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Petition Calls for Felony Hate Crimes Charges

School Board Reacts to Calvert High Incident

By Dick Myers
Editor

A protest rally was held Friday, Aug. 14 at Calvert High School, the scene of the racially charged incident the week before that has shaken the community to its core. Five 18-year-old white Calvert High graduates have been charged with two counts of Malicious Destruction of Property less than \$1000 and one count of 4th Degree Burglary. The incident that prompted the charges was the burning on the CHS football field of racist graffiti.

The newly formed group that organized the rally, PRISM (Peaceful Resistance in Southern Maryland), has spearheaded a petition drive calling for the five young men to be charged with hate crimes, a felony. The petition with 2,000 signatures was to be sent to Calvert County States Attorney Robert Harvey and Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh. The petition states the five men were "grossly undercharged."

Harvey in a press release said, "Each of these crimes carries a maximum penalty of three years' incarceration. A review of the evidence will be conducted to determine if additional charges are warranted.

"Let me be clear about this: the use of racist epithets is ignorant, intolerable, and immoral. These words have no place in private conversation, let alone in public. As I have said before: people who commit criminal acts in Calvert County will be prosecuted. Criminal misconduct will have consequences."

Assistant State's Attorney Kyle B. Tores, chief of the District Court Division, is handling prosecution of the cases.

Calvert County Board of Education Vice President Inez Claggett agrees with the petitioners. At the Aug. 13 school board meeting Claggett said people in the community, "question why the five adults who allegedly committed the crime were provided a criminal summons instead of being arrested. After all, there was a crime that was committed. (I) question why there appears to be inequities in the unfolding of the details of the brazen event, which rocked our community from the pillar of comfort upon which many sit, to question why authorities chose to charge these hate-filled adults (with) misdemeanors instead of with stronger felony charges or even a hate crime charge.

"Please continue to ask why racism is wrong in whatever form in which it manifests. And it must never go unchecked. There is power in numbers



Calvert County States Attorney Robert Harvey

and together I hope we can ignite change. Please exercise your right to vote."

School board member Pamela Cousins noted the irony that the board had just passed an anti-racism policy two months ago. She said, "Although it was very alarming, disturbing, personally hurtful to see such a thing on our school grounds, I just want us as a community, collectively, in school, out of school, the entire Calvert County community to recognize that you have to be empathetic and be aware of the things that you say and do that may hurt others. It pains me that it appears to be a divide with what people believe is true and not true. I just ask those on either side of the coin, whether you believe that the incident was racist or not, just recognize that to me as a black woman, I took it to be racist and if you don't think it's racist, you're not considering my feelings. So, I just ask that you consider people's feelings with anything that happened. (If) it's not affecting you, just be considerate of others when you hear about things like this."

She added she hoped "this is not going to be a signal that it can continue because the penalty wasn't adequate at all. It was pretty much considered a wrongdoing, which it's not, it's hate. We need to recognize it as hate. Our efforts in our school system to become anti-racist are very important in order for us to protect and make everyone feel welcome and needed and supported."

Board member Tracy McGuire said, "I believe the racist graduates are responding to our work on anti-racism. That work to tear down the racism must continue." She then added, "There will be more trouble, but this is good trouble, necessary trouble. We cannot be afraid to (not) back away from the good trouble we incite with antiracist work in the Calvert County Public Schools."

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TJ Bridge Retained as Number One Priority

Supplants Light Rail After Intramural Battle

By Dick Myers
Editor

After a contentious summer that has pitted the regions counties against each other, the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) has fallen back to an old favorite as its top regional transportation priority – the replacement of the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge.

With the state removing the bridge project from its Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP), the commissioners of Calvert and St. Mary's adopted different local priorities (Route 231 and the Route 5/Great Mills Road intersection). That left an opening for the TCCSMD regional infrastructure committee and eventually the executive board to replace the long-standing top regional priority with Charles County's priority, light rail.

A proposed letter to that effect was presented at the June 25 full council meeting, held virtually, and the battle between the counties ensued, with Charles on one side and Calvert and St. Mary's on the other side.

Delegates Matt Morgan of St. Mary's and Mark Fisher of Calvert echoed some of the feelings. Fisher said, "This is so incredibly silly." Morgan said the letter took the region's number one priority, the bridge, "and shoves it in a corner for some pipe dream of mass transit."

Charles County Commissioner President Reuben Collins II, charged that Morgan's comments weren't "in the spirit of regional friendship." Collins said that rapid transit "benefits the entire Southern Maryland region."

When the dust had settled the vote was a tie 6-6, leaving an impasse. The counties were asked to go back and reevaluate their positions. St. Mary's came out strongly for the bridge. Calvert did not discuss the issue in open session.

The compromise, presented at the Aug. 13 TCCSMD meeting by Calvert County Commissioner Steve Weems, filling in for Chairman Commissioner Gilbert Bowling of Charles, elevated the bridge back to the top priority. The proposed letter to the state said: "The TCCSMD continues to recommend the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement with accompanying improvements to the Route 2/4 corridor and capacity improvements at the MD 235 interchange as the top regional highway bridge project priority. This project has been included in the CTP since FY 2007. This project will relieve commuter congestion and improve safety and emergency evacuation and will properly position the Naval Air Station Patuxent River for future BRAC activities and other mobilizations. In FY2019, the project received \$750,000, but, since that date, there has been little to no visible progress and the subsequent MDOT budget removed future spending. Should the full bridge replacement not be included in the CTP budget, the TCCSMD is requesting funding for extending the MD-4 merge lane north of Patuxent



Commissioner Tim Hutchins

Boulevard to allow more efficient intersection functionality. These improvements include capacity improvements at MD Route 235 intersections, and they would reduce congestion, improve safety and support future improvements such as the bridge replacement. In addition, the TCCSMD is requesting that the CTP redirect the previously approved bridge funding to support the MD-4 merge dualization improvements and MD 235/4 or the MD 4/Patuxent Boulevard intersection design."

The letter listed the following projects as "regionally significant:"

- Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT) Project
- MD 231 Corridor Assessment Study
- MD 2/4 Widening
- MD Route 5 from MD Route 246 (Great Mills Road) to MD Route 249 (Piney Point Road).
- Regional Transit Support: Enhanced Commuter bus services, signage and additional Park and Rides in the three counties.
- Hughesville Campus Transportation Hub.
- US 301 Corridor Waldorf Improvements: Provide needed corridor improvements along US 301 in Waldorf and White Plains.

St. Mary's County Commissioner Eric Colvin made a motion to accept the recommendation and it was seconded by Calvert/St. Mary's Del. Jerry Clark. Calvert Commissioner Tim Hutchins then attempted to get an amendment to the motion that elevated light rail and Route 231 as "two additional priorities."

Collins argued, "Now more than ever the region coming together is more important than any other time in history." He added that Hutchins' amendment "makes it clear that all of these projects are significantly important."

Hutchins' amendment failed on a 12-6 vote, with the Calvert commissioner the lone council member from either Calvert or St. Mary's to support it.

Colvin's original motion then prevailed on a 13-4 vote, ensuring that the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge and surrounding road infrastructure remain the region's top transportation priority for at least one more year.

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Community Center Planning Advanced

Will Honor Harriet Elizabeth Brown

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert Country Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved advancing planning for the new Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center in Prince Frederick to the next fiscal year (2022). Construction was also advanced in the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

The project had been removed from the six-year CIP in the last commissioner-approved plan. The CIP is approved yearly so any schedule could be changed in subsequent votes based on fiscal conditions.

The unanimous vote came at the BOCC's Aug. 11 meeting. In a memo to the commissioners, Director of Parks and Recreation Shannon Nazzal explained, "The conversation regarding a community center in Prince Frederick began in 2009. In 2015, the Harriet E. Brown Task Force was implemented by Governor Larry Hogan with the task of commemorating Harriet Elizabeth Brown. The same year, a temporary community center opened, named in her honor, with a plan to build a permanent center in the future and direction that the name would be used for the permanent facility.



Harriet Elizabeth Brown

"In 2018, a 22.15-acre property was purchased on Fairground Road in Prince Frederick to serve as the site of the new community center. Community input has been received through many community groups, and in 2019, a conceptual plan was developed; recent conversations have determined that there is a change in service needs for the community and the desire to take further action on the development

of this project."

The change included moving away from a larger meeting space that could accommodate high school graduations, thus reducing the space needs. Nazzal said the center can be designed so that it could be added onto at a later date.

Nazzal said before the vote to advance the planning start: "It is estimated that planning and design will require an investment of \$500,000, with a current building and facility construction estimate at \$7,500,000, which is likely to escalate with inflation in the coming years."

