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### WEEKLY FORECAST

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# COVID-19

As of August 18

Positive Cases

Deaths

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**756**

**12**

Information provided by Calvert Health Departments 8-25-2020

# Survey: Pedestrian-Friendly Prince Frederick

## Results Gathered for Town Center Update

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The question was: "What is your vision of the Prince Frederick Town Center?"

The online question elicited more than 600 responses and almost 60 percent chose: "Pedestrian/bike friendly trails connecting neighborhoods, schools and services."

The second most favored response for the second survey by the county's planning and zoning department was: "The addition of parks and green space," chosen by 51.6 percent.

Other favorites were:

Encourage small-scale development over large scale-development – 44.3 percent

Increased mixed-use development (combining residential, retail, and cultural) – 38.2 percent

Pedestrian bridge over MD 4 – 35.1 percent

Housing for all income levels – 30.1 percent

Survey respondents overwhelmingly want pedestrian trails (73.1 percent), followed by bike trails (60.7 percent) and parks (58.7 percent).

Another question provided a more divided response. As to preferred types of development, 45.4 percent want mixed-use commercial development and 42.7 percent like "housing for all income levels."

The same diverse response came to the answer to the question: "Is there enough diversity and choice in housing types?" with 43.8 percent answering "No" and 40.9 percent saying "Yes."

The survey respondents by a wide margin feel Old Town Prince Frederick is the most "underutilized" part of the town center. That area encompasses the square block bounded by Church Street, Main Street and Duke Street, with the courthouse at its heart.

The Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan revision process began with several in-person meetings before the pandemic set in and the process has switched to virtual. Planning staff are intending to continue the process with virtual tours and



additional surveys until things can go back to in-person again.

Long-range Planner Jenny Plummer-Welker said that so far, even before the pandemic, the responses have been larger online because of the convenience than have been with the in-person sessions.

What has been found in both modes is that there is a big interest in Prince Frederick outside those who actually live within its zip code, with only slightly more than 20 percent living there. That is still the area with the most respondents, followed by Huntingtown and Port Republic, but responses have been received from locations up and down the peninsula.

Planners have recognized the fact that Prince Frederick is a destination for work, shopping, and health care and also a place to drive through on the way to or from someplace else. Earlier surveys have shown transportation issues as a hot-button item for the town center.

The participants so far have been generally older, with the above 60 age group the largest category and the teen and 20-29 age groups the smallest.

Plummer-Welker said it is the hope that the continued use of virtual outreach will increase the participation from the younger age groups.

The town center update project page can be found on the county website at: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/2567/Town-Center-Master-Plan-Update>

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# County Adopts Special Events Permit, Fees

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has unanimously adopted a Special Event Policy and permits and fees for such events.

The fees are intended to recoup the costs to the county for the special events, including police overtime.

Permits will be required for any individual, business, or organization that is not defined as a county agency, including:

- Volunteer fire departments and rescue squads
- State/Federal agencies on county property
- Non-profit organizations
- Private businesses
- Individuals / Social groups

According to Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal, on January 13, the department hired the new position of Events and Marketing Coordinator; this position will oversee the special events permitting process for all of Calvert County, not only parks, including any special event that meets the definition in the Code."

Requirements for a permit on county property include:

- Detailed Event Site Plan
- Certificate of Insurance
- Approved liquor license or permit and Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance (if

applicable)

- Proof of Worker's Compensation coverage
- Proof of business in good standing/IRS Determination Letter (non-profit)
- Public Safety Plan
- Payment for Permit Fees and all Sheriff's Office, Fire, and/or EMS services

For a permit for a special event on private property, the following is required:

- Detailed Event Site Plan
- Approved liquor license or permit (if applicable)
- Public Safety Plan

Payment for Permit Fees and all Sheriff's Office, Fire, and/or EMS services

The fee is based on the anticipated number of people at the event ranging from \$50 for under 100 guests to \$1,000 for more than 5,000 guests.

Additionally, there would be a \$50 event application fee and a refundable \$250 damage/security deposit. Fees would be somewhat lower for residents and non-profits.

Commissioner Buddy Hance wanted to know how the county was going to determine the event size. Nazzal said it would be self-reported, but the county would use as a gauge the size of the previous event. If it is new, then the organizers would give their best guess. Additional fees would be charged if the event is larger than stated in the application.

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# Schools Funding Formula Delayed

## COVID-19 Creates Uncertainty

By Dick Myers  
Editor

For the past several years the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the Board of Education have been operating under a joint agreement that created a Funding Formula for the schools. Funding was guaranteed for the schools at an annual increase of more than two percent plus some additional monies for new initiatives. The current fiscal year is the last year for that agreement.

The BOCC at their Aug. 25 meeting, after a discussion with School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry, agreed to delay any decision until after the county knows how revenue projections are going.

Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden said the county would have a better handle on things around Thanksgiving, after the state provided a report on income tax collections for the first quarter of the fiscal year (July 1-Sept. 30). "Income tax is volatile," Hayden said of the potential impacts on the economy from COVID-19.

Hayden said revenue was only slightly off projections for the April 1-June 30 quarter. His budget for the current fiscal year predicted a 1.5 percent increase in income tax revenue.

"I don't think we can predict what's coming down the pike," said Commissioner Mike Hart, noting that a lot of people still were without jobs and some businesses like movie theaters still haven't reopened.

But Hart also said that school system jobs needed to be protected. "This thing can't last forever," he said.

The budgets for the next several years were based on several givens, including a \$.005 property tax rate reduction in each year and a two percent increase in school funding. Also, in the budget were no Cost of Living increases for county employees, reductions in Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) contribu-



School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry

tions and no STEP increase or OPEB contribution in Fiscal Year 2024. Commissioner Tim Hutchins expressed concern about the OPEB elimination.

Curry noted that the school system had just inked four-year contracts with two unions, including the teachers that calls from restoring lost STEPs from previous years.

Hayden asked rhetorically if a two-percent annual increase for the schools was the right number, either with a funding formula or not. He responded that the county could "get close by dropping new incentive parameters" that are in the current formula.

Curry said he would be revealing his next year's budget in January and if the funding formula issue is still unresolved by then he would build the budget based on the current formula.

"Let's just wait and see," Curry said, adding, "We are worried about state funding."

Funding the county receives is based on school population and Curry said it could be down by about 500 as more parents opt for home schooling or private schools.

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# Planners Deny TDR Changes

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Preserving open space and agricultural land to maintain Calvert County's rural character has been a consistent stated goal of land use plans and the county commissioners who have enacted them for decades. That goal was included in the update of the comprehensive plan adopted last August.

Calvert County was a pioneer in using Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) to further that goal. Since the 1970's there has been a program in place in which rights are purchased from landowners not to develop by builders to use in areas intended for development, particularly town centers.

Over the years the number of landowners willing to join the program to preserve their properties has far exceeded the number of developers willing to purchase those rights.

To date there are 12,000 development rights available. Of those, 8,000 are permanently taken out of potential development because they are in a district that has already sold TDRs. The other 4,000 rights can be removed from the program by the landowners.

Over time, the commissioners recognized the gap between willing seller and potential buyer and has become a

buyer itself through a Purchase and Retire (PAR) Program, with millions of tax dollars contributing to that goal of preserving farmland and open space.

In this fiscal year the county has set aside enough monies to purchase 500 rights according to Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook.

At their Aug. 25 meeting the commissioners approved increasing the PAR price from \$3,037 to \$4,000 per acre. The current fiscal year expenditure will be \$3.2 million.

The commissioners plan to have a deep discussion about the future of the program at a later date. But at a recent meeting, Commissioner Mike Hart said his 20 percent was for a discussion about how to accomplish purchasing and retiring those TDRs.

In that context the commissioners gave the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning the go-ahead to pursue some changes in the TDR program that will require more development rights to be purchased by developers seeking to build in the Prince Frederick, Lusby and Solomons town centers.

The department's Deputy Director Judy Mackall explained the proposed changes to the planning commission at their Aug. 19 meeting. She said, "Five TDR's will be required for single fam-

ily dwellings on lots greater than 10,000 square feet; four TDR's for single family dwellings on lots equal to or less than 10,000 square feet; three TDR's for each attached dwelling; three TDR's for each three-bedroom multi-family attached dwelling; two TDR's for each attached two-bedroom multi-family dwelling, and one TDR for each one bedroom multi-family attached unit, over one dwelling unit per acre."

The proposal increases by one or two the number of development rights needed except for the one-bedroom multi-family dwelling.

Mackall said the proposal was intended to increase the demand for the TDRs, to reduce that backlog.

But commission member Dr. Richard Holler asked, "Why not take a look at the entire TDR program instead of nibbling around the edge?"

Mackall noted that the commissioners intended to do that but wanted to advance the proposal before them now.

Commission Chairman Steve Jones noted that the conventional wisdom is that the developers bear the extra cost, but he said they in fact pass it on to the homebuyer, thus raising the purchase price.

Commission member Lisa Williams recused herself on voting on the issue

out of abundance of caution. She works for her developer farther Anthony Williams. It was the second time during the meeting that she recused herself from a discussion and decision.

In the end the proposal which would have merely sent out the idea for agency comments, was denied by the commission.

Earlier in the meeting the planning commission approved a proposed zoning ordinance text amendment reducing the number of allowed dwelling units in the New Town District of Prince Frederick Town Center from 24 to 14. That district includes the Armory Square property. Mackall said the commissioners wanted the lower density for that property and to make the density consistent with other parts of Prince Frederick Town Center. She also said the district was being eliminated in the zoning ordinance rewrite.

Mackall noted, however, that there has been a proposal for a development with 16 units in that district, so a decision will have to be made as to whether that will be grandfathered.

The decision sends that proposal out for agency review before a joint public hearing with the county commissioners.

