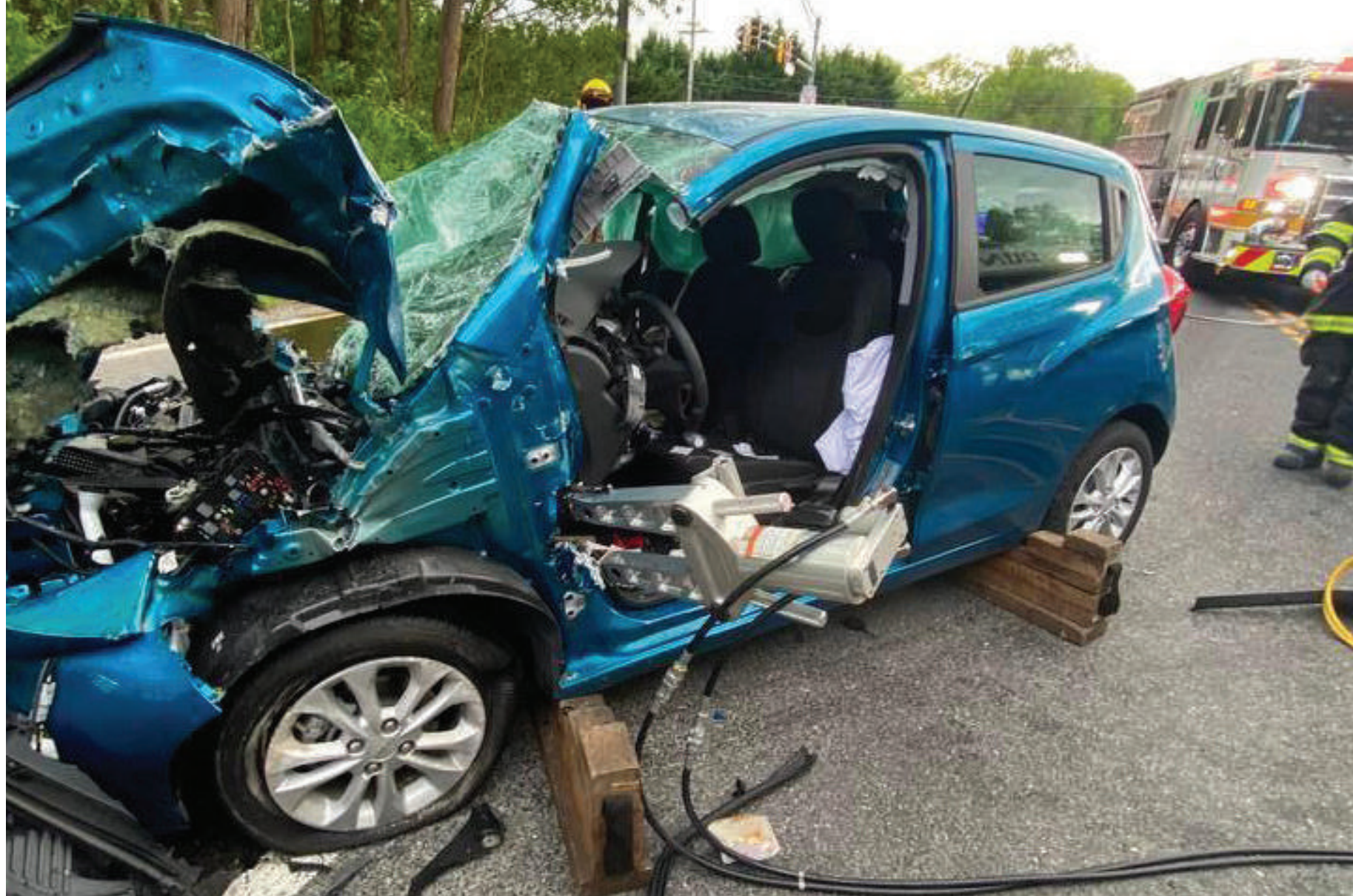


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COVID Delta Variant Reported in St. Mary's

Polsky Continues to Urge Vaccinations

By Dick Myers
Editor

The first identified Delta variant case of the COVID-19 virus in Maryland has been identified in neighboring St. Mary's County. "The Delta variant thus far appears to be highly transmissible and may be more likely to cause severe illness, including among unvaccinated youth. Elsewhere in the country and across the world, case rates and hospitalizations are increasing among unvaccinated populations and the Delta variant is predicted to become the dominant strain in the U.S.," the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) said in a press release.

Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky told The County Times, "I think people should keep in mind that only a limited percentage of cases are genotyped, meaning that most cases of COVID, they don't analyze to see whether it's the original strain or whether it's a variant. So, this is the first identified case with the Delta variant, but it does not mean that this is the first case linked to the Delta variant. So, the concern with the Delta variant is the reports show that it's at least 60

percent more transmissible than the UK variant, which already was about 50 percent more transmissible than the original strain. So, what we're looking at is a variant that's about twice as likely to transmit from person to person, from the original strain of COVID. Both with the UK, or the Alpha variant and the Delta variant, children and teenagers are just as likely to become infected and potentially transmit as adults are."

Polsky said the drive-thru vaccination site at the industrial park off Route 231 remains open and will continue to be through the summer. Polsky explained, "We realized that because many universities and colleges are requiring a vaccination for students and staff who will be on campus that will likely have an increase in the number of people who are coming in for vaccination into the second half of July and then through August. And so, we want to make sure that everyone has access to vaccines."

"In addition, for middle schoolers and high schoolers, I think it's important for parents to keep in mind that if their children are exposed to a classmate who has COVID, their child will need a quarantine for 10 days. That potentially could



Calvert County Health Officer
Dr. Laurence Polsky

happen several times through the school year. So not only is their child much less likely to become ill from COVID and potentially transmitted to others, but they will not have to quarantine if they're exposed to someone else with the infection."

Polsky noted, like elsewhere in the state, "We've certainly seen a significant slowing in the number of people

who are getting vaccinated. Last week we had over 400 people (vaccinated) who didn't get their first dose of vaccine, in addition to those who came back for their second doses."

Polsky attributes the continued interest in vaccinations, to several factors:

"Some are teens who really just became eligible over the last month or two. I think in some cases, because of all that was going on during those last few weeks of the school year, there've been some delays."

"I think there are other people of all ages who just, as more time goes on, they know more and more people who have been vaccinated who have not had any problems, no side effects. And now they just feel more comfortable getting vaccinated."

"The third group are people who are going to their doctor for various reasons, and they're having discussions with their personal physicians, who have been advocating for vaccine. And so those people now feel more comfortable because of those personal discussions with their doctors."

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North Beach Hit by Ransomware Attack

Mayor Says Impact is Minimal

By Dick Myers and
Guy Leonard
Staff Writers

A nationwide ransomware attack that hit thousands of businesses and organizations claimed the Town of North Beach as one of its victims. But Mayor Mike Benton says the impact will be minimal because of computer conversions initiated two years ago when he took office.

Benton said the town has converted to a web-based Microsoft 365 for most of its computer operations and they were not affected by the ransomware attack.

Benton said the town's billing system for water and sewer customers was affected but the bills had just gone out when the attack hit. Benton said the town would be able to recover before the next billing cycle begins.

Chesapeake Beach Town Manager Holly Wahl said they were not affected by the attack.

The neighboring municipality in St. Mary's County, Leonardtown, was not so lucky. As of press deadline, Leonardtown's computers were still down and many services that rely on internet connectivity, such as bill payment, were unavailable.

Ransomware attacks demand monetary payments to the perpetrators of the attack, or they retain the files in an encryption lock or release those files to the dark web.



North Beach Mayor Mike Benton

Leonardtown and North Beach use the same computer services company, called JustTech. An email to Leonardtown said, "To confirm, neither JustTech servers nor your network were directly hacked or breached. The intrusion came through the remote monitoring and security software we utilize from an industry leading provider."

Russian-based computer hackers could be to blame for the cyberattack, the e-mail stated. Cybersecurity experts are speculating that the most recent attack could be the largest in history.

The ransom demanded by the hackers was reportedly \$45,000 per computer.

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State Clarifies Reaction to PFAS Sampling

They're 'Very Persistent in the Environment'

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) has provided to the town of Chesapeake Beach additional clarification about the safety of Bay waters off the town's Bayside Park. The town reported they "initiated a voluntary third-party test for per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) of the waters at Bayfront Park within two locations, the creek and the Bay. The results show elevated levels of PFAS at both locations based on drinking water levels."

The town, in a response from MDE in the July 1 issue of The County Times, reported, "The Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) toxicology division has confirmed that there is no action required at this time, based on the results, and that the results are consistent with what has been found in other waters."

The town has since received the following from MDE: "The concentrations presented in the Chesapeake Beach samples are similar to those in water bodies at other locations within the Chesapeake including locations that are not located near contaminated sites. Background samples were collected in Fishing Bay and are similar to those at Chesapeake Beach. The concentrations reported at Chesapeake



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the Environment

Beach do not represent concentrations that would limit recreational use of these waters. PFAS and specifically PFOS and PFOA are chemicals that are very persistent in the environment, and they don't break down and can accumulate over time. Additionally, PFAS have been used and continue to be used in food packaging, household commercial items and the workplace.

"The source of the detected PFAS at Chesapeake Beach is not known at this time and may be attributable to background conditions. Investigations of PFAS impacts to groundwater and surface water are ongoing at the Naval Research Laboratory Chesapeake Bay and as updates and work progresses MDE will continue to keep the community apprised of the findings and any additional recommendations."

"To view the testing report go to https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4261/f/uploads/210608_chesapeake_beach_-_surface_water_results_-_pfas.pdf.

"The results will also be posted at the beach.

According to a release, "The town will continue to provide updated information to the public."

As The County Times reported two weeks ago, Naval Research Laboratory-Chesapeake Bay Detachment (NRL-CBD) is continuing to investigate potential contamination to drinking water wells and surrounding waterways from testing done there.

The town reported: "Fire suppressant testing at NRL-CBD, including the testing of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), has been ongoing since 1968. Some AFFF contains per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS. Results of a recent on-base groundwater investigation indicates that these substances are present in shallow groundwater as a result of historical activities at NRL-CBD; as a result, may have impacted off-base shallow groundwater which may be used for drinking water. The Navy conducted drinking water sampling for certain PFAS in drinking water wells in the vicinity of NRL-CBD; however, the town's drinking water source was not considered as a part of the testing due to the depth of the town's water source."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "Per- and

polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States since the 1940s. PFOA and PFOS have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals. Both chemicals are very persistent in the environment and in the human body – meaning they don't break down and they can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects."

At the town's June 17 meeting, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington project manager Ryan Mayer admitted that PFAS was leaving the site via streams that are discharging to the Bay.

"That seems to be the case from the sampling that we have," he said.

At the June 27 Calvert County Board of County Commissioners meeting, NRL-CBD neighbor David Harrison said the shallow wells on his farm had PFAS contamination. He called on the BOCC to take a more proactive stance to prod the Navy to accelerate their slow investigation process.

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Tim and Ivan

Confronting the KGB



Tim Hutchins swearing in as Secretary of the Department of State Police and superintendent, taken in March of 2004 at the State House with Governor Robert Ehrlich and Charles County Commissioners, his wife Jackie, daughter Annette and son Reid (in the background).

Editor's Note:

Last week's feature story on the life of former county commissioner Tim Hutchins omitted, due to space limitations, some stories provided by him during the interview. The following relates an incident that happened to him when he was a state trooper:

On a very cold January Sunday morning at 0700hrs on MD5 at Allentown Rd, I came upon a car stopped at the traffic light there. I had been extremely cold for most of two weeks, I was the road supervisor at MSP Barrack k L Forestville and was heading home from night shift.