Nazzal said community input had identified the following key issues:

- Youth engagement
- Passive and active indoor and outdoor opportunities
- Serve surrounding community
- Mitigate child development concerns with educational opportunities
- Commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown

Brown was a county teacher who lead the successful fight for pay parity for black teachers.

Nazzal said additional public input is desired on the following identified indoor and outdoor activities to be incorporated into the community center

design:

Indoor:

- Court sports
- Dedicated museum / area to Harriet Elizabeth Brown
- Room space for activities such as arts, dance, music, drop-in games, reading, computer use, fitness area, community meetings
- Track
- Outdoor
- Trails and trail access
- Basketball courts
- Fitness trail
- Picnic pavilions
- Tennis / Pickleball courts
- Playground

The revised conceptual plan presented by Nazzal included about 15,000 square feet of gymnasium space, about 20,000 square feet of programming and operational space and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Plans call for locating parks and recreation administrative staff in the building. Five additional staff would be needed for the community center but there could be a savings of two customer service representatives by locating administrative staff there, she said.

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County Denied Motion to Dismiss Suit

Master Plan Vote Challenge Goes to Trial

By Dick Myers
Editor

A visiting judge has denied Calvert County's motion to dismiss the suit against it by four residents seeking to overturn the Board of County Commissioners' adoption last August of the update of the county's comprehensive plan. Retired Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge Michelle Jaklitsch issued the ruling Aug. 14 in Calvert County Circuit Court, paving the way for the suit to proceed to trial.

The suit was filed Dec. 24, 2019 in Calvert County Circuit Court by attorney G. Macy Nelson on behalf of Susan Dzurec and Myra Gowans of Huntingtown, Phyllis Sherkus of Dunkirk and Michael King of Prince Frederick, members of a newly formed citizens group called Calvert Citizens United (CCU).

The suit alleges two flaws in the commissioners' 3-2 decision to adopt the plan update. It says that Commissioner Kelly McConkey, now commissioner president, should have recused himself on the 3-2 vote that placed two pieces of property he owns in Huntingtown into an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. The suit said that violates the

county's Ethics Ordinance. Complaints have also been filed with the ethics commission and McConkey has subsequently sued that volunteer board. The ethics commission is scheduled to hear the complaints by two county residents.

The suit alleges a second fatal flaw in the commissioners' vote. After the final public hearing, the BOCC voted to add a provision in the plan which stated individual town center master plans were subsumed by the overall master plan.

The county through their attorney John Mattingly argued that the suit was premature because the ethics commission had not heard the case. The plaintiff's attorney argued a judge would not have to probe McConkey's motives because they are not making any allegations about motives. They say state and county ethics laws prohibited the vote regardless of his motives.

Mattingly also argued the four plaintiffs did not have standing to pursue the case.

Judge Jaklitsch ruled against the county in its arguments and denied the motion to dismiss. The two sides will now work out the procedural schedule leading up to a trial in the case

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CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of August 3-9 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,409 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-41233

On August 5, 2020 Deputy Barger responded to Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park in Dunkirk for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime during the overnight hours between August 4th and August 5th, an unknown suspect(s) shattered the windows of a Calvert County Government CAT Dozer and a GT Mid Atlantic Sakai roller. The total value of damaged property is \$1,800.

Theft: 20-40887

On August 3, 2020, Deputy Wilson responded to Starbucks in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) had stolen a red and gray EU3000is Honda generator from their truck while parked outside the store. The value of stolen property is \$2,400.

Theft: 20-41066

On August 4, 2020, Deputy Gott took a report of a theft that occurred at Calvert Marina in Solomons. The complainant advised that sometime between 6:00pm on August 1st and 4:30am on August 2nd, an unknown suspect(s) stolen three black and gold Ugly Stick fishing rods with Penn 4500 reels from their boat. The value of stolen property is \$600.

Arrests:

On August 3, 2020, Deputy Savick conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Boulevard at Apple Way in Dunkirk. While approaching the vehicle, Deputy Savick detected the strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Upon making contact with the driver, **Jaques Otis Green (19)**, and the passenger, **Temilade Comfort Adepoju (20)**, Deputy Savick observed a rolled marijuana cigarette in the ash tray inside the cup holder. Green and Adepoju exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in an orange prescription bottle with a clear vile inside containing a

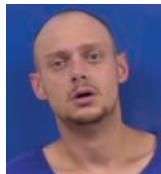


Temilade Adepoju

yellow liquid substance and emanating a strong odor suspected to be Phencyclidine. A search of Green's person was conducted which resulted in a large amount US currency as well as a blue bag containing suspected marijuana residue. A search of Adepoju resulted in a loaded 9mm Ruger handgun, a high capacity magazine, one digital scale, and several glassine bags located inside her purse. Green and Adepoju were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where Green was charged with CDS: Possession w/ Intent to Distribute: PCP/LSD/HAL, Dangerous Weapon- Conceal, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS-Possession of Firearms, CDS: Distr. Etc. w/ Firearm, Possession of Firearm Minor, Reg. Firearm: Illegal Possession, False Statement to Officer, and Loaded Handgun in Vehicle. Adepoju was charged with Illegal Possession of Ammo, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, and Possession of Firearm Minor.

On August 3, 2020, Deputy Gott responded to the Comfort Inn in Solomons for the report of an altercation in one of the rooms. Hotel staff advised the subjects could be heard arguing and they wanted the subjects to leave. Upon making contact with both subjects, Deputy Gott was advised by Calvert County Emergency Communications that the male subject, **David Logan Scopin (34)**, had a parole and probation warrant.

After briefly resisting, Scopin was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where a search of his person was conducted resulting in a plastic bag containing 27 plastic containers containing suspected heroin and an additional plastic bag containing seven paper folds of suspected heroin. Scopin also attempted to conceal pills in his mouth. Scopin was charged with Possession of Contraband- Place of Confinement, CDS: Possession- Not Mari-



David Scopin

juana, and Obstructing & Hindering.

On August 3, 2020, Deputy Crum responded to Le Visage Salon in Prince Frederick for the report of a disorderly subject. The complainant advised a male subject, **Marvin Wayne Thomas (53)** entered the business claiming to be police and began making sexual gestures towards the customers. Thomas left the business but returned a short time later and continued to act in a disorderly manner. Thomas left the business again at which time the complainant locked the doors. Deputy Crum made contact with Thomas and detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath and observed him to have slurred speech. Thomas was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Marvin Thomas

On August 6, 2020, Deputy Flynt conducted a traffic stop at BP gas station in Dunkirk. The driver, **Daniel Patrick Middledorf (39)** and passenger, **Tonya Marie Vester (35)** exited the vehicle and a search



Daniel Middledorf



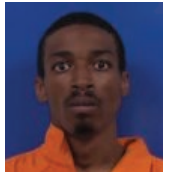
Tonya Vester

was conducted which resulted in a clear cut straw containing a white powder residue, and an unlabeled prescription bottle containing three Suboxone strips, four suspected Alprazolam pills, one and a half suspected Amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine pills, and two suspected Cephalexin pills. Calvert County Emergency Communications also advised Vester was wanted on an active warrant through Prince George's County. Vester and Middledorf were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were each charged with

CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On August 7, 2020, Deputies Plant and DeLeon responded to Raymond's Way in Prince Frederick for the report of indecent exposure. Complainants advised a male subject stumbling in the road while fondling and exposing his genitals. Deputies made contact with **Marvin Wayne Thomas (53)**, who they observed to have slurred and incoherent speech, and a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath. Thomas was detained and a search was conducted of his person which resulted in a 10oz Bud Light can and a 200mL bottle of Burnett's Vodka, both unopened. Thomas was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

On August 7, 2020, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office received multiple calls for a male subject walking around wielding a sword. Deputies made multiple contacts with the male subject, **Zaki Amandala Makins (21)**, who was sent on his way. Later, complainants advised Makins was observed displaying odd behavior and wielding a butterfly knife, making stabbing movements. A fourth contact was made with



Zaki Makins

Makins by Deputy Gilmore at which time Makins was instructed to put down the backpack containing the weapons. Makins complied and Deputy Gilmore attempted to place Makins under arrest. Makins freed himself and fled the scene, with his backpack. A brief foot pursuit followed until Makins was stopped in a fenced basketball court. After multiple commands by Deputy Gilmore, Makins put the backpack down and was placed under arrest. Makins was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Resist/Interfere with Arrest, and Dangerous Weapon- Conceal.

