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Calvert's Vaccination Rate Lower Than State

No Deaths Among Vaccinated Marylanders



Let's end COVID, Calvert County.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert's 18-64 population is lagging behind the state as a whole in getting vaccinated for COVID. According to Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Lawrence Polsky, 40.6 percent of the population statewide have been vaccinated compared with only 29.1 percent in Calvert.

Polsky, at his regular briefing to the county commissioners at their July 13 meeting, said there were 102 deaths from COVID-related illnesses in the state in June. "All the deaths in Maryland during June occurred in unvaccinated individuals. And so, I would say that we had 102 preventable deaths in the month of June." And he added there are 3.2 million vaccinated Marylanders, "none of whom died from COVID during June."

Polsky said, "We have over 23,000 adults who are completely unvaccinated. And if you include in everyone under 12 who are unvaccinated, we are looking at 42,000 people in this county who were still susceptible. I know that some of them have had COVID and they're less likely to get infected, but with the Delta variant, we're seeing less natural protection from previous infection. And so those people don't have the same level of protection they would have if we were back several months ago. I'm anticipating, even with what we're seeing right now, even if vaccination rates pick up substantially over the next couple of months as we head into fall, almost certainly we're going to see a rise in transmission of the virus. We're probably going to have somewhere around 30 to 35,000 people susceptible, and we will see outbreaks, and that will also have consequences for schools."

Commissioner President Buddy Hance asked, "Are the side effects

related to these vaccines any different than side effects to any vaccine that's been administered over time?"

Polsky responded, "For the most part, no." He added, "The risks of getting COVID infection way outweigh any risks from the vaccine itself. Maybe not the best example, but with ambulances there's a risk that ambulance could get into a crash on the way to the hospital. But your benefit from getting in that ambulance, your serious risk from complications, outweighs (it). Ambulances save hundreds of lives every day in this country. I don't see them slapping warnings on the ambulance."

"The statistics speak for themselves," he insisted. "We are across the country saving thousands of lives every week because these vaccines; we're not seeing thousands of people die from any of the side effects."

Polsky warned against listening to social media chatter and instead discussing what is best for them with their family physician. "You can't have that personal discussion on a website. I can't have a personal discussion here, but everyone has the opportunity to have a discussion, what is best for them."

The health officer said their vaccination site at the industrial park on Route 231 would remain open at least until Labor Day. "Our most important concern at this point is for the students returning to college campuses who need vaccination. We know that some of them do not have a personal physician. I want to make sure that if they haven't had it, they could get their vaccines at that point. I think part of it depends on whether they are going to approve the vaccine for children and what is the real need for the drive-thru."

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Tropical Storm Isaias' Impact: \$7.5 Million

Solomons, St. Leonard Get New Apparatus

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved using almost \$2 million in recordation tax monies to pay the county's share of the damage cost from Tropical Storm Isaias.

According to a memo from Acting Director of Finance and Budget Sharon Strand presented to the BOCC at their July 13 meeting, "In August of 2020, Calvert County was hit by a powerful tropical storm. Isaias caused damages in excess of \$7 million. The Department of Public Safety has applied for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and considers a 75 percent reimbursement very likely. A public hearing was held on June 29, 2021, to present and receive public comment." There was no opposition at the hearing.

Strand noted, "There are still many unknowns, and these estimated numbers will be adjusted as the work is completed. FEMA allows us until August 4, 2022, to complete the work."

A fiscal accounting presented to the BOCC shows the estimated county expenditures on the storm of \$7,570,570.23 and the expected reimbursement from FEMA of \$5,677,927.67 leaving a difference of \$1,892,642.56 to be paid with the recordation tax monies.

The accounting shows the following roads needed some type of repair work: Barstow

Road, Battery Lane, Chaneyville Bridge, Cox Road, Dalrymple Road, Dunleigh, Estate Drive, Gray's Road, Holle Lane, Huntingtown Road, Stoakiey Road and Sundertefgh Drive, along with culvert work and debris removal. Work also needed to be done on park and Housing Authority property.

New apparatus approved

The BOCC at the July 13 meeting also approved a new ambulance for the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department and a new fire truck for the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

A \$373,000 Fire and Rescue Apparatus Grant was approved for Solomons for the new ambulance to replace Ambulance 37 with more than 125,000 miles of useful life. Commissioner President Buddy Hance wanted to know why it was being replaced at six years, instead of the recommended eight years.

Fire/Rescue/EMS Division Chief James Richardson explained that Solomons was the county's busiest rescue squad, with 28 percent of the calls. "I don't know if Solomons would ever be able to keep an ambulance for eight years," Richardson said.

St. Leonard was approved for a \$767,000 Fire and Rescue Apparatus Grant for the purchase of an engine to replace Engine 71.

Proceeds from the sale of the current apparatus are required to be applied to the purchase of the replacement apparatus and/or equipment.

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Commissioners Approve TDR Reserve

For Transfer of Development Rights Program

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a resolution aimed at jump starting the county's landmark Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. At their July 13 meeting, the board approved establishing a TDR Reserve Fund, which was formerly called a TDR Bank.

The creation of a TDR Reserve came after a public hearing at which no one spoke.

According to Zoning Planner Rachel O'Shea, "The BOCC requested to reconvene the Transferable Development Rights (TDR) Committee that originally met back in 2015 when Text Amendment #15-02 for the TDR sliding scale was proposed and adopted. In 2020 a new Text Amendment #20-02 was proposed to change the sliding scale TDR requirement to be more equitable in terms of housing type and therefore an increase in some of the requirements. However, the text amendment was not accepted to move forward through the public process. The BOCC requested the TDR committee review the TDR program and make recommendations for the BOCC to consider. The TDR committee developed a package of recommendations that if enacted together, would reinvigorate the TDR program and increase participation. The recommendations were presented to the BOCC in a work session on March 9, 2021, and staff returned to the BOCC for an additional work session on May 25, 2021, to discuss TDR bank funding options, now referred to and will be named the TDR Reserve."

O'Shea noted, "The BOCC directed staff to move forward with the TDR Reserve as a pilot project utilizing the land preservation fund balance as seed funds, and the BOCC selected to reinstate the recordation tax increase adopted in 1999 from \$3.30 to \$5.00 (\$1.70) for every \$500 collected in recordation fees to fund the TDR



Commissioner President Buddy Hance

Reserve. This option selected was also one of the TDR Committee's recommendations to restore full funding to the land preservation programs of the county."

According to a memo supplied by O'Shea, "This reinstatement will fund the land preservation programs at an average range by looking at the last 10 years of revenues - \$1.7 million to \$3 million. This is an increase from the past several years of land preservation funds allocated from the General Fund alone that ranged from \$500,000 to \$1 million."

Commissioner President Buddy Hance noted during the discussion of the proposal, "This is not an increase in fees." He said it was simply using the monies collected from the previously increased recordation tax rates as they were originally intended.

The decision to approve the TDR Reserve was unanimous by the four commissioners.