The car was a non-descript Chevy Impala 4 door, however I noted it displayed Diplomat registration plates. I pulled alongside and look at the driver; he looked over at me then and turned away immediately.

The light changed to green, and I fell in behind him as we pulled away. I called in the tag number as he was close to Andrews AFB and the related activity of the presidential fleet was very active at that time. We proceeded south on MD5 and suddenly the driver took a sharp turn off at Old Alexandria Ferry Rd. and pulled into an empty bank drive in.

I dropped down to the next driveway which was a Roy Rogers restaurant that hadn't opened for the morning. I watched through the widow and within a few minutes the Chevy proceeded to head out crossing MD 5 on Old Alexandria Ferry Rd. I paused for a few moments and likewise followed. Having lost sight of the Chevy I accelerated coming around a turn. Not far from the back entrance to Andrews AFB I came upon the Chevy on the should of the road. The driver accelerated and down the road we went running a light at Woodyard Road.

By then I had a response back on the registration plate; it was listed to the Sovi-

et Embassy. I had enough probable cause to stop the car now and I did almost at the main entrance to the Naval Communications Station. I had called for assistance from the FBI but no one was in that area and the Base police were restricted to the gate. Upon approaching the driver, I introduced myself, told him why I stopped him and requested his driver's license. He immediately gave me his Diplomatic credentials as well, and stated "Fishing, going fishing" I remarked, well it must be ice fishing as this entire area is frozen!

I returned to my car and wrote a warning ticket as we cannot charge Diplomats with misdemeanor traffic offenses. As I read his driver's license and ID, I laughed to myself when I saw his first name, Ivan. During my military training in Germany along the Fulda Gap, which was one of the major advance routes that a Soviet invasion would use, the Soviet soldier was almost always referred to as "Ivan." Ivan will fight in this fashion and this order of battle extra. Thus, I thought "well there is the SOB we've been training to fight all this time and I have him cornered."

As I could do nothing further, I walked back to his car to a gat good look at some things in the car as I spoke to him and bid him safe travels, closing with "I'll see you again sometime"

The next day I was called, and a meeting was set up with the FBI and some other folks. I learned as the investigation developed who this person was and ultimately what he was doing here. I cannot disclose all the details but in 1993 the FBI called me and wanted to use my real name in an article that was being written on espionage, to which I concurred. The person I had stopped was a KGB agent and ultimately found to have been working the US Navy spy John Walker. He was the highest-ranking agent that had been found since the case of the Pumpkin Patch.

I know he was deported later in the same year that I stopped him, and now with the aid of social media, I search for him but never have found a trace.

Seven Candidates Apply for Commissioner Vacancy

Republican Central Committee to Make Recommendation

By Dick Myers
Editor

Seven candidates are vying to replace former Calvert County Commissioner Thomas E. “Tim” Hutchins, who resigned effective June 28. The candidates are:

- Mark Christian Cox, Sr. of Huntingtown
- Christopher J. Gadway of Huntingtown
- David Gatton of Port Republic
- Stephen A. Oberg of Huntingtown
- Steven K. Sisk of Huntingtown
- Dave Suhosky of Huntingtown
- Donna M. Zupancic of St. Leonard

Hutchins represented Commissioner District 2, the middle portion of Calvert County. Since Hutchins is a Republican, the replacement process involves a recommendation to the governor from the Calvert County Republican Central Committee, although the governor is not required to follow that recommendation.

The Republican Central Committee interviewed the seven candidates at their headquarters in Prince Frederick on July 5. The committee then was expected to make their decision at a meeting on Wednesday, July 6, after which a letter of recommendation would be written to Governor Larry Hogan from Cen-

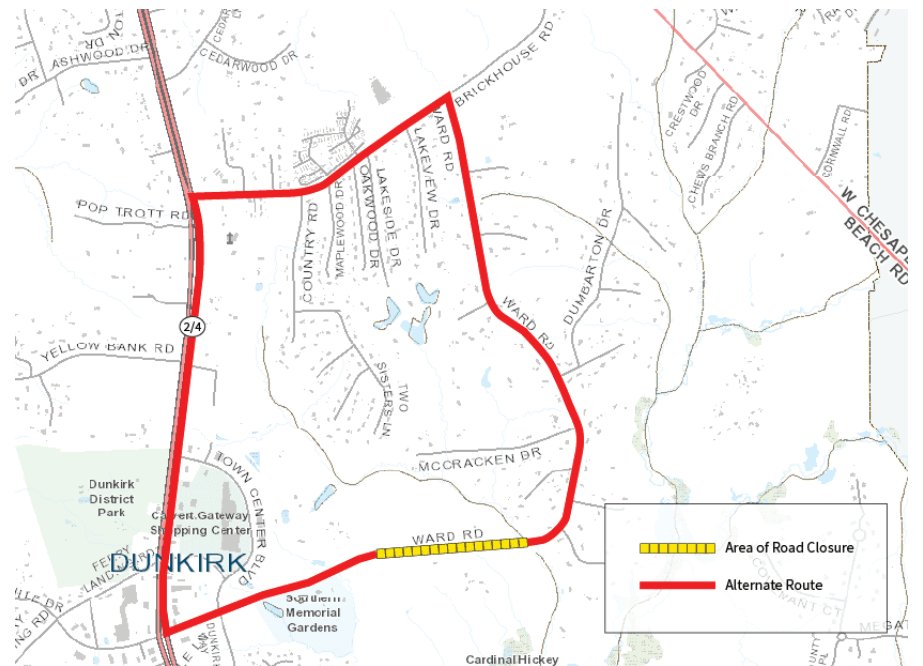
tral Committee Chairperson Catherine Grasso.

In a statement at the end of the commissioners’ June 8 meeting, Hutchins said, “Earlier this morning, I advised my colleagues and then the county staff that I resigned my position of commissioner of District 2 effective the 28th of this month. Having spent my early youth in the quietness of the crossroads of Barstow, I went on to serve many organizations and capacities, both here and abroad. It was a particular honor to come back home to Calvert County and to serve you in my home district. It’s also significant for me, during my tenure, it was here in this courthouse, I walked into the selective service office decades ago, greeted the registrar, Mrs. Jessie Jo Bowen, and stated I’d like to go into the United States Army to which she replied in her unmistakable voice, “I think I can help you with that.

“That helped lead me to a path of service that has lasted over a half century. Other challenges have arisen for me over the past several months, which I feel necessitate my resignation and in so doing I wanted the people and citizens of District 2 to be provided with ample notice to alert them to this possibility, should they be interested in serving the final 18 months of this term.”

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Section of Ward Road Closed for Construction



The Calvert County Department of Public Works will be closing a section of Ward Road in Dunkirk, beginning on or about Tuesday, July 6 for the construction of a new roundabout and roadway improvements at the entrance to Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park. Construction is expected to continue through Sept. 30, 2021,

weather permitting.

During construction, Ward Road will be closed to all traffic in both directions. Traffic will be directed to use MD 2/4 and Brickhouse Road. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area while construction is underway.

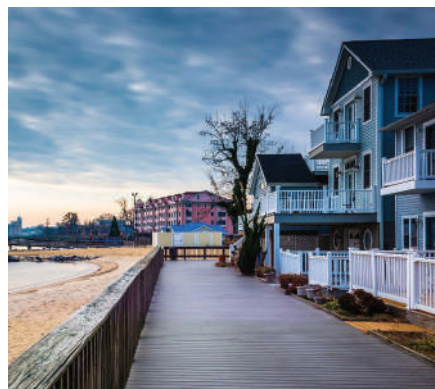
Press Release from Calvert County government.

Town Receives Waterway Grant Funds

The Town of Chesapeake Beach is one of 60 projects in 19 counties, to receive funding that include grants for statewide projects and emergency water rescue needs.

Through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Fund the town will receive funding in the amount of \$250,000, as requested by the Town through a competitive grant process, to aide in the rehabilitation of the Chesapeake Beach Dredge Material Placement Site. This site serves as a vital asset to maintaining the Fishing Creek channel for recreational boaters and commercial fishermen. This project will be funded in the current fiscal year and work is already underway within the Town to use these funds in preparation for the upcoming channel dredge and jetty wall rehabilitation project.

“Boating is not just an important part of our history and our culture, it is also an important part of Maryland’s economy,” said Governor Hogan. “The announcement of these new grants is yet another shining example that Maryland is open for business, open for summer, and open for boating.”



The Waterway Improvement Fund was created in 1966 to support the development, enjoyment, and use of Maryland’s waters for the benefit of the general boating and cruising public. Projects funded include new public boating access, amenities, and facilities; dredging of navigable waterways; emergency vessels and equipment for local first responders; and other important infrastructure and initiatives. These funds are made available primarily from a five-percent vessel excise tax on boat purchases and titling.

Press Release from Tow of Chesapeake Beach

Dunkirk Town Center Workshop Scheduled

The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning, on behalf of the Calvert County Planning Commission, invites citizens to provide input on the Dunkirk Town Center Master Plan and Zoning Update at a virtual and in-person hybrid workshop on Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. Citizens can attend the workshop virtually or in person by registering online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/DunkirkTownCenter.

The in-person workshop will be held at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department located at 3170 W. Ward Road in Dunkirk.

Planning & Zoning staff will share results from the Dunkirk Master Plan and Zoning Update Survey, and attendees will discuss topics of interest identified in the survey. Registration closes at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, or when capacity is reached. It may take up to one business day to receive confirmation.

To ensure full public access and transparency, the workshop will be streamed live on the Cal-



vert County Government website by clicking on the Calvert County Planning Commission tab online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Meetings and Calvert County Government YouTube page at www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov.

The workshop will also be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6 and 1070 HD.

For more information about the Dunkirk Town Center Master Plan and Zoning Update, visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Dunkirk-TownCenter, email TownCenter-Update@calvertcountymd.gov or call 410-535-1600, ext. 2356.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

County Congratulates New Businesses



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Press Release from Calvert County government.

Chesapeake Beach Likes 'Quality of Life'

Most Oppose Short-Term Rentals

During the June 7 Chesapeake Beach Town Council Work Session, Patrick Gonzales of Gonzales Media & Research presented the findings of a recent poll conducted of town residents.

Key findings from the report show:

- 91 percent of town residents believe the town should emphasize the peace and quiet enjoyment of its residents.

- 93 percent of town residents disagree with the statement, "Chesapeake Beach should be primarily a tourist destination first and residential community second."

- 69 percent of town residents agree with the statement, "I would prefer those homes surrounding me remain in residential use and not be used as a short-term vacation rental housing."

- By a greater than 2-to-1 margin, 66 percent of Chesapeake Beach residents believe that vacation stays by tourists to the town are best suited to take place at a



local hotel or inn, compared to 31 percent who think tourist stays are best suited to occur at residential dwellings such as an Airbnb.

- Three-quarters of the town (76 percent) prefer to live in a residential community where homes are occupied by families or individuals that are not transient, contrasted with 24 percent who state that it would not bother them if their neighbors rented their home to transient vacationers with different guest every couple of days.

To view the full report please click on https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4261/f/uploads/gonzales-poll_townofchesapeakebeach_june_2021.pdf

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Damaged Property: 21-34054

On June 22, 2021, DFC Cress responded to the 3900 block of Gordon Stinnett Avenue in Chesapeake Beach, MD for a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) removed a piece of molding from his Ford F-250 while the vehicle was parked in a nearby parking lot. The estimated value of damaged property is \$600.00.

Damaged Property: 21-34908

On June 25, 2021, DFC Crum responded to Giant located at 10790 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk, MD for a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised unknown suspects smashed the front passenger window of his vehicle out while he was inside the store. The estimated value of damaged property is \$800.00.

