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# School Board President Bill Phalen Passes Away

Calvert County Board of Education President William Jude “Bill” Phalen, 79, of Huntingtown passed away September 7.

By Dick Myers  
Editor

According to his obituary, “He was appointed to the Calvert County Board of Education in 1993 and when the position became an elected position Bill Phalen ran and won. He was elected president and vice president several times and was currently serving as the board president. Bill also served on the Archdiocesan Board of Education and the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), serving as president in 2007. He received the Willis Award for outstanding school board member from MABE in 2010.

Phalen was voted by the board as president earlier this year but has not attended meetings in recent months because of his illness. Board meetings have been run by Vice President Inez Claggett. She said, “In the year and a half that I worked with Mr. Phalen I learned of his passion for representing Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) as a board member. Bill was genuinely committed to ensuring CCPS remained one of the best in the state. While we had contrasting views on occasion, Bill was always committed to amicable resolution and doing what was best for the school system. May his legacy of commitment to public service and Calvert County Public Schools be revered for many years to come.”

Claggett was appointed last year to replace Kelly McConkey after he was elected county commissioner. McConkey wrote on Facebook, “Very sad. He spent many years of service to Calvert County. It was an honor to have served on the school board with him. RIP Buddy!”

School board member Dawn Balinski said, “Bill brought a depth of institutional knowledge to our board that was so important in providing context to discussions around some of our most difficult decisions. He was a consummate public servant who cared deeply about our school system. I will miss his gentlemanly ways and especially his sense of humor.”



Board member Tracy McGuire said, “Bill is an excellent friend and a good board member to serve with. He and I disagreed a lot, vehemently, and yet, because of who he is, we always enjoyed our work together. His commitment to get to the right decision meant all sides of an issue were listened to, not just respectfully, but with a spirit of being willing to learn, to have his mind changed. I am so grateful Donna and the kids shared him with the Calvert County school community.”

School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry said, “He has been a part of managing the development of our schools during its most significant period of growth. Since he was a big fan of musicals it is important to point out that he “was in the room where it happened.” He was a great leader and representative of his community. He will be missed.”

Former county commissioner Susan Shaw posted on Facebook: “I knew Bill for a long time. He was passionate about what he thought was right and worked hard to make Calvert a better place for families.”

Phalen grew up on a farm in Lancaster, WI. After graduating from high school, he entered the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1964. He then attended and graduated from the University

of Wisconsin-Platteville with a bachelor’s degree in history and political science. Bill married Donna Yeoman in Monroe, WI in 1971 and they lived in Suitland, MD for a short time before moving to Simi Valley, CA and eventually settling in Huntingtown in 1976. Bill was employed as a survey statistician with the United States Census Bureau for 35 years, retiring in January 2002. During his career he worked on the decennial censuses in 1980, 1990, and 2000, as well as many other projects. After a few years of retirement, Bill went back to work with a government contractor to finish the 2010 Census.

In addition to his school board service, Phalen was a past president of the Huntingtown Elementary School PTA, Northern Middle School PTA, and Northern High School Music Boosters. He also coached T-Ball and little league. In his spare time, Bill enjoyed gardening and was very proud of his vegetables. He also loved making tomato juice and would often make enough to last all year, according to his obituary.

The obituary said, “Bill was a very proud grandparent and loved spending time with his family. He was a founding member of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church and a sports fanatic. He

was an avid fan and proud shareholder of the Green Bay Packers. He was also a fan of the Chicago Cubs, Wisconsin Badgers and Notre Dame football.”

In addition to his wife of 49 years Donna Phalen, he is survived by his children William “Bill” Phalen Jr. and wife Karen of Colorado Springs, CO, Elizabeth “Beth” Phalen of Rockford, IL, and Kerry Phalen of Huntingtown and four grandchildren and a step-grandson.

Visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 13, 5 8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 1601 W Mt Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736, Link: <https://www.ccjgs.org/>. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memories of Phalen could include that shared by many including Jackie Potter on Facebook: “I loved to watch him listen to people. He actually listened. That is a talent many no longer have.”

The county commissioners will choose a replacement to fill out the remainder of Phalen’s term through 2022.

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# Calvert Bay Bridge Crossings Eliminated

## Ferry Service From Calvert Still to be Studied

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The prospect of a Chesapeake Bay bridge crossing in Southern Maryland has been laid to rest by the Maryland Transportation Authority. Four crossings in Calvert County, one in St. Mary's and one in Deale in Anne Arundel County have been taken off the list of options as well as several in northeast Maryland.

Left on the table are the three options closest to the existing William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge, including one that would parallel it. That conclusion drew criticism from Anne Arundel County officials, including County Executive Stuart Pittman, who called the options north and south of the bridge "disastrous." Concern also was expressed about a new bridge parallel to the existing one because of added traffic onto already congested Route 50 and impact on Sandy Point State Park.

This past Sunday, in the middle of the Labor Day weekend, a multi-vehicle accident on the eastbound span closed that section of the dual bridges backing up traffic for miles and delaying motorists intent on reaching Ocean City for the rest of the holiday weekend.

Crossings in Southern Maryland had been opposed by public officials in Calvert and St. Mary's counties and most who attended workshops in the area.

State Senator Jack Bailey (R: District 29) who represents St. Mary's and southern Calvert told The County Times that he had confidence the Maryland Transportation Authority "will find a way to help Southern Marylanders get to their favorite vacation destination."

The report, called the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Tier 1 Study, released Sept. 1, said, "The traffic screening results show that corridor alternatives closer to the existing Bay Bridge would be more effective at diverting traffic from the existing Bridge to a new crossing. While most of the corridor alternatives would provide some benefit compared to the 2040 No-Build scenario, few of the corridor alternatives would provide relief compared to existing conditions. Thus, for most of the corridor alternatives, traffic congestion at the Bay Bridge would continue to worsen through 2040 even with a new crossing."

The study looked at alternative modes of transportation, including ferry crossings from Chesapeake Beach to Cambridge, Solomons Island to Cambridge and Solomons Island to Crisfield and concluded they "will be evaluated in more detail in



combination with other alternatives in Tier 2."

The report said, "The improvements required to implement a ferry service, including terminals on both sides of the Bay, would be relatively low cost compared to construction of a new crossing. The study estimated that fare revenues generated by most ferry route locations would not be enough to cover operational costs. Environmental impacts of a ferry service would be dependent on location and the number of terminals but would likely be less extensive overall compared to a new crossing. Need for roadway approach infrastructure upgrades could require additional environmental impact. Ferry service does not meet the Bay Crossing Study Purpose and Need as a stand-alone alternative."

The study gave specific reasons for eliminating each one of the Southern Maryland crossings. They are:

**Corridor 10** (Chesapeake Beach to Trappe) "would not draw enough traffic to relieve traffic congestion on the existing Bay Bridge relative to existing conditions and would therefore not meet the need of providing adequate capacity. Weekday

traffic to relieve traffic congestion on the existing Bay Bridge relative to existing conditions and therefore does not meet the need of providing adequate capacity. Weekday non-summer crossings at the existing Bridge would increase by 12,900 vpd and summer weekend crossings would increase by 8,600 vpd over existing conditions. Corridor 12 contains substantial environmental resources, including 2,500 acres of parks and wildlife refuges, 6,200 acres of wetlands, 18,100 acres of prime farmland, 8,000 acres of Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, and 12,200 acres of SSPRAs."

**Corridor 13** (Lusby to Cambridge) would not draw enough traffic to relieve traffic congestion on the existing Bay Bridge relative to existing conditions and would therefore not meet the need of providing adequate capacity. Weekday non-summer crossings at the existing Bridge would increase by 14,100 vpd and summer weekend crossings would increase by 10,400 vpd over existing conditions. Corridor 13 contains substantial environmental resources, including 5,000 acres of parks and wildlife refuges, 7,800 acres of wetlands, 16,600 acres of forested land, 19,200 acres of prime farmland, 13,200 acres of Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, and 22,800 acres of SSPRAs. Corridor 13 passes through Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, with no apparent opportunity for avoidance of the resource and resulting in major practical challenges."

**Corridor 14** (Lexington Park to Princess Anne) would not draw enough traffic to relieve traffic congestion on the existing Bay Bridge relative to existing conditions and would therefore not meet the need of providing adequate capacity. Weekday non-summer crossings at the existing Bridge would increase by 15,200 vpd and summer weekend crossings would increase by 14,400 vpd over existing conditions. Corridor 14 would attract low volumes from the existing Bridge, resulting in minimal improvement over the No-Build condition. Corridor 14 requires the longest Chesapeake Bay crossing (17.1 miles) of all the corridor alternatives. Corridor 14 contains substantial environmental resources, including 5,600 acres of parks and wildlife refuges, 28,700 acres of open water, 1,200 acres of SAV, 4,300 acres of natural oyster bars, 4,500 acres of wetlands, 8,700 acres of Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, and 8,600 acres of SSPRAs."

