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Information provided by Calvert Health Department



# Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival:

## Remembering Those Who Gave All

By Dick Myers  
Editor

“Let’s remember our fallen service members, with pride this Memorial Day, and not lose sight of what they so bravely fought for,” said Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat “Irish” Mahoney.

This year’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival over the Memorial Day weekend was a mixture of live and virtual events centered on the theme: “Memorial Day, The True Meaning.”

The live event was held Saturday, May 29 at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, moved inside because of the inclement weather outside for the originally planned Veteran’s Memorial Park venue.

Guest speaker Kelly Swanson, state chapter president of Gold Star Families of Maryland, knows full well the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Swanson said she holds many titles, including Christian, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, daughter-in-law, children’s director at Bayside Baptist Church, American Legion Post 208 member and retired federal employee, “but there’s one title that I have that I truly don’t want, but I’m most honored to have. I’m a Gold Star Parent, a Gold Star Mom.”

Kelly and her husband Gary’s son U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Swanson spent much of his youth hanging out in the Twin Beaches.

Kelly Swanson asked, “What is Memorial Day? I will tell you what it’s not; it’s not about the mattress sales, the car sales or the beach. It’s a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, (it) originated after the Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War.”

Swanson said, “Chris was born on February 11th, 1981. He was always inquisitive, always headstrong, always getting into everything and anything. He loved to climb. He loves sports. He was captain of the high school soccer team. He also loved baseball and he loved helping other people, whether it was mowing the neighbor’s lawn or going on mission trips with the youth at church.

“He was always interested in the military. He has notebooks full of newspaper articles and trading cards on Desert Storm. But most of all, he loved God, country and family. Chris graduated from Southern High School in June 1999. He was offered a leadership appointment to West Point, but he chose to enlist.”

Even after being injured during his second deployment, he opted for a third. She said, “I remember the uneasiness and the fear that I felt that I had not felt before.”

She added, “I remember telling him to keep his head down but keep his eyes and his trust in God. I remember the day

my sister-in-law and I spent a wonderful day shopping and praying for the food we were eating and for the safety of Chris and his men.

“I remember the knock on the door on a rainy night, just like today and last night, that changed our lives forever. On July 22nd, 2000, our first-born son, Chris was killed by a sniper. That was the day he changed his earthly address to his heavenly address. We are so proud of Chris and what he accomplished in his 25 years.

“That is what Memorial Day is for our family. Remembering the baby, the child, the teenager, the man, the soldier, and the hero. There will be no new memories, no new pictures with him. So now we reflect, and we remember. We will never get over losing Chris, but with God’s loving grace and mercy we’re okay.

“My faith has been made so much stronger because of this tragedy. I see things so differently. There are so many things that just don’t really matter.”

She said she has bad days and some better, “but I just look for God’s blessings. There are sunrises and sunsets, birds singing, flowers blooming, a song on the radio and people who truly care.”

“As far as our family goes, we choose to continue,” she said, and one way is through the nonprofit foundation called the Staff Sergeant Christopher W. Swanson Support Charity for Veterans and Their Families, Inc. “We partner with American Legion Post 206 and award scholarships every year to deserving high school students that demonstrate the values Chris believed in -- loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.”

State Senator Michael Jackson also spoke at the in-person ceremony. He said, “There’s no greater honor than to serve. I graduated high school on June 6, 1982. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, I was going through the gates of Parris Island. I thought I was a tough guy until I went to that gate.”

Jackson reflected on a speech by President Ronald Reagan, in which he talked about “the tricks that the human psyche plays on each of us. So, when we think of our fallen heroes, we think of them as wise, seasoned men and women. Yet when we really look at who has given the ultimate sacrifice, the majority of those boys and girls ... have learned that there’s something there they’re calling that’s greater than them.”

Calvert County’s own, Maryland Veteran’s Secretary George Owings brought greetings from the governor.

Owings said they like to think of every day as Veteran’s Day, even Memorial Day. “We like to think Memorial Day is just that the tears from heaven today are not tears of sadness from our departed, but rather tears of joy. They are happy to see that we are remembering what Memorial Day in fact is all about. It is a day that we set aside specifically to remember those who gave their all.”



Kelly Swanson, state chapter president of Gold Star Families of Maryland

Representative Steny Hoyer also recorded a greeting for the virtual ceremony. He said, “Even though many of us are participating virtually again this Memorial Day, we continue to stand together in spirit. As we remember those who fell and all who served, let us pay tribute to their courage and, due to their commitment, to the values for which they risked their wellbeing and even their lives -- freedom, democracy, justice, equality, and peace.”

Swanson noted in her talk, “The Gold Star Families would like you to remem-

ber two things. Please don’t say Happy Memorial Day. It’s not a happy Memorial Day to us. And to remember our loved ones. Say their names out loud. There’s a saying that goes, ‘A soldier only dies if they are forgotten.’ So, remember to please say their names.”

She concluded, “As we celebrate Memorial Day this year, let’s celebrate life. That’s what these fine military men and women from every war died for, for us to live in freedom. I know that’s what Chris would want us to do. Celebrate life!”

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# Plan Presented to Implement Police Reform

## Would Create Two Local Boards

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Commissioner Tim Hutchins' proposal for creating two local boards in response to the state's police reform legislation (May 13 issue), was presented to the public and the other county commissioners at their May 25 meeting. No decisions were reached. But several of the commissioners were insistent the idea needed more public vetting.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, "I want to hear from the public about the makeup of the boards." He said they appeared to be weighted in favor of the police, although Hutchins said one of the boards only had four of nine members with police backgrounds.

Commissioner Steve Weems said, "We are going to need everyone to buy into this."

Hutchins plan is in reaction to the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 which requires each county to set up a Police Accountability Boa (CCPAB) and an Administrative Charging Committee (CCACC).

The CCPAC will be more of an advisory board, while the CCACC actually hears complaints against police officers. The CCACC will issue written opinions and forward them to "the chief of the law enforcement agency, the police officer and the complainant."

Hutchins notes that the new law supplants what has worked well, he believes, for 40 years, including elimination of the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights. He feels the two boards need experience in law enforcement to carry out their duties.

Commissioner Mike Hart observed, "This is not fake. This board (the CCACC) has teeth."

Hutchins proposes a nine-member CCPAB whose chairman shall have:

- Executive or Command Level experience in law enforcement for a career spanning at least 20- years, having retired in good standing.

- A degree from an accredited college or university, preferably with a major in pre-law, police administration, or criminal justice; and

- Completed the FBI National Academy, or the FBI National Executive Institute.

Additionally, three members shall have:

- Command or supervisory experience in law enforcement, having retired in good standing.

- A degree from an accredited college or university, preferably with a major in pre-law, police administration, or criminal justice; and

- At least one of these three shall have experience as a member or representative of a minority organization within a law enforcement agency.

Preference among applicants will go to



Commissioner Tim Hutchins

those having completed the FBI National Academy, or the FBI National Executive Institute.

In addition to the minority representation in the retired law enforcement positions, three members shall represent each of the minority populations within Calvert County: African American, Afro-Caribbean, or Afro-Latino descent; Latin American; and Far East, Southeast Asia, Pacific Island, or the Indian subcontinent decent.

The remaining two members, he proposes, should be:

- One member shall be a practitioner in the field of mental health: and

- One member shall be from the Clergy and preferably who has served as military or public service Chaplain.

Hutchins proposes a five-person

CCACC:

- The Chairperson of the CCPAB, or a member of the CCPAB designated by the Chairperson of the CCPAB, shall serve as the Chairperson of the CCACC.

- The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County shall appoint two citizens as members of the CCACC.

- The CCPAB shall appoint two civilians to the CCAC by majority vote.

Hance wondered if there were enough people in the county with the requisite qualifications. Hutchins told The County Times he personally knows enough to fill the slots.

Even though the law doesn't become effective until July 1, 2022, Hutchins insists that the work of the two bodies is detailed, specialized and complicated and would require training, thus necessitating that they be appointed quickly. He feels it would take a year for the appointments to be made and the training to occur.

Hutchins said the commissioners had to follow their normal procedures, including the public hearing. But he said the decision was ultimately theirs. "You have to lead in life," he said.

County Administrator Mark Willis was assigned the task of getting everything in order so the commissioners can proceed with getting public input on the proposal.

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# Land Preservation Bank Idea Advances

*Public Hearing Will be Scheduled*



By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is moving ahead with attempts to bolster the county's landmark Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. The commissioners agreed to establish a TDR Bank as a first step, but a public hearing will be required to implement the funding mechanism for it.

Under the existing program, landowners agree to put their property into the program in exchange for agreeing not to develop it. Then builders, hoping to increase the density of a proposed development, seek out the landowners and purchase development rights from them. That permanently takes the farmland out of development potential and allows development to occur where it is intended, most notably in the town centers.

The county has also set up a Purchase and Retire (PAR) program in which they pay farmers to retire the development rights of their properties. That program has a limited amount of funding available, and yearly the county establishes a price for purchase.

The problem with the TDR program in recent years has been a shortage of buyers, while landowners are getting discouraged at the inability to sell their development rights and get cash in their pockets.

A zoning text amendment was proposed in 2020 that would have changed the TDR sliding scale in the Prince Frederick, Lusby and Solomons town centers to make the TDR requirements more equitable among housing types, according to a presentation to the BOCC by Zoning Planner Rachel O'Shea. The BOCC rejected that idea and instead created a TDR committee to review the program.

The committee made recom-

mendations on March 18 and the BOCC decided at their May 25 meeting to move ahead with one of the recommendations, creation of a land bank.

