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Five Teens Indicted for Hate Crimes

Related to Calvert High School Incident

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Grand Jury has provided what many people in the county have called for – hate crime charges against the five teenagers implicated in the Aug. 8 vandalism incident at Calvert High School in Prince Frederick.

A press release from the Calvert County State’s Attorney’s Office issued Sept. 21 stated: “A Grand Jury today indicted five individuals in connection with the vandalism incident that occurred at Calvert High School on August 9, 2020.

“Augustine Aufderheide, 18, of Prince Frederick; Cade Meredith, 18, of Saint Leonard; Andrew Edge, 18, of Huntingtown; Kyle Hill, 18, of Prince Frederick; and Anthony Sellers, 18, of Saint Leonard were each charged with one count of a hate crime, one count of destruction of property, and one count of fourth degree burglary. The indictments allege that each individual defaced the property of Calvert High School and exhibited animosity against a group because of their race.”

State’s Attorney Robert Harvey said, “Since the date of the incident, the State’s Attorney’s Office, with the assistance of Sheriff’s Department detectives, has continued its investigation and review of this matter. Today’s indictments are the culmination of this investigation.”

According to the press release, “The hate crime charges carry a maximum punishment of three years’ incarceration as do the burglary charges. The destruction of property charges carry a maximum punishment of sixty

days.”

The five white teens, Calvert High School graduates, were originally charged with two counts of Malicious Destruction of Property less than \$1000 and one count of 4th Degree Burglary.

Those charges drew a firestorm of protest with several school board members and Rep. Steny Hoyer logging in.

School Board Vice Chair Inez Claggett said, “(I) question why the five adults who allegedly committed the crime were provided a criminal summons instead of being arrested. After all, there was a crime that was committed. (I) question why there appears to be inequities in the unfolding of the details of the brazen event, which rocked our community from the pillar of comfort upon which many sit, to question why authorities chose to charge these hate-filled adults (with) misdemeanors instead of with stronger felony charges or even a hate crime charge.”

After the incident was reported, a new group called Peaceful Resistance in Southern Maryland (PRISM) posted two photographs of the unedited racial graffiti. Another group called The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) in a press release provided an edited version: F*** N****” and “N***** suck.”

The cases will be tried in the Circuit Court for Calvert County. Assistant State’s Attorney Kyle B. Tores will handle the prosecution. Trial dates have not been set.

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(L to R) Andrew Matthew Edge, Cade Allen Meredith. Bottom L to R: Kyle Edward Hill, Augustine Robert Aufderheide, and Anthony Joseph Sellers III

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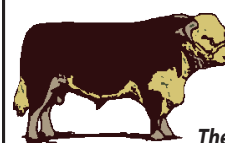
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Petition Opposes Short-Term Rental Ban

Mayor Stands by 2019 Decision



The "Beachfront Bargain Renovation" by The Montagues

By Dick Myers
Editor

A petition is circulating challenging Chesapeake Beach's prohibition of short-term rentals in town, such as Airbnb.

Town resident Josh Johnson told the town council at their Sept. 17 meeting that so far 600 persons have signed the petition opposing the ban, although Mayor Pat Mahoney questioned how many off those signers actually live in town.

Johnson is challenging Mahoney for mayor in the Nov. 3 election.

Mahoney told The County Times that the council passed an ordinance in May of 2019 codifying what had been a policy in town for 50 years banning short-term commercial rentals of less than 30 days.

He said the ordinance was adopted after study by town staff and concern that neighborhoods were being overrun on Fridays with people renting for the weekend.

Mahoney said the pandemic has exacerbated the situation, with people coming in from states with higher incidents of COVID-19 and from states that travel to Maryland was banned.

But three speakers challenged the town's position at the Sept. 17 meeting. Monique Lightheart said that the state did not consider Airbnb rentals to be commercial activity.

She said, "This town has always been a tourist town and second-home or primary vacation homes have been a history of Chesapeake Beach."

She said she has been complying with COVID-19 regulations for cleanliness. "The home inspector was here at my house today," she said.

She said to comply with the regulations she has converted to a minimum of 30 days. But she added, "I've been talking to the local businesses. I've been talking to the restaurants and they are already all hurting and because of COVID especially. So why has there been sort of a witch hunt started against short-term vacation rentals when we all need the business the most now?"

Johnson said, "Vacation rentals were here far before the Rod 'N Reel Club, far before even individual residences themselves."

Johnson said the impact on tourism is millions of dollars "between the taxes that we accrue by having better homes."

He said he talked to Sheriff Mike Evans about vacation rentals. Johnson reported, "He said that he has had no complaints throughout COVID."

He said those with short-term rentals would desperately like to reopen the conversation about the ban.

Sean Montague and his wife Melanie renovated a home in Chesapeake Beach that was featured on the HGTV program "Beachfront Bargain Renovation." He said they spent \$100,000 on a renovation that "was an eyesore before I purchased the property."

He added, "We've spent a ton of money in the city and we've done several different things for the area to make sure that the properties are in good condition."

Montague said, "I guess it's concerning to us the manner in which this was presented. We'd like to be able to have a voice in the properties that we own in that area."

Montague noted, "Honestly, it's really costing the city a lot of money." He said he has heard comments that there's no value in the short-term rentals. "If there was no value in it, then places like Myrtle Beach and the Outer Banks wouldn't comply with it. So, I don't really understand that; that's not a logical statement."

He said, "We'd like to find a way to add on to whatever we need to do to bring this up, to move forward in one way or the other."

Mahoney vows to stay the course. He told The County Times, "Of the approximately 2,500 homes in town, there have been only 20 illegal Airbnbs, less than one percent."

"My pledge is to protect the neighborhood character and small-town charm of the remaining 2,480 homes (99 percent) in town."

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Money Set Aside for Northern M.S. Repairs

Replacement Project Delayed Until 2026

By Dick Myers
Editor

The decision by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to delay construction of a new Northern Middle School for two years has prompted the school board to allocate \$1.5 million to act as a band-aid for potential needed repairs to the existing building in Owings.

The replacement project had originally been slated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2024. But earlier this year as the BOCC was finalizing their six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the sticker shock caused them to delay some major projects, including Northern Middle School.

According to the school system's CIP for FY 2022-27, which is now under review for public comment before being sent off to the state, "\$5,000,000 in State funds and \$6,765,000 in Local funds for a total of \$11,765,000 will be needed for the first year of construction. Total project cost is \$46,525,000 which includes soft costs, construction and furnishings."

The same plan talks about then condition of the school. "This facility will require the reallocation of classroom spaces and subsequent upgrades to be better aligned with the delivery of today's instructional programs. The fire, security, and communications systems are becoming obsolete. The elec-

trical and HVAC systems (with exception of the boilers) are beyond their life cycles."

The plan adds, "The open space concept of the 1970s is no longer conducive to support the instructional programs of today. The demountable metal partitioning used to subdivide the floor area into classrooms does not stand up to today's STC requirements. Moisture infiltration into the exterior CMU veneer requires us to repoint the mortar joints.

"Systemically, the communications, life safety, and HVAC systems are beyond projected life cycles and the HVAC system cannot meet the rigors of current ASHRAE standards."

The monies set aside for the next few years would cover any costs for potential breakdowns such as the HVAC system.

Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner told the school board at their Sept. 10 meeting that the commissioners bumped the Northern Middle School project in favor of other capital programs, such as new firehouses for St. Leonard and Solomons.

Before the pandemic hit, the school board was hopeful to arrange a visit to Northern Middle School for the BOCC. They still would like to do that sometime in the future, pandemic willing.

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Ballot Drop Box Locations Announced

Seven to be in Calvert

The Maryland State Board of Elections has posted online a list of state-wide ballot drop box locations for the 2020 general election as well as the dates each ballot drop box location will be available to voters. Once open, the ballot drop boxes will remain open until Election Day, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m.

The locations in Calvert County are the four high schools (Northern, Huntingtown, Calvert and Patuxent) as well as the Community Resources Building in Prince Frederick, and the Northeast and Southern community centers.

All Calvert ballot drop box locations will be available starting in the Oct. 15-17 time frame except the Community Resources Building which will be available earlier in the Sept. 28-30 time period. The election board offices are in that building.