Damaged Property: 21-35086

On June 26, 2021, Deputy Abercrombie responded to 9100 block of Mackall Road in St. Leonard, MD for the report of a hit and run. Contact was made with the complainant who advised her mailbox was hit and knocked over. The estimated property damage is \$100. Further investigation revealed, several other mailboxes in the area were also damaged. Anyone with information in regards to this incident, is asked to contact Deputy Abercrombie at autumn.abercrombie@calvertcountymd.gov

Damaged Property: 21-35375

On June 27, 2021, Deputy Abercrombie responded to 5400 block of Long Beach Road in St. Leonard, MD for a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised during the night, unknown suspect(s)

broke her garden hose in half. The value of damaged property is \$20.

Theft: 21-35371

On June 27, 2021, Deputy Aley responded to Wawa located at 10205 Kirksville Lane in Dunkirk, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect stole a Snickers ice-cream bar and an Alto menthol pod and walked past the cashier without making payment. The value of stolen property is \$28.00.

Theft: 21-33801

On June 21, 2021, Deputy Abercrombie responded to the SpringHill Suites in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a stolen tag. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) stole his Pennsylvania rear registration plate from the vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

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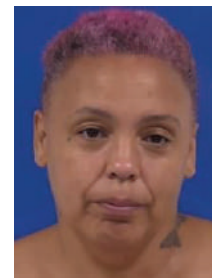
On June 21, 2021, the Calvert County Control Center issued a lookout for a stolen vehicle. Deputy Sturdivant observed the suspect vehicle in the area of Rt. 260 and Thomas Ave. in Owings, MD and conducted a felony traffic stop. Contact was made with the driver, **Harry Gabriel Davies**, 34 of Germantown, MD who was advised that the vehicle in his possession was confirmed to be stolen. Davies was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft:



Harry Gabriel Davies

\$1500 to Under \$25,000.

On June 23, 2021, Deputy A. Dymond and Cpl. Wahlgren conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle along northbound Rt. 4 in at Bowie Shop Road in Huntingtown, MD. Upon making contact with the driver, a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from the vehicle. The driver **Cathy Marie Holliday**, 41 of York, PA and passenger **Damien Omar Moore**, 42 of York, PA were asked to exit the vehicle.



Cathy Marie Holliday

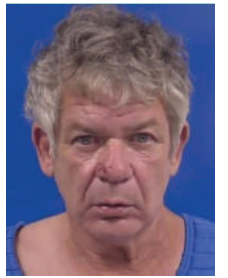


Damien Omar Moore

Upon exiting, Holiday turned over her purse which contained a fully loaded 9MM handgun. A search of the vehicle revealed a total of 56.6 grams of marijuana in 13 separately sealed plastic bags and a grinder. Both Holliday and Moore were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where Moore was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+ and Holliday was charged with a Loaded Handgun on Person and Concealing a Dangerous Weapon.

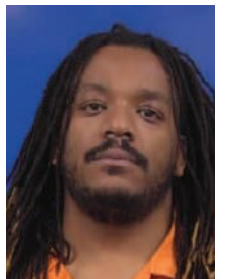
On June 25, 2021, Deputy R. Evans responded to 185 Radio Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a burglary. Upon arrival, Deputy Evans encountered a male subject on the property who had been issued an

Indefinite No Trespassing Order for that location. **John Bartholomew Noone**, 58 of no fixed address, was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing: Private Property.



John Bartholomew Noone

On June 27, 2021, Deputy W. McDowell conducted a traffic stop in the area of westbound Rt. 260 and Boyd's Turn Road in Owings, MD. As Deputy McDowell made contact with the driver, **Richard Lewis Cypress**, 31 of Washington D.C., a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded Ruger SR 40 handgun, ammunition, a pocket knife, and eight rolled brown paper cigarettes containing suspected marijuana. Cypress was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he charged with having a Loaded Handgun on his Person and Loaded Handgun in Vehicle.



Richard Lewis Cypress

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

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Calvert's Most Dangerous

Traffic Impacted by 'Sheer Volume'

By Dick Myers
Editor

Crabs and beer. Bacon and eggs. Peanut butter and jelly. Calvert County and cars (and trucks and SUVs).

According to the Calvert County Transportation Plan adopted early last year, "The predominant mode of transportation in Calvert County is the personal automobile. More than 90 percent of county residents commute to work alone in their personal vehicle; fewer than three percent use public transit."

And, the plan says, "The lack of major employers in Calvert County results in slightly more than 65 percent of commuting trips destined for locations outside of Calvert County. This phenomenon has steadily increased over the past three decades. Military facilities (Naval Support Facility Indian Head, Joint Base Andrews, Naval Air Station Patuxent River), defense agencies and contractors and non-defense federal agencies are the largest employment destinations for Calvert County residents."

Through traffic appears to be having a minimal impact on overall traffic. According to the plan, "Data indicates that MD 2/4 carries a relatively insignificant amount of traffic from St. Mary's County across the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge and through to Prince George's or Anne Arundel County. Fewer than four percent of all vehicles make this trip from the southern border through to the northern boundary of Calvert County. This is indicative of a strong economic relationship between Calvert County and NAS Patuxent River as 96 percent of all trips using the bridge are between Calvert and St. Mary's counties."

So those people you are stuck in traffic with are more than likely fellow Calvert countians. The transportation plan reports, "As of July 2018, the Census Bureau estimates that the average commute time for a resident of Calvert County is 42 minutes, by far the longest average commute of any jurisdiction in Maryland. Maryland has the longest average commute of any state in the nation at 31.8 minutes. Long travel times are a function of increased trip length as people have moved to Calvert County from the metropolitan core and from traffic congestion on roads outside of Calvert County."

It is thus predictable that the county's worst intersections are along its main street, Routes 2/4, also the main commuter route. Information provided to The County Times from the Calvert County Sheriff's

Office (CCSO) via Delta Plus, which is the central reporting program used for crash reporting by Law Enforcement Agencies in Maryland, shows that from 2019 until now, these are the five most dangerous intersections in the county:

- Southern Maryland Blvd (MD 4)/Chaneyville Rd – Total: 24 crashes
- Solomons Island Rd (MD 2/4)/Plum Point Rd – Total: 23 crashes
- Solomons Island Rd (MD 2/4)/Broomes Island Rd – Total: 19 crashes
- Solomons Island Rd/Chesapeake Beach Rd (MD 2 @ MD 260) – Total: 17 crashes
- Southern Maryland Blvd (MD 4)/Town Center Blvd – Total: 16 crashes

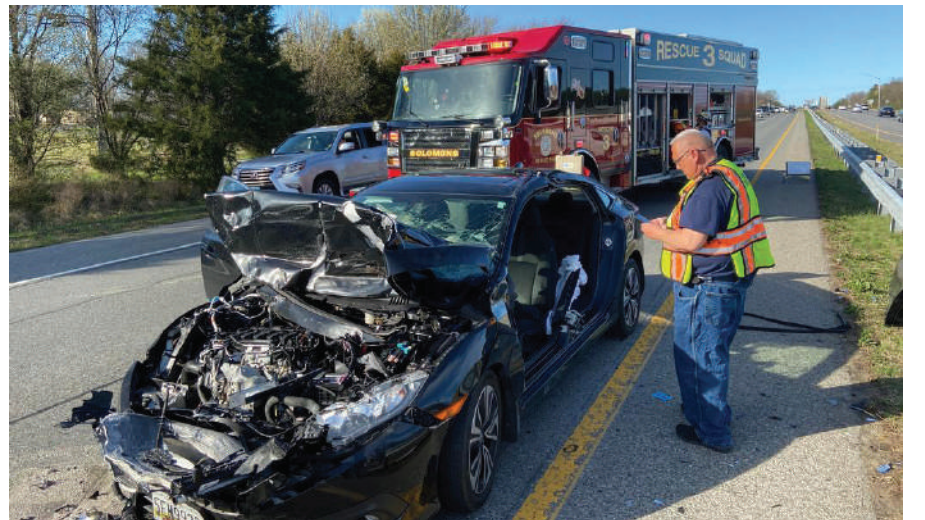
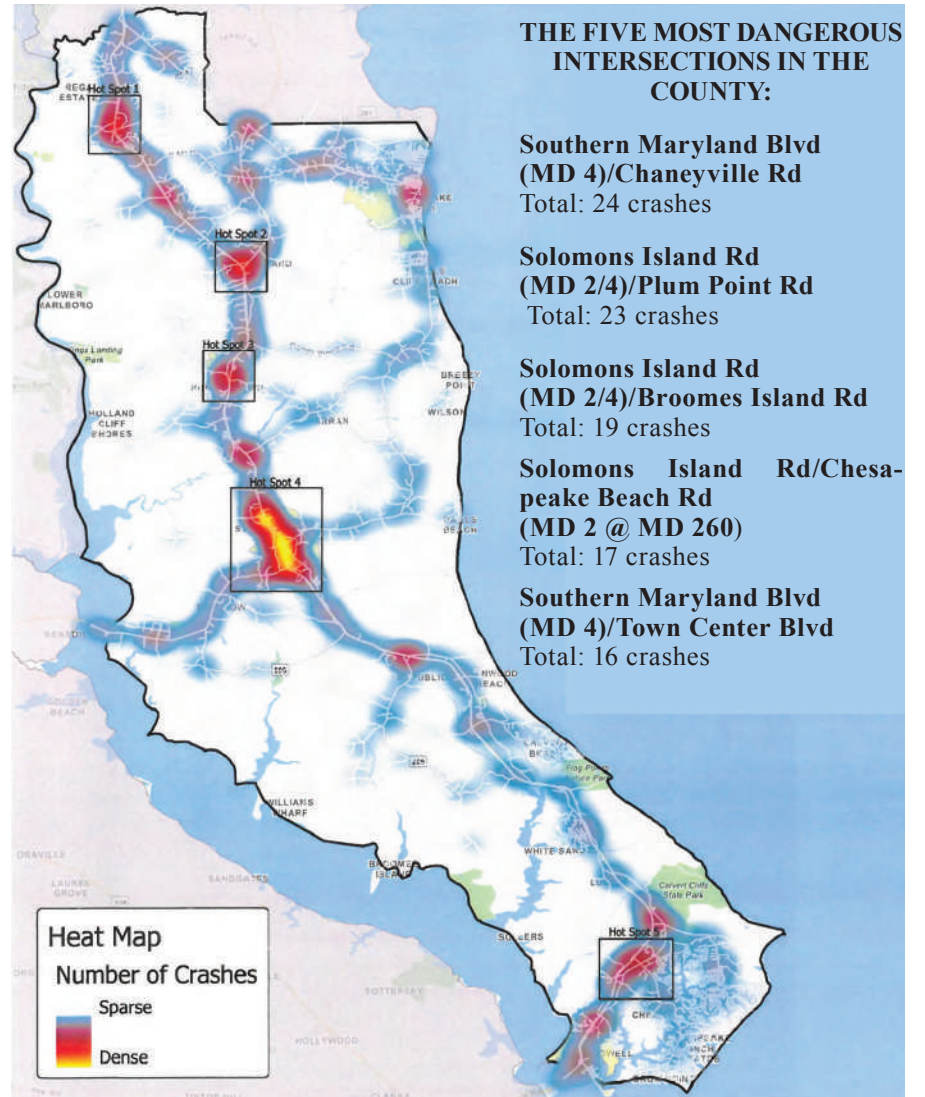
Sheriff's office First Sergeant Jason Dean, commander of the Support Services Unit that has traffic safety as its responsibility, said, "Contributing factors for these crashes vary from vehicle speed, inattentive or distracted drivers (human error) as well as impairment. Rear end impacted crashes have typically been related to intersections and traffic backups as well as distracted/inattentive drivers."

