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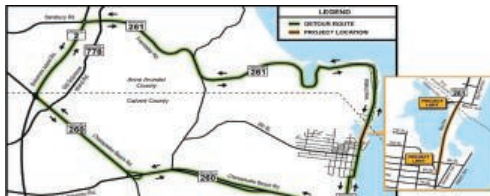
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# School Board: Virtual for Now

## Health Concerns Drive Decision

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has drawn a line in the sand, but they have expressed a willingness to jump over it. Just not now.

The board met the state-imposed deadline to come up with a back-to-school plan and they opted for all-virtual with some exceptions that have yet to be instituted for special education and others with learning difficulties. They have established internet cafes in some schools and students without internet access at home will be bused there and fed.

When Gov. Larry Hogan several weeks ago said it was time for students to get back into classrooms, he chided the eight school systems without any plans to do that. Apparently, Calvert's plan to bring some students back met the litmus test for Hogan.

At the Sept. 10 Calvert County Board of Education meeting, board member Dawn Balinski said, "We know how important the school setting is, especially for the younger students. And I, as a single board member, would like to state that I am very open to the possibility of moving, not only to the hybrid model, but also to eventually phasing in more in-person teaching, especially in the younger grades."

"But the caveat is that I would only vote to move away from distance learning if there is measurable evidence that community spread of this life-threatening infection is under control."

Balinski, as did the other board members, pointed out the severe strain being put on teachers and the entire community.

She said, "I just want everyone to know that I understand that parents and staff are undergoing some extreme hardships right now. Families face the tough choices between making a living or helping their kids through online learning. All of the families have had their schedules just blown apart. And teachers are working to exhaustion."

She said she was concerned about the impact of social activity over the Labor Day weekend. "If the virus is on an uptick and we begin the hybrid model, we could be responsible for exponentially increasing the risk of community spread through the whole of Calvert County."

She repeated what a mother had said to her: "Right now I am less worried about future test scores than I am about keeping my son healthy."

Board member Pamela Cousins empathized with that parent. "I agree from a parent's standpoint. That's ex-



School Board member Dawn Balinski

actly what I would be doing. "

Cousins said it appeared that middle and high schoolers were handling the online learning better than those in elementary school and their parents.

Board member Tracy McGuire said, "I am supportive of moving towards students back in school but moving slowly."

And board Vice President Inez Claggett had a message for teachers: "I want to remind them your health and your wellness is important. Make sure you take care of you also on top of the planning and lessons that you have to put together. You have to take a moment out for yourself, to meditate or spend time with family, or do something for you that will rejuvenate you."

Before the board comments, Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry gave a review of the first few days of the online learning. He said he told teachers, "I know you feel like you've been drinking out of a firehose. It's overwhelming. So, a whole lot of information and absolutely everyone is on the same level because it doesn't matter whether you have 30 years of experience or one year of experience. You've never done this before. So, it's been quite a challenge and we appreciate our teachers' efforts and the extra hours they've been putting in."

Curry also confirmed what he had earlier predicted. Enrollment is down by almost 500, but he added, "We also know that we have more than 600 new students who are enrolled as homeschoolers. We hope as we began to come back to a more normal schedule that we will get our homeschoolers back."

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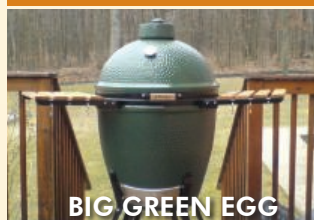
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# Two Challenge Mahoney's Reelection Bid

## Two Oppose Chesapeake Beach Incumbents

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The November 3 Chesapeake Beach town election will feature a face-off between incumbent Mayor Patrick J. "Irish" Mahoney and two challengers, Stewart B. Cumbo and Joshua Johnson.

Cumbo is a former town councilman who resigned last year after entering a plea to charges brought by the State Prosecutor's Office for violating Maryland's wire intercept laws, a felony which carried a potential 5-10-year jail sentence. According to Cumbo's attorneys, he entered an "Alford Plea" to the charges in exchange for a recommended disposition of probation before judgement, which did not give Cumbo a criminal record. An Alford Plea means the defendant doesn't admit guilt but concedes the state has enough evidence for conviction.