Chesapeake Beach Honors Captain Naughton

Lt. Hollinger Welcomed to Twin Beach Deputies

The Mayor and Town Council announce a change in leadership of the Twin Beach Deputies with the recent promotion of Ronald Naughton to Captain of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). The Town of Chesapeake Beach entered into an agreement on July 1, 2010 with the Calvert County Sheriff's Department, in partnership with the Town of North Beach, to provide nine resident deputies to be shared between the Twin Beaches, known as the Twin Beach Deputies, with one resident deputy dedicated to the Town of Chesapeake Beach.

Captain Ronald Naughton has served the Twin Beaches for over five years providing leadership and direct oversight of the Twin Beach Deputies. Captain Naughton began his role in the Twin Beaches as a Sergeant on March 9, 2015, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in October of 2016. In Captain Naughton's new role, he will oversee the CCSO Patrol Bureau. The Patrol Bureau is the most visible of all the bureaus within the Sheriff's Office routinely providing first response to calls for police service in the community, maintaining a strong patrol pres-

ence 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout Calvert County's 219 square miles. In his new leadership role, Captain Naughton will continue to provide oversight to the Twin Beach Deputies.

"The Town commends Captain Naughton on his recent promotion and is thankful for the leadership he provides, and will continue to provide, to the Twin Beach Deputies," stated Mayor Patrick J. "Irish" Mahoney.

The town welcomes Lt. Gregory "Joe" Hollinger who will provide daily supervision of the Twin Beach Deputies. His recent promotion to Lieutenant places his focus in the Twin Beaches under Captain Naughton's continued guidance. Prior to his new assignment, Lt. Hollinger has served close to 22 years with the CCSO. During his time, he served as a detective in the Criminal Investigative Bureau, investigating all manners of crimes, but specializing in child abuse investigations. Most recently, Lt. Hollinger worked in the Patrol Bureau where he supervised various Patrol squads, the Crime Suppression Unit, the Community Action Team and the Mountain Bike Patrol Unit.

Lt. Hollinger describes his highest priority in the Twin Beaches as being, "fair and friendly, prioritizing the safety and security of citizens through proactive policing, quick responses to calls for service and to be highly visible and approachable." Lt. Hollinger wants citizens to know that they can expect to see him, and his team, walking the boardwalks, in the parks and on the beaches and to feel free to

say hello and engage the Deputies in conversation to further their efforts to get to know the town citizens.

Lt. Hollinger plans to further expand the CCSO Mountain Bike Unit for routine patrolling in the Twin Beaches. The town says they look forward to continuing to foster the great relationship with the Calvert County Sheriff's Department in servicing town citizens:



Pictured from left to right: Sheriff Evans and Captain Naughton, Sheriff Evans and Lt. Hollinger. Source Calvert County Sheriff's Office

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Plans OK'ed for Dominion, Cove Point Parks

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has adopted the master plans for the new Dominion Energy Park and an expanded Cove Point Park. The two properties are within a short distance of each other in Lusby.

The vote was 4-1. Commissioner Buddy Hance opposed it. He had sticker shock. "This is a vision. I can't support a plan that calls for expenditure of \$50 million."

Hance conceded that a vote on the master plans didn't commit the county to proceed. But he said such a vote created an expectation among citizens that their pet project in the plans would happen.

Hance also charged there was duplication between what was proposed in each park.

In a memo to the BOCC, Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal explained, "Dominion Energy Regional Park is located at 10495 S Solomons Island Road in Lusby. In September 2018, the BOCC took ownership of an additional 100 acres to make up this future county park. Since that time, Dominion Cove Point, LNG (Dominion) has donated \$4,100,000 towards the development of recreational resources. The master planning process began in January 2019 for both this new park

and an update to the current Cove Point Park Master Plan; public meetings and online surveys were conducted in May and October of 2019."

Consultant Whitney, Bailey, Cox, and Magnani, LLC (WBCM) developed the master plans.

Nazzal said, "Based on public input, further planning will be required to determine the use of desired indoor recreational facilities at both park locations. Per the report, Dominion Energy Regional Park will be developed as a destination park appropriate for larger-scale activities. Amenities will include tournament quality rectangular fields, a large recreation center, trails and paved paths, large picnic pavilions, event space, and an outdoor fitness center.

"Cove Point Park will remain a district park most appropriate for smaller-scale activities while improving amenities available to all users. Recommended upgrades to Cove Point Park include a small recreation center to replace Southern Community Center, upgraded areas for fields and courts, a trail system, and an expanded waterpark."

Dominion's contribution includes monies for design and phased construction. "We do have seed money," Commissioner Mike Hart noted.

He added, "It may change as needs change."

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COVID Spike Traced to Drum Point Party

Fifteen Attendees Test Positive

The following information has been posted on the Calvert County Health Department website by Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky:

Over the past two weeks, 40 percent of all COVID cases in Calvert have occurred in 15-19-year-olds. This narrow age range has accounted for almost to half of all our cases! As noted in our previous post, a Graduation/"COVID-19" party in Drum Point on 7/25 served as the cauldron for many of these infections. At present, the Health Department knows of 15 attendees of that party who have tested positive. In addition, three parents, one grandparent, one sibling, and four co-workers are known to have become ill as a result of secondary infections. At least two adults have been hospitalized, one of whom is in the ICU.

It's likely that other 15-19-year-olds who have tested positive since late July attended the same party or other similar parties. Close to a dozen teens with positive test at the end of July and early August have not answered calls from COVID contact tracers. In these cases, we only have the teens' cell numbers- no home phone numbers- so there's no

way for us to confirm whether they were in attendance. It's also a certainty that others at the party became infected but did not get tested and/or remained asymptomatic. In either case, these people could have infected family members or other close contacts. As a result, the total number of Calvert infections that were spawned as a result of transmission at this party will never be fully known.

This should be a wake-up call to everyone. Every day, we're all playing a game of chess. Each move we make today has repercussions down the board. The COVID risks we expose ourselves to, whether it's at parties or any setting with large numbers of people, also leave those in our daily lives at potential risk for weeks to come.

Finally, healthcare providers should educate adults, especially those with underlying health conditions, that they need to be mindful of potential transmission from their children/grandchildren. They should include, "Do you have a 15-19-year-old in your household?" to their clinical screening questions until we see numbers decline.



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Public Schools Have Plan in Place

Ready for Sept. 2 Online Open

By Dick Myers
Editor

"It's a massive puzzle, isn't it," said Calvert County Board of Education member Dawn Balinski. She was speaking about all of the details of the plan involved in getting schools ready for the fall opening on Sept. 2.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Diane Workman responded, "It sure is." Workman was one of the prime architects of that plan called "Road to Recovery." The 145-page document is posted on the school system's website for parents, students, and the Maryland State Board of Education to review. Workman explained some of the details of the plan to the board at their Aug. 13 meeting.

The school board several weeks ago ordered staff and Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry to pivot from their proposal for a hybrid back-to-school model to a continuation of virtual learning, with provisions for parents and students who are not able to do that.

Curry, in an interview with The County Times, gave this message to parents and students: "This is going to be difficult to work. What the children did in the spring online was not real demanding. This time it's going to be thinking and recognizing that this may be what school could be for a half year, could be school even for more than a half year. It has to be the full curriculum and the full program in order for children to advance. So, this will be a fourth graders only chance to be a fourth grader, and it's going to be this way until we can bring them back in. So, let's make the best of it."

Curry noted, "We do intend to survey parents frequently to ask them for feedback, how it's gone, how their child's teachers are responding. We want to get frequent feedback so we can make it as beneficial and meaningful schooling as possible."

Workman described what will occur as a "blended learning environment. That term in itself can sometimes be confusing. Oftentimes people will immediately think that the blended means that we are going to do some face-to-face instruction and some virtual instruction."

Not so, she explained. "The blended is a combination of synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning that requires access to the internet and electronic device, web conferencing tools, learning platform. So by synchronous instruction, we mean that students will be logged onto their computer, as well as the teacher will be logged onto the computer and the teacher will be teaching the students as he or she would if they were standing in front of the students in a brick and mortar building.

"The asynchronous instruction for the most part on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, the teacher will be logged on to her computer. His or her computer students may also be logged



Diane Workman

on, however the teacher can be working with small groups of students. He or she may be working one-on-one with a group of students and other students may be sitting doing independent work."

Workman said they will continue to use the Schoology platform this fall, but the organization has been reworked. She explained, "Our elementary and secondary supervisors have spent time doing this so that we have a consistent organizational method to make it easier for parents, teachers, and students to access the information on the platform."