Under the plan the County would become the broker, buying development rights from landowners, holding those rights and selling them to developers when they need them. It would be a revolving fund, replenishing itself.

The question at the March meeting was how to pay for the start-up fund, and several alternatives were suggested by the committee.

The BOCC latched onto the plan that would use a portion of the recordation tax to be dedicated to the TDR Bank program.

The county recently increased the recordation tax, paid at settlement of property transfers, from \$3.30 to \$5 for every \$500 collected. The original intent of that increase was to put the additional monies into land preservation, but so far, the monies have been diverted to the general fund. Based on 2020 recordation tax collections, almost \$3 million would have been available for the TDR program.

The proposal that evolved out of the May 25 meeting was to use \$1.5 million that is currently budgeted for the PAR program as seed money for the TDR Bank. And then, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, make the extra recordation tax revenue available for the new program.

The commissioners agreed to take that proposal to public hearing before finalizing the plan. In the meantime, the TDR committee is working on other suggestions to pump up the program and Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook said they would be soon ready to present to the BOCC.

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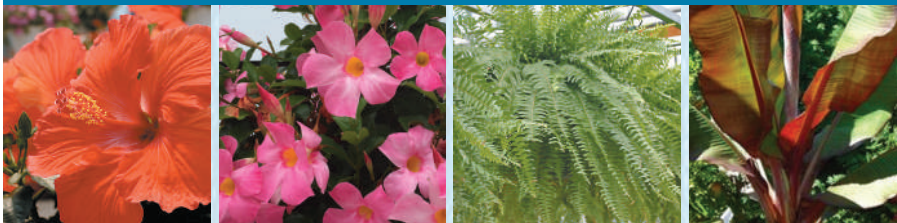
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# Big Conversation Continues on Healthcare Trust

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The second of a trio of Big Conversation virtual sessions on “Building Trust in Our Health Care System” was held May 23.

The session featured a follow up presentation by Steven Ragsdale, an associate faculty member of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In the first session he gave an historical perspective on the treatment of black people from slavery to modern times, including the health care professions.

In the second session, he said, “For nearly three centuries in the west, we have evolved a race-based mythology that people of color, particularly African Americans, who are less than human, while introducing concepts of Darwinism, eugenics and apology across Western society, while also supporting policy that economically disenfranchised said people.”

“Medicine and science,” Ragsdale said, “provides an excellent backdrop for supporting governmental policies that further inculcate healthcare inequities.”

He said doctors and research scientists and hospitals were complicit in “systematic discrimination of a variety of groups, largely African-Americans.”

Only two percent of American physicians are black men, Ragsdale reported.

Healthcare laws are state-oriented instead of federally driven in this country, he said, and “you cannot make healthcare law without having physicians at the table. Physicians have always perpetuated theories of super humanization and mental deficiency somewhat in this way.”

Ragsdale noted, “I think what’s clear is for time immemorial, unconscious bias in America has told us that anything related to African-Americans was unsafe.”

Of implicit bias in healthcare,



he said, “It literally can happen anywhere from the time you’re on the phone call making the appointment, at the parking lot, all throughout care, all the way until you’re discharged, or the end of your outpatient visit.”

He said, “If I had a nickel for every one of my friends who worked in healthcare, who was a professional, who was asked if they worked for the servant class, if they were a housekeeper, or if they delivered packages, I’d be very, very, very wealthy.”

During a question-and-answer session, he was asked about vaccination hesitancy. He said some people he knows “were not going to get the vaccine until I said it was okay. And I’m not a doctor. I don’t play one on television. But they say that if you say it’s okay, then it’s okay.” He added, “It’s the guy who walks up to me. It’s the dude in your neighborhood, the guy that you play basketball with, he makes sense to you.”

“You don’t listen to anybody like you listen to one of your friends or watch one of your loved ones,” Ragsdale concluded.

The final Big Conversation in the series will be Sunday, June 13, 3-5 p.m. The topic: “How we can reimagine future healthcare for Southern Maryland. How we can implement it.”

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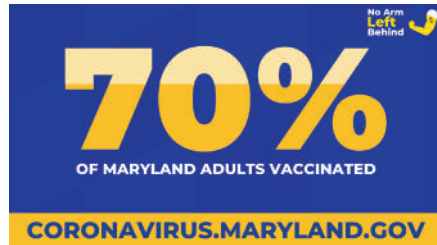
# Maryland Reaches 70 Percent Vaccination Milestone

Governor Larry Hogan on Memorial Day announced that the State of Maryland has achieved its goal of vaccinating 70 percent of adults by that day:

“This is a big deal. President Biden set a goal of getting 70 percent of adults in the country vaccinated by the Fourth of July. Here in Maryland, we said we wanted to get 70 percent of adults vaccinated by Memorial Day, and that’s exactly what we have done. It was an ambitious goal, but once again, our healthcare heroes have risen to the occasion, as have the millions of Marylanders stepping up to get the vaccine.

“Our health and economic recovery continue to outpace the nation. Of course, our work is not yet done, and with a summer of mobile clinics ahead, we will continue to do all we can to make sure no arm is left behind. If you still need to get vaccinated, we encourage you to visit any of our thousands of distribution points across the state.”

To date, Maryland has reported



6,134,762 COVID-19 vaccinations. The state has vaccinated more than 88% of seniors, and more than 70% of adults. All of the state’s key health metrics have declined dramatically since mid-April:

- The statewide positivity rate is a record-low 1.47 percent, down 75 percent.
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*Press Release from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan.*

# Two Die in Route 4 Crash in Lothian

A Chesapeake Beach woman and a Lothian man were killed in a two-vehicle crash early Thursday morning.

On May 27 at approximately 12:50 a.m. officers responded to the area of Southern Maryland Boulevard (MD Route 4) at the intersection with Lower Pindell Road in Lothian for a multiple vehicle collision involving fatal injuries.

A Dodge Charger was traveling southbound on MD Route 4 approaching the intersection. A Chevrolet Equinox was attempting to cross over MD Route 4 onto Lower Pindell Road and was struck by the Dodge Charger.

The operator of the Charger, Austin Kirk Smith, 25, of College Park, was treated by Anne Arun-

del County Fire Department paramedics and then flown to an area hospital with serious injuries.

The operator and passenger of the Equinox suffered fatal injuries and were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The operator was identified as Leah Mae Foster, 23, of 28th Street in Chesapeake Beach.

The passenger was identified as Nicholas Raymond Harris, 21, of Lyons Den Drive in Lothian.

Preliminarily, the primary cause of the collision is the operator of the Equinox failed to yield the right of way. The collision is currently under investigation by the Traffic Safety Section.

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During the week of May 17 – May 23, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,473 calls for service throughout the community.

**Damaged Property: 21-26409**

On May 18, 2021, DFC Holt responded to the 8900 block of Dayton Ave in North Beach, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainants advised on May 17 sometime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., unknown suspects damaged a wooden deck railing. The estimated value of damaged property is \$40.00.

**Theft: 21-26333**

On May 18, 2021, Deputy Contic met with a complainant in regards to a theft. The complainant advised she parked her vehicle at the Safeway located at 80 W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, MD around 4 p.m. on May 17. Upon returning to her vehicle at approximately 9 p.m., she observed her passenger door was open and upon further review, observed she was missing \$27 in U.S. currency, a phone charger, and prescription medication. The estimated value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

**Burglary: 21-26573**

On May 19, 2021, DFC Rzepkoski responded to the All Saints Episcopal Church located at 100 Lower Marlboro Road in Sunderland, MD for report of a burglary. The complainant advised the maintenance staff was cleaning the office building and discovered a half drunk bottle of Sunny Delight, two opened soup cans, and an empty juice box on the main floor which was deemed suspicious. As staff continued cleaning, they discovered a damaged window with broken panes of glass and a pitchfork nearby on the lower level. It does not appear anything else was tampered with or missing. The estimated value of damaged property is \$500.00. Anyone with information in regards to this incident, is asked to contact Det. Yates at Edward.Yates@calvertcountymd.gov.

**Burglary: 21-26994**

On May 21, 2021, Deputy Bowlan responded to the Ledo Pizza located at 8416 Bayside Road in Chesapeake

Beach, MD for report of a burglary. The complainant sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 5:15 a.m., unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain entry to the business resulting in extensive damage to the front door. The estimated value of damaged property is \$650.00.

**Theft: 21-26276**

On May 17, 2021, DFC Freeland met with a complainant in Lusby, MD for a reported theft. The complainant advised she returned home from Driftwood Beach in the Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Lusby, MD and discovered her backpack had been stolen. The backpack was last seen on a picnic table while the complainant was on the beach. The backpack is described as black with colored hearts. Inside the backpack was a black and red Cool Pad Boost Mobile cell phone and a U.S. assistance card. The value of stolen property is \$170.00.