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## What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Aug. 19 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was held via ZOOM and live streamed from the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

1) **SPR-2018-286, Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering

2) **SPR-2020-308, Patuxent Commons Townhouses**, located on the east side on North Prince Frederick Boulevard and Radio Road in Prince Frederick on three parcels consisting of 11.56 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Village District. The proposed project is to build 68 townhouse units along with required parking, utilities and associated improvements. The submittal was accepted February 26, 2020. Agent: Bay Engineering

3) **SPR-2020-313, Fox Run Shopping Center** Pad Development, located at the existing Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick on 1 parcel consisting of 40.69 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Cen-

ter-Entry District. The proposed development includes construction of three free-standing pad buildings, totaling 13,996 square feet of new construction in the remote parking area on the west side of the site, in front of the former K-Mart and existing Gordmans (Peebles). The project also includes but not limited to, parking, trash enclosures, utilities, drainage, stormwater management, landscaping and lighting. The submittal was accepted June 24, 2020. Agent: Langan

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at ten same meeting

1) **Patuxent Commons Townhouses**, located on Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick. Zoned Town Center, Village District, on three parcels consisting of 11.56 acres. Submittal accepted February 26, 2020. Agent: Bay Engineering, Inc.

2) **SD-2020-0053, Bowen's Pride**, Lots 1-18, located on N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, within the one mile buffer of Prince Frederick Town Center. 18 lots, on three parcels consisting of 40.48 acres. Zoned RCD/FFD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted April 29, 2020. Agent: Meridian Land Solutions, LLC (dba R.A. Barrett & Associates)

Information provided by Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning.

## Bay Restoration Efforts Deemed in Jeopardy

### Report Assesses States' Progress, Future Plans.

A new Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) report examining the state of the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint found promising signs of progress, but serious red flags remain that threaten to derail the restoration effort.

While Maryland and Virginia are on track today, achieving the 2025 pollution reduction goals will require both states to accelerate pollution reductions from agriculture and urban and suburban runoff. Pennsylvania, however, is far off track. It accounts for the largest share of pollution in the watershed, has never met its nitrogen reduction targets, and has identified actions that achieve just three-quarters of the reductions necessary to meet its 2025 goal.

Together, the three major Bay states are responsible for roughly 90 percent of the pollution damaging the Chesapeake Bay.

"After 30 years of unfulfilled promises to restore this national treasure, the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint is our last, best chance to demonstrate that science can guide actions to save the Bay. We have seen some progress, but success is now in jeopardy," said CBF President William C. Baker. "Maryland and Virginia have plans in place that will achieve their commitments, if implemented. Pennsylvania's elected officials, however, have failed. The commitments they have made will not get the job done, putting their neighbors downstream in jeopardy, and failing to clean up their own waters.

The most recent assessment of Pennsylvania's rivers and streams shows more than 25,800 miles of impaired waterways, a distance comparable to

the circumference of the Earth. That's an increase of 5,500 miles since 2016.

To assess the state of the Blueprint, CBF used EPA's scientific model to estimate pollution reductions made between 2009 and 2019. For each state, we assessed both the total pollution reductions made statewide, as well as the reductions made by each sector (i.e., agriculture, wastewater, etc.) to determine if current trends put them on track to meet the 2025 Blueprint goals.

CBF says that is an important distinction. While significant progress in one sector may put a state on track to meet its total 2025 goals today, without progress in all sectors, states risk becoming off track in the future.

CBF also looked at how well the states implemented the practices and programs outlined in their two-year milestone goals for the 2018-2019 period—in other words, the specific actions they committed to take to get the job done.

"Overall, the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint is showing water quality improvement. Polluted runoff in many areas is decreasing along with summer dead zones in the Bay. But the road to finishing the job is steep. Climate change and federal regulatory rollbacks impede progress. Critically, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has failed to hold states accountable to their Blueprint commitments. This is the final and most important phase of the clean-up effort. The Bay jurisdictions and EPA must take action now if we are going to leave a legacy of clean water to future generations," Baker added

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# Fatal Motorcycle Collision In Ches. Beach

On Monday, August 24, 2020 at approximately 8:12 p.m., members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded to report of a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle on Bayside Road in the area of Camp Roosevelt Dr. in Chesapeake Beach, MD.

Upon arrival units located a 2004 Lexus SC 480 and a 2002 Kawasaki Motorcycle in the roadway.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2004 Lexus was traveling north or Bayside Road. The driver of the Lexus was identified as Jennifer Jeanne Osterloh, 49 of Chesapeake Beach, MD. A 2002 Kawasaki motorcycle was traveling south on Bayside Rd. The operator of the motorcycle was identified as Edwin DeJesus Correa, 33 of Owings, MD. According to multiple witnesses, prior

to the collision the motorcycle was traveling at an excessive speed and passing vehicles on the wrong side of the roadway. As the motorcycle was passing a vehicle and traveling south in the north bound lane, it struck the Lexus struck head on. The impact caused Correa to be ejected from the motorcycle. Correa was pronounced deceased on the scene. Osterloh, was transported to CalvertHealth with minor injuries.

Speed and failure to drive right of center appear to be contributing factors to this collision.

The collision remains under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed this crash is asked to please contact Sgt. T. S. Phelps with the Crash Reconstruction Team at (410) 535-2800 or via e-mail: Thomas.Phelps@calvert-countymd.gov

# Pedestrian Killed in Sunderland Accident

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded on Saturday, Aug. 22 at approximately 5:30 a.m., to the intersection of MD Route 2 and Kent Road in Sunderland for a report of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle.

Preliminary investigation determined that a 2019 Chevrolet Traverse operated by Roberto Ramirez, 31, of Huntingtown was traveling northbound on MD Route 2 in the area of Kent Road when the vehicle struck the pedestrian. The pedestrian was identified as Tristian Joshua Lansberry, 19, of Waldorf who had been in the travel portion

of the roadway wearing dark clothing. Lansberry was pronounced deceased on the scene by emergency personnel. There was no reported injuries to Ramirez.

At this time, pedestrian error appears to be the main contributing factor in this collision.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact S/DFC J. Hardesty of the Crash Reconstruction Team at jeffrey.hardesty@calvertcountymd.gov or by calling the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800.

This collision remains under investigation.

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## Suspect Arrested in 7-11 Attempted Armed Robbery



Store surveillance photo

Calvert County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies on Aug. 21 at 6:36 a.m. responded to the 7-11 store located at 685 N. Prince Frederick Blvd. in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a robbery.

Preliminary investigation revealed, a male suspect entered the 7-11 store on Aug. 20 and attempted to purchase cigarettes and was asked to leave and at that time complied. The suspect returned to the store on Friday, Aug. 21 at 5:14 a.m. brandishing a small knife demanding cigarettes and money after threatening the store clerk. An unidentified customer entered the business and the suspect put the knife away. The customer conversed with the suspect and ended up purchasing

him cigarettes. The suspect then left business.

Deputies were able to quickly identify the suspect through store surveillance. The suspect has been identified as Matthew Edward Dennis, 23 of no fixed address. Dennis was later apprehended without incident and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and has been charged with one count of Attempted Armed Robbery.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to please contact Calvert County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau Captain T. Fridman at (410) 535-1600 ext. 2547.

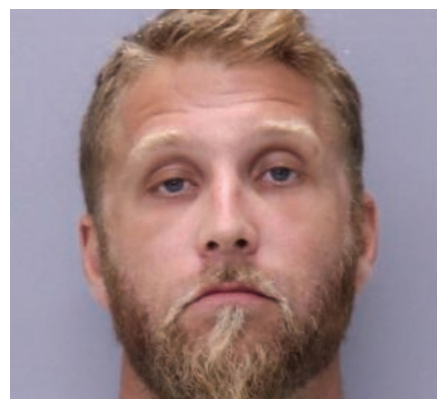
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## Local Fugitive from Justice Arrested in Florida Had Been Profiled on LivePD

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office Warrant Unit on Aug. 19 received an anonymous tip that 30-year-old WANTED suspect Ryan James Watson was currently residing in St Johns County, Florida under alias name 'Sean Riley'.

Based on the tips and a collaborative effort between the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit and the Florida Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force of the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Marshals were able to successfully locate and apprehend Watson at his residence on Aug. 20, 2020 in St. John's County, FL.

Watson has had outstanding warrants in Calvert County and surrounding jurisdictions since 2012 for the following charges: VOP Second-Degree Burglary, VOP Attempted Armed Robbery and Attempted First-Degree Murder (Anne Arundel County).



Ryan James Watson

Watson was previously aired on the show Live PD as being 'WANTED' through Calvert County, MD.

Special thanks to our partners at the US Marshals Service and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for the collaborative effort.

*Press Release from CCSO.*

# CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of August 10 – August 16 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,192 calls for service throughout the community.

### Theft: 20-42532

On August 12, 2020, Deputy Evans responded to Stoney's Restaurant in Broomes Island for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 4:00pm on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 11:00am on August 9<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole two blue wooden chairs. The value of stolen property is \$1,100.

