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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PAMELA COUSINS

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# School Board Moves to Online Opening

## Hybrid 'Road to Recovery' Shelved

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) "Road to Recovery" has hit a road block. The Board of Education appears to be moving towards a plan that will feature some form of online learning when schools open.

The board at its July 16 meeting had an agenda item for discussion on the plan devised over the last two months by several committees that would have been a hybrid version of in-school and online learning, with each student being in school two days a week. Before that was even presented, Board of Education member Pamela Cousins pressed for an open with 100 percent online learning. She said her concern was the potential for infection of COVID-19 by staff and children. She said student safety has to be their first concern. "We have to keep them safe," she insisted.

"Being in close proximity for hours at a time, that's concerning to me," Cousins added.

Cousins' motion was seconded by member Dawn Balinski. But member Tracy McGuire and eventually Balinski expressed concern that some students may not have access to or the ability to learn online and some parents may have difficulty securing childcare. They weren't willing to go all the way to 100 percent online learning.

Cousins held her ground. She said she could live with finding solutions to those problems, but she couldn't live with someone dying.

It did appear, however, that all four board members virtually present, including Vice Chair Inez Claggett, did not support the hybrid "Road to Recovery" that was available in draft form, but never discussed. The stickler is how to accommodate those who have difficulty with the online learning.

Several board members said the scuttled plan was not in vain, that it could be used down the road, and School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry praised those who created it: "They spent many hours and many times set aside their own personal needs to propose a plan that would be most fair to all."

Curry added, "We also understand that any plan that does not bring all the kids back to school every day creates major childcare challenges for all parents of small children. We're caught between the advice of the CDC and the President of the United States, between parents who want to go to work and



School Board member Pamela Cousins

those who don't have to, between those with concern for their child's safety and those who believe this whole thing is a hoax, between those who can handle home instruction and those who are desperate for childcare. We're fortunate here in Calvert County, because we were headed to a one-to-one computer distribution this year, anyway, for grades three through 12, and compared to many districts, a high percentage of our kids do have access."

Curry noted, "There are children who count on us to have our eyes on them to know they're OK. The news changes daily and research changes daily and options change daily. And the data changes daily."

Cousins' motion eventually failed 2-1. Claggett, acting as chair, did not vote. Board Chairman Bill Phalen was not in attendance due to health issues, according to Claggett.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on Friday July 24 to decide how to proceed. That's the day after a town hall virtual meeting scheduled for July 23.

Cousins noted that the board had received about 600 emails on the issue and that there was considerable support for opening schools virtually. The public was encouraged by the board to participate in the town hall virtual meetings or to email them with their comments.

At the meeting, Student Member of the Board Abigail Setzfand noted that some students had not done very well with the online learning and that additional support may be needed if that continued.

Curry said that online learning this fall will be more rigorous than what occurred in the spring and that students may have to be online at regularly scheduled times as if they were in school.

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# What's to Become of the Beach Elementary Old Armory?

## County Discusses Historic Designations

By Dick Myers  
Editor

What's to become of the Prince Frederick National Guard Armory? For the time being the complex of buildings is being put to good use as the temporary home of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department while their new firehouse is being constructed on Solomons Island Road. That use will end when the new firehouse is ready for occupancy.

County Commissioner Tim Hutchins has a plan for it. He would like to see it converted into a service center for veterans in the Southern Maryland area and has talked up his idea with Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs George Owings, who knows the building well, being a county resident and former state delegate.

Hutchins has yet to garner support for his idea among his fellow commissioners. But he did, at their July 14 meeting, get them to consent for staff to investigate in more detail what would be involved in placing an historic designation on the building. That follow-up task was assigned to Historic Preservation Planner Kirsti Uumila.

She has already done some research. In a memo to the commissioners, she wrote: "The armory is a significant example of post-World War II armory design that served both military and civic purposes. Designed by Laurence P. Sangston, it was built by Charles B. Tovell in 1953-1954. It was intended to serve the community as a gathering place in peacetime, and as a government and military staging facility in times of disaster, war, or civil unrest.

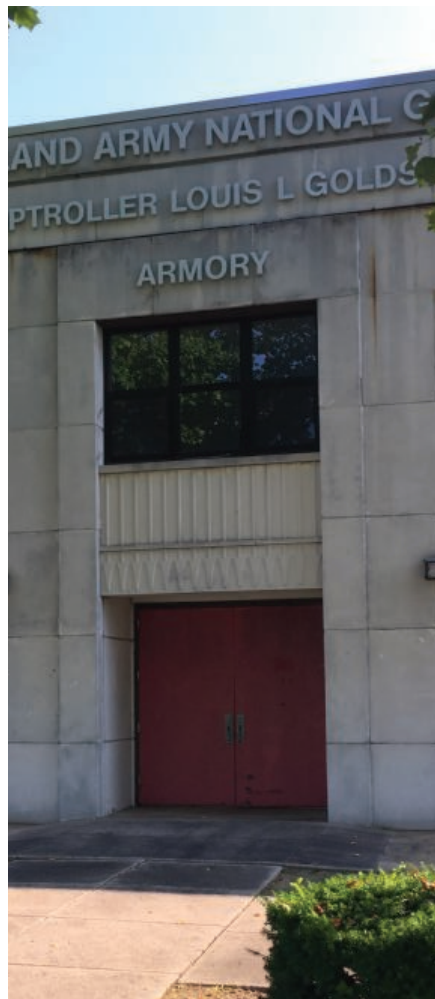
"Military personnel who served at the armory were members of the Maryland Defense Force, 5th Battalion, Company B and served the three Southern Maryland counties.

"It served the community in many ways for decades: as a school, housing civic offices, and as a venue for large events.

"The armory qualifies to be designated a Calvert County Historic District and is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Designation as a Calvert County Historic District would help ensure the preservation of the exterior of the building and would enable a private party to take advantage of tax credits to maintain it, if the party were liable for property taxes. The National Register of Historic Places is a guide to be used by all levels of government and citizens to identify the nation's significant cultural resources. It was designed to be used as a planning tool.

"Listing in the National Register makes property owners eligible to be considered for federal grants for historic preservation and for federal historic preservation tax credits for rehabilitation projects. As property owner, the Board of County Commissioners must approve the initiation of either or both applications."

The building is personally sentimental for Hutchins. He said, "I was in elementary school across the street and watched the



Prince Frederick National Guard Armory

building constructed." He said one of the commanders at the armory landed on the beach at Normandy during World War II.

Before anything is done with it, either to renovate it or demolish it, there will have to be both lead paint and asbestos abatement, although it would not be nearly as extensive with demolition, the commissioners were told. There is \$250,000 in the county's Capital Improvement Plan for the abatement.

Commissioner Buddy Hance, noting the potential fiscal impact of doing something with the building, expressed concern that giving it an historic designation would make it more difficult to demolish the building should the county decide that was the way to go. He said a plan was needed. "Let's research what we can do with the property. Designating (it) without a plan is premature for me," he said.

He and the other commissioners were unwilling to go ahead with having staff proceed with applications for county and federal historic designations. But they were willing to at least hear what staff has to say.

They also would like to get Owings down to discuss what if any plans the state agency has for a Southern Maryland facility. Hutchins said there were 28,000 veterans in Southern Maryland.

Meanwhile, Hutchins favors doing the abatement once it is vacated by the fire department. "We can't be the keeper of derelict buildings," he insisted.

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# Beach Elementary Design Approved

## Includes a Three-Story Section

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has approved the schematic design for the new Beach Elementary School (BES) in Chesapeake Beach. Part of the design includes a three-story center section with views overlooking Fishing Creek. The design was approved at the board's July 16 meeting.

The existing BES will continue to be used while the new 69,073-square-foot building is constructed next to it. Once it is finished, the existing structure will be demolished and the drop off and parking constructed in that space.

The board was told the design took into consideration "the safety of students and staff." It will be completed with "complete construction separation" between the existing occupied school and construction and there will be no disruption of portable classrooms on site.

Construction is expected to begin in February 2021 and be completed in August 2023. Construction budget is \$28.7 million.

"We are really excited about this beautiful project being developed," said Ran Ilkovitch, president of SEI Architects. Included in the total space is 3,000 square feet set aside for community use. School board member Dawn Balinski said, "The

town will be thrilled about the community space."

Ilkovitch assured the board members that the plan presented was "affordable" based on the construction budget. He said recent bids have been coming in low as contractors line up for projects, indicating a pent-up demand for work. Because of that, the bid may include an alternate wish list.

The school is designed at a 578-student state rated capacity. Ilkovitch called it a "high performance, sustainable building design" built to environmental standards.

The school will be constructed on a slope, allowing the design to take advantage of elevations. The design evolved through numerous meetings involving stakeholders, including BES administrators, teachers, and parents.

The project requires approval of the Chesapeake Beach Planning & Zoning Commission, which will review it at a special meeting on Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. It also requires a special exception for the three-story section from the Chesapeake Beach Board of Appeals, which is having a hearing on Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. The project then goes off to the Maryland Interagency Committee for School Construction, which must approve the design for state funding.

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Schematic design of the new Beach Elementary School.

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Schematic design of the new Beach Elementary School.

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# Planners Approve Storage Facility

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission on July 15 approved a new self-storage facility on Solomons Island Road south of Prince Frederick.

“The Beach Self Storage South proposal is a re-development project of the old Hance Shop located at 2155 S. Solomons Island Road,” according to the staff report on the proposal. It goes on to say, “There is currently an existing flex space business in operation at the north end of the site that will remain.”

The plan calls for five storage buildings and an office totaling 52,365 square feet. According to the staff report, “The site plan was initially submitted on April 20, 2020 and accepted by the Technical Evaluation Group (TEG) on April 29, 2020, with comments due May 25, 2020. Plan #2 was submitted on June 8, 2020 with comments due June 24, 2020. This staff report is based on Plan #2 and the agency review comments received as of June

24, 2020.”

Staff said the project met all applicable regulations. According to the plan:

- The parcel is 6.65 acres in size; a total of 3.21 acres will be disturbed for this development.
- The property fronts MD 4 with a 100-foot front setback and a 50-foot side and rear setback.
- There is a 35-foot front parking setback and a 20-foot side and rear parking setback.
- The property is adjacent to the open space for the Oakland Hall subdivision to the south and east of the property and adjacent to a residential lot to the west.
- There is a 25-foot wide, two-way travel lane around the proposed storage buildings. Sidewalks are provided in front of the building for pedestrians to access the office building from the parking lot.

The site plan was unanimously approved by the commission members.