**ARRESTS**

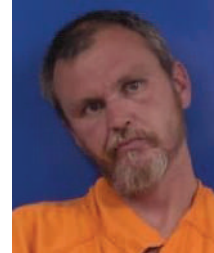
On May 18, 2021, DFC Freeland responded to the 1200 block of Pinecrest Court in Lusby, MD for a reported fight in progress. Upon arrival, two males were found arguing with each other outside of the residence. Deputies on scene detected a strong odor of an alcohol beverage emitting from their breaths. Both parties were separated and transported to their residences to avoid further conflict. Approximately 30 minutes later, units were dispatched back to Pinecrest Court as **Tyree Jamal Johnson**, 25 of Lusby, MD had returned to the scene and both males were actively fighting. Johnson was screaming profanities and demanding police units fight him. Johnson was arrested and transported to



Tyree Jamal Johnson

the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On May 18, 2021, Deputy Bowlan responded to the area of Boyd's Turn Road and 5th Street in Owings, MD to check the welfare of an individual who was attempting to hitch a ride and nearly struck by a vehicle. Deputy Bowlan located a male identified as **David Lance Joseph**, 41 of no fixed address, walking along 5th Street. Joseph was advised the reason for the stop and during that time became belligerent and failed to comply with commands. Joseph was asked for identification for which he refused to show and remained belligerent while providing false information to the deputy. Joseph was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Obstructing/Hindering and Failure to Obey a Reasonable and Lawful Order.



David Lance Joseph

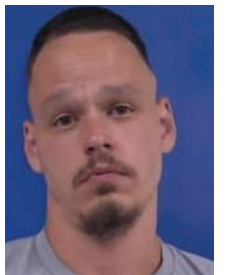
On May 17, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker was alerted to check the welfare of an individual sitting on the front steps of the Sheriff's Office located at 30 Church St. in Prince Frederick, MD. Contact was made with **Michael Stephen Kubisiak**, 29 of Lusby, MD, during which time he became verbally aggressive. Kubisiak continued to make racial slurs to officers. As Kubisiak fled the area, he threw a liquid towards Deputy Shoemaker



Michael Stephen Kubisiak

and onto the deputy's marked patrol car. Kubisiak was apprehended and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Second-Degree Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Disorderly Conduct and Malicious Destruction of Property- Less than \$1,000.

On May 17, 2021, patrol deputies responded to the Shell Gas Station located at 11550 H.G. Trueman Road in Lusby, MD for the report of an armed robbery. Investigation revealed a male suspect entered the establishment brandishing a large kitchen knife and demanded money from the cashier. The victim did not comply; the suspect stole packs of cigarettes instead before fleeing the area on foot. A canvas of the area was conducted by K-9 Reaper and partner DFC Callison who were able to locate clothing articles belonging to the suspect and the knife used in the robbery in a wooded area nearby. Deputy Anderson observed and detained a male matching the description of the robbery suspect exiting a property across from the Shell. The suspect was identified as **Anthony Allen Cantrell**, 27 of Lusby, MD. Cantrell was apprehended and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he charged with Armed Robbery, 1st Degree Assault, 2nd Degree Assault, and Theft less than \$100.

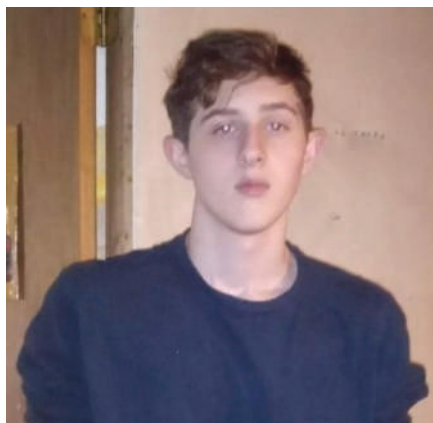


Anthony Allen Cantrell

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

## Police Seek Missing Juvenile

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in locating a critical missing juvenile Donovan David Thorney, aka of Justin Beckett. Thorney is described as a 14-year-old white male, approximately 6' 1" tall, weighing 105 pounds with green hair, last seen in the Owings. If you have any information in the whereabouts of Thorney, please contact the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800



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# WOW Honors Late Senator Mike Miller

Calvert County's Women of the World (WOW) annual awards event honored long-time State Senator Mike Miller at its virtual ceremony on April 17. The following tribute was given by Margaret Dunkle, former Chair of the Calvert County Commission for Women and also a member of the 2021 WOW Planning Committee:

"We pay special tribute today to a good friend of Calvert County and a good friend to Calvert County women and girls – former State Senator Mike Miller.

"Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., of Chesapeake Beach, passed away at age 78 earlier this year. He leaves a rich legacy of legislative accomplishments, friends, family, and colleagues in Calvert County and throughout Southern Maryland – and also across the state and the nation.

"Mike Miller was the longest serving state Senate President in the United States, not just in Maryland. 33 years! His seat is now held by another Mike – Senator Michael Jackson.

"Senator Miller represented Cal-

vert County in the Maryland Senate for almost 50 years. So, if you thought he had been our state Senator forever, well, you're pretty much right!

"Everyone has a Mike Miller story:

"An avid historian who was a regular at the History Fair.

"A booster of teachers and education, who believed in putting his money where his mouth was.

"Someone who loved the Bay and the Patuxent, championed legislation to clean up the Bay, and waded in annually with Bernie Fowler.

"A leader with enormous energy, political smarts, and a voice of authority who somehow also found time to hear *your* story.

"Over the 18 years of the WOW event, Senator Miller was here in person many, many times to celebrate our honorees.

"As a student of history, he would appreciate how opportunities for women and girls have increased from when he began his career. When he earned his law degree in 1967, it was perfectly legal for law schools to refuse to admit fully qualified women



– and most did just that. Now, of course, that is illegal under Title IX.

"Senator Miller championed the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Commemoration Task Force and implementing its three recommendations – including the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center & Park in Prince Frederick. Ms. Brown was a local hero who successfully challenged

unequal pay for African-American teachers in 1937, with a young NAACP attorney, Thurgood Marshall, at her side.

"We deeply appreciate Senator Miller's many contributions. He was a giant. He leaves an incredible legacy. And we will miss him."

*Submitted story.*

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# Parks & Recreation Announces Summer Pool Hours

*For Cove Point and King's Landing Parks*

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation will open Cove Point Park and King's Landing pools for the season beginning Saturday, May 29. Pools are open at 100 percent capacity and preregistration is not required for open swim. Masks are also no longer required per Gov. Larry Hogan's action to ease COVID-19 mitigation measures.

Cove Point Park pool hours are Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. King's Landing pool hours are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. Both pools will be open Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021, and will begin summer hours Friday, June 11.



Beginning June 11, Cove Point Park pool hours are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. King's Landing pool hours are Monday through Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Normal summer hours run from June 11 to Sept. 6.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

# Dunkirk District Park Playground to be Replaced

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation advises citizens that a new playground is to be built at Dunkirk District Park. The new playground will feature the theme "Chesapeake Bay: Above and Below Water" and pay homage to a few recognizable Calvert Marine Museum attractions, including the Drum Point Lighthouse and William B. Tennison. The existing playground is to be demolished beginning June 28.

Demolition and reconstruction of the playground will take approximately five to six weeks, weather permitting. The playground will be

closed for the duration and will re-open after construction is complete.

Along with the playground reconstruction, a new tennis and pickleball complex, as well as a splash pad, are in design for future construction at Dunkirk District Park.

Dunkirk District Park is located at 10750 Southern Maryland Blvd. in Dunkirk. Updates on Dunkirk District Park and other ongoing park projects can be found at <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/2803/Ongoing-Park-Projects>.

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# The 40-Mile Hike: Remember

*Editor's Note: On June 2, 2006, a team of six hiked the length of Calvert County in a single day. The distance walked was roughly 40 miles. The 15th anniversary of this hike is approaching, and to commemorate it, David John Barrett has written the following description of their experiences:*

The Louis L. Goldstein Memorial Highway is part of a roadway that begins at the White House and ends in southern Maryland. Its run through the length of Calvert County is just short of 40 miles. In the upper part of the county, the highway passes through a mix of countryside and suburbia with large open areas dotted with town centers, churches, homes, and businesses. Below Prince Frederick, the county seat, the landscape changes over to long stretches of woods that give way in the Solomons to an open area before the Thomas Johnson bridge.

Commuting motorists treat this thoroughfare as if it were something to be conquered, tailgating along it at white knuckle speeds. However, there is a gentler way of traversing its distance, and that is to walk it. On June 2, 2006 a team of hikers did just that.

At six o'clock in the morning, beginning in the commuter lot on Lower Pindell road, the team started the Forty Mile Walk under an overcast sky. The hikers consisted of three family pairs: Matt and Sarah, Mike and Chris, and Adam and myself. These individuals were carefully chosen for this adventure. While his willpower would keep him going, Matt's talkativeness would see us through any drudgery. His sister, Sarah, while keeping us from looking like vagrants, possessed the wherewithal to keep her peers from doing anything unwise. Chris is a quiet, steady workhorse. Mike, in combination with Matt, would keep the conversation lively. Adam can endure anything without complaint, and he knew how to referee Matt and Mike.

At that time, these folks were teens or twenty somethings. While not fitness nuts, they were all healthy, vigorous and gritty. As for me, at the age of 55, my right knee could have been an issue. But I would be leading the right stuff; at one time this team had swum across the Patuxent River starting from the beach in front of Our Lady Star of the Sea. The goal was to complete the walk in one day.

To support the walk, we all carried backpacks with provisions, fluids, extra socks, and other gear. We planned to eat lunch in Prince Frederick, and we had left a batch of bagels and drinks in a house at

the head of St. Leonard Creek. As it turned out two of the mothers, Beth and Valerie, would be supplementing our stores along the way.

Our pace was quick as we walked under the Chesapeake Beach overpass and entered Calvert County. We admired the beauty of the early morning, as Matt entertained us with speculations on time travel. We reached Dunkirk just after 07:20, and with a break for fluids and a change of socks we were on our way.

The sky had cleared, but it was very humid. The average relative humidity on that day would be 78 percent, and the maximum temperature would be 82°F. Ahead of us was a thunderstorm, with maximum wind gusts of 33 mph. We were heading into some real fun.