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non-summer crossings at the existing Bridge would increase by 10,000 vehicle per day (vpd) and summer weekend crossings would increase by 2,700 vpd over existing conditions. Corridor 10 contains substantial environmental resources including a large area of open water within the corridor (23,400 acres), due to relatively long crossings required. Corridor 10 also includes 7,600 acres of residential land use and 9,600 acres of natural oyster bars."

**Corridor 11** (Prince Frederick to Cambridge) "would not draw enough traffic to relieve traffic congestion on the existing Bay Bridge relative to existing conditions and would therefore not meet the need of providing adequate capacity. Weekday non-summer crossings at existing Bridge would increase by 11,900 vpd and summer weekend crossings would increase 6,700 vpd over existing conditions. Corridor 11 contains substantial environmental resources, including 5,100 acres of residential land use, 1,400 acres of SAV (submerged aquatic vegetation), and 4,000 acres of wetlands."

**Corridor 12** (Prince Frederick to Cambridge) would not draw enough

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# Local Leaders Discuss COVID-19 Employment Crisis

Southern Maryland industry leaders say a workforce trained in the essential skills of communication, customer service and office technology will be critical to their operational success in the post-COVID-19 environment. This was the common theme expressed by regional business owners during four virtual town halls sponsored this summer by the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) as part of its partnership aimed at Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work. The initiative is a joint effort to create a transparent, accessible and coordinated pathway to skills upgrade training and re-employment for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the pandemic.

Town Halls meetings were held for leaders from healthcare, retail/hospitality, construction and professional services industries – all considered essential trades during the pandemic and all largely reshaped by COVID-19.

“Obviously each industry provided some salient needs that were specific to them, but the overarching theme crossed all four groups,” said CSM Associate Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Ellen Flowers-Fields. “We found their individual needs to be simplistic and straight-forward and highly important. It was clear to all of us that there has never been a more de-

finite time for CSM and the workforce development community to step up and play a significant role to help these businesses and their employees recover.”

## Specific Industry Findings

During the Healthcare Industry Town Hall meeting, leaders said they were in crisis when it came to keeping their most vulnerable employees working.

“We also heard that the physician and nursing shortage continues to impact the industry,” shared Tri-County Council Director of Regional Workforce and Business Development Ruthy Davis. “The pandemic has rightfully caused employee burnout and led to unexpected staff re-deployments.”

While in the Construction Industry Town Hall, attendees acknowledged an ongoing need for strategies and support in recruiting and retaining entry level laborers.

“The trades were struggling with getting trained laborers in their companies before the pandemic hit,” said Flowers-Fields. “We plan to work together as a region to build a stronger pipeline for these workers and this critical work.”

Enhanced cleaning measures and sanitation were the top concerns discussed during the Retail and Hospitality Town Hall. To address this need, CSM immediately established several online on-demand virtual trainings for those employees, according to Flowers-Fields.

“Interestingly, we heard that hospital-ity and retail employees have had to take on new roles as cleaning and sanitation enforcers and inspectors,” said Davis. “That was not a skill requirement listed on their job application when many of them applied. Now this workforce has had to also shift to master de-escalation and conflict resolution skills.”

Equally changed and perhaps crossing all industries was the pandemic’s impact on the IT and professional services industry.

“Basically, everyone started working from home in March,” said Flowers-Fields. “If your company wasn’t already technologically ready to make that shift, there was no time to prepare. You either fit into one category or the other: Companies that provide IT and professional services or companies that needed IT and professional services – and both categories got hit hard.”

During the IT and Professional Services Town Hall, employers shared concerns regarding worker productivity in the remote environment and the need for leadership training that included managing remote teams. There were also requests for increased digital marketing and social media training opportunities, as well as training on cybersecurity basics to keep privileged information safe.

“Companies are grappling with how to maintain their corporate culture while supporting teamwork and collaboration in the virtual workplace,” said Davis. “Not lost on any of us is the huge emotional impact that this pandemic is having on people and their ability to focus on work.”

“Overall, I can’t say that I was surprised by the feedback and results of our town halls,” said Flowers-Fields, “But perhaps enlightened by the resiliency of these businesses and how they have evolved to continue to provide services. We will continue to put together resources that will ready new hires with certifications that affirm their ability to think critically, analyze data, work independently and communicate effectively. Our shared work is ahead of us as we seek to address these critical workforce issues.”

## A Threefold Approach

The key objectives of this initiative are separated into three goals: Investing

in emerging skills needs; responding to business needs; and reshaping workforce development needs for the region’s future.

The immediate and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the knowledge and skills of workers across industries. According to Flowers-Fields, existing industry training at CSM has already been enhanced to include learning modules on COVID-19 awareness, safe worker and safe workplace protocols. In addition, new certificate programs are being developed for Infectious Control and Barrier Protection, Community Health Liaison, Contract Tracing Proficiency, Medical Assisting, Communication and Customer Service skills and others in direct response to the pandemic.

The TCCSMD has invested in SkillUP, an online platform designed to help the Southern Maryland region build a workforce ecosystem that supports positive economic development. The platform will be available to all Southern Maryland citizens explore career pathways, assess career interests and aptitudes and develop basic skills. SkillUP is a bridge program that helps prepare individuals for employment or secondary education, and is the on-ramp to workforce development response.

For eligible job seekers, the Federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act will be leveraged. The act funds employment and training activities that ensure the region produces a skilled workforce to meet the needs of businesses and strengthen the local economy.

“Strategically, we are poised to deliver this response,” added Davis.

For more information about the Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work Initiative, or to hear/view the Town Halls, visit online at <https://tccsmd.org/bactowork/>.

For more information about the College of Southern Maryland’s workforce training programs visit <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/career-development/>

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# Man Vs. Groundhog:

## A True Calvert County Tale

By Robert Kyle

I had just returned to our house in Huntingtown that mid-July morning after putting our Chihuahua out in her yard when I heard frantic, terrifying barking. It sounded like something was trying to kill her. It was.

Out the window I saw a groundhog about the size of a small bear chasing our little pet around the yard. Our dog, named Normandy because she was born on the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the invasion, bravely stood her ground when cornered, snapping and snarling and fighting back against the much larger animal.

I ran outside, opened the gate, scooped her up, and kicked the groundhog when it came at me. Checking the dog for injuries I saw blood on her chin but no bites. I praised her bravery and declared she was now a Warrior Chihuahua.

The groundhog disappeared into our barn, only to emerge hours later when my wife came home from work. (she's a retired nurse called back to service at Calvert hospital.) The groundhog saw her and tried to dig under the fence to reach her. She hurried into the house. Then the groundhog was gone again.

I started cutting grass around 5 p.m. Maybe this would flush him out. I brought along a Smith & Wesson revolver. I finished, parked the lawn tractor, and was walking to the kitchen door when something caught my eye. I turned to see the groundhog racing toward me like a missile wearing fur.

I knew I couldn't outrun him. At age 73, with two knee replacements, I have the speed of a box turtle, an old one. The crazed animal would be on me in seconds. "What would John Wayne do?" I asked myself.

I wheeled around and fired my six-shooter. The animal didn't flinch. I back peddled toward the door while getting off two more shots. They hit him but had no effect.

Suddenly I fell to the ground, landing hard on my back. Had I shot myself? No, I had misjudged where the door was and had fallen flat into some bushes. This would never happen to John Wayne.

The groundhog was now crawling toward me. A stabbing pain in my lower back prevented me from getting up (an x-ray later revealed a fractured lower vertebrae).

Looking down between my feet I saw the bloodied animal getting closer. I took aim between my shoes, hoping I wouldn't blow off a big toe. I got off two more rounds then click, click, click. My gun was empty.

Fortunately, my wife came out after hearing all the shots. I told her to grab a shovel and hit the animal while I tried to get up and fetch another weapon. She



Painting by Robert Kyle.

ran inside and came out with a rifle. No, that's a BB gun, I told her. No use in this situation. I told her to hit the animal with the butt stock if it came toward her.

I hobbled to the door and retrieved an old single-shot .410 shotgun. One shot and the ordeal was over. "We're getting too old for this stuff," I told my wife as we walked inside to make a couple strong drinks and comfort the dog.

Later, wearing rubber gloves, I put the groundhog in a plastic bag and then in a trashcan. I called Animal Control the next day and they promptly retrieved it. I also called the Calvert County Health Department, as they like to keep track of rabid animal situations. I assumed the animal would be sent to the state lab in Baltimore for testing, but it wasn't.

I was later called by the health department and animal control. They asked me a series of questions to determine if I had made contact with the animal's saliva which carries rabies. Did I have any cuts on my hands? The conclusion was I would not need rabies shots because of the lack of direct exposure to saliva.

Days passed and we thought about this. I did have my hands in my dog's mouth when I examined her. Was groundhog saliva in there, too? My wife consulted with medical colleagues at her hospital, including a physician. Their conclusion was the same: Be on the safe side. Get the shots, called post-exposure rabies prophylaxis. This disease is fatal. What if I had groundhog spit on my hands and had wiped my eye?

I made four trips to the emergency room, where I had five shots the first day, then one each for three weeks. I almost missed the deadline. The vaccine must be started within ten days of

the encounter and I started on day-nine. The shots are very expensive without insurance. No, they don't hurt. Our dog was current on all her shots, but she got a rabies booster anyway.