Each Maryland jurisdiction will have at least two ballot drop box locations available to voters. The state's most populous counties and the City of Baltimore will have additional ballot drop boxes to accommodate the greater number of eligible voters residing in those jurisdictions. Voters can submit their completed mail-in

ballots in any drop box located in their jurisdiction of residence. In all, 283 ballot drop boxes will be available at 282 locations around the state. Two ballot drop boxes will be available at Camden Yards in Baltimore. The 283 boxes include 277 secured by the Maryland State Board of Elections and six boxes that counties already had in their possession. Individual ballot box locations were proposed by the local boards of election across the state. The complete list of ballot drop box locations is available at: https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/PG20_Drop%20Box%20Locations.xlsx

Eligible voters in Maryland have been mailed applications for mail-in ballots. Applications must be received by October 20. Mail-in ballots will be sent to voters via first-class U.S. Mail beginning in late September and continuing in October. In order to be counted, mail-in ballots must be post-marked no later than Nov. 3 and the oath on the postage-paid return envelope that arrives with the ballot must be signed. Those who choose to cast their votes using ballot drop boxes must submit their completed ballots by the final collection time – 8 p.m.

on Nov. 3 – in order for their ballot to count. Just as with ballots submitted by mail, in order for ballots submitted at drop boxes to count they must be sealed in the return envelopes that accompany the ballots and the voter oath on the envelope must be signed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maryland State Board of Elections encourages voters to cast their ballots by mail and use ballot drop boxes. To make in-person voting safe, voters must remain six feet apart and wear a mask. To maintain proper distancing, the number of voters permitted inside a voting center at one time may be limited, which could result in lines and wait times. 9/18/2020 2 Voters who choose to vote in person may do

so from Monday, Oct. 26 to Monday, Nov. 2, including Saturday and Sunday, or on Election Day, Nov. 3. Early voting and Election Day vote centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eligible voters may cast their ballots at any authorized voting location within their jurisdiction of residence. A complete list of early voting locations can be found here: <https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/2020%20Early%20Voting%20Centers.pdf>

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The Big Conversation on Health Care (in)Equity

Attendees Relate Their Experiences

By Dick Myers
Editor

Part Two:

The Big Conversation held virtually on Sept. 13 was billed as “Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care (in)Equity – How Does it Affect Me?”

The program was broken down into three, one-hour segments, with the first segment having five speakers and moderated by Lauretta Greer, with the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County.

In the first part of this two-part series last week, The County Times presented the comments of those five speakers: Malcolm Funn of Calvert NAACP. Cheri Wilson of Johns Hopkins Medicine’s Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity; Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky; St. Mary’s County Health Officer Dr. Meenakshi Brewster; and Director of Quality Assurance at Charlotte Hall Veteran’s Home Shellnice Hudson.

The Big Conversation’s second hour was where that part of this year’s title, “How Does it Affect Me?” came into play. The 200 virtual attendees were broken down into 16 individual sessions and they had the opportunity to tell their own stories. Facilitators helped keep the sessions going. Many were from the community mediation centers in the three Southern Maryland counties.

These facilitators then came back to the final plenary session and presented some of the key points of what they heard from the attendees.

Here is a sampling of those comments divided into several questions addressed during the break-out sessions:

“What stood out (from the speakers) with regard to the inequities in health and healthcare for African Americans or other ethnic minorities in our Southern Maryland communities?”

- “For a number of people, when they would go see a physician, even if they prepared ahead of time, it seemed very much, ‘I’m not interested in what the patient would have to say. And with that, leaving the patient feeling not trusting or feeling crazy for having raised issues or just intimidated by physicians.’”

- “The sadness and the inequity of diagnoses being delayed because of issues of transportation for people of color. Issues around being just overlooked, on implicit or explicit bias, as they would sit in waiting rooms.”

- “The lack of collaboration and sharing of health information to those who really could benefit from it.”

- (from a white participant) “To think back and see how she was treated compared to some of her coworkers who had the same insurance and everything else. She didn’t really understand how come they were treated differently. So, she said to her, for the first time she realized that ‘there was privilege just for me being white’”

- “History more than likely informs the attitudes... that we’re talking about today and that is health disparities and health inequalities.”

- “In Southern Maryland, there’s not an



embrace or even a belief that someone of color would be someone who would be in a particular part of a hospital or wearing a particular kind of scrub.”

- “Two of our participants worked in the social service field and they talked about the importance of their role in advocating for their patients of color to health care professionals and the difference that it made for them to be able to advocate on behalf of their patients of color.”

- “Thinking back to some things that have happened to me or to my family, this has given me some additional information to think about, and I’m going to now educate myself so that I will know how to handle things.”

What problems or experiences with the healthcare system regarding race disparities have you witnessed in our counties?

- “Ageism, which is of course, across all sectors.”

- “The need for advocates for families, and that during this time of COVID, it’s difficult because family members can’t assist and attend others to healthcare facilities or into the nursing homes.”

- “Some places do have advocates...but some of those advocates don’t look like everybody. So, the need for more diversity among advocates, as well as everyone within the healthcare arena.”

- When medical training includes textbooks and research that has largely been done on white populations it leaves out African American populations all the way down to things like body type differences that when medical don’t have experience with that and are not sensitive to it, that it ends up driving really negative experiences for African Americans and other ethnic minorities.”

- “Speaking about the COVID-19 rash, if the documentation out there is all on light skin, then there aren’t images for folks to be understanding what that rash looks like on different shades of skin.”

- “One way to protect ourselves might be for folks to reach out, looking for physicians who might have common experiences with us so that they might understand better where we’re coming from. In the African American community, actively seeking out African American physicians, so that there’s a hope that cultural understanding about knowing more about that experience might help.”

- “Medicaid and health insurance and how it plays a factor in the disparity in terms of health care and how, some doctor’s of-

fices and facilities will limit the amount of patients that use Medicaid as an insurance.”

- “Lack of representation throughout the entire experience. When you come into a doctor’s office from the magazines to the pictures on the wall, to everything that doesn’t appear to be welcoming to anyone who is not Caucasian.”

- “African American physicians not being trusted even though they had the same, or even better credentials than some of their counterparts. They weren’t able to be successful practicing in Calvert County and had to leave the county because patients didn’t trust their credentials.”

- “Is the doctor really paying attention to me? Am I getting the care need? Is there enough time that they’re spending with me? Are they listening?”

- “People of color often are not even offered the options for their healthcare that they should be because there are so many presumptions made about them, whether they can afford it, or whether they’ll comply with the medical recommendations.”

- “The generational trauma that happens throughout the history of African American people in particular has led them to be very distrustful of the medical system.”

- “Doctors not accepting medical assistance.”

- “You go to the doctor, they have 15 to 20 minutes to spend with you, so they can’t learn about you.”

- “We’ve had a couple of practitioners in our group, and one of them mentioned something called a frequent flyer...someone who has more admissions than an average person (like) someone who has sickle cell, who has pain crises, which are not measurable, except (from) the person explaining the pain. And as a person who’s never suffered with sickle cell, or maybe never had anyone around them that just not having any concept of what that’s like and how frequently you might have to seek services.”

- “People of color actually need to be more informed and more attentive and engaged with their own healthcare than white patients need to, because they need to advocate more to make sure they’re getting the right test, proper diagnoses and the attention that they need.”

- “I’m assuming that a black patient might be on Medicaid, for example, when they have private insurance.”

What can we do as individuals and also as a society to address the healthcare disparities and to make for a better health experiences and better health outcomes for people of color and other minorities?

- “Making sure people realize that once you have a physician that’s not your physician for life. So, if you are having experiences with a physician who is coming just for a treatment, you get a different one. Absolutely don’t ever feel stuck. The importance of knowing how to report things that aren’t right, and then also realizing that you don’t need to stay with somebody who isn’t providing good care.”

- “The importance of the whole community really getting involved. And when you see something, say something, whether it’s

in the waiting room or somewhere else, because it is put on to the patient to become an advocate.”

- “Just being willing to get out of our comfort zones and being willing to listen to each other. Just speak.”

- “Make efforts to contact politicians and make them aware of what we consider important issues and important needs in the community. We can’t expect other key players in our community to do this in isolation.”

- “Support for education and that starts at the very basic grade school level forward through college and med school, everything to address and improve all of our perceptions about implicit bias.”

- “A medical professional said, ‘I have to recognize my own implicit biases, so that when I treat my patients, I’m right at the top of my game and that I must continually do that.’”

- “A question came up: is healthcare a commodity or a right...There’s a great impact on the community when the community, as a whole, has good health insurance. So, the consensus is: equal insurance for the community.”