Curry's educational career included a rapid ascendancy to a superintendent's position at the age of 30 in his home state of West Virginia. It's a job that by its very nature is fraught with challenges and turmoil. But this year has been unique, Curry says.

"Without a doubt it is a once in a lifetime kind of event for me. And I think it has been for everybody else. I don't know anyone who has ever had to deal with the kinds of things we've been dealing with and trying to make school happen within the limits that we're dealing with. So, it is definitely one for the books."

His biggest challenge? "Most of our success is dependent upon a student and teacher developing meaningful, respectful relationships so that the student wants to learn, and the student is motivated to do what the teacher asks to do. And the teacher gets to know the student on a personal basis about what's important to them and what their hobbies are. The kinds of things that help when it comes to connecting with kids and motivating. So that, in and of itself, is not easily done with virtual.

"We are very much a people organization that's dependent on people to get together to do their job. So, getting together through a Zoom meeting is just not quite the same. But we're also in the business of innovation and creative approaches to challenges. And so, we've got to meet that challenge to do the best we can."

He said his biggest concern about the school start on Sept. 2 was "the little ones, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, they can't navigate the online learning independently as much as older kids. And therefore, I worry about what we're able to provide for them, whether it's enough, and whether it will be able to



Dr. Daniel Curry

where the parents are. It's a lot of work for parents for those littlest ones to be able to help their kids through it. The older ones, I think can manage pretty well. They've got to develop a good attitude toward independent work and focusing on what they're supposed to focus on."

He added, "Then again, there is that connectivity issue. We don't have nearly the connectivity that a lot of districts might have. We're not that rural. We have some places where some homes don't get cable at all and therefore don't have access to hardwired internet. And we have some homes who don't have cable and they don't get a good cell signal and therefore receiving internet remotely through a hotspot or something like that isn't going to work either. So for those, we're going to have to find some other solutions; perhaps bring those children into school to some central location and allow them to set up shop like on a cafeteria table or something like that for their daily work."

Being a superintendent for so long, Curry has run into situations where his board has bucked his recommendations. That happened this summer with his hybrid plan and also his desire to bring teachers into their classroom even with online learning.

He said, "Certainly the hybrid plan was something that was happening all over Maryland. Within the same week or so, it seems like most of us were putting together a plan that called for a hybrid return. We were in Phase 2 early in June, and that allowed us to have some kids in classroom, up to 14 with a teacher. That's why we get an elementary summer school. So, we couldn't help but be hopeful and positive that we would at the very least be able to do that."

But then school boards around the state started to pivot. He said, "Our school board still wasn't comfortable with the level of risk."

Curry said the Calvert board and those around the state made a statement: "We are not ready for that kind of risk. Therefore, we'll go with the online." He said it was their final call.

Workman told the board at their Aug. 13 meeting that it is still unknown how many students will be allowed to come

into the classrooms because of their individual circumstances.

Curry said those exemptions won't start initially. "We're going to go ahead and start the school. And then the principals will be making recommendations to us about who needs to come in, how frequently they need to come in. Some special ed students that have IEP (Individual Education Plans) are going to have to be rewritten, so that they dictate how much time the child needs to come into school for face-to-face learning."

The teachers, of course, will make their recommendations to the principals. Curry said the process is expected to take about two weeks.

The school system in the meantime has developed a list of teachers willing to volunteer to do the in-school learning, Workman said they hope that list is long enough to accommodate everyone who receives the exemption.

The school system has seen some early evidence, particularly in kindergarten enrollment, that some parents may be opting for home schooling or perhaps private school options. A reduction in enrollment would translate into a reduction in state funding to the county.

The school board has been so far adamant that no staff member will lose their job as the result of the reopening plan. Balinski said at the Aug. 13 meeting, "For those whose jobs have been sidelined to date with the closure of our buildings, I personally don't want to see any kind of layoff, but I know that we have to be good stewards of the money. I know that in this time we can come up with new, innovative ways to do things. We need to start thinking outside the box, as they say, to where maybe we start new initiatives that we've never even thought of before. I know if we could keep as many people on board as possible, that we can make it through this. So that's what I'm going to push for. And please just everyone start bringing their ideas to your supervisors, to your directors and administration. And let's just start try to work on how to keep people productive and keep people gainfully employed."

Curry said of the undertaking to develop the plan, "I can't say enough for the work, especially Diane Workman who was responsible for putting the whole document together and Tony Navarro (executive director of Administration) and Dr. Susan Johnson (director of Secondary School Development) as well."

The board also thanked the staff for their massive effort during the Aug. 13 presentation.

And, Curry said all of that work done on the hybrid model that was rejected was not in vain. Some was incorporated into the approved plan and other parts will be used as a framework for the next step in the reopening process.

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Calvert Public School Calendar

August

31 • Preschool Meetings for Staff (orientation for Grades 6 & 9)

September

1 • First Day of School for Students

1-2 • Pre-K & K Conferences

3-4 • Staggered Pre-K & K First Day

7 • Holiday – Labor Day (schools and offices closed)

11 • 9/11 Remembrance

16 • Two-Hour Delayed Opening for Students (no a.m. Pre-K) – Professional Development

October

1 • Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – SLO Development

2 • Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students

9 • First Quarter Interims Available in HAC

16 • Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students

November

3 • Schools Closed – General Election

9 • End of First Quarter

10 • Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – Teacher Work Time

11 • Elementary: Parent Conferences (all day) / Secondary: Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students

18 • First Quarter Report Cards Available

25-27 • Holiday – Thanksgiving (schools and offices closed; 12-month employees work 11/25; Central Office will be open 11/25)

December

9 • Two-Hour Delayed Opening for Students (no a.m. Pre-K) – Professional Development

18 • Second Quarter Interims Available in HAC

23 • Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – Teacher Work Time

24-31 • Holiday – Winter Recess (schools and offices closed)

January

1 • Holiday – Winter Recess (schools and offices closed)

4 • Schools and Offices Reopen

18 • Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools and offices closed)

27 • End of Second Quarter/First Semester

29 • Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – Teacher Work Time

February

5 • Second Quarter Report Cards Available

12 • Parent Conferences/Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students (2/12 possible make-up day)

15 • Holiday – Presidents' Day (schools and offices closed) (2/15 possible prof dev make-up day)

March

4 • Two-Hour Delayed Opening for Students (no a.m. Pre-K) – Professional Development

5 • Third Quarter Interims Available in HAC

30 • Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (no p.m. Pre-K) – Teacher Work Time

31 • Holiday – Spring Recess (schools and offices closed; 12-month employees work 3/31; Central Office will be open 3/31)

April

1-6 • Holiday – Spring Recess (schools and offices closed; 12-month employees work 4/1 and 4/6; Central Office will be open 4/1 and 4/6) (4/6 possible make-up day)

7 • Schools and Offices Reopen

8 • End of Third Quarter

12 • Two-Hour Delayed Opening for Students (no a.m. Pre-K) – Professional Development

19 • Third Quarter Report Cards Available

28 • Fourth Quarter Interims for Seniors Available in HAC

May

3-14 • Advanced Placement Exams

14 • Last Day for High School Seniors
• Fourth Quarter Interims for Underclassmen Available in HAC

31 • Holiday – Memorial Day (schools and offices closed)

June

2 • Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Graduations (no p.m. Pre-K) (CHS & NHS)

3 • Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Graduations (no p.m. Pre-K) (HHS & PHS)

10 • Last Day for Pre-K Students

11 • Last Day for Students – Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (Teacher Work Time)

14 • Last Day for 10-Month Employees

25 • Fourth Quarter Report Cards for Secondary Students Mailed

How Families Can Confront Remote Learning

Amid concerns of coronavirus clusters and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, and based on social distancing recommendations from medical professionals, schools across the country began to close their doors and adopt a remote learning model in March 2020.

One of the largest communities affected was New York City, which closed schools across the five boroughs. The New York City school system is vast, with 1,800 schools servicing more than one million students.

School administrators and educators quickly scrambled

to find a workaround to meet children's educational needs. Remote learning has been a part of many school curriculums for some time. While remote learning had predominantly been reserved for higher learning institutions, in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, it became a necessity for grades K through 12 as well. Teachers have had to design curriculums and assignments virtually on the fly in an attempt to minimize disruptions that could adversely affect students.

Remote learning requires the cooperation of school staff and also parents and guardians. Patience is necessary, and parents and educators may need to completely transform their daily schedules. The following tips can be an asset as students continue to navigate remote learning.

- Record class sessions. Teachers can consider recording or "going live" with class instruction so that students can view the video and still have access to their teachers. This helps parents who may be unfamiliar with explaining the curriculum.