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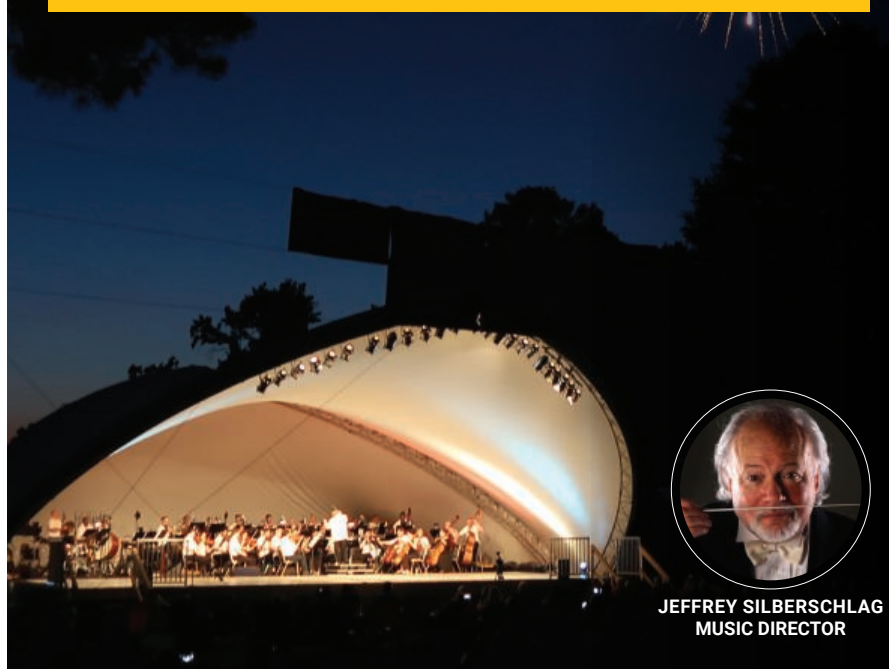
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# New Communications & Media Relations Director

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has announced the appointment of David Fitz as the county government director of the Department of Communications & Media Relations (CMR). Fitz's appointment is effective July 1, 2020.

Fitz most recently served as CMR deputy director and replaces Linda Vassallo, who was promoted to deputy county administrator.

"Dave's background in strategic communications makes him an excellent choice to lead the Department of Communications & Media Relations going forward," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "We are confident his leadership skills and experience will be an asset to the board and county citizens."

"During the past several months, Dave has shown that his level of expertise and collaborative approach make him an ideal fit for this position," said County Administrator Mark Willis. "I look forward to seeing him take on this new challenge."

In February 2020, Fitz joined Calvert County Government after eight years at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the last four years he served as the Public Affairs Officer at

the FBI Baltimore Field Office and prior to that he worked at FBI Headquarters in the Office of Public Affairs section. Fitz also worked as communications director at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby from 2008-2011. In that role, Fitz served three years on the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Fitz is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served as a journalist/public affairs officer. Some of his notable tours were with the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (the Blue Angels), the Amphibious Assault Ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) where he served as the first Navy public affairs officer on the scene after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and a tour on board the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Fitz holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Excelsior College, a master's degree in leadership and management from Webster University and an MBA with a concentration in sports management from Columbia Southern University.

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This year Sabre awarded two students, Alison Presby and Shawn Taylor, the ourSabre STEM Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to support students pursuing their education in one of the STEM disciplines. Through this scholarship, Sabre is doing our part in building a competitive workforce of scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians in order to sustain our growing global economy.

In addition, Sabre awarded a third student, Zachary Kirsch, The Chief Warrant Officer 4 Edward Fitzgerald Collier United States Marine Corps Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is offered in memory of Ed Collier, a long time Sabre Systems,

Inc. employee that passed away in March 2017. Ed served as a United States Marine for 26 years, joining Sabre Systems Inc. after retiring from the Marine Corps. The scholarship is designed to encourage and reward a student who embodies Ed Collier's caring spirit and passion for service.

President and CEO Glen Ives stated, "Each year I'm just overwhelmed by the remarkable accomplishments of our ourSabre Scholarship applicants and this year was no exception. Alison, Shawn and Zachary represent an extraordinary group of extremely bright, talented and dedicated young professionals who are destined for continued great success and who give me true confidence in our future as a country and society. They, like their Sabre Pro parents and grandparents, reflect the very best our country has to offer, and we could not be more proud and blessed to have them in our Sabre family."

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# What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their July 15 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was held via ZOOM and live streamed from the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

1) SPR-2018-286, Calvert Gateway, Lot 4, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering.

2) SPR-2020-308, Patuxent Commons Townhouses, located on the east side on North Prince Frederick Boulevard and Radio Road in Prince Frederick on three parcels consisting of 11.56 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Village District. The proposed project is to build 68 townhouse units along with required parking, utilities and associated improvements. The submittal was accepted February 26, 2020. Agent: Bay Engineering

3) SPR-2020-313, Fox Run Shopping Center Pad Development, located at the existing Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick on one parcel consisting of 40.69 acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Cen-

ter-Entry District. The proposed development includes construction of three free-standing pad buildings, totaling 13,996 square feet of new construction in the remote parking area on the west side of the site, in front of the former K-Mart and existing Gordmans (Peebles). The project also includes but not limited to, parking, trash enclosures, utilities, drainage, stormwater management, landscaping and lighting. The submittal was accepted June 24, 2020. Agent: Langan

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at ten same meeting

1) SD-2020-0054, Patuxent Commons Townhouses, located on Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick. Zoned Town Center, Village District, on three parcels consisting of 11.56 acres. Submittal accepted February 26, 2020. Agent: Bay Engineering, Inc.

2) SD-2020-0053, Bowen's Pride, Lots 1-18, located on N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, within the one-mile buffer of Prince Frederick Town Center. 18 lots, on three parcels consisting of 40.48 acres. Zoned RCD/FFD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted April 29, 2020. Agent: Meridian Land Solutions, LLC (dba R.A. Barrett & Associates)

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# Lusby Fatal Crash Under Investigation

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team were dispatched on July 18 at approximately 3:30 p.m. to Solomons Island Road and Coster Road in Lusby for a single vehicle collision.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2010 Lexus was traveling southbound on Solomons Island Road approaching Coster Road. According to witnesses, the Lexus was travelling at a slow speed, left the roadway and struck a guardrail in the center median. The driver was unresponsive inside the vehicle when medical personnel arrived on scene and started CPR. The driver of the

Lexus was identified as Stephen Patrick McInerney, 60, of Solomons. McInerney was transported to Calvert Heath where he was pronounced deceased.

At this time, this collision is being investigated as a possible medical emergency.

The collision is under investigation by Sgt. T. S. Phelps of the Crash Reconstruction Team. Anyone with additional information regarding the collision is asked to contact the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800 or e-mail the investigator at thomas.phelps@calvertcountymd.gov.

*Press Release from CCSO.*

# Calvert Cliffs Pitches in During Pandemic

## More than \$115,000 Donated

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant employees answered the call recently when the United Way of Calvert County requested help for local non-profits supporting those impacted by the pandemic.

Calvert Cliffs launched a fundraising campaign that challenged employees to see which department could donate the most money to local non-profit organizations. The station's employees stepped up to the challenge, donating more than \$52,000 dollars between April 20 and May 15. Exelon Generation matched the employees' contributions and the station was able to donate a total of \$105,000. An additional \$10,000 was donated by Calvert Cliffs to local food charities as part of the station's annual charitable contributions to the local community.

"This is our community; we live and work here and want our families and communities to thrive. I don't know anyone who hasn't been directly affected or doesn't know someone who hasn't been impacted during these unprecedented times. Whether it's donating food, repairing homes for veterans or a dollar donation, we are here for the community," said Calvert Cliffs Site Vice President Tom Haaf.

United Way of Calvert County has partnered with End Hunger, Farming 4 Hunger

and other pantries, providing coordination of volunteers, managing shifts and deliveries, and soliciting cash and food donations for food kits for those in need. They continue to manage resource information to the community from local and state officials and remain a partner in solving ongoing needs as they arise.

"Our community is a better place because of the employees at Calvert Cliffs that are so generous with their time and donations to support our nonprofit community. The need is great, and it is not going away, so we cannot thank them enough," said Kelly Chambers, CEO United Way of Calvert County.

Calvert Cliffs' \$10,000 donation to local food charities included End Hunger Calvert, which received \$7,500 in support of supplying food and resources to 73 partner feeding organizations throughout southern Maryland including food pantries and mobile distribution sites. Funds also supported Farming for Hunger, which received \$2,500 to assist with supporting an advanced growing season and increased food production allowing more families to be fed, sooner than originally planned.

*Press Release from Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant.*

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# Churches of Southern Maryland:

## Emmanuel Church of Huntingtown

By Grace McCready  
Contributing Writer

For Emmanuel Church of Huntingtown, spiritual growth matters most, whether one is a guest or a longtime member.

The new Lead Pastor Rick Hancock said Emmanuel Church is where people are taught, without criticism, to know Jesus personally and grow closer to Him.

Though it looks modern on the inside, the church's traditional exterior fits well in historic Huntingtown. The church began over 50 years ago when a woman named Betty Tavenner was in search of a local Southern Baptist presence and put in a newspaper advertisement for Baptists interested in forming a Southern Baptist church.

Originally from Lanham Hills, Maryland, Hancock said that he "actually grew up Baptist but went to Catholic school from fifth grade to twelfth grade...so faith and religion were very much part of not only my personal life but also my educational experience."

After coming to faith in Christ as a teenager, he earned his Bachelor of Arts from Washington Bible

College in Maryland and his Master of Divinity from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Tennessee.

He and his wife returned to Maryland after he led a church in Sledge, Mississippi for a short time. In Lusby, he pastored Southern Calvert Baptist Church and later Dunkirk Baptist Church. About four years ago, he started pastoring at Emmanuel Church but didn't become Lead Pastor until last year.

A variety of people attend, including those who visit it because of the Celebrate Recovery program that meets there on Friday nights. This program, designed to assist individuals with addictions and other personal struggles, reaches unchurched individuals.

However, Hancock also noted that "most of our guests come as a result of personal invitation." Additionally, about 10 percent of congregants are senior adults, and about 20 percent are young children.

Including the 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services, attendance is roughly 500 people per Sunday. Children, middle schoolers, and high schoolers have their own meetings

during the regular services. Before and after both services, donuts and coffee are offered.

Services include contemporary worship, preaching, and a monthly baptism. But they also incorporate liturgical dance several times a year. Meant to be worshipful, the dancing is often accompanied by music from the worship team.

Additionally, Next Steps is an alternative form of the altar call or invitational. He explained, "There are certain steps that we are encouraging people to take based on what they heard in the message... a lot of people don't feel comfortable going forward, so we just ask the church to remain seated and to take that action step."

A few of the church's local mission opportunities are in the jail ministry, local food pantry, and high schools. In Baltimore, there are two church plants that Emmanuel Church supports. Besides taking annual mission trips to the Dominican Republic and supporting New Missions in Haiti, it also provides a school and food pantry in Mexico for the poor, including a native Mexican group called the Tarahumara Indians.

Regarding ministries, Connection Groups are available for different demographics in different locations to provide a combination of fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The Spiritual Development C.L.A.S.S. program shows individuals how to get plugged into the church. Normally, high schoolers meet on Tuesdays, middle schoolers meet on Wednesdays, and college-and-career-age adults meet on Sundays.

MOPS and MOMSnext are available also. While MOPS is for young

moms to fellowship and engage, MOMSnext is for older moms to strengthen and befriend the younger mothers at MOPS meetings.

Undoubtedly, serving is a major emphasis at Emmanuel Church.

Determining one's S.H.A.P.E.—spiritual gift, heart, abilities, personality type, and life experiences—is important so he or she can serve in the right area. However, as Hancock stated, "We don't force people or encourage people to stay where they don't feel like they're connecting."