### Arrests:

On August 11, 2020, Deputies Anderson and Kwitowski conducted a traffic stop on Solomons Island Road at HG Trueman Road in Lusby. Upon making contact with the driver, **Scott Ryan Grimes (33)**, deputies observed several clear capsules containing a white powdery substance, suspected to be heroin, as well as a white powdery substance on Grimes' shirt and shorts. Grimes was observed to be lethargic with constricted pupils. Grimes exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in sixteen clear capsules containing suspected heroin, a cigarette box containing twelve clear capsules containing suspected heroin, and a white pill bottle containing half a Suboxone pill. Grimes was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Dist/PWID CDS Fentanyl/Heroin, CDS Possession w/ Intent to Distribute, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

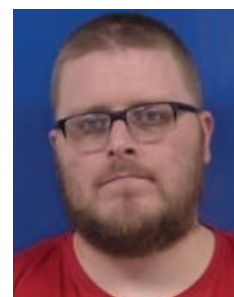
On August 13, 2020, Corporal Robshaw assisted in a traffic stop on North Solomons Island Road at Radio Road in Prince Frederick. Upon making contact with the driver, **Tyonte Ajee Raymond Thomas (25)**, Corporal Robshaw observed

him to have slurred speech as well as slow movements. Thomas exited the vehicle and was observed to be disoriented and confused. A search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in half an Oxycodone pill, numerous pill bottles containing five Clonazepam pills, twenty five Alprazolam pills. Thomas was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

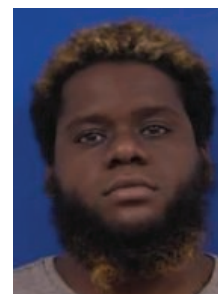
On August 14, 2020, Deputy N. Buckler responded to Trader's in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a disorderly subject. The complainant advised a male subject, **Eugene Charles Plater (47)**, left the establishment without paying for his beverage at the bar, and was located by security. Plater returned to the restaurant and began acting in a disorderly manner, yelling at customers and staff, before leaving the establishment again.

Deputies located Plater, who continued yelling obscenities and walking away from Deputies. Deputies made multiple attempts to detain Plater and detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath. After a brief struggle, and assaulting deputies on scene, Plater was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Resisting/ Interfering with Arrest, Failure to Obey a Reasonable/ Lawful Order, and Assault-Second Degree.

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



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## Library to Begin Limited in-Building Service



Plexiglass has been installed on library service desks to improve the safety of customer-staff interactions. Library Assistant Joan Fletcher pulls the Curbside appointments report for the next day at Calvert Library Prince Frederick.

Calvert Library Prince Frederick will be opening on Monday, August 31 for limited services. In-person library hours will be Monday-Thursday, noon to 5pm, Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Curbside pickup appointments will continue with hours increasing to Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Calvert Library's Branches (Fairview, Twin Beaches and Southern) will be opening with the same hours on Tuesday, September 8.

The main library in Prince Frederick will open with a limit on the number of customers in the building at one time. Per Governor Hogan's order, customers over the age of five will be required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth and to maintain a social distance of 6' from others. Customers entering with children are asked to stay together and help their children maintain social distance. In order to maximize the number of customers who can take advantage of library services, customers will be asked to keep their visit to an hour or less.

According to Executive Director, Carrie Willson, "We've been serving customers from home and online since the pandemic closed our buildings. We have even used the outside of our buildings to post community resources and of course, offer wifi in our parking lots. August 31 will be our trial run for in-building service. We expect that our customers and staff will work safely and respectfully together and follow safety guidelines. If that goes smoothly, we will expand limited openings to the branches on Tuesday, September 8."

Some libraries in the region have been open longer. St. Mary's County Library opened August 3 and so far, have not had to step back service. Anne Arundel County Library opened some of their locations in early July but announced last week that because of customer incidents and the resulting health concerns, they had to reduce service to the curbside model Calvert Library has been offering since June. Anne Arundel expects to move to an appointment-only model for computer use, browsing and librarian assistance be-

ginning September 8.

When asked whether she's concerned that customers will try to come to the library without appropriate masks, Willson said, "The two main services we haven't been able to offer in some form during this pandemic are gathering space and computer use. While it is still not appropriate to be gathering, I believe that the customers who are desperate to use our computers will be self-policing so we don't have to close our doors again. At the same time, our staff stand ready to remind or educate customers about safe practices. For those that cannot comply, we will continue to serve them outside the building."

What about computer access? Willson responded, "We have received a grant to purchase some Chromebooks that we plan to circulate with data. Of course, laptops are in great demand in the marketplace so we don't know when we'll receive them. We will get them into circulation as quickly as possible once they arrive."

Calvert Library does not plan to open their meeting rooms for the foreseeable future as those spaces are currently being used for quarantining returned materials and storing furniture not conducive to healthy use of the library. Returned library materials are quarantined for up to a week prior to being checked in based on a recently released study concerning the length of time the virus might survive on library material surfaces.

Willson reiterated her request, "Please stay home if you are vulnerable or ill. Our staff can help you over the phone. Calvert Library has always prided itself on being the community's 'third place,'" referencing a frequented space that is not work or home, "for connecting to one another and the world." Willson continued, "At this time, for our community's safety, our priority is to provide quick access to library materials, information and training that can't be accessed via phone, email or video chat."

For more information, call Robyn Truslow at 410-535-0291.

*Press Release from Calvert Library.*

## Day of Caring Coming Sept. 9

This year's Day of Caring will be held Wednesday, September 9th, 2020.

United Way of Calvert County's Day of Caring brings together volunteers in our community to complete service projects for our local nonprofits throughout the Calvert County area. This special day saves thousands of dollars for local nonprofit organizations in facility and grounds improvement, gives members of the community a hands-on experience of the work the nonprofits do and allows volunteers to make connections all while engaging in meaningful service projects. UWCC places emphasis on forming projects that help people in the community with the basics they need to lead a good life: Education, Income & Health.

On Wednesday, September 9th, United Way of Calvert County invites local businesses, local leaders, volunteers, donors, and all members of the community to take part in our annual Day of Caring. All Day of Caring projects will take place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Due to the toll COVID-19 has taken on the economy, agencies will be

providing half-day and/or full-day projects for business volunteers. UWCC understands the effects COVID-19 is having on the community, right here in Calvert County. Needs DO NOT stop during a pandemic. The Calvert County community needs to come together, now more than ever. Day of Caring is one way to help local non-profits during this pandemic.

United Way of Calvert County and Day of Caring partners will be required to take the necessary precautions throughout the duration of the event and are expected to adhere to the CDC Guidelines and State Regulations in effect as of September 9th, 2020. Day of Caring participants will be required to enforce social distancing, wear masks, etc.

Sign-up for the project of your choice and help continue to make a difference in the community! To learn more about Day of Caring 2020, please visit [www.unitedwaycalvert.org/day-caring](http://www.unitedwaycalvert.org/day-caring) or call (410) 535-2000.

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## It's Clear the Shelter Month

August is "Clear the Shelter Month" in Calvert County and citizens are encouraged to schedule an appointment at the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter to meet one of the many amazing animals looking for a home. Help a friendly feline find a "furrever" home, or start a happy "tail" with a loveable dog or other animal in need of a family.

"This campaign helps remind citizens that there are many wonderful animals without a home who would provide a family years of companionship and love," said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. "We are proud to do our part to help animals have a second chance at a good life."

The shelter remains closed to the general public due to the COVID-19 pandemic but families and individuals can meet an animal by scheduling an adoption appointment. Citizens can schedule an adoption appointment by calling 410-535-7387. Resi-

dents are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Residents who are unable to re-home an animal can always provide the shelter assistance through donated items including blankets, toys, dry and canned food, carriers and more. Visit online for a full list of shelter wish list items. For monetary donations, citizens can contact the nonprofit organization Friends of the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter at 301-399-0107.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is managed by the Animal Shelter Division of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety. 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](http://www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com).

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# Back to School on the Teachers' Backs

By Dick Myers  
Editor

As teachers returned this week for the 2020-21 school year with online, in-service training, they were faced with some tough decisions.

The Calvert County Board of Education was adamant, against the wishes of School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry, that teachers not be required to return to their classrooms to do the online learning. Instead the board opted to give the option of working online at home as are most of the students.

But the school board was equally adamant that students unable to handle online learning be given an exemption for in-school learning.

Over the summer school system staff have developed a list of teachers willing to volunteer to come into school to teach those students with exemptions.

During the first two weeks of school, assessments are being made by principals and teachers as to who should be allowed to come into school.

The back to school plan, called Road to Recovery, thus leaves teachers with the choice next week, when students begin their learning, of working virtually from home or in school or teaching students in-person in school.

Robin Clites, a Northern High School science teacher, has seen a lot in her 37 years of teaching, including 32 in Calvert. She said, "I teach almost exclusively Honors Chemistry and AP Chemistry. Many local and global events have happened while I stood in front of a classroom of students.

"I was teaching during the terrifying days of the DC sniper and I learned about the Twin Towers falling along with a class of students. In my career, school has been interrupted by a severe ice storm, weeks of snow, and Hurricane Isabel. But this pandemic feels like the most challenging thing education has faced in decades."

Clites has opted to teach virtually from her classroom several days a week. She explained the process that led up to that decision:

"In the spring, when in-building learning wasn't possible, we rallied. We quickly learned new online apps and kept in touch with our students. I was able to help my AP students review for a very tough exam and to design some lessons that seemed valuable and relevant. I think most of my students progressed during those months of instruction - some excelled with the online format."

That was then, but this is now, she explained. "We all know this fall will be more challenging. It will require a lot of planning and creativity to make it work for all types of learn-



Huntington Elementary School teacher Jill Gabrielson

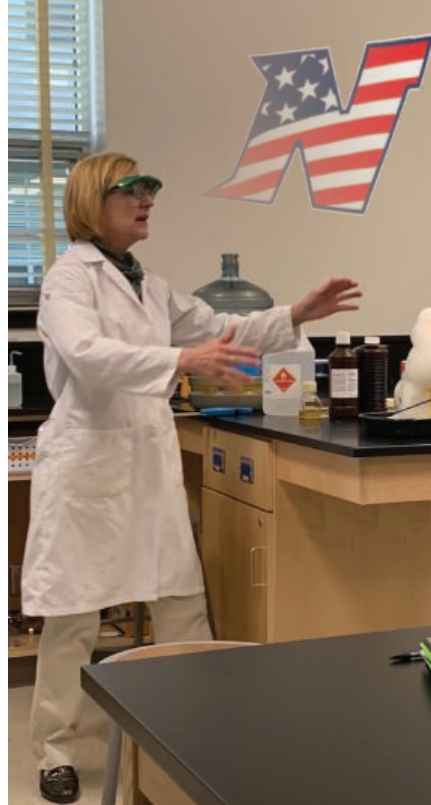
ers. But I'm glad CCPS made the decision to keep students at home. I'm a healthy person, but I live with two high-risk people and it worried me a lot to think I may bring a deadly virus home from work. It would take a tremendous amount of time and resources to train our students and staff to interact in a large group setting safely. We should not put hundreds of children on buses and together in one building right now. The risk to families is too high."