According to a press release: "State Prosecutor Emmet C. Davitt announced March 21 (2019) that Stewart Cumbo, a former Maryland State police officer and current member of the City Council for the Town of Chesapeake Beach, was charged in the Circuit Court for Calvert County with illegal wiretapping. The Criminal Information alleges that between July and November of 2018, Cumbo made approximately 275 unlawful recordings without notifying the person he was speaking with that they were being recorded. The statute that Cumbo was charged with is a felony under Maryland's wiretapping laws."

Cumbo, during his tenure on the town council, served as president of the Maryland Municipal League (2007-2008).

Cumbo, through his attorneys Joseph Greenwald and Leake, issued the following statement by way of explanation: "In recent years I have used one of the phone apps available on Google and I-Tunes to record some of these calls. I did this because as I have gotten older, I have experienced some memory problems. Most of the calls involved family and friends. I did not share these recordings with anyone or use them to harm anyone.

"The use of these phone-recording apps is legal under Federal law and the laws of 38 states, but Maryland is not one of them. Using this app was an honest mistake on my part for which I apologize. I never intended to break the law or hurt anyone.

"I have accepted full responsibility for my mistake. I am grateful that the Maryland State Prosecutor has agreed to recommend community service and probation before judgment, so I can later have my record expunged. In my 65 years, I have never had a blemish on my record. This has been very embarrassing for my family and me.

"I am proud of my service for the last



18 years on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council. The recommended disposition of this case will allow me to continue to swerve on the town council, but that the voters of Chesapeake Beach will ultimately make that decision. I hope they will accept my apology and allow me to continue to serve them in the future."

However, according to Mahoney at the time, the town's attorney informed Cumbo's attorney that stare law prohibited any convicted felon to serve on a town council. Since it would take time for the record to be expunged, the felony conviction still stood on his record, prohibiting him from serving.

Now Cumbo is seeking a return to town government as mayor.

All six incumbent town council members are seeking re-election: Valerie L. Beaudin, Derek Favret, Charlie Fink, Lawrence Jaworski, Greg Morris, and Keith Pardieck. The two challengers are Gary W. Curzi and Jonathan Evans.

The Chesapeake Beach Board of Elections issued Certificate of Candidacy on Sept. 9 for the mayor and town council candidates.

The in-person election will be held on Nov. 3 at town hall located at 8200 Bayside Rd. Chesapeake Beach, MD, 20732, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to submit an absentee ballot application even if they plan to vote in person as voters can pre-fill the ballot and bring it to town hall to vote in person.

"The Chesapeake Beach Board of Election has worked to provide a transparent, safe and accessible election for town citizens. The board has established an absentee ballot process that citizens can count on to cast their votes and safety measures for in person voting. Make your vote count however you feel most comfortable casting it," stated Randy Getman, chair of the election board.

In addition to the mayor and town council elections, there will be two questions on the ballot. Voters will vote Yes or No on:

a. Do you support the State of Maryland awarding full casino gambling licenses (table gaming, casino slots, etc.) to venue(s) in Chesapeake Beach?

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# Authority Given to Dump Volunteers

## Would be for 'Criminal Matters'

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has given themselves authority to remove members of volunteer boards, commissions, and committees for issues related to "criminal matters."

According to a memo from County Attorney John Norris, the removal could be for "a conviction, Alford plea, including a plea of nolo contendere or plea of no contest, of any crime."

The amendment to the county code came Sept. 15 after a virtual public hearing in which the public could call in and testify, but no one did.

There was no discussion at the public hearing as to whether a particular individual prompted the commissioners to suggest implementing the policy change.

The memo from Norris also deals with appointments to one of the 60 boards, commissions, and committees. It says, "It is recommended that applicant screening for criminal past be accomplished through case search by staff." The Maryland Judiciary Case Search website is an online record of court activity that anyone can access.

The part of the country code amended is Chapter 11. The commissioner decision



Calvert County Attorney John Norris

also codifies the desire for the boards, committees, and commissions to have a "demographic representation."

Norris said, "It is proposed this issue be addressed by stating the objective of seeking balanced representation considering information applicants share including, but without limitation, gender, national origin, and race. It has been further recommended that appointees not representing the best interests of the county, either during or outside a meeting, may be removed."

The decision to adopt the amendment after the public hearing was closed was unanimous.

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# State Begins Route 261 Bridge Project

## Will Force Five-Month Detour



Detour for the Route 261 project

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The long-awaited and much-anticipated Route 261 bridge replacement project in North Beach is now underway. Director of Public Works Donald Bowen told the town council at its Sept. 10 meeting that the work was scheduled to begin the next day. "Hopefully, it will be done in 20 weeks," he said.

