEAM (FV)

2:30pm-3:30pm.

Take a dip into discovery with an ocean of STEAM fun! Every week we'll dive into a new topic with books, activities and a snack. For submariners in K-5th grade. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support (Zoom & PF in person)

6:30pm-8:00pm.

Get tips and support from other caregivers. Facilitated by Jeanette Findley & JC Hooker. Please register to receive the Zoom link. For library resources on this topic, click here! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Friday, July 15

On Pins & Needles (PF)

1:00pm-4:00pm.

Bring your quilting, needlework, knitting, crocheting or other project for an afternoon of conversation and shared creativity. For library resources on this topic, click here! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Writers By the Bay (online)

7:00pm-9:00pm.

Looking for a writers' group? All writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique

& camaraderie. Please register by the day before the event in order to receive the link the evening of the event. For library resources on writing, click here! <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Saturday, July 16

Storytime Inside: Saturdays (PF)

10:00am-10:45am.

Join us for Storytime Inside! We'll share stories, sing songs and have some socially distanced fun! Please register as a group of no more than 6 people. Per Health Department guidance for an enclosed space with unvaccinated participants, masks are recommended for those attendees over 2 years of age. Registration required to. Suggested for children birth - 5. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Storytime Inside: Saturdays (SO)

10:30am-11:15am.

Join us as we share stories, sing songs and have some socially distanced fun! Per Health Department guidance for an enclosed space with unvaccinated participants, masks are recommended for those attendees over 2 years of age. Registration required. Suggested for children birth - 5. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Brain Games (PF)

12:00pm-3:00pm.

Want to learn Mahjongg? Hope to make your Scrabble skills killer? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Monday, July 18

Storytime Outside @ Annmarie Gardens

10:00am-10:45am.

Join Calvert Library as we take Storytime on the road! We'll share some stories, sing songs and have some socially distanced fun at Annmarie Sculpture Gardens & Arts Center! Registration is required & attendees will be limited to ensure social distancing. Please register as a GROUP of no more than 6 people. BRING BLANKETS TO SIT ON. Storytime will be completely outside, BRING A BLANKET and dress for the weather. Bug spray is also recommended. In the event of inclement weather, event may be canceled. Please check the library's website for more information. Annmarie Gardens & Sculpture Center Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Reading Buddies (TB):

6:30pm-7:30pm.

At this event, elementary aged children will do fun activities and read aloud to teen volunteers. Teen volunteers can earn one (1) service learning hour for participating. It's a great way to socialize and build reading confidence! Does your K-5th grade child love to read out loud, or struggle with reading confidence? Here's the chance for everyone to practice in a safe and welcoming space! How it works for young readers: Register for the event on this page. Bring your favorite book. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Tuesday, July 19

Bookmobile: Southern Pines II Apartments: Community Stop: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month

11:00am-12:00pm.

Library services include Wi-Fi access, public computer access, printing, library card services and materials for check out. Enjoy your visit! We are committed to community safety. Mask use required regardless of your vaccination status (we have masks if you need one). Hand sanitizer available and social distancing

maintained. Browse the collection both inside and outside the Book Southern Pines II <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Summer STEAM (PF)

2:30pm-3:30pm.

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Solomon's Youth Book Club

6:00pm-7:00pm.

Tweens and Teens! Join us for a discussion of five graphic novels, Titles TBD. Enjoy questions and activities about the book through Zoom. Please register and you'll receive an event link prior to the discussion. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Book Discussion (Zoom): Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

7:00pm-8:00pm.

Join us this month to discuss "Clap When You Land" by Elizabeth Acevedo. Discussion starts at 7pm. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Wednesday, July 20

Maryland Workforce Exchange Workshop (Online)

9:00am-11:00am.

Offered by Maryland Department of Labor, American Job Center, this is an interactive workshop for resume and cover letter writing help. Looking for a job, or a better job? Don't miss this free class. Registration closes the Monday before the event. More job-seeker help is available on mwejobs.maryland.gov By registering for this class, you are agreeing that your contact information will be shared with Maryland Department of Labor, American Job Center (AJC). AJC staff, Jasmine McCain, will contact you. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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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 July 14

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum,
10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Sharks!

"Bell, Book and Candle"

Auditions

Calvert Library Prince Frederick
850 Costley Way
6:30 p.m.

New Direction Community Theater will hold auditions for their production of John Van Druten's hit supernatural comedy.

The cast includes three men and two women, and production dates are Friday-Sunday, Oct. 28-30, and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5.

For more information, contact director Rick Thompson via email at thompsonrinmd@gmail.com.