She was grateful for the option to teach from her classroom. "I'm also glad to have the choice of presenting instruction from my home or from school. Teaching science, demonstrations and experiments are a large part of what I do with students. I'm glad I can access the equipment and materials at school that allow me to put interesting things within my lessons. I plan to be in the classroom twice weekly for that type of instruction and at home to provide guidance as students practice and apply the content."

It'll be a challenge. She said, "This school year will take patience and understanding. We will have to recognize that each student will be learning from a different environment. Despite the obstacles ahead of us this school year, I believe we can give our students something valuable for their future. That's the goal of education after all."

Jill Gabrielson, a Huntington Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade math and science teacher, is one of the volunteers for in-school learning when that begins in several weeks. The 15-year teaching veteran has been at Huntington for eight years.

Gabrielson explained the process. "So, the county is working on identifying the students with the most needs for the in-school learning. And to be honest at this time, I don't know exactly what that will look like. I know that they're working on those details."



Northern High School teacher Robin Clites in her classroom

She said what elementary school will probably look like is there will be a morning and afternoon group of students each with a teacher and a teaching assistant. "The a.m. group will have three hours in the morning, part of the day, like eight to 11, and then the p.m. group will have the later part of the school day, like 12 to three where they will have what they're calling synchronous learning, which will be live learning to my understanding, which could change because I know the county is trying to figure out what works best."

As to her role, she said, "I am one of the a.m. teachers, so I will be live virtually from about eight to 11 or 11:30 and then my afternoon is set aside for small group instruction, which could be done live, or I might be answering emails from students or looking over an assignments and calling a student one-on-one over the phone, whatever that family needs. But once the face to face begins, my understanding is during that afternoon time, that's when I will be going to the building and meeting with the students that are identified as needing the most help."

And she will be teaching what she normally teaches, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade math and science.

She said of her decision to volunteer: "It wasn't an easy decision. I have children in the county. I have elementary and a middle schooler. I actually taught my daughter last year and watching my daughter and my middle school son who are excellent students struggle with the virtual learning and realizing that no matter what we're doing as teachers and everything that we're doing to meet

their needs, that there are students that absolutely need that face-to-face instruction."

She added, "I feel in watching the news and if we take certain precautions that we can minimize our risk. I know that it's not risk-free. I am a Type 1 diabetic, so there's definitely a little bit of fear there. But I know that if I wash my hands often and don't have close contact with the students that I minimize my risk."

She volunteered for in-school summer school to help those who struggled with the online learning and it was successful. "I just kept my distance, kept them away from each other and did all the precautions."

She explained, "I just feel like the students need it. And I just felt like I was willing to take that risk right now."

She said the students adapted pretty well during summer school. "They really did a great job. They did need reminders. We did mask breaks like where one could go outside and they could be six, eight feet apart and put their mask down for a moment. There were a few times in the classroom where someone would put their mask down and getting in a quick reminder and they put it up."

Her fourth graders were a little more mature. She said, "I think it's very different than if you're working with kindergarten. It's just going to require constant reminding, support from home, to encourage them to wear their masks and the importance of washing their hands and just being aware of not touching their face."

Gabrielson, like many other Calvert County teachers, will be juggling the responsibility for her own children, her 5<sup>th</sup> Grade daughter and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade son.

"That is going to be probably the biggest challenge. I am hopeful that my children show their independence and maturity."

She had hoped to be in school during the day and come home during lunch break to check on her kids but was told at the first day of in-service training on Aug. 24 that would not be possible, they could not go back and forth.

She said she and her husband are going to sit down "to decide how we're going to make that work with my children. My husband works from home right now, but it's hard for him to manage his own responsibilities and middle school and elementary and a high schooler (they have a son in a private high school).

Gabrielson is in solidarity with teachers who have decided against in-person teaching. She said, "Nothing is risk-free. I respect my colleagues that don't feel comfortable. I 100 percent understand where they're coming from."

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The Drum Circle event is outdoors, in the case of poor weather it will be canceled as we will not have an indoor back-up location. Visit [www.stmarysartscouncil.com](http://www.stmarysartscouncil.com) or email: [info@smcart.org](mailto:info@smcart.org) for further info.

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## Aquatic Center Reopens for Therapeutic Use



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center therapy pool has reopened for therapeutic swim. The pool is available for 45-minute therapeutic swim sessions for Calvert County residents 18 years and older.

Sessions are available by online reservation only, Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a capacity limit of 12 participants per time slot. Fees for use are \$6 per adult (ages 18-59) or \$4 for seniors (ages 60 and older).

In an effort to slow the spread COVID-19, all swimmers must maintain adequate physical distancing at all times and must wear a mask when not in the water. Shower facilities will not be available for use by participants.

Residents can register for therapeutic swim online through the WebTrac registration system at <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wb-wsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>. Activity number is 940000.

For more information about the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center, visit [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/395/Aquatic-Facilities](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/395/Aquatic-Facilities).

The county continues to share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 on its virtual resource center at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus). Find information on Calvert County Government services online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov). Stay up to date with Calvert County Government on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](http://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd).

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## Text to 911 Service Now Available



The Calvert County Department of Public Safety announces that the Calvert County 911 call center is now accepting text messages through text-to-911 service.

Customers of the three major wireless carriers – AT&T, T-Mobile (including former Sprint customers) and Verizon – who are enrolled in a text messaging plan can send text messages to 911 in an emergency when they are unable to place a phone call. This includes those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech impaired, those who may find themselves in a situation where placing a voice call could put them in danger, or those who are experiencing a medical emergency and are unable to speak.

“We are thrilled to launch text-to-911 service in Calvert County,” said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. “While a phone call is still the preferred way to contact 911, the ability to send a text message to 911 gives residents and visitors better access to emergency services, particularly for those who may have difficulty placing a voice call.”

The procedure is simple to send a text message to 911, when in need of emergency services and unable to place a phone call: Enter 911 in the “To” line of a new text message.

Begin the message with the location of the emergency and the type of help needed – police, fire or emergency medical services (EMS).

Once the message has been received at

the 911 call center, a 911 specialist will respond. Users should be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions.

Citizens are urged to place a voice call to 911 if possible; text if you can't. Public Safety offers the following additional tips for using text-to-911:

Keep text messages short and simple; avoid using slang or abbreviations.

Photos and videos cannot be viewed by 911 call centers.

English is the preferred language for text messaging, though some limited translation services may be available.

Including an additional contact on your text message may prevent it from being received by 911.

As with all text messages, messages to 911 may take longer to receive, may be received out of order or may not be received at all.

If text-to-911 service is not available in an area, users will receive a bounce back message from their carrier telling them to place a phone or relay call instead.

Do not text and drive.

Learn more about text-to-911 service in Calvert County at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Text911](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Text911). Citizens with questions may contact Emergency Communications Assistant Division Chief Stanley Harris at [Stanley.Harris@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:Stanley.Harris@calvertcountymd.gov) or 410-535-1600, ext. 2942.

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# Institute at CSM Celebrates Nonprofit Day

## Annual Grants Training Scheduled

The Nonprofit Institute (NPI) at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) recognizes National Nonprofit Day Aug. 17 by announcing it will transition its annual grant seminar to a webinar Sept. 25. Showcasing the "Nonprofit Roadmap to Success," the 15th annual free grant training program will feature guest speaker Jennifer B. Jones, president, chief executive officer and founder of Ky-Jour International.

Leveraging the Jenniferism, "Your nonprofit business is a business," this roadmap to success highlights the differences between structure, development and funding for nonprofit organizations, according to NPI Coordinator for Charles County Cara Fogarty. In the seminar participants will learn how to organize their nonprofit business for funding readiness; establish an executable business development strategy; establish a framework for funding; and, understand grant prospecting, writing and funding.

"Whether you are new to grant proposal writing, a seasoned pro, or somewhere in between, this grants training seminar will offer you valuable information and insight," said Fogarty. "Jennifer Jones is a highly sought-after and engaging speaker with a wealth of knowledge to share. During the current pandemic, when nonprofits have had to pivot and find new ways to meet their missions, this training seminar will offer a new perspective, valuable information, and serve to refresh participant's approach to writing grant proposals."

When news of the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded in March, NPI immediately heightened its operations to help local nonprofit leaders maintain their critical services as well as navigate the many applications for desperately needed COVID-19 relief loans and grant money. The Nonprofit Institute has assisted more than 200 nonprofit organizations in the region since the beginning of the year, Fogarty shared.

"This includes our annual conference in February and classes pre-pandemic and all of our activities since the pandemic began - the weekly and bi-weekly nonprofit community calls, affinity group meetings, individual consultations and so on," Fogarty explained. "Calls and emails requesting NPI assistance have exploded since the pandemic began and participation in the affinity group meetings has increased dramatically, too. The NPI team is humbled and grateful to help these organizations who are there selflessly helping so many others in our communities during these extraordinary times."

According to NPI Coordinator for St. Mary's County Robin Finnacom, routinely connecting with the region's nonprofits "strengthens a collective sense of purpose in the face of this crisis and



Jennifer B. Jones

further the camaraderie that prevails among the region's organizations."

"The United Way of Charles County is proud to expand our work with the Nonprofit Institute at CSM in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," shared Mike Bellis in an April press release about NPI's efforts. Bellis - a CSM alum - is the United Way executive director for Charles County. "The Nonprofit Institute has a long-standing track record of supporting the success of nonprofits throughout the region. And they are by our side again helping to answer the call when we need them most."