According to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the project is intended to reduce flooding to the roadway and nearby properties at the creek which separates Calvert and Anne Arundel counties.

The state in a press release said preliminary work was already underway, "with crews improving the roadway between 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Calvert County and Beach Avenue in Anne Arundel County."

"We look forward to the completion of this project, which will improve walkability and access to North Beach," said MDOT SHA Administrator Tim Smith of the 6.3 million project. "We appreciate the patience of the community as the work begins."

MD 261 is a two-lane roadway that serves as a gateway to the Town of North Beach. MDOT SHA contractor, Rustler Construction of Upper Marlboro will be performing the work that is designed to reduce current and future flooding. The project includes; a new, wider bridge elevated approximately two feet higher than the current roadway

New sidewalks between 8<sup>th</sup> and

9<sup>th</sup> streets that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Crews are establishing ADA-compliant makings at designated locations, installing temporary signs, and conducting utility relocations along MD 261 north of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

According to the press release, crews on Sept. 11 closed "MD 261 north of 9<sup>th</sup> Street so they can construct the bridge abutments and wing walls."

That necessitates a detour (see accompanying map) that will last for about 20 weeks. It will direct motorists to MD 261 (Bay Avenue/Walnut Avenue/Friendship Road), MD 2 (Solomons Island Road) and MD 260 (Chesapeake Beach Road).

Route 261 is a critical emergency route because the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department provides first-due service to that portion of Anne Arundel County, including Rose Haven, with a major resort, restaurant, and marina.

MDOT's State Highway Administration (SHA) coordinated with local emergency responders of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department and the North Beach Fire Department to ensure available response for area residents. Emergency response will be stationed at a designated location to be available to respond," the press release explained.

Customers who have questions about the MD 261 Roadway Reconstruction Project may contact the MDOT SHA District 5 Office at 410-841-1000 or toll-free at 1-800-331-5603.

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# TDR Issue Moved to Town Center Plan What's Coming to Calvert

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has added another topic for the update of the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan – Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs).

The BOCC was faced with what to do next on the controversial issue after the planning commission at their Aug. 19 meeting turned down a proposal advanced by the BOCC to require more development rights to be purchased by developers seeking to build in the Prince Frederick, Lusby and Solomons town centers.

At that planning commission meeting, Commission Chairman Steve Jones noted that the conventional wisdom is that the developers bear the extra cost, but he said they in fact pass it on to the homebuyer, thus raising the purchase price.

At their Sept. 15 meeting, Commissioner Steve Weems noted that the proposal the planners rejected was included in recommendations by an earlier task force comprised of farmers and the business community. He suggested the task force be revised to further study the issue.

Over the years the number of landowners willing to join the program to preserve their properties has far exceeded the number of developers willing to purchase those rights.

To date there are 12,000 development rights available. Of those, 8,000 are per-

manently taken out of potential development because they are in a district that has already sold TDRs. The other 4,000 rights can be removed from the program by the landowners.

Commissioner Tim Hutchins argued against looking at the issue separate from the discussions about the town centers, since that is where the TDR program designed to preserve farmland would like development to occur.

Hutchins was concerned about affordability as well for young people seeking their first home.

Commissioner Mike Hart in previous meetings has advised the commissioners to come up with a plan to buy out those existing TDRs and end the program.

“We never have had an exit strategy in the past,” he said.

Hutchins’ concerns caused Weems to revise his motion so that the discussion would be included in the topics for the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update.

County Administrator Mark Willis, formerly head of planning and zoning, noted that agency had a small staff with a full plate. But he said consultants hired to assist in the town center planning may be able to handle some of the added work.

The decision to go that route was on a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner President Kelly McConkey opposing.

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The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Sept. 16 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 Center-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.

4) SPR-1381 11, Lusby Villas, located at 11770 Lusby Parkway, Lusby, on one parcel consisting of 26.23 acres, zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential District. The submittal proposes the construction of 276 multi-family apartment units along with an associated community center and outdoor pool area. The submittal was accepted August 26, 2020. Agent: R.A. Barrett & Associates,

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at the 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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# Big Conversation: A History of Health Care Inequity

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Part I:

“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane.” That statement was quoted by one of the speakers at the virtual Big Conversation held Sept. 13. It underscored what was heard throughout the event: like other forms of social injustice, the health care inequality, seen in the Civil Rights era of the 1960s in Dr. King’s time, still persists today.