Dr. Kimberly Mitchell, Chief of Rabies and Vectorborne Diseases for Maryland, said the indirect contact I had possesses "an extremely low risk" of contracting rabies. She added that when infected animal saliva dries it's no longer contagious. Wet saliva on an open wound deserves immediate attention.

I called the only other person I know who is a fellow groundhog-attack survivor. Dr. Jerry Te Paske, a Maryland veterinarian, was on the dock of his river-front home about a dozen years ago when a groundhog greeted him as he walked up to his house. The animal appeared sick, so he got his pistol and fired five times. He missed and the groundhog became more agitated. Dr. Te Paske raced up the steps for his back door with the angry animal at his heels. It grabbed him but only his pant leg. The doctor went back outside with his pistol, took careful aim, and finished the animal. It tested positive.

While speaking with him he told me the startling story of the Christmas calf used at a live nativity scene at the Hard Bargain children's farm in Prince George's County. In 2010, dozens of children petted and helped bottle feed the young animal. After the holidays, the calf appeared extremely ill. It was euthanized and tested for rabies. When results came back positive an extensive effort was launched to find each child who had come in contact with the calf. How it became infected is unknown.

The groundhog was my second ra-

bies experience at our place. Several years ago, a cat attacked my dog and me. We ran into the house. I came out later with a .22 rifle and took care of the cat when it came at me again. Animal Control told me later it tested positive. It had been part of a neighbor's herd of feral, unvaccinated cats. They were eventually caught and eliminated. State law requires all dogs, cats, and ferrets to get annual vaccinations. Free clinics are available.

Last year Maryland recorded 265 cases of confirmed rabid animals. Leading the pack were 182 raccoons, 32 foxes and 19 bats. In Southern Maryland, St. Mary's had two foxes and one groundhog; Charles had four raccoons and one bat, cat, and fox; Calvert recorded no rabid animals.

The policy in these counties is an animal is only tested if it bites or scratches someone, or infected saliva gets into the mouth, nose or eyes. Only a dead animal can be tested. The head is removed, packed in ice, and sent to the state lab. Smaller animals avoid decapitation. When a stray or wild animal bites a person and runs away, and all efforts to find and observe it fail, the person should receive the post-exposure rabies shots.

Rabies is one of the world's oldest infectious diseases. It was never wiped out, only controlled. The first documentation of rabies was found 4,500 years ago in Babylon. Today it kills more than 50,000 people worldwide, according to the CDC. Most deaths occur in Africa and India. Dogs are to blame.

There are two types of the disease. With "furious rabies," the animal is highly aggressive. A normally nocturnal animal out in the daytime should be avoided. In the paralytic form, called "dumb rabies," the animal is lethargic and uncoordinated. The aggressive form of rabies accounts for 80 per cent of the cases.

A pre-exposure rabies vaccine exists. According to The World Health Organization, this vaccine "should be offered to people at high risk of exposure to rabies, such as laboratory staff working with rabies virus, veterinarians, animal handlers and wildlife officers, and other individuals living in or traveling to countries or areas at risk. Travelers with extensive outdoor experience in rural areas—such as might occur while running, bicycling, hiking, camping, backpacking, etc.—may be at risk, even if the duration of travel is short."

Covid-19 may have our attention now, but the ancient rabies disease has never been eradicated and is found worldwide. Pet vaccinations and avoiding aggressive and stray animals will help keep us safe.

Submitted article

## General Election Mail-in Ballot Applications Mailed



The Calvert County Board of Elections informs citizens that applications for mail-in ballots for the 2020 general election have been mailed to all registered voters. Voters should begin receiving applications within the next week.

Voters who wish to vote by mail-in ballot are urged to return their applications as quickly as possible using the included postage-paid return envelope. Applications must be received by the board of elections by Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020. Voters may cast their ballot either by mail or in person on election day or during early voting.

If you do not receive an application and wish to vote by mail-in bal-

lot, you may request one by contacting the Calvert County Board of Elections at 410-535-2214 or visiting <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest>.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. Early voting will be held Oct. 26 through Nov. 2. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 13, 2020.

Visit [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) to register to vote, look up voter information, request a ballot, become an election judge and find more information about the 2020 general election.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

## County Appoints New Technology Director

Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces the appointment of Amy Lawson as the county government director of the Department of Technology Services. Lawson's appointment was effective Aug. 24.

Lawson has extensive experience in both the government and private sectors. Most recently, she held leadership roles in the elite Technology Transformation Service at the General Services Administration where she focused on user experience, customer experience and on FedRAMP, the federal government's cybersecurity framework for cloud platforms.

"Amy's diverse background, with a number of key leadership positions, makes her an outstanding fit for this role," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "We are pleased to have her level of expertise contributing to decisions that will benefit our community."

Lawson previously served as a senior technology officer for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), where she oversaw the modernization of the SEC's multi-million-dollar primary system. Prior to that, Lawson served as associate chief for the Verification Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. In that role, she was instrumental in



Amy Lawson

the creation and scalability of E-Verify, the system used by employers to verify that their employees are authorized to work in the U.S.

Prior to her federal service, Lawson led critical technology engagements for Sprint, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was the global lead for DuPont's public facing websites.

Lawson began her career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and was one of the first women to serve in Air Force Special Operations.

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# House Fire In Lusby Under Investigation



On Sept. 3 the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (PFVFD), along with units from St. Leonard and Hollywood were alerted to the 9400 block of HG Trueman Road for a fire reported in a single family home with heavy fire in the attic area. Prince Frederick volunteers reported that once they arrived, they “stretched a

number of lines and assisted in making a swift interior attack. The crew from Tower 2 tackled overhaul inside the home. PFVFD units were on the scene for two hours. No reported injuries. The cause is currently under investigation, according to volunteer fire reports.

# New, Expanded Businesses Announced

Calvert County is committed to fostering a dynamic and competitive business climate to ensure economic growth and sustainability. New businesses are a sign that the Calvert County economy continues to thrive. These new businesses help stimulate the economy and provide employment opportunities for local residents.

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Economic Development congratulate the following new, expanded and relocated businesses:

- New Businesses**
- Gray-Brown Productions, LLC**  
Lusby, 443-975-0019
- Sonder Whole Fitness**  
2025 Chaneyville Road, Owings;  
443-951-8194
- Southern Skies Aerial**  
Huntingtown, 443-771-4764
- Steamer’s Seafood Shack**  
14624 S. Solomons Island Road,  
Solomons; 443-814-0134
- Expansion**
- Winegardner Customs and Classics**  
708 N. Solomons Island Road,  
Prince Frederick  
443-975-7059



**Relocations**

**2 Soul Sisters**  
232 Town Square Drive, Lusby  
443-707-0232

**Edward Jones – Lee Ritter**  
995 Prince Frederick Blvd., Suite  
200, Prince Frederick;  
410-257-6827

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development works to help all businesses succeed, from small, local businesses to large, national enterprises. For information on the Department of Economic Development and the many services the county offers the business community, contact the department at 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880, or by email at [info@ecalvert.com](mailto:info@ecalvert.com).

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# CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

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

**August 31, 2020**  
 During the week of August 24 – August 30 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,245 calls for service throughout the community.

**Burglary: 20-44975**  
 On August 26, 2020, Sergeant Phelps responded to Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:30pm on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 5:00pm on August 26<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole an orange and cream in color Trek Hybrid bicycle with saddle bags containing various items. The value of stolen property is \$1,100.

**Damaged Property: 20-44563**  
 On August 24, 2020, Deputy Gough responded to Mount Olive United Methodist Church Annex in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between the afternoon hours on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 9:00am on August 24<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) damaged a cement well cover, breaking it into multiple pieces. The value of damaged property is \$200.

**Damaged Property: 20-44569**  
 On August 24, 2020, Deputy Hardy responded to Williams Wharf Road in St. Leonard for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between 2:30pm on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 11:00am on August 24<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) removed an LED light fixture that was mounted to the side of a camper. The value of damaged property is \$100.

**Damaged Property: 20-44755**  
 On August 25, 2020, Deputy R. Shrawder responded to Oyster Bay Place in Solomons for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, a group of unknown suspect(s) removed a sign and used it to pry open the tennis court door. The suspect(s) then damaged a plastic storage bin and smashed tennis balls. The value of damaged property is \$50.

**Damaged Property: 20-44936**  
 On August 26, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to Giant in Dunkirk for the report of damaged property. The complainant and witnesses advised an unknown male suspect exited his vehicle and slashed the tires of the complainant's vehicle, then fled the scene. The value of damaged property is \$200.

**Damaged Property: 20-45606**  
 On August 30, 2020, Deputy Aurich responded to 8<sup>th</sup> Street in North Beach for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised in the overnight hours, two unknown male suspect(s) were observed shaking a food pantry box, breaking it. The value of damaged property is unknown.

**Theft: 20-44961**  
 On August 26, 2020, Deputy Wilder took a report of a theft that occurred on Stock Drive in Lusby. The complainant advised sometime between August 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole a Shadow System 9mm MR920 handgun and magazines. The value of stolen property is \$1,040.