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Fishing Creek Dredging to Begin in October

Dredge Fund Tapped for Spoil Area

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council has approved the use of the town's "dredge fund" to pay for preparing their dredge spoil site so it can accept material from the Army Corps of Engineers dredging of Fishing Creek expected to begin in October.

The anticipated \$3.7 million project also includes jetty wall rehabilitation. The federal government would pay 81 percent, the state seven percent, and the town 12 percent.

Approximately 40,000 cubic yards (CY) of dredge material is expected to be extracted in the dredging and that material will have to be placed on the spoil site. But Town Administrator Holly Wahl told the council at a July 6 special meeting, "This site is needed in order to accommodate dredge yield and has accommodated the last two partial dredges within the last three years, completed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Fund. The Fishing Creek channel is vital to the town's economic development and local charter fishing. The channel also represents a key access for town, county and Maryland residents and has received significant funding from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to maintain its availability to approximately 6,000 recreational boaters."

To accommodate the spoil from the federal project, the site needs to be cleared of what was previously put there. The council agreed with Wahl's recommendation to piggyback onto an existing



contract that Calvert County has with Edwin A. & John O. Crandell, Inc. "This is recommended as the most economically beneficial to the town," she said.

The town's dredge fund currently has more than \$700,000 in it. Total cost for mobilizing the equipment necessary to complete the work, prepare the material and site, stockpiling materials, loading materials for disposal and hauling materials to the disposal site is estimated at \$479,714.

Wahl said, "The town would pay tipping fees for each load taken out of the site. Our town engineer believes that based on an average 15 CY per truck, we would haul out 2,667 loads. At a cost of \$80 per load, the dump fees would be \$213,360. This is believed to be a conservative number since the goal is to dry the material in so far as possible before loading. In that case, the number of loads would decrease."

Council Vice President Valerie Beaudin said of the proposed use of the dredge fund for the spoil removal, "This is exactly what this is intended for." She urged the council to replenish the monies taken from the fund over the next several years and urged such funds for other anticipated town expenditures.

The council unanimously agreed for the monies to come from the fund.

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Chesapeake Beach Ponders Short-Term Rentals

Ordinance Could be Introduced July 15

Dick Myers
Editor

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council is working on proposed changes to the town zoning code for short-term rentals. The proposals, however, are not likely to mollify supporters of the rentals because they will only be allowed in commercial and maritime districts, and not in residential areas.

The council as early as their July 15 meeting could consider some changes discussed at a July 6 work session, although it is not clear from the discussion whether the changes will elicit majority council support. There does, however, appear to be some support for efforts to clarify the town code with respect to those short-term or vacation rentals, such as those offered by Airbnb.

Mayor Pat Mahoney has consistently opposed the rentals, and Council Vice President Valerie Beaudin at the July 6 work session emphasized her opposition as well. She said if allowed, they would “snowball. It’s a can of worms.”

“I do not support short-term rentals, period!” she insisted.

Others were more conciliatory. “We all realize short-term rentals are happening in town without the town’s approval,” said Councilman Larry Jaworski.

But Beaudin supplied the council with a list of suggestions for an ordinance, saying even though she opposed the rentals, she wanted to make sure that the best possible ordinance came out of the discussion.

On the table at the work session were stipulations that the owner had to live on the premises or in town or alternatively that the owner or a manager had to live within 25 miles of town.

Also discussed were limits on the numbers of persons in the short-term rental to two persons per bedroom and no more than three bedrooms used, although there was some support for allowing more.

Short-term rental would be defined as less than 30 days.

The proposal presented at the work session would add the short-

term rental or vacation rental to the section of the zoning code that dealt with rooming or lodging houses. There was some concern, however, that placing restrictions of the vacation rentals could adversely impact the other types of affordable rental housing.

No votes were taken during the discussion that consumed much of the more than two-hour meeting. “The process was very good and very fair,” Beaudin said.

Mahoney said he would distill what was said and attempt to come up with a document. He told The County Times on July 12 that the town’s attorney may have a resolution available for the council to vote on at the July 15 meeting.

The issue has been acrimonious, with supporters and opponents appearing at several council meetings and before the planning commission. Supporters tout the economic benefits of visitors to town. Opponents say the rentals would change the character of their neighborhoods, and cite parking and noise issues.

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Heritage Area Grants Awarded in Southern Maryland

The Hogan administration announced July 9 that 116 matching grants totaling \$5.03 million were awarded to Maryland nonprofits, local jurisdictions, and other heritage tourism organizations by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). Of them, 11 were awarded in Southern Maryland with grants totaling \$326,217. These grant funds support heritage tourism projects and activities that draw visitors and expand economic development and tourism-related job creation throughout Maryland.

The Southern Maryland grants were:

American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc., Calvert; Parkers Creek Heritage Trail; \$25,827.00

American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc., Calvert; Brown United Methodist Church Stabilization \$8,500.

Calvert Marine Museum Society, Inc., Calvert, Making Community Connections: An Interpretative Plan for the Maritime Gallery; \$50,000.

Friends of Calvert Cliffs State Park, Calvert, Marsh Restoration to Improve User Experience and Increase Nature Tourism; \$20,555.

Friends of Chapman State Park, Inc., Charles, Keys to History: Making Mount Aventine Accessible for All; \$7,750.

Friends of Maxwell Hall Inc., Charles, Maxwell Hall: Discovering and Raising New Voices: Phase 1 \$18,000.

Historic Sotterley Inc., St. Mary's, Historic Sotterley - Transcending Barriers to Common Ground \$15,015.

Historic St Mary's City Foundation, Inc., St. Mary's, 1634 St. Mary's Fort Pavilion; \$50,000.

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, Calvert, Patterson Center Greenhouse Conservation Project; \$6,070.

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert; FY 2022 Management Grant; \$100,000.

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert; Southern Maryland Grandma's Hands Project; \$24,500.

"Heritage tourism fosters economic development and job creation, while making our communities better places to live and work," said Governor Larry Hogan. "Our administration is proud that this additional funding will allow for 116 projects to move forward and congratulate Maryland's Heritage Areas and their tourism partners for their support in changing Mary-

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MHAA oversees Maryland's system of 13 locally-administered, State-certified heritage areas. Today, all Maryland counties and Baltimore City have at least part of a State-certified heritage area within their boundaries. Heritage areas foster broad public-private partnerships to preserve and enhance the best of Maryland's historic sites and towns, unspoiled natural landscapes, and enduring traditions. These tangible links to both place and the past encourage residents to recognize they have a special piece of the American story to treasure and share with others and that in doing so they are contributing to the economic well-being of Maryland's communities.

Maryland's heritage areas contribute to Maryland's economy by saving and enhancing the places that attract heritage tourists - people who focus their travels on historic sites, museums, cultural activities, or the natural beauty of Maryland's Atlantic and Chesapeake Bay coastal areas and unspoiled scenery of Mountain Maryland. The Maryland Heritage Areas Program provides \$2.4 billion in annual economic impact and MHAA grants generate \$319.8 million in state and local taxes and supports 33,815 full- and part-time jobs annually. A full economic impact study can be found here: https://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas_impact.shtml.