"Bell, Book and Candle" is the story of Gillian Holroyd, one of the few modern people who can actually cast spells and perform feats of supernaturalism. She casts a spell over an unattached publisher, Shepard Henderson, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with Gillian at once and wants to marry her. Problem: A witch cannot fall in love. If she does, she loses her powers. This small imperfection leads to a number of comic difficulties, and Gillian almost loses Shepard.

Friday, July 15

Dee of St. Mary's Sunset Sail

Calvert Marine Museum
Friday 15 & 29 - (adults only)
6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on a 2-hour evening sail aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's and experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail. These Friday evening cruises are for adults-only, and you are welcome to BYOB. Capacity allows for 30 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$45 per person. To register visit: Dee of St. Mary's Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

Saturday, July 16

Calvert County Bluegrass/Country Music Festival

Waters Memorial UMC -

5400 Mackall Rd. St Leonard; 3-8pm
Music from: Gregory Floberg; Recycled Bluegrass; Riverside South featuring Chris Tenney & Pat Nutter; King Street & The Unclouded Day

Free Admission -Donations will be accepted (cash or check) for Ukraine Relief through UMCOR.

Family Friendly outdoor event. Lawn chairs /Blankets are welcome. Smoke-free/Alcohol-free zone.

Food is available for purchase from various Food Trucks, Door prized and craft table for children!

Brothers Osborne Concert

Calvert Marine Museum,
with opener Ashland Craft, perform
LIVE 7-10 p.m.

Maryland native duo, Brothers Osborne, will take the stage as part of their We're Not For Everyone Tour at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion! South Carolina native, Ashland Craft will open at 7 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m. with food and beverage vendors onsite. The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store close at 3 p.m. for concert preparations. For tickets visit: Waterside Music Series | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

"Bell, Book and Candle" Auditions

Southern Community Center
20 Appeal Lane, Lusby, 10-11:30 a.m.

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Sunday, July 17

Calvert County Historical Society Front Porch Summer Concert Series

On the lawn at Linden, 70 Church Street

Prince Frederick, 7 p.m

Deanna Dove, Island Girl, Songs of the

Chesapeake and Patuxent

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers. The concerts are free and open to the public. Snacks will be for sale. Overflow parking next door at Trinity United Methodist Church. Concert will be cancelled in case of rain www.calverthistory.org

Tuesday, July 19

Things That Bloom & Buzz by the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum, 10 a.m. - noon

Join CMM educators for a morning of exploration, crafts, stories, and fun related to plants and pollinators. We will explore the Calvert Marine Museum Children's Garden, plant flower or vegetable seeds for your home garden, go on a nature walk, read stories, and identify things that bloom and buzz around the bay. For ages 5 - 7. Cost \$10. Capacity is limited. To register visit: Mornings at the Museum | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

Wednesday, July 20

Fossil Adventure Days

Calvert Marine Museum, 10 a.m. - noon

Participants are dropped off at Cove Point Lighthouse, where they will meet CMM educators. The program leader teaches a short lesson on local Miocene fossils and what to look for along the beach. From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., you will explore the beach to search for fossilized shells, bones, and shark teeth. After fossil collecting, work with museum educators to identify the fossils you have found. The program ends at 12 p.m. For ages 8 - 12. Cost \$10. Capacity is limited. To register visit: Mornings at the Museum | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

Thursday, July 21

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum
10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult, are invited to join us for story time and a craft you can do on-site or take home, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Sharks!

ONGOING

Wm. B. Tennison Public Cruises

Calvert Marine Museum,
Wednesday through Friday
The month of July - 2 p.m.
Saturdays* and Sundays
The month of July - 2 and 3:10 p.m.
Wm. B. Tennison Public Cruises

Relax and enjoy a leisurely one-hour sightseeing cruise on the river aboard

the Wm. B. Tennison, a log-built bugeye. Capacity allows for 40 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 5-12 years. Children under 5 ride for free when accompanied by a paying adult. *There will be no cruises on Saturday, July 16 in preparation for the concert. For more information and to register visit: Wm. B. Tennison Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

UPCOMING

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum
Saturday
July 23 - 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Join us on a 2-hour public sail aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's and experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail. Capacity allows for 30 guests. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. Cost is \$35 for ages 13 and up; \$15 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are not permitted. To register, visit: Dee of St. Mary's Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

Free Paper Shredding Events

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host free paper shredding events for county residents and businesses to help prevent identity theft by destroying confidential or sensitive documents. The following shred events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine:

- Saturday, July 23 at Northern Middle School located at 2954 Chaneyville Road in Owings

- Saturday, Aug. 20 at Huntingtown High School located at 4125 Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown

- Saturday, Sept. 24 at Appeal Landfill located at 401 Sweetwater Road in Lusby

Proof of residency or business location is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable.