**Theft: 20-45340**  
 On August 28, 2020, Deputy Hardy responded to Yearling Drive in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 5:00pm on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 8:30am on August 28<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plates from their truck while parked in the driveway. The value of stolen property is \$40.75.

**Theft: 20-45454**  
 On August 29, 2020, Deputy Bowlan responded to Ivy lane in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that between 4:30pm and 4:40pm on August 28<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plate from their motorcycle while it was parked at Walmart in Dunkirk. The value of stolen property is \$5.

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



Robert Allen Rice

# Area Movie Theaters Open Cautiously

## Health Officer Says Watch at Home

By Dick Myers, Editor  
And Guy Leonard, Reporter

Movie theatre owners were hoping on director Christopher Nolan's time inversion, mind-bender Tenet to reinvigorate audiences' desires to flock back to movie theatres but at Flagship Cinemas Prince Frederick and R/C Theatre's Lexington Exchange in California, just a small fraction of the number of movie-goers that the cineplex could host showed up on Sept. 4.

That was the day Gov. Larry Hogan set for all businesses, including entertainment venues to reopen and usher in Stage 3 of the state's COVID-19 economic recovery plan.

Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky quickly logged in on the governor's announcement. He said, "Opening movie theaters is a bad idea. Our priority as a community should be to reduce COVID infection rates as much as possible in order to get kids back in schools and allow working parents to get back to their jobs. There are nearly one thousand movie screens across the state. Each will be allowed to seat up to 100 people in an indoor space for two plus hours, four to five times a day. Reopening theaters to the public is bound to drive up infection rates."

The theater owners feel they can create a safe experience. The Prince Frederick theater is owned by Flagship Cinemas, a 19-location chain headquartered in Boston. Janet Opredek, the company's vice president of Operations and Administration, said, "First and foremost and in the front of our mind is making sure that we get everything together to ensure that the customers and the associates working are all safe and well when they visit the theater. What everyone has been doing all summer is preparing for it. We have gathered up the PPE items that we need. We have masks and face shields for our workers. People who are handling food are wearing gloves. We have made sure



that we have social distancing markers on the floors to alert people how far apart they should be."

Opredek said tickets can be purchased online or in person, although patrons are encouraged to do it online, so they can choose their own seat locations and then just come right in.

She said of the reports from Prince Frederick of the first weekend back, "They were favorable. I think that people enjoyed it."

She said they had a slow start on Friday because the first seating wasn't until 6 p.m. She said, "We did have more people on Saturday and on Sunday and Monday."

She said that even at 50 percent capacity they didn't sell out any showing, but she added, "We were happy to see people come back, especially regulars."

R/C Theatre's CEO Scott Cohen said it was difficult to gauge the cinema's performance over the weekend, even in the time of COVID-19.

"In a non-COVID world, having a gorgeous [weekend], is devastating," Cohen told The County Times. "You're competing against barbecues, ball games and family gatherings."

"So, it's hard to gauge."

In just one of the theatres in the

12-chambered cineplex, the audience for the would-be block buster Tenet at the 7:30 p.m. showing on Sept. 4 was perhaps less than 10 people.

Cohen said some people were likely still concerned about becoming infected with the virus despite the cratering metrics in Maryland and the social distancing enforcement still in effect at theatres.

"I think people are leery," Cohen said. "You've got people who won't go back into a grocery store, or a department store or a hardware store."

Moreover, he and other theater owners were not sure when they could reopen right up until the governor's order.

"The governor really didn't give us much notice," Cohen said.

R/C Theatre's competitor AMC Theatres, which has a six-theatre facility in Lexington Park, is still waiting to reopen after nearly six months of being closed; the general manager there, Megan Cundiff, said corporate leaders are still trying to organize movies to be shown in theatres company-wide.

She said the corporation had set Sept. 10 as a tentative re-opening date for the Lexington Park theater, which a few years ago was the recipient of a multimillion-dollar renovation.

The decision to delay opening, Cundiff said, also had to do with retraining staff and ensuring the theater is safe and clean.

"We want to serve our community," Cundiff said. "We want to have a purpose."

"We want to make sure everything sounds good, looks good and that everything is clean."

Cundiff is hoping the reopening day will be a well-attended one; she said in the days after the governor's order, their phone at the theater had been constantly ringing to see if they were open before the mandated Friday date.

"Every time I go out with my AMC Theatre shirt on people keep asking me 'When are you going to reopen?'"

It gave her hope that there was still

a keen interest among residents to return to the cinema.

Other than practicing social distancing, electrostatic sprayers have been installed at the theatre to disinfect it as well as shields between customers and staff, Cundiff said.

There will also be a 100 percent mandate for all there to wear masks.

"We're taking that very seriously," Cundiff said. "We want people to have fun, but we want to be safe."

Still, there's no certainty about who will come back to the theater if it reopens this week.

"We think the majority of our clients will be coming back," Cundiff said. "We won't know what the state of business will be until we open."

Tenet was the biggest draw over the weekend in Prince Frederick and Opredek said they are starting to get good products from the studios. She admitted that people have gotten used to watching movies online at home during the pandemic, but there is nothing like the in-theater experience.

She explained, "I believe it takes people out of themselves. It allows them to get into a different space and it's a different experience. You can watch something at home, but you're still not leaving your home. It may be convenient, but it doesn't let you just immerse yourself."

Opredek observed, "There's nothing like going into a large auditorium and just seeing a big screen picture." She said some people have come into the theaters that they have reopened and "they're just delighted to come back in because they can lose themselves."

People aren't just missing the in-theater experience. She said, "Some people came in just for the popcorn."

Health Officer Polsky would rather that they didn't come in at all. "Although our health department has been supportive of business re-openings during the continuing COVID pandemic, this latest state order defies logic. Until we have an effective vaccine for COVID, placing large numbers of people in close proximity for hours at a time is a danger to those in attendance and others they live and work with."

"We implore residents of Calvert to think of others who may be secondarily infected as a result of infections picked up by moviegoers. Until people have the ability to receive effective vaccines, or the rate of COVID infections drops close to zero, we can make the collective sacrifice of watching feature films on the small screen (if you consider 72 and 80-inch home monitors to be small)."

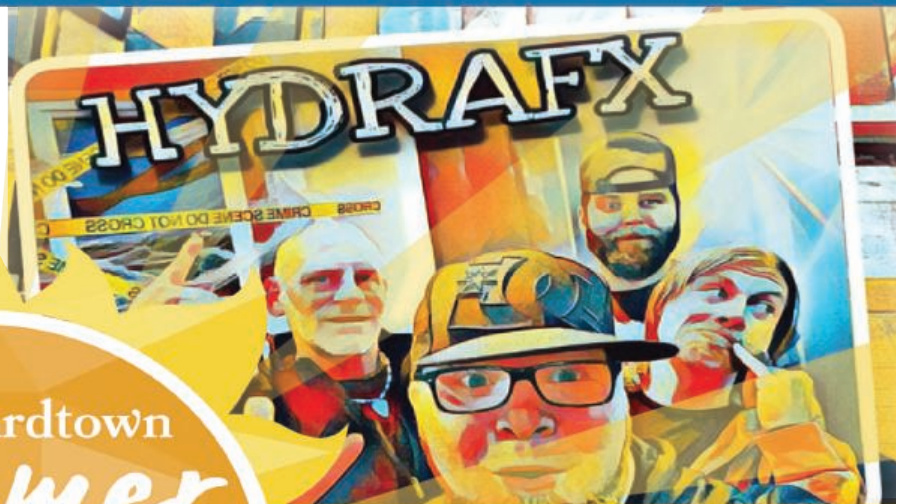
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# School Meals Program Begins

## Summer Food Service Ends

When schools initially closed in March, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved a waiver for school systems to convert to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which offers meals to all children under the age of 18. The waiver allowing schools to operate the SFSP was not extended, and, as a result, school systems across the country are required to transition from the current SFSP back to the traditional School Meals Program (SMP) on their first official day of school.

For Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS), that meant the SMP I began on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Please note the SMP requires children to be actively enrolled as CCPS students in order to participate. Students do not have to be present for meal pick-up; however, parents and guardians must have their children's student ID number and have completed the registration process described below.

Households that wish to participate in the SMP Grab 'n Go Program will need to contact the Child Nutrition Office to complete a brief one-time registration process. As this is a different meal program, ALL households will need to register if they wish to participate, even if they were registered for the summer program.

During the registration process, households will be able to select their distribution site, confirm their meal status eligibility, and verify the correct number of CCPS student meal kits needed. Parents and guardians may call any of the following numbers Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. to register their student(s): 443.550.8680, 443.550.8683, 443.550.8684.

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits will receive meal kits at no cost. Students who are not eligible for meal benefits will be charged the paid meal price. While cash

will be accepted at the distribution sites, any change will be deposited onto the student's meal account. Funds may also be deposited onto student accounts via [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com).