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit in the Executive Branch of government administered by the Maryland Department of Planning. Since its creation in 1996, MHAA has awarded over \$46 million dollars in grants and helped to leverage more than \$1.62 billion in non-state funding for heritage tourism projects and activities in Maryland's 13 Certified Heritage Areas.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of June 28 – July 4, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,535 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 21-35861

On June 29, 2021, Deputy Grier-son responded to the 7800 block of Schooner Drive in Lusby, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between June 27th and June 29th, unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's LGBT flag out of her front yard. The value of stolen property is \$20.00.

Damaged Property: 21-36699

On July 3, 2021, Deputy Kwitowski responded to the 3700 block of Chaneyville Road in Owings, MD for a report of destruction of property. The complainant advised sometime between 5 p.m. on July 2 and 8 a.m. on July 3, unknown suspect(s) put a large dent in the side of his mailbox. The estimated value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 21-36707

On July 3, 2021, Deputy S. Naughton received report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between June 27 and July 3, unknown suspect(s) stolen the rear registration plate from her vehicle while parked at the Holiday Inn located at 155 Holiday Drive in Solomons, MD. The estimated value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 21-36841

On July 4, 2021, Deputy Strong responded to the 8500 block of Patuxent Avenue in Broomes Island, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised a trail cam-

era was stolen from a post in his yard. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 21-36950

On July 4, 2021, Deputy Aley received report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole the registration plate on his boat trailer while parked under the Thomas Johnson Bridge at the boat ramp. The estimated value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

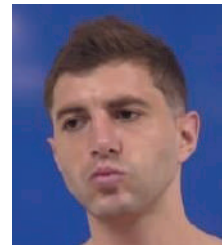
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On June 28, 2021, DFC N. Buckler conducted a traffic stop in the area of Boyds Turn Road and Rt. 260 in Owings, MD. Contact was made with the driver, **Shelby Roseann McDonald**, 40 of Lothian, MD, who initially provided a false name and advised she did not have her license on her. A search of the vehicle revealed a glass crack pipe, a wad of brass Brillo and a container of suspected cocaine. McDonald was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and Fraud.



Shelby Roseann McDonald

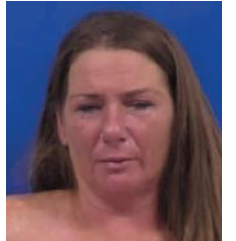
On July 2, 2021, Deputy S. Naughton responded to the 7400 block of Stone Court in St. Leonard, MD for the reported motor vehicle accident. The complainant advised there was a vehicle in the woods with a male laying in the back seat with his feet hanging out the window. Deputy Naughton made contact with the driver, **Sophien Wright Djemmal**, 27 of Leesburg, VA, who advised he was ok, but failed to comply with deputy's commands to exit the vehicle. Djemmal continued to ignore commands and further questioning. A search of the vehicle revealed a large amount of suspected marijuana. As Djemmal was placed into custody he attempted to pull away and resist arrest. Djemmal was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing and Hindering, Failure to Obey a Reasonable and Lawful Order, and CDS Possession-Marijuana 10 Grams+.



Sophien Wright Djemmal

On July 4, 2021, Detective Rec-tor and Cpl. Norton responded to the Tiki Bar located at 85 Charles Street in Solomons, MD, for report of an intoxicated subject. Upon

arrival, Cpl. Norton observed a heavily intoxicated female identified as **Amy Michelle Drye**, 42 of Broomes Island, MD, lying in the roadway. Contact was made with Drye and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was emanating from her per-



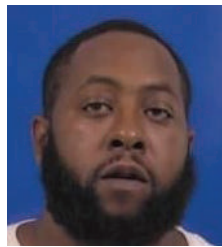
Amy Michelle Drye

son. Drye was unable to stand up on her own or speak coherently. Several attempts to obtain a sober ride for Drye were made, but Drye refused to comply. Drye advised deputies to take her to jail. While en route to the Detention Center, Drye continuously screamed profanities and babbled incoherently. Upon arrival at the Detention Center, Correctional Officers advised Drye was too intoxicated to enter the jail. Drye was transported to CalvertHealth where she was checked out by medical personnel and discharged. Deputies transported Drye back to the Detention Center where she was charged with Public Intoxication Endangerment and Resisting/Interfering with Arrest.

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

Detectives Investigating Chesapeake Beach Stabbing

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau on July 4, shortly after 11:45 p.m., responded to the Chesapeake Beach Fastop, located at 8054 Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of a stabbing.



Donte Terrell Jones

Upon arrival, deputies located an adult male victim suffering from several lacerations to the abdomen and upper body. The victim received emergency care on scene and was flown to an area trauma center for injuries received. Detectives from the Criminal Investigative Bureau responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

Preliminary investigation revealed, two males Donte Terrell Jones, 38, of Owings and a 29- year-old male of Prince Frederick became involved in a verbal

altercation and Jones pulled out a knife. The argument continued and the victim and Jones engaged in a physical altercation resulting in the victim being stabbed several times. Jones was detained and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Attempted 2nd Degree Murder, First Degree Assault, Second Degree Assault, and Possession of a Dangerous Weapon with the Intent to Injure.

Detectives continue to investigate. Anyone with information in regards to this incident, is asked to please contact Detective N. Buckler at nicholas.buckler@calvertcountymd.gov

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New Chamber President Rides Out the Pandemic

Now It's Time to 'Experience Calvert' in Solomons

By Dick Myers
Editor

Now that we can see the pandemic through the rearview mirror, it's pretty obvious that while everyone was affected, the impact was uneven. Small businesses were especially hard hit, and their recovery is still ongoing. Small businesses are the backbone of the Calvert County economy and so too are they for the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce.

Kathryn Maney became president and CEO of the chamber at the height of the pandemic, in May of 2020.

"Most people probably wondered why someone would jump in in the middle of a time that was what most might think dire, but I felt it was the perfect time for me because I thought it was a time when you could do things that you could be as creative as possible. There is no norm anymore, and it was a time when you had to think outside of the box," she explained.

Before taking over as head of the chamber, she had been a member of its board and is owner of Talent Benefits Solutions, a life and health insurance firm started in 2003.

"I think what gave me more of an idea for my role here as president and CEO is sitting on the board and attending different events, serving on committees, and getting to know business owners, you get to see the inner workings and all that is entailed," she said.

So, as to her decision to apply for the job, she said, "I believe in the chamber. I believe in its focus. I believe in its mission and what it does for small business. And because I have served on the board and for so many committees, I felt it was important."

She added, "I felt as though I could do things that could be so far outside the box and outside the norm. I wanted to be a part of that, and I wanted to be a part of the chamber's surviving. And the board is the biggest part of this organization. And the board is amazing. It's not only the staff. The board, they're the ones that really are doing the work as well."

She said she wanted to be a part of supporting and advocating for small business.