Dean said, "Enforcement efforts have been focused north and south of the major town centers, to include speed and distracted driver enforcement initiatives to proactively counter these high-volume crash areas. High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) initiatives are directed to the crash hotspots to enforce violations and to deter subsequent crashes.

"Partnering with the HVE efforts, VMS message boards have been deployed with traffic safety messages as well as Public Service Announcements (PSA's) on the agency Social Media outlets. Media Toolkits provided by MDOT's (Maryland Department of Transportation) Highway Safety Office have been a great resource for public service announcements and educational messages. These toolkits offer various messages year-round relatable to the holidays and historical trends in deterring traffic crashes."

Dean explained, "Pre-Covid, the sheriff's office participated in several events throughout the year where education was provided to the public on traffic safety and crash related concerns:

- The Sheriff's Office participated in Mock Crashes for local high schools which provided an up-close, on-scene experience

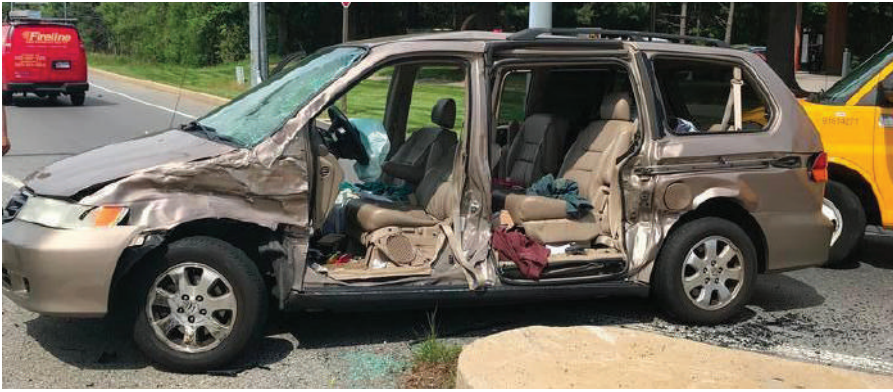


for traffic related fatal crashes for high school students.

- Community outreach events such as Neighborhood Watch meetings, National Night Out, the county fair and the CCSO Open House to name a few.
- Topics of discussion included: seatbelt usage, vehicle speed concerns, distracted drivers, etc."

Assistant Sheriff Lt. Col. Dave McDowell was asked, "Has it gotten worse on the roads in recent years?" "Well, yes, it has, just by sheer volume," he said. "It was typical to see northbound traffic in the morning with no southbound traffic and then southbound traffic in the evening with little to no northbound traffic. Well, that's no longer the case. It's a steady flow north and south both

Dangerous Intersections



morning and afternoon now. And even during the day, the volume decreases a little bit, but not as much as you would think.”

“There’s just more people out on the roads. It’s just that simple.”

Nationwide it’s been reported that traffic volume significantly declined during the pandemic, yet fatalities increased. McDowell observed the behavior. “You saw a significant decrease in the volume of cars on the road during the beginning phases of the pandemic and about halfway through it, it was obvious you would go out and there’d be nobody on the roads. And the people that were on the roads were doing 70, 80, 90 miles an hour going up and down the road for whatever reason. I don’t know.”

As to what’s going on to make the Chaneyville Road intersection the county’s worst, McDowell said, “It’s speed, it’s inattention and distracted driving, and people don’t yield right away. I don’t know if it’s because they’re misjudging the closing speed of the opposing vehicle and rear-end collisions or because people are looking at their phones. We had a campaign for a while through Maryland State Highway Safety Office. It was, ‘Eyes up phones down,’ keep your eyes on the road and put your phone down.”

Even though there are two schools on Chaneyville Road, McDowell said, “We don’t have a lot of bus related actions, very few. And, honestly, I don’t think our younger drivers are the biggest contributor to our crashes, to be honest with you.”

The transportation plan also lists county roads that are frequent crash locations:

- Mason Road
- Little Cove Point Road
- Mt. Harmony Road Parran Road
- Pond Woods Road
- Skinner Turn Road
- Wilson Road
- Prince Frederick Blvd at W. Dares Beach Road

Not showing up on the most dangerous intersections but deemed a serious concern by the county is the stretch of Route 231 from Prince Frederick to the Benedict Bridge.

McDowell noted former commissioner Tim Hutchins persistent concerns about the road. “It’s a state road. They have not seen the need to re-engineer that road, although we have made numerous requests to them to do that and to do traffic studies, but they’re saying their traffic studies don’t support the cost and effort to re-engineer that road.” He added, “That road is a major artery, from the west. You see commercial vehicles, tractor trailers, dump trucks, everything in there, and they’re co-mingled with motorcycles and passenger cars.”

Still the transportation plan says, “On a countywide basis and when measured against objective industry standards, Calvert County’s road system provides ample capacity for trips made by current residents and workers in the county. While there are hot spots of congestion at certain times of the day, overall, the system operates very well. All along the MD 2/4 corridor, morning peak-hour traffic speed consistently runs at or near the posted speed limit (50/55 mph in rural areas; 45 mph through the town centers). The same conditions occur in the PM peak hour, except through Prince Frederick where average speeds drop to under 30 mph between MD 263 and MD 402.” The plan shows the Cox Road intersection as having a failing level of service.

Critics of the transportation plan say the consultants who crafted it used average data to reach the conclusion while failing to consider traffic backups at certain intersections during both rush hours that create driver frustration and often bad driving behavior. The critics say residents moved to the county to get away from city congestion, only to sit in what feels like it every day.

For instance, the plan says, “Between 2015 and 2018, there were just under 4,400 traffic crashes in Calvert County - an average of four per day. (By way of comparison, Anne Arundel County experiences nearly 30 traffic crashes per day.) While this is a relatively low rate of occurrence locally, traffic safety nationally has become a public health crisis.”

The plan does take note of the concern about the 2/4 split north of Hun-



tingtown. “The first southbound signalized intersection along the high-speed section of MD 4, MD 2/4 split and the intersection of MD 262 are of concern as numerous serious crashes have occurred, including three fatalities (including one pedestrian).” The state says it doesn’t have the technology to synchronize the southbound traffic light at Lower Marlboro Road with the northbound light at the split.

One of the goals of the transportation plan is “Eliminate traffic and pedestrian deaths and serious injuries. Transportation-related deaths and severe injuries are preventable and unacceptable. Rural communities like Calvert County are increasingly adopting a Vision Zero strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.”

McDowell said, “It is every deputy sheriff’s responsibility to ensure public safety and preserve life. And to achieve that mission, traffic enforcement is a requirement. It doesn’t matter what your rank, what your assignment is. If you see flagrant violations, you’re expected to take traffic action. The sheriff himself pulls over cars. He has radar in his car.”

Dean’s Special Services Unit has traffic safety and traffic enforcement as part of their primary responsibility. McDowell said, “They don’t just do what you would call routine patrol and look for traffic violations. They actually do data-driven responses to areas where we have a high volume of crashes and speeding complaints. For example, we just did one at the behest of the people from Long Beach for Calver Beach Road. People were just using it as a raceway coming through there. And it’s a residential area. We went out, did some traffic analysis with some speed recording equip-

ment and we did identify a problem. We were able to, through signage and enforcement, slow people down.”

McDowell said community partnerships are big in improving traffic safety. “We just encourage the community to reach out when they see something. Enforcement on our part is critical. Slowing people down is critical. Some people see five or six cruisers on the side of Route 4 that have some cars pulled over and some people view that as ‘They don’t have anything better to do. They’re harassing the working man,’ that kind of stuff, but then other people go, ‘I’m really glad they’re out there doing something about this, because just last week I had someone tailgating me so bad that I almost wrecked my car.’”

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The Transportation Plan List of County Roads That Are Frequent Crash Locations:

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Marylanders Challenged to Support Local Farms

Buy Local Week Coming Up

Are you up for the 'Challenge' to buy local during Buy Local Week? The statewide Buy Local Challenge (BLC) encourages Marylanders to support local farms and producers by choosing to buy and enjoy Maryland grown and produced farm products every day during Buy Local Week, July 17 through July 25, 2021.

To set the stage and get consumers' taste buds prepped for Buy Local Week, the Buy Local Challenge Facebook page and website are now previewing new resources and incentives for consumers to discover the bounty of Maryland's fields and farms in person and virtually.

The Maryland Buy Local 'Follow Me To...' mini video series features 8 new episodes highlighting local small business collaborations with regional farms that are set to be released throughout the month of July. This season's videos focus on ingenious value-added farm products and the farmers and producers who create them – think cutting boards and spoons made from Maryland grown woods, coffee beans infused with Maryland distilled Bourbon, and delicious jellies lovingly made with local wines, to list a few.

Intrigued? There are many more Buy Local activities for the whole family to enjoy. Starting July 1st, enter to win a 'Buy Local

Swag' gift bag and other prizes by completing the Buy Local Challenge Scavenger Hunt or posting a photo of fun local finds with the hashtag #BuyLocalChallenge.

Also look out for these special BLC promotions – free giveaway lime green BLC shopping bags (limited quantities) appearing at Southern Maryland markets in early July, and Maryland Market Money (MMM) "Buy Local Bonus Bucks" (an extra \$5 incentive plus the MMM match) for all customers shopping with their Federal Nutrition Benefits available during Buy Local Week at participating Maryland Market Money markets across Maryland.

Visit the BLC website at www.buylocalchallenge.com and the Maryland Buy Local Challenge on Facebook to find Buy Local Week highlights, competitions and prizes, plus recipes and extensive statewide farm guides, farmers' market directories, downloadable pledge certificates and more.

The Buy Local Challenge is a statewide program created by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and is jointly promoted in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Press Release from SMADC.

Animal Shelter Adoption Fees Half-Off in July



The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is over capacity for animals and is offering a 50% reduction in adoption fees for all animals through the end of July.

"Finding loving homes for all of Calvert County's animals is our top priority" said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. "Offering reduced fees will free up room in the shelter for animals in need and allow residents to find the perfect addition to their home – whether that be a dog, cat, rooster, rabbit or any other animal of any age."

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is an open admission animal shelter managed by the Animal Shelter Division of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety. The shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. For more information about adopting from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government

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Natural Resources, Nature Society Volunteers Recognized

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation, Natural Resources Division, and the Calvert Nature Society recognized nine Calvert Stewards volunteers as recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) at a ceremony held June 18 at the Gatewood Preserve in Prince Frederick.

Established in 2003, the PVSA is a prestigious national award given to individuals who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service over the course of 12 months.

"Thank you to all of our Calvert Stewards for your volunteer efforts," said Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal. "This year has been challenging and it seems that flexibility and accommodations were the name of the game. Special thanks goes out to our award winners for the extreme effort you put in over the past year, despite the challenges. You are all truly deserving. And thank you to the Calvert Nature Society for your continued partnership. Here's to a sun-filled summer!"