Next month's "Nonprofit Roadmap to Success," webinar will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 25. Co-sponsored by CSM, NPI, Governor's Grants Office, Charles County Public Library, St. Mary's County Library, Calvert Library and the Charles County government, and registration is required by 11 p.m. Sept. 24: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-grants-training-seminar-registration-117171339631>

According her biography, Jones is a transformational leader, business strategist, legislative advocate, writer and orator who serves as president and CEO of KyJour International (KJI) Strategic Business Solutions - a boutique consulting firm that provides strategic planning, training and education, commercial finance, and business development in the government contracting, political, nonprofit and emerging business markets.

As a noted philanthropist, community servant, strategist, executive coach and gifted communicator, Jones' eclectic mix of thoughts, views and opinions are shared as a highly sought speaker with audiences throughout the country. She was co-host of her weekly broadcast show, Truth 360 and has convened a host of conferences, meetings and symposia. She has contributed significantly to the realization of the Global Vision Community Medical Center, Family Justice Center, Prince George's County Family Justice Center, and Human Trafficking Task Forces and several other community programs, initiatives, and activities.

Press Release from CSM.

# Storm Debris Disposal Extended

## Tree Removal Permit Suspended



The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning has extended the suspension of tree removal permits through Sunday, Aug. 30. Citizens are not required to obtain a permit to dispose of downed trees caused by Tropical Storm Isaias during this time. Citizens should take photos of the downed trees prior to removal and call a tree removal company or take proper precautions to safely remove debris.

Citizens can contact Planning & Zoning at 410-535-2348 or [pz@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:pz@calvertcountymd.gov) for questions or permit information. If there is a soil disturbance including grading issues, residents can contact the Soil Conservation District Office at 410-535-1521, ext. 3.

### Free Storm Debris Disposal

Due to the large amount of downed trees and yard debris caused by Tropical Storm Isaias, the Calvert County Solid Waste Division is extending the free storm debris disposal event through Sunday, Aug. 30.

Citizens can drop off un-bagged leaves, shrubs, branches and logs no larger than 5 feet in length, for free to the Barstow Convenience Center and Appeal Landfill, Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Citizens are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staff will be on site to assist citizens with unloading debris. Firewood will not be accepted.

This event is for Calvert County residents only. All commercial customers are advised that chargeable rates will apply and debris can only be disposed of at the Appeal Landfill. After Aug. 30, citizens can only drop off tree and yard debris at the Appeal Landfill, but will be charged a disposal fee. Citizens can visit [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/SolidWasteandRecycling](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/SolidWasteandRecycling) for landfill and convenience center locations, hours of operation and accepted materials.

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## Optimist Announce Scholarship Recipients

The Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick announced the recipients 2020 Scholarships on Aug. 17. The Optimist Scholarship program began in 1975 with a single scholarship award valued at \$2,000 and is funded through the Calvert Optimist Community Parks Foundation Inc. an IRS 501c(3) non-profit organization.

Today the Club awards three scholarships each year; the Les Knapp Scholarship valued at \$8,000; the Jim King Scholarship valued at \$6,000; and the Career/Vocational/Technological Scholarship valued at \$3,000.

Over the past 45 years, the Calvert Optimist Scholarship Program has awarded \$303,500 in scholarships to eighty-four (84) graduates of Calvert County Public Schools.

The 2020 Knapp Scholarship was awarded to Brandi E. Bohrer of Huntingtown. Brandi is a Huntingtown High graduate. Brandi will be attending the College of Southern Maryland this fall, majoring in Special Education.

This year's Jim King Scholarship was awarded to Natalie C. Flanders of Prince Frederick. Natalie is a graduate of Calvert High and will attend Towson University this fall majoring in Secondary Education and Mathematics.

The Career/Vocational/Technological Scholarship was awarded to Emily B. Peterson of Dunkirk. Emily is a graduate of Northern High. Emily will be attending Anne Arundel Community College this fall majoring in Baking & Pastry Culinary Arts.

The club's youth and community activities and programs, including the Scholarship Program are supported by the Club's two fund raising activities; the annual Christmas Trees and Wreaths sale at the Safeway parking lot in Prince Frederick and Optimist Bingo located in Owings on northbound MD Route 4.



Natalie C. Flanders of Prince Frederick



Brandi E. Bohrer of Huntingtown.



Emily B. Peterson of Dunkirk

Normally the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at O'Gannigan's Irish Pub in Prince Frederick at 7PM; however, due to Covid-19 restrictions the Club has temporarily suspended their regular meeting schedule. If you are interested in joining the Club and making a difference in the life of a child and join our members in being the 'Friend of Youth' go to our website – [www.optimistclubofcalvert.org](http://www.optimistclubofcalvert.org) or for further membership information email [testudo74@comcast.net](mailto:testudo74@comcast.net).

*Press Release from the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick*

## CCPS Names New Director of Human Resources

On August 13, the Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools appointed Zach Seawell as Director of Human Resources.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "Zach Seawell is proven leader who has always had an interest in the role of human resources to make schools stronger. We are excited to have him join the district office team."

Seawell began his career in 1997 as a middle school science teacher at Southern Middle School. He then served as dean at Plum Point Middle School, assistant principal at Calvert High School, and principal at Plum Point Middle School before moving into his current position as principal of Calvert Middle School. Mr. Seawell received his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Salis-



Zach Seawell

bury University and his Master of Science in Human Resource Development from Towson University.

*Press Release from CCPS.*

## CSM Positioned to Award Financial Aid Helps Students Finish Their Education



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is positioned to award in excess of \$9 million in financial assistance in 2020 to students through a mix of federal and state grants, scholarships and monies raised by the CSM Foundation.

Under the CARES Act Student Emergency Aid, the U.S. Department of Education granted the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) \$1,289,511 to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus and an additional \$1,289,511 to provide emergency financial aid directly to students for expenses related to the disruption of on-campus operations or job loss due to the pandemic.

"By the end of July, CSM had already distributed \$1,289,511 to 2,141 eligible students," said Acting Executive Director of Financial Assistance and Advocacy Christian Zimmermann. "In addition, CSM has decided to award up to \$900,000 of the CARES Act funding that was earmarked for our institution to our students who were enrolled in the spring and plan to return in the fall." So far, Zimmermann said, 1,100 students have received funds to continue this fall.

"It is so important to everyone at CSM that our students complete their learning," said Zimmermann. "We know our students are struggling because of this pandemic and we are doing all we can to help them financially."

In fact, CSM announced in April that it was taking several steps to help students brace for ongoing hardships caused by COVID-19 including cancelling summer and fall tuition increases and waiving summer and fall course fees.

In addition to the federal grant monies, the CSM Foundation has earmarked \$250,000 through the CSM Foundation Help a Hawk fund to support CSM students. The Help a Hawk fund will provide nearly \$500 to eligible students which can cover the cost of one three-credit class to returning students who were enrolled in the spring and plan to return in the fall.

The CSM Foundation has been

awarded \$25,000 in grants to fund this initiative, dedicated to assisting CSM students whose college aspirations are in jeopardy due to hardships stemming from COVID-19. This support is possible thanks to grants from:

Chaney Enterprises Foundation through the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (\$20,000)

WesBanco Community Relief Fund (\$2,500)

Charles County Charitable Trust COVID-19 Emergency Fund, Round 2 (\$2,500).

To date, more than \$73,000 has been awarded to 149 students from the Help a Hawk effort.

"We are very proud that the CSM Foundation awarded more than \$40,000 through the student emergency fund last spring and is looking to award \$250,000 more this fall to returning students," said Acting Executive Director of the CSM Foundation Chelsea Clute. "This year has been so difficult on our students – and we are more committed than ever to ensure our students stay enrolled and finish their education with us."

"The bottom line is that we have funds available to help our students who are taking credit and non-credit classes," explained Zimmermann. "Our financial aid is not all need-based and it is never too late to apply for funding."

Zimmermann said he strongly encourages new and existing CSM students fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year to apply for all federal student and parent loan programs, need-based grants, the Federal Work-study program, and CSM Foundation scholarships. CARES Act funds will automatically be disbursed to students who have a FAFSA on file, are enrolled in a Title IV eligible program of study, and satisfy all other eligibility requirements of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

For additional information credit and non-credit costs and aid, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/>, call Financial Assistance Department at 301-934-7531 or email [finaid@csmd.edu](mailto:finaid@csmd.edu).

*Press Release from CSM.*



# Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons Set to Begin

*Mourning Dove Season Opens Sept. 1*



Photo by Larry Hindman

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced the state's 2020-2021 migratory game bird hunting seasons. Bag limits, season dates, and shooting hours can be found in the 2020-2021 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

"The early migratory game bird seasons give Maryland's hunters an exciting way to kick off the season," Wildlife and Heritage Director Paul Peditto said. "With all the excellent hunting opportunities Maryland has to offer, we'd like to encourage our sportsmen and women to introduce a young person to the experience of a day afield."

Season dates are as follows. Except where otherwise noted, shooting hours begin 30 minutes before sunrise and end at sunset for all early migratory game bird hunting seasons:

- Dove, split season
  - First Season: Sept. 1 – Oct. 17
  - Second Season: Oct. 24 – Nov. 27
  - Third Season: Dec. 19 – Jan. 9, 2021
- During the first season segment only, shooting hours are from noon to sunset
- Woodcock, split season
  - First Season: Oct. 21 – Nov. 27
  - Second Season: Jan. 11–23, 2021
- Early resident Canada goose season
  - Eastern zone: Sept. 1–15
  - Western zone: Sept. 1–25

Hunters are allowed to use shotguns capable of holding more than three shot shells. Shooting hours are extended to a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Teal, September season  
Sept. 16–30

Shooting hours will be a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is six.