And those businesses had to think outside the box as well and often pivot. Maney said, "What I am most amazed at is how some of these business owners that would never have had the time to stop and think of ways that were so outside of their comfort zone, that never would have used online e-commerce or never would have done things that they were uncomfortable with, but actually have the time to think outside of the box for them or their comfort zone. And they did it because they

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realized I need to make a change in order to survive, and they did it and they were successful. And some of them are still using those new procedures and things that they're doing because they recognize the fact that this worked, I can do it and have another revenue stream. And then some are not, but still recognize that there are other ways that I can do things. So, if anything, none of us want another pandemic, but I can see that there was some goodness that came out of this, for a lot of us to recognize family and the importance of time and recognizing that never take anything for granted, but also in business that it did give us some time to stop and really think about things."

One of the ways the chamber provided support to the community was a ribbon campaign to announce when businesses were reopening after having been forced to close because of the pandemic. "We did that for members and non-members. I'm a true believer that it's going to take a community. It's going to be all of us doing this together," Maney said.

Part of that effort to reengage the community is coming up this weekend, on Saturday July 17 for the first ever Experience Calvert Festival in Solomons. The community will have a chance to meet with almost 50 vendors to experience what those businesses and non-profits have to offer. (See the following pages for more information about the festival and a map the vendor locations).

Maney said of the festival, "It's part of the chamber being committed to small business here in Calvert. Calvert County is an exceptional place to live and work and also play. What we're trying to do is to

bring some of that vitality back and to get people out." She added about the event, "We've had 15, 16 months and people are starting to come out; we want to get people back out, feel good, have some fun."

She added about the Solomons venue, "It's a safe atmosphere and environment for everybody to come out."

She noted, "We talked about doing this in 2019 and we were going to schedule it for 2020. Well, we all know what happened there. The idea was like that whole bounty of Calvert County. We have an event planning committee, and it just came up that we wanted a community event that would bring all of Calvert County together and to see the richness that Calvert County has to offer. And so that's how it was really created."

Maney grew up in upstate New York, but "I've lived here longer than I've lived anywhere else." Her husband was active-duty military, and they were transplanted to the area. First, they lived in Charles County. "I spent a lot of time here because I had friends here, but I think for me, it's that you've got the little town centers, but you've got ways to get to other places that you need to go. If you want to go to the city, you can, but you can get away from all the hubbub of that. The people are friendly. You've got your farmer's markets, you've got all of the richness, all of those things that the county has to offer of the quiet and the peace and the friendliness of people. I think that is what drew us here."

Of the chamber during the pandemic, she said, "We did have some loss, but we worked with a lot of our members to help them through it, be-



Kathryn Maney

cause obviously we recognize the fact that they were going through some hard times." They have 300 members today in spite of the fact that some members closed their doors or moved elsewhere.

She added, "We're growing as well. We have new members all the time and I think the beauty of it is that people need networking. They need organizations that can help them grow and to find those educational classes or mentorship partnerships in order to help their business. And one of the things we pride ourselves on, and I certainly work hard to do, is to put people together."

Some members are non-profits or even individual community members. They join, she said, for "community involvement, knowing what's going on in the community, finding a way to have an impact."

What are her plans for the future for the chamber? Maney said, "After the last 15 months, we know there is a need to create more partnerships, programs and events that will create opportunities for our members to grow their businesses, and to share the breadth of knowledge and experience within our organization to help lift each other working toward economic vitality for the community. We look to the future as a vocal advocate for the business community that is incredibly supportive of the overall community. Our goal is to continue to grow our membership which will grow our overall influence and strength as an organization. We look forward to having more events like this and furthering ways in which we can help our members foster growth and community engagement."

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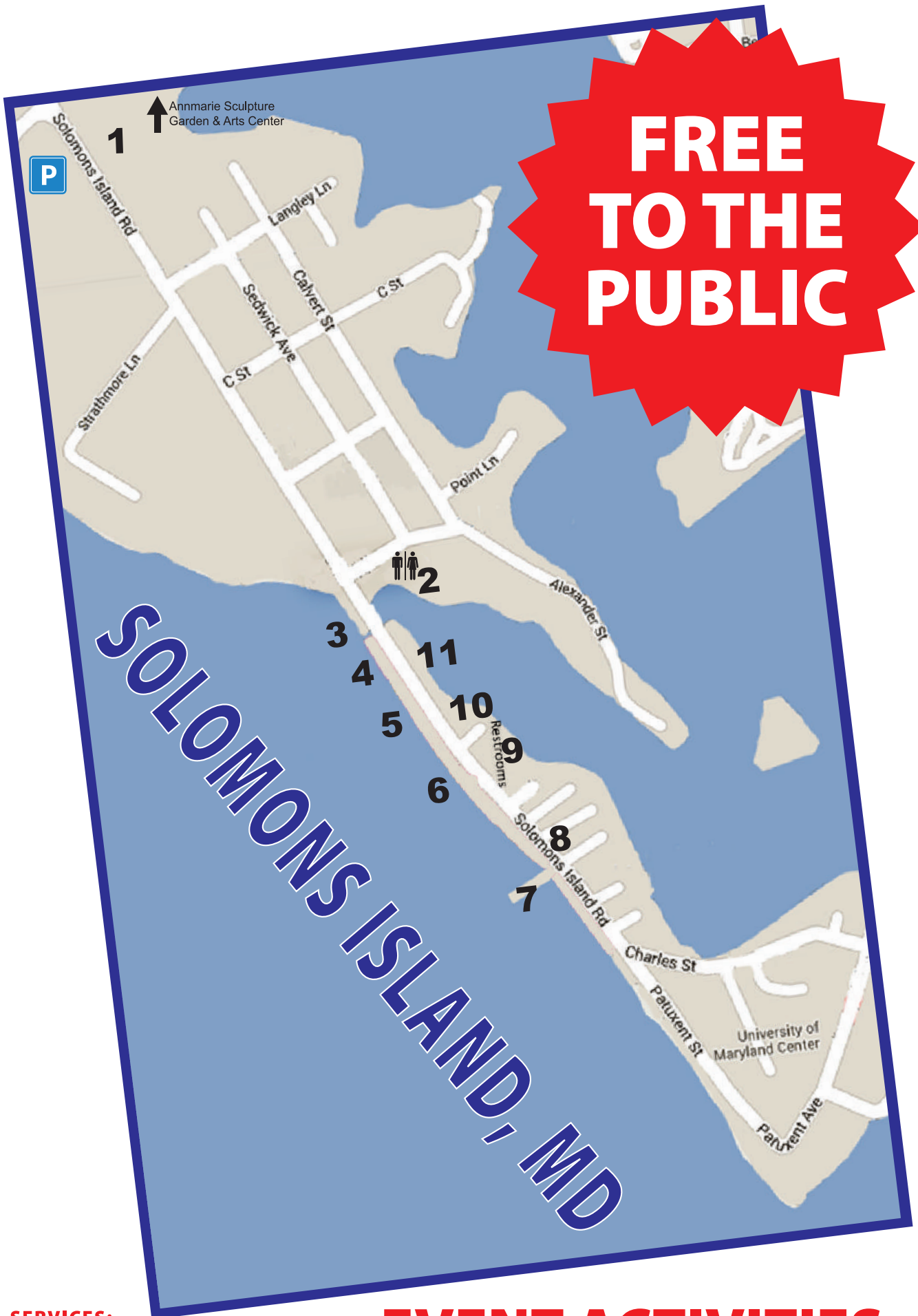
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LEAP Forward, Inc. celebrates 20 years of serving underprivileged youth on July 26. The celebration will include a virtual program to be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 26. Rachel Jones, Maryland House Delegate for Legislative District 27B, Calvert and Prince George's counties, will deliver remarks. Thirty-eight students will receive scholarships.