The following volunteers received Gold Level Awards:



- Jason Avery
- Mary Hollinger
- Andrew Miller

The following volunteers received Bronze Level Awards:

- Karen Anderson
- Eaton Ekarintaragun
- Brian Richards
- Teresa Richards
- Craig Simmons
- Joanne Simmons

The Calvert Stewards Winter 2020 Newsletter featured these and other amazing Calvert Stewards and can be viewed online at <https://calvertstewards.galaxydigital.com/files/dl/835e4c222c2bb98cb01f960f0a614ce0/>.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Hoyer Announces Congressional Art Contest Winner

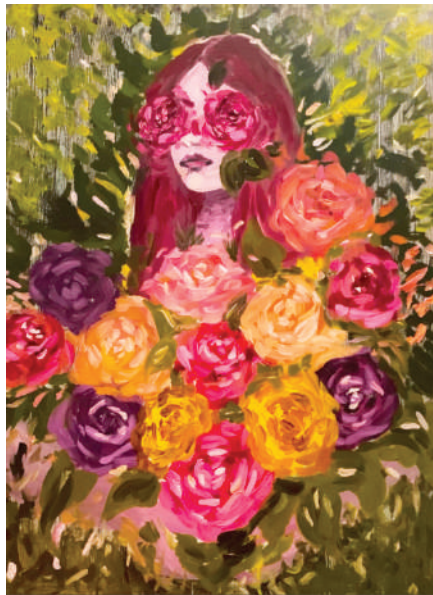
Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) has announced the winner of the 2021 Fifth District Congressional Art Competition. Violet Cambell, a rising senior at Huntingtown High School, won the competition with her piece titled *"The Pride of Sight."*

Once again, Maryland's Fifth District students showcased their strong talents during this year's 2021 Fifth District Congressional Art Competition," said Congressman Hoyer. "Though there were many exceptional submissions, I am especially pleased to congratulate Violet Campbell on winning first place. Her beautiful piece will be on proud display in the Capitol complex for the next year. I thank her for sharing her wonderful artwork, which will be admired by thousands of Members of Congress, staff, and visitors of Washington, DC."

"I also extend a warm congratulations to our second place winner, Liliana McGee, and our third place winner, Ilsa Erickson," continued Congressman Hoyer. "I was very moved by their pieces and applaud their efforts in a highly competitive competition. Each one of the submissions this year is further evidence of the outstanding talent that comes from Maryland's Fifth District."

Violette Campbell lives in Huntingtown. Her artwork, titled *"The Pride of Sight,"* was created using oil paint. Liliana McGee, a junior at Elizabeth Seton High School, received second place for her watercolor painting titled *"Una Bisnonna."*

Ilsa Erickson, a junior from Bishop O'Connell High School, received third place for her digital photograph



titled *"Life of a Virtual Student."*

The Congressional Arts Competition provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to showcase the artistic talent of high school students in their districts. Since 1982, the competition has involved hundreds of thousands of students, and the winners have had their pieces hung in the Capitol complex for a year to be seen by the many visitors who come to the Capitol and by Members of Congress every day.

Each year, Congressman Hoyer sends letters to all the high schools in the Fifth District announcing the Congressional Fifth District High School Arts Competition. After all entries have been submitted, a panel of local judges from the education and business communities participate in a panel to determine the winner.

Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer

Comptroller Virtually Presents Schaefer Awards

Comptroller Peter Franchot today virtually presented the William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award to honorees in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

"Whether lifting the spirits of seriously ill children, feeding the hungry, or raising funds for man's best friends, these Marylanders are true heroes," Comptroller Franchot said. "Now more than ever, we need leaders who step up and lend a helping hand to people facing adversity or those who society has left behind."

Heather Maertens is the Calvert County Schaefer award recipient. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she continued helping the county's most vulnerable; raising money for county animal shelters through her Breakfast at Sniffany's annual fundraiser, while making custom necklaces to benefit Calvert Hospice, United Way and the Brem Foundation. Maertens is the owner of Maertens Fine Jewelry and Gifts in Lusby.

In Charles County, restaurateur Joe Gressis was selected as the Helping People recipient for his generosity in caring for the hungry and isolated. Gressis annually offers free

Thanksgiving meals to those in need. During COVID, he went above and beyond by continuing that tradition and delivering meals to 80 Marines on duty near his Waldorf restaurant, Lucianna's Steakhouse. Gressis also owns Galazio Restaurant in La Plata and two OBO Pizza establishments in Waldorf and Indian Head.

Foundation 4 Heroes was chosen as the St. Mary's County recipient for their unwavering dedication to caring for Veterans and critically ill patients. The team of volunteer heroes, led by Dr. Jay Lipoff, don superhero costumes to lift spirits, raise funds, and remind everyone to discover the hero within to conquer life's daunting challenges.

Since 2012, Comptroller Franchot has presented Schaefer Awards to individuals or organizations serving their community in each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions. This year, all award presentations will be held virtually. Press releases will be sent announcing the honorees in each region, along with links to view the virtual ceremonies.

Press Release from Office of Comptroller Peter Franchot

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New CSM Provost Named

New Division of Learning Vice President

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announced that Dr. Rodney Redmond has been named vice president of the college's new Division of Learning and CSM's first provost. Redmond had been serving in the role as CSM's interim vice president of Academic Affairs since January 2021, as part of a unique cross-college transfer between CSM and Montgomery College (MC), where Redmond served as the College-wide Dean of English and Reading.

"I am proud to announce my selection of Dr. Rodney Redmond for the position of Provost and Vice President for the Division of Learning at the College of Southern Maryland," shared CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy in her announcement to the CSM faculty and staff May 17. "This was a highly competitive search."

In his role, Redmond will lead a new organization that will see the college's current departments of Academic Affairs and Continuing Education and Workforce combine to centralize all areas of learning in one division. Included in the Division of Learning will be the School of Continuing Education and Workforce, the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Professional and Technical Studies, the School of Science and Health, and Library and Technology Resources.

Murphy said Redmond was selected for several reasons, including his demonstrated ability to listen, be empathetic, care for others' well-being and for his commitment to the growth of people as an intuitive act of stewardship. He is a servant leader.

"The provost is a new role in our college, and while it's in its infancy, it's part of our long-term goal of improving student learning and advancing our new strategic plan," she further explained. "Dr. Redmond understands that and can articulate how the college's strategic goals fit into the work of the new Division of Learning. He will grow with the position as we shape it."

Murphy also cited Redmond's track record of recruiting and retaining minority faculty. "Our students need to see people in their classrooms who look like them, especially our young minority men," she wrote in her announcement. "Diversification of our workforce is a critical strategy in improving student success.

"And last—but certainly not least—he collaborates well—an essential leadership trait," Murphy said. "Collaboration, one of our college values, is defined as 'we are stronger when we work together.' Dr. Redmond will help us be stronger... I have confidence that Dr. Redmond will be a positive and thoughtful part of nurturing our work."

Redmond said he is honored to have been selected and looks forward to permanently joining the CSM team.

"I have worked in higher education for over twenty-five years and I have yet to overcome my fascination with learning," he recently told the participants of CSM's



Rodney Redmond

62nd Spring Commencement May 14. "In my last five months here at CSM, I can tell you – without a doubt—that my biggest takeaway – what I learned the most – is that this CSM family (faculty, staff and students, together) have unbreakable strength and commitment to each other."

Redmond began his career in education more than 20 years ago. Initially, working in secondary education as a sophomore level English teacher, he later transitioned into a career in higher education. Within the higher education arena, he has worked as an adjunct professor, teaching English Composition and Developmental English, at the University of Akron, Ohio before joining the English faculty at the Rockville campus of MC. During his tenure as an English faculty member at MC, he served in various roles including his work as a member of the Assessment Center Advisory Committee, the English Discipline Steering Committee, the English CLEP coordinator, the English Competency coordinator and chair of the department of English Composition, Literature and Professional Writing. He also co-led a state-wide workgroup on Assessment and Placement that resulted in a MOU concerning Assessment and Placement between Maryland community college presidents and state superintendents of schools in Maryland.

Redmond has served MC as the representative to the local NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program and chair of the board of directors for The Bernie Tetreault Scholarship Program. He is a member of the National Council of Black American Affairs, Community College Humanities Association, Montgomery Coalition of Adult English Literacy, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, Fraternity, Inc., and has served as a panelist with the Maryland Arts and Humanities Commission.

He earned his bachelor's in English Education from Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. After matriculation at Rust College, he received his master's from the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. He completed his doctorate in Higher Education Administration, focusing on community college leadership, from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Press Release from CSM.

Rotary Club Donates \$14K for CTE Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Prince Frederick donated \$14,607 to cover the cost of professional certification exams for career and technology education (CTE) students in the graduating class of 2022. In a ceremony held at Calvert High School on June 11, Rotary Club President Justin Ruest and Treasurer Bonnie Barrett spoke about the club's original intention to provide certification exam scholarships for three to five students. As they read the essays of the 71 applicants, however, they were overwhelmed by the accomplishments and potential of the students and committed to funding the exams for all 71. The total amount of funds will cover certification costs for one-third of next year's senior class at the Career and Technology Academy (CTA).

Carrie Akins, CTA principal and Director of Career and Technology Education, said, "These certifications provide a world of opportunities to our students. From being able to directly enter the workforce to having the ability to earn experience to later move into other career areas or having a job to pay for college, it is important that our students are able to earn these certifications. Having these costs covered for so many deserving students is simply a game-changer."

The Rotary Club raised funds by hosting the first annual Rotary Ride Poker Run, a four-hour scenic ride through Southern Maryland, starting at the Calvert Elks Lodge in Prince Frederick and ending with a beach party at the Rod 'n Reel in Chesapeake Beach. Ms. Barrett explained that the



Rotary motto is "Service Above Self," and the club pledged to continue annual donations for CTE certification exam scholarships.

In addition to Barrett and Ruest, Antione White, who serves on the Calvert County Board of Education and is a Rotary Club member, and Corporal Jay Johnson, School Resource Officer with the Calvert County Sheriff's Department, spoke at the ceremony. Cpl. Johnson and his wife are both graduates of CCPS CTE programs.

Anita Santoyo, event coordinator of the Rotary Ride Poker Run, and sponsors Janna Jackson of Exelon and Mark Wannamaker of Bayside Motors also spoke about their support of CTE programs.

For more information about CTE programs that are taught at CTA and Calvert's four comprehensive high schools, please visit the Department of Instruction Program Information page on the CCPS website, www.calvertnet.k12.md.us.

Press Release from CCPS.

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St. Mary's College Partners with CSM for Marine Science

Students from College of Southern Maryland and Wor-Wic Community College now can easily transfer into St. Mary's College of Maryland's new marine science major with the signing of two articulation agreements.

These articulation agreements are designed to facilitate students' ease of transfer to St. Mary's College. CSM students graduating with an Associate of Science in the Mathematics and Sciences: General or Biology or Chemistry or Mathematics Concentrations and students from Wor-Wic Community College graduating with an Associate of Science in STEM Transfer: Biology Concentration will be eligible for admission into St. Mary's College's new marine science program. The goal of these articulation agreements is to lay out a sequence of courses both at the community college and at St. Mary's College that will allow transfer students to complete their bachelor's degree in four semesters after their associate degree.

There is also a dual admission option with St. Mary's College and both community colleges. Students interested in dual admission are encouraged to consult with an academic adviser at CSM or Wor-Wic and the Office of Admission at St. Mary's College to assist in choosing

courses to promote timely graduation.

Interested students should apply to the St. Mary's College Office of Admission at least six months prior to the start of the semester they wish to transfer. These agreements are also available to part-time students.

The new marine science program is available at St. Mary's College beginning fall 2021 semester. The new major will embrace the College's waterfront environment with the use of the St. Mary's River and Chesapeake Bay to create a unique, rigorous, and innovative program. Because of the location of St. Mary's College on the St. Mary's River and because of the College's close association with the St. Mary's River Watershed Association, many opportunities exist for marine science that are not available at the other Maryland higher education institutions.

St. Mary's College also welcomes international students to apply to the College. Additional admission materials will include the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and WES transcript evaluations if applicable.

More information regarding admission to St. Mary's College can be found on the College's website.

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

SMECO Awards Scholarships

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) has awarded four scholarships for 2021 to high school seniors who live in the cooperative's service area. Scholarships are based on the applicants' scholastic achievement, financial need, and school and community involvement. SMECO has awarded scholarships to 116 students in the 29 years since beginning the program in 1993. Each of the following students will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship: Maryam Amosu, Noelle Carpenter, Joseph Cottle, and Kelly Coulby.