- “Sometimes women across the board suffer some of the same ill practices as blacks do, especially when they go to the doctor, let’s say a number of times or for one particular issue. And they’re trying to explain the issue and the doctor sees them as just complaining.”

- “The physician or medical staff are not the boss of you and just being in a position to educate, not only ourselves, but also the next generation that they have the right to ask questions, that it’s okay to question a diagnosis or to ask why is a particular treatment being recommended

- “Maybe having to change that hierarchical structure of the doctor being the one in charge and making it more of a collaborative partnership.”

- “One of our group members gave us permission to share about their experience of losing her sister who had to make the unfortunate choice ‘to have open heart surgery, or not to have open heart surgery because of the cost of \$35,000.’ And so, they ended up passing away, but I thought that spoke really powerfully to the need for a change and affordability of health care.”

In response to the breakout session comments, opening speaker Cheri Wilson said, “My biggest concern is that (if) we can’t name what these issues are, we can never begin to start addressing them.”

She expressed concern about a proposal to cut federal funding. “The issues of culture, cultural sensitivity, anti-racism, privilege, structural and systemic racism are being viewed as anti-American.”

She added, “Many people think that simply by the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that we are all equal. We have equity, we have no more work to be done.”

Wilson said that is not the case. “We need to actually move past talk to action. We need to do the hard work of educating ourselves of what the issues are.”

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The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) implemented temporary all-electronic tolling statewide in March as part of its COVID-19 response and made all-electronic tolling permanent at the Bay Bridge in May with the installation of a new tolling gantry. Other MDTA facilities, including the Intercounty Connector (ICC)/MD 200, I-95 Express Toll Lanes in Baltimore, and the Key (I-695) and Hatem (US 40) bridges, already operate under all-electronic tolling.

"During the COVID-19 emergency, all-electronic tolling has been an operational success and has helped us protect our toll collection employees and the traveling public," said MDTA Executive Director Jim Ports. "With this system now permanent, stopping to pay tolls in Maryland is a part of history."

Under all-electronic tolling, motorists who previously paid with cash at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, Fort McHenry Tunnel, Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, and the Nice/Middleton Bridge

are currently assessed via video tolling at the cash rate. That temporary practice began in response to Maryland's COVID-19 state of emergency, and standard video toll rates will be restored at a date yet to be determined.

Motorists are urged to join the nearly 1.4 million drivers who pay the lowest tolls with E-ZPass Maryland. Transponders are free, and sign-up is available 24/7 at ezpassmd.com. Motorists also can get E-ZPass On-the-Go transponders at participating Giant Food and Weis Markets. The transponder comes with \$25 in pre-paid tolls for immediate use, then users can sign up online for E-ZPass service. A full list of retail locations is available at ezpassmd.com/en/ontheego/locations.shtml.

Drivers will soon also have the option to register their vehicle for a new Pay-By-Plate method that allows tolls to be automatically billed to credit cards at the same rate as cash toll rates for all facilities, except the Intercounty Connector and I-95 Express Toll Lanes (ETL). For the ICC and ETL, customers using Pay-By-Plate will still save at least 20% on their tolls compared to the video toll rate. Pay-By-Plate benefits infrequent toll customers as well as those who do not have an E-ZPass account.

Since 2017, the MDTA has undertaken major training and career development initiatives to support permanent toll collection employees as they transition into other positions. These employees are currently assisting the MDTA in new ways, including as screeners at MDTA building entry points.

The MDTA E-ZPass Customer Service Centers located at toll facilities are operating at limited capacity during the COVID-19 state of emergency. To learn more about MDTA measures to assist customers during the COVID-19 emergency, go to mdta.maryland.gov/covid-19-response.

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Running Hare Vineyard: The Place to be This Fall

By Dick Myers
Editor

When Mike Scarborough was eight years old, he was living with his parents in France. He attended school there in first, second and part of third grade.

He said, "I worked in the vineyard as a kid, picking snails off of the vines. And then, on Fridays, I was paid with two bottles of wine." He added, "On Friday and Saturday nights, I would have one with my mom and dad. They'd have a little demitasse glass, and they put a little water in and a little bit of wine."

The stage was set for the man who would become the owner of Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick, one of the most successful of Calvert County's burgeoning wine-making businesses.

Fast forward from that boy in France. Scarborough was living in a waterfront home in Anne Arundel County and operating his own money management business. He was looking for a "little bit of a retreat place that I could go hunting and fishing and whatnot."

A real estate agent directed him to a 300-acre farm, that had been owned by Circuit Court Judge Perry Bowen

Scarborough said, "It was November of 2000 that I purchased the property and really had no intent of doing anything other than just living in a little cabin that was on the lake and doing a little bit of hunting and fishing."

Eventually he decided to move down to his new property and started looking at all those fallow fields and said to himself, perhaps harkening back to his youth, "why don't I just grow some grapes."

The original intent was that would be just for personal use. He admitted, "I did not know what I was doing, growing vines. I didn't know about spraying. I did not know anything about wine making, so I read everything I could possibly get my hands on. And as my spraying got



better and the management of the vines and my winemaking skills got better, we finally ended up turning it into a commercial operation from the harvest of 2007. Our first year in operation was in 2008 as a commercial."

His first wine was made from Cuyahoga grapes, "which were the white grapes that we grow below where the event's building is today."

Along the way Scarborough sold his business in Annapolis in 2013 and then restarted the investment business in 2018.

At the vineyard, he said, "We just started off with just making a little bit of wine and we're selling it. And more people came, and I got better at making wine. And then we planted red grapes and we started making Chambourcin and it just kept going. We had a little white and yellow striped tent that was down on the property and we just kept expanding."

Requests were coming especially from women. And some noted that on top of the hill overlooking the vineyard would make a great place for a wedding.

"I think the first time we ever rent-

ed that area out at the top of the hill was in 2008 or 2009, but it was clear, there were so many people that wanted to rent the top of it, I looked at it as a business model and said, 'You know, why don't we build an events building at the top of the hill that can be used for receptions, can be used for fundraisers or whatever they want it.'

He designed the striking building. He said, "From living in France and traveling through Europe and spending a lot of time there, it is a very classic Tuscan style building and I wanted it to look that way."

He said whenever you drive over the top of the hill "that building just hits you in the face. And that's the idea. I want people to feel like they're somewhere else other than where they are."

At that point in the interview he reflects on the success of what he has created and says, "I will tell you that Calvert County from the county commissioners to the planning and zoning permits, truly everybody in the county has been nothing short of fantastic to deal with. They have been incredibly accommodating, very helpful, and we've had nothing but fantastic things to say about the support that we got from the county. They are nothing short of great."

The county holds vineyards such as Running Hare as an example of the type of agri-tourism they want to encourage, Scarborough said, "I think that Running Here Vineyard is one of the fantastic examples of what agri-tourism can look like and how you can create a special setting that is beautiful, that people can use."

He added, "We're not the only example, but I think we're a pretty darn good example of a fantastic melding between agri-tourism and keeping the greater agrarian feel of the county. We think about that every day."

His son Matt, 24, has taken over the day-to-day management along

with Cheryl Keys, who is operations manager.

The vineyard is bustling this fall with music and movie nights and special events. But Scarborough said it's just part of the overall experience. "If you're running a vineyard, you're going to fail if what you do is operate that business solely off of making wine and selling it to the public. You've got to have many avenues of revenue, and it's going to include doing things like other types of events."

Running Hare has become a significant county business, now employing about 45 people. "That is everything from the people that cut the grass, the people that make the wine to the people that are serving you beer, wine, and helping you park your car."

He singled out his winemaker Jereson Garcia. He said, "He learned from me and then he read and read and read and he is nothing short of a fantastic winemaker and he's made himself that way."

He credits his son and girlfriend with figuring out what people want to do, "whether it's camping, drive in movies that people can see and still stay in their cars that sort of fits in with COVID in many respects because they can go out and stay in."

Running Hare was thrown a significant loop with a fire that destroyed their wine-making facility loaded with product.

"We lost about \$800,000 worth of wine that had already been produced and in bottles. The whole loss of the building and all this stuff, there's a lot of monetary loss there, and unfortunately for us, though we were told that our wine was insured, it was not."