To further commemorate the event, LEAP Forward, Inc. set a goal of raising \$20,000 during the calendar year. The funds will go towards increasing scholarship amounts. Anyone interested in making a donation can go to the GoFundMe link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/scholarships--4-our-youth>.

"We are overjoyed, thankful, and humbled to have the opportunity to mark our 20th year," Rhonda Thomas, the founder and president said. "Our mission is to help underprivileged students prepare for their future. This work is necessary, important, and rewarding."

"It is an honor to partner with families, organizations, and others to provide students – our next generation of workers and leaders – additional exposure, experiences, tools, and information to help them succeed in college and beyond," she added.

A graduate of Calvert High School in the late 1970s, while a senior, Thomas had a "divine encounter" in the hallway with Mr. Wallace Lorenzo Leeper, a guidance counselor. He asked if she was prepared for life after graduation. She said yes and that she would be majoring in English with a concentration in journalism. She also said her plan was to teach until she launched her journalism career. Leeper encouraged her to rethink her plan. He pointed out that her math and science classes and academic background made her a perfect candidate for the engineering profession, and it paid much more money. Although she did not know what the profession involved, she trusted his guidance, applied, and was accepted into the Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center and Tennessee State University (TSU) (Pax-Tenn) Cooperative Program. That decision resulted in Thomas completing an awesome 41-year Federal career in 2017. Unfortunately, Leeper passed before she received her Electrical Engineering Degree, but she never forgot his insightful guidance. It placed her on the path God designed for her to be a blessing to others.

In 1998 when the opportunity occurred to revive the struggling Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship, Thomas stepped up, took charge, and embarked on a new journey with confident ex-



pectation. With God's blessings, the support of Mrs. Peggy Leeper, Mr. Leeper's wife, and the guidance of Russell Costley, another Calvert High School educator, she established LEAP Forward, Inc., in Mr. Leeper's memory. She needed to honor the impact he had on her life and others, and she wanted to pay it forward and model the dedication and quality work he poured into his job to serve students, guiding more than 20 African Americans into the engineering and technology profession.

Thomas enlisted Pax-Tenn-era engineers – Wilson Ennis, Robert Fenwick, Wilhemina Greene, Maurice Irvine, Timothy Morsell, Conrad White, and Burdette Wills – to help. Most continue to support the organization.

Currently the Secretary of LEAP Forward, Inc., White, whose late mother was an educator in Calvert County, has been deeply involved and committed from the beginning. "I feel very fortunate to be a part of an organization that was incorporated 20 years ago," White said. "Its mission is very important to helping students continue their education."

The Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship honors one of the most outstanding, dignified, and well-dressed guidance counselors who served at Calvert High School. Leeper graduated from the Richmond, Virginia, public schools and Virginia Union University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He later received his Master's Degree in Guidance from Indiana State University. His teaching career started in Calvert County as a History and English Teacher at William Sampson Brooks High School. He continued to work in the school system as a coach and guidance counselor at Calvert Senior High and the Calvert Vocational Technical Center.

Established as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization on July 26, 2001, LEAP Forward Inc.'s programs and activities have grown considerably. The organization manages memorial scholarships for 29 sponsors, including Nannie Pearl Taylor Cade, Wilson E. Ennis, Sr., William Finch and Blanche Newton Finch, Gloria Mae Gross, Iris Anne Har-

ris, Raymond Harris, George H. and Geneva Green Harrod, Gladys Irene Henson, Evelyn V. Irvine, Clyde Jones, Jr. and Carrie Bertha (Kent) Jones, MacArthur Jones, Marilyn Preston Killingham, Michael Moore, Clifton Morsell and Randolph Adams, Lawrence Roy Myers, Pamela Offer, Grace Parker, Violet Parker, Hamilton, Sr. and Alice Parran, Fernande Personna, Ruth Nutter Reid, Vivian Rogers, Elizabeth Simms, Dorothy Smith, and Thomas Family, and Earl S. Thorne. One community organization, Victoria Lodge #71 Free and Accepted Mason, Prince Hall Affiliated, is also managed. Approximately 350 students, mostly from Calvert County, but also from the Washington Metropolitan Area, have received scholarships.

In addition to the memorial scholarships, LEAP Forward, Inc. also manages a Destined 4 Success Chapter, a mentoring program for high school females; a focus on STEM career options; a National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) CASH Jr. Pre-College Initiative Chapter; participation in STEM competitions; college tours to the state of Maryland universities and regional universities; and a Black History and Art Exhibit. Donations and grants from local residents, nonprofit organizations, corporations, and local, state, and government agencies have been extremely helpful in supporting the programs and activities.

For its dedicated service, LEAP Forward, Inc. has received many awards, honors, and recognition. They include the 2016 Chamber of Commerce Leading Edge Award; 2017 NSBE Jr. Pre-College Initiative Chapter of the Year; 2017 Calvert County Board of Education Resolution; 2018 NSBE Jr. Pre-College Initiative Chapter of the Year; 2018 Comptroller William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award; 2019 Calvert Collaborative

for Children and Youth Education Award; and the 2020 Tri-County MD Alumnae Chapter (TCMDAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Community Impact Award.

In tracking the progress of scholarship recipients, Student Outreach reported that two recipients recently graduated. Nehemiah Stewart received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry and Mathematics from UNC Chapel Hill in May 2021. He will continue his medical studies at Carolina School of Medicine as a member of its MD and PhD program. In this NIH-funded program, Nehemiah will receive his Medical Doctorate and Doctor of Philosophy for Research.

Imani Watson is a December 2020 Magna Cum Laude Graduate from Johnson & Wales University. She started interning at Enterprise Rent-A-Car on June 8, 2020, and landed a full-time position in October 2020. She is the proud CEO of Rare (Rise Above Regular Expectations) Creations by Imani (Shoprarecreations-byImani.Com) and enjoys baking in her spare time. While working her full-time job, she is working hard to obtain her master's degree online by January 2022.

"We are happy to hear about Nehemiah's and Imani's achievements, and we definitely look forward to seeing more of our recipients graduate from college," Thomas said. "Mr. Leeper, our role model and inspiration, was passionate about helping students realize their potential and achieve their goals. Sharing that passion, we are devoted to ensuring that his legacy lives on through LEAP Forward, Inc. for many years."