- Utilize chat features. Remote education software programs

likely have a chat or "hangout" feature, which enables classrooms to keep in touch and ask questions in real time.

- Keep a schedule. It's easy to begin to sleep late and fall out of routine when not required to go to a school building. Families should make scheduling a priority, which can help students stay on top of lessons and complete their assignments on time.

- Ask questions. Everyone is learning as they go, and further clarification may be needed. Students should email or chat with teachers if they don't understand an assignment or are unsure about instructions. Teachers may be able to clearly model a math problem or explain a concept via video chat for students who need help.

- Explore educational options. Many companies are offering free educational services while kids are home from school. Scholastic.com is offering online courses, Nat Geo for Kids, Fun Brain, PBS Kids, and Highlight Kids are other places to turn to for activities.

Remote learning has become the new norm as the world continues to navigate COVID-19 in an effort to keep the public safe.



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Helping Children Navigate Social Distancing

Children may be more deeply affected by social distancing than any other group of people. In a matter of weeks, millions of young children and adolescents went from attending school in the classroom to being told they had to work exclusively from home. At the same time, children also were asked to give up their sports teams, clubs, meetings, and play dates. Older children may understand the how and why of social distancing, but no matter their ages, kids may be left emotionally adrift as social distancing guidelines stay in place.

No one is certain about what the long-term effects of social distancing will be on both children and adults. Amy Learmonth, Ph.D., a developmental psychologist at the Cognition, Memory and Development Lab at William Paterson University in New Jersey, notes that early social development takes place mostly within the family. As children age, their peer group becomes the more important hub of social development. The longer social distancing restrictions are in place, the more these developments

may adversely affect youngsters.

Parents can take steps to help kids cope during these uncertain times.

- Set up digital play dates. The connectivity of the internet enables people to keep in touch even if they cannot be together physically. Encourage children to engage their friends via online chats, ideally ones that feature video so they can see and hear their friends. Parents of young children can reach out to one another and establish digital play dates via FaceTime or another virtual meeting app.

- Lighten up on screen time restrictions. Each person has a different way to cope with social distancing and pass the time. Children may spend more time on tablets, watching television or playing video games. For now, parents can be a bit more lenient and understanding about how technology can fill the void created by social distancing.

- Participate in a scavenger hunt. Join or organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt. Walk around the neighborhood looking for school mascot pictures in windows or

rainbows on doors, advise the childcare experts at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This activity can maintain a sense of connection with your community.

- Create time for physical activity. Exercise can tame stress, improve mood and be great for the body in myriad ways. Children and teens should exercise each day. Families can exercise together to make physical activity more fun.

- Set new goals. Ask everyone to do their part to complete "to-do" lists or make a set of goals to achieve while social distancing. Checking off items on the list as they're completed can give everyone a sense of accomplishment.

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How To Manage Low Bandwidth During Remote Learning

In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, many schools hastily transitioned from traditional in-person learning to remote learning. This transition posed new and unique challenges to educators as well as students and their parents.

One of the biggest challenges posed by remote learning was keeping students connected to their teachers and their classmates, not all of whom had readily available access to devices that could facilitate such connections. In recognition of that challenge, school systems worked to procure devices for students only to be confronted by another challenge: low bandwidth. According to Microsoft, bandwidth refers to the amount of data that can be transferred over an internet connection per second. Low bandwidth can compromise students' ability to stay connected to their virtual classrooms. In an effort to help students overcome that challenge, Microsoft offers the following tips on how educators, students and parents can manage low bandwidth during remote learning sessions.

- Reduce reliance on video during class sessions. Turning video cameras off during live class sessions can help to overcome the challenges posed by low bandwidth, as live video is a key contributor to excessive use of bandwidth. If video must

be used, encourage students to turn off their cameras when they are not speaking.

- Use pre-recorded content. Pre-recording content enables students to stream video over the internet, saving those with low bandwidth the hassle of downloading large video files to their computers. Microsoft recommends educators who pre-record content for their students to stream to instruct those students to use class time to complete assignments. Educators can make themselves available via chat to answer questions students may have about their assignments.

- Avoid video-based assignments. It can be difficult for students with low bandwidth to send very large files, such as videos. Educators can help students avoid that issue by not requiring them to submit videos as part of their assignments.

- Encourage students to sync files to their devices. Each device is different and each manufacturer has its own instructions on how to sync files to devices. But Microsoft notes that syncing files to a device allows students to read them offline, which is ideal for students with limited internet connectivity.

Low bandwidth poses a challenge for remote learners. Thankfully, there are ways to overcome low bandwidth so students can keep learning..



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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a failure

to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good

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If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

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WILLS: TRUE OR FALSE

Contributing Writer:
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I have often heard from clients that they have a Will so their loved ones will not have to go through probate. True or false? False. When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, that property must go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones. It doesn't matter whether you die intestate (without a Will) or with a Will.

What does holding property in my sole name mean? For real estate like your house or for cars and trucks, for example, the title to the property is in your name alone. If you hold any property this way and you die, then the property has to go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. Since many people are not at all organized about what they own, the personal representative has to reconstruct the estate before they report on it. One of the filings is called an "Inventory". This is a listing of all the property held in sole name by the deceased when they die. If the deceased has not been an organized person it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died. For example, if the deceased has not left a detailed list of investments they have, often the only way to know for sure what the deceased owns when they die is to wait for the mail for at least 3 to 6 months for quarterly or semi-annual reports on dividends or interest.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. Without challenges, most probates are administrative. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Some clients say that the personal

representative has no liability for making filings in a probate proceeding. False. The personal representative is a fiduciary—that means they are under a duty to settle and distribute the estate in accordance with the terms of the Will and the law. Fiduciaries cannot act in their own self-interest. They must make sure investments are reasonable and monitored and they must make full and accurate reports to the Register of Wills or Orphan's Court.

Most people faced with the duties of a personal representative consult an attorney and ask them for help to prepare the reports for filing. This costs money in legal fees, but gives the personal representative some comfort that they are correctly performing their duties.

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills or the Orphan's Court to be effective. If you think you will lose your Will, then paying a small fee to the Register of Wills office to keep your original on file is a convenience to you. Otherwise, the effectiveness of a Will depends on whether it is properly executed, not whether it is filed somewhere. You can keep your Will in a safe place. But, the original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." True or False depending on how your property is titled. If all of your property is held in "joint" name with your spouse and you die then your spouse will take sole ownership of the property. And, there will be no probate because you have not held any property in sole name when you die. So, with a married couple, it is not unusual for one spouse to die and leave everything to the other spouse and have no probate. However, when the surviving spouse dies holding all the property in their sole name there will be probate.

If your Will says your personal representative doesn't have to file a bond, that means no bond is required. False. Even if the Will says no bond, the Register of Wills usually requires that a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

Please join me for a free seminar on this and other topics at my office at 11am on the third Wednesday of every month at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

A View From The BLEACHERS BUBBLICIOUS

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

One of my favorite modern albums is Ray LaMontagne's "God Willin' & the Creek Don't Rise." The music – soothing, deep...almost meditative – is phenomenal. The title is a psychological grabber too – a reminder to be in the moment and enjoy life, as beauty is often fragile and fleeting.

Many in Southern Maryland recently realized that fragility. I don't know if God wasn't willing, but creek certainly did rise – to levels I've never seen in my lifetime – courtesy of Isaias, Mother Nature's latest angry tropical spawn. It was difficult to see large swaths of my hometown – Leonardtown – turned into a water world. The awful swells inundated roads, vehicles, businesses and homes and broke many hearts under a flood of painful emotion. Now the processing of this disaster and rebuild is underway, the latter likely happening more quickly than the former. For all those impacted, be steadfast and get well soon. And for all those tirelessly assisting family and friends back to their feet, thank you.

(Sigh)

This has been a difficult year to say the least – school closures, virus anxiety, sports cancellations at all levels, missed vacations and family events, unemployment and business upheaval. And now a natural disaster. Because why not? It's 20...bleeping...20.

It has been several weeks now since three of four major sports restarted play. The NBA's product while on its Disney World lockdown has been quite good. Same for the NHL, even if men on ice in the blistering August heat makes no sense. MLB has been choppy with several COVID outbreaks causing schedule chaos. Still, live sports are back to offer some normalcy and a welcomed distraction from, well, damn near everything these days.