To the benefit of cyclists, most of the Goldstein Highway has broad shoulders. But coming into Chaneyville the shoulder on the south bound lane narrows. In single file we passed through this area as quickly as we could. With Mike and Matt engaged in some argument about tobacco, we stopped to apply talcum powder to our feet. It was a little after 08:10.

By 09:20 we reached Lower Marlboro Road. Matt had been singing, so it was time for a morale check. All was well. As we rested in front of the First Lutheran Church, a woman from the office approached us and asked Sarah if she would like to use the bathroom. This was the first of several kindnesses we received that day.

The traffic was light and we admired the serenity of the morning. As we walked due south, we talked about the Kon Tiki expedition and I believe this is when we first started thinking about the milk bottle raft (built and launched on the Back Creek). Somewhere along the way, one of us saved a turtle from crossing the highway. By 10:45 we rested behind a convenience store on Old Town Road to swap-out socks, and tend to our gear. This is when I learned not to sit down wind of Mike as he pours talcum powder into his shorts.

As we made our way back to the highway, Valerie, our chauffer to the commuter lot, stopped her car and supplied us with bananas and snacks. At this point the sun was intense with the day turning very hot. As it turned out the electrolytes in those bananas would prove essential.

Discussions on aggression, the death penalty, and Christianity filled up our time as we closed in on Prince Frederick. By 12:50, we were eating in the Arby's restaurant. As we entered the restaurant,



Linda Kelley, a county commissioner, was leaving. By then we were looking very rough around the edges. However, typical of Commissioner Kelley, she greeted us with a smile. The twinkle in her eye indicated that she instinctively knew that we were up to something special.

Prince Frederick was roughly our half way point. Up until then Chris had been out front setting the pace. But the sun was intense now, the traffic had thickened, and the humidity was building. I set the pace to get us through the next stretch. We walked mostly in silence as the din of trucks and cars hammered us. The going was rough. At 15:45 we rested in a driveway just south of Broome's Island road. Shortly before that, Beth had stopped and supplied us with Gatorade. This proved to be critical too, for although we were keeping ourselves hydrated, we were losing electrolytes. My fingers were swelling,

Chris's feet were aching, and Sarah's skin was reacting to the sun.

At a little past 17:00 we stopped in front of the Rock Church in St. Leonard. Sarah was hurting but she wanted to tough it out, so I left the team rest for a while on the church lawn. That's when a county sheriff in the D.A.R.E vehicle (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) stopped and greeted us. When I explained to him that we were walking the length of Calvert County, he asked, "Why would anyone want to do that?" to which I responded 'Hey, I'm trying to keep up their morale.' He laughed and wished us well.

We pushed ahead and reached the household on St. Leonard Creek at 18:15. While I studied the county map, the team consumed bagels and juice and listened to the homeowner describe his method for preparing deer skulls. Before they got too comfortable, I decided "Less talk; more walk/." It was time to go.



# Remembering Calvert County Trek



As we crested the hill above the head of St. Leonard Creek, the sky darkened. Without breaking the pace, I retrieved and donned my rain gear. I could sense that everyone else behind me was doing the same. After the first crack of thunder the rain came down too hard

for us to continue. We sheltered in a thick stand of pines by the road, while Matt and Mike debated the wisdom of taking refuge under trees during a thunderstorm.

When the rain lightened, we were on our way. Before we got too far a woman driving a van pulled on to

the southbound shoulder and asked us if we needed help. You have to love Calvert County.

Once when I was testing a repair on my own car, I twice pulled-over on Trueman Road to check under the hood. Each time another motorist stopped and inquired if I needed help.

At approximately 20:00 with the sun shining again, I stopped the group. We had reached the upper part of Lusby and found a reasonably dry spot to swap-out our wet socks. Valerie checked in on us again, and Debbie, a friend, stopped to give us encouragement.

The air turned misty as we walked through a wooded and incredibly beautiful part of the highway. That, along with the fading daylight, created a mystical feeling. We had undertaken this challenge not knowing if we would really complete it, but at this point, and under those conditions, we knew we were on our way.

As the sky darkened, we were passed by a car that disappeared into the murk ahead of us. Soon afterwards a bare footed person came running towards us out of the mist. It was Rob, Mike and Chris's brother-in-law, who accompanied us back to his car.

By 21:00 we rested on the curb at the Lusby landfill. The mist had cleared, but the darkness continued as there was only a half moon. We were all very weary. Matt had a slight limp, Sarah was suffering from her ordeal with the sun, and Chris was developing blisters. As we prepared for the last leg, a Cadillac with New York license plates pulled off of the road ahead of us. I caught bits of hard language

coming from the car and I sensed that something was not quite right about what we were witnessing. But before we rose to continue, the car pulled away. The occupants of that car never knew they were being observed.

We crossed the highway at the Solomons shopping center. A car stopped us, and the driver asked if we had been in the upper part of the county earlier in the day. He was greatly impressed when we confirmed that we were the hikers that he had spotted. Just after this we parted company with Chris. He was graduating from high school and a trip to the Outer Banks would have been ruined by bum feet. He had made it to the Solomons which fit into our goal.

Matt was limping badly as we passed the Solomons Post Office. By now all discussion was limited. Indeed, the whole area was eerily quiet. As we passed under the trees on Solomons Island Road, I noticed that I was losing the ability to walk passively. I now needed to focus my attention on my stride in order to complete my steps properly. (My knee had not been an issue.)

We drew stares as we passed the Tiki Bar. As we glanced over at our observers, I reflected on the difference between the typical hollow social drinking experience and our adventure.

At 22:58 we reached the rocks in front of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. By cell phone Sarah had alerted Brian, her father and our ride, as to where we would be. He waited patiently as we cautiously slid down the rocks to put our bare feet into the therapeutic waters of the Patuxent River. This end came suddenly. Adam and Mike could have continued on to see how far they could walk in 24 hours. But our goal was accomplished. The adventure was over.

Sarah had recorded parts of our walk by photograph and video. The next day she filmed Matt musing philosophically about our experience. Overnight we had all recovered. Chris would make his senior year trip, and obviously Matt had regained his voice.

By walking the length of the Goldstein Highway, we explored the boundary of our capability. We didn't exult in this accomplishment, but rather our mood at the end was serene. We had learned about hot weather physiology, the importance of keeping socks dry, and the silliness of panicking if ever we were stranded miles from home. But most importantly, we learned that we would always enjoy one another. We were and are, the right stuff.



# CSM Pinning Celebrates 67 Nursing Graduates

The Spring 2021 College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) 67 nursing candidates for graduation celebrated their achievements May 12 when they attended their nursing recognition and pinning ceremony. It is a time-honored ceremony that has CSM faculty welcoming their students as peers and colleagues in the field of nursing.

Like much of their last year together – the cohort gathered in a virtual environment – this time to share the tradition that included speeches, photo collages and offering of the CSM Nursing pin.

CSM Professor Robin Madera spoke first about the importance and history of the CSM nursing pin. She explained how the modern pinning ceremony dates to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George in recognition for her tireless service to the injured during the Crimean War. To share the honor, Nightingale in turn presented a medal of excellence to her brightest graduates and by 1916, the practice of pinning new graduates was standard throughout the United States.

“It was decades ago when CSM’s first pin was designed by the first RN class to ever graduate from the



Nursing graduate Kaci Ranly poses with her children.

college in 1979,” continued Madera, who added that the current pin was custom designed by nursing classmates 2001.

“Our CSM nursing pin symbolizing a rite of passage, and that you will be caring for patients with commitment, honor, and courage,” Madera said.

Before recognizing all the of the new nurses by name, Madera remembered CSM nursing student Jaycee Lynn Vermillion, of Nanjemoy, who unexpectedly

passed away June 19, 2020 and who would have graduated with this class. “Her gift to the nursing profession will be missed,” Madera shared before the class shared a moment of silence.

Nursing School Still Went On

“It wasn’t too long ago that we were all stalking the mailbox everyday looking for that envelope from the College of Southern Maryland,” said student speaker Kaci Ranly. “You hoped that inside the envelope could be an acceptance letter into the upcoming nursing program that you had worked so hard to get into. Although we felt we were on cloud nine, we clearly had no idea what we were about to encounter. Who would have thought that laundry could sit in the same spot for a whole month, or that your kitchen sink could hold two weeks’ worth of dishes? Not to mention, the countless hours on zoom with your study group or inserting IVs into stuffed animals. We didn’t even notice, but this became our normal.

“One of the biggest adversities the class of 2021 goes without saying: The Pandemic,” Ranly continued. “There was that one day that we immediately stopped in person clinicals as well as theory during second semester, not knowing how long it would last. When things began to shut down, nursing school still went on. Daycares shut down, leaving some of us to tend to our children while zooming into class, nursing school still went on. The school system went virtual, leaving us no choice but to become teachers, nursing school still went on. Some of our spouses and partners started teleworking and together we fumbled through sharing the housework and daily responsibilities, nursing school still went on. This pandemic may have changed a lot of things, but the one thing that didn’t change was our drive and desire to succeed as nurses. Because nursing school would still go on...

“At this point none of should be afraid of any challenges or setbacks that we will encounter,” the Prince Frederick resident concluded. If anything, we are more prepared now than ever to face them head up because we have survived nursing school and we have achieved greatness.”