Likewise, he added, "And if we don't have a team for what you want to do, you let us know what you want to do and tell us what your S.H.A.P.E. is, and we'll let you start a ministry."

Serving hasn't been as easy in recent months. Hancock admitted, "A lot of our ministries have kind of stopped for now just because it's so difficult to navigate the social distancing and health expectations."

However, worship services still occurred on both YouTube and Facebook Live, and online material was posted online for kids and for teens. MOPS gathered online, but Celebrate Recovery resumed in-person gatherings at the end of June. Currently, some Connection Groups meet online, while others meet in-person.

In-person services have met in the sanctuary since June 21, with about 90 chairs available per service instead of the usual 300. Teens and older kids have resumed their meetings during the services, but the young children aren't together yet. Likewise, the fellowship and refreshment time recently resumed outdoors.

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Emmanuel Church Lead Pastor Rick Hancock



Emmanuel Church Car Show

## Help Shape the Future of Calvert's Health Care

If you are a Calvert County resident, CalvertHealth invites you to help shape the future of health care in our area by taking the Calvert County Community Health Needs Assessment.

Performed every three years, the findings from the survey are used to identify, develop and target CalvertHealth initiatives to provide and connect patients with the resources needed to improve

upon health challenges in our community.

The survey only takes 5-10 minutes to complete and be accessed by visiting the CalvertHealth website at [CalvertHealthMedicine.org/Community-Wellness](http://CalvertHealthMedicine.org/Community-Wellness) or going directly to the survey link: [surveymonkey.com/r/CalvertHealth](http://surveymonkey.com/r/CalvertHealth).

The survey ends June 15.

*Press Release from CalvertHealth.*

## Democratic Central Committee Announces Vacancy

The Calvert County Democratic Central Committee is seeking a male candidate to fill a gender balanced vacancy on the Committee. To be eligible for consideration, an individual must be a registered Democrat voter in Calvert County, Maryland.

They would like the candidate to show a history of volunteerism and ability and enthusiasm to serve the community. They are seeking a leader ready to work for and represent all Democrats in Calvert County. This is an unpaid position. The successful applicant will serve out the remainder of the current term, which

ends in June 2022.

Interested individuals may request an application by emailing [CCDemOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CCDemOffice@gmail.com). The deadline to apply is Thursday, August 13, 2020.

The Committee will hold a vote to select the new member at its regular meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7 p.m. via a Zoom meeting. Candidates must be present for the election. For more information, contact [CCDemOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CCDemOffice@gmail.com).

*Press Release from Calvert County Democratic Central Committee.*

## Comptroller Presents Schaefer Award Honors Ministry Battling Food Insecurity

Comptroller Peter Franchot has virtually presented the annual William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for Calvert County to Heart F.E.L.T. (Filling Empty Little Tummies). Founder Jack Woodford, who is widely known as "Little Jack," accepted on behalf of the outreach ministry that provides evening, weekend and holiday meals to food insecure children in the county.

As a child, Woodford was no stranger to food insecurity. It was the kindness of neighbors that helped his family survive after his father's debilitating stroke. In 2012, he was inspired to pay it forward and worked with his church, Trinity United Methodist in Prince Frederick to establish Heart F.E.L.T. and supply meals to food insecure children, embodying the principles that Schaefer, the late Baltimore City mayor, Maryland governor and comptroller, held dear.

Since the program's inception, 20 Calvert County churches have partnered with more than 20 elementary and middle schools to supply meals to children in need. Additionally, Heart F.E.L.T. provides winter coats, food baskets and Christmas presents to children and their families each December, fulfilling Woodford's



Peter Franchot

motto that you have never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.

Since 2012, Comptroller Franchot has annually traveled to each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions to honor an individual or organization serving their community. This year, all Schaefer Award presentations will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Press Release from Office of MD Comptroller.*

## Spring Hunters Harvest Record Wild Turkeys

Maryland hunters reported harvesting 4,303 wild turkeys during the 2020 regular spring and junior hunt turkey seasons, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced. This year's harvest surpassed the previous high of 4,175, set in 2017, and was 8% higher than the 2019 harvest of 4,002 turkeys.

"This year's harvest suggests that many hunters took advantage of abundant turkey populations in much of the state," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said.

The percentage of juvenile turkeys or "jakes" reported in the harvest (24%) was at its highest level since the 2012 spring season. This supports other survey data showing that the summer of 2019 was an excellent year for turkey production and boosted populations significantly.

Turkey numbers have also grown and expanded in many areas where

they have not traditionally been abundant. Record-high harvests were reported in nine counties – Baltimore, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's.

The St. Mary's harvest was 226 compared to last year's 188. The harvest in Calvert was 82 compared to 6 last year.

Washington County reported the highest harvest this year with 439 turkeys, followed by Garrett County with 387 and Charles County with 369.

Youth hunters kicked off the spring turkey season statewide on April 11 with the Junior Turkey Hunt. An additional junior hunting opportunity occurred on April 12 in select counties. In total, junior hunters harvested 248 wild turkeys, a 22% increase from last year's junior hunt weekend.

*Press Release by MD DNR*

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# Lab Faculty and Staff Recognized 'Outstanding Contributions to Science'

Each year the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science gives awards for outstanding faculty accomplishments at our Commencement ceremony. This year at UMCES's seventh annual Commencement ceremony, which was held virtually on May 29, two faculty and support staff from the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory were recognized for their outstanding contributions to science.

Professor Michael Wilberg was awarded the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's President's Award for Excellence in Application of Science for his ongoing and impactful efforts on the science and outstanding communication of oyster management with stakeholders, partners, and policymakers. A professor in fisheries science at UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Southern Maryland, he works on understanding population dynamics and management of a range of fish and shellfish species, including oysters and blue crabs.

Oysters are iconic in Maryland and critically important to the culture and the recovery of Chesapeake Bay. Building on the rich tradition of UMCES in fisheries management, Wilberg was invited to lead the first stock assessment done for the State of Maryland 135 years. The assessment was conducted collaboratively with scientists from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and resulted in estimates of the abundance and levels of sustainable exploitation to help guide policy on oyster management.

"It is not just about doing great science, it is about communicating that great science to be effective," said President Peter Goodwin. "He is the textbook example of where the delivery of scientific facts stop and value judgements start on complex and contentious issues."

Wilberg was also lead modeler for the OysterFutures research program, an experiment in consensus building and testing a new approach for making regulations and policies.

He is recognized as an international expert on stock assessment and has served as technical adviser to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the International Whaling Commission, and South Africa in developing their fisheries management plans.

The President's Award for Excellence in Application of Science was established in 1999 to honor exemplary applications of science that have had a positive impact on environmental protection and management by UMCES faculty members.

Senior Faculty Research Assistant Janet Barnes was given the inaugural President's Award for Outstanding Research Support at this year's Commencement ceremony. The award represents an

honor bestowed by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) to recognize professional achievements of faculty research assistants.

Barnes has been a mentor and a positive role model for UMCES' faculty research assistants, exhibiting long-term commitment to excellence, a genuine scientific curiosity, analytical thinking, and always going above and beyond with support of research and the UMCES community.

"Thank you, President Goodwin, for recognizing the importance of creating this award," said Barnes. "I'm glad that the substantial contributions of FRAs to UMCES research and outreach will be acknowledged into the future."

She started at Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in summer of 1978 and was the first female mate on a research vessel at UMCES. She helped start the Solomons Harbor Monitoring Project, worked with the National Science Founda-

tion's Antarctic program coordinating logistics and science support, and led the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation as Chief Operating Officer.

She was brought on to help with the Alliance for Coastal Technologies and later the Marine Environment Resource Center to serve as research coordinator, where she does both hands-on science and management, coordinating with private sector and agencies to facilitate the development and adoption of green ship and green port innovations.

Faculty research assistants, or FRAs, conduct much of the day-to-day science that goes on in UMCES' labs. They are often our primary people doing field sampling and conducting lab analyses. Many UMCES faculty have an FRA that manages their lab for them, as well.

The award, which includes a plaque and a monetary award, will be presented to one individual FRA annually who has made outstanding contributions to achieving the UMCES mission through

discovery, integration, application, or teaching.

Located where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay, the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory is the oldest publicly supported marine laboratory on the East Coast. Founded in 1925, it has been a national leader in fisheries, estuarine ecology, environmental chemistry and toxicology for more than 90 years. Our scientists conduct research from the Chesapeake Bay and around the globe. From advising state and national agencies on sustainable fisheries management and breaking new ground in understanding how chemicals move between the atmosphere, sediments, and water to renowned work on nutrient dynamics and the food web, the lab is developing new scientific approaches to solving the major environmental problems that face our world.

*Press Release from Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.*



Janet Barnes

## SMECO Contributes to Local Organizations

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) recently received a \$10,000 contribution from CoBank to award to local organizations that SMECO has supported with matching funds. Each of the following will receive \$2,500: the Southern Maryland Food Bank, the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, the Charles County Government Department of Emergency Services, and the St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services.

According to the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, the funds will be used to procure personal protective equipment for fire, rescue, and EMS first responders to assist with maintaining the established safeguards for all essential personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Charles County Emergency Services plans to use the funding to set up a decontamination station at the hospital for first responders to clean their apparatus after transporting COVID-19 patients. The funds will also be used for decontamination kits for each ambulance to use when transporting patients to hospitals where decontamination stations are not available.

The St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services will directly support first responders by using the funds to pur-

chase the solution used to decontaminate emergency vehicles.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Maryland Food Bank has been providing more than 500 prepacked pantry bags a week to local schools, and they pack and deliver more than 400 bags a week to senior citizens. The Food Bank also provides drive-through hot meals and assists with pop-up resource sites.

"SMECO has provided funding to these local organizations because they support Southern Maryland residents with essential services," said Natalie Cotton, SMECO government affairs and community relations director. "Our cooperative is committed to our community. And we support these organizations, because, in addition to the critical services they provide, they also create a spirit of unity and brotherhood that helps to sustain us through these difficult times."

CoBank's Sharing Success program is a \$5 million fund to benefit cooperatives and the charitable groups they support. As a CoBank customer, SMECO was eligible to receive matching funds to be awarded to organizations it supports. CoBank and its customers have partnered to contribute \$44 million in combined donations since 2012.

*Press Release from SMECO.*

## Video Series Spotlights Value-Added Agriculture



The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, has released the third video in their «Farms in Focus» series that showcase Southern Maryland's vibrant agricultural community.

SMADC's latest video focuses on Value-Added Agriculture, and aims to give consumers an appreciation for the exciting products that stem from this section of the farming industry, as well as the economic and cultural benefits that they provide.

Value-added agriculture is defined as altering a raw agricultural product in a way to increase its value to bring more revenue to the farmer, producer or processor. Maryland is home to over 20 value-added agriculture sectors from grains and grapes (think beer, spirits and wine), fruits and veggies (jams, pickles, sauces), milk (ice cream, cheese), meats (bacon, charcuterie) to forestry (biofuels, paper), to name just a few.

SMADC's new video shines a spotlight on the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity of six Southern Maryland producers and illustrates why they are inspired to produce their ever-growing inventory of value-added products. A featured producer, Angel Forbes Simmons, sums-up the importance of value-added enterprise as integral to the financial success of her farm and keeps her bi-centennial farm self-sustaining.