Households can apply now for free and reduced-price meal benefits. The application and instructions are available on the CCPS website <https://www.calvert-net.k12.md.us/> by following these steps: Click on

"Departments" > "Child Nutrition" > "Nutrition Program Information" > "Meal Benefit Application."

Meal Benefit Applications will also be distributed electronically and may also be mailed to households by schools. If you have difficulty obtaining an application, please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 443.550.8680.

Grab 'n Go style meal service will continue to be provided as long as distance learning continues, and families will be able to pick up a five-day supply of meals. The four current distribution sites will remain in operation on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Starting the week of September 21, service will be expanded to additional school locations, with days and hours to be determined. The current four sites are:

- Windy Hill Middle School Parking Lot (bus drop-off area)  
9560 Boyds Turn Rd. Owings, MD 20736
- Calvert High School Parking Lot:  
520 Fox Run Blvd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
GPS Address:600 Dares Beach Rd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678
- Southern Middle School Parking Lot:  
9615 H.G. Trueman Rd. Lusby, MD 20657
- Patuxent High School Parking Lot:  
12485 Southern Connector Blvd. Lusby, MD 20657

*Press Release from CCPS.*

# Countian Pens Her Debut Novel

Calvert County resident Grace Sammon, well-known educator, school reformer, consultant, speaker, entrepreneur, and author of educational books launched her debut novel, "The Eves," on Monday, June 15.

Welcome to The Eves. In 1868 a mule and 40 acres of rich Southern Maryland farmland were given to Tobias and Delores Thatcher, newly freed slaves. Four generations later, "The Grange" is the home of Thatcher descendants and a group of women of color and colorful women determined to spend their senior years challenging themselves and others.

It is an ecologically sound and emotionally explosive place. After a single visit to The Grange, the psychologically-complex and damaged Jessica Barnet sets out to catalogue the oral histories of the women. Jessica has given up on her ambition and her appearance, but not her lies, vodka, or her sense of loss and guilt. What we witness, through the vividly drawn characters, is an unexpected story. Through plot twists and turns we learn the truth of Jessica's lies. We also come to know the women of The Grange and the meaning of being on a life-long journey. Together we learn, love, live, and let go.

Travel to The Grange, to Washington, DC, Norway, and Africa. Experience how coming to The Grange means leaving your mark on this earth. Learn that when our stories are told, truly, everything changes. The Eves helps answer the question – are we ever really "done?"

Grace Sammon's passion is storytelling.



Grace Sammon

Writing is her voice. Communicating is her skill. The Eves is her fourth book and her debut novel. Grace grew up on Long Island, New York. She spent many years in the Washington, DC area where she raised her two children, and established and owned an educational consulting firm operating in 32 states. Few individuals have her experiences of successfully working in the United States' urban, suburban, rural, and tribal land high schools.

She is also an entrepreneur, starting two non-profits and her own consulting company, GMS Partners, Inc.

Grace has been recognized in Who's Who in American Education and by the Secretary of Defense as a member of the Joint Civilian Orientation Council.

You can watch the trailer at <https://bit.ly/AtBooksellersNow>

The Eves: ISBN# 9798648947207 Available on Amazon for ebook and paperback and in hardback, Nook, and paperback at Barnes and Noble.

# Leadership Group Announces New Facilitator

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) announces Dr. Blair Brennan Slaughter as its new Executive Program facilitator. Slaughter was selected for this position after long-time facilitator Eliot Pfanstiehl announced his retirement earlier this summer.

Slaughter is the founder of Delve Consulting, a business that delivers executive coaching, organizational effectiveness, talent management, change management, leadership development, and fractional HR support to its clients. As an executive coach, Slaughter focuses on adaptability, working with leaders to quickly size up and address increasingly complex situations. Her goal is to enable leaders and organizations to thrive when they encounter new opportunities and challenges.

Slaughter draws from 25 years of experience as an organizational and people leader. Her industry experience includes healthcare, global financial services, technology, manufacturing, oil and gas, industry associations, and not-for-profits. Slaughter was adjunct faculty at Harvard Business School (2008 and 2009) teaching persuasive business communication. She holds a BS in finance, an MBA, and both an MA and PhD in organizational development.



Dr. Blair Brennan Slaughter

In her nonprofit work, Slaughter is passionate about developing economic independence. She was board chair of Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore and is now first vice president of the board of Humanim, a 500+ person organization that serves those with significant employment barriers. Slaughter is a graduate of Leadership Maryland, which unites 50 leaders annually across the state to make Maryland the best place to work and live.

In her spare time, Slaughter enjoys traveling, cooking, and scuba diving with her husband, Dave, and their daughters, Natalie and Cecilia.

*Press Release from LSM.*

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# SMECO Holds 82nd Annual Meeting

## *More than 11,000 Vote in Election*



Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) held its 82nd Annual Meeting on August 27, 2020, at the cooperative's headquarters in Hughesville, Md. The Board of Directors election was conducted online and by mail prior to the meeting.

The following SMECO members were elected to serve on SMECO's Board for three years: Nancy W. Zinn of Calvert County; William L. Purnell of Charles County; Daniel W. Dyer of Prince George's County; and J. Douglas Fred-

erick and Joseph Gilbert Murphy of St. Mary's County. One bylaw amendment was also included on this year's ballot, and it passed.

More than 11,000 members voted—a record high number of votes cast in a SMECO election—and results were announced at the meeting. This is the fourth year SMECO's election was conducted by mail, and, for the second time, members could also vote electronically by casting their ballots online. Ballots were mailed to members on July 22. The

deadline for submitting ballots by mail or electronically was August 20. Eighty percent of the ballots were returned by mail and 20 percent were cast online. Members who returned their ballots or voted online were eligible to win one of 30 electric bill credits of \$50 each.

Scott White, Chairman of the SMECO Board of Directors, chaired the meeting and welcomed SMECO members to the cooperative's transportation building where the event was held. He explained that the meeting was held at SMECO's

headquarters campus because of the pandemic and the possibility that the meeting format would have to be altered.

Sonja M. Cox, SMECO's president and CEO since March 2020, recapped the cooperative's accomplishments of the past year. Cox said that SMECO's margins for 2019 totaled more than \$29 million. "SMECO uses margins to invest in new construction and infrastructure improvements," she said. SMECO has replaced substation transformers at the La Plata, Piscataway, McConchie, and Mattawoman substations. Cox also explained, "Over the past few years we've been working to rebuild the Farmington Switching Station to improve service in Accokeek by relocating the Piscataway substation to our Farmington station. The project was recently completed and all of the customers who were being fed by the Piscataway substation have been transferred to the new Farmington station."

Cox added, "Through our SMECO EV Recharge program, we are installing charging stations at local government-owned facilities, such as public libraries. Our pilot program was approved by the Public Service Commission, and SMECO was authorized to install up to 60 charging stations throughout Southern Maryland."

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# Hall Aquatic Center Expands Pool Use



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center will reopen lap swimming and limited fitness room use Thursday, Sept. 10.

In addition, swim lessons will begin Sept. 28 and more programming is scheduled to launch in October. The Hall is currently open to residents 18 years and older for therapy pool use only.

While the facility will be open with normal business hours, sessions are available by online reservation only. Registration will open Tuesday, Sept. 8. Capacity limits will be strictly enforced.

In an effort to slow the spread COVID-19, all swimmers must maintain adequate physical distancing at all times and wear a mask when not in the water. Guests will

have their temperature checked and must sign a waiver upon entrance to the facility. Shower and locker facilities will not be available for use.

Residents can register for swim and fitness room time as well as future program opportunities online through the WebTrac registration system at <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>.

Activity numbers are 620000 for Therapy Pool and 630000 for Fitness Room. Pool lanes can be reserved using the Pool Lanes quick link.

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

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

# St. Mary's Ranked a Top Liberal Arts College

*Listed in Washington Monthly*



For the past 15 years, Washington Monthly College Guide has ranked colleges “based on what they do for the country.” In the rankings released yesterday, St. Mary’s College of Maryland is ranked 29 among the top Liberal Arts Colleges in the United States.

St. Mary’s College, the National Public Honors College, is also ranked 106 out of 397 colleges in the northeast who offer the Best Bang for the Buck. The guide describes this ranking as “the schools where students of modest means get the most for their money.”

Washington Monthly rates schools on three equally weighted criteria: social mobility, research, and community and national service. According to the guide, “This means that top-ranked colleges needed to be excellent across the full breadth of our measures, rather than excelling in just one measure.”

For the Best Bang for the Buck rank-

ing, Washington Monthly “used a college’s graduation rate over eight years for all students instead of the first-time, full-time graduation rate that is typically used but which presents an incomplete picture of a college’s success.”

St. Mary’s College was also recently recognized in the 2021 Fiske Guide to Colleges, The Princeton Review’s “Best 386 Colleges” Guide for 2021, and Money’s “Best Colleges for Your Money,” and was named a 2020-21 College of Distinction.

St. Mary’s College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College, is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary’s College is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

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# Letters TO THE Editor

## Help Save Millions of Dollars for Calvert

The US Census Bureau's recent decision to shorten the time to participate in the 2020 Census from October 31 to September 30 created an urgency to submit completed forms. County residents need to do all we can to ensure everyone has completed forms online, through mail or phone by September 30. Otherwise, our County loses millions of dollars.