Scarborough said, "So have we recovered? No! Will we recover? Yes! Will it take time? You can't just know. The grapes are not something that you go out in July and get, you have to wait until harvest, whether it's at our place or, if we have growers around the country who are growing grapes for us. It just takes a lot of time. We're probably not going to recover from this until 2024, 2025."

In addition to the full event schedule to supplement the normal vineyard activities, Scarborough is excited about a new venture, a trolley that will take people both north and south in the county.

Scarborough explained his philosophy about Running Hare Vineyard: "Our intention is to not with the volume of people, but I want this for adults to feel like this is Disneyland for adults. They can come, they can be outside. They've got a beautiful place to go. And, you know, we think that we're at least one of the choices of places to be in the county."

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The Drum Circle is back! Please note a few changes will be in place for this month: bring your own drum as we will not have instruments to share and bring your own chair. We will have free egg shakers to give away (one per person) for those without instruments. Social distancing will be in effect.

Aerial artists Casssandra Larousse, Tammi Evers, and Megan Lee of the Vertical Dance Co. will be joining us for a collaborative event and performing in a variety of different styles from 6 to 7 PM.

The Drum Circle/ aerial performance will be held outdoors, in the case of poor weather they will be canceled as we will not have an indoor back-up location. Visit www.stmarysarts.org

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BONUS: NEW for this month! A Drumline and Drum Off performance from 7 to 8 PM will feature local drum students, bring a chair and watch as they have been busy practicing and preparing a number of rhythms and grooves for this evening! Location: grass field adjacent to St. Mary's County Arts Council.



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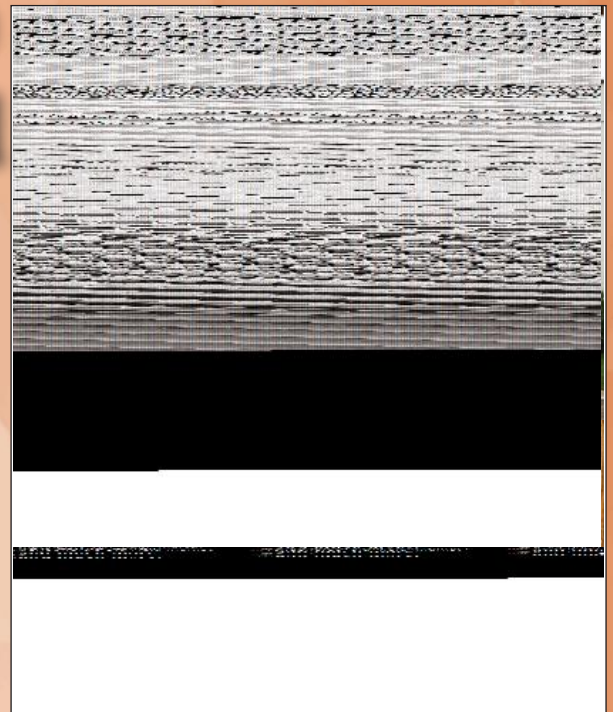
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CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of September 7 – September 13 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,191 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 20-48192

On September 13, 2020, Deputy Freeland responded to Woods Road in St. Leonard for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime during the overnight hours an unknown suspect(s) stole gas from their vehicle using a plastic hose. The value of stolen property is \$30.

Arrests:

On September 7, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski responded to Walmart in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised two male suspects were observed placing various electronic and clothing items in their cart and exiting the store without paying, then leaving in their vehicle. Deputy Sampson located the vehicle, and detained the male suspects, **Curtis James Downs (71)** and **Franklin Lee James, Jr. (60)**, who provided a name and date of birth that were later determined to be false. Deputies recovered the stolen items and Downs and James, Jr. were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where it was determined James, Jr. had active warrants through the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and Virginia. Downs was charged with Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500. James, Jr. was charged with Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500, False Statement to Police Officer, and was served with his warrants.



Curtis Downs



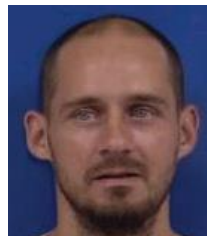
Franklin James JR

On September 9, 2020, Deputies responded to the area of St. Andrews Road and Chesapeake Beach Road for the report of a silver vehicle going off the roadway into the median and damaging a street sign before leaving the scene. Deputies were unable to locate a vehicle or a suspect. Shortly after, Deputy Gilmore responded to the area of McDonald's in Chesapeake Beach for a welfare check on a vehicle matching the description of the fleeing vehicle. Upon making contact with the driver, **Caetano Juyagh Quattlebaum (40)**, Deputy Gilmore observed Quattlebaum to be disoriented and Quattlebaum advised he had gone off the roadway on Chesapeake Beach Road, causing damage to his vehicle. Quattlebaum exited the vehicle, at which time Deputy Gilmore observed him attempting to conceal an item from under the driver's seat. A search of Quattlebaum's person resulted in a plastic bag containing numerous pills suspected to be Alprazolam, which he did not have a prescription for, as well as several folds of US currency. Still located under Quattlebaum's driver's seat was a cut straw containing powdery residue. Quattlebaum was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Caetano Quattlebaum

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

Ronnie P. Case No. C-04-FM-20-0000288

ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Upon consideration of plaintiff's Motion for Alternate Service having come before the Court and the Court being satisfied by affidavit and supporting documents that Petitioner has made reasonable efforts in good faith to effectuate service on the biological father but has been unable to do so. It is the 4th day of September by the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland.

ORDERED, that the plaintiff's Motion for Alternate Service is hereby GRANTED and it is further,

ORDERED, that service shall be through notice of publication as to the biological father, to wit: Charles Parker as follows:

To: Charles Patrick Parker

You are hereby notified that an adoption case has been filed in this Circuit Court for Calvert County, Case No. C-04-FM-20-0000288. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on December 15, 2014 in Elkin, North Carolina to Dawn Marie Charest, who is thirty-eight (38) years of age and Charles Patrick Parker, who is forty-four (44) years of age shall file a written response. A copy of the show-cause order may be obtained from the clerk's office at 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland, 20678, (410) 535-1600. If you do not file a written objection by November 5, 2020, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

ORDERED, that service shall be by publication at least once in one or more newspapers in general circulation in the county where the petition is filed or, if different, where the parent's last address known to the petition is located and posting for at least thirty (30) days on a website of the Department; and, it is further

ORDERED, that the Department of Social Services may charge the petitioner a reasonable fee to cover the cost of posting.

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Optimists Show Respect for Law

Awards Ceremony Held Virtually

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Optimist Clubs of Calvert County held their annual Respect for Law Ceremony Sept. 14. Delayed from May, the ceremony was held virtually.

The Optimist Clubs of Calvert County are now in their 50th year.

Kathryn Marsh, president of the Optimist Club of Calvert, Prince Frederick, led the Zoom ceremony. The following are this year's awardees and the presenters from their agencies.

Maryland Natural Resources Police

Sergeant John S. Jowanowitch presented the award to Officer First Class Ben Dorsey.

Dorsey has been with the Natural Resources Police since March 2016. According to his nomination: "His targeting of deliberate violators of Maryland's conservation laws has served the citizens of Calvert County by ensuring that the county's rich natural resources thrive for many years to come for everyone to enjoy."

Calvert Emergency Communications

This year's honoree was Public Safety Dispatcher Theresa Anderson, who was unable to attend.

According to her nomination: "On the afternoon of April 27, 2020, an officer called out with shots fired in a neighborhood where he was conducting another investigation. Theresa was able to quickly change her radio channel to the police side. In so doing she assisted fellow dispatchers in keeping officers updated to new information as far as possible type of gun, type of suspects, and the location of the suspect vehicle. At the same time she was making sure officers were being rerouted and staged in areas the suspect vehicle was heading in hopes of intercepting the fleeing vehicle. One of the officers who was heading to assist advised communications that he was turning around on the vehicle. Theresa quickly relayed the information to another dispatcher so backup could be started for the officer. Her quick thinking, teamwork and sense of officer safety made sure that all officers returned safe and the suspects were apprehended without incident."

Maryland State Police

This year's honoree was Trooper First Class Kelsey Stull.

Stull, 25, lives in Lusby. Her nomination said, "TFC Stull responded to a check welfare call on June 27, 2019. During the check welfare the male subject had made several suicidal statements and refused to come to the door. During the contact with the subject he had obtained a rifle and pointed in the direction of officers/troopers on the scene through a window. It was determined the subject had barricaded himself in the home and did not want to cooperate.