The Big Conversation series was incubated by Middleham and St. Peter’s Episcopal Parish in Lusby and over its nine years has added partners that this year numbered almost two dozen, including Calvert Library which facilitated the Zoom meeting. It is in its third year of examining race-related issues.

The timing to explore health disparities could not be more appropriate. Diane Davies, one of Big Conversation’s founders, said in opening remarks, “COVID-19 has underscored the health disparities and wounds.”

Malcolm Funn, with the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP, gave an historical perspective. He said the journey began in 1642 with the arrival of 13 black slaves in St. Mary’s City. “Disease, violence, depression increased among the slave population,” he explained.

Life for blacks in Southern Maryland after the Civil War “meant no housing, no land, no jobs, no food, no access to health care or doctors.”

Funn said, “When it came to healthcare, there was no hospital in Calvert County until 1919, and blacks could not use it. There were a few doctors in the county and little cash to pay them.” Midwives delivered babies and use of home remedies was prevalent.

Funn noted, “In Southern Maryland until the mid-1960s, schools, housing, transportation, healthcare, entertainment, all aspects of life were segregated.”

Funn explained, “Blacks entered the hospital by way of a separate entrance and received care in a separate wing at Calvert hospital, it was known as the C wing.”

He said St. Mary’s hospital was segregated until the 1960s as well.

During the segregation era, he said, “if a bed was not available in the colored wing, the patient was put in the home. No black employee could assist a white patient.”

“Ambulances were available for whites at one time,” Funn said. “They still weren’t available for blacks. So, they had to be transported in funeral directors’ hearses.”

There were no black doctors in either county until the 1950s, “when the black community came together to raise funds to bring a black doctor to St Mary’s County,” Funn reported.

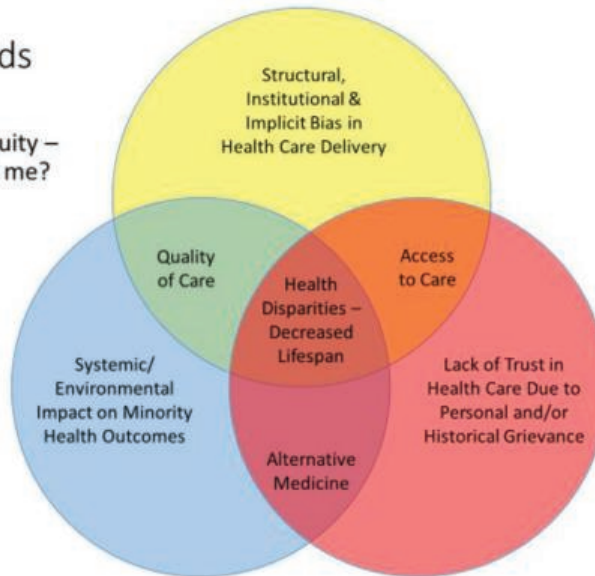
There was also the infamous Tuskegee Study of untreated syphilis in the black males at the time.

In that historical context, Funn said, “It’s

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Many Wounds to Heal

Health Care (In)Equity – How does it affect me?



understandable that black citizens view their healthcare with suspicion and mistrust because of previous treatment and lack of concern during their journey through life. You can look today at the COVID-19 crisis and see the same thing.”

Cheri Wilson with the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, talked about a 2002 study that showed that “ethnic minorities have less access to preventative care, treatment and surgery, which resulted in delayed diagnosis as well as advanced disease. And that there was a persistence of race and ethnic disparities in health and healthcare.”

Wilson noted, “When we first heard about COVID-19 exposure and especially in racial and ethnic minority communities, it seemed as if it was couched in terms of the fact that there were comorbid conditions or chronic health conditions, things like diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, asthma, almost like a biologically inferior idea that goes back to eugenics (which said blacks were inferior). But we need to look at why is there increased stress and blood pressure and obesity and cholesterol, diabetes, blood glucose, and lung disease in these communities?”

Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky noted his county is predominately white, with a 14 percent African American population. He said, “We know that for women who are pregnant there are higher rates of complications, both for the woman herself and in terms of preterm birth for African American women, than for the general population. A low birth weight or premature births lead to potentially a host of health complications for children who are growing up. As we get into childhood in Calvert the rates of asthma in African American children are about twice as high as the rates of asthma in white children.”

The older an African American, congestive heart failure is about twice as prevalent.