Overcoming Adversity is Stepping Stone to Greatness

“Each of you have faced adversity one way or another during your time in Nursing school. During the best of circumstances, you would have been challenged by life events,” Dr. Sara Cano, RN and CSM acting chair of the nursing program. “But, as you have experi-

enced during the last year, the onset and prevalence of a pandemic have increased the risk of experiencing adversity. You had to juggle many spinning plates while maintaining your eye on the prize of completing the program. You have experienced increased levels of quarantine-related issues. Stress, feelings of anxiety, sadness, and despair, sickness, untimely loss of a dear friend and classmate, and experienced the grief that followed. You felt that there was not enough time to do and care for all, school, family, and self. Nevertheless, you persisted. Nevertheless, you overcame. Resilience is tied to adversity. In Nursing, resilience is the ability to bounce back or cope successfully despite adversity. You have done just that.”

The following are the names of the CSM students who graduated with associate degrees in Nursing and received their coveted pins: Rachell Amaoui, Ndep Ebha Nollia Assam, Rachael Baker

Rachel Whitney Baker, Titilola Batson, Natalie Kay Beers,

Emily K. Blasy (Recognized for receiving the Academic Achievement in Nursing Award), Tierra Michelle Boyd

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Erica M. Rawlings, Lauren Richardson, Dianna Renee Russo (Recognized for receiving the Achievement in Nursing Award). Ashley Chevonne Smith-Commodore, Bria A. Smith, Sara Joy Smith

Natasha Tesi, Amanda Ullman Emily B. Whetstone, Bailey White, Brianna Whites, Lauren Winkler, and Allison Zollars-Teitelbaum.

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# CSM Announces Calvert's Commencement Candidates

The following Calvert County students were recognized as candidates for associate degrees, certificates or letters of recognition at the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) 62nd Spring Commencement virtual ceremony held Friday, May 14, 2021.

**Chesapeake Beach**

Shannon Albright, Natalie Beers, Christian Boteler, Brandi Bush, Beverly Harrington, Nicole Johnson

Keira Strickland, Janae Sullivan and Lindsey Thompson

**Dunkirk**

Josiah Cochran, Kaitlyn Culbert, Melissa Donnelly, Ashley Gallo and Ashley Harris,

**Huntingtown**

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by, Carolyn Jones-Slappy, Whitney Lewis, MacKenzi Moran, Shayla Munday, Erica Rawlings, Christianna Rengert, Michaela Richardson, Megan Sarikaya, Danielle Sikorski, Stacey Warner, Ayanna Wood, Jeda Yurko and

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Haley Withers

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## CSM Celebrates Nursing Students at Honor Society Induction

### Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society



Twelve College of Southern Maryland (CSM) nursing students were inducted into the Alpha Delta Nu (ADN) Honor Society, Alpha Omega Chapter, during a virtual online ceremony in April.

CSM nursing students honored at this event included Natalie K. Beers, Emily Blasy, Jenna L. Courville, Kaitlyn P. Culbert, Lauren Marie Edwards, Lynzie M. Farr, Alexis M. Gayon, Emily N. Pipkin, Natasha Tesi, Amanda Ullman, Emily Whetstone and Allison Zollars-Teitelbaum.

The ADN Honor Society recognizes the academic excellence of students in the study of associate degree nursing. The society also encourages the pursuit of advanced degrees in the profession of nursing as well as continuing education as a lifelong professional responsibility. These twelve students completed all membership requirements, including a scholarly project, while continuing to earn top grades in the nursing program.

Nursing student and class Vice President Natalie Beers served as student speaker for the induction, taking time to highlight the students' joint scholarly project.

"Within this presentation we went in depth on how to apply for a CNA [Certified Nursing Assistant] license and the possibility of applying for a nurse externship program," Beers said. "Many of the members that are here tonight are either CNAs or are participating in a nurse externship program. We thought that with the ever-changing pandemic environment it was important for the students to know there were options to perform and enhance their clinical skills."

The cohort also compiled helpful tools for the presentation that can be shared with other nursing students.

"These tools helped us get the most out of virtual simulations and virtual learning," Beers said. "We then went into deep detail on how to apply for your CNA license and local hospitals that offer externship programs. We concluded our research with interviews from previous or current students that worked as a CNA or extern and their personal views

of the long-term benefits.

"The honor society is something that represents the dedication we have had for the past two years," Beers said. "Nursing school is a whole different level of difficult and to be able to wear our honor society cord and pin is something I will do with pride on graduation day."

CSM Professor Annette Ragland, RN, MSN, CNE, was selected by the students to serve as the ceremony's faculty speaker. She commended the honored students for their hard work and commitment to excellence, despite the extra challenges of the pandemic environment.

"The process from earning provisional membership to induction reflects the candidate's commitment to their coursework and the completion of the program," Ragland said. "This milestone represents the inductees' commitment to the profession of nursing, hard work, perseverance and excellence. They have maintained the criteria for induction, completed their projects and continued their nursing classes all while juggling life's demands during this stressful time. These inductees have risen to the challenge."

In concluding remarks, CSM Professor Dr. Sara I. Cano, acting chair of CSM's nursing program, shared ideas about excellence in nursing, including the importance of self-care, working as a team, good communication, practicing safety and having a positive attitude.

"Go out there, continue to build excellence by challenging yourself to new heights and show your commitment to the profession of nursing. Congratulations!" Cano said.

Each inductee received a pin and a cord to signify their accomplishment. The pin bears the official crest from Alpha Delta Nu and the cord colors symbolize membership in the honor society with the apricot color for nursing. Both the pin and the cords may be worn on graduation over the graduation regalia.

For more information on CSM's nursing program and how to apply, visit [www.csmd.edu/nursing](http://www.csmd.edu/nursing).

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# Live Theater Returns to Area



Terence O'Keefe (Justin McCright, third from left) has a hard time keeping minor godfathers Mike Francisco (David M. Thomas), Lou Graziano (Sid Curl) and Tino De Felice (William Righter) on the subject of his play in a scene from New Direction Community Theater's production of "Breaking Legs."

Live indoor theater returns to Southern Maryland on Friday, June 4, when New Direction Community Theater opens its production of Tom Dulack's hit comedy "Breaking Legs." The show will run Fridays and Saturdays, June 4-12 at 7 p.m. with an additional Sunday, June 6, matinee at 2 p.m. All performances are at the Long Beach Community Center, 5845 Calvert Blvd., St. Leonard, MD 20685.

Tickets are priced at \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, and are available by visiting [www.ndctheater.org](http://www.ndctheater.org). For more information, call 443-624-4484.

"Breaking Legs" sports a cast from all three Southern Maryland counties, and includes Sid Curl, Justin McCright, Monica Jones, William Righter, Robert Sebo and David M. Thomas.

The show has been designed with the pandemic in mind. "We placed the stage area so that windows can be opened on both sides to allow cross-ventilation," said director Rick Thompson. "The facility also has silent overhead fans that will be operating to further enhance ventilation. Basically, we've turned the indoors into the outdoors."

All members of the cast and crew have been vaccinated, and temperatures will be taken at the box office. As per CDC guidelines, non-vaccinated patrons must wear masks and observe social distancing.

"We are excited to finally get on-stage in front of a live audience," said NDCT Artistic Director DiDi Olney. "Online shows and Zoom rehearsals were good for stage work during the pandemic, but there's nothing like performing in front of a live audience."

Thompson agreed, "The audience is the last part of the theater experience,"



William Righter as Tino De Felice, Monica Jones as Angie Graziano and Robert Sebo as Frankie Salvucci in a scene from New Direction Community Theater's production of "Breaking Legs."

he said. "The audience responds to the players, and they in turn respond to the audience. It's the beauty of live theater."

"Breaking Legs" tells the story of college professor Terence O'Keefe, a somewhat successful playwright who is seeking funding to produce his new play in New York. He visits the family of a former student, and finds they are quite interested in the idea. Complications arise when the family turns out to be minor Mafia godfathers who'll back the play provided they never have to read it — which doesn't mean they won't want to make some changes.

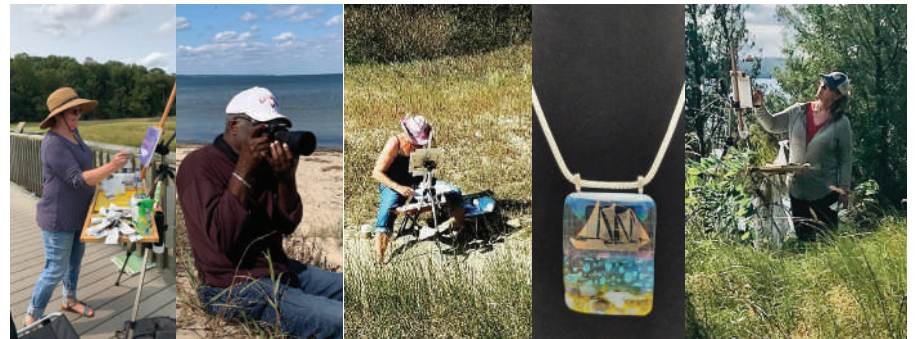
Making Terry's life more complicated is the fact that the former student is the lusty, unmarried daughter of the house. She makes no secret of her attraction to him.

And Terry's play? It's about a murder!

"Breaking Legs" ran over a year at the largest Off Broadway theatre in New York, garnering reviews like "a silly symphony of laughs" and "a crowd pleaser that is what comedies on Broadway used to be like."

*Press Release from New Directions Community Theater*

# Artworks@7th presents Woods & Beaches



Pictured above: Elaine Davy Strong, Wayne Thomas, Donna Tizol, Tina Van Pelt pendant, Tracey Vernon

As gasoline prices continue to rise, many of us will be planning staycations. With so much to see in Southern Maryland, this month's show at Artworks@7th highlights local wooded areas and beaches.