As a Census Partner, All Saints' Episcopal Church urges everyone in Calvert County who has not submitted the Census form to do so NOW. We also urge other churches, organizations and Census Partners to do all you can to help identify those who have not submitted the forms and help them to do so.

As of August 9, Calvert County had a 71.8% response rate; north county doing better than Prince Frederick and south; Solomons trailing the most. In 2010, Calvert County had an 80% final response rate. We must do better this time. For every person not counted, Calvert County loses \$18,250 over 10 years. In 2018, the estimated population was 92,000. If 80% respond this time, we will miss 18,400 people. Calvert will lose \$18,250 for each person. Do the math. That is a loss of millions of dollars yearly.

Groups historically undercounted include children under 5, immigrants, 18-24 age group, people with disabilities, seniors, veterans, and non-English speakers. The simple fact is that everyone is hurt unless we count the full spectrum of our residents.

### Some unfounded reasons people do not complete the form include:

- It is only for citizens. Not true. The Census goal is to count EVERYONE living in the US. No immigration questions on form.

- Others think it makes no difference. Not true. Critical decisions are based upon the data, including the amount of federal funding for County needs, such as new schools, clinics, emergency services, firefighters, roads and family services, like WIC, Medicaid and many others, as well as federal and state legislative districts. Businesses use it to determine where to locate and what goods

and services to offer.

- People fear the information can be used against them. Not true. Federal law prevents Census data from being shared with law or immigration enforcement or to impact eligibility for government benefits.

Submitting completed Census forms is critically important, no risk and easy to do.

What can be done? Churches, civic groups and other organizations and Partners contact your members and distribution lists to ensure they have submitted their Census forms and encourage them to reach out to everyone they know to do likewise. Disseminate information about how to complete and submit them, why it is important and that there is no risk. Using your contacts, identify people who have not submitted their forms and assist them to do so. Use all sources available individually and organizationally: social media, e-mail, telephone, postal mail and websites. Have sites, telephone or social media contacts where people can get information and assistance completing forms, with proper COVID precautions. Find creative ways to partner with others.

Community Census enumerators are going door-to-door, following health precautions. Please encourage anyone who is visited to open the door.

The Federal Census website (2020census.gov) has excellent information; my2020census.gov has downloadable forms to submit on-line. To fill out the form over the phone, call 844-330-2020; language assistance available. The Calvert County website (CalvertCountyMD.gov/census) has usable Census information, County Census leaders' contacts, and downloadable brochures and statements to get the word out.

The urgency is clear. For the sake of our Calvert County family, join us to get 100% participation in the 2020 Census. His effort is clearly non-partisan and requires a team effort.

*Debbie Shupe  
Communications Director  
All Saints Parish  
Sunderland, MD*



For more information & to register for events visit <http://calvertlibrary.info>

### Thursday, September 10

**Author Event: Fredrik Backman Discusses Anxious People.**  
5:00pm-6:00pm.

New York Times best-selling author Fredrik Backman will join us for a virtual event to discuss his latest book, "Anxious People." In "Anxious People," Backman drops us into the world of a failed bank robber and the disparate group of strangers who become unwitting hostages. Pre-order an exclusive signed copy of Anxious People through our official event book-seller, Curious Iguana. You must register to receive the event link. Registration closes at 3pm the day of the event. Co-Hosts Maryland Humanities, Frederick County Public Libraries, Curious Iguana Book Store, Weinberg Center for the Arts, Promotional Partners, Allegany County Library System, Anne Arundel County Public Library, Baltimore County Public Library, Calvert Library, Caroline County Public Library, Carroll County Public Library, Cecil County Public Library, Charles County Public Library, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Harford County Public Library, Howard County Library System, Kent County Public Library, Maryland State Library, Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Queen Anne's County Library, Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County, St. Mary's County Library, Talbot County Free Library, Washington County Free Library, Western Maryland Regional Library, Wicomico Public Libraries and Worcester County Library, Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Saturday, September 12

**Garden Smarter: Cut Flowers.**  
10:00am-11:30am.

Learn to make your own Cut Flower Garden from the ground up; soil-building, timely planting, seed-starting, flower harvesting and conditioning, best flower species for cutting. Presenters: Jan Degeneffe, MG & MN, Judy Ferris, MG and ACLT Flower Girl Team. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Sunday, September 13

**The Big Conversation.**  
2:00pm-5:00pm.

COVID-19 made health care inequities clear to everyone. In an online version of our annual Big Conversation, we will examine these inequities in Southern Maryland: the history and the why's. An expert panel will be followed by small, facilitated group discussions to share our personal experiences and suggestions for what we can do to change systemic health care inequities. Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care (In)Equity-How does it affect me? This forum is brought to you by The Big Conversation Partners in Dismantling Racism and Privilege in Southern Maryland. This project was made possible in part by the Maryland Humanities, through support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Maryland Histori-

cal Trust in the Maryland Department of Planning, and the Maryland Department of Labor. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Monday, September 14

**It's Elementary!**  
9:00am-9:15am

Science, technology, engineering, art, math? What will we talk about this week? Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited to join Calvert Library each week for It's Elementary! Enjoy a story followed by a fun at-home STEAM based activity using common household items! Check out Calvert Library's It's Elementary! on Facebook, Youtube, Instagram and Twitter and don't forget to invite your friends! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

**Books & Toys (Online).**

8:00am-9:30am

Book Discussion for adults, playtime for kids! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Tuesday, September 15

**Teen Social Justice Book Club**

6:00pm-7:00pm

March: Book One recounts Congressman John Lewis's childhood and early days as a civil rights activist. Join us as we discuss this award-winning graphic novel and talk about ways in which teens can get involved in advocating for causes that are important to them. For this event, our special guest will be Kevin Jackson, Jr., who helped organize the recent June-teenth Rally in Prince Frederick. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

**Online Book Discussion (ZOOM)**

7:00pm-8:00pm

Join us this month on Zoom for an online discussion of Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Please register so we can email you the link to join the discussion. The link will come an hour before the event. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Wednesday, September 16

**Book Discussion (ZOOM)**

2:00pm-3:30pm

Join us for a lively discussion about Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller! Register for the discussion and you will receive a link to the zoom event prior to the discussion. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Thursday, September 17

**Teen Advisory Council of Students Meeting (Virtual)**

5:00pm-6:00pm

Teens! Calvert Library needs you! We want the library to be a safe space where teens can hang out and freely access books and information. We can't do this in our buildings right now, but we still want to assist teens virtually. That is where you come in! TACOS meets monthly to help us with our events and services. You will receive 1 Service Learning hour for attending each meeting. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.



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## David Daniel McDermott



David Daniel McDermott, 32, of Lusby, MD passed away on August 30, 2020 at his residence. Born October 2, 1987 in New Jersey, he was the son of George

Douglas McDermott and Mary Evelyn (Howell) McDermott.

David graduated from Patuxent High School in 2005. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 2005 until 2007 and then became a carpenter. He was a faithful friend and kept his word. He was honest, generous, and loved deeply. When people would give him help, he would in turn help someone else in need. David was skilled at wood-working and drawing, loved cooking and was an amazing step dancer. He loved being at Crossroads Christian Church and the beach. He loved his dogs Renia and Zues in Oklahoma and his family dog Paco in Lusby. He absolutely loved cucumbers and could live off of them. David touched many more lives than he knew and will be dearly missed.

David is survived by his parents, George and Mary McDermott of Lusby, MD; his sister, Rachel Barber of Lusby, MD; and he was a wonderful uncle to Jamal, Rajaun and Kyrie.

Interment will be held at a date to be determined in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.

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

## Edwin Vincent Gray Jr



Edwin Vincent Gray Jr, 74, of Lusby, MD, passed away on September 2, 2020 at his home.

Ed was born in Laurel, MD on June 23, 1946,

son of the late Edwin Vincent Gray Sr and Geraldine Gray. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joy Rene Gray, his six children, Geralenia Reynolds (Jonathan Yodichkas), Kyle Gray, Christina Schiller (Valentine Schiller IV), Vincent Gray (Renee Gray), Michelle Yanko-Young (Dave Young), Jesse Gray (Keri Gray), and nephew Rocky Lasseter (more like a son), his twenty one grandchildren, Johnathan Ford, Joseph Ford Jr, Zachary Ford, Samantha Reynolds, James Reynolds, Abigail Reynolds, Lyndsey Reynolds, Patricia Hayes, Amelia Kuhl (Bobby), Dylan Gray, Valentine Schiller V, Angelina Schiller, Shane Young, Vincent

Ryan Gray Jr (Savanah), Anthony Gray, Nicole Gray, Joesph Yanko, Callie Yanko, Austin Yanko, Gabriella Gray and Emmett Gray, his two great-grandchildren Mikayla Ford, Brielle Woomer, and his eight siblings, Donna Gallion, Judy Koslosky, David Gray, Mark Gray, GERALYN Beard, Rick Gray, Patrick Gray, April Gray and many loved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Gray Sr.