TFC Stull maintained excellent officer safety and communicated with Barrick during the entire incident. After a six-and-a-half-hour barricade the male subject was taken into custody. TFC Stull completed an Extreme Risk Protective Order. This was significant because she had not completed one and did not make any mistakes while completing it. The arrest led to a search warrant of the residence seizing two handguns, three long rifles, and two knives. The investigation led to a safe conclusion."

Calvert County Sheriff's Office

F/Sgt. David Canning presented this year's honoree, Detective Gary "Chip" Ward, an 18-year veteran.

His nomination said, "In 2019, Detective Ward had the highest productivity of his career. He accumulated 454 Warrant Services and 376 Summons Services. As the result of Detective Ward's exemplary performance, he was solely responsible for collecting \$25,182 in collections."

Calvert County State's Attorney's Office.

State's Attorney Robert Harvey, Jr. presented this year's honoree Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca N. Cordero. She joined the office in January 2019 and is assigned to the Circuit Court Division.

According to her nomination: "Ms. Cordero has demonstrated the unique ability to put victims at ease and to convince them of the importance of going forward with their case in court."

Calvert County Detention Center

Major T.D. Reece presented their honoree Corrections Deputy First Class Michael Lanier.

According to his nomination, CDFC Lanier "has taken on many roles this past year. He is an accomplished Booking Administrative Deputy and works well with outside agencies. CDFC Lanier is very thorough when completing the booking process and does not leave work unfinished. CDFC Lanier has been our Safety Officer for the past year and his experience as a volunteer firefighter is an asset to our training. He continues to conduct training drills, which force the deputies to think and work as a team to complete the task."

Calvert County Animal Control

Deputy Director of Animal Control & Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter Crystal G. Dowd presented this year's honoree Animal Control Officer Katy Rosche.

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Due to COVID-19, National Night Out will be held on October 6th in Calvert County. Sponsored locally by the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAA-SA) this is a great opportunity for residents to join together to promote the best of their neighborhoods.

While community participation is low this year due to the pandemic, there are 9 communities participating on October 6th. The communities will hold small events adhering to all COVID-19 protocols in place on that date.

The participating communities include Carroll Western UM Church, Huntingtown Citizens' Association, The Meadows, Oakland Hall, Prince Frederick Crossing, Prince Frederick Village Apt., Senior Apts., and Calverttowne, and Queensberry.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

CAASA extends its appreciation to SMECO for their financial support of National Night Out. If you need additional information, call the CAASA Office at 410-535-3733. A detailed list of participating communities including times and locations is located on our website at <http://www.co.cal.md.us/186/Events>.

Press Release from CAASA.

Complete Count Chair Named Census Champion

The Chair of the Calvert County Complete Count Committee Dr. Sudha Haley has been named one of the state's latest "Census Champions."

A Maryland Census Champion is a person or group that has gone above and beyond in spreading the Census message in their community. Census Champions have devised innovative ways to get their community engaged in completing the 2020 Census. The individual or group being nominated could be a member of a local complete count committee, a faith leader, a business leader/owner, or even someone in the community making a difference. Recipients of the Census Champion will be highlighted in a newsletter, on social media, and on the Maryland 2020 Census Champions web page.

According to the press release announcing her selection: "Dr. Sudha Haley exhibits all of the characteristics of a true leader —organization, encouragement, optimism, integrity, confidence, and honesty. Dr. Haley showed all of these when the Calvert County Complete Count Committee faced the challenges that COVID-19 posed in attain-

ing its goal of 90 percent participation in the 2020 Census. She attended numerous meetings outside of the actual committee setting and assisted in organizing the hugely successful AARP Maryland Statewide 2020 Census Forum.

"Her commitment to empowering a diverse community and to achieving social justice is unparalleled. Dr. Haley's experience in numerous employment roles and personal situations was a blessing to the members of the committee."

Press Release from MD Department of State Planning.

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Area Libraries Celebrate One Maryland One Book Program

One Maryland One Book, Maryland's statewide reading project, is underway throughout Southern Maryland now through October. The initiative is designed to encourage everyone in the state to read and then discuss one book chosen by the educational nonprofit Maryland Humanities.

This year's selection, "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See, dovetails with Gov. Larry Hogan's designation of 2020 as The Year of the Woman in Maryland. The goal of One Maryland One Book is to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book and participating in book-centered discussions and other related programs.

"The Island of Sea Women" chronicles the lives and friendship between Young-sook and Mi-ja, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju. They become the closest of friends yet their differences are impossible to ignore: Young-sook was born into a long line of haenyeo and will inherit her mother's position of leading the divers; whereas Mi-ja is the daughter of a Japanese collaborator and will forever carry that mark. From the Japanese occupation of the 1930s and 1940s, World War II, to the Korean War, events will push their seemingly unbreakable bond to its breaking point.

This beautifully written and thoughtful novel shines a light on the remarkable haenyeo culture and two women who are a part of it. Readers won't soon forget the journey of Young-sook and Mi-ja's friendship.

As part of the One Maryland One Book program, author Lisa See will speak during a regional Southern Maryland virtual public event Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, though registration is required by visiting online.

The program is presented by Calvert Library in partnership with Charles County Public Library, St. Mary's County Library, Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Inc., Calvert County Commission for Women, Community Mediation Center of Calvert County, Friends of Calvert Library and Calvert County Public Schools.

See is the author of the New York Times bestsellers "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane," "Peony in Love," "Shanghai Girls," "Dreams of Joy" and "China Dolls," books that have brilliantly illuminated the strong bonds between women. These books have been celebrated for their authentic, deeply researched, lyrical stories about Chi-



Lisa See

nese characters and cultures.

Born in Paris and raised in Los Angeles, See was also the Publishers Weekly West Coast correspondent for 13 years. As a freelance journalist, her articles have appeared in Vogue, Self and More, as well as in numerous book reviews around the country.

Copies of "The Island of Sea Women" are available at any public library in Southern Maryland. The book can also be downloaded as a free e-book from the online catalog, COSMOS (cosmos.somd.lib.md.us).

The three Southern Maryland public library systems have developed a variety of programs around the book's themes, including multiple book discussions throughout the region. All One Maryland One Book events are free.

For more information about program opportunities, visit your local library online: Calvert Library (calvertlibrary.info); Charles County Public Library (ccplonline.org); and St. Mary's County Library (stmplib.org).

For a list of One Maryland One Book events throughout the entire state, go to the Maryland Humanities website.

Formed in 1959, SMRLA leverages economies of scale to support the three Southern Maryland library systems with efficient, coordinated services. SMRLA operates the tri-county circulation and online catalog system known as COSMOS (Collections of Southern Maryland's On-Line System); provides access to downloadable books, ebooks, online research and information resources, and other free electronic services; runs the region's interlibrary loan system for books and materials; and organizes in-service training for library staff. For more information about the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, visit smrla.org.

Press Release from Southern Maryland Regional Library Association.

Calvert Teacher of the Year Finalist for State Award

Teacher of the Year for Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Caitlin Fregelette is one of seven finalists for the title of Maryland Teacher of the Year. As a teacher of physical education and health at Calvert High School, Ms. Fregelette's platform focuses on the physical and mental wellbeing of students.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, "Ms. Fregelette truly deserves to be recognized as a finalist for Maryland Teacher of the Year. If she is selected as the winner, her advocacy for health education will benefit students across the state, just as it has here in Calvert County."

Fregelette is a 2008 SUNY Cortland graduate with a BS in Physical Education and MS in Health. Caitlin is an executive board member for SHAPE Maryland and collaborates on MSDE committees designing curriculum and professional development opportunities. She is a School Health Council member, system wellness coordinator, and Opioid Addiction Prevention Grant coordinator. Caitlin sponsors Calvert High clubs highlighting mental health, stress, and trauma and teaches community fitness classes, reconnecting with former students while forging parent and community relationships. She has received numerous community agency awards for enhancing community health.

A panel of judges from key educational organizations that represent principals, teachers, school boards, parents, and institutions of higher education selected the finalists from teachers representing each of Maryland's 24 local school systems. The seven finalists were chosen based on a rigorous set of state and national criteria including: teaching philosophy and results, community involvement, knowledge of general education issues, and desire for professional and instructional improvement.

"Maryland's teachers show unwavering dedication in their work to educate, encourage, and inspire our young people," said Governor Larry Hogan. "I congratulate these seven educators on their nominations and thank them for their extraordinary work in the classroom and in our communities."