Businesses are allowed up to five banker boxes of paper per business (or the equivalent volume of five banker boxes in alternate containers). There is no limit for residents.

Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested.

Shredding events are held monthly throughout the year. For more information about recycling events, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, at 410-326-0210 or visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle.

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Letters to the Editor

Staff Omissions

To the Editor:

Commissioners, I strongly support for your comments during the June 28 work sessions on (1) the Department of Public Works' (DPW) revisions of the Adequate Public Facility Ordinance (APFO) and (2) the proposed Calvert County Comprehensive Plan/Town Center Expansion. The changes that Planning & Zoning (P&Z) proposed for the APFO would weaken BOCC leverage over proposed new expansion plans affecting the capacity of roads and sewerage. The Phase II expansion of the Prince Frederick Town Center would likely transform Calvert's current road congestion into gridlock. Your recommendations largely prevented those adverse developments.

I also share your skepticism regarding consultants' flawed recommendations regarding sewer capacity that could result in inadequate county wastewater treatment facilities. I think that your recommendation for more conservative APFO targets on triggers for remedial actions on wastewater treatment (70 to 80 percent *versus* 80 to 90 percent) will give you more time to deal responsibly with added sewerage needs generated by future residential growth.

On another matter, I'd like to call to your attention to the fact that the information that P&Z and DPW provided you on the adequacy of water supply for the county was superficially correct, but misleading. Both agencies reportedly consulted with the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) and Geological Survey (MGS), but they left out key information necessary for you to make informed decisions. Significant omissions include:

Public water service provides only a small part of Calvert residents' water needs. With the reported 5,400 customers on public water, those systems service some 14,526 county residents (at the rate of 2.69 residents per EDU). But those utilities service only 16 percent of Calvert's 92,783 residents leaving the remaining 78,257 residents on mostly shallow private wells. So, the deep aquifers that serve Calvert's public water systems would not provide water to 84 percent of residents. *You need to protect the water supply for ALL Calvert residents, not just those on public water.*

Calvert officials have allowed much higher residential growth than assumed by state planners when state agencies indicated that the aquifers would supply adequate water. While Calvert officials did coordinate with MGS and MDP to determine whether aquifers can adequately serve Calvert residents, they have significantly exceeded the number of new residential permits that were the basis for state agencies agreeing that water supplies would be adequate through 2030. In their 2019 Calvert County Comprehensive Plan (Calvert 2040), Calvert officials reported that the population of the county in 2015 was 34,767 households (page 6-2) and they projected a household level of 37,600 households through 2040 (page ES-3). This would be a total increase of 2,833 residences at an average annual growth rate of 113 new residential permits. This is the targeted number of residences that MDP and MGS officials used in their assessment of water adequacy. However, Calvert officials ignored those growth targets and between 2016 and 2020 by approving new residential permits at the annual average rate of 475, instead of 113. The result of this high level of new residential permits means that, at the recent rate of new permit, Calvert County could reach the targeted 37,600 residences previously assumed by state agencies in 2022 or 2023. *This high rate of residential approvals since 2016 significantly exceeds the state-assumed level and largely invalidates the 2014 assessments by state officials that future water supplies will be adequate through 2030, let alone through 2040.*

Two additional considerations call into question DPW and P&Z assurances that future water supplies will be adequate for Calvert County are:

The high residential growth in St. Mary's and Charles Counties (2010 – 2020) revealed in the 2020 Census could jeopardize Calvert's water. These counties share the same aquifers as Calvert County (principally the Aquia and the Upper and Lower Patapsco). Those high regional residential growth rates will be providing many more consumers to draw substantially more water from these shared aquifers than state planners anticipated. *This added regional consumption could adversely affect Calvert's water supply.*

MGS groundwater data are significantly outdated. The last report that the Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) provided on Calvert's water supply was in 2005 and that report projected residential growth rates projected only through 2030 – not 2040. Furthermore, MGS has not updated its ground-water flow model since 2007. A new survey is needed because of the high rate of residential growth in Southern Maryland. If such a survey were to find that aquifers are declining significantly, Calvert County would need to find a new source of water not just for its residents on public systems, but also for many of the 84.3 percent of its residents on private wells. The options the county would face would be very expensive and/or technically challenging. Calvert officials could (1) encourage private well owners to drill new, deeper wells to lower aquifers, but that option could either be prohibitively expensive for residents or infeasible because their lots are too small to accommodate a new well) or (2) run water pipelines from public water systems on deeper wells to every house suffering from a water problem. Either option would be extremely expensive for both homeowners and the county.