As a life-long, rabid sports fan, I should love this. The empty stadiums are odd, the cardboard cutouts of fans are cheesy and the piped in fake game noises feel like an unfortunate extension of society's manufactured, manipulated and inorganic social media living. But with a frenetic 60-game MLB regular-season sprint and overlapping NBA and NHL playoffs in

three North American bubble cities that necessitate daily games stacked from mid-afternoon to midnight, such oddities are easily overlooked. After being forced to go off sports cold turkey and for four long months, this bizarre and intense sports calendar should have me feeling completely bubblicious and begging The County Times to let me write at least two articles every week.

But I have no juice. I watch, but the games cycle through the evening as little more than background noise. The Caps blew early leads and dropped the first two games of their playoff series against the New York Islanders. This normally would have prompted a volley of foul language hurled at an innocent TV and people far, far away from earshot. This year, I responded to the 0-2 hole with a listless shrug. As for Nats' defense of their World Series title, I find myself more concerned about the team's ace pitchers maintaining their health and the growth of a few young talents than I am about chasing another beer shower and championship parade.

It just feels like a mulligan. All of it. Thanks for playing, fellas. I appreciate the effort. The distraction is valuable. But really, what does it mean? Certainly not as much as a traditional season would have. If fans can't manage the same fervor, it is difficult to believe players have complete emotional and physical investment while playing under quarantine and/or in empty, cavernous arenas. There's no escaping the gimmicky nature of these seasons. Essentially a bunch of professional athletes were sent to a months-long summer camp.

At this point, I just want the year to end without any more severe weather, with a normal school year for our kids, with a vaccine and a better, more inclusive, tolerant and decent future for our country. If, along the journey to that place where big wishes are granted, the Caps or Nats manage more play-off magic and my nameless NFL team actually plays a full season, I'll manage a smile, if not a primal, guttural cheer. The guess, in these most troubling times, is many share that sentiment.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, August 20

Calvert Toastmasters Zoom Meeting

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

Our club provides a supportive and positive learning experience for members to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Please email cu-a942nd@gmail.com for the password if you need it.

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult. This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 10 people per session. This month's theme is Ocean Diving. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Saturday, August 22

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

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

Sail on the Dee of St. Mary's, leaving from the museum dock. Fee is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for children 5 - 12. No children under 5 please. Seating is limited, as all cruises will be operating at a limited capacity to allow for social distancing. Preregistration is required by noon on the Friday before each cruise by visiting bit.ly/DeeOfStMarysCruises.

Toy Boat Building

Calvert Marine Museum

Toy boat building, sponsored by the Patuxent Small Craft Guild, has been part of the museum for over 30 years and is offered on the fourth Saturday of every month. Toy boats will be available as a carry-out craft during each open session at the museum. Pre-packaged kits will be available for pick up in the Harms Gallery, while supplies last. A \$2 donation per boat is requested. Museum admission is required. This activity is ideal for ages 5 and up.

Huntingtown 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.

Paper Shredding Event

Huntingtown High School; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division,

will host a free paper shredding event for county residents. The shred event, held rain or shine, can help prevent identity theft by destroying confidential or sensitive documents. Residents are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Proof of residency is required.

Thursday, August 27

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult. This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 10 people per session. This month's theme is Ocean Diving. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Ongoing

ACLT's Passport to Preservation

Support local agri-tourism businesses and the American Chestnut Land Trust at the same time! ACLT is partnering with 9 Calvert County local breweries and wineries for the Passport to Preservation event. From now to September 7th, visit participating breweries and wineries (not all in one day!), enjoy exclusive discounts, and get your passport stamped for chances to win great prizes! Stay-at-home options are also available. For more info and to register, go to: bit.ly/ACLTPassport. Please drink responsibly.

CalvART Gallery

CalvART welcomes you to come in and enjoy a semi-intimate viewing at the gallery or to visit our new online venue. Come experience the variety of art represented by Linda Craven, Freeman Dodsworth, Nico Gozal, Davy Strong, and Marcia Van Gemert. Calvart-gallery.square.site

ArtsWorks@7th

Artsworks@7th is OPEN with new hours and policies to stop the COVID-19 spread. August 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.



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

Thursday, August 20

Legal Lunch Break (Zoom).

12:00pm-1:00pm.

Join the Calvert Library and attorneys from Maryland Legal Aid's Community Lawyering Initiative for a virtual civil legal clinic. Topics will include: expungement and landlord/tenant issues. You'll be able to ask general questions via the Zoom Q&A function. Must register here to receive link for the online class. If you need more individualized help, you can call to go through intake to meet one-on-one with a lawyer via Zoom on August 27. To go through intake for the August 27th Lawyers in the Library event, email virtualcommunitylawyer@mdlab.org or call 443-451-2805 at least 48 hours prior to the event. Include your name and legal issue in your email and your message should be answered within 48 hours. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Dungeons & Dragons - ADULT (ROLL20/ZOOM).

6:00pm-9:00pm.

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>.

Visions of the Future:

Voting, Activism, and Art.

7:00pm-8:00pm.

Poet and journalist Celeste Doaks is organizing a lively panel with women of color who will discuss their specific involvement with politics through participation, activism, and art. Her chapbook, "American Herstory" the first-place winner in Backbone Press's 2018 chapbook contest; contains poems about Michelle Obama. From Shirley Chisholm to Michelle Obama and beyond, black women and politics have been inextricably intertwined. And now, as more minority women enter and win local races, the black female voting block is proving its importance. As we move toward this year's presidential election, how will black women keep their seat at the table and engage with politics? Poet and journalist Celeste Doaks is the author of *Cornrows and Cornfields*, and editor of the poetry anthology *Not Without Our Laughter*. Her work has appeared in multiple online and print publications including *Ms. Magazine*, *The Rumpus*, *The Millions*, *Huffington Post*, *Chicago Quarterly Review*, and *Asheville Poetry Review* among others. Currently, she teaches creative writing at the University of Delaware. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Homeschooling, the Library, and You (ZOOM).

7:00pm-8:00pm.

Join us for a panel discussion to learn about Maryland Home Instruction regulations, library resources, and local opportunities available to homeschooling families. Zoom link will be sent out to all registered attendees one hour prior to event. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Friday, August 21

Writers by the Bay.

7:30pm-9:00pm. Looking for a writers' group? All writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique & camaraderie. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Sunday, August 23

Calvert Library's Book Bites.

2:00pm-3:00pm.

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 Sunday at 2 pm and Wednesday at noon. Find us on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Simplecast and more! Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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Wednesday, August 26

Calvert Library's Book Bites.

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Art Heist Mystery Virtual Escape Room.

6:00pm-7:30pm.

You have been sent undercover to put a stop to a notorious art thief. Your mission, should you choose to accept it? Put the clues together to solve the mystery before the culprit can strike again. Note: This is not a live event, so you can complete it at your own pace. A link will be sent out at the scheduled time with instructions on how to complete it. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

In Remembrance

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

Eugene Thomas "Gene" Maratta, Sr.



Eugene Thomas "Gene" Maratta, Sr., 80, of Lusby, MD passed away on August 8, 2020 at his residence.

Born April 8, 1940 in Louisville, KY, he was the son of the late Joseph Caleb Maratta and Margaret Rose (O'Brien) Maratta.

Gene graduated from St. John's College High School in 1958 and received his MBA from the University of Maryland. He received his PHD from Columbia Southern University in 1998. Gene served in the U.S. Air Force for twenty three years, retiring on November 2, 1996. He was a Comptroller for the U.S. Air National Guard for thirty years.

Gene is survived by his children, Eugene Thomas "Tom" Maratta, Jr. of Lusby, MD, Rosemary Beth Kendall of Cary, NC, Kelly O'Brien Scarborough of Denver, CO and Heather Kathleen Gough of Chugiak, AK; eight grandchildren; and siblings, Eleanor Mattingly of Laurel, MD and Elizabeth Bergmann of Louisville, KY. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Ford Maratta and his brother, Joseph Maratta, Jr.