Noelle Carpenter is a graduate of Northern High School (NHS). She plans to study creative writing and anthropology at Princeton University. An accomplished violinist, Carpenter is a member of the NHS varsity orchestra, which won two state competitions. She is also a member of the cross country team, Student Government Association, Key Club, and Future Doctors of America. As vice president of Paws for a Cause, Carpenter has organized volunteer activities at the Calvert Humane Society and managed fundraisers to benefit the animal shelter. She is president of the class of 2021 and serves on the NHS Class Council. Carpenter has volunteered at Freedom Hill Horse Farm and on

church mission trips. Carpenter is the child of Laura and Brian Carpenter of Owings, Maryland.

Kelly Coulby, a graduate of Calvert High School, plans to study business management at the College of Southern Maryland. Coulby's extracurricular activities include four years with the Navy Junior ROTC, most recently serving as commanding officer of 120 cadets. She is a member of the drill, academic, athletics, air rifle, and orienteering teams, and she earned awards from both the American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. As a member of the National Honor Society for three years, Coulby tutored students in Spanish and completed countless hours of community service. Her political interests led Coulby to work for Delegate Mark Fisher for a short period in 2020, and she also assisted with the campaign of congressional candidate Kenneth Lee. Coulby is the child of Kathleen Coulby of Prince Frederick, Maryland.

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The SMECO 24/7 mobile app is available at www.smeco.coop/247.

Press Release from SMECO.

Artworks@7th Presents Stars & Stripes



By Tracey Vernon

Artworks has fireworks of their own to light in July! There's so much to celebrate and it's the perfect time to see the Stars and Stripes exhibit just in time for July 4th! Everyone is out and about as the world begins to heal from the bruises that our country suffered last year! We are hoping to help us all unite through art!

Our artists have expressed a wide range of emotions, viewpoints, and pride during such a challenging time in our country. Check out Suzanne Shelden's majestic painting of the Capitol. It is sure to evoke strong feelings and contemplation at this time in American history.

Tracey Vernon's mixed media piece may provide a sense of healing and patriotism as you look at the world in the palm of Lady Liberty's hands.

Our pottery artists will help you celebrate the 4th with a bang!

Art can transform and heal, and we hope you will come in and celebrate Stars and Stripes together with all of us!

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.

Money spent locally stays in the



By Tracey Vernon

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.

Artworks@7th is at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue in North Beach.

Press Release from Artworks@7th

A View From The BLEACHERS



WORK IN PROGRESS

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Many calendars have been hung and discarded. Several decades have slipped by. The face in the mirror and perpetual backache indisputably indicate middle age has arrived. Which, my kids would offer, means little more than that I am old and a disintegrating shell of my mythical younger self.

Love...can be brutal.

Unbeknownst to the young, the value in a well-used odometer is the imparted wisdom and the invaluable perspective it enables for whatever life serves. A sports fan lacking wrinkles, creaky bones and gray hair has experienced only games and seasons. Those with glorious patina can reflect on entire careers, make cross-generational comparisons and critically analyze broader trends.

I am a grateful witness to many extraordinary athletes and events. A skinny, athletic kid on a loaded North Carolina team, won six NBA Championships and became, arguably, the greatest basketball player of all time. Another skinny kid, although far less athletic and once hopelessly buried on the University of Michigan quarterback depth chart, won more Super Bowls than anyone in NFL history. An averaged sized prospect with suspect speed and from a little-known school, became the greatest wide receiver of all time. An oversized shortstop from Aberdeen, Maryland became his hometown MLB team's very best, broke an amazing record for uninterrupted service and waltzed into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Two sisters from Compton, California took over the tennis world and expertly navigated the worst of fishbowls for two decades. Both won multiple Grand Slam championships; the younger has won the most of the Open Era. A golf prodigy exited Stanford University, quickly ascended the summit of golf, won major championships with ease, lost his way personally, broke down physically and authored one of the great redemption stories in sports history.

Introducing Michael Jordan, Tom Brady, Jerry Rice, Cal Ripken and Serena and Venus Williams, and Tiger Woods, respectively.

The achievements for each are historic - all-time stuff; but their success was neither given, nor was it linear. Injuries bit Jordan, Brady, Rice and Woods. Ripken tweaked his batting stance as much as Woods tinkered

with his swing. The (unprecedented?) media and social pressure constantly threatened to consume the Williams's. And these names are the few who actually made it; sports is littered with prodigies who fell far short of expectations. Heath Shuler, Kyle Boller and Kwame Brown are a few cringe-worthy names for local fans.

Being that this is the column of random connections, contemplation of these sporting greats, their uneven journeys and ultimate triumphs (and the much longer lists of failed hopefuls) created an unmistakable intersection with American history. We The People are much like a generational athletic prospect. America was spoiled with a rich toolkit - a government of, by and for the people, untried levels of diversity, a capitalist economy with a social conscience and declared liberties and equality for all - that seems, at least on paper, to support the comprehensive pursuit and attainment of unrivaled happiness.

A keen eye detects where this is going.

The Jefferson Memorial offers a further (and tangible) connection to American history. Quotes from Thomas Jefferson, and excerpted thoughts from his various writings, are captured on the Memorial's porticos and rotunda. Collectively they capture the concepts of free thinking, personal liberty and equality - the written bedrocks of America, the great prospect for humanity. Ah, but much like this flawed founding father, we have torn a few ACLs, broken bones and suffered setbacks (many self-inflicted) while chasing the fulfillment of our bold claims. We have failed many over our centuries of existence; economic and technological advancement has, sadly, consistently outpaced and compromised our social progress. The gap between American fact and the American brochure is alive and well. And as recent history has indicated, too many of us are determined, for perceived personal benefit, to perpetuate that gap.

But here we are, at the comparatively young age of 245 years old, still the best hope for humankind, still the most audacious idea, still seeking to reach our potential and still very much a work in progress. Success or bust - it's up to us. Fortunately, history tends to grade on the curve.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Covert Wins at Potomac

Quade Takes Limited Late Model Thriller

York Haven Pa's Jason Covert drove to his first Late Model win of the season in last Saturday nights 35-lap "Ernie Jones Memorial" at Potomac Speedway. The win for Covert, worth \$3022, would be the 17th career win for the former four-time track champion.

Covert drew the pole for the start of the event and surged into the lead on the first lap. Dale Hollidge, in his first start driving the Lacey Racing no.45, slid into the runner up spot on the 6th lap and ran Covert down. The duo would then put on another epic Potomac battle as the ran nose to tail for the duration with Covert squeaking out the win by a car length at the finish aboard his Cameron/Mann owned Rocket no.72. "We've been running pretty good the last few weeks and that has given us a bunch of confidence." Covert said in victory lane. "Everyone on this team has worked their guts out this year and its always special when we can win one at their home track." Kenny Moreland, Sam Archer and Brent Bordeaux would trail at the finish.

Derick Quade continued his stellar season with his 4th victory of 2021 in the companion 20-lap Limited Late Model feature. Quade darted from the pole with 5th starting Kyle Lear in tow. The pair would then race side by side the entire way with Quade scoring the hard fought win by less than a car length steering his Longhorn no.74. "That was one of the hardest races we've won." Quade stated post race. "The track was really rough tonight and Kyle made us work for it but I'm glad we were able to come out on top." Brandon Long, Billy Tucker and Dale Murphy completed the top five.

In support class action, current point leader PJ Hatcher drove to

his 8th win of the season and career 23rd in the 15-lap Street Stock feature, Mikey Latham scored win number 3 and career win no.20 in the 15-lap Hobby Stock event, Dominic King made it 5 wins in 6 starts in the 15-lap U Car main with red hot Justin Hatcher notching his 5th win of the season in the nightcap 15-lap Strictly Stock contest.

Late Model feature finish

Jason Covert, Dale Hollidge, Kenny Moreland, Sam Archer, Brent Bordeaux, Jamie Lathroum

Limited Late Model feature finish

Derick Quade, Kyle Lear, Brandon Long, Billy Tucker, Dale Murphy, Danny Garrett, Jeff King, Jonny Oliver, James Snead

Street Stock feature finish

PJ Hatcher, Dylan Welsh, Ben Pirner, Mike Bladen, John Cobb, Stephen Hilgenberg, Deuce Wright, Walt Homberg

Hobby Stock feature finish

Mikey Latham, Greg Morgan, Eric Hanson, Hilton Pickeral, Austin Lathroum, Wyatt Hanson, Colin Long, Billy Crouse, Owen Lacey, Watson Gordon, Bobby Miexsall, Troy Kassiris, Mason Hanson DNS-Stephen Suite

Strictly Stock feature finish

Justin Hatcher, Scooter Tippet, Casey Sheckles, Daniel Knodle, Jayden Hatcher, Richie Gibson, John Hardesty, Stephen Suite, Greg Mattingly, Travis Dye, Brian Johnson, Nabil Guffey

U Car feature finish

Dominic King, Jason Penn, Seth Hood, Joe Beard, James Stonestreet, Kristy Whitehouse, Joey Suite, Kaitlyn Inscocoe, Ashley Stansell, Mackenzie Smith, Emily Quade, Faith Lacey, Shelby Beale, Brook Bowles

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway

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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, July 8

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

Friday, July 9

Annmarie After Hours

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

Enjoy extended evening hours in the garden in celebration of the opening of "Art Blooms Floral Design Exhibit," our three-day floral design exhibit. This special evening has a suggested donation of \$10/person. Proceeds will help purchase native plants for the garden. Art Blooms is a three-day exhibit featuring the work of more than 35 floral designers from across the region. Both galleries in the Murray Arts Building will be open until 7:00pm, along with the 30-acre sculpture garden. Enjoy live music, tour the exhibits, take a walk, enjoy an evening of art and nature. Cash bar and food trucks. Admission is free for members; \$5 suggested donation for non-members. Masks and social-distancing observed. Reservations not required. Details: www.annmariegarden.org

Summertime Blues

Calvert Marine Museum; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Join a CMM educator on the historic William B. Tennison for a hands-on blue crab educational experience. This youth field program uses live blue crabs to illustrate their life cycle and how to identify male and female crabs. For ages 8-12. Capacity is limited. \$20 program fee includes a child participant and one adult chaperone. See our website for details at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Saturday, July 10

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sail on the Dee of St. Mary's, leaving from the museum dock. Fee is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for children 5 - 12. No children under 5, please. Pre-register by noon on the Friday before each cruise at <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>.

Thursday, July 15

CCHS Outdoor Concert

Front Porch of Linden; 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The Calvert County Historical Society is hosting an Outdoor Summer Concert Series and welcomes you to come with your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers to enjoy the New Orleans Jazz Sounds of Zachary Smith and the Dixie Power Trio. Linden is located at 70 Church Street in Prince Frederick. The concerts are free and open to the public. Snacks including Calvert Kettle Corn and Calvert Kona Ice will be for sale. Overflow parking at Trinity Unit-

ed Methodist Church. Concert will be cancelled in case of rain. www.calverthistory.org

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Little Minnows

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

For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult, this program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a carry-out 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.**

Ongoing

Calvert Library Openings

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 with any reference **questions you may have.**

Enchanted Summer at the Garden

Annmarie Sculpture Garden; until 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



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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.

Fred Weller Martenis



Fred Weller Martenis, 89, of Solomons, MD and formerly of Elkton, MD passed away on July 2, 2021 at the Asbury Health Care Center. Born March 22, 1932

in Elkton, MD, he was the son of the late Fred Boorman Martenis and Emily (Williams) Martenis.

Fred graduated from Elkton High School and was a dairy farmer. Fred loved horseback riding and wood turning.