Thank you for your consideration of points that I am raising. I would be willing to discuss any questions that you may have about the information I am providing you.

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Letters to the Editor

Kids Need Our Guidance

To the Editor:

I read the letter to the editor in the Calvert County Times dated 06/23/22, "R-rated Northern High Homecoming Dances." The purpose of this letter is three-fold;

1. To serve as a witness to the previous writer's comments about the NHS dance
2. To raise awareness to parents of what may be occurring at school dances
3. To encourage parents to remain engaged with their child's experiences at school for influence, support for school staff, and safety

What I witnessed the night of 10-17-15 at NHS's Homecoming Dance was more than just "kids will be kids" or a generational gap of thinking and culture. I witnessed behavior from students that was completely inappropriate for any school event, and I'm pretty sure at any party any parent I know would host in their home.

During the 2015-2016 school year, I was an active member of the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO). It was a great group and venue to serve everyone connected with NHS. Students and parents shared ideas, opinions, and concerns while supporting school staff. When I myself was in high school, I always admired the staff at school. They had so much responsibility- teaching students with various backgrounds and learning abilities; navigating through difficult & different backgrounds of students and staff; and trying to keep up with government regulations and parent expectations. Compound all that with today's technology and sadly, school shootings, and I have even more respect for those committed to serving in the school system with excellence and wellness. Our PTSO group met monthly.

During the September 2015 meeting, a concern about students' behavior at the previous year's homecoming dance was brought up. In attendance was one of the Vice Principal's (VP), which was typical to have a school administrator or staff member in attendance. Given the gravity of the allegations, coupled with the fact that the homecoming dance was one of the highlights for many students in the school year, I decided to get more involved with this issue. So, I met again privately with that same VP, the principal, and one of the parents present at the September '15 meeting. The specific allegations discussed were provocative dancing, used condoms found on the dance floor, and actual sex occurring in the middle of the dance. We actually met/talked more than once, weeks before the dance. The other parent and I were assured that the school provided plenty of supervision, plans were in place if dancing, or anything, got out of hand, and parental supervision was not needed. I asked how many school chaperones would be there. I was told likely about 25 school chaperones. Still, very concerned, I asked if I could attend the dance as a chaperone. After pressing the issue, the principal said if I wanted to attend the dance, that was fine.

So, on 10/17/15, I showed up at the dance. I remember counting about nine school chaperones; the principal, the four VP's, two Student Government Association (SGA) sponsors, who were also teachers at Northern, I believe, and two security officers. I would say there were about 200 students in attendance that night.

NHS's gym could be divided into two rooms; one was 'the small gym', where refreshments were served, and the other was 'the large gym' where the dancing took place. Before the dance began, I was told by an SGA sponsor that I could serve in the small gym. I stated that I wanted to go in the large gym where the dancing was held. Though I was not told no, I was told this was not the preference. Nonetheless, I went into the large gym.

The lights went down and the music started. As if on cue, the students started to gather together. Like a magnet, students were drawn to each other, pressing their bodies against each other. I thought to myself, 'do they know who they are pressing up against?' I would say about 80 percent of the students became the main event, a large conglomerate in the middle of the dance floor, and about 20 percent of the students were scattered around the periphery of the mass, where students seemed to dance independently to one another. I found this behavior alarming, strange, and seemingly pre-planned. I tried to break up the mass as it was forming, but could not. There were just too many students, and I didn't want to get stuck in-between them, unable to get out. Furthering my shock was a dry ice machine that emitted fog onto the dance floor in about 20-minute intervals, completely obscuring visibility of the mass of students in the middle of the dance floor, for what seemed at least five minutes. This was particularly puzzling to me since I, along with the other parent, had met with head administration beforehand, and discussed possible illicit behavior. The other parent chaperoning said to the principal, "you need to turn on the lights and make an announcement as discussed at our meetings" to which he replied, "you need to get with the culture."

Located at the "safer" periphery, I noticed a girl whose dress was tucked in so her panties were showing. I asked one of the SGA sponsors, I believe it was, to tell the student to put her dress back over her underwear, to which she replied, "I didn't see that; I have boys." Eventually, I retreated to the small gym with the refreshments, feeling powerless over the situation in the large gym.