According to the Business Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON) of Salisbury University, Maryland, and the

newly released 2017 USDA Agricultural Census, Maryland's Value-Added Agriculture industry supports close to 74,000 jobs and brings a total economic impact of over \$20.6 billion annually to the state's economy.

"When you take any raw agricultural ingredient and you run it through a value added process, that makes it a more valuable and (we like to think) a much more tasty, fun product," explains Kevin Atticks, founder and director of Grow & Fortify, also featured in the video. Atticks is enthusiastic for the growth of the industry and goes on to describe his vision, "So what's in store for the future? – Really interesting products; think truffle oil, think pasta made from local grains, think cider and mead, think specialty meats. The opportunities for local farmers and for local consumers are endless!"

Free to view on the SMADC YouTube channel, the "Farms in Focus" video series showcases Southern Maryland's key agricultural industries using a combination of educational information and promotional marketing to bridge the knowledge gap between consumers and their local farmers. Look out for more videos coming in 2020 featuring Agritourism, Livestock, Produce, Nursery and Cut Flowers, Forestry and Seafood.

The "Farms in Focus" videos are made possible by a grant awarded to SMADC through the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF).

*Press Release from SMADC*

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# Getting Back to Work Launched

## Town Hall Meetings Underway

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) announce a new regional workforce development collaboration set to immediately respond to the economic catastrophe caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. TCCSMD's Workforce Development Division and CSM's Continuing Education & Workforce Development Division have partnered to launch the Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work initiative – a joint effort that creates a transparent, accessible and coordinated pathway to skills upgrade training and re-employment for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the crisis.

The initiative will also create new opportunities and training at a time when career change is a likely avenue for many affected workers.

“Regional unemployment has risen to 8.4% according to recently released data from the Maryland Department of Labor with the greatest impact seen in the retail, healthcare and construction industries,” shared Tri-County Council Director of Regional Workforce and Business Development Ruthy Davis. “Underemployment is an ongoing challenge in our region and this alignment of workforce development resources will provide targeted responses to critical needs for employers, employees and the unemployed, and prepare us for a future in which the workforce will be redefined.”

“The Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work initiative has one objective: To provide skill development and assist in the re-employment of our citizens,” said CSM Associate Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Ellen Flowers-Fields. “Our communities have suffered and are facing further economic risk. We are compelled to act now before people relocate to seek work thus making it harder for local industries to rebound. We plan to deliver real solutions that keep our neighbors

working, keep our businesses open and create an employment ecosystem for new businesses to begin. This is the challenge we face; this is our why.”

Town Hall Meetings: “Enlightening Experience”

“We are also aware that when our economy starts to awaken, employers may be cautious in their re-hiring and this is where we can play a critical role in protecting the equity of our workforce development response,” said Flowers-Fields.

To begin the conversations, the first of four virtual town halls with Southern Maryland's healthcare leaders was held July 8. Fifty-two participants including healthcare employers and community leaders joined CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague and Elaine Hardee, director of Human Resources at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for a moderated, one-hour discussion that tackled topics such as employee burnout; staff re-deployment and mission-forward planning.

“Participation in the Healthcare Industry Town Hall Meeting was an enlightening experience for neighboring healthcare providers,” shared Hardee. “One of the universal issues our healthcare businesses face is the challenge of keeping employees engaged during the pandemic. Some of the themes we heard tackled re-deployment of administrative personnel whose primary job responsibilities may have decreased or stopped entirely.

“Overall, our mitigation strategies utilized to reduce the spread of this virus is a testament to the diligence of our leadership and front-line staff practicing superior infection control protocols,” Hardee continued. “We understand the fear and anxiety that this virus has produced and we cannot thank our employees, community stakeholders and state leaders enough for continuing to deliver great support and care to the patients and residents we serve.”

The next three town hall meetings

will occur each Wednesday in July from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on the following topics:

Wednesday, July 29, IT and Professional Services Industry

“We got vital intel on the industry's needs,” said Flowers-Fields, of the first town hall. “There is great interest in our providing more career readiness certifications; structured work-based learning programs and sharing best practices.”

Davis added that if the next few town halls are anything like the first, the initiative will be validated. “We are not just living through an economic crisis,” Davis shared. “We are experiencing a community crisis, in real time.”

“Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work: Threefold Approach

The key objectives of this project are separated into three goals: Investing in emerging skills needs; responding to business needs; and reshaping workforce development needs for the region's future.

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

The TCCSMD is investing in SkillUP, an online platform designed to help the Southern Maryland region build a workforce ecosystem that supports positive economic development. The platform will be available to all Southern Maryland citizens explore career pathways, assess career interests and aptitudes and develop basic



skills. SkillUP is a bridge program that helps prepare individuals for employment or secondary education, and is the on-ramp to workforce development response.

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

The business services team of TCCSMD & CSM consist of six individuals with more than 100 years of combined experience in supporting business needs through consultative inquiry. This boots on the ground intelligence will guide the workforce training response efforts of this initiative. The region's 25-member Workforce Development Board has 13 private sector members representing the retail, hospitality, construction, healthcare and information technology industries. Additionally, guidance from regional chambers of commerce, county economic development departments and industry associations will aid in determining priorities and program development.

“The Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work initiative will engage key partners and stakeholders to inform coordinated next steps toward providing critical incumbent and new worker training, and the reshaping of curriculum both in its core content and in its delivery modes,” said Flowers-Fields. “Throughout the coming months, we are going to identify new innovations to ensure there is an available pipeline of workers needed during and post COVID-19.”

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

For more information about the Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work Initiative, or to participate in one of the July Town Halls, visit online at <https://smdworkforceboard.org/job-seekers/> and <https://tccsmd.org/backtowork/>.

Press Release from College of Southern Maryland/



# Courthouse Begins Phase III Reopening

The rapidly evolving health emergency regarding the spread of COVID-19 requires the Maryland court system to continually review and evaluate contingency planning efforts. The Calvert County Courthouse located at 175 Main St. in Prince Frederick will remain under restricted access, with new changes to operations and court proceedings that were effective on July 20.

By order of Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, Amended Administrative Order dated June 3, 2020, beginning 5 p.m. on June 5, 2020, there shall be a progressive, phased return to full operations by the courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, administrative offices, units of the Judiciary, the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Court and the clerks' offices of the District Court, continue to be restricted to emergency operations and closed to the public with limited exceptions, as outlined below, through Oct. 5, 2020, pending further order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

There are five phases described in the Amended Administrative Order, each phase representing an increase in the level of operations by the courts in the Maryland Judiciary. The courts are currently in phase II with phase III commencing 7 a.m. on July 20, 2020. Phases I through III are detailed in this release and phases IV through V will be released prior to its commencement date. Phase V is scheduled to commence on Oct. 5, 2020. Access to the courts and each of the phases are subject to modification by the Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Calvert County.

Phase III: July 20, 2020, Through Aug. 30,

2020

In Phase III, courts will schedule and hold a broader range of matters, including certain criminal trials in the District Court, with limited in-person services to be offered as determined by the administrative judge and posted electronically and in the court facility. Phase III shall include Phase II Matters and shall be, collectively, "Phase III Matters." To the extent that Phase III Matters may be handled remotely, courts are encouraged to do so. For any proceeding that will be held during Phase III, the court shall notify all participants necessary to the proceedings.

In addition to Phase II Matters:

#### CIVIL:

- Motion requiring witness testimony
- Settlement hearings
- Attorney disciplinary proceedings

#### CRIMINAL:

- Motions
- Expungements
- Violation of probation hearings
- Non-jury trials
- Jury prayer status hearings
- Sentencing previously deferred

#### FAMILY:

- Resume handling of temporary domestic violence protective order petitions during court hours

- Motions requiring witness testimony
- Pendent lite hearings
- Contempt proceedings
- Adoption
- Guardianship – non-emergency
- Child support matters: establishment



- Settlement hearings
  - Court-ordered mediations
- #### JUVENILE COURT: CINA (DEPENDENCY)
- All matters and motions that are contested and/or requiring testimony
  - CINA adjudications, dispositions, permanency plans, permanency plan reviews
  - Exceptions hearings requiring witness testimony
- #### JUVENILE (DELINQUENCY)
- All matters that are contested and/or requiring testimony
  - Adjudication
  - Disposition and disposition reviews
  - Closure of probation and jurisdiction of Juvenile Court
  - Motions
  - Juvenile expungements
  - Juvenile permanency plan and permanency plan reviews
  - Juvenile and adult sex offender registration matters
  - Waiver hearings, including to and from Juvenile Court
  - Exceptions hearings
- #### PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS
- , including drug, mental health, family/dependency recovery, DUI, veterans', juvenile drug and truancy courts

Phase IV is scheduled to commence on Aug. 31, 2020. Prior to Aug. 31, 2020, an update relative to Phase IV will be released to the public.

All other matters, including jury trials, are hereby postponed through the end of the COVID-19 emergency, unless otherwise specifically scheduled for in-person, telephone and/or video hearings using remote technology when practicable by the Circuit Court for Calvert County.

Pursuant to the Amended Administrative Order issued by Chief Judge Barbera on June 3, 2020, the county administrative judge in each county possesses the discretion to implement policies and procedures regarding courthouse operations and access to the Circuit Court Courthouse. Accordingly, The Honorable Mark S. Chandlee, Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, issued an Administrative Order on July 17, 2020 implementing policies and procedures regarding courthouse operations and access to the courthouse to ensure the health and safety of all individuals visiting, conducting business, or employed at the courthouse as the Maryland Judiciary enters Phase III of its phase-based

plan for resuming normal operations.

Pursuant to Judge Chandlee's Administrative Order, individuals involved in a court case that is scheduled for a hearing in the Circuit Court Courthouse on or after July 20, 2020, including parties, attorneys, and witnesses, are authorized to enter the courthouse and shall report to the courthouse for the scheduled hearing, unless otherwise instructed or ordered by the court or its authorized agent. Parties and/or attorneys involved in a case may request in writing to appear remotely for their scheduled hearing. For all other business not related to a scheduled court hearing to be conducted in the courthouse, the courthouse is open to the public BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To make an appointment, please call 410-535-1600 and request to speak to the desired department to schedule an appointment.

Under Judge Chandlee's Administrative Order, any individual seeking to enter the Circuit Courthouse shall undergo the court's screening protocol which includes a contactless thermal temperature check, screening questionnaire, and any follow-up questions deemed appropriate. Additionally, all individuals entering or traveling through the courthouse are required to wear a face mask or covering. Furthermore, all individuals are required to practice proper social distancing while in the courthouse and follow instructions from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and bailiffs of the courthouse.

For further details regarding Judge Chandlee's Administrative Order and the policies and procedures of the Circuit Court, please visit the Circuit Court for Calvert County website at <http://circuitcourt.co.cal.md.us/>. The Amended Administrative Order of Chief Judge Barbera and the Administrative Order of Judge Chandlee shall be posted on the website as well as at the Courthouse.

Essential court personnel will be available to the public by telephone between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Maryland Electronic Court (MDEC) continues to be available for electronic filing and is required to be used for all MDEC counties. For pleadings not required to be filed electronically, filings will be received by mail and may be received via drop box installed in the rear parking lot of the courthouse.