Dr. Polsky added, “We also see differences

in certain types of cancer, including colon and breast cancer, as well as prostate.”

Stress may be putting the African American community at a disadvantage, he concludes.

“We know that stress can actually affect the way that genes function. So, it’s not just what you were born with,” he concluded.

He noted, “Housing oftentimes is discriminatory in the way it clusters African American residents into certain areas, oftentimes lacking services and basics, everything from access to healthy food, to potential for medical care.”

And there’s that mistrust issue mentioned by the other speakers in which “children grew up in an environment where their parents, grandparents have a distrust of the medical community. So, as they grow up, how are they going to seek care?”

He hopes that cycle can be broken. “For people in the African American community they certainly should take advantage of the healthcare that we do have in the communities and when they see their providers, it should be a true discussion between those patients and healthcare provider.”

Not being black, he admitted, “I can’t understand truly at a core what it’s like to be a black person in the United States, but that should not, and hopefully has never stopped me as a physician to reach out to my patients and try to understand from their perspective. We need to bridge what type of information they need to hear from me in order to make better decisions for their health.”

The health officer also took the opportunity especially during the pandemic to urge everyone to get a flu shot this fall.

St. Mary’s County Health Officer Dr. Meenkashi Brewster defined health equity “as a place where everyone has the opportunity to attain their own individual, highest level of health. When there is health equity in a community, all people benefit within that

community.”

She said, “Sectors like the economy and employment, education, safety, and certainly housing as well rely upon people being healthy and the healthier that population is, the better success we see in those other sectors as well.”

Dr. Polsky’s mention of challenges that African American women face during their pregnancies and beyond led her to conclude that’s a health inequity and the outcome is “probably preventable, and maybe tied to unfair reasons or an injustice.”

She said in addressing health inequity, “We really start talking about how we change policy, whether it’s public policy or organizational policy, to promote equity.”

The health officer said, “Health equity is really at the core of what public health does. We can’t successfully address the health of our whole population if there are parts of our population that are being neglected, or that are seeing significantly worse outcomes than other parts of it.”

Dr. Brewster received much laudatory comment during the break-out sessions about her comments that “here in St Mary’s County, the health department partnered with the St. Mary’s County Public School system and the sheriff’s office to establish a joint equity taskforce because we recognized the interplay of education, public safety, and health, that being aware that health equity and health relies upon being also able to achieve and work towards equity in education and in public safety.”

Brewster said her department recently hired a health equity coordinator “to help us address some of the disparities that we’re seeing with COVID-19.”

Director of Quality Assurance at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Shellnice Hudson noted some of the history related by the previous speakers. She said, “Patients of color that come in with sickle cell anemia or other elements to the hospital, and they’re just kind of labeled as frequent flyers or pain seeking, and we’re not really dealing with the medical issues that they have that are extremely painful.”

She said, “There’s conscious stereotypes that we foster with biases that include such beliefs that African Americans are loud, emotional, lazy, uneducated, or unmotivated and violent.”

As to what’s promoting that, she said, “I honestly think that we’re in a time of history where there’s a blending of implicit and explicit bias, and it’s the blessing and curse of living in a digital age, blessing and curse of social media and streaming videos and news.”

The hour-long presentation was followed by 16 break-out sessions, followed by reports from the session facilitators. Next week we’ll present some of the highlights of those presentations.

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# ARTSWALK'20

## RE-IMAGINED ARTSFEST SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2020

At Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center's annual Artsfest Fine Arts Festival has been re-imagined and re-configured into ArtsWalk '20, a socially-distanced celebration of art and music. Set amidst the spectacular backdrop of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, the event will take place September 19 & 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

ArtsWalk will be a unique socially-distanced arts experience with more than 75 artist booths spread out over the 30-acre park, along with 25 additional artists participating virtually. Five Musical Moment locations, featuring more than 35 different performers, will bring music to every corner of the park and allow guests and performers to keep their distance.

Low-touch and no-touch activities are planned for kids to have creative fun! Food and drink will be available, including wine and craft beers.

Advance timed-entry tickets are required to control crowd size and

allow for social distancing. Masks are required for all guests over the age of five. There will be plenty of room to spread out and enjoy an art-filled socially distanced day! As seating will be limited, bring chairs and blankets.

Admission is \$10 per person, free for members, and free for kids 11 and under. For complete event information, artist list, performance schedule, and ticket info, including detailed safety guidelines, visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org).