Fred is survived his son, Jake Martenis of Kingston, TN; and siblings, Kay McCormick of Dover, DE and Emily McGaffin of Raleigh, NC. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen "Kitty" Martenis whom he married in June 1953 in Elkton, MD and his daughter, Joanna Martenis.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Wanda Genevieve Hanners



Wanda Genevieve Hanners, age 96, of Huntingtown, MD passed away peacefully on July 1, 2021 surrounded by her immediate family. She was born on September

24, 1926 in Fleming, Ohio, daughter of the late Chester and Mella Leibrand; sister to Carol Heilman and the late George Leibrand, Vera Zeiher and Glen Leibrand. Loving wife of 68 years to Charles S. Hanners and nurturing mother to Charles (Beverly) Hanners of Owings, MD, Linda (Guy) Latham of Greenville, SC, Patrick (Grace) Hanners of Huntingtown, MD,

and James Hanners of Huntingtown, MD; grandmother of Ann, Morgan, Rodney, Amy, Bobby, Veronica and Woody; great-grandmother of 12.

Wanda graduated from Pomeroy High School in 1942, and while going to secretarial school in Columbus, Ohio, she frequented Reids Green House for fresh flowers. The owner of Reids Green House, Charles Reid pointed her out to his grandson Charles who had recently returned from WWII. As fate would have it, Wanda and Charles were married in 1947. When her husband, Charles, was called back to active military duty, Wanda spent the next 20 years moving from military base to military base including Germany all while raising her four children. In 1963 Wanda and Charles moved to Bowie, Maryland to their final military deployment. Once settled in Maryland, Wanda decided to complete her bachelors' degree and graduated from Bowie State College in 1971 and commenced her 15-year career as a Special Education Teacher in Prince George's County. Throughout this time Wanda continued to expand her artistic drive, including photography, pottery, painting and music and promoted these interests to her children.

In 1987 Wanda and Charles moved from Bowie, MD to Huntingtown, MD and established their nursery, "Azalea Trace," as a source for many varieties of azaleas. Over its 20 plus years, "Azalea Trace" amassed one of the largest collections of azaleas on the East Coast.

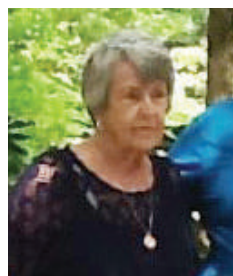
In 2009, Wanda, who by then had been given the nickname "Mrs. Azalea Trace", and Charles closed their nursery business. With extended winter visits by her loving sister Carol, Wanda spent her remaining years deeply involved in designing and making quilts for family and friends along with her nightly ritual of playing cards.

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-Owings.

Barbara J. Nelson



Barbara J. Nelson of Dowell, MD died on July 1, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Astoria, NY on February 15, 1932 to the late Lucia Turner Dunham of

Oklahoma City, OK and the late Charles E. Moran of Hunns Lake, NY. She attended schools in New York and Oklahoma City. She married her husband Clifford C. Nelson in Oklahoma City in 1955 and was preceded in death by him in 1994. She and her husband moved numerous times in conjunction with her husband's career, living in Oklahoma, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, and Virginia. They settled in Calvert County in 1986.

Barbara is survived by her four children, Sheri Waters and husband John of Glen Burnie, MD, Scott Nelson and wife Cathy of Manokin-Sabot, VA, Kevin Nelson of Hopewell, VA, and Leslie Amburn and husband Preston of King William, VA; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; sister, Judith L. Hicks of Edmond, OK; three nieces and one nephew.

The family will receive friends at the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 12 to 1 p.m. where a funeral service will be held at 10 p.m. with Fr. Nathan Beall officiating. Interment will follow in Middleham Chapel Cemetery, Lusby, MD. In lieu of flowers the family request contributions to be made to the Solomons VRSFD, P.O. Box 189, Solomons, MD 20688 and or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children c/o India Temple, 3601 NW 36th, Oklahoma City, OK.

Quaid Christian-Hance Irving



Quaid Christian-Hance Irving, 26, of Owings passed away June 30, 2021. He was born November 10, 1994 in Prince Frederick to Lauren Irving and Thomas Hance

Jr. Quaid grew up in Calvert County and graduated from Northern High School in 2013. He was an avid reader and writer and loved teaching others. He found his joy and passion in teaching and aspired to be an English teacher. Quaid was previously working as a substitute teacher for Calvert County Public Schools. Quaid was a very philosophical person with natural intellect and loved to further educate himself. He enjoyed educating and counseling others. He had a huge heart and kind soul; he was always willing to try something new and was loved by everyone. In his spare time,

Quaid enjoyed playing Dungeons and Dragons and Magic the Gathering at local card stores. Most of all, he loved spending time with his son Jace. Quaid will be remembered as a loving father, son, older brother, and friend.

Quaid is survived by his son Jace, mother Lauren Hunt and her husband Tim of Owings, father Thomas "TJ" Hance, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Owings Mills, siblings Drew, Phoebe, Olive, and Ozzie Hunt and Sydney, Peyton, and Jackson Hance, grandparents Christin and Kerry Irving of Owings, Sandra and Harold Hunt of Biloxi, MS, Wanda and Randy Morgan of Prince Frederick, Chas and Susan Ezrine of Pikesville, and Linda and Ken Salzman of West Palm Beach, FL, great-grandmother Anna Thompson, aunt Christen Morgan and uncle Andrew Irving, Jace's mother and dear friend Bre Page and many cousins, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Thomas L. Hance Sr.

Donations may be made in Quaid's name to The Maryland Book Bank, 1794 Union Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21211, Link:

<https://www.mdbookbank.org>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Cynthia (Cindy) Thames Blackistone



Cynthia (Cindy) Thames Blackistone, a life-long resident of Fairhaven, Maryland, passed away on June 29, 2021, at the age of 64. Cindy will be greatly missed

by her husband Mick, step-son Chris (Katie), and granddaughters Brittany (Austin), Taylor, and Hadley. She was much loved by her siblings and their families, Jeff Thames (Evelyn, Kadie, Colton, Carson), Pam Thames Michael (Amanda, Tara, William, Sophia), Paula Thames Slichter (Karl, Michael, Katherine) and Michael Thames (Julie, Brian, Amy, David). She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Catherine Thames.

Cindy grew up in Fairhaven, swimming and boating on the bay, where she made life-long friends and became a go-to person for help and information in the community. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Annual Labor Day Volleyball Tournament, now in its 33rd year, bringing several generations of Fairhavenites together. Cindy and Mick lived in several homes in Fairhaven, her favorite being "ForEversFields" where family, friends, and friends of friends could enjoy the pool, no invitation needed. In addition to spending time with family and friends, Cindy was a lover of dogs and never had less than two in her life.

Cindy had a long and successful career in positions with both Prince Georges and

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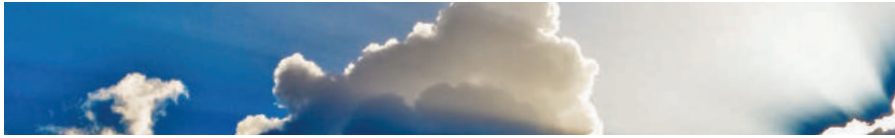
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Anne Arundel Counties. She retired as Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee Chairwoman in the Maryland House of Delegates. Following her retirement, she spent a decade as a successful real estate agent with EXIT By The Bay. Her strong work ethic, tireless effort, and desire to assure that dream home was attained was ever present.

A friend recently shared of Cindy that no woman ever gave so much to so many, asking nothing in return.

A visitation will be held on July 8th from 5 until 7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736

A service will be held at Herrington On The Bay, Rosehaven, Maryland, on July 9th at 11 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life reception, 12 to 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Cindy's name may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake at 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link:

<https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/>

Robert Marshall "Bob" Tait



Robert Marshall "Bob" Tait, 80, of North Beach Park passed away peacefully at his home on June 29, 2021 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born

January 6, 1941 in Des Moines, IA to George and Goldie (Marshall) Tait. Bob was raised in Washington, DC and graduated from Randolph Macon Military Academy in Virginia and later attended George Washington University. He joined the United States Air Force on March 15, 1962 and was honorably discharged on March 14, 1966. Bob married Patricia Knowles on September 29, 1962 and they lived in New Jersey for a few years while Bob was in the service. In 1967 they settled in Ft. Washington where they raised their family until moving to North Beach in 2001. Bob was employed as an electronics technician in the Space Science Division, Astronomy Branch, and Gamma Ray Astrophysics Branch of the United States Naval Research Laboratory of Washington, DC for 37 years. He was a devout member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church where he served as an usher. Bob was also a member and served on the Board of Directors of the Holland Point Citizens Association and volunteered at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. Bob was also an avid sports fan, especially the Washington Redskins and Nationals.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Patricia "Pat" Tait, daughter Paula Tait Ryan and her husband Earl and son

Michael Tait and grandchildren Hunter, Hector, Mairead, Micah, Christina, Micaila, Christian, Michael, and Christelle.

In lieu of flowers donations in Bob's name may be made to Ladies of Charity Calvert County, Inc., PO Box 334, North Beach, MD 20714; 443-646-5721; Link:

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Arthur John "Art" Murray, Jr.



Arthur John "Art" Murray, Jr., 90, of California, MD passed away on July 3, 2021 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born March 7, 1931 in Glens Falls, NY, he

was the son of the late Arthur John Murray, Sr. and Mary E. (Beatty) Murray.

Art graduated from St. John's College High School in 1949. He served in the Air National Guard from December 1, 1951 until November 30, 1953. Art was a Washington, DC Firefighter for twenty three years, retiring on October 1, 1979 as a Lieutenant. He was a member of the DC Fire Department Emerald Society, the DC Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, and the American Legion.

Art is survived by his wife, Mary Pat Murray whom he married on March 14, 1998 in Solomons Island, MD; his children, Lillian Ronneberg (Jon) of Newark, DE, Christopher Murray of Glen Burnie, MD, Jerry Crane (Jill) of Columbia, MD, Kenny Crane (Diane) of Forest, VA, Mike Crane of Waynesboro, VA, Andy Crane (Theresa) of Mechanicsville, VA, Jennie Backe (Everett) of Zion Crossroads, VA, Terry Crane of Ashland, VA, Robert Crane of Lusby, MD and Chris Crane (Erin) of Richmond, VA; eleven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Michael Murray; and siblings, Robert Murray and Marianna Wilkinson.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Solomons, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Kevin Regan at 11:00 a.m. Inurnment will be in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jon Ronneburg, Chris Murray, Rob Crane, Terry Crane, Jim Murray and Art Wilkinson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation at deffburnfoundation.org.

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

IT'S TIME FOR A CHECK-UP

Contributing Writer:

Lynda J. Striegel

When you visited your doctor last time, did the doctor tell you he or she wanted to see you in 6 months or a year for a "check-up"? Probably, and you probably understood that a check-up of your health was important. Why is it then that many people seem to not understand the importance of an estate planning check-up?

Have you changed over the past 20, 10 or even 5 years? What about your loved ones? Have their circumstances changed over time? Yes, you have a Will so can feel comfortable that you have at least expressed your intentions in writing. But, when was the last time you actually looked at your Will, or Power of Attorney, or Living Will, or Trust? Not surprisingly, most people who actually review their older estate planning documents are shocked by what they find—beneficiaries who have died, executors who are no longer able to serve in such a position, no mention of younger generations of loved ones, continued mention of long-divorced or even deceased spouses, etc. And, keep in mind that it isn't only the will or trust you need to keep up to date. It is, in fact, every beneficiary designation you have made on retirement plans, investment accounts, bank accounts, insurance policies, etc. For a married couple, that means times two.

Does updating your estate planning documents really matter? If you want to leave peace and harmony in your family when you go, the answer is yes. If you want to precipitate a war among loved ones and family members, there is no better way to do it than to have fights over the meaning of language you have left behind. "Everything to my spouse, if she survives and, if not, in equal shares to my children." Sound good? It is, unless you take into account that the creator of this language was divorced with two children he has not seen for twenty years; remarried to a woman who died but had children and has been rearing his step-children (whom he never adopted) as his own for twenty years. Under the language, the step-children are cut out of the will entirely.