For more information about LEAP Forward, Inc. please go to: www.leapforwardinc.org, or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbmGOe3or3kiF4ctujqkklg>.

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By: Jeff Tomcsik

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Farmer Mini-Grants Announced

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) announces the 8th Round of the Southern Maryland Farmer Mini-Grant Program.

SMADC will begin accepting Mini-Grant applications on July 15. The Mini-Grant closes on September 1, 2021, with awards announced by October 15, 2021.

The Mini-Grant program aligns with SMADC's mission 'to support farms and the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland and is designed to assist new and beginning farmers who own or lease existing agricultural properties with small start-up projects, and to assist experienced farmers who are looking to diversify or expand a current agriculture project. The projects should be simple in scope and must be successfully completed within one year.

SMADC awards will be up to \$2,000 per applicant and is a one-to-one match by the farmer. A total of \$40,000 in funding is available. However, it is anticipated that the number of applicants may exceed the amount of funding available, therefore grant applications will be ranked and awards may be less than the requested amount.

Grant funds may be used for equipment/services that help transition a farm's sales strategy (such as online sales, home delivery, on-farm sales, etc.), for other projects that allow the



farm business to maintain and/or expand sales, for the purchase of foundation livestock, purchase of plant stock, marketing and promotion of current farm operation, new fencing, hoop house, and materials needed for value-added food production and on-farm upgrades to enhance food safety.

"The Mini-Grant program has become very popular with Southern Maryland farmers, and has awarded \$157,007 to 101 farm projects over the previous seven rounds", says SMADC Director, Shelby Watson-Hampton. "The farmers we work with are innovative, creative, and passionate, and we look forward to seeing what new and creative project ideas come through in the applications for this next round."

For complete details of the SMADC Southern Maryland Farmer Mini-Grant Program, including Round 8 criteria, Grant guidelines, and to access the online Grant application form, visit 'Farmer Resources' to find the 'Mini-Grants' page at www.SMADC.com.

Press Release from SMADC.

Parks & Recreation Announces Modified Summer Pool Schedule

In order to provide the safest possible experience for visitors to county pools, the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces that it will adjust pool hours due to seasonal staffing shortages.

In addition, pools will open to full capacity during operating hours and pool use will be available without advance reservations.

Beginning Monday, July 5, 2021, new pool hours were as follows:

Hall Aquatic Center (130 Auto Drive, Prince Frederick; 410-414-8350)

Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, 1:30-8 p.m.

Cove Point Pool (750 Cove Point Road, Lusby; 410-394-6248)

Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kings Landing Pool (3255 Kings Landing Road, Huntingtown; 443-968-8763)

Monday-Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

Closed Friday

In order to safely support longer operating hours, each pool must meet a minimum staffing requirement of four pool managers and 10 lifeguards. Modified hours will remain in effect until this need is met.

Calvert County Government continues to recruit seasonal employees. Visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Employment or call 410-535-1600, ext. 2401 or 2402, to learn about open positions.

Lifeguarding certification classes are available through Parks & Recreation at no cost to future employees. Interested parties may contact the Hall Aquatic Center at 410-414-8350 for more information on classes.

Find information on Calvert County Government services online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov. Stay up to date with Calvert County Government on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and YouTube at www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Flower Purchases Help to End Hunger in Calvert County



End Hunger In Calvert County (EHCC), the leading non-profit in ending hunger throughout Southern Maryland, has been selected as a Giant Food's Bloomin' 4 Good Program recipient for the month of July.

The Giant Food's Bloomin' 4 Good Program, launched in July 2021, makes it easy for shoppers to positively impact their community. Every purchase of a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet, marked with a purple circle sticker, guarantees a donation to a hunger organization local to the Giant Food in which the bouquet is purchased.

On the heels of distributing more than two million pounds of food and products and feeding 1300 students during the COVID-19 pandemic, End Hunger In Calvert County is named the July beneficiary by local store leadership at the Giant Food in Prince Frederick. For every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased from this Giant Food location in July, a donation is made to EHCC to continue making its significant impact throughout the community.

"The beauty of this partnership is that it allows everyone to participate!" said Jacqueline M. Miller, president of End Hunger In Calvert County. "Whether purchasing flowers for a loved one,

friend, or teacher, you are actively providing meals to families in need throughout Calvert County. We are honored to not only be recognized as a recipient this month but, consequently, empowered to continue moving families into self-sufficiency."

Purchase a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at Prince Frederick Giant Food in July to help end hunger for good. For more information about the Giant Food Bloomin' 4 Good Program, please visit giant-food.bags4mycause.com/.

About End Hunger In Calvert County

End Hunger In Calvert County is a non-profit organization based in Huntingtown, MD. Founded in 2008, EHCC partners with 72 feeding organizations to end hunger for 25,000 people annually across Southern Maryland and create permanent solutions to help move people from dependency to self-sufficiency. As an Accredited Charity of the Better Business Bureau, \$0.94 of every dollar donated to EHCC is distributed directly into making a lasting difference in the community. Learn more about End Hunger In Calvert County by visiting www.endhungercalvert.org/.

Press Release from End Hunger In Calvert County

The Tackle Box Fishing Report



By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Cobia fishing is rocking along at a good pace. There are lots of cobia seekers and lots of chum lines, so it is inevitable that some will make a good strike and land several while others get skunked. Try to get out on a weekday when the traffic is less dense. Live eels are the trick.

Trollers are finding some cobia using surgical eel lures. There have been blue fish in the 18 to 25 inch range taking these lures. Some have caught a dozen or so of these toothy critters.

Cobia are located in the Mud Leads, below the Target Ship, and most anywhere in the Triangle.

Spanish mackerel are also in the lower bay mixed with blues.

Rockfish are available for lure casters. The Maryland summer closure starts on July 16 and lasts until the 30th. The Potomac closure is already in and lasts until Aug. 21.

Spot are everywhere. If you can see water you are in the presence of spot. They will take the new Lugworms, bits of squid, shrimp, nightcrawler, etc. The favorite

bait for spot 'bloodworms are in short supply. There have been no shipments of bloods from Maine since the Fourth of July. Bad tides, heat, and labor shortages are blamed. The Fishbite manufactured bait is an excellent substitute.

Perch fishing is excellent in the rivers. The perch fishing in the creeks has been good, but not like it should be. The lack of tide flow, abundance of nettles, and stained water due to rain fall has sent a lot of perch to the cleaner water in the deeper rivers. A break in the heat and some dry days will change that soon.

Tiny puppy drum like the heat and stain and are prevalent in the creeks taking most any bait or lure. Release them carefully. I have heard of a handful in the legal limit slot range of 18 to 27 inches.

There are reports of flounder at Point Lookout Bar and at Cornfield Point in the Potomac. Drift with live minnows and be prepared to catch lots of little ones that have to be thrown back for every one of legal size.