Plein air is a way to capture the beauty of the outdoors while enjoying it as well. Many of our artists get their inspiration from sites in our area. We encourage visitors from the DMV to visit places in Calvert County like Flag Harbor, Calvert Beach, Jefferson Patterson Park and the Chesapeake Rail Trail for some wonderful site seeing. Then come by the gallery and see how the artists captured the beauty of those sites.

We will also be featuring one of our newest artists, Tina Van Pelt. Tina is a fused glass artist and creates both artistic and functional pieces.

Artworks@7th welcomes everyone to come in and enjoy a semi-intimate viewing at the gallery on Saturday, June 5 from 11 to 5. Meet the artists and experience the variety of art represented by these wonderfully talented people.

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

*Press Release from Artworks@7th.*

# Dee of St. Mary's Begins Public Cruise Season

Sail into summer on the Dee of St. Mary's! The Calvert Marine Museum offers two-hour public sails aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's. This is a great way to experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail.

The Dee of St. Mary's was built in 1979 in Piney Point, Maryland, by shipwright Francis Goddard for St. George Island waterman Captain Jack Russell. She was the first skipjack built on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake in a quarter of a century.

Today, the Dee of St. Mary's is a sailing skipjack used in the museum's Chesapeake Bay Field Lab education programs.

The Dee of St. Mary's is one of the few skipjacks in the state of Maryland certified by the Coast Guard to carry passengers.

The 2021 public cruise season will run from June through Oc-



tober, weather dependent. For a full schedule of cruises as well as fees and operations, please visit CMM's website [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com) or contact Melissa McCormick at [Melissa.Mccormick@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:Melissa.Mccormick@calvertcountymd.gov) for more details.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Cancellation of Solomons July 4th Fireworks

### To the Editor:

It has been an agonizing decision to postpone the fireworks, and the Solomons Business Association and all of our member businesses can't wait until we can again see the Island overflow with families enjoying this American tradition with us.

We do not take this decision lightly. Putting on the fireworks for our Solomons community is truly the Solomons Business Association's gift to our community. The cost in previous years was approximately \$31,000 each year, and most of this is raised between April and July. The fireworks contract previously at \$18,600 accounts for more than half of the event's cost. Half of this is due when we must place the contract in February, and the deposit is nonrefundable. Since which time prices for fireworks have gone up 25 percent. The thought of losing a second deposit on this year's fireworks was not acceptable in February which is when the decision had to be made.

When last year's fireworks show was halted, no sponsorships were requested while our busi-

nesses have been dealing with COVID-19. As we emerge from COVID-19 and our businesses rebound, we anticipate being able to again look for this support.

The only other funding that the SBA has for fireworks is \$12,130 that is kindly provided through the Calvert County Government. These funds are being safely held to support the fireworks when these can return to the Island.

Our businesses are having a difficult time and many do not have extra dollars to contribute for fireworks. As such all membership fees were cancelled last year, so that revenue was also lost as was any advertising funds on our website ads. We are all volunteers and don't deserve the slanderous (social media) comments. Many smart people chipped in on this decision, and we are very sorry that we did not have a crystal ball.

We hope you will understand and continue to visit our local businesses as you begin to return to Solomons. We look forward to seeing you!

Kind regards

*The Solomons Business Association Board*

## Arizona Voting Machines

### To the Editor:

Following months of foot-dragging by the Republican - controlled Board of Supervisors, Arizona's largest county, Maricopa, began a forensic examination of the 2.1 million ballots and nearly 400 voting machines used in the the 2020 General Election.

As the ballots were opened under heavy guard on the floor of the Veteran's Colosseum in Phoenix, they were placed on a rotating table and examined with a UV light, and tested for texture and weight, before being photographed. Every step of the painstaking process was recorded and live-streamed under the watchful eyes of observers.

Despite the transparency of the audit, a well-funded propaganda apparatus quickly swung into high-gear to undermine the integrity of Cyber Ninjas, the cybersecurity company hired by the Arizona Senate to conduct the forensic examination. The Seattle Times' Editorial Board claimed simply verifying the outcome of a democratic process was "undermining American elections," and an "escalation against democratic process."

It wasn't long before Wake Technologies Inc., the Pennsylvania-based company hired to handle the hand-audit of ballots, began finding "serious discrepancies."

In a letter to the Arizona Board of Supervisors dated May 12, Arizona Senate President Karen Fann sought answers to "security issues" raised by the audit.

"The audit team has encountered a significant number of instances in which there is a disparity between the actual number of ballots contained in a batch and the total denoted on the pink report slip accompanying the batch," Fann wrote: "In most of these instances, the total on the pink report slip is greater than the number of ballots in the batch, although there are a few instances in which the total is lower. What are the reasons for these discrepancies?"

Most alarmingly, Fann's letter notes: "We have recently discovered that the entire "Database"

directory from the D drive of the machine "EMSPPrimary" has been deleted. This removes election related details that appear to have been covered by the subpoena. In addition, the main database for the Election Management System (EMS) Software, "Results Tally and Reporting," is not located anywhere on the EMSPPrimary machine, even though all of the EMS Clients reference that machine as the location of the database. This suggests that the main database for all election related data for the November 2020 General Election has been removed. Can you please advise as to why these folders were deleted, and whether there are any backups that may contain the deleted folders?"

In a scathing, 14-page reply, the BOS accused Fann of a "spectacular lack of understanding" on how elections are conducted and called on her to end the audit. "You, Senate President Fann, are the only one with the power to immediately end it. We implore you to recognize the obvious truth; your "auditors" are in over their heads," and would "inevitably arrive at questionable conclusions."

In one of the audit's odder developments, the BOS claims it cannot provide the passwords to the voting machines because the county ceded control of the entire process to Dominion. Simply providing the routers could somehow endanger the lives of police officers by "outing undercover law enforcement personnel."

It wasn't that long ago that a president claimed releasing audio tapes of his conversations with aides would imperil "our national security"

When the same media outlets which promoted the Russia "collusion" hoax speak with such a unified voice they can finish the other's sentences, it's a powerful indication that the "Swamp" is in a panic.

Shouldn't major news organizations be welcoming this chance to dispel those "unfounded" claims?

*Edward C. Davenport  
Drum Point*

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# Calvert Community Calendar

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## Thursday, June 3

### CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. [csmd.edu/transferthursdays](http://csmd.edu/transferthursdays)

### Maryland in the Age of Sail

Virtual; 5 p.m.

Join Mark Wilkins, CMM Curator of Maritime History, as he explores topics ranging from European influences, to the tobacco trade, to the Civil War on the Chesapeake and more, through the 20th century. Many types of watercraft were developed for use on the Chesapeake Bay. Learn about the design, construction, and history of skipjacks, bugeyes, draketails, and crabbing skiffs, as well as some lesser-known vessels that have worked the bay. <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=1718>

### Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Capacity is limited. No pre-registration; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. Sessions at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

## Friday, June 4

### Food Truck Fridays

Annmarie Garden; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Enjoy dinner and evening hours in the garden! Grab dinner from one of the food trucks, take a walk, tour a gallery show, and frolic in the Fairy Lolly. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs and picnic blankets. Some evenings will include additional activities and a cash bar. This is a "pay what you can" event with a suggested donation of \$5/person (amount of suggested donation may vary). Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; rain or shine event; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Complete food truck schedule, visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

## Saturday, June 5

### Green Life Festival & Market

Annmarie Gardens; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 5, 2021; 9am-2pm; free community event

A fun and inspiring day of learning, playing, discovering and engaging with the people, products, and information you need to live a sustainable and healthy lifestyle. Learn how to reduce your ecological footprint and conduct your life in a way that is sustainable, naturally balanced, and respectful of our relationship with the Earth. Explore the links between a healthy you and a healthy world, including your mental and physical health, diet, home & yard, transportation, and resource and energy consumption. Talk with green product and service exhibitors and learn more about how we can create a healthy community. Learn how and where to buy local. Meet creative people working to make this a better world. There will be presentations and demonstrations throughout the day, including booths that will share the many ways that plants, air, water, soil and energy sustain our homes, our health, and our planet. Children will enjoy recycled art projects and activities. The Festival features healthy and/or organic dining options, along with home-grown entertainment. Rain or shine event; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Event details: [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

## Monday, June 7

### Business Paper Shredding Event

Calvert County Fairgrounds; 9 a.m. - noon

Businesses must present proof of Calvert County occupancy and are limited to the equivalent of five banker boxes of paper. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips, staples and wire-bound items are acceptable. Binders, binder clips, hardbound books, plastic comb binding, and rubber bands are not acceptable. Shredding of credit cards and other plastic cards will not be available. Certificates of destruction may be requested. The shredded paper is remanufactured into new paper products. For information about this event or other recycling events, call the Calvert County Solid Waste Division at 410-326-0210 or visit [www.Calvert-CountyMd.gov/RecyclingEvents](http://www.Calvert-CountyMd.gov/RecyclingEvents).

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## Ongoing

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Thanks to declining COVID-19 positivity numbers, Calvert Library is welcoming customers back in for short visits. Customers are still asked to keep visits as short as possible and no longer than an hour, wear an appropriate mask over your nose and mouth, maintain a social distance of 6' from others and help your children do the same. At all four library locations, in-person library hours will

be Monday-Thursday, noon to 5pm, Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Curbside pickup appointments will continue Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appointments. Customers can also follow and interact with library staff on Facebook and Twitter. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website. Call 410-535-0291 or email [getanswers@calvertlibrary.info](mailto:getanswers@calvertlibrary.info) with any reference questions you may have.