While in the small gym, I noticed in a corner, a girl sitting on a boy's lap. Let's just say I would not be happy if that were my daughter. The boy and I made eye contact, and I motioned for him to stop. Also, while at the refreshment table, one of the VP's walked up to me and asked how I was doing. I replied, "not very well. I'm not liking what I'm seeing at this dance." He placed a chip in his mouth and walked away. That VP is retired, and staff changes have been made at NHS since this event took place.

One week after the homecoming dance, I met again with those same three people, the parent, principal, and VP in attendance at the September 2015 PTSO meeting. This time, the parent and I expressed our concerns about THIS year's Homecoming Dance; the provocative dancing and dress; the lack of effective supervision; and who knows what really happened in that mass of students glued together with periodic invisibility in a dark room. Eventually, we took our concerns to the next level, and met with the Superintendent.

Despite our best efforts, I am hearing that such behavior is still going on at school dances, and not just at the high school level. Sadly, I believe this behavior has been going on for years and is a widespread issue nationwide.

So, parents, be vigilant. Stay connected and engaged with your child's experiences at school; volunteer for events, consider a group such as the PTSO, even to attend periodically; ask your kids what topics they are discussing in various subjects; review homework with them; make sure you read the school's correspondence regularly. These are just some examples, but of course there are many ways to be connected. If something does not seem right to you, speak up, jump in, ask yourself what you can do to make a difference.

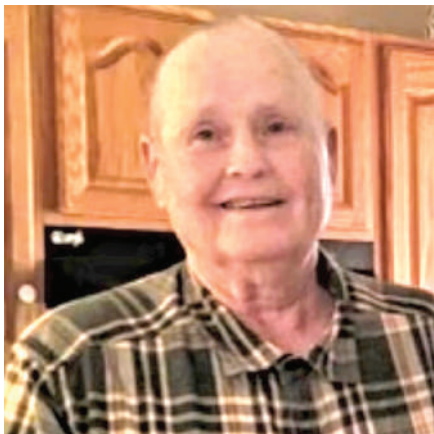
We all want our kids to have fun, but how far do you want them to go?

Mary Bachar
Chesapeake Beach

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.

Charles Wesley Hall, "Wes"



Charles Wesley Hall, "Wes", 76, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away July 8, 2022 in Georgetown University Hospital. Wes was born March 11, 1946 in Prince Frederick, Maryland to the late Joseph Dorman and Sara Hutchins Hall.

Wes has been a hunter since he was 10 years old. He and his family were life long tobacco farmers. After graduation from high school, Wes went to college to become a Master Barber. He was called home in the 80's to take care of his mother who had been diagnosed with cancer until she passed away in 1988. After her death, Wes went to work for the Calvert County Government in the Water and Sewer Division, where he received the employee of the month and the employee of the year until his retirement.

Wes was an avid animal lover. In his retirement he spent his time taking care of his goats, Maine Coon cats and up until May 5, his best 4-legged buddy, Rambo, a yellow Lab. Wes was well known and loved by many friends in Calvert County.

Wes is survived by his wife,

Cheryl Lee Hall, father of Michael Wm. Herrity, Jr. and his wife Theresa, and Leslie Joanne Clark and her husband Lee. Grandfather of;

Michael W. Herrity, III, Christian Lee Clark, Jordan Leanne Clark, Logan Charles Herrity, Jeremy Brown, and Britni O'Donald and her husband Alan. He is also survived his Great Grandchildren; Peyton and Riley Herrity, Oliver Clark, Emma and Ames O'Donald, and his brother Robert Hall. Wes was loved and will be greatly missed by all of his nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held on a date to be decided in August.

Arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home, Port Republic, Maryland

Sidney Damien "Tex" Koranek



Sidney Damien "Tex" Koranek, 81, of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully in his sleep July 2, 2022. He was born November 20, 1940 in San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by his wife Judith "Judy" and all five of his children, Colleen Quinn (husband Shawn), Mary Russell, Richard "Ricky" Koranek (wife Luci), Cynthia "Cindy" Koranek, and Robert "Bobby" Koranek (wife Michelle).

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Carl Spencer Stallings



Carl Spencer Stallings, 84, of Shady Side, MD passed away July 9, 2022. Carl was born November 23, 1937, in Prince Frederick, MD to Hamilton C. and Myrtle E. (Bowen) Stallings. He was raised in Calvert County where he attended school. He married Loretta V. Ford March 13, 1960, and they lived in Huntingtown until moving to Shady Side in the early 1980's. Carl was employed in construction as a rodman with Rodman's Local 201, Washington, D.C., and had been retired for the past twenty years. In retirement, Carl also worked as a commercial crabber. He was a lifelong member of the Three River Sportsman Club in Harwood, Maryland. He also enjoyed fishing, and playing cards, especially poker, at his union hall.