For School, Masks Recommended, Not Required

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry sent out the following letter to parents and guardians of students attending Summer School:

"In mid-June, Governor Hogan announced, 'We have finally reached the light at the end of that long tunnel.' Subsequently, as of July 1, he ended the executive orders requiring face coverings, social distancing requirements, and group gathering limitations.

"Therefore, beginning with the July 12 start date of our summer school program, we will no longer mandate mask wearing for staff or students.

"Masks are still recommended, especially for the unvaccinated, but will not be required when in school. Present regulations still require masks on public transportation, which includes school buses, so students who will be taking the bus to summer school will be required to mask up for the ride.



"We must keep in mind that the COVID-19 virus and its variants are still with us. Therefore, mask requirements are subject to revisions based on guidance from local, state, and federal authorities. We will continue to maintain our cleaning protocols, and we will ask that any students or staff who are symptomatic stay home. Instances of exposure to individuals who test positive will lead to quarantining.

For future consideration, the best defense against the virus and to keep from having to quarantine when possibly exposed is to get vaccinated."

St. Mary's College Inducts Phi Beta Kappa's Zeta Students

Twenty-two St. Mary's College of Maryland students were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa's Zeta Chapter of Maryland on April 9. Two members of the St. Mary's College faculty - Dr. Todd Eberly and Dr. Julia King - were inducted as honorary members. The virtual ceremony took place via Zoom.

Eighteen seniors and four juniors were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society. The society's founding dates to

1776. The Zeta Chapter at St. Mary's College was approved in 1997, after a rigorous three-year review by the national organization.

The newest members of Zeta Chapter's Phi Beta Kappa include:

- Devin M. Garner of Huntingtown
- Harrison F. Bauman and Rachel A. Steelman of Mechanicsville
- Maura C. Mullaney of Prince Frederick.

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Taylor is a sweet very friendly cat.. She loves getting petted and once you start you won't want to stop because her fur is so smooth and soft. Her previous family moved and they gave her up. It's unfortunate because she is so nice, but she is ready to be a furry companion to a new family. She would do best in a home with no dogs. She was born on Aug, 16,2016, Taylor is at Calvert Animal Welfare League. Email Cawl@comcast.net or call 410-535-9300

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

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

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.

Friday, July 16

Food Truck Fridays

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

Enjoy dinner and evening hours in the garden! Grab dinner from one of the food trucks, take a walk, tour a gallery show, and frolic in

the Fairy Lolly. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs and picnic blankets. Some evenings will include additional activities and a cash bar. This is a "pay what you can" event with a suggested donation of \$5/person (amount of suggested donation may vary). Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; rain or shine event; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Complete food truck schedule, visit www.annmariegarden.org

Dee of St. Mary's Sunset Sail

Calvert Marine Museum
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Take an evening sail on the Dee of St. Mary's. Fee is \$35 per person; adults only. Guests are welcome to bring their own beverage; select your choice of sandwich at registration. Preregister by noon on the Wednesday prior to each cruise at <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>.

Saturday, July 17

Free Paper Shredding Event

Northern Middle School
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Residents are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. There is no limit per resident and proof of residency is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable. Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested. Businesses are prohibited from residential shredding events. Shredding events are held monthly throughout the year. For more information about recycling events, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, at 410-326-0210, visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle or download the Recycle Coach app.

Tuesday, July 20

Things that Bloom and Buzz by the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum
10 a.m. - noon

Join CMM educators for a morning of exploration, crafts, stories, and fun related to plants and pollinators. For ages 5-7. Capacity is limited and there is a \$10 program fee. Registration will begin Monday, June 28. See our website for details. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Wednesday, July 21

Fossil Adventure Day

Calvert Marine Museum
10 a.m. - noon

Join a CMM educator for this fossil field program. Participants will learn about local Miocene fossils and explore the beach to search for fossilized shells, bones, and shark teeth. For ages 8-12. Capacity is limited and there is a \$10 program fee. Registration will begin Monday, June 28. See our website for details.

Thursday, July 22

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Virtual
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Ongoing

Calvert Library Openings

All library locations extended their walk-in building hours to Monday through Thursday, 10am to 7pm, Friday 1-5pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. Curbside services continue to be offered during those times as well. All study/tutoring rooms, quiet study room, and some meeting rooms are open as well. 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

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.

Donald Eugene "Don" Holtzclaw, Jr.



Donald Eugene "Don" Holtzclaw, Jr., 67, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Forestville, MD, passed away on June 19, 2021 at his residence.

Born January 11, 1954 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Donald Eugene Holtzclaw, Sr. and Joanna (Vidi) Holtzclaw.

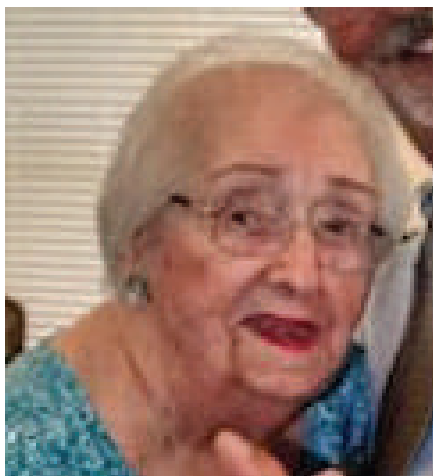
Don graduated from Suitland High School in 1972. He was a cable splicer for Pepco until his retirement. Don enjoyed fishing, bird watching, baseball, history, spending time with his dog Rylee, nature, reading and getting milkshakes from Bert's.

Don is survived by his children, Amanda Hemming and husband Jeremy and Donald Holtzclaw, III and wife Kelsey; grandchild, Adleigh Hemming; and siblings, Janice Holtzclaw, Theresa Oswald, Debbie Martin, Eric Holtzclaw and Jeffery Holtzclaw.

A life celebration visitation was held on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 6 until 8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will be private.

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

Elizabeth Marie Mackabee



Elizabeth Marie Mackabee, 97, of St. Leonard, Maryland, passed away on July 6, 2021 at the Hermitage in Solomons, Maryland. She was born on July 8, 1923 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Rudolph and Elizabeth Ann Earley Steiner Sr.

Wife of the late William Edward Mackabee, Jr., Elizabeth is survived by her son William E. Mackabee, III and his wife Terri. She is also survived by her brother, James Michael Steiner and preceded in death by her brother Mike Steiner.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Mary Anne Overton

Mary Anne Overton, 82, of Edgewater and formerly of Harwood passed away peacefully surrounded by her family's love on July 5, 2021 in Owings under the loving care of Calvert Hospice. She was born October 22, 1938 in Washington, DC to Raymond Leonard and Mary Belle (Davis) Brown. Mary was raised in DC and graduated from Anacostia



High School. She primarily lived in Harwood before moving to Victoria Park Senior Apartments in Edgewater, where she lived for 15 years. She was employed in retail for over 30 years and for the majority of her career she worked as an assistant manager for various drug stores. Mary was a former member of First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro and later attended Riva Trace Baptist Church in Davidsonville. In her spare time, Mary loved crocheting and often made hats and blankets for newborns at Anne Arundel Medical Center, glass cases for breast cancer survivors, and afghans for the Anne Arundel Medical Center Infusion Center, as well as items for family. She also enjoyed the outdoors, going to the beach, watching her favorite team, the Baltimore Orioles and spending time with her friends at Victoria Park.