Caitlin Fregelette

"These outstanding educators are a true inspiration to their colleagues and students," said Dr. Salmon. "Our seven finalists exemplify excellence in education here in Maryland and have made a true impact in the support they provide to our communities in and out of the classroom."

The 2020-2021 Maryland Teacher of the Year will be announced on Maryland Public Television on October 8, 2020 in a 30-minute special program airing at 8:00 p.m. on MPT2 and in a livestream on MPT's YouTube.com channel MarylandPublicTV. The winner will receive cash awards, technology equipment, national travel opportunities, and a new car valued at more than \$25,000, donated by the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association.

The selected Maryland Teacher of the Year will go on to compete for the esteemed National Teacher of the Year Award and spend the coming year as an educational speaker and advisor.

Presenting sponsors of the Maryland Teacher of the Year Program are Comcast, the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association, McDonald's Family of Maryland, SMART Technologies, and Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems. Platinum sponsors include BGE, Maryland Public Television, NTA Life, and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.

Press Release from CCPS.



The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Michele Chelednik and her 12 inch white perch.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Cool, windy weather made fishing a little dicey over the weekend. Those able to get out found good perch, rockfish and red drum fishing.

The perch are in the creeks and rivers in abundance for both bottom fishermen and lure casters.

Spot are still taking bait on the oyster bars and edges in the Patuxent and Potomac. They are steadily getting bigger and we have warming temperatures by mid week, giving us all a chance to catch a mess for dinner before they begin to migrate out of the bay on the fall migration to the Atlantic.

Rockfish are now schooling up and breaking into bait fish in the rivers and in the bay. There were breaking fish in the Potomac at Piney Point this week near the bridge at St. George Island. There are breakers in the mouth of the Patuxent from the line marker

at Hog Point to Cedar Point. About a third of these stripers are lengthy enough to keep. Trollers are doing well with tandems and small umbrella rigs.

The cobia were active on the middle ground below the Target Ship in 18 feet of water last week through Wednesday before the cool wind drove the boats off the bay. The same goes for the spanish mackerel. As conditions return to normal this week, we hope that these tropical fish are still here and eager to bite.

Puppy drum are still in shallows taking bait and lures. Reports of keepers in the slot between 18 and 27 inches are becoming more common. Remember, you can keep only one per day in the slot.

Crappie will be active in the fresh water, especially at St. Mary's Lake, on the cooling temperatures. They love live minnows.

Troutman Two for Two in Potomac Late Models

Quade Pads Point Lead with Limited Score

Hyndman Pa.'s Drake Troutman made his second start of the season and would collect his second consecutive feature win with his victory in last Friday nights 35-lap Late Model feature at Potomac Speedway. The win for Troutman, at the controls of his Rocket no.7, would be the second of his career at the track and was worth \$2500.

In a mirror image to his May victory, Troutman drew the pole for the feature, and would pace all 35 circuits over eventual runner-up Jason Covert. "We've been in kind of a slump lately and this is a big win for our team." Troutman said in victory lane. "We went with a softer tire for the feature and it was starting to give up there toward the end." Troutman stated after a lap 29 caution. "I was able to cool the tires down enough so they would last to the end." Kenny Moreland, Kyle Hardy and Dale Hollidge would trail at the finish.

Defending track champion and current point leader Derick Quade romped to his 4th win of the season in the 20-lap Limited Late Model main. Lining up 7th for the start, Quade snared the lead from Sam Archer on the 5th lap and would eventually lead the distance to post his 23rd career division win aboard his Black Diamond no.74. "We were lucky enough to avoid the wrecks." Quade stated post race. "The track was a little rough tonight, but thanks to the team for another great car." Brandon Long, Kurt Zimmerman, Sam Archer and Billy Tucker would complete the top-five.

In support class action, red-hot PJ Hatcher notched his 5th consecutive and career 13th feature win in the 16-lap Street Stock feature, Mikey Latham took his second in a row and 4th of the season in the 15-lap Hobby Stock feature, Dale Simpson drove an inspired race to score his first career Potomac

feature win in the 15-lap Strictly Stock contest with Dominic King posting his 3rd of the season in the 15-lap U-Car main.

Late Model feature finish (14)

Drake Troutman, Jason Covert, Kenny Moreland, Kyle Hardy, Dale Hollidge, Willie Milliken, Andy Anderson, Deshawn Gingerich, David Dill, Brent Bordeaux, Steven Axtell Jr., Tyler Emory, Justin Weaver DNS- Jason Miller

Limited Late Model feature finish (15)

Derick Quade, Brandon Long, Kurt Zimmerman, Sam Archer, Billy Tucker, Danny Garrett, Todd Plummer, Wayne Bryant, Tyler Emory, Jonny Oliver, Willie Milliken, Jonathan Raley, Kyle Lear, Scott Wilson DNS- Corey Higgs

Street Stock feature finish (6)

PJ Hatcher, Deuce Wright, Bobby Miexsall, Ben Pirner, Dalton Tankersley, Hank Stonestreet

Hobby Stock feature finish (17)

Mikey Latham, Wyatt Hanson, Dave Adams, Buddy Dunagan, Erik Hanson, Troy Kassiris, JT Bowie, Stevie Gingery, Matt Randall, Brittany Fowler, Colin Long, Hilton Pickeral, Austin Lathroum, Blake Jacobs, Charlie O'reilly DNS- Charles Headly DQ- Mason Hanson

Strictly Stock feature finish (13)

Dale Simpson, Nabil Guffey, Greg Mattingly, John Hardesty, James Stone Jr., Daniel Knodle, Stephen Suite, Cody Stamp, Bob Todd, Casey Sheckles, Travis Dye DNS- Justin Hatcher, Johnny Hardesty

U-Car feature finish (11)

Dominic King, Justin Knight, Ryan Quade, Mackenzie Smith, Joe Beard, Kristy Whitehouse, Seth Hood, Faith Lacey, Owen Lacey, Joey Suite DQ- Allen Griffith

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway

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Letters TO THE Editor

Prince Frederick Recreation and Community Center Back on Track!

To the Editor:

Three cheers for the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners for, last month, bringing the dream of a *permanent* recreation and community center in Prince Frederick one step closer to reality. By a unanimous vote, they agreed to start work now, develop a master plan next year, and fund construction in 2023. Before this welcome reversal, the county had put off progress on the center until at least 2026.

This new *permanent* Harriet Elizabeth Brown Recreation and Community Center would replace the makeshift *interim* center, opened in 2016 in the old SMECO building on Dares Beach Road. It will be built on 27 acres on Fairground Road, conveniently across from Calvert High School and next to the Park and Ride lot.

This new center in the geographic middle of the county will be a boon to citizens countywide. It will provide “heart” to a town now characterized by disjointed geography, limited recreational opportunities, few places or institutions that support a strong and cohesive community, and a high percentage of low-income families. It will be a safe and healthy place for creative activities for all ages – from hiking and picnics, to recreation, sports, classes, meetings, community gatherings, and maybe even a farmers’ market.

Like its sister centers across Calvert County (from Chesapeake Beach’s Northeast Community Center to the Southern Community Center in Lusby), the new *permanent* Center in Prince Frederick will be a *community* center, not a *profit* center. It will serve county citizens, be run by the County Parks and Recreation Department, and be primarily funded by our tax dollars, supplemented as possible by outside sources.

In 2015, at the recommendation of the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Commemoration Task Force, our County Commissioners voted to name the center in honor of this Calvert County icon. Other Task Force recommendations, already implemented, were naming a stretch of Maryland Route 2 the *Harriet Elizabeth Brown Memo-*

rial Parkway and commissioning a portrait for prominent display in the Courthouse.

In 1937, Ms. Brown and her 29-year-old NAACP attorney, Thurgood Marshall, successfully challenged Calvert County schools for paying African-American teachers about half of what they paid white teachers. Calvert County did the right thing and settled the case, paving the way for salary equalization across Maryland and the nation.

Please join your fellow Calvert countians to implement the third and final Task Force recommendation – building a *permanent* recreation and community center in Prince Frederick, including a small museum devoted to the struggle for equal pay for Black teachers.

You can help by doing three things.

First, speak up! Help develop the Master Plan. What is most needed in a recreation and community center in the County seat? How can this new Center be designed to work for Calvert Countians even in the worst of pandemic times? For example: a focus on outdoor activities, architecture allowing for social distancing, cleaner ventilation/HVAC, safer rest rooms, and more.