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

John Harry "Jack" Burluson

John Harry "Jack" Burluson, 75 of Lusby, MD passed away August 15, 2020 at his home. Jack was born August 15, 1945 in Washington, DC to Ralph Edward and Margaret Ellen Walsh Burluson, Sr. Jack was raised in Washington DC and at-



tended public school until 6th grade when he had to drop out to help with the care of his family. His main jobs were Ironworker and auto mechanics. Sears and Roebuck in Landover, Eagle tire in Owings, and Good Year in Dunkirk that became Mr. Tire were his favorite jobs. He was married in October 1974 to Nanci the love of his life and lived in many places such as Forestville, Lothian, Lusby and Prince Frederick. In his leisure time Jack enjoyed Car Shows, Redskins football, and his family and friends. Jack enjoyed playing Santa for many, one of his favorites was at Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad where he just recently became an honorary member.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife Nanci Jean Wyatt Burluson on September 2, 2018 and four brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by a daughter Kimberly S Marshall and her husband Mark of Lusby; son Robert D. Hunley of Fawn Grove, PA; seven grandchildren Kelsey, Kenny and his wife Danielle and Kyle Trader and Kaden Marshall, Daniel, Samuel and Eliana Hunley; future great grandson Ayden Michael Trader; five sisters Alice Stewart and her husband Sam of Laurel, MD, Margaret Hancock and her husband Frank of Aurora, CO, Carol Pohlmann and her partner Audrey O'Keefe of Berlin, MD, Eva Stone of Stafford, VA and April Wilkins of Sparta, MO.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 20, 2020, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Services will be Friday, August

21, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be in St. James' Parish Cemetery, 5757 Solomons Island Road, Lothian, MD 20711

In lieu of Flowers Jacks Family is requesting that financial donations in his memory to be made to assist in payment of funeral expenses.

Jack Bauman Raleigh



Jack Bauman Raleigh, 50, a lifelong resident of North Beach passed away suddenly on August 15, 2020. He was born May 20, 1970 in Wash-

ington, D.C. to Sharon Ann (Caputo) and James Blackistone Raleigh. Jack grew up in North Beach, and it was there he met the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Bobbie Joe Garner. They have been inseparable since July 4, 1994 and were married on May 16, 1998. Jack was employed as an operator and foreman for J.W. Graner, Inc. for 21 years. In his spare time, Jack enjoyed fishing, hunting, crabbing, boating, family vacations, spending time with his family, and talking with his grandson.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 26 years Bobbie Joe Raleigh, children Jacob Garner (Brittney Litz), Jacqueline Raleigh, Jesse Raleigh (Vannesa Berbentan), and Jeffrey Raleigh (Katie), grandson Miguel Smith, mother Sharon Ann Raleigh, siblings James Michael (Diana), Joe (Tracey), Jerry (Donna), Jay (Debbie), Cheryl, and Lisa Raleigh, mother and father in law Cheryl and Morris Garner, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father James Raleigh and niece Kathryn Dement.

Visitation will be Monday, August 24, 2020, 2- 4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral Service will be Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 1 p.m. at rge funeral home.

Burial will be at Washington National Cemetery, 4101 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD 20746

Memorial Contributions May be made to the Jack Raleigh Memorial Fund, Link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/jack-raleigh-funeral-cost-and-family-expenses>

Basil McRay Cox

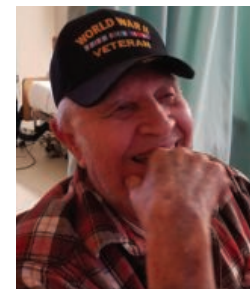


Basil McRay Cox, 72, of Gretna, VA passed away August 13, 2020. He was born March 4, 1948 in Cheverly to Lillian Rebecca Tedder and Cecil

McRay Cox. Basil is survived by his sister Diane Cox Smith and her husband Larry, nieces Melissa Sunderland Lanham, Sandra Moufti, Cynthia Prince, Lisa Boudreau, Carol Bilboa, Melissa Riley, and Tracey Peters, nephews Dean Sunderland, Jr., Kenneth Cox, Karl Cox, Johnny Williams, and Gene Cox, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Raymond D. Bowen



Raymond D. Bowen, 93, passed away peacefully on August 13, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Calvert

County, Md., on July 19, 1927, to the late Leroy H. Bowen, Sr., and Nellie Bowen (Dalrymple). He was raised in Prince Frederick, MD, and attended Calvert Senior High School. He married the love of his life, the late Betty Jane Bowen, on March 12, 1950. They raised their three sons – Raymond L., Larry I., and David F. Bowen, first in the Dares Beach community before moving to their family farm, Twin Cedars Farm in the 1960s.

He served in the US Army as an inspector during World War II. Following his discharge, he opened the Bowen's Grocery store. He eventually transitioned to construction as a member the Carpenters Local 132 union for 35 years, retiring in the early 1990s. He was a true Southern Maryland Tobacco Farmer, raising tobacco for over 40 years. He was also very active in the local Calvert County community. Notably, he was a member and past president of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Prince Frederick Masons 142, as well as a founding member and past president of the Calvert County Sportsman's Club. As an avid sportsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and working the farm. He was also a devoted Baltimore Orioles baseball fan.

He is survived by his sons Raymond L. (Ebba), Larry I. (Connie),

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and David F. (Donna), grandsons Jason C. (Lisa), Travis H., Matthew L. (Julie), Joshua R., the late Preston A., and Justin D., and great-grandchildren Jackson C., Wyatt C., Shelby M., and Taylor A. He is also survived by his sister, Catherine Nitch. He was preceded in death by his brothers, the late LeRoy H. Bowen, Jr. (Lorraine), and the late Kenneth Bowen.

The family will receive family and friends at Rausch Funeral Home in Port Republic, MD, at 10 a.m. till the time of services at 12 noon. on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Private services and interment will follow.

In recognition and memory of his lifelong love of gardening and flowers, the family will gladly receive live plants. In lieu of flowers, donations may also be made to the Prince Frederick Masons 142 P.O. Box 2025, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678; Link:

<http://pfmasons142.org/freemasonry-3/masonic-links/>

Madolynn Keil Jones



Madolynn Keil Jones, 34, of Owings passed away August 12, 2020. She was born April 9, 1986 in Prince Frederick to Cheryl (Hansen) and David

Herbert Jones. Madolynn grew up in Owings and graduated from Northern High School where she was an honor roll student and graduated a year early. She also played the flute in the Northern High School marching band. She later attended and graduated from Anne Arundel Community College, Magna Cum Laude and worked as a counselor helping others overcome addiction. Madolynn was very musically inclined, she loved playing the flute and guitar and had the ability to read music. She also enjoyed beekeeping with her family and spending time with her best friend Lydia Weaver.

Madolynn is survived by her father David Herbert Jones, sister Delia Ann Jones, aunts Norah Hansen, Mary Etta Rice, and Diane Jones, as well as numerous cousins and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her mother Cheryl Hansen and uncles Robert Jones and Fred Hansen.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

William Richard "Dick" Bryant



William Richard "Dick" Bryant went home to be with the LORD on August 11, 2020, from his earthly home of 35 years in Prince Frederick, Maryland. He was born in Annapolis, Maryland, on April 4, 1943, the youngest son of William G. and Ellen (Evans) Bryant. Dick served his country in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army, with one-year in Vietnam, and supported his family as an un-degreed Electronics Engineer. At the time of his death, he was an elder of Family Baptist Church and a member of the National Rifle Association. Dick was a man of many interests – antique/flea market-shopping, beekeeping, gardening, hunting and fishing, cabin-building, banjo-picking, tool-collecting, and tinkering with various experiments, such as vegetable fermentation.

Mr. Bryant was predeceased by both his parents and both his brothers, Barry and David Bryant. He is survived by Carole, his wife of 54 years, and children, Anna Cox and husband Michael, Gordon Bryant and wife Crystal, and Joy Sleeper and husband Chuck.

There are 24 grandchildren who call him "Pappy": grandchildren: Rosalind (Cox) Atkinson and husband Billy, Zachary Cox, Tanner Cox and wife Annabelle, Kaitlyn (Cox) Eberly and husband Jason, Hosanna Cox, Scott Sleeper, Josiah Cox, Laura Cox, Makayla Sleeper, Caleb Cox, Benjamin Bryant, Cheryl Cox, Laura Bryant, Timothy Bryant, Tobias Cox, Ezra Cox, James Bryant, Olivia Cox, Elise Cox, Joshua Bryant, Daisy Cox, Grace Bryant, John Bryant, and Samuel Bryant.

He is also survived by seven great-grandchildren: Daniel Atkinson, Reuben Atkinson, Owen Eberly, Thomas Atkinson, Virginia Eberly, Nathan Atkinson, and Gabriel Cox.

Rather than sending flowers, please send donations to the missions programs of either Chesapeake Mennonite Church (40545 Parsons Mill Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650), Family Baptist Church (P. O. Box 1782, Prince Frederick, MD 20678), or First Baptist Church (P. O. Box 778, Prince Frederick, MD 20678).