Any questions or concerns relative to cases or proceedings should be directed to:

- Circuit Court: 410-535-1600
- District Court: 443-550-6700

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## Vascular Surgeon Joins CalvertHealth

CalvertHealth Medical Group announce the addition of board-certified vascular surgeon Joseph C. Wuamett, MD, RPVI to the Center for Vascular Care at CalvertHealth. He brings broad-based experience in diagnosing and treating a wide variety of vascular issues from varicose veins to aortic aneurysms as well as dialysis access and chronic wounds.

"I am very excited to welcome Dr. Wuamett to our growing team of surgical specialists and providers. He will help meet an important need in our community and expand the expertise that our organization offers," said CalvertHealth President & CEO Dean Teague.

He comes to CalvertHealth from Cardiology Associates in Annapolis, where he developed an outstanding reputation among referring providers and patients in both Anne Arundel and Calvert counties. He is noted for being knowledgeable, a good listener and explaining thoroughly and understandably.

In his practice every patient is unique. "They all have a very specific set of values, personal history and medical history that makes them different from everyone else," said Dr. Wuamett. "The solution to a problem for one patient may be very different from what it is for another. When a patient leaves my office, I want them to feel I have been thoughtful, caring and thorough. They should be confident that I will always put their interests first."

He completed his general surgery



Joseph C. Wuamett, MD, RPVI

training at St. Luke's- Roosevelt Hospital in New York City and his fellowship in vascular and endovascular surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Dr. Wuamett has a strong interest in the minimally invasive and open surgical treatment of peripheral vascular disease, carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, venous insufficiency/varicose veins and dialysis access. Additionally, he has extensive experience in wound care, particularly chronic, non-healing wounds of the lower extremity.

The Center for Vascular Care is located at 110 Hospital Road, Suite 213 in Prince Frederick. To make an appointment, call 410.414.2790. For more information, visit [CalvertHealthMedicine.org](http://CalvertHealthMedicine.org).

*Press Release from CalvertHealth.*

## Residents Challenged to 'Pump for the Bay'

In addition to the prize of a healthier Chesapeake Bay, one lucky county resident will be reimbursed up to \$350 for their septic system pump-out or upgrade in 2020 by entering the "Pump for the Bay" contest, run by the Calvert County Environmental Commission.

Any Calvert County resident who hires a company to pump out their septic tank or upgrades to a nitrogen-removing tank between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020, is eligible to enter by submitting a copy of the bill or receipt along with an entry form. Entries must be received before 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. Full details and entry form are available online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PumpfortheBay](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PumpfortheBay).

The commission will select one top prize winner to be reimbursed up to \$350 in a drawing to be held at the January 2021 Environmental Commission meeting. Additional prizes include gift certificates from Calvert County businesses and free passes to county recreational facilities. Winners will be notified by mail.

Even when operating properly, conventional septic systems remove only about 10% of nitrogen from the effluent that flows from the septic tank into the drain field. Excess nitrogen can enter the groundwater and eventually enters the Chesapeake Bay, increasing algae growth. Excessive algae causes a decline in water

quality, reduces marine plant and animal life and creates low-oxygen "dead zones."

Homeowners can help reduce nitrogen pollution in the county's waterways by pumping their home's septic tank every 2-3 years or upgrading to a more efficient system that converts 50-75% of the effluent nitrogen to a gas and vents it harmlessly into the atmosphere.

The contest, now in its 15th year, is sponsored by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and Department of Planning & Zoning. Prizes in previous years were donated by the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation, Lusby Hardware, Chesapeake's Bounty, Dream Weaver Catering & Café and others.

The Environmental Commission was established in 1975 by the BOCC to promote recycling programs, alternative energy use and energy conservation; provide public education through outreach events; support other county environmental organizations; and advise the BOCC, the Department of Planning & Zoning and the Planning Commission on environmental matters. Learn more about the Calvert County Environmental Commission at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Environment](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Environment).

*Press Release from Calvert County Government.*

## SMECO Awards Scholarships

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) has awarded four scholarships to high school seniors for 2020 to students 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 112 students in the 28 years since beginning the program in 1993. Each of the following students will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship: Aaliah Amosu, Chloe Harsha, Jordan Homan, and Alyssa Mazzone.

Aaliah Amosu, graduate of St. Charles High School in Charles County, plans to attend George Washington University to pursue a career in computer engineering. She took third place in Robotics and Intelligent Machines in the Fairfax County Regional Science Fair in 2018. She is a member of the Girl Scouts, Vex Robotics team, Math Team, and Academic Quiz Bowl team. Amosu received Principal's Honors and a Scholar Athlete award, served as Executive Secretary in the Student Government Association (SGA), and played field hockey. Hayley Ressler, a teacher at St. Charles, said, "Aaliah is a wonderfully bright, friendly, and ambitious young woman who always strives to do her absolute best." Amosu is the child of Adenike and Olasunkanmi Amosu of Waldorf, Maryland.

Chloe Harsha, is a graduate of Leonardtown High School (LHS) in St. Mary's County. Harsha plans to study animation and visual arts at St. Mary's College of Maryland. An accomplished artist and musician, Harsha enjoys working in the theater with the LHS ROSE Players and has volunteered hundreds of hours over the years in community theater productions at the Newtowne Players and Historic Sotterley. She has served as sound designer, scenic artist and paint manager, and played in leading, supporting and ensemble roles. Harsha also served as the president of the new National Art Honor Society chapter at LHS. Harsha is the child of Laura Underwood of California, Maryland.

Jordan Homan, graduate of La Plata High School (LPHS) in Charles County, plans to attend the University of Maryland and study psychology. She is the child of Robert and Linda Homan of Bel Alton, Maryland. As a freshman, Homan was the Maryland Young Writers high school student winner for fiction for her short story, "It Will Always Come Back Around." Homan participates in multiple extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society, SGA, Key Club, Best Buddies, and Operation Christmas Child. She won the Director's Choice Award as a junior and participated as a cast member in the LPHS theater department's musical productions throughout her high school years. On multiple occasions, she was named to the Principal's Honor Roll and received Academic Excellence Letters, Certificates of Academic Excellence, and an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction award.

Alyssa Mazzone, graduate of Patuxent High School in Calvert County, plans to study computer science and specialize in cyber security at the University of Maryland. Mazzone's extracurricular activities include Cougars Elite competitive cheerleading, junior varsity basketball, and the theater's musical productions. She has been the Varsity Cheerleading Captain for two years and was named All American Cheerleader in 2016 and 2019. She received Minds in Motion Academic Athlete awards, as well as awards for Academic Excellence in AP Computer Science and Photography. Mazzone has participated in numerous community service activities and fund-raisers including Relay for Life, Christmas in April, Karsyn's Carnival, March of Dimes, Friendship Dances, and Wobble Before You Gobble 5K runs. She also won the Miss Maryland Teen USA Humanitarian Service Award in 2018. Mazzone is the child of Brian and Darlene Mazzone of Lusby, Maryland.

SMECO provides scholarships to local students who excel in their endeavors and who show promise in their chosen field of study.

*Press Release from SMECO.*



# Hogan Appoints New CSM Board Trustee

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan appointed Kenneth Abell of St. Mary's County to serve the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) as trustee, effective July 1, 2020 through 2025.

Abell is currently the director of the Strategic Education Office at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) at Patuxent River Naval Air Station where his team engages in education outreach and training throughout Southern Maryland spanning kindergarten to entry-level NAWCAD permanent employees. He has an extensive 35-year career with U.S. Department of Defense.

Among his many assignments, he served at the Navy Primary Standards Laboratory maintaining precision research and development standards in conjunction with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and he served at Naval Sea Systems Command in support of Fleet Metrology and Calibration, audit and training activities. He also served at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren as director of the Metrology and Calibration Division. Abell has held leadership positions at NAWCAD in business and finance for the Research and Engineering Group and the Test and Evaluation Group in support of rotary and fixed wing aircraft; and a lead implementer of the Mechanical Engineering Program to support a continuum of Research and Education Partnerships in Southern Maryland.

"I am very humbled by this appointment and would like to express my sincere thanks to Senator Bailey for the nomination, and Governor Hogan for the appointment," said Abell. "I look forward to this opportunity to contribute to the continued successes of CSM."

Abell is a graduate of Ryken High School and holds a bachelor's of science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.



Kenneth Abell

CSM's trustees also include, Jay Webster, Samuel C. Jones and Christy Lombardi of Calvert County; Shawn Coates, Jose Gonzalez and Cordelia Postell of Charles County; and Dr. John W. Roache and Sonja Cox of St. Mary's County. Serving as secretary/treasurer to the board is CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy and as Senior Executive Associate to the board is Larisa Pfeiffer. For information about the college's leadership, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/about/leadership/>.

CSM's Board of Trustees is the governing body providing leadership and oversight of the college's mission and policies. Members are appointed by the governor for five-year terms. The board consists of nine members, with Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties equally represented. The chair and vice chair are selected by the trustees among themselves annually.

*Press Release from CSM*



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

## Monday, July 27, 2020

### It's Elementary!

9:00am-9:15am.

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

## Tuesday, July 28, 2020

### Summer Fun

Bright Star Touring Theatre.

10:00am-10:45am.

These fables from the legendary Greek storyteller, Aesop, have been delighting young and old alike for thousands of years, and they still have a message for us today. Ages 4 and up. Pre-recorded event will air on Crowdcast and replay for the following 48 hours at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/summer-fun-bright-star>. Join us on Crowdcast at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/summer-fun-bright-star>. Perfect for younger audiences, these classic tales entertain but also share a strong message about treating others fairly and knowing right from wrong. Stories like "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," "The Tortoise and The Hare" and "The Lion and The Mouse" leave audiences with a message that is both timely and timeless! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

## Wednesday, July 29, 2020

### Chautauqua 2020: Raising Their Voices.

1:00pm-3:00pm.

Join us on July 29 as Arthuretta Martin portrays Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977). Considered one of the most powerful voices of the civil and voting rights movement in the South, Hamer was outraged by efforts to deny Black votes, became a SNCC organizer and co-founded the Mississippi Freedom Party to increase Black participation in the Democratic Party. This summer, the Chautauqua stage goes virtual as Maryland Humanities raises the voices of four notable women who took action to secure their right to vote. We highlight the unique story of each of these historic figures as they fought for their rights. This year's series starts in the 1600s and continues through the modern era. A video of each performance will be posted for one week each Monday in July. Join us each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. as we stream the performance and host a live Q&A with the performers starting at 2:00 pm. Sign up to participate in the Q&A and you'll be entered in a drawing to win fun prizes. Capacity for each Q&A is 500. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Calvert Library's Book Bites.

1:00pm-2:00pm.

Listen to the first chapters of popular, new and recommended books. New chapters are posted every week. Search "Calvert Library's Book Bites" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to podcasts. Calvert Librarians read the first chapters of popular, new and recommended middle grade books that are available in our digital collection. New episodes post every Wednesday at 1 pm. Find us on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Simplecast and more! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

## Thursday, July 30, 2020

### Dungeons & Dragons - ADULT (ROLL20).

6:00pm-8:30pm.

Come have fun with D&D, a role playing game for adults of all experience levels. Registration required. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

### Writers Crib! Jabari Asim.

7:00pm-8:00pm.