Or, suppose you went to the trouble of protecting your loved ones by creating a Revocable Living Trust. The concept of the Trust is to avoid the probate process. To do that, you re-titled your property into the name of your Trust so that you would not die holding property in your sole name. Holding property in your sole name means your loved ones have to go through the probate process

to take possession of the property. To create a Trust and not check it periodically just defeats the purpose of the Trust. Suppose, for example, that you inherited a house after you created your Trust and you did not update the Trust to include it. When you die, that house will have to go through the probate process to get to your loved ones—the very thing you created the trust to avoid. Updating a Trust is critically important and you should be meeting with your estate planning attorney to do that every couple of years.

Let's not forget the critical Power of Attorney document or your Living Will. The person you might have appointed in your Power of Attorney years ago may no longer be capable or even willing to serve in that capacity. Most attorneys advise clients to name at least two fall-back persons who can act as Power of Attorney in the event the named person doesn't survive. If you have not yet done that, make sure you do. And, if you have not reviewed your "no life-sustaining procedures" requests made under your Living Will, make sure you still agree with what you said. Keep in mind—with all estate planning documents, the latest dated document counts.

What about those beneficiaries you designated to receive your retirement amount or insurance proceeds when you die? When was the last time you checked those? You need to know that a Will or a Trust will NOT override the beneficiaries you have named to receive insurance or retirement proceeds. So, make sure those beneficiaries match what you want to do in your Will or Trust. Have you left your retirement savings to an ex-spouse? Or your life insurance proceeds to your deceased parents? Updating beneficiary designations is one of the most important tasks you can complete to ensure you have protected yourself and your loved ones.

Updating your estate documents is not a difficult task. Many firms, including mine, offer document review at no charge. Even if you have changes you want to make, amending your documents is not a costly proposition. Give yourself the gift of peace of mind by regularly reviewing what you have and keeping all your estate planning documents up to date.

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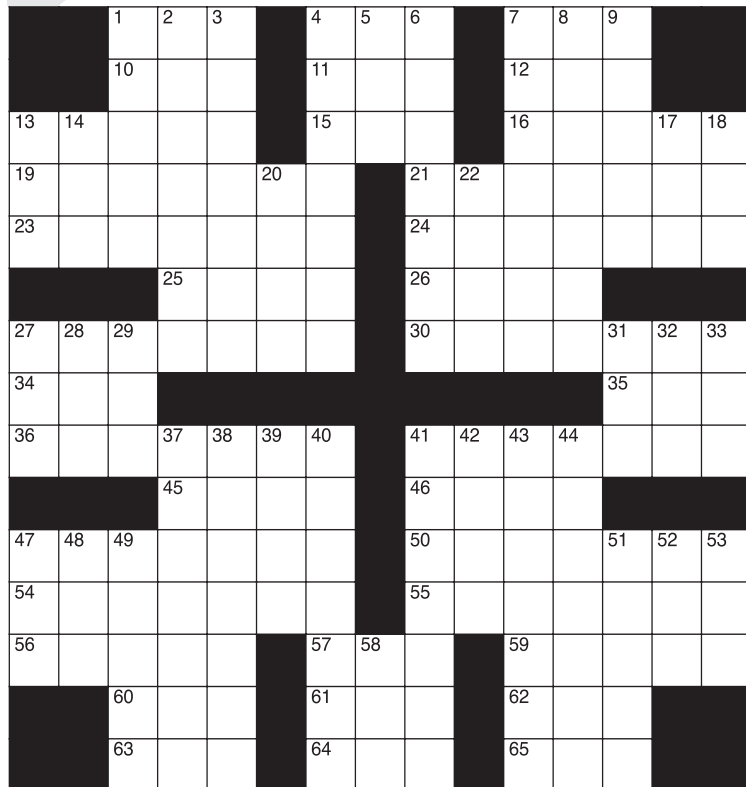
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- 10. Cooking vessel
- 11. Cow sound
- 12. Hairpiece
- 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- 15. Mother
- 16. Remove from record
- 19. Foolish
- 21. Mailman
- 23. Unit of data size
- 24. Stirred
- 25. Deceptive movement
- 26. We all have one
- 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
- 30. A person's own self
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 36. Tumbler
- 41. A short section of a musical composition
- 45. Young woman (French)
- 46. Wings
- 47. Wine bottles
- 50. Thin layers of

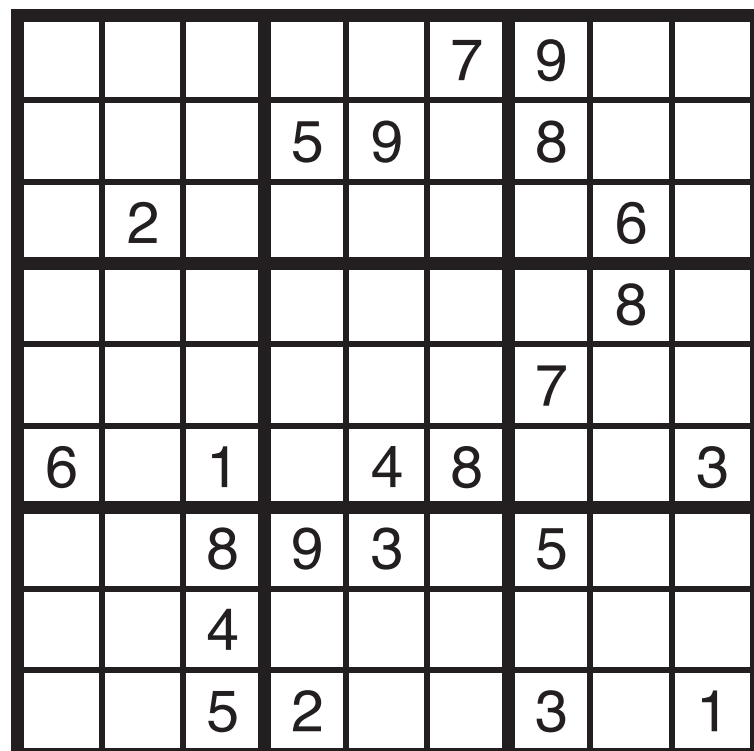
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- 54. Opposite to
- 55. American state
- 56. Uncertainty about something
- 57. Basics
- 59. Indian seaport
- 60. Owed as a debt
- 61. Buffer solution
- 62. Unit of work or energy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. One point south of due east
- 65. Born of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small stem bearing leaves
- 2. Female Bacchanalians
- 3. Mediterranean city
- 4. Measures electric current
- 5. Arrived extinct
- 6. Edible butterfish
- 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
- 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards
- 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
- 13. Footballer Newton
- 14. Utilize
- 17. Sum of absolute errors

- 18. Opposite of the beginning
- 20. Shoe company
- 22. Algerian port city
- 27. Girls organization (abbr.)
- 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
- 29. Swiss river
- 31. When you hope to get there
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval
- 37. Volume containing several novels
- 38. Less sharp
- 39. Food for the poor
- 40. Having made a valid will
- 41. Royal estates
- 42. Relating to wings
- 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 44. Taking something through force
- 47. Angry
- 48. Before the present
- 49. Showy ornaments
- 51. Norway
- 52. Comedienne
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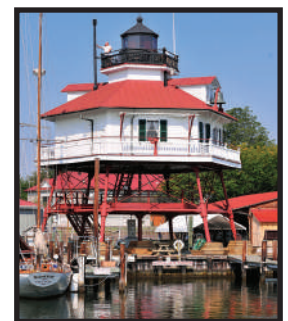
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Implant Retained Dentures are a Life-Altering Improvement Over Removeable Dentures

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.

Implants have come a long way over the past several years. They are predictable and successful when placed by highly trained and educated professionals. The implants themselves are placed into the jawbone, creating an anchor for the prosthesis (denture, bridge or single tooth replacement). This anchor integrates with the natural bone in the jaw making the connection as permanent as a real, healthy tooth's root.

Because the implant mimics a

natural root, it allows for functionality like a real tooth. In fact chewing function with an implant retained, permanent denture maintains about 80% of original function over the removable's functionality of about 20%. It also creates bone stability, which means the jawbone will not atrophy (loss of bone) over time as with a traditional prosthesis or lack of teeth all together. This will help you keep a more youthful and healthy appearance for the rest of your life.

The fixed option also allows you to care for and clean the prosthetic teeth while in the mouth like you would with your original teeth. No more removing your denture and soaking it or brushing it outside of the mouth. It will not fall out during active events or while you eat. In fact, it won't fall out ever! This creates peace of mind as it avoids embarrassing situations. Only you and your dental team will ever know your teeth are not your originals.

Implant retained dentures are also quite economical over the life of the denture as well. If you've been suffering with ongoing dental problems, finding yourself in the dental chair year after year getting fillings, root canals and crowns, just to lead to bridges and eventually dentures, you could spend tens of thousands of dollars over time.

While a full arch (upper and/or lower teeth) fixed denture isn't cheap up front, it solves most of your dental problems for the rest of your life. You will never have another cavity, root canal, or crown again. Your periodontal condition has the opportunity to hit the reset switch. Your life becomes yours to enjoy again rather than worrying about pain, discomfort, or embarrassment all of the time.

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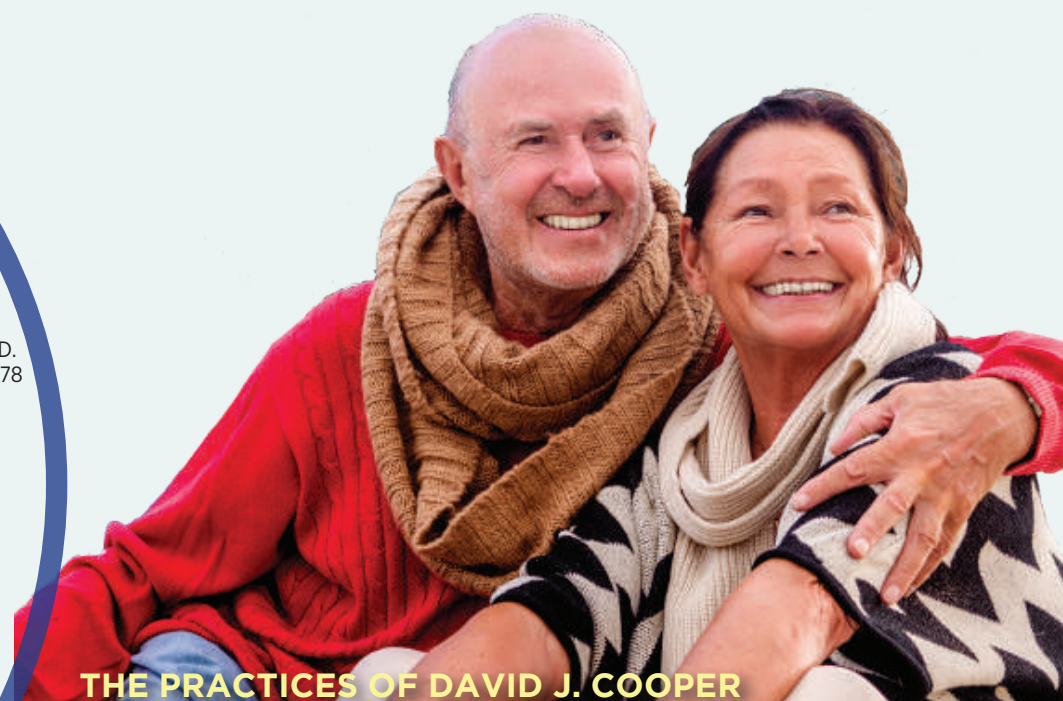
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