Carl was preceded in death by his wife Loretta in 2001, his son Thomas H. "Tommy" Stallings, brothers Hamilton "Hoppy", Oscar, Jerome, William (Billy) Stallings, and a sister Delores Clark. He is survived by his son Carl T. Stallings of Shady Side, granddaughter Carla Lea (Stallings) DiCarlo, husband Jason, and great-grandsons Jacob and Tanner, great-granddaughter Ameila, granddaughter Amanda Lynn (Stallings) Bearns and husband Charles, and great-grandson Charlie, all of Lusby, and his brother Raymond Stallings and wife Carol of Tracy's Landing.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship United Methodist Church, 22 West Friendship Road,

Friendship, MD 20758.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Edward Paul Thibodeau



Edward Paul Thibodeau, 74, of Owings passed away July 7, 2022. He was born April 26, 1948, in Old Town, Maine to Lester and Edna (Elliot) Thibodeau. Edward was raised in Maine and joined the United States Army shortly after graduating from high school. While in the Army he served as a medic in Vietnam and was honorably discharged. He married Kathleen Spigler on March 3, 1973, and they lived in Langley Park before moving to Owings in 1983. Edward worked as a registered nurse for many years, working at various hospitals and private practices throughout his career. In his spare time, he enjoyed being outside, working in the yard, and spending time with his family and neighbors.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen Thibodeau and siblings Francis and David. He is survived by his daughters Erika Fortner and her husband Charles of Sunderland and Kristin Sarfino of Annapolis and grandchildren Joseph, Dominic, Richard, Michael, Brayden, and Isabella.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 28, 2022, Noon to 2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Carolyn Rose Cranford

Carolyn Rose Cranford, 78, of Huntingtown passed away July 6, 2022. She was born July 9, 1943, in Prince Frederick to Alfred and Mary (Rawlings) Weisman. Carolyn grew up in Prince Frederick and graduated from Calvert High School in 1961. She married John Gibson Cranford on May 6, 1962,

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home. She was born on October 4, 1955 in Green Cove Springs Florida to the late Phillip and Loraine Puhl. Yvette lived in Orangedale Florida where she graduated from St. Joseph Academy in St. Augustine. She graduated from Idaho University in 1981 with a degree in Computer Security.

Yvette and her family moved to Prince Frederick in 1990 where she first started as a volunteer and then full time at Catholic Charities where she retired in 2003 to

and they lived in Huntingtown. Carolyn worked at IGA in Prince Frederick, the Gott Company, and Lusby Hardware over the years. During her retirement years she worked as a cafeteria helper at Plum Point Elementary, Plum Point Middle, and Huntingtown High School. Carolyn was an active member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and in her spare time she enjoyed clogging, camping, and spending time with her family.



Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband John Gibson Cranford, Sr., sister Joan Cranford, brother Donald Weisman, and her parents. She is survived by her children John Cranford and his wife Elizabeth of Huntingtown, Victoria Whetzel and her husband Scott of Dunkirk, and Donald Cranford and his wife Carolyn Dawn of Huntingtown, 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Yvette Renee Chadwick

Yvette Renee Chadwick, 66, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away July 4, 2022 at her

raise her 9-month granddaughter, Serenity Chadwick. Yvette also retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1998 at the rank of Captain.

Yvette is survived by her husband David Chadwick brother Phillip Puhl, and her grandchildren, Serenity, Marty, Crissy, and Annie Chadwick. Yvette was preceded in death by her son Jeffrey Chadwick.