Join us for a conversation and short tour with Jabari Asim, facilitated by Susan Muaddi Darraj. In "Stop and Frisk" Jabari Asim ruthlessly interrogates entrenched injustice and its insidious echoes. Jabari Asim and Susan Darraj will discuss the themes of the book - the interrogation of truths we believe are self evident and encounters with police, through an innovative form of poetry. Jabari Asim is the acclaimed author of "A Taste Of Honey" and "Only The Strong," both works of fiction, as well as the highly praised "The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't, And Why." His children's books include "Whose Toes Are Those," "Whose Knees Are These," "Fifty Cents And A Dream," and "Preaching To The Chickens." He is the former editor-in-chief of Crisis magazine, a preeminent journal of politics, ideas and culture published by the NAACP and founded by W.E.B. Du Bois in 1910. He is an associate professor of creative writing at Emerson College. Susan Muaddi Darraj won an American Book Award for her novel-in-stories, A Curious Land. It also earned the 2016 Arab American Book Award, won the AWP Grace Paley Prize, and was short-listed for a Palestine Book Award. Her previous short story collection, The Inheritance of Exile, was published in 2007 by University of Notre Dame Press. In 2018, she was named a 2018 Ford Fellow by USA Artists. Her debut children's chapter book series, Farah Rocks, is the first to feature a Palestinian American protagonist -- the smart, brave, and funny Farah Hajjar. The first book in the series, Farah Rocks Fifth Grade, was published in January, 2020, and the second, Farah Rocks Summer Break, will be published in August, 2020. Follow her on Instagram/Twitter @SusanDarraj. Presented in partnership with the Ivy Bookshop. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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# St. Mary's College Suspends Fall Sports

St. Mary's College of Maryland announced, that fall 2020 varsity athletics and club sports competition will be suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recommendation was made by President Tuajuanda C. Jordan and approved by the Board of Trustees during a special Board meeting July 15.

"The safety of the St. Mary's College campus community is our top priority and we simply do not believe we can create and maintain an environment for varsity athletics and club sports competition that meets our requirements for safety and acceptable levels of risk," said Jordan.

"To our Seahawk family and community, while it is certainly disheartening and difficult to announce the decision of the cancelation of fall competitions, it is with the ultimate health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, support staff and community at the forefront," said Crystal Gibson, director of athletics and recreation. "We will work together through this point in history and come out stronger as a team, community and college."

St. Mary's College's fall varsity athletics programs compete within four NCAA conferences/associations: Capital Athletic Conference (men's and women's cross country, women's volleyball, men's and women's soccer); Atlantic East Conference (field hockey); Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference (men's and women's rowing); and Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (coed and women's sailing).

Last week, the NCAA passed a waiver that will allow all student-athletes affected by COVID-19 competition suspension the ability to receive two additional semesters to complete their 4-year on-campus athletic experience. This will give students the opportunity to choose to add additional academic courses of study while also completing their eligibility in sport.

Student-athletes were originally asked to return to campus August 10 but should now follow the fall 2020 student move in schedule found here: <https://www.smcm.edu/reopening-smcm/housing/>

"The College is committed to doing more for our student-athletes. As means to that end, the athletics director and the coaches are working to develop robust conditioning and intramural programs to sharpen the athletics skills and conditioning in a public health-appropriate manner as well as enhance the leadership and citizenship skills of our student-athletes," said Jordan.

New for the fall, the athletic department will implement public health-guided enhancements to the intramural sports program that can help

fill the role played by varsity athletic competition and club sports in the lives of all SMCM students. The College regularly offers intramural sports based on popularity each semester, but plans to offer additional programming for the fall, including floor hockey as the first of five confirmed programs.

"Students will be able to sign up for and enjoy more enhanced intramural programming than in previous years," said Gibson.

Gibson is devising a plan to phase in activity that would include first practicing in groups of 10 people or less, with groups growing in size to full team inter-squad competitions, dependent upon NCAA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, as well as the campus environment.

Safety protocols would include prohibiting the sharing of water bottles among team members, regular health screenings, sanitizing balls and equipment before and after play, and use of hand sanitizer.

Coaches will continue to be academic mentors to their student-athletes, while also conducting virtual team meetings throughout the semester, as they have throughout the summer months, to maintain team structure and engagement.

"We will continue providing a top-notch experience for our student-athletes, committing to increased focus on academic support, leadership development, and mental health awareness programming," said Gibson.

"At a time like this, we are especially fortunate to have spectacular waterfront facilities in the heart of our campus. We intend to provide opportunities for on-the-water, safe social distancing experiences where students can experience freedom and adventure on the Chesapeake. Despite the lull in competitive action, the varsity sailors and rowers will continue honing their craft with the coaching staff," said Adam Werblow, director of the waterfront/ head sailing coach.

Gibson said the athletics department also plans for an increased focus on diversity and inclusion efforts similar to the program she previously ran at Susquehanna University. "We want to provide a platform and hold conversations about experiences here and at home with student-athletes," said Gibson. "And then provide outside speakers who can virtually have conversations with our community to increase those efforts so our students can be active change-agents on campus."

Additional information regarding the College's reopening plan can be found here: <https://www.smcm.edu/reopening-smcm/>.

*Press Release from SMCM.*

# The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

It has been dry, and it's been hot, turning our bay into a sea of hot, salty brine.

**So, who likes these conditions?**

In order: sea nettles (you have to go back to 1992 to find them this numerous), Norfolk spot (they are everywhere), speckled trout (huge run now and will increase until October), puppy drum (feeding heavily in the creeks), their big brothers bull redfish (they are frothing the water in the bay), spanish mackerel (fodder for the bull reds) cobia, bluefish, and crabs (huge and plentiful).

**Who doesn't like these conditions?**

Rockfish (they seek the deep for the cool, and feed in the shallows in the early morning leaving before the sun gets too high), catfish (they have retreated up the rivers seeking fresh water), perch (they get finicky feeding in deeper areas at dusk and dawn, when they seek the shade).

There was a big break of bull reds

this week with many caught by lure casters below the Target Ship. We hope this continues and can be an attainable goal for sight casters, chummers, and trollers, well into the fall.

Cobia can be found around schools of rays (skate) and by chunkers, chummers, and trollers. These fish can be tough to find on any given day.

Spanish mackerel and blues are now breaking into schools of bait fish as far north as Hooper's Island Light.

Last year they went all the way north to Baltimore Harbor. We can hope they do the same in 2020.

Fresh water fishing is excellent.

Bloodworms are in short supply.

Fishing tackle, rods, reels, line, bottom rigs, hooks, lures are sold out across the board most everywhere as manufacturing and shipping has been slowed by conditions beyond our control. Big shipments will be arriving to alleviate shortages soon.



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# *A View From The* **BLEACHERS**

## **LIGHTS PLEASE**

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Bi-weekly status check: it has been 134 days since the NBA shut down, but its Orlando bubble restart begins July 30. MLB opening day is a week earlier – July 23, the day this screed goes to press. The NFL is charging along, business as usual, toward a full season in the fall. Meanwhile, college football is gradually scaling back its pending season. I suppose it is harder on the conscience to expose amateur athletes who don't have union representation to a potentially vicious pathogen than it is nudge well-compensated professional athletes into the viral playground of close contact and heavy breathing. Our dual realities continue to coexist. Nevertheless, let us hope – with prayers, rabbit feet, crossed fingers, horseshoes, four-leaf clovers and whatever other good luck sorcery you subscribed to – that this all goes well.

No amount of luck can overcome the organizational buffoonery of D.C.'s now nameless football team. As if a begrudging re-brand wasn't embarrassing enough, The Washington Post came off the top rope with a lethal finishing move last week: a shocking piece by Will Hobson and Liz Clarke alleging long-term and uncontrolled sexual and verbal harassment of female employees by male co-workers. The timeline for the allegations was lengthy – 2006 to 2019 – the number of sources citing misconduct was startling – 15 former female staff members – and several high-ranking members of the organization were allegedly involved, including Larry Michael, the team's suddenly retired radio voice, and Alex Santos, the now former director of pro personnel.

The Post's piece reads like something from 1960s corporate America or a documentary on outrageous fraternity behavior. The women reported salacious texts, inappropriate touching, men on lower floors looking up glass staircases as women descended, requests that female employees wear tighter clothes and office pools over whether female colleagues had had breast augmentation.

How is this possible??? What kind of clown show is Dan Snyder running? I thought this team was just

awful on the field; it is worse off of it. If the world of professional sports was a municipality, the Washington football club would be the sewer. I applaud Sean McVay, Kirk Cousins, Kyle Shanahan, Trent Williams and every other player or coach who escaped this awful institution with their dignity and careers intact.

Three questions – ones that often apply in life's ethical and moral crises – will decide Snyder's future as owner: what did he know, when did he know it and what did he do about it? At best he truly didn't have a clue. If that's the case, he is stunningly incompetent. If he had even a hint something was up, then he's complicit and should be forced to sell the team and live with the stain of this sordid episode on his already dreadful reputation. So, which is it? The King of Incompetence or The Complicit CEO. Place your bets. I know where I'm laying my chips.

In addition to the women who courageously shared their stories, the other power-player in this is The Washington Post. Hobson and Clarke gave 15 women the outlet they never had within Snyder's perverse organization. Dogged, relentless journalism exposed this story. The recently mocked, maligned and vilified free press – an "enemy of the state" some have said – put the spotlight on a corrupt boys club that had existed in darkness for over a decade.

If you doubt the importance of a free press, watch the movie "Spotlight" or "All the President's Men." Or consider these words from late Senator John McCain, "Journalists play a major role in the promotion and protection of democracy and our unalienable rights, and they must be able to do their jobs freely." Or these from then outgoing President Barack Obama when urged the press to maintain its tenacity, "...to do the hard work of getting to the bottom of stories...and to push those of us in power to be the best version of ourselves and to push this country to be the best version of itself." Or better yet, just pull up The Washington Post's online addition and read the heading: "Democracy Dies in Darkness."

Today Dan Snyder is staring into a blinding light.

Send comments to [RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com](mailto:RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com)

# Anderson Hits Pay Dirt in Late Models

## *Pilkerton Doubles in RUSH Crates*

Bunker Hill, West Virginia's Andy Anderson broke Derick Quade's two-race win streak with his victory in the July 17, 20-lap Limited Late Model headliner at Potomac Speedway. The win for Anderson, steering his Bruce Kane owned Rocket no.15K, would be his second win at the track this season with his other a Late Model score back on July 3rd.

In his first ever Limited Late Model start Jonathan Raley shot from the pole to take the lead as the field drove off turn two. Raley would pace the event for three circuits before second starting Andy Anderson took the lead on the 4th lap. As Anderson lead 8th starting Derick Quade drove through the field and arrived in second on the 7th lap. Quade's charge would end at second as Anderson was on a rail and would take the win by six car lengths at the finish. "We seem to be on a roll right now and I hope we can keep it going." Anderson stated post race. "Bruce and all the guys on this team work real hard and I'm the fortunate one that gets to drive." Tyler Emory, Brandon Long and Jonathan Raley trailed at the finish. Heats went to Raley and Emory.