ArtsWalk celebrates the visual and performing arts by bringing together the country's most accomplished artists for a fabulous weekend of the arts! Explore the artist booths where you can shop, watch demos, and talk with artists working in a variety of media, including jewelry, ceramics, painting, photography, fiber, printmaking, sculpture, and more! Artist booths can be found spaciouly placed around the Tent Circle and down the shady Wooded Path. Guests will find everything from spectacular works of art for the home to thoughtful gifts

for friends. It's a shopper's paradise.

ArtsWalk is proud to present more than 35 performers in five socially-distanced performance areas. The eclectic line-up of musicians will be presenting the best in gypsy jazz, indie, folk, rock, soul, fusion, Americana, accordion, old-time, and bluegrass to name but a few. Thanks to the generous support of the Maryland State Arts Council, sponsors Jane & Walter Grove, and Builtrite Home Developers Inc., ArtsWalk will include performances by Swing Gadjó, gypsy jazz, the rhythms of The Lovejoy Group, the soulful stylings of Latrice Carr, and Americana folk rock by Red Sammy. With five Musical Moment

areas, ArtsWalk offers a rich and exciting musical experience for all! A complete entertainment schedule can be found at [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org).

ArtsWalk will include a variety of no-touch low-touch activities for kids of all ages, including a nature scavenger hunt, nature craft, free pre-packaged craft kits, fun photo opportunities and bubble magic!

ArtsWalk feature food and drink vendors, including craft beers, wine, crab cakes, BBQ, vegetarian options, freshly squeezed lemonade, homemade kettle corn, and lots of other yummy options! Most food vendors accept credit cards, but there will be an ATM at the festival.

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# HALLOWEEN

IN THE GARDEN

Family fall fun & games!  
(treats too!)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

10 am – 4 pm

**Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center**

13470 Dowell Rd., Solomons, Maryland

Join us for a socially-distanced,  
low-touch/no-touch day of Halloween fun and games!

treats • great photo opps • music • yummy food and drinks

Dress up and put on your masks for our reconfigured family-group-based celebration of the fall season!

Timed-entry tickets required

Visit [annmariegarden.org](http://annmariegarden.org)

for all the details, safety guidelines and ticket info.



Swing Gadjó



Lovejoy Group, blues, swing, Motown, Latin rhythms & more

# CALVERT'S FALL CALENDAR

## Virtual - Calvert Arts Festival

September 17, 2020, All Day @ Online - Episcopal Church

September 1st through September 30th, we are launching a "We Love Calvert Arts Festival" virtual, no-show event all month here on our Calvert Arts Festival Facebook page. We will highlight two to three loyal vendors each day for the entire month, at no cost to them, listing their business names, a description of their work, and their contact information. The holiday season is just around the corner and we hope that you will support our wonderful, local artisan friends!

## Little Minnows: Marsh Detective

September 17, 2020, All Day @ Calvert Marine Museum

Little Minnows is for preschoolers ages 3 - 5 and will focus on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Tennison River Cruise @ Calvert Marine Museum

September 17, 2020, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM @ Wm. B. Tennison

Enjoy a leisurely hour on the river with a relaxing sightseeing cruise.

## Speaker Series: Bison Hunting in Northeast Wyoming

September 17, 2020, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM @ Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (JPPM)

Large-scale bison hunting across the North American Great Plains was not merely opportunistic. An understanding of topography, environment, bison behavior, and migration patterns was necessary to perform complex, large scale bison kills and often required multiple groups of hunters to work together.

## Virtual - 5K Fun Run/Walk

September 18, 2020-September 20, 2020 @ Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (JPPM)

While we are practicing social distancing and staying indoors the JPPM Virtual 5K Run/Walk is great way to stay active. Sign up with a friend, family or group, arrange to run or walk at a specific time and participate together, whilst running or walking apart. Challenge yourself and make this your first ever 5K!

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## 27th Annual Artsfest Re-Imagined as ArtsWalk

September 19, 2020, 10:00 AM-September 20, 2020, 5:00 PM @ Annapolis Sculpture Garden and Arts Center

Join us in Solomons, Maryland - where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay - for a fabulous weekend of the visual and performing arts with 175 artists booths, 35 performers on four stages, activities for kids, great food, wine & beer, and much more!