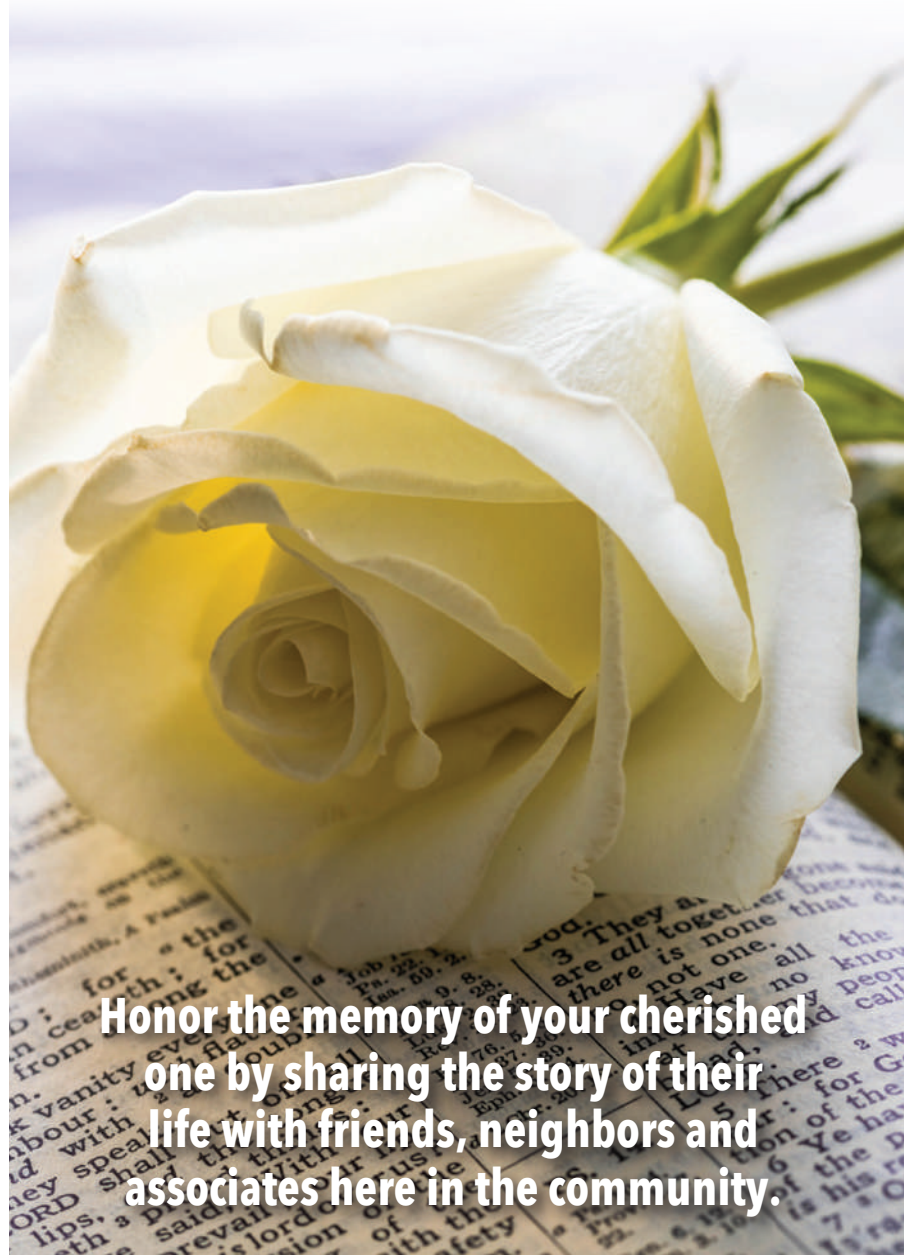
Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Link: <https://www.stjude.org/>