Current point leader Jeremy Pilkerton became the first repeat winner of the season with his victory in the 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. Pilkerton drew the pole for the start and made the most of his good fortune as he would turn it in to a flag to flag feature win aboard his Rocket no.8. "I never really liked racing on a wide open track but we had such a good car it made my job pretty easy tonight." Mike Raleigh, Megan Mann, Chuck Bowie and Timmy Booth rounded out the top-five.

In support class action, PJ Hatcher scored his first win of the season and career 9th in the 16-lap Street Stock feature, defending champion Mikey Latham tallied his 2nd of the season and career 14th in the 20-lap Hobby Stock

event, current point leader Justin Knight captured his first U-Car win of 2020 with rookie Cody Stamp collecting his first career division feature win in the nightcap 15-lap Strictly Stock main.

### Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Andy Anderson 2. Derick Quade 3. Tyler Emory 4. Brandon Long 5. Jonathan Raley 6. Sam Archer 7. Billy Tucker 8. Wayne Bryant 9. Todd Plummer 10. Danny Garrett 11. Dale Murphy 12. Kurt Zimmerman

### RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Jeremy Pilkerton 2. Mike Raleigh 3. Megan Mann 4. Chuck Bowie 5. Timmy Booth 6. Matt Quade 7. Brian Coe Jr. 8. Brian Hankins 9. Ed Pope Jr.

### Street Stock feature finish

1. PJ Hatcher 2. Dylan Rutherford 3. Deuce Wright 4. Bobby Miexsall 5. Ben Pirner 6. Hank Stonestreet 7. Steve Hilgenberg 8. Dalton Tankersley

### Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Mikey Latham 2. Dave Adams 3. Buddy Dunagan 4. Colin Long 5. Hilton Pickeral 6. Austin Lathroum 7. Wyatt Hanson 8. James Rainey 9. Brittany Fowler 10. Matt Randall 11. Erik Hanson 12. Mason Hanson 13. Blake Jacobs DNS- Cole Johnston, Greg Morgan

### U-Car feature finish

1. Justin Knight 2. Dominic King 3. Ryan Quade 4. Owen Lacey 5. Brian Johnson 6. Seth Hood 7. Mackenzie Smith 8. Kristy Whitehouse 9. Joey Suite 10. Faith Lacey 11. Stephanie Homberg 12. Jace Williams 13. Ryan Clatterbuck 14. Joseph Beard

### Strictly Stock feature finish

Cody Stamp 2. John Hardesty 3. Justin Hatcher 4. Johnny Hardesty 5. Casey Sheckles 6. James Stone Jr. 7. Nabil Guffey 8. Daniel Knodle 9. Greg Mattingly 10. Stephen Suite 11. Bob Todd 12. Bryan Allen 13. Stormy Stamp 14. Travis Dye 15. Jimmy Suite

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# Community Calendar

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

## Saturday, July 25

### Huntington United Methodist Church Dinner Drive-Thru

Mulberry Hill Farms Produce Stand; 11 a.m.

Chicken and pork ribs barbecue dinners will be available at the produce stand on Route 4 just north of Calvert Hospital.

## Sunday, July 26

### Insectival

Ann Marie Garden; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We've converted our popular indoor event into a safe outdoor, socially distant day full of self-guided fun and learning! Buzz on by as we celebrate and investigate insects through self-guided challenges, nature activities, bug hunts, and show & tell investigations! Find your way through various activities with fun photo opps and a take home activity kit. Timed Tickets REQUIRED for everyone (including members and kids under 2) You will be prompted to choose a 45 minute admission window; ; members free; non-members \$7/person; age 2 & under free; this is a rain or shine event;

no refunds; tickets are non-transferable; no resale allowed. For more information, please visit <http://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/content/insectival>

## Ongoing

### ArtsWorks@7th

Artsworks@7th is OPEN with new hours and policies to stop the COVID-19 spread. July in-store hours, masks required, are Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-5pm; private appointments available by calling 410-286-5278 or shop 24/7 on social media @ FB and Instagram (<https://www.facebook.com/Artworkat7th/> and <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA47uj9Bomp/>). Please respect appropriate safe distancing and limited numbers in the gallery at this time. Artworks is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach.

### CalvART

CalvART clay artists explore a diversity of approaches to expressing their creativity in two and three dimensions. Marie Bundy Estabrook, Randy Estabrook, Denise Breitburg, Ray Bogle, and Richard Preston are hosting a virtual exhibit during the month of

June, where their art and their stories will be highlighted. Please join us for this celebration of the creative mind as seen through the hands of these talented artists. View the artwork on Facebook or on CalvART's NEW ONLINE STORE via <https://squarespace.com/store/calvart-gallery> or <https://www.facebook.com/www.calvartgallery.org/>. Or visit us in June at the Gallery as we will be there Friday thru Sunday, three days a week 11 to 5pm.

### CSM Chautauqua Series: Mary Church Terrell

July 20 - 26

Chautauqua stage goes virtual as Maryland Humanities raises the voices of four notable women who took action to secure their right to vote. The series will highlight the unique story of each of these historic figures as they fought for their rights. The first president of the National Association for Colored Women's Clubs (NACWC), Mary Church Terrell, will be portrayed in the third presentation of the series. Maryland Humanities website, Facebook page and YouTube channel will host a video of each performance that will be posted for one week. This series will also feature a performance and a live Q&A which

will give attendees the chance to engage with the performers and ask questions about each of these remarkable women. Free. <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/chautauqua/>.

### CSM Chautauqua Series: Fannie Lou Hamer

July 27 - August 1

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# In Remembrance

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## Paul Arthur McKoy



With profound sadness we announce the passing of Paul Arthur McKoy, our loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to all whose lives he touched. He passed on July 11th, 2020 while surrounded by loved ones at his residence in Lusby, MD. He was 64 years old. Paul was born on January 9, 1956 in Washington, DC. He was the son of the late Harold Allen McKoy and Betty Beall (Simpson) McKoy.

Paul graduated from Parkdale Senior High School in 1974. He went on to work for Baxter Healthcare on the manufacturing line for over 15 years, then as a maintenance mechanic at Watergate at Landmark. He spent the last 21 years employed at Floor Systems, Inc. where he drove delivery trucks.

In his younger years, Paul was a volunteer firefighter for Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. Paul enjoyed fishing, gardening (especially tomatoes), and was an avid coin collector. Everyone that knew him, knows he had a love for scratch off tickets. He was a devoted father and grandfather who loved spending time with his family.

Paul is survived by his wife, Beth (Williams) McKoy; children, Katherine Hempling (Mike) of Mechanicsville, MD, Valerie Reumont (Eric) of Huntingtown, MD, and Jennifer McKoy (Seth) of Manassas, VA; grandchildren, Juli McKoy, Kimberly Mumper, James Mumper, Riley Hempling, Michael Hempling, Camden Reumont, and Olivia Reumont; and siblings, James McKoy (Debbie) of Glen Burnie, MD, Larry McKoy (Robin) of New Smyrna Beach, FL,

Louise Little (Gary) of Port Orange, FL and Kenneth McKoy of Port Orange, FL. He was preceded in death by his sister Bernice Rutledge (Michael).

Family and friends are welcome to pay their respects at the viewing on Thursday, July 23rd from 6-8 p.m., at Rausch Funeral Home in Lusby. The funeral will be private due to Covid concerns. The interment will follow at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 24th at Mount Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria, VA. This will be open to all friends and family, but masks will be required.

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

## Thomas Gordon Bennett III



On Saturday July 11, 2020, Thomas Gordon Bennett III passed away at his home in Arnold, Md. He was surrounded by his loving family. He

died from pancreatic cancer at the age of 71. He had been receiving excellent care from the Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Tom was born September 20, 1948 to Thomas Gordon Bennett Jr. and Evangeline Carlson Bennett of Lusby, Md. Tom graduated from Calvert Senior High School in 1966 where he played football and served as the senior class president.

In 1970, he graduated from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland (formerly Western Maryland College) where he was a member of the Gamma Beta Chi fraternity and made many lifelong friendships. Upon graduating, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the

US Army. After serving in the Army, Tom enrolled at the University of Maryland School of Physical Therapy, graduating in 1978. He began his career with four years in the United States Public Health Service, stationed in New York and Baltimore. Tom transitioned to home health rehabilitation where he spent the next 36 years, first with Staff Builders Home Health Care and later with Amedisys Home Health Care where he worked until his cancer diagnosis in January 2018.

Tom left a legacy of faithfulness in his love for Jesus Christ, his family and his work as a physical therapist. Tom's faith was the bedrock of his life ever since his eyes were open to the gospel on a fishing boat near the coast of Alaska in 1972. It was unusual to spend any time with him and not hear, "How can I pray for you?" His (long) lists of prayer requests were written down and prayed over regularly.

In 1979, he married the love of his life, Pamela Lynn Norton of Arnold, Maryland. They enjoyed over forty wonderful years of marriage. He was faithful to his family, spending hours playing with and cheering on his boys in basketball, supporting his daughter in her musical pursuits, planning family fun at the beach or cabin, and lovingly supporting his wife in all of their adventures including home schooling. His legacy lives on with his nine grandchildren to whom he was lovingly known as "Tom-Tom" and to whom he read hundreds of books and shared countless stories. He was faithful to the body of Christ, mentoring and serving in churches he attended, including his son-in-law's new church plant, Cheverly Baptist.

Tom's life was marked by humble service based on his love for Jesus, whether going the extra mile to care for his patients or volunteering for over 35 years in prison ministry throughout the Maryland State Prison system. In January 2018, when Tom was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, he faced the diagnosis with his faith rooted in the sovereignty and goodness of God. Spending eight months in Arizona participating in a clinical trial led by TGen, he became a friend to fellow cancer patients and staff alike, praying for them and encouraging them even in his own suffering. He continued to live everyday as an opportunity to serve others, share the hope that he had in Christ, and spend time with the family that he loved.

Tom is survived by his wife, Pamela, four children, Leia Bennett Joseph (John) of Cheverly, Dr. Matthew Thomas Bennett (Bethany) of Concord, North Carolina, David Clayton Bennett (Ashley) of Arnold, and Mark Charles Bennett (Alicia) of Arnold, nine grandchildren, a brother, Dr. Charles Bennett (Gail) and two

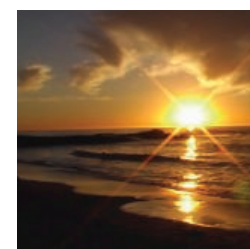
nieces, Dr. Laura Bennett (Paul) and Karen Bianco (Nicholas).

A celebration of Tom's life took place on Friday, July 17th outside at Greenbelt Baptist Church in Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Tom's survival of 2 ½ years after diagnosis is a tribute to Dr. Von Hoff's work.

Donations can be made to Tom's memorial in support of Dr. Von Hoff and TGen's pancreatic cancer research program at: TGen Foundation, 445 N. 5th Street, Suite 120, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

## Lois Richards Rohde

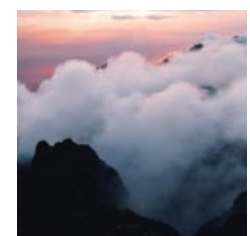


Lois Richards Rohde, 90, of Port Republic, Maryland passed away at her home on July 18, 2020.