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Linda Faye Reamy



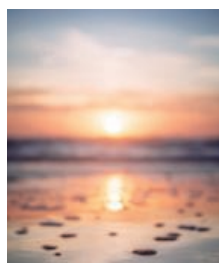
Linda Faye Reamy, 68, of Prince Frederick passed away August 11, 2020. She was born February 8, 1952 in Beulaville, NC to James and Mary (Marley)

Brinkley. Linda grew up in Chinquapin, NC and attended Duplin County schools. She married William Joseph Reamy on October 16, 1974 and they lived in Brentwood before moving to Prince Frederick in 1984. Linda was employed as a hairdresser at Sherries Hair Center in Lanham and later Hair to Toe in Prince Frederick for many years, before retiring in 1998. She was an active member of Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, where she served as past secretary and other administrative offices. When Linda was younger, she very much enjoyed shag dancing and more recently enjoyed going to the beach, playing Keno at the Cork Bar in Ocean City, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her husband William "Joey" Reamy of Prince Frederick, daughters Joette "Jodi" Pusey and her husband John of St. Leonard and Rebecca "Becki" Deale and her husband Jason of Prince Frederick, and grandchildren Joseph, Jillian, and Jacob Pusey and Collin and Brady Deale. She is also survived by siblings Susan Hall and her husband Tom, James Brinkley, and Pam Wood and her husband Bill, her "heart sister" Donna Frostbutter and her husband Gary and numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's name may be made to the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, 450 Solomons Island Road South, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link: <https://www.pfvfd.org/>

Marley Jean Boynton



Marley Jean Boynton, 48, of Churchton, passed away Sunday, August 9 at her home. She was born on March 21, 1972 in Cheverly to Sandra Catharine Hayden and Michael Francis

McGarry. Marley was raised in Bladensburg, where she attended Catholic schools. She married Rodney Edward Boynton on November 1, 2013, and they have called Churchton home for many years. Marley was employed as a bartender at the Swamp Circle Saloon and Captain's Corner, and was a wonderful homemaker, wife, and mother.

Marley is survived by her husband, Rodney, her son Hayden Michael Boynton, her mother, Sandra Hayden, sisters Margie Drapeau and Marcella Reeves, and a brother John Ryan. She was preceded in death by her father, Michael McGarry.

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Zachary Skye Walker



Zachary Skye Walker, 27, of North Beach passed away August 9, 2020. He was born January 18, 1993 in Bethesda, MD to Kris Mazowieski and Paul Scott


Walker. Zack grew up in North Beach and attended Windy Hill Elementary, Windy Hill Middle, and Northern High School. He played football as a kid for the Beach Buccaneers. Zack worked as a chef at various restaurants but primarily worked at Neptune's in North Beach. He enjoyed fishing, playing guitar, traveling, and helping others through his connections to A.A. Zack was currently residing in Port St. Lucie, FL, where he could fish every day.

Zack is survived by his mother Kris Mazowieski of Upper Marlboro, father Paul Scott Walker and his wife Karen Centivany of North Beach, aunts and uncles Cathy and John Newman of Cheverly, Kari Mazowieski of Frederick, Jay and Cindy Mazowieski of Laurel, Bill and Jan Mazowieski of Seattle, and Jeff and Kathy Mazowieski of Cleveland, TN, cousins Sarah Jade, Samantha, Daniel, and Justin, as well as numerous other cousins and extended family members.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zack Walker Memorial Fund; Link:

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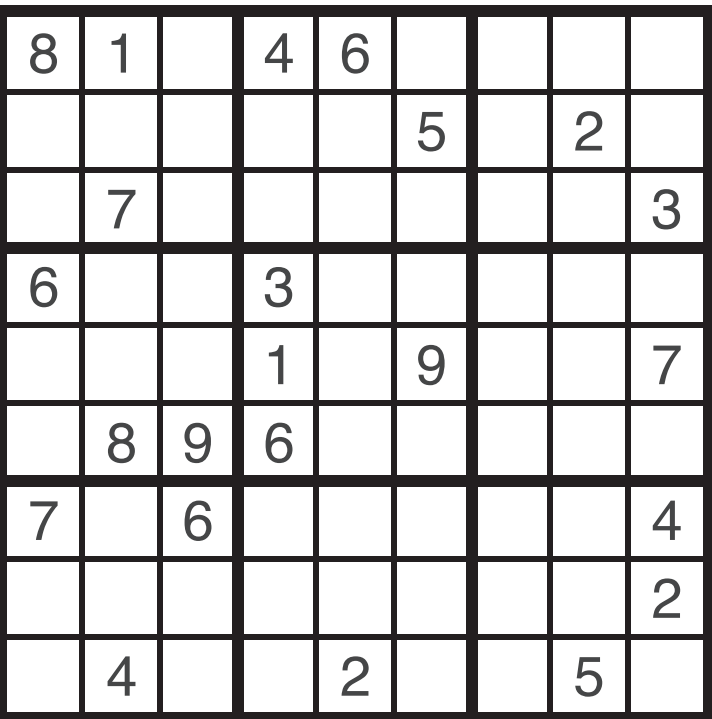
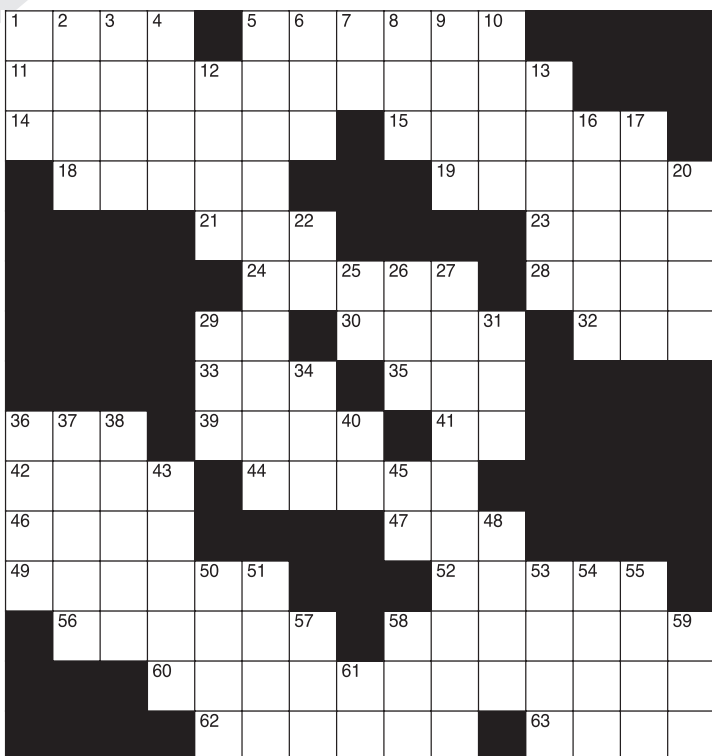
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- 1. Popular musical awards show
- 5. Speech in one's honor
- 11. A state of poor nutrition
- 14. Not ingested
- 15. More lacking in taste
- 18. "Popeye" cartoonist
- 19. Helps to reduce speed
- 21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
- 23. Georgian currency
- 24. Proverb expressing a truth
- 28. Jewish calendar month
- 29. Volume measurement
- 30. Fair-skinned
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Touch lightly
- 36. Autonomic nervous system

39. Plant part

- 41. College degree
- 42. Military alliance
- 44. Tokyo's former name
- 46. Carpenter's tool
- 47. Before
- 49. Consent to receive
- 52. Passages
- 56. The Duke of Edinburgh
- 58. Utter repeatedly
- 60. Linked together in a chain
- 62. Quality that evokes pity
- 63. Maintained possession of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. U.S. military school
- 2. Controls
- 3. Away from wind
- 4. Grab quickly
- 5. Being everlasting
- 6. Vase
- 7. Atomic #3
- 8. Type of medication
- 9. Encircle with a belt
- 10. Belonging to you
- 12. American state
- 13. City in Zambia

- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Of the country
- 20. Helsinki district
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Reporters' group
- 26. The voice of Olaf
- 27. Explains in detail
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 31. One point south of due east
- 34. Scottish river
- 36. Elsa's sister
- 37. Civil Rights group
- 38. Line of poetry
- 40. Doctor
- 43. Fatty acid
- 45. Avatar (abbr.)
- 48. Awe-inspiring garden
- 50. Fall down
- 51. Rock icon Turner
- 53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
- 54. UK museum network
- 55. Stairs have at least one
- 57. Part of (abbr.)
- 58. Simpson trial judge
- 59. Sun up in New York
- 61. Exclamation of surprise

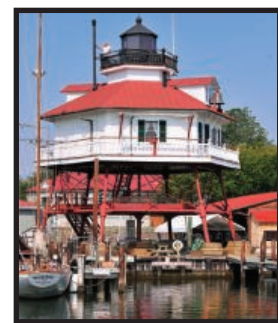
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