After graduating from Western High School in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1964, Ed joined the Marine Corps, proudly serving our country on the front lines of the Vietnam War. He worked almost every job at one time or another, spending a good portion of his working life in the autobody industry as a body shop manager. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, DAV and NRA.

Ed was always incredibly caring, loving, selfless and self-sacrificing. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family, especially playing with his grandkids and great grand kids. He also loved teaching family and friends how to do everything from chopping wood, tying a fishing knot, playing golf, shooting a bow and arrow or gun, bowling, playing baseball, doing yardwork, gardening and the importance of hard work and diligence. He taught us by example with a great work ethic. He loved to give to others. You could be sure if he knew what you liked, he was going to collect it and give you more than you ever need. He would also give you advice, whether you wanted it or not. He loved giving people a hard time (including random people who didn't always know how to take him)! He was the biggest practical jokester, pulling pranks on everyone he could. He had a sense of humor like no other. He loved helping others. He would give you the shirt off his back, even if you didn't need it. He was a proud Marine, avid Trump supporter (MAGA) and proud to be an American!

Some of his hobbies were hunting, fishing, crafts, models, woodworking and fixing anything that needed to be fixed. He loved taking family trips to theme parks, especially Disney, playing Bingo, and shopping, whether it was yard sales, flea markets, grocery stores, department stores or his new favorite, online, really anywhere that would sell him anything. He really enjoyed working in the yard and spending time in the great outdoors. His favorite thing to do was anything that involved spending time with family, whether it was rooting for the Redskins, FFDs, holiday get togethers, or raking leaves in the yard (on Thanksgiving). Oh, did we mention all the road trips. He couldn't get enough! Second star to the right and straight on till theme park, DC, Baltimore Inner Harbor, California, the mountains, the lake, or wherever his heart desired!

He was loved by many. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Edwin V. Gray Jr. to the Wounded Warriors Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org), his favorite charity that he donated to monthly.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Lori Carole Shepherd



Lori Carole Shepherd (nee Miller) of Catonsville, Maryland died on August 27, 2020 in Chesapeake, Virginia from complications of a massive stroke

surrounded by her loving family and dear friends. Lori was born on September 21, 1972 in Shattuck, Oklahoma to Marjorie Sue Flaherty and the late Larry Ray Miller. Lori lived and attended school at Gage, Ok. In 1987 she moved with her family to Lusby, Maryland. She graduated from Calvert High School in 1991 and from Hood College with a B.S. Degree in Interior Design in 1995.

On August 12, 1995, Lori married Thaddeus James Shepherd and they settled in Catonsville, MD. Lori worked as an Interior Designer for five years specializing in interior design for senior living facilities.

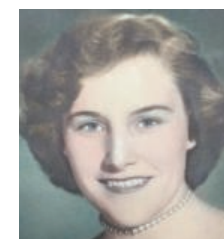
After her children, Victoria, Olivia, Preston and Samantha were born Lori focused her attention on her family and community in Catonsville. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church and Hillcrest Elementary PTA where she organized many literature nights. She was a Girl Scout Volunteer and leader of Girl Scout troop 1380 in Catonsville, MD. Lori loved being a mom and especially enjoyed attending her children's activities including athletic events and her daughters' dance performances. She loved to travel and

joined her family on many outdoor adventures. She loved to laugh, cook, and spend time and have deep conversations with family and friends. She was extremely kind and caring and made all she met feel welcome and loved.

Lori was an organ donor and her gifts will save multiple lives. Her love truly knew no bounds. In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her grandparents John and Ethel Miller and Bill and Evelyn Flaherty. She is survived by her beloved husband, Thaddeus, her children, Victoria, Olivia, Preston and Samantha all of Catonsville, MD; her mother, Marjorie Miller, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; her brother, Bruce (Carolyn) Miller of Plano, Texas; her sister, Kristin (Chad) Wiard of Broken Arrow; her parents-in-law, Jim and Anita Shepherd, of Solomons, MD; her brother-in-law, David (Dana) Shepherd of Lusby, MD; her sister-in-law, Katie (Robbie) Dredger of Harrisonburg, VA, many loving nieces and nephews, and devoted friends.

Funeral services will be private. Donations in Lori's memory may be made to the LifeNet Health Foundation (organ donation procurement organization) <https://www.lifenethealth.org/get-involved/lifenet-health-foundation/make-financial-contribution> or Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Catonsville; <http://salem-catonsville.org/>

## Carolyn Trott Gordy



Carolyn Trott Gordy, 85, of Chesapeake Beach passed away September 6, 2020 at her residence surrounded by family. She was born October 29, 1934

in Dunkirk to Wayne and Nellie Trott. Carolyn grew up in Calvert County and graduated from Calvert High School in 1953. She married Wayne Gordy

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on February 12, 1955 and traveled with him to Fort Jackson, Fort Knox, and Fort Riley before moving back to Chesapeake Beach when Wayne was transferred overseas. Carolyn was employed as a school bus driver for Calvert County Public Schools and retired after 40 years of service. She also owned and operated C&W Crafts and Flowers with Wayne for many years, specializing in silk flower arrangements. She was a member of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for 39 years, joining in 1981. Carolyn served as treasurer for 10 years and also served on the fundraising committee during her time in the auxiliary. Carolyn was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was very athletic and enjoyed playing softball and basketball. She also enjoyed traveling, fishing, and camping when her children were younger.

Carolyn is survived by her loving husband Wayne Gordy, son Richard W. "Ricky" Gordy, Jr. of Deale, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, sister Lucille Housel and brother Donald Trott, both of Dunkirk, niece and caregiver Sharon Gordy-Bryant of Huntingtown, and numerous other nieces, nephews, and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her son Robert W. "Robby" Gordy and brother Edgar Trott.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 12, 2020

10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane

Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home /

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

## Roger Ellis Roach

Roger Ellis Roach passed at home on September 4, 2020 with his wife, Lucia Poole, one of his sons, Travis Roach, and his loving dogs present. The soundtrack to the musical Jersey Boys was playing and a trip down memory lane was being taken.



Many knew Roger as a Calvert County educator at Calvert High School, Northern High School and Calvert Middle School, having moved from

North Carolina to Maryland to teach math and then become vice-principal extraordinaire. His career spanned 44 years. His skill was empowering teachers to do their best in the classroom. His most rewarding moments were helping young people reach their potential by listening to them with the utmost respect. Since retirement, many have reached out to express their sincere thanks.

Roger was a homebody, yet when prompted by his wife, he left LaPlata to travel to Italy, France, London, New Orleans, and Nashville many times over the years. He enjoyed a good meal with an ice-cold Rolling Rock, going to musicals, hanging out at bars for the live music—he had a deep appreciation for performances of different genres which started by playing the trombone in a jazz band in high school.

He is predeceased by his parents, Ellis Henry and Margaret Davis Roach.

He is survived by family in North Carolina, Rosalind Allen, Marilyn (and Monnie) Ellis, Rita Latham (and Bobby Branning), and Barry Roach (and Julia Lathan).

His Maryland family consists of wife Lucia Poole, son Joel Roach, daughter Shannon (and Bobby) Gibbons, son Travis Roach and grandchildren Summer, Abby, Natalie, Lily, Lacy, Skyler, Nathan, Leilani, Emory and Ellis. And, of course, his dogs, Davis, Nola and Nash.

His extended family consisted of an eclectic group of loving, kind, fun individuals that he spent many meals, parties, and gatherings with laughing and solving the world's problems. He offered his intelligence and witty insights to all.

He lived in a spirit of gratitude and in which he believed, "How can I lose when I've already won?" May we all aspire to this way of thinking in order to honor his legacy.

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2- 4 and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane

Owings, MD 20736

In lieu of flowers please make any donations to: First United Methodist Church, 512 North Main Street, High Point, NC 27260; Link:

<http://www.fumc-highpoint.org>

## Donald G. Liddy



Donald G. Liddy (May 6, 1928- September 2, 2020), born to Harry V. and Irma (Crittenton) Liddy in Dexter, NY. He graduated from Dexter HS, and served 2

years in the US Army. Married Deloris A. Belcher in 1950, with whom he had 2 daughters. He worked for the National Weather Service for 33 years. After retirement he did consulting work for King Electronics in Calvert County, MD. Following the death of his first wife, he married Angela Brooks in 2000. He passed away peacefully at their Watertown home. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to Jefferson County (NY) Hospice or the American Lung Association.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Jefferson County, 1398 Gotham Street,

Watertown, NY 13601; Link: <https://jeffersonhospice.org/> or

American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150

Chicago, IL 60601; 1-800-LUNGUSA; Link: <https://www.lung.org>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Joyce Ann Andrews



Joyce Ann Andrews, 71, of Lusby passed away September 1, 2020. She was born June 19, 1949 in Washington, D.C. to Hazel Gertrude Prentice and Joseph Carroll, Sr. Joyce married David Reigh Andrews on December 26, 1991 and they have been together for 40 years. They lived in Prince George's County for many years until moving to Lusby in 2001. Joyce was primarily a homemaker and in her spare time enjoyed shopping, vacations, going to the beach, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

He lived in a spirit of gratitude and in which he believed, "How can I lose when I've already won?" May we all aspire to this way of thinking in order to honor his legacy.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband David Reigh Andrews, children Donna Cupp of Lusby, Philip Dew III of Prince Frederick, and Michelle Andrews of Lusby. She is also survived by grandchildren Priscilla Cupp, Kayla Dew, Kacee Dew, David Cupp, Jr., Philip Dew IV, Daniel Weimer, Jr., and Devin Andrews, great-grandchildren Chase and Reagan Dew, brother Joseph Carroll, Jr. and Barbara Wall. She was preceded in death by her sisters Alice Dew and Rosie Leebrick and brother Butch Carroll.