Visitation will be Monday, July 27, 2020, 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676. Funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be private on Friday, August 7, 2020 at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

## Christopher Joseph "Quazy" Quijada



Christopher Joseph "Quazy" Quijada, 64 of Lusby, MD passed away on July 17, 2020 in Prince Frederick, MD. He was born on

September 4, 1955 in Tucson, AZ to Rodolfo Quijada and the late Evelyn Dorothy Quijada. He was the loving husband to Laurie Quijada and father to three children.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Steven Alan Marshall



Steven Alan Marshall, 41, of Harwood, MD passed away July 12, 2020 at his residence. He was born May 23, 1979 in Silver Spring, MD to Mary

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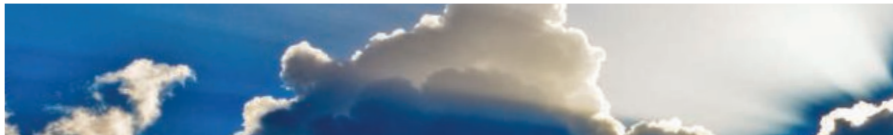
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Steven was preceded in death by his father George, a sister Elizabeth Marshall, and grandparents Charlotte S. and George E. Marshall, Sr., and Wallace H. Lowe. He is survived by a son Thomas E. Marshall and daughter Hayley R. Marshall, both of Lusby, his mother Mary F. Mondonedo and stepfather Roberto M. ("Robbie" or "Bert") Mondonedo of Harwood, sisters Cara Ramberg and husband Keith of Chesapeake Beach, Stacey George and husband Anthony of Harwood, and Meghan Dove and husband PJ of Dunkirk, his grandmother Patricia I. Lowe of Rockville, the mother of his children, Theresa Hunt of Lusby, a great aunt Mary Marshall Brewer of Latrobe, PA, 15 nieces and nephews, and several cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Steven's Fight Against Cancer, Link: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/866579787151018/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Richard G. Lewis



Richard G. Lewis born August 18, 1945, a longtime resident of Huntingtown, MD left this Earth on July 12, 2020 after a 4-year

battle with lung cancer. Richard immigrated to the Washington, D.C. Metro Area from Ontario, Canada in 1967. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam veteran and Bronze Star recipient. He retired from the Department of Energy in 2007 after 36 years of government service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilhelmina and S. Bertram Lewis of Hornepayne, Ontario and stepson, Keith Zaffino of Edgewater, MD. He is survived by his wife

Carolyn "Carol" Lewis of Huntingtown, MD, stepson Mark Zaffino of Edgewater, MD, brother Jerry Lewis and Christine of Barrie, Ontario, sister Brenda Dasti and Kenny of Capreol, Ontario, sister Catherine Lewis of North Beach, MD, nephew Davis Lewis of Washington, D.C., nephews James and Nick Dasti of Sudbury, Ontario, Sean Lewis of Barrie, Ontario, a great niece Breanna and great nephew Jesse, both of Canada.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678,

410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Harry Austin Lewis Bowen



Harry Austin Lewis Bowen, infant, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on July 9, 2020. Born July 9, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD,

he was the son of Joshua Aaron Bowen and Megan Hollie Caroline Lewis.

Harry is survived by his parents, Joshua Aaron Bowen and Megan Hollie Caroline Lewis of Mechanicsville, MD; siblings, Paige Bowen, Piper Bowen and Oliver Bowen of Mechanicsville, MD; and grandparents, Karl Bowen of Lusby, MD, Terry and Andy Van Den Huevel of North East, MD, Alistair and Maggi Campbell-Keith of Aylesbury, UK, and Timothy and Carole Rose Lewis of Bovey Tracey, UK.

We will love you and miss you forever.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

# RENTING VS. BUYING A HOME

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

While home ownership still represents the American Dream, there are times when it makes little sense to own a home. Recently, I met with two different women and we had the same conversation about home ownership. One of the women was approaching retirement and afraid she could not meet the mortgage payments on her home with a reduced income. The other woman was young, soon to be married and concerned she would not have the income with her new husband to buy a home. My advice to both of them was to rent, not buy a home. Why?

Home ownership means (1) using cash resources to make a down payment; (2) taking on significant additional debt for the thirty year life of a mortgage; (3) becoming responsible for all maintenance, repairs, property taxes, water bills, etc.; and (4) restricting your ability to move. Unless you are prepared to make a commitment to become a home owner, you are better off renting. Home ownership is great for families that know they want to live in the same place for at least five years. Otherwise, renting makes sense financially.

Beyond the numbers, renting makes the most sense when approaching or in retirement or if your spouse has died. In retirement or living alone, your goals and your life expectancy have changed. This is a time when you may want disposable income to provide money for travel or other pursuits. Renting offers flexibility, additional disposable income and, for many, peace of mind. Following retirement or the death of a spouse, you may be confused about what you want. Your plans for the future can suddenly be thrown into the air. Eventually, you will find your path again. But, in the meantime, why not match your lifestyle uncertainty with premises that leave you the maximum flexibility. That's clearly where renting makes more sense.

What about the woman in my example who knows she will not be able to afford the mortgage payments on her home after she retires. Must she sell? Not necessarily. She could sell, but, if she is uncertain about what she wants to do, she could place her home up for rent and rent a smaller, less expensive home for herself while she figures things out. She has choices.

Renting also provides a means for young couples to save money so that the large 20% down payment they will be expected to make on a home doesn't adversely affect their lifestyles.

Make sure when you rent that you investigate the landlord. You want a landlord responsive to your needs—if the washing machine breaks, you want someone who will immediately take steps to fix it. If the landlord doesn't have that reputation (and you can find out by checking with prior tenants), seek another place to rent. The goal of renting is to make your life easier,

so do spend time investigating before you rent.

Home ownership does provide the mortgage interest deduction and that is a critical benefit to you; however, think about the fact that most mortgages will cover thirty years and a lot can happen with the mortgage interest deduction in that timeframe, particularly when the government finds itself in need of more money. It is estimated that homeowners save about \$70 billion a year by writing off their mortgage interest—that's a lot of money and a temptation to governments to reduce or even eliminate the deduction. Canada, for example, does not offer a mortgage interest deduction to its taxpayers.

It is worthwhile to think about the true costs of home ownership. Suppose you buy a home for \$200,000 today. If you estimate that the value of the home will increase 3.5% annually, that would mean your home would be worth \$237,000 in five years. Sounds like a good return. But, if you factor in the closing costs you paid of \$8,000 and you spend \$6,000 a year in property maintenance, your profit is reduced to zero. Further, if you need to sell the property for a business move, for example, you could lose a lot more on the sale, including your payment of 5% in realtor fees.

All of this is to say that before you leap into home ownership, work the numbers, scout the location of the property trying to look at it objectively (I know, that's the hard part when you fall in love with a property), figure out whether your family dynamics will fit into the location of the new property for at least five years and make sure you can afford the property in good times and bad.

My mother's advice was to always invest in real property and, for her generation, that made sense. A house she and my dad bought forty years ago for \$20,000 has gained substantially in value. Today, however, we face different challenges. We travel a lot, move many times in changing careers and cannot count on the steady price appreciation of the past years.

I know that owning a home means so much more than the financials. There are clearly times in life when home ownership is warranted and most people will still purchase a home at some point during their lives if they can. But, the stigma of renting versus owning a home has gone. This means you have a choice and, at different times during your life, the choice of renting makes much more sense. Whatever you decide, take comfort in the fact that you have choices.

Join me for a free seminar on this and other topics on the third Wednesday of every month at my office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve a spot.

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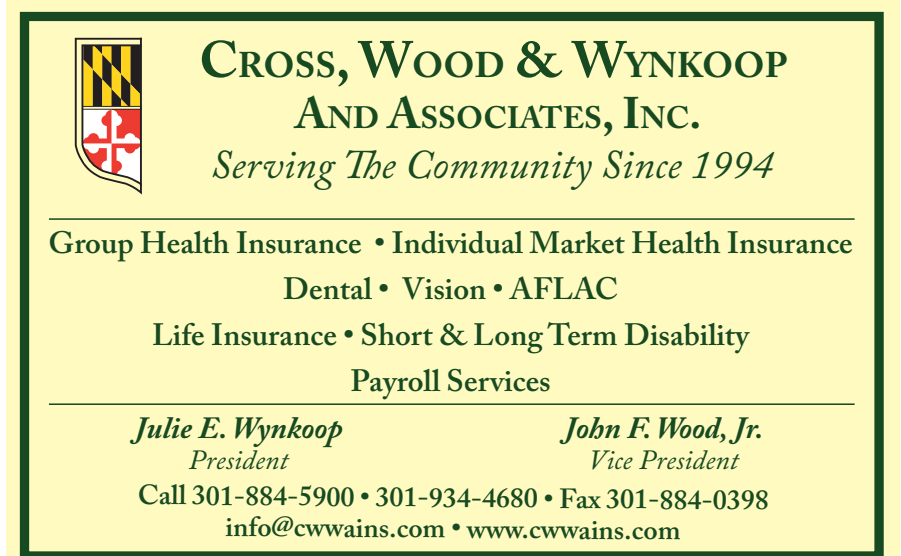
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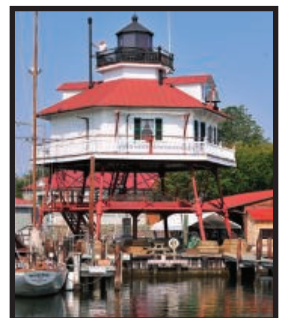
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# Is Your Dental Office Safe?

Untreated waterlines in the dental office can affect your health.

The next time you go to your dentist's office, before you let them spray water in your mouth, ask them how, and where their water lines are treated.

**The Problem:** The flexible lines that go from the water pipes in your dental office to the delivery system at the chairside are made of materials that are the perfect environment for the growth of biofilm. Biofilm is made up of bacteria colonies that adhere to the inner walls of the dental hosing. When not properly treated, these water lines and valves become coated with bacteria that grows exponentially at room temperature and contaminates the water that is used to irrigate and rinse your mouth. This water can be unsafe!

City water, often considered to be safe for consumption, reaches the dental office in potable form. Dental offices, aware of the need for added water quality and safety may even have a water treatment system at the source where the water enters the building.

While this proactive measure helps reduce risk, what most dentists don't realize is that the water that sits in the lines for long periods of time, such as over a weekend, will still grow this dangerous bacterium.

**The Risk:** Microbacterium Abscessus, a bacterium with a distant relation to the ones that cause tuberculosis and leprosy, can cause infections in patients when contaminated water supplies are used to irrigate the mouth. A simple google search of "dental practice, water, illness" will result in many articles about lawsuits and unfortunate outcomes to patients including children in Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia, and California.

**The Solution:** It is not enough to treat the water lines in a dental office as the bacterium can still grow after the fact. Each dental operatory must be treated at the instrumentation that is used on the patients to ensure safety. One such company at the forefront

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**Proof:** It is your dental office's obligation to ensure all measures are being taken to assure your safety while in the care of your dental provider. Dentists are to follow guidelines on safety, sanitation, standard of care and product quality. It is your right to know what

your dentist is doing to assure your safety. Don't be afraid to ask your dentist how they treat the water in the office. Ask them where it is treated (at the chair and/or at the utility hookup). Ask them if they test their water for consumable quality and how often. They should be able to supply test results.

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