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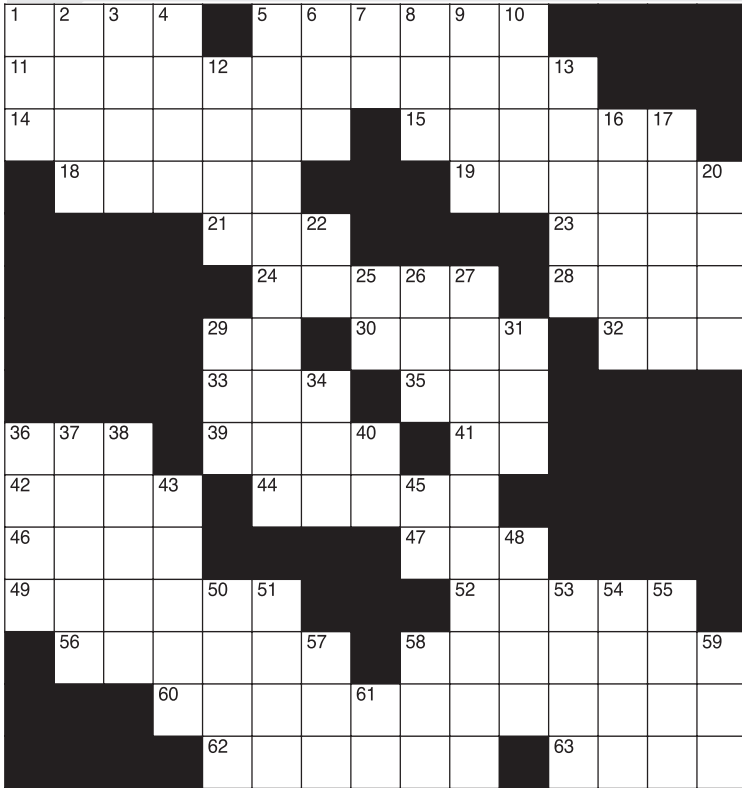
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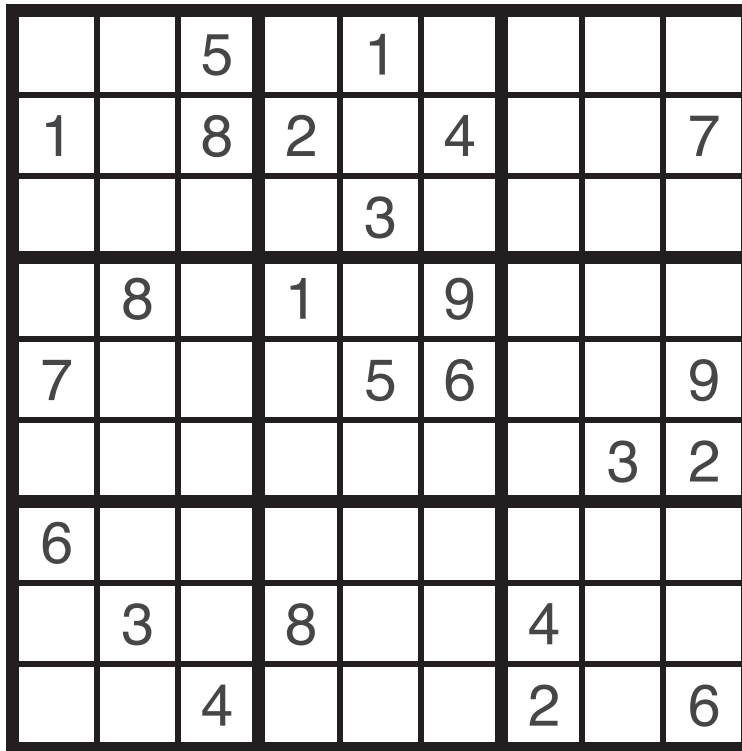
- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic books
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Sense of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Can't be found
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and licenses are two
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers

- 44. Intermediate ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Slow
- 58. Famous Falls
- 60. Reassertions
- 62. Periods of time
- 63. Hyphen

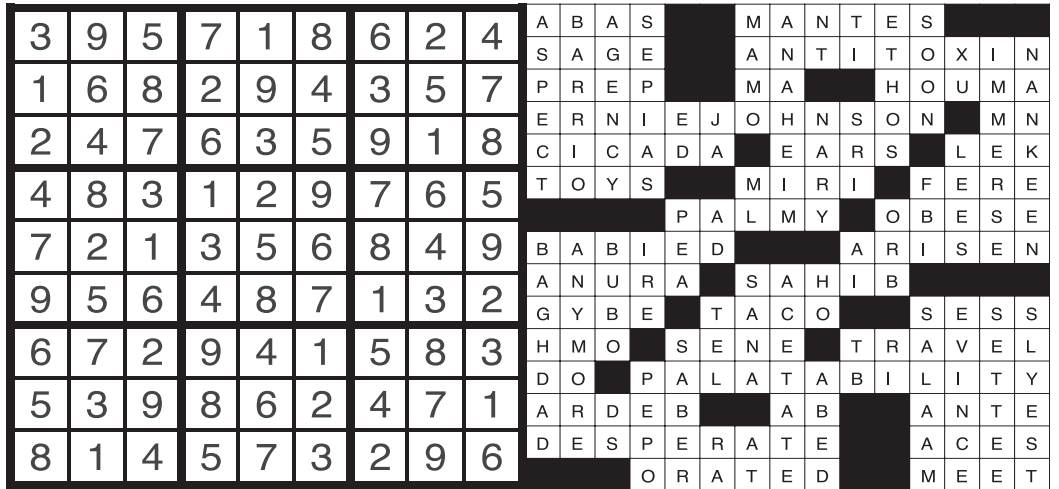
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- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Genetically distinct varieties
- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Famous Mr. T character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Menace to yards
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Robert are two
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)

- 22. It shows who you are
- 25. The First State (abbr.)
- 26. Get older
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Plants in the legume family
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Scads
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, thin person
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. To the __ degree
- 59. Residue of something burned
- 61. It cools your home



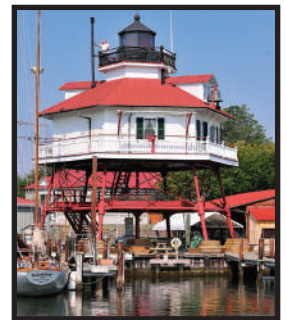
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