Visitation will be Friday, September 11, 2020 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane

Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be a repast following Ms. Andrews service.

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

## Marjorie Meleen



Marjorie Meleen, formally of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, passed away Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the age of 93, surrounded by loving family, in

Port Republic Maryland.

Born April 12, 1927, in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Rupert Hartley Edes and Dorothy May Loiselle, she later met and married Charles Raymond Meleen, Sr. also of Springfield, Massachusetts. They moved to Charles County Maryland in 1953 where they built, owned and operated a motel and restaurant.

As a breast cancer survivor and first born of seven children, she is survived by her brother, Lionel Edes; children: Charles Meleen, Jr., William Meleen, Susan Edes Meleen, and Jayne Parish; loving granddaughter, Jessica Marjorie Jacobs and her fiancé, Mark Ramsey; grandson, Jeffrey Charles Jacobs and his wife, Brenda Jacobs; great grandchildren: Corinne Jacobs, Camron Jacobs-Ramirez, Aubree Jacobs and Harper Jacobs.

Marjorie Meleen loved life, being with her family, boating, reading, yardsales, and living on the Bay. You never saw Marge without a smile. Those who loved her most, called her Nana.

Donations in her memory may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838 Prince Frederick, MD 20678, 410-535-0892; Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>



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# Calvert Community Calendar

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## Friday, September 11

### SOMD Fair Food Drive Thru

Calvert County Fairgrounds; 4 - 9 p.m.

The fairs are cancelled but the food is not! Join us to feed your fair food cravings! We will be offering everything from "Classic Eats" such as Italian Sausage, Gyros, Hand Cut Fries, Funnel Cake, Calvert Kettle Corn, and more.. Or venture to the "Only at the Fair!" menu and try an award winning Krispy Kreme Doughnut Cheeseburger, Texas Toast Grilled Cheese Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich, or Cheesy Bacon Bombs!

## Saturday, September 12

### Walk to End Alzheimers

The world may look a little different right now, but one thing hasn't changed: our commitment to ending Alzheimer's. This year, Walk to End Alzheimer's® is everywhere—on every sidewalk, track and trail.

Your health and safety are our top priorities. This year's event won't be a large in-person gathering—instead, we invite you to walk in small teams of friends and family while others in your community do the same. Because we are all still walking and fundraising for the same thing: a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Learn more and sign up today at [www.alz.org/ncawalks](http://www.alz.org/ncawalks).

### SOMD Fair Food Drive Thru

Calvert County Fairgrounds; noon- 9 p.m.

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### NBVFD Auxiliary Yard Sale

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department; 8 a.m. - noon

Be a BUYER or a SELLER! It's your choice! Either way, we would

like to see you there! The cost to reserve a table is \$15 for one or \$25 for two. Tables must be reserved in advance by contacting Diana, after 5:00pm, at 410-231-1775. Social Distancing will be practiced by having everyone to stay 6 feet apart. Face covering/mask is a requirement while in attendance.

### Annual Breezy Point Beach Blast-Off

Breezy Point Beach and Campgrounds; 5:30 p.m. - dark

Dance the night away with music from DJ Keith Hicks, enjoy low-touch games and activities and cap the night off with a spectacular fireworks show. The free all-ages event is for Calvert County residents only and features something for every member of the family. Attendees must wear face masks when unable to socially distance from individuals outside of their group. No food vendors will be available and attendees are encouraged to bring their own picnics. No alcohol or glass containers will be permitted. Pre-registration is required and capacity will be limited to allow for social distancing. Wristbands will be issued to registrants upon entry to the park. To register, visit <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us> and use activity number 150001. Campers are advised that park access will be restricted to the camping beach and camping area only during the event.

## Sunday, September 13

### SOMD Fair Food Drive Thru

Calvert County Fairgrounds; noon- 9 p.m.

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### Big Conversation of Southern MD

Online; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Expert panel will address historical inequities in Southern MD healthcare, implicit bias in health-

care delivery, systemic and environmental impact on health outcomes, and lack of trust in healthcare. Panelists include:

Dr. Meenakshi Brewster – Public Health Officer – St. Mary's County, Shellnice M. Hudson, RN – Director of Quality Assurance, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Dr. Laurence Polsky – Public Health Officer – Calvert County, Cheri C. Wilson, MHS - Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, Malcolm Funn, JD – Calvert NAACP, Moderator: Laretta Grier, MA – Concerned Black Women of Calvert. Followed by small group discussions online. More information: email - [bigconmsp@gmail.com](mailto:bigconmsp@gmail.com) or website- [dismantleracism.org](http://dismantleracism.org). Register at <https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/event/4509915>.

## Thursday, September 17

### NARFE Meeting

Online; 1 p.m.

We will be meeting using a virtual/online ZOOM meeting. There will be a presentation by AARP on SCAMS, Fraud, and Identity Theft for seniors. A short chapter business meeting will continue online. You must register with AARP in advance for this meeting: Please email [maxmunger@verizon.net](mailto:maxmunger@verizon.net) for the link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and password and information about joining the meeting. Active and Retired Federal employees, spouses, other chapter members, non-members and guests are welcome. For NARFE membership Information and Application, go to [www.mdnarfe.org](http://www.mdnarfe.org).

## Ongoing

### ACLT's Passport to Preservation

Support local agri-tourism businesses and the American Chestnut Land Trust at the same time! ACLT 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 Gemert. [calvart-gallery.square.site](http://calvart-gallery.square.site)

### ArtsWorks@7th

Artworks@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/CA47uj9Bomp/>). Please respect appropriate safe distancing and limited numbers in the gallery at this time. Artworks is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach.

## Upcoming

### Christmas in April 2021 Applications due Sept 30, 2020

This volunteer, non-profit organization makes home repairs and the homes of low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, families with children, and military veterans. There is no cost for the homeowners who are selected to be part of this program. The goal of Christmas in April is for persons to live in warmth, safety, and independence. Homes must be located in Calvert County and all homeowners must live in the home. If you wish to refer someone other than yourself, please first obtain that homeowner's consent. Applications are available on the website at [www.christmasinaprilcalvert-county.org](http://www.christmasinaprilcalvert-county.org) and may be submitted online. Call Christmas in April at 410-535-9044 to request that an application be mailed to you, for more information, or to learn how you can volunteer or to make a donation.



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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Popular musical awards show
- 5. Speech in one's honor
- 11. A state of poor nutrition
- 14. Not ingested
- 15. More lacking in taste
- 18. "Popeye" cartoonist
- 19. Helps to reduce speed
- 21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
- 23. Georgian currency
- 24. Proverb expressing a truth
- 28. Jewish calendar month
- 29. Volume measurement
- 30. Fair-skinned
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Touch lightly
- 36. Autonomic nervous system
- 39. Plant part
- 41. College degree
- 42. Military alliance
- 44. Tokyo's former

name

- 46. Carpenter's tool
- 47. Before
- 49. Consent to receive
- 52. Passages
- 56. The Duke of Edinburgh
- 58. Utter repeatedly
- 60. Linked together in a chain
- 62. Quality that evokes pity
- 63. Maintained possession of

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. U.S. military school
- 2. Controls
- 3. Away from wind
- 4. Grab quickly
- 5. Being everlasting
- 6. Vase
- 7. Atomic #3
- 8. Type of medication
- 9. Encircle with a belt
- 10. Belonging to you
- 12. American state
- 13. City in Zambia
- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Of the country

- 20. Helsinki district
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Reporters' group
- 26. The voice of Olaf
- 27. Explains in detail
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 31. One point south of due east
- 34. Scottish river
- 36. Elsa's sister
- 37. Civil Rights group
- 38. Line of poetry
- 40. Doctor
- 43. Fatty acid
- 45. Avatar (abbr.)
- 48. Awe-inspiring garden
- 50. Fall down
- 51. Rock icon Turner
- 53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
- 54. UK museum network
- 55. Stairs have at least one
- 57. Part of (abbr.)
- 58. Simpson trial judge
- 59. Sun up in New York
- 61. Exclamation of surprise

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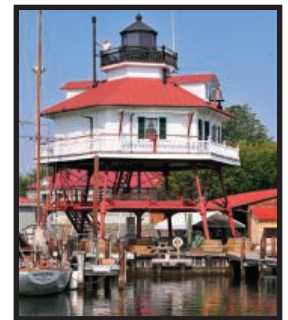
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