## 6th Annual Hunter's Bash

September 19, 2020, 12:00 PM-4:30 PM @ Calvert County Fairgrounds

6th Annual Hunter's Bash to benefit Ducks Unlimited & Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department. Enjoy an afternoon of games, prize drawings, food & fun! Winners drawn every 10 minutes!

## ACLT Sunset Guided Canoe Trip

September 19, 2020, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM @ American Chestnut Land Trust

We invite you to join us as we paddle up the beautiful Parkers Creek, one of the most cared for and protected creeks on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The creek is surrounded by the Parkers Creek Preserve, over 3,000 acres of wildlands and natural forests. ACLT provides friendly, expert guides to make your trip fun, informative and safe! We also offer you the option to use our canoes (2 person) or you are welcome to bring your own canoe/kayak.

## Historic Sunset Supper Cruises

September 19, 2020, 5:00 PM-7:30 PM @ Wm. B. Tennison

Climb aboard the historic Wm. B. Tennison for a 90-minute cruise through history. A museum educator will share fascinating facts about Solomons, the WWII Amphibious Training Base, and Solomons' rich tradition of boat building.

## Cove Point Lighthouse Grounds and Visitor Center Open

September 20, 2020, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM @ Cove Point Lighthouse

The Cove Point Lighthouse grounds and Visitor Center is open to the public every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00 PM during the month of September.

## Outdoor artLAB: Pirate Ships

September 23, 2020, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM @ Annapolis Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Missing the artLAB? Join us outside for a lightly guided upcycled art project! We'll guide 10 family groups through a step by step project, while being properly distanced, outdoors, and providing individual tool kits to eliminate shared materials. A great way to customize your family visit to Annapolis!

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## Wine Wednesday Cruise on the Half Shell

September 23, 2020, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM @ Half Shell Adventures

Spend an evening on the Half Shell while taking advantage of our wine specials! Take advantage of our wine specials or enjoy another beverage from our onboard

boat bar! Enjoy the sights of the Solomons harbor and beyond.

## Little Minnows: Marsh Detective

September 24, 2020, All Day @ Calvert Marine Museum

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## Tennison River Cruise @ Calvert Marine Museum

September 24, 2020, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM @ Wm. B. Tennison

## Outdoor artLAB: Pirate Ships

September 25, 2020, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM @ Annapolis Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Missing the artLAB? Join us outside for a lightly guided upcycled art project! We'll guide 10 family groups through a step by step project, while being properly distanced, outdoors, and providing individual tool kits to eliminate shared materials. A great way to customize your family visit to Annapolis!

## Tennison River Cruise @ Calvert Marine Museum

September 25, 2020, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM @ Wm. B. Tennison

## Kings Landing Ghost Tour

September 25, 2020, 8:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Kings Landing Park

Experience a ghost hunt while listening to tales of the haunted and supernatural history of Kings Landing and Calvert County. We'll use professional ghost hunting equipment on a late night tour through the woods in search of the unseen. Be prepared for a night hike: boots, flashlights & jacket.

## Toy Boatbuilding

September 26, 2020, All Day @ Calvert Marine Museum

Toy boats will be available as a carry-out craft during each open session at the museum. We will have pre-packaged kits available for pick up in the Harms Gallery, while supplies last. For ages 5 and up. Sponsored by the Patuxent Small Craft Guild.

## Walk to End Alzheimer's - Southern Maryland

September 26, 2020, All Day @ Multiple Locations. Due to the pandemic, the Walk will not take place at Asbury Solomons.

The world may look a little different right now, but one thing hasn't changed: our commitment to ending Alzheimer's. This year, Walk to End Alzheimer's® is everywhere — on every sidewalk, track and trail. Your health and safety are our top priorities. This year's event won't be a large in-person gathering. WE WILL NOT WALK AT ASBURY SOLOMONS. Instead, we invite you to walk in small teams of friends and family while others in your community do the same. Because we are all still walking and fundraising for the same thing: a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Learn more and

register at [alz.org/ncawalks](http://alz.org/ncawalks).

## ACLT 2020 Parkers Creek Challenge

September 26, 2020, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM @ American Chestnut Land Trust

ACLT's triathlon with a twist starts with a round trip 9-mile bike ride between the ACLT South Side trail head on Scientists Cliffs Road in Port Republic, MD, and St. Leonard Elementary School in St. Leonard; running 2 miles to the Chesapeake Bay along Scientists Cliffs Road and through the Warrior's Rest sanctuary; paddling a 3-mile round trip on the Bay and pristine Parkers Creek; and making the return 2-mile run to the South Side trail head.