Second, stay informed! Show up at, or tune in to, the December 1, 2020 10:00 a.m. County Commissioners’ meeting for an update on progress. Go to *Meetings on Demand* on the County website: <https://www.co.cal.md.us/1501/Meetings-On-Demand>.

Third, encourage Calvert’s County Commissioners (commiss@calvert-countymd.gov) to put their money where their mouth is – with \$500,000 for planning and development in next year’s budget, followed by construction money in 2023!

The need is great and the time is right. A vibrant and *permanent* recreation and community center will bring new life to Prince Frederick with activities that serve citizens countywide.

Margaret Dunkle,
Chair, Harriet Elizabeth Brown Commemoration Task Force
Port Republic, MD

No Fair; No Smoking

To the Editor:

This year, for the first time in 134 years, Calvert County will not have a fair. Every year the Fair Board has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the fair a huge success. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

During Youth Day at the Fair, Calvert County Health Department would have a booth to promote healthful lifestyles and health screenings. Those of you who visited the booth last year may remember throwing cigarette butts and Juuls into the toilet bowl-- All in good fun to teach youth they don’t need these products to be popular and cool!

We may not have a fair this year, but our citizens still made jams, grew vegetables and raised animals that are amazing.

Calvert County Health Department still has healthful messages to deliver to help inform and educate people. One of

the best ways to improve your health is to quit smoking. Not only does it harm your health, empty your bank account, and socially isolate you; with the Coronavirus in our community, it can also impact your life!

For upcoming Quit Tobacco Classes, please call Calvert County Health Department at 410-535-5400 ext. 359 or visit www.CalvertHealth.org for information or to register for classes.

Thank you to the Calvert County Fair Board for creating a smoke free environment on youth day and reducing litter! You are a great asset to the community. Thank you for making the hard decision this year, but we look forward to seeing you and participating next year.

Jane E. Dodds, BSN, RN
Community Health Nurse
Calvert County Health Department

In Remembrance

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

Ricardo Miguel Campero



Ricardo Miguel Campero, 91, of Knoxville, Iowa, passed away on September 11, 2020, in Maryland. He was born September 29, 1928, in Potosi, Bolivia, and was the son of

the late Juan Campero and Antonia (Romero) Campero. His family later moved to La Paz, Bolivia, where he grew up. As a young adult, in 1957, Ricardo immigrated to America to follow his sweetheart from Bolivia, Nelly Richards, who had previously come to America to study nursing. They married on January 25, 1958, and lived and worked in New Jersey and New York City. He was very proud of his United States citizenship. Shortly after their children were born, they decided to move to Knoxville, Iowa, to raise their family in a quieter, small town setting. Ricardo was an Accountant, working many years for Des Moines Steel Company, Contel Telephone and finished his career at the 3M company in Knoxville, Iowa.

In retirement, Ricardo and Nelly spent their time working as Walmart greeters, volunteering at Head Start children's program, and spending time in Maryland with his beloved grandchildren. Ricardo loved drawing, painting, playing games, dancing, enjoying music and learning to play the guitar late into his 80's. Ricardo was well known in his adopted Iowa community and was very active in Church, Kiwanis, the local library,

the local Senior Center, Knoxville High School sports team events and many fellowship groups. Ricardo was a faithful servant of Christ and was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Knoxville, Iowa and also attended the Church of Christ in Knoxville.

In late 2019, Nelly and Ricardo moved from Iowa to be with their daughter Mary and her family in Owings. They enjoyed spending time at the North Beach Senior Center and taking walks with family.

Ricardo was very proud of his Bolivian (Inca) heritage and could often be found dancing to Bolivian music at home and at social events with the love of his life, who he called "Nellycita" or "Mi Vida," which in English translates to "My Life!" Ricardo was always known as a gentleman and a gentle man. He was a one-of-a-kind personality and loved food, family, friends, and fellowship. He was the epitome of the "American Dream."

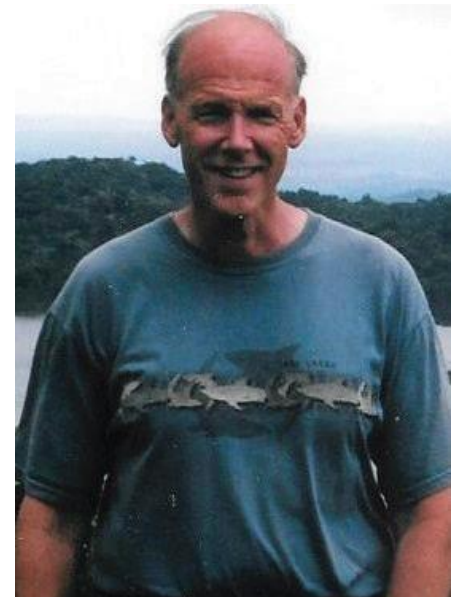
Ricardo is survived by his wife, Nelly (Richards) Campero; his son, Michael John Campero and his wife, Barbara, of Iowa City, Iowa; daughter, Mary (Campero) Berkley and her husband Bruce Berkley, of Owings, Maryland, and his 3 beloved grandchildren, Gabriela (Gabi) Berkley; Grant Berkley; and Katie Berkley also of Owings. He is also survived by his brother, Carlos Campero of La Paz, Bolivia. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Freddy, Nelly Abaroa, Jorge and Emilio Campero.

Although Ricardo will be missed by his family and many friends, his wife, Nelly, has been comforted by the outpouring of kindness to her during this difficult time. Ricardo was the pillar of our family and will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Robert Edward "Bob" Kaiser

Robert Edward "Bob" Kaiser, 73,



of Solomons, MD passed away on September 16, 2020 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born April 10, 1947 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Herman "Bill" Kaiser and Betty (Benjamin) Kaiser. Bob graduated from Northwestern High School in 1965. He enjoyed boating, fishing, and traveling, and was a fan of the Washington Redskins.

Bob is survived by his step-children, Erica Thomas and June Jones (Nick); two grandchildren; and sisters, Karen Bauersfeld (Paul) of Charleston, SC and Joan McCready (Donnie) of St. Leonard, MD. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Kaiser.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. with a Memorial Service conducted by Deacon Chad Martin to follow at 11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. Interment will be private.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.



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Community Calendar

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

Saturday, September 26

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.

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.

Wednesday, September 30

Christmas in April 2021 Applications due

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.christmasinaprilcalvertcounty.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.

Thursday, October 1

Calvert Toastmasters Zoom Meeting

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

Our club provides a supportive and positive learning experience for members to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Please email cua942nd@gmail.com for the password if you need it.

Ongoing

We Love Calvert Arts Festival \$10k benefit for Children

Online, October 1st - 10th

All Saints' Church will hold this event to raise \$10,000 for five charities that support our County's children AND promote our loyal artisans (<https://www.facebook.com/calvertartsfestival/>)! This event replaces the Calvert Arts Festival. Visit All Saints website (<https://www.all-saints1692.org/>) to donate (checks, cash, credit card, PayPal); donations are tax-deductible.

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

ArtsWorks@7th

ArtWorks@7th announces 'Local Flair' an invitational show beginning Friday, September 11 through Sunday, November 1. Works by 12 local artists are featured at the gallery with an opening outdoor reception Saturday, September 12 from 11am to 5pm. Browse the gallery's newly renovated space to see exciting new works from invited local artists. Physical distance and masks are required in the gallery at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach. Preview and 24/7 shop online at FB www.artworks@7th.com and on Instagram or by appointment at 410-286-5278.

Upcoming

Virtual Acidified Foods Workshop
Online, October 8th

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is offering a virtual FDA-certified Acidified Foods Better Process Control School training workshop in partnership with Dr. Y. Martin Lo, Process Authority and Ambassador of the International Union of Food Science & Technology. Registration Closes October 1st. <https://smadc.com/news/>

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, September 24

Teen Book Club (Online)-Marvel 1602

4:00pm-5:00pm

Teen-led book club that meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Highlight your favorite parts, think of some discussion questions or just come listen to what others think. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Friday, September 25

15th Annual Grants Training Seminar.