### Enchanted Summer at the Garden

Annmarie Sculpture Garden; May 1 - September 6

Enjoy a safe, outdoor, engaging experience where you will find a variety of low-touch, no-touch fun along the trails and paths of the sculpture garden. During the Enchanted Summer, daily visitors can explore the galleries; search for over 100 fairy houses; play in the Fairy Lolly Nature Play Space; build your own fairy house in the forest; search for gems and fossils at the Fairy Grove Mining sluice (additional fees apply); try the Wild Rumpus Run; enjoy unique photo opps along the trail; find the hidden Dragons Nest; search for the hidden tree pop paintings; and more! Grab your bug spray, pack a picnic blanket or chairs, and spend a fun, creative and active day at Annmarie. Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Details: [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

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# In Remembrance

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## Leah Mae Foster



Leah Mae Foster, 23, of Owings passed away May 27, 2021. She was born February 13, 1998 in Annapolis to Stacey Barnard and James P. Foster,

Jr. Leah was raised in Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties and graduated from Northern High School. Leah worked as a waitress at Adam's Ribs in Edgewater. She enjoyed going on road trips, the beach and being with her friends, especially going to Mexico Restaurant. Most of all, Leah loved being a mom to her daughter, London Kole.

Leah is survived by her daughter London Kole Storm Hopkins, parents James Foster and Stacey Barnard, her grandparents Daryl and Rick Hartung of Owings and Tina and Roger Dennison of Chesapeake Beach and grandfathers James Barnard and James P. Foster, Sr. Also surviving are brothers James P. Foster III, Jace, Cash and Diego Foster and sister Makayla Rae Barnard, aunt Melissa Barnard, uncles James Barnard and Charles Welch, and great-grandmothers Janet Love and Virginia Welch as well as her second mom Crystal Tasker and the Morsell family and her soul sister Kaylyn Garcia. She was preceded in death by great-grandparents Richard and Genevieve Barnard and Fred Welch.

Leah's family would like everyone to please wear white or bright colors to celebrate the beautiful life she lived.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Mary Frances Calton

Mary Frances Calton, 96, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away May 27, 2021. She was born Octo-



ber 17, 1924 to Blanche (Farrell) and Joshua Lee Sears. "Frannie" was a proud Calvert County resident for her whole life. She received services from ARC of Southern MD for over 30yrs, developing a special and long lasting friendship with Pat Lennarda. She was also an active participant of the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick MD, where she attended five days weekly with her daughter Marie Calton and developed numerous friendships. She valued her relationship with her daughter greatly. Ms. Calton had wonderful caregivers who assisted her over the years and helped her to achieve her goal to remain living independently in her apartment next to the Senior Center until her health declined. Frannie always enjoyed making beautiful things, specifically ceramics and flower arrangements. She had a strong personality, was set in her ways, but also had a laugh and giggle that couldn't help but brighten someone's day. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Frances is survived by her daughter Marie, and was the sister of Sarah Carter, Mary Alice Sears, and Charles Wesley "Buddy" Sears.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838,

Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Olga Ann Lynham

Olga Ann Lynham passed away May 26, 2021 in Lovettsville, VA at the age of 80. She was born December 25, 1940 in Falls City, TX to Apolonia Escoval and Sacarias Gar-

cia. Olga was raised in Falls City, TX and later attended school in San Antonio, TX. She moved to Northern Virginia to follow her job with the



United States Government. Following her time with the government, Olga worked for the Aquinas Montessori School in Mt. Vernon, VA for 9 years as a bus driver, teacher's aide, and secretary. She then went to work for an architectural engineering firm as an office manager and later worked for the Airport Authority at Reagan National Airport and Dulles International Airport. Olga also volunteered with Loudon County Volunteer Care Givers delivering groceries and transporting people to appointments. Olga enjoyed attending Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, walking, reading, and cross stitching.

Olga is survived by her children Sonja LoVecchio and her husband Steve of Chesapeake Beach, Jay Lynham and his wife Lauren of Lovettsville, VA, and Kristine Lynham of Alexandria, VA; grandchildren Maria, David, John Paul, Rose Lane, Joseph, Marco, Katie, Lulu, Delaney, and Evan; great-grandchildren Cecelia, Gabriel, Jovanni, Michael, and Angelo; sister Antonia Warren, brothers Joe and Alfred Garcia, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, June 4, 2021, 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8816 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102; Link: [https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=39209&mfc\\_pref=T&39209.donation=form1](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=39209&mfc_pref=T&39209.donation=form1)

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Robert Michael Ashby



Robert Michael Ashby, 70, a longtime resident of North Beach passed away May 25, 2021 at his home. He was born September 4, 1950 in Washington, DC to Charles Luen Jr. and Grace Violet (Seitz) Ashby. Robert grew up in Riverdale and Bladensburg and attended Bladens-

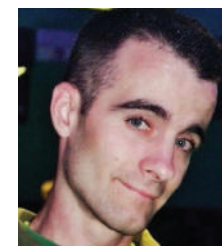
burg High School. He married Barbara Black in 1975 and they made their home in North Beach for 40 years before Barbara passed away in 2014. Robert was employed as an auto mechanic at College Park Exxon for many years, retiring in 2013. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling, auto racing and gambling.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Jean Ashby and nephew Brian Matthew Ashby. He is survived by his children Lori Marie Ashby of Edgewater, Wayne Eugene Ashby of North Beach and Robert Michael Ashby II of Chattanooga, TN, granddaughter Sydney Lee Ashby, brothers Charles Luen Ashby III and his wife Doris of Waldorf and David Lee Ashby and his wife Nancy of Gaithersburg, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Humane Society of Calvert County, PO Box 3505, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link: <https://humanesocietyofcalvert-county.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

## James Michael Rogers



James Michael Rogers, 36, of Friendship, Maryland, passed away on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Born on November 21, 1984 in Silver Spring,

Maryland to Jim Rogers and Theresa Rogers, graduated in 2003 from Southern Senior High School in Harwood, Maryland. James was a loving son, brother, nephew, cousin, and friend to many.

After graduating from high school, James completed his accreditations and multiple certifications and became a well-rounded Auto Mechanic and also became licensed to operate Heavy-Duty Wreckers. James a few years later enlisted with the United States Coast Guard. His most current occupation was Lock and Safe Locksmithing. Many people will remember James for his smile, his charming and fun personality, and high level of intellect.

James is survived by his loving parents James (Jim) Rogers and Theresa Rogers of Friendship, Maryland; sister Jenny Marie Rogers Giordano of Odenton, Maryland, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends.

The family will be accepting flowers and they may be delivered to the funeral home.

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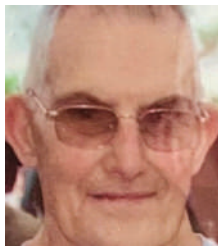
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## Charles Lane Dean



Charles Lane Dean, 84, of Huntingtown passed away on May 21, 2021. He was born June 30, 1936 in Petersburg, WV to Lane and Elsie Dean of Upper Tract, WV. On March 22, 1958, he married his high school sweetheart, Judith. They settled in Upper Tract, WV, and started their family. In 1963 they moved to Capitol Heights, MD and, in 1976, moved to Huntingtown, MD.

Charles was employed by Safeway Foods as a tractor trailer driver for 32 years. He recently received his 50-year acknowledgment as a member of Patuxent Masonic Lodge No. 218. He was an active member of Huntingtown United Methodist Church.

After his retirement you could find him working in his yard maintaining a beautiful lawn, washing and waxing his 1967 Chevelle Convertible, harvesting vegetables in his garden or traveling to his treasured second home in WV. He enjoyed going to McDonald's in the mornings to drink coffee with the locals and catch up on the latest happenings in the county. He enjoyed bluegrass music, riding his exercise bike and rooting for the Washington Nationals, Redskins, and the Lady Terps basketball team.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Arvella Miller and his wife Judith of 62 years. He is survived by his 3 children, Scott Dean and his wife Bonnie, of Owings, Shannon Persetic and her husband Raymond, of Huntingtown, and Mike Dean and his wife Kelly, of Gambrills; 7 grandchildren, Tabitha, Leanna Appel and her husband Chris, and Jenna Dean; RJ and his wife Candace and Marissa Persetic; Samantha and Danny Dean; 2 bonus daughters, Linda (Fillmann) Frick and her husband Don, and Sherri (Fillmann) Hosselrode and her husband Tom; 4 bonus granddaughters, Madeline and Olivia Frick, and Ashleigh and Lilly Catlett; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102; Link: [https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=39209&mfc\\_pref=T&39209.donation=form1](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=39209&mfc_pref=T&39209.donation=form1) or American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Ar-

lington, VA 22202.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Franklin Lindsay Ward, "Frank"



Franklin Lindsay Ward, "Frank", passed away May 20, 2021. He was born in Washington, D.C., in 1943. Being raised in a very humble envi-

ronment did not divert him from living a rewarding life and cultivating a successful career. Tragically, his unexpected and untimely passing has left his family and friends with a deep hole that is echoing loudly now. They find comfort in knowing how greatly they were blessed to have known him and to have been loved by him. Especially the one he loved most of all, Suzanne Smith Ward, his wife of 28 years. Among the many activities they enjoyed together, spending time on their boat with family and friends was what Frank loved most of all. He delighted in visits from family and friends on the weekends, and Frank welcomed all; there was no invitation necessary. Frank knew the Chesapeake Bay like the back of his hand. He loved fishing, eating crabs, grilling, and sometimes just chilling with a good cigar and a cold beverage while he shared stories from the past that kept everyone laughing and entertained.