Mary is survived by her children Linda M. Ivy of Sumiton, AL, Deborah A. Rose of Harwood, Susan C. Browning and her husband John of Deale, and Marvin W. Overton III and his wife Sarina of Glenside, PA, six grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sisters Shirley Dwyer and Alice Hendricks.

Memorial Contributions may be

made to American Cancer Society 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220; 800-227-2345; Link:

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

Diane Marie Theders



Diane Marie Theders (nee Wambaugh), 70 of St. Leonard, Maryland, passed away July 5, 2021, almost 4 years exactly from the death of her dear Mother, Ginny. Diane was the loving daughter of her deceased parents Virginia "Ginny" and Harry Wambaugh.

Loving Mother of Stephen (Michelle) Theders and Grandmother of Theodore Theders. Dear Sister of the late William (still living - Genie) Wambaugh, and Timothy (Mary Lou) Wambaugh. Aunt and Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews, she is also survived by her former spouse and good friend Dale Theders.

Diane was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. After grade school (Holy Family School) she graduated from Seton High School in 1968. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati Teacher's College with a degree in Education in 1972, where she earned Dean's List honors. She taught at St. Ber-

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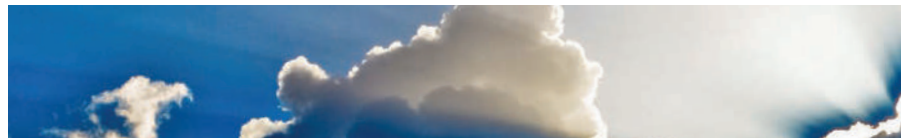
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nard School near Cincinnati, and Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Solomons, Maryland. Devoted time to raising her son, and later worked as an Assistant at St. Leonard Elementary, then in banking, and retail. Volunteered at St. John Vianney Food Pantry. She loved spending time with her grandson, her "Teddy Bear", and with her dear Friends with whom she often traveled with.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Vianney Food Pantry, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic.

Raymond LeBark

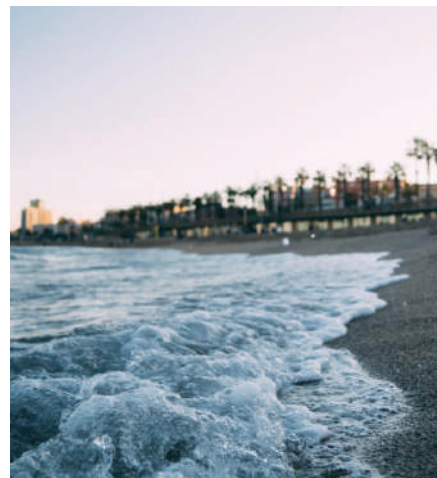


Raymond LeBark, age 85, of Prince Frederick, MD, passed away July 2, 2021. He was born April 22, 1936 in Washington, D.C. to Louis Raymond and Marie (Springer) LeBark. Raymond was raised on a farm in Upper Marlboro. During his life he served as a Road Maintenance Worker with the Maryland State Highway Administration, a Custodian for the Calvert County School System, and a Building Service Worker at Calvert High School from 1967 to 1972. Raymond was a huge fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Ravens but also a big supporter of Calvert High School sports, at one point he was given the title of "Calvert's biggest fan" because he attended every Winter, Spring and Fall game. Even after suffering a back injury he continued to enjoy the games by driving to fields and parking his car as close as possible to watch. Raymond was a longtime member of the Calvert Optimists Club where he instituted a program called "Youth Appreciation Week" where ten Calvert youths were recognized, a program that still exists today. As an Optimist Raymond enjoyed working at their annual Christmas tree sales and handing out candy.

Raymond was preceded in death by his sisters, Anna Prout and Marie Louise LeBark. He is survived by his cousins: from France, his cousin Raymond Le Barh, his wife, Marie Claire, daughter Catherine and her daughter Margaux, and son Christophe and his daughters Rafaelle and Julianne. From Germany, he is survived by his cousin's wife, Ursula and his son Stephan Paule.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Keith David Hall



Keith David Hall, 57, of Prince Frederick passed away July 2, 2021. He was born August 25, 1963 in Annapolis to Raymond and Barbara (McClelland) Hall. Keith grew up in Wayson's Corner and graduated from Southern High School. He was a mechanic by trade and also delivered the Annapolis Capital in Wayson's, Harwood, and the Eastern Shore before starting his own landscaping company, Two Shores Lawn and Landscaping. Keith lived in Kent Island for 12 years before moving to Prince Frederick, where he has lived for last 15 years. Keith was known as "One Bone" to his friends and in his spare time he enjoyed fishing on the river and watching his favorite team, the New York Yankees. Most of all Keith loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Keith never let his limitations or wheelchair stop him from anything. His moto was "never say I can't", and Keith never did.

Keith is survived by his daughter Krista N. Hall and her fiancé Dustin Smith of Prince Frederick, grandchildren Aiden Lanfranchi, Carter Grimley, Chase Cole, and Gunner Smith, step granddaughter Jaylynn Smith, and father Raymond Hall. He was preceded in death by his mother Barbara Hall.

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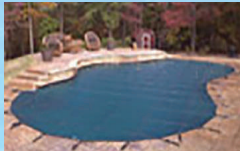
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- Subatomic particle
- Ethnic group of the Philippines
- Popular cookie
- Fabric
- Alcoholic liquor
- Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
- Longtime Chicago mayor
- A famous "Lady"
- Islamic calendar month
- Rocky peak
- Polio vaccine developer
- Songs sung in open air
- Military movements
- Male parent
- Beloved hot beverage
- Female sibling
- Tackled the QB
- Set a dog on someone
- Long live! (Spanish)
- Porticos
- Pouch
- Smooth fabric
- Enough (archaic)
- Institute legal proceedings against
- Scarred
- Draw from
- Brother or sister

CLUES DOWN

- Fifth notes of major scales
- Region
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Georgetown athletes
- They follow A
- Spoke
- Hairdressers' domain
- Extravagantly theatrical
- End-blown flute
- Heroic tales
- Member of a Semitic people
- Members of a priestly caste

- Southern Ghana people
- Counsels
- Body of water
- Awesome!
- Calendar month
- Native of region in Caucasus
- Indian city
- Exclusive organization (abbr.)
- Alaskan town
- Covered with ivy
- Loose granular substances
- Native American tribe
- Written American English
- Holiday (informal)
- Add up
- Small brown and gray rails
- Get off your feet
- Express disgust
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- Put into a silo
- Belief
- British noblemen
- Tennis game
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