10:00am-1:00pm

Nonprofit Institute at the College of Southern Maryland presents: Jennifer Jones, President, CEO, and Founder of KyJour International, "Nonprofit Roadmap to Success" 15th Annual Grants Training Seminar: Nonprofit Roadmap to Success. Presenter: CEO Jones, leveraging the Jenniferism, "Your nonprofit business is a business," this Roadmap to Success will help you organize your nonprofit business for funding readiness; establish an executable development strategy; establish a framework for funding; and, understand grant prospecting, writing, and funding. Jennifer B. Jones is a sought-after, engaging speaker. She will share her knowledge, experience, wisdom, and wit in this free virtual training seminar. For more information: <https://www.csmd.edu/community/institutes/nonprofit-institute/training/>. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Monday, September 28

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>.

Wednesday, September 30

Tween/Teen Werewolf (Virtual)

6:30pm-8:00pm

Come join us for this fun social deduction game where players are given different roles and must work together to prevent the destruction of their village. Can you figure out who the werewolves are before it is too late? Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.



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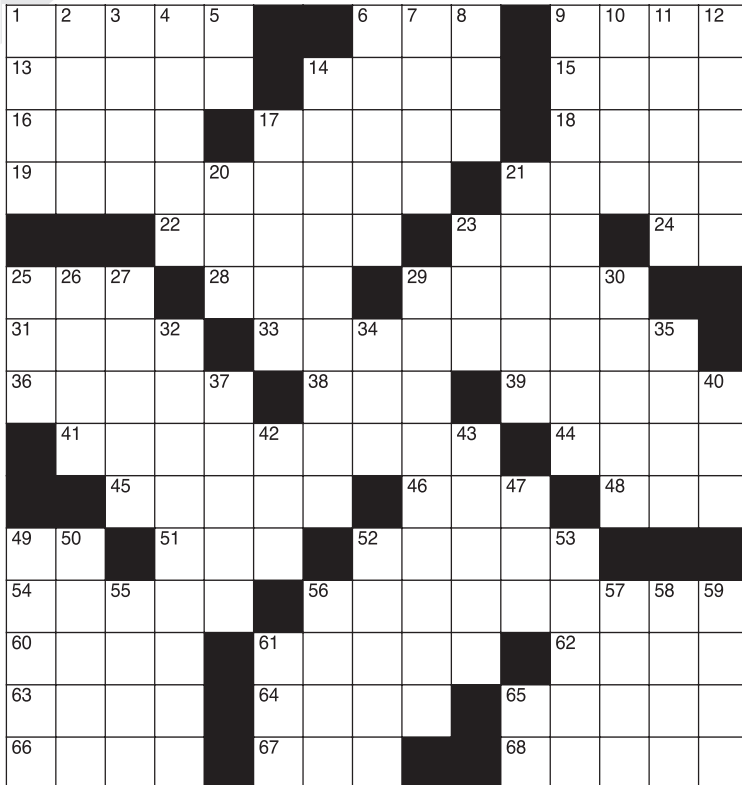
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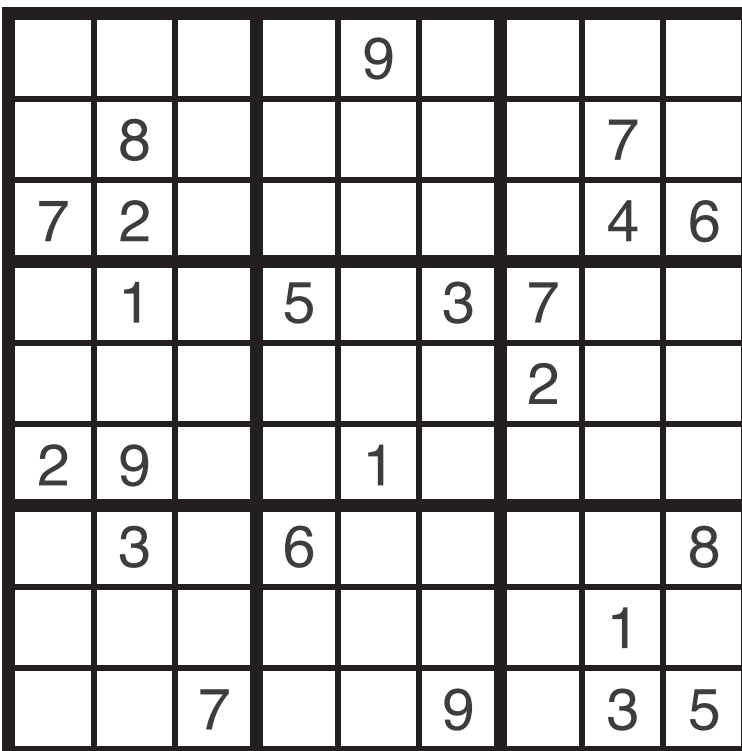
1. Emaciation
6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
13. Anatomical term
14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
15. Jewish calendar month
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Western Pacific republic
18. List of foods
19. It can strike the ground
21. Drenches
22. Some are cole
23. ___ Squad
24. Expresses emotion
25. One point east of due south
28. Satisfaction
29. Holds nothing back
31. Top of the body
33. Not well-liked
36. Did slowly
38. Greek goddess of the dawn
39. Gland secretion
41. Vital to existence
44. Aristocratic young women
45. Erik ___, composer
46. Not young
48. Jewish term for "Sir"
49. Secondary school
51. ___ student: learns to heal

52. Regarding
54. Highly excited
56. Mainly
60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
61. Cakes
62. Biomedical nonprofit
63. Dried-up
64. One who is symbolic of something
65. Body part
66. Muslim ruler
67. Women from Mayflower
68. Notes

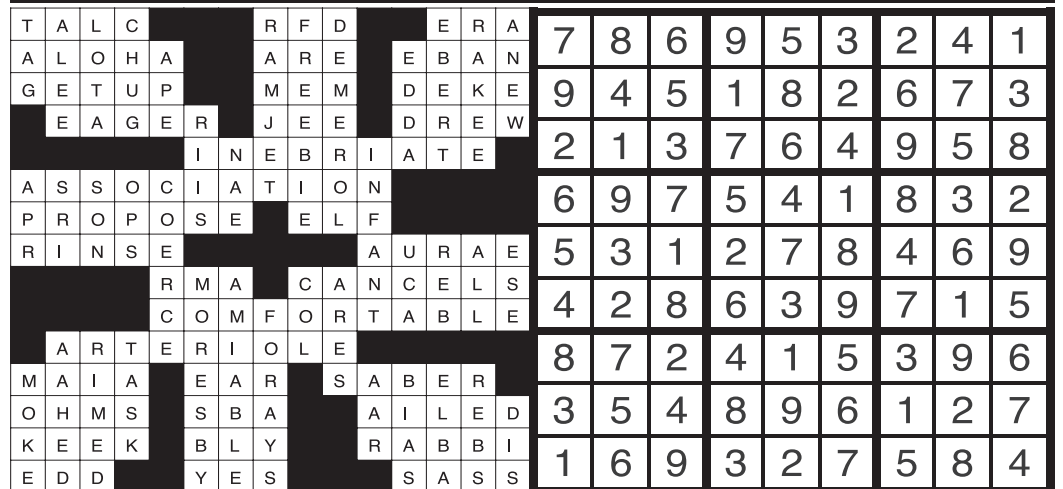
CLUES DOWN

1. Not us
2. Helper
3. Bleat
4. Type of chair
5. Jr.'s father
6. Necessary for certain beverages
7. Hillside
8. Dutch painter Gerrit ___
9. Gave a new look
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Confidence trick
12. Type of fund
14. From an Asian island
17. Malay boat
20. Western Australia indigenous people

21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
23. You need it to get somewhere
25. The woman
26. It may be green
27. Makes less severe
29. One from Beantown
30. Cavalry sword
32. Metric linear unit
34. Hawaiian dish
35. Yokel
37. Dissuade
40. Mutual savings bank
42. ___ Caesar, comedian
43. Primordial matters
47. We all have it
49. Hermann ___, author of "Siddhartha"
50. Historic MA coastal city
52. Shady garden alcove
53. Small amount
55. Horse-drawn cart
56. Nocturnal rodent
57. Spiritual leader
58. Air mattress
59. Speaks incessantly
61. Auction term
65. Atomic #62



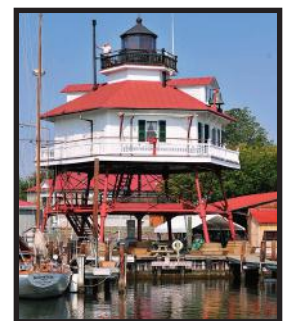
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