Frank naturally attracted people to him because of his servant's heart. Frank had a gift of making all feel welcome and comfortable. He knew what you needed before you did. Whether it was food, drink, or help to carry something, he was always the first to offer his time and energy or his vast knowledge to anyone who may need it. Having worked for CFM Management since 2006, all will tell you he had more energy than most men half his age. He was a young man in an older man's body. All who knew and loved him would say he wanted to die young as late as possible.

Frank leaves behind his wife Suzanne, his dog Annie, his son Danny, his granddaughter Danielle McAdoo, grandchildren Mikey and Charly, a sister Jeanette Bryant, a brother Charlie Chick, many other close family members, and countless friends that had the pleasure of knowing him. He was preceded in death by a brother Larry Payne.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Melanie Lee Wigton "Mel Bel"



Melanie Lee Wigton "Mel Bel", age 46 of Lusby, MD passed away on May 17, 2021. Melanie was born in MD on September 9, 1974.

She graduated from Suitland High School and continued her education at Prince George's Community College.

Melanie was married to Thomas Ellis on March 21, 2001 and they were married for 20 years. She worked as a Floral Designer for numerous floral shops, the last one being Karen's of Calvert where Melanie and Hemali Patel became very loving friends, like sisters. Melanie enjoyed nature more than anything. She loved to draw and loved art as a whole. She especially loved to do any and everything with her son Isaiah Ellis, her only child, who she protected and nurtured like a mama bear over her cub. Melanie would give her time whenever she could to help with events that had anything to do with Isaiah.

Melanie is survived by her husband, Thomas Ellis; her son, Isaiah Ellis; her father, Ralph Wigton and step-mother, Mary Johnson Wigton; and a host of family and friends that she loved all so very much. Melanie was preceded in death by family and friends that will receive her with open arms.

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

May Melanie dance and smile upon us all from the Heavens above!  
Bonnie Clare Boelke

## Bonnie Clare Boelke



Bonnie Clare Boelke, 85, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, formerly of Locust Grove, Virginia and Waldorf, Maryland, passed away at her home on

May 18, 2021.

Born on July 17, 1935 in Chicago, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Donald F. McDonald and Grace McDonald. An active member of St. Peters as well as Our Lady Help of Christians, she was also active in her community. After raising her children, Bonnie went on to work as an Executive Secretary for the Catholic Conference for many years before retiring. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus. She also enjoyed family gatherings and taking cruises. An avid reader and writer, Bonnie even wrote a children's book (though she never went on to publish it). She was considered the 'editor' for everyone!

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Boelke was preceded in death by her husband Albert Bernard "Bert" Boelke Jr.

She is survived by her sister, Lori (John) Harringer of Arizona, her brother Donnie McDonald of Arizona, three sons Russell A. (Marylou) Boelke of Florida, Gerald M. (Anne-Marie) Boelke of Waldorf, MD and Raymond L. (Ann) Boelke of Mechanicsville, MD; four daughters Leslie A. Boelke of Arizona, Audrey F. Sigmon of Myrtle Beach, SC, Janean M. (Michael) Giles of Greenville, SC and Mary Grace (Christopher) Lawrence of Clements, MD; 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made on Mrs. Boelke's Tribute Wall at [www.raymondfuneralservice.com](http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com).



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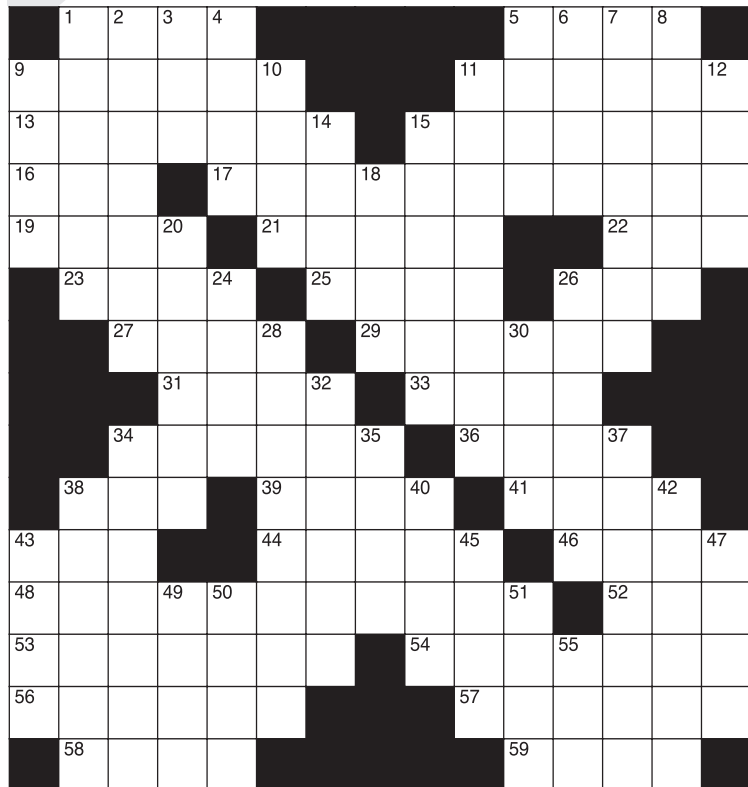
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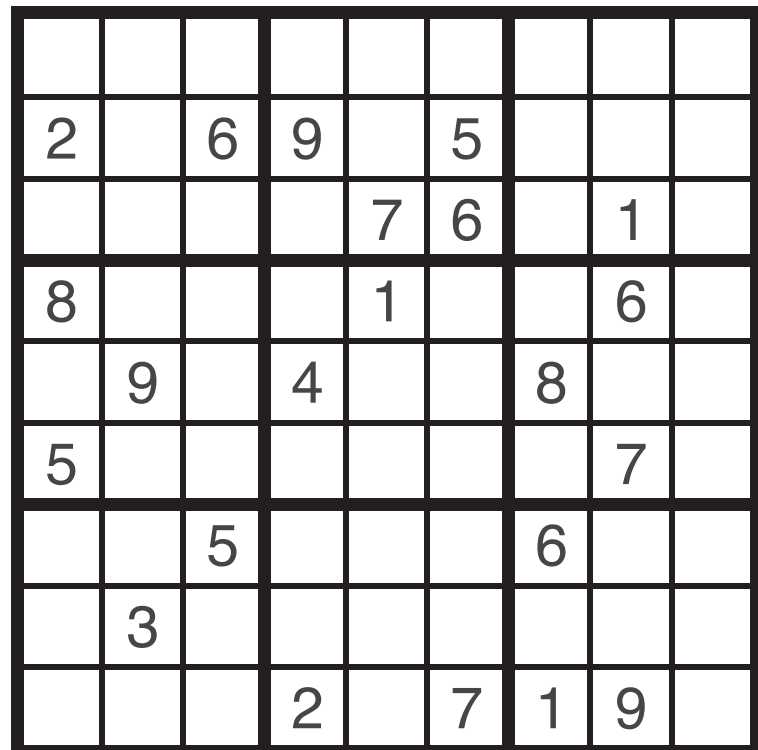
- 1. Partner to "flows"
- 5. French industrial city
- 9. Diagrams
- 11. Diplomat
- 13. Hires
- 15. Hawaiian island
- 16. Set aflame
- 17. Very happy
- 19. Blue dye
- 21. Small terrier with short legs
- 22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 23. Northern pike genus
- 25. Expression of annoyance
- 26. Female deer
- 27. Casella and Kellerman are two
- 29. Actor's lines to audience
- 31. Days (Spanish)
- 33. Close a person's eyes
- 34. Cloaked
- 36. Comedic actor Rogen
- 38. It's all around us
- 39. Neutralizes alkalis

- 41. Native people of New Mexico
- 43. No seats available
- 44. Famed "Air Music" composer
- 46. Fit of irritation
- 48. Psychic phenomena
- 52. Knicks' first-rounder Toppin
- 53. Seed used in cooking
- 54. "WandaVision" actress Hahn
- 56. Samples food
- 57. In a lucid way
- 58. Stair part
- 59. Adieus

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Type of moth
- 2. A Christian sacrament
- 3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
- 4. Turn away
- 5. Impersonal
- 6. Shortly
- 7. Indigenous Alaskans
- 8. Subtle difference of meaning
- 9. Sicilian city
- 10. Put in harmony

- 11. Administrative divisions
- 12. As happily
- 14. Horse mackerel
- 15. Muddy or boggy ground
- 18. Monetary unit of Italy
- 20. Construction site machine
- 24. 22
- 26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. Runner-up
- 34. Musician
- 35. Serious or urgent
- 37. Esteemed one
- 38. Where rockers play
- 40. Work furniture
- 42. Greek prophetesses
- 43. Quantitative fact
- 45. Missing soldiers
- 47. Minute
- 49. This (Spanish) possession of
- 51. Assault with a knife
- 55. Holiday text message greeting



**LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**

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# Implant Retained Dentures are a Life-Altering Improvement Over Removeable Dentures

By: Jeff Tomcsik

If you are stuck in removeable dentures, a removeable prosthesis like a bridge, or if you've been in need of a replacement option for missing teeth, you need to pay attention to this game changer in the dental industry. Embarrassing moments with removable dentures are a thing of the past with implant retained dentures. In fact, a lot of concerns and issues are a thing of the past with this truly life-like alternative to removables.

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