All migratory bird hunters, including landowners who are license-exempt, must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp/Harvest Information Program Permit and possess the printed receipt while hunting. All waterfowl hunters, ages 16 and older, must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp). Licenses, permits, and stamps can be purchased online, by phone at 855-855-3906, by appointment at a department service center, or at any of Maryland's 250 sport license agents.

Hunters are encouraged to report banded migratory game birds online. After reporting the banded bird, hunters will receive a certificate of appreciation that includes all known biological information on the bird they harvested.

Anyone with questions may contact the department at 410-260-8540.

*Press Release from MD DNR.*

# St. Mary's Swimming to Join Conference



Commissioner Jessica Huntley and the Atlantic East Conference announce another affiliate addition to the league, welcoming St. Mary's College of Maryland as an associate member in men's and women's swimming, effective Fall 2020.

"We are excited to welcome St. Mary's to the Atlantic East as an affiliate member in men's and women's swimming," said Huntley. "This partnership solidifies and advances the sport within the Atlantic East Conference and provides for an enhanced championship experience for our student athletes."

St. Mary's College, currently a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) will join Cabrini University, Immaculata University, Marymount University, Marywood University, Cedar Crest College and Gallaudet University as participating members in men's and women's swimming. The Seahawks will be immediately eligible for all-conference awards and the conference's swimming championships.

"The Atlantic East Conference presented an excellent opportunity for our men's and women's swimming programs to challenge themselves by growing and competing at a tre-

mendously high level," said Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College director of athletics and recreation. "The St. Mary's College of Maryland athletic department is committed to providing a high-quality student-athlete experience for all our student-athletes and this partnership with the AEC exemplifies this charge."

The Seahawks' swimming programs both placed third in last year's CAC championships. St. Mary's College head coach Casey Brandt has been at the helm of the program since 2016 and has coached 16 All-CAC selections. Additionally, the St. Mary's College swimming programs have collected 14 College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Team awards under the leadership of Brandt.

"We are really happy our men's and women's swimming teams were able to find a home with the AEC," stated St. Mary's College Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach, Casey Brandt. "I'm excited to work with the excellent group of coaches there and look forward to the time we can compete as well."

*Press Release St. Mary's College of Maryland*

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# St. Mary's College Now a Regional Folklife Center

St. Mary's College of Maryland was recently awarded a Maryland State Arts Council Folklife Network grant totaling \$40,500 to represent Southern Maryland as a Maryland Regional Folklife Center in the Maryland State Arts Council's Folklife Network. Regional folklife centers serve to continue "programmatic or educational efforts made by an organization to support folklife, or community-based living cultural traditions handed down by example or word of mouth."

The College will create a Southern Maryland Folklife Summer Institute as the key feature of the Regional Folklife Center. The annual summer institute will be held at St. Mary's College and will add unique opportunities to the rich and vibrant array of folklife events already operating in the region by celebrating and supporting community-based living cultural traditions of Southern Maryland (St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles Counties). The institute will achieve this goal by offering a raft of workshops centered around broad folklife activities and their Southern Maryland components. Some proposed workshops will be specific to Southern Maryland (genealogy, cuisines such as stuffed ham and soul food), while others will reflect activities of Marylanders (landscape painting, beekeeping, oral history), while broader workshops will focus on the Mid-Atlantic region (bluegrass folk music, small farm entrepreneurship).

In preparing the grant, the team collaborated with the arts councils and organizations of the tri-county region in a community survey to learn about regional folklife needs and the kind of programming the community would like represented in a folklife institute.

The institute will pilot in June of 2021 with two days of exciting work-

shops and will close with a public exhibition and celebration event in the SMCM Boyden Gallery (pandemic permitting). The gallery event will allow participants to display their work and efforts learned in the workshops and may include such elements as short readings of oral histories, displays of family genealogies, landscape paintings, live folk music, and samples of culinary dishes. Campus residential housing will be available to participants. The institute will dovetail with the widely popular, community-centered Southern Maryland River Concert Series that draws thousands of people from the region for weekly outdoor summer concerts and the prestigious Chesapeake Writers' Conference, therefore providing additional visibility and extra-curricular activities for participants.

In addition to the College's Boyden Gallery, the SlackWater Center will also be a key participant in the folklife center as the institute's activities will be featured in, and may also produce content for, the SlackWater journal. In addition to the journal, the SlackWater Center also provides students and community members with opportunities to conduct oral histories, hundreds of which are transcribed and available online on the Archive's website as the SlackWater Oral History Collection. The activities of the institute may produce writing features, images (art and photography), oral history interviews, genealogies, and recordings of lectures that will then be added to the SMCM Archive.

Over the coming years, the College aims to incrementally build upon annual institute offerings and community engagement, by soliciting candid assessment and suggestions from all participants of the pilot and subsequent institutes.

*Press Release from SMCM.*



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## Sunday, August 30

### Calvert Library's Book Bites. 2:00pm-3:00pm.

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## Monday, August 31

### COVID-19 & Racial Justice: Responding to Dual Pandemics (online).

4:00pm-5:00pm.

Our country is in the midst of two simultaneous pandemics. COVID-19 continues to alter our daily lives,

and for the past 400+ years, Black Americans have been facing the ongoing pandemic of Racial Injustice. Former Secretary of Education under President Obama John B. King Jr. and Sabina Taj, education professional, discuss the dual crises and ask: how do we move forward, together? John B. King Jr. is the president and CEO of The Education Trust, a national nonprofit organization that seeks to identify and close opportunity and achievement gaps, from preschool through college. King served in President Barack Obama's cabinet as the 10th U.S. Secretary of Education. In tapping him to lead the U.S. Department of Education, President Obama called King an exceptionally talented educator; citing his commitment to preparing every child for success; and his lifelong dedication to education as a teacher, principal, and leader of schools and school systems. Sabina Taj is a long-time Howard County resident and senior philanthropic leader supporting innovative K-12 educational initiatives. In 2018 she was elected to the Howard County Board of Education, running on a platform of representation and equity. Previously, she was Adjunct Professor at Howard Community College where she taught arts integration to future school teachers. Ms. Taj has long been active in the community, which she first got to know in her role as Columbia Foundation program officer. She is a Leadership Howard County graduate, previously served on the board of the Little Patuxent Review, and was an advisory board member to the Columbia Housing Center. She also serves on the Howard County Arts Council. Sabina has two daughters and loves to paint when she has the time. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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## Thursday, August 27

### Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult. This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 10 people per session. This month's theme is Ocean Diving. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit [calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://calvertmarinemuseum.com).

## Thursday, September 3

### Calvert Toastmasters Zoom Meeting

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

Our club provides a supportive and positive learning experience for members to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Please email [cua942nd@gmail.com](mailto:cua942nd@gmail.com) for the pass-

word if you need it.

## Ongoing

### ACLТ's Passport to Preservation

Support local agri-tourism businesses and the American Chestnut Land Trust at the same time! ACLТ is partnering with 9 Calvert County local breweries and wineries for the Passport to Preservation event. From now to September 7th, visit participating breweries and wineries (not all in one day!), enjoy exclusive discounts, and get your passport stamped for chances to win great prizes! Stay-at-home options are also available. For more info and to register, go to: [bit.ly/ACLTPassport](http://bit.ly/ACLTPassport). Please drink responsibly.

### CalvART Gallery

CalvART welcomes you to come in and enjoy a semi-intimate viewing at the gallery or to visit our new online venue. Come experience the variety of art represented by Linda Craven, Freeman Dodsworth, Nico Gozal, Davy Strong, and Marcia Van Ge-

mert. [Calvart-gallery.square.site](http://Calvart-gallery.square.site)

### ArtsWorks@7th

Artsworks@7th is OPEN with new hours and policies to stop the COVID-19 spread. August in-store hours, masks required, are Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-5pm; private appointments available by calling 410-286-

5278 or shop 24/7 on social media @ FB and Instagram (<https://www.facebook.com/Artworkat7th/> and <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA47uj-9Bomp/>). Please respect appropriate safe distancing and limited numbers in the gallery at this time. Artsworks is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach.



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## Gary Alan Toth



Gary Alan Toth, 66, of Huntingtown passed away August 20, 2020 at his residence. He was born July 20, 1954 in Finleyville, PA to John

and Marie (Sand) Toth.

A resident of the beach community Neeld Estate in Huntingtown, Maryland since 1995. He was an active member of the Neeld Estate Association Committee, participating in neighborhood activities and volunteering his time and energy to supporting committee-sponsored events.

Gary retired as Master Sargent from the U.S. Air Force in 1995 after 21 years of service. He was last assigned to the 89th Airlift Wing (AW), assigned to Air Mobility Command and provided global Special Air Mission airlift logistics, aerial port and communications for the president, vice president, cabinet members, combatant commanders and other senior military and elected leaders as tasked by the White House, Air Force chief of staff and AMC. He continued to serve the U.S. Armed Services on Andrews Air Force Base as a subcontractor until 2016. In his spare time, Gary enjoyed riding Harley Davidson's, listening to music, going to the beach, finding sharks teeth, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his father John Toth in 2002, mother Marie Sand (Sandz) in 1961, and John "Skip" Toth in 1994. He is survived by his children Alan Toth and wife Ashleigh Dawson of Lusby and Kelly Quinn and husband Michael of Berlin, grandchildren Rileigh Toth, Alysa Quinn, Corey Quinn and Kailyn Quinn, and brothers Les Toth and wife Jacqueline and Rich Toth and

wife Marilyn, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 9-10 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

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## George David Anderson



George David Anderson, 81, of Port Republic, Maryland passed away peacefully on August 20, 2020 at his home. He was born on July 25, 1939 in Ronceverte, West Virginia to the late Whitner Webb and Patricia Adiline (Underwood) Anderson. George was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy Jo Anderson.

George graduated from High School in 1957 from Surrattsville High School in Clinton, Maryland. George was a very patriotic man and spent a lifetime serving his community. He was in the United States Air Force from 1957 thru 1962 where he was an air traffic controller. Shortly after his honorable discharge from the Air Force he started working at the Census Bureau in Suitland, MD. He retired from the Census Bureau December 31, 1993 after 35 years

of dedicated service as a systems analyst. He received the Bronze Medal Award for Superior Federal Service from the United States Department of Commerce for valuable contributions.

He spent countless hours volunteering with Calvert County Fair board helping organize events and various other things with his wife Nancy Jo. George coached various softball teams for both youth and adult leagues in the county.

George's greatest community service passion and sense of pride was the St Leonard Volunteer Fire House, Company 7, which he considered his extended family. Serving for over 40 years, George was a Charter Member, a Founding Member, and a Life Member. George and his late wife Nancy Jo, along with a few other citizens in the area, began organizing and establishing this great department as far back as 1978, with letters of correspondence from George to the Calvert County Commissioners and the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Association. After countless hours and tireless efforts George's dream of building a fire house in St Leonard finally came to fruition when ground was broken in 1986 with George and then Chief Leonard "Eddie" Long, along with the Calvert County Commissioners digging with the ceremonious shovels. St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue opened its doors for operations in March of 1987, with one Ambulance and one Engine. He received many awards over the years for Life Saving, Top Ten Runner, Fundraising as well as several others. George was inducted into the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Association Hall of Fame in 1994, the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall of Fame in 1996, and the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame in 1997. George served as President from 1982 through 1987, and again from 2010 through 2014. He served on the Board of Directors, as

well as numerous other committees, been part of many apparatus replacements, prepared and assisted in annual budget process, and wrote and implemented the department Bylaws and Standard Operating Guidelines. In July 2020 he was granted the honorable title of "President Emeritus".

He is survived by a son, Michael A. Anderson and his wife Staci, daughter Sheri Lynn (Anderson) McDonald and her husband Jim, daughter Kimberly Paddy and her husband Maurice. He is also survived by his Grandchildren, Megan Rae Busard and her husband Brian (Bubba), Chelsea Rae Anderson, Amanda Brooks, Brianna Paddy and Christopher Paddy, 2 great grandchildren Daniel McGinniss and Madison McGinniss, and brother-in-law James Michael Sharpolisky.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, PO Box 101, Saint Leonard, MD 20685.

## Gary P. Costanzo



The family of Gary P. Costanzo announces his passing on August 18, 2020. Gary was born on June 17, 1953 in Hoboken, NJ, where he was raised until his move to Maryland. He

attended Mount Saint Mary's College. Gary was an employee of the Navy Department with the Department of Defense. Gary played for three Rugby teams, The PAX River Lions where he was a past President and Vice President, the Washington Poltroons (an old boys historic Rugby club known as "The Troons") and The Calvert Rugby Club. Those who knew him knew his never ending passion for rugby, his amazing sense

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of humor and the big heart he had for those he loved. Gary will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his children, Amber L. Costanzo-Tucker (son in law, Shawn Tucker) and Ryan A. Costanzo. Gary will also be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Connor, Fiona, Ava, Enzo and great grandchild, Leo, cousin, but more like a sister, Terry Dearden (husband, Ed Dearden), including all of his cousins, nieces, other family and countless friends. Gary was predeceased by his mother Elise F. Costanzo, his father Peter S. Costanzo and his brother Ronald T. Costanzo.

The memorial will be held privately by immediate family, due to unfortunate Covid guidelines.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pax River Rugby, Link: <https://www.paxrugby.com/>

Or American Heart Association Memorials and Tributes, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231; Link: <https://www2.heart.org>

### David Allan Widman



With deepest sorrow, we announce that David Allan Widman, 63, our beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend passed suddenly on Monday, August 17, 2020 at home.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on November 11, 1956, he moved to Maryland at a young age and graduated from James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury, MD. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Business and served in the U.S. Navy for 8 years. He worked at the Office of Naval Intelligence for over 30 years. Dave's greatest joy was being with his family. He had the biggest heart and the sharpest mind and he moved through this world with grace and kindness. He was a big Chicago Sports Fan and his passion for sports was passed on to his family and friends.

David will be missed every day by his wife, Peggy; sons, David Jr and Charlie; daughter, Maggie; father, Richard Widman; sisters Donna (Hank) Rebach; Debra (Bruzz) Trutt; Susan (Paul) Riley; brothers-in-law Charles Dougherty and Bill (Bernadette) Dougherty and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Doris Ann Widman.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Children's National Medical Center, Washington D.C.

### Richard Douglas "Doug" Dixon



Richard Douglas "Doug" Dixon was born on August 19, 1945. He passed away on August 16, 2020

Doug was born in Tulsa, OK, and raised in Falls Church, VA.

He attended McLean High School and Hope College in Holland, MI. He lived in Silver Spring, MD for 30 years and the time of his death was a resident of North Beach, MD. Prior to retirement he had a career in computer sales.

Doug was always helpful to friends and neighbors. Doug was a long-time member of Hughes United Methodist Church in Wheaton, MD, where he served on the Board of Trustees and United Methodist Men. He supported many church activities including TESS Center, Rummage Sales, and Smart Sacks, but his favorite was taking youth groups to Camp Hope in Frostburg, MD, which provided a Christian program for the youth and home repair for area residents in need.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard S. Dixon and Ramona (Smith) Dixon. He is survived by Susan Blanton, his wife of 34 years, son David Dixon and wife Eve Carr of Juneau, AK, and daughter Allison Dixon of Alexandria, VA. He is also survived by grandson Jasper Dixon of Juneau, AK, and sisters Sandra Harrison of Leesburg, VA and Nancy Kritzmire of Gilbert, AZ. Doug loved the community of North Beach and leaves behind many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Hope, PO Box 420, Frostburg, MD 21532; Link: <https://www.camphopemission.com/make-a-donation> or North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, 8536 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732; Link: <https://northbeachfire.com/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Marty Ann Davis-Daniels



Marty Ann Davis-Daniels, 69, of St. Leonard, Maryland passed away on August 15, 2020 at her home. She

was born on September 5, 1950 in Washington, D.C. to the late William S and Grace Mildred (O'Hara) Davis.

Marty is survived by her husband, John Daniels, III. Step Mother of Jennifer Leigh Daniels and John Daniels IV, she is also survived by her sister Susan Gail Davis and her brother Michael Scott Davis.

Should friends desire, Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Nalda Marie Lankford



Nalda Marie Lankford, 86, of Solomons, Maryland passed away peacefully on Friday morning, August 21, 2020 at her residence. She

was born July 8, 1934, in Pensacola, Florida, a daughter of the late Mildred Marie Moody and James Albert Moody. Nalda was preceded in death by her loving husband of 37 years, William Gordon "Smokey" Lankford.

Nalda attended high school Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School in Solomons, Maryland. She held many occupations over the years to include Bank Teller at Maryland National Bank, Personnel Officer at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, and an Office Assistant at O'Brien Realty – just to highlight a few. Nalda shared a love of community service with her husband, Gordon, and was a life member of the Solomons Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary.

Nalda loved watching football and

was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins. One of her favorite pastimes included shopping and she embodied the term "shop till you drop." She was well known for her outdoor decorations, including her two beloved geese, which have outfits for all occasions; over the years she has also won several awards for "Best Decorated House" for her Christmas décor. Nalda had an appreciation for nature, tending to her many rosebushes and ensuring the local wildlife, such as her Mallards, birds and squirrels, were well fed and taken care of. She always enjoyed spending time with her friends playing Michigan Rummy and attending weekly luncheons.

Nalda was a strong and determined woman who had a heart of gold and was always there when family or friends needed her. Friends and family could tell her inner thoughts simply by "the look" or a change in facial expression. Her sass, spunk and incredible sense of humor will be dearly missed.

She will be forever remembered by her daughter, Debra M. Sherow and her fiancé Peter, her son, William G. Lankford, Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, and her brother Thomas E. Moody, and his wife Elaine. She was a loving grandmother to Danielle M. Joy and her husband, Jeffrey, Diana L. Warner and her husband, Dean, Brittany E. Gutierrez and her husband, Jose, W. Brent Lankford, and Kristyl L. Callison and her husband, Curtis. Nalda was also an adored great-grandmother to Shayne Warner, Andres Gutierrez, Rider Lankford, Chance Lankford, McKenna Joy, Marcelo Gutierrez, Savannah Warner, and J. Hudson Joy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, P.O. Box 101, St. Leonard, MD 20685.

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

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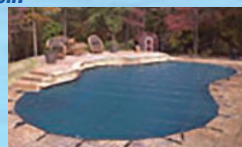
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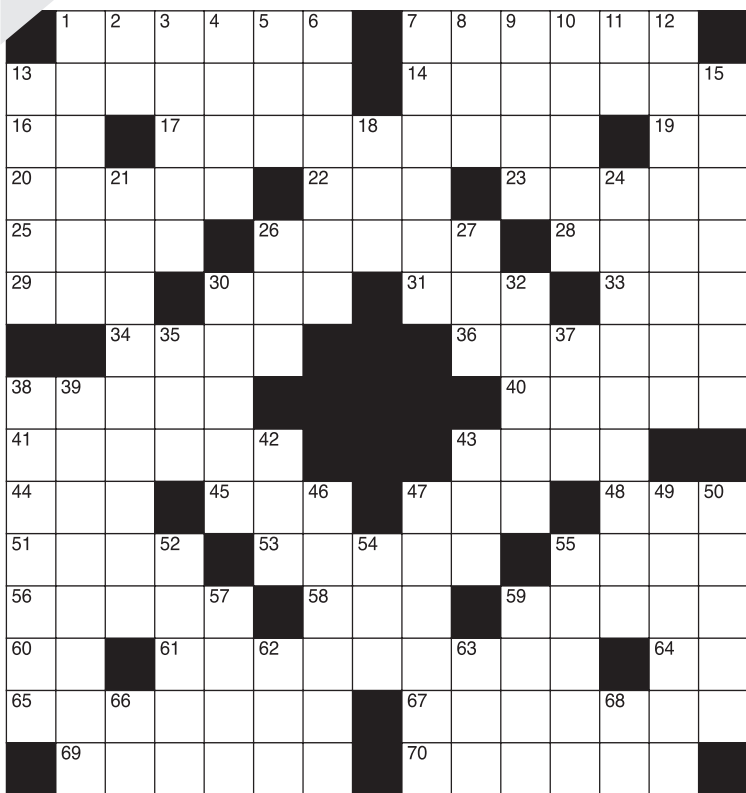
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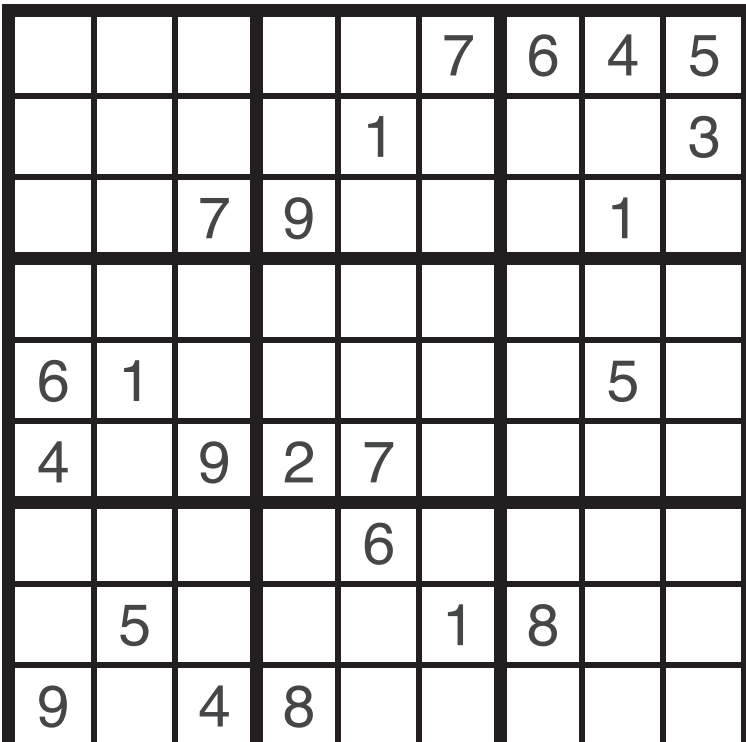
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- 7. Attacks
- 13. One who has left prison
- 14. Goes against
- 16. Atomic #37
- 17. Home of The Beatles
- 19. Mac alternative
- 20. A common boundary with
- 22. Fluid in a plant
- 23. Genus that includes scads
- 25. Longer of the forearm bones
- 26. Gradually disappears
- 28. AI risk assessor
- 29. Type of whale
- 30. Jaws of a voracious animal
- 31. Patriotic women (abbr.)
- 33. Ancient Egyptian God
- 34. Obsessed with one's appearance
- 36. Erase
- 38. A type of smartie
- 40. Nostrils
- 41. Influential French thinker
- 43. Popular K-pop singer
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Payroll company
- 47. Moved quickly on foot

- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Rhythmic patterns
- 58. Scatter
- 59. Belongs to bottom layer
- 60. Impulsive part of the mind
- 61. Carousel
- 64. Type of degree
- 65. Ornamental molding
- 67. Locks in again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

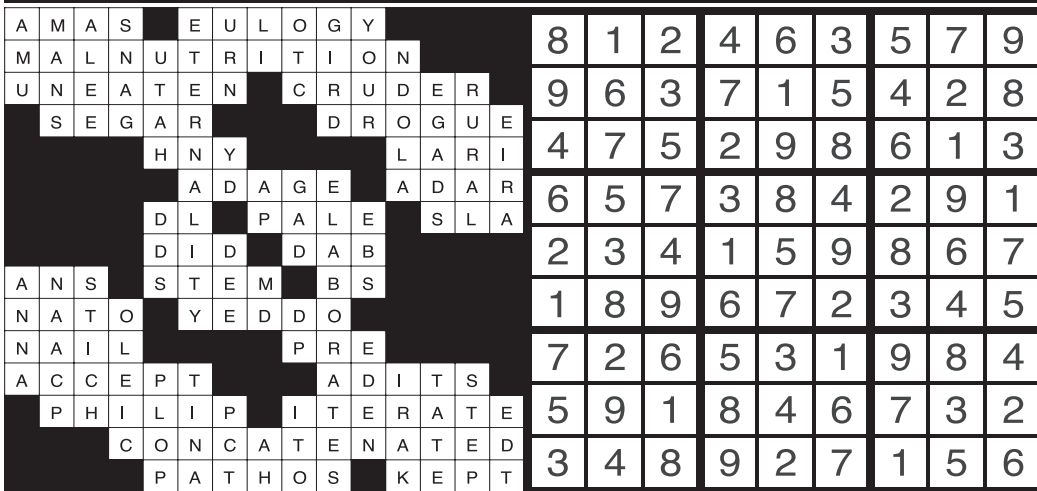
- 24. Sets free
- 26. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- 27. Unhappy
- 30. Alternate term for Holy Scripture
- 32. Influential French scholar
- 35. What thespians do
- 37. Local area network
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Coastal region of Canada
- 42. Sun up in New York
- 43. High schoolers' exam
- 46. Fathers
- 47. Call it a career
- 49. Suitable for growing crops
- 50. Rose-red variety of spinel
- 52. Orange-brown in color
- 54. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT sportscaster
- 57. A way to wedge
- 59. Cold, dry Swiss wind
- 62. Hockey players need it
- 63. Something highly prized
- 66. Atomic #45
- 68. Top lawyer

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Speak rapidly
- 2. Trauma center
- 3. River in W. Africa
- 4. Ancient Greek district
- 5. Bulgaria's monetary unit
- 6. Children's ride
- 7. Absorbed liquid
- 8. Markets term
- 9. Retail term recording sales
- 10. Automaton
- 11. Spanish form of "be"
- 12. Divide
- 13. Malaysian sailing boat
- 15. Writers
- 18. Cool!
- 21. Popular tourist attraction studio



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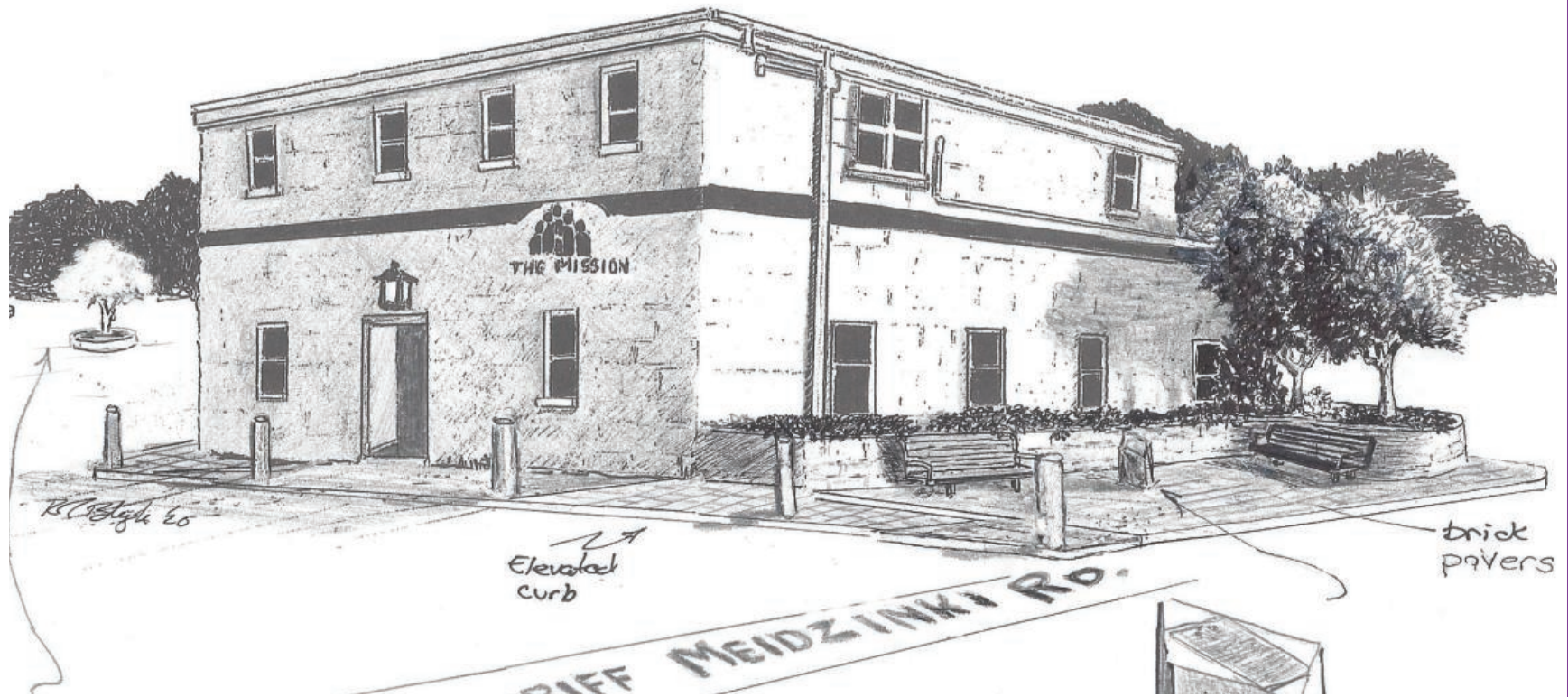


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