## Kings Landing Ghost Tour

September 26, 2020, 8:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Kings Landing Park

Be aware the tour is designed for adults and my frighten younger children. Experience a ghost hunt while listening to tales of the haunted and supernatural history of Kings Landing and Calvert County. We'll use professional ghost hunting equipment on a late night tour through the woods in search of the unseen. Be prepared for a night hike: boots, flashlights & jacket.

## Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge

September 27, 2020-September 28, 2020 @ Solomons Island

We have teamed up with Annapolis Yacht Club to hold Screwpile on the same weekend as the AYC Fall Race to Solomons in late September. AYC's race to Solomons on September 26th will serve as a feeder race for Screwpile which will be run on Sunday/Monday, September 27th/28th.

## "THIS IS ME" 2nd Annual Color Run Blast - 5K & More!

September 27, 2020, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM @ Running Hare Vineyard

Grab your kids, your friends and your neighbors and join us in this fun-filled, family-friendly community event to promote happy, healthy, substance free spirit! The Theme - "THIS IS ME" Happy. Healthy. Substance Free. An annual fundraiser that will support the POSITIVE-VIBES mission and give back to participating Calvert Youth Organizations.

## Cove Point Lighthouse Grounds and Visitor Center Open

September 27, 2020, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM @ Cove Point Lighthouse

The Cove Point Lighthouse grounds and Visitor Center is open to the public every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00 PM during the month of September.

## Visitor Center Open

September 30, 2020, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM @ Cove Point Lighthouse

The Cove Point Lighthouse grounds and Visitor Center is open to the public every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00 PM during the month of September.

# CORN MAZES STILL RUNNING THIS FALL

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

COVID-19 has shut down all manner of fall events this year, even mainstays such as the St. Mary's County Fair, Oyster Festival and Blessing of the Fleet but there are still fun activities available for those who want to get outside in the fresh air.

Both Forrest Hall Farm in Me-

chanicsville and Bowles Farm in Clements are reopening their popular corn mazes to the public later this month.

Masking and social distancing protocols designed to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus will still be in effect, but families will get the opportunity to get lost and found again at two of the county's best-known farms.

This year is Bowles Farm's 20th anniversary for its corn maze and the latest design reflects that.

It's a depiction of the farm with a banner proclaiming two decades of fall fun at the top.

Aside from the corn maze at the farm, visitors can take part in wagon rides and can pick their own pumpkins for an added fee.

Animals are on the farm as well

for visitors to watch and children can have fun in a playground complete with slides.

Warm drinks and confectionaries are available at the farm's cupcake house as well.

The fall season at Bowles Farm runs from Sept. 26 – the day they open the corn maze – until Oct. 31 with hours of operation from 9a.m. to 3p.m. on Fridays, 10a.m. to 6p.m. on Saturdays and 10a.m. to 5p.m.

There will also be a special Columbus Day opening on Oct. 12 from 9a.m. to 3p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person but children 3 years old and under can visit for free.

Tina Bowles said the family-run farm was not sure whether they would be able to open their corn maze this year because of COVID-19 concerns.

They decided to forge ahead.

"We're busy getting ready for it," Bowles told The County Times. "It's [the theme of the maze] a mix of what we have on the farm."

Fan favorites such as the straw pile and corn box couldn't open with the corn maze this year, Bowles said, since they could not be easily disinfected.

"The kids loved it," Bowles said of the corn box, which is just like a sandbox except filled with shelled corn. "But we're not allowed to have them."

Bowles said the family had been in close contact with the county health department, which offered guidance on what attractions they could open this year.

"Everyone who comes to the farm must have a mask," Bowles said. "We're really enforcing that this year."

"If they come to the ticket booth and they don't have a mask, they won't be allowed in."

Virtually all of the people who work on and operated Bowles farm are family members, she said, and the masks were for their protection as much as for visitors.

However, masks may not have to be worn all the time, she said.

"You can social distance here," said Bowles. "It's a 70-acre farm."

Mary Wood at Forrest Hall Farm said their corn maze will have a similar farm-theme this year; as well as all the precautions that come with COVID-19.

"We want to give people a glimpse of what it's like to live on a farm," Wood said. "We hope it's going to be alright."

"We're going to do the best we can with it; the community has always been very supportive."

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## 2020 Bowles Farms Corn Maze

"Celebrating 20 Years  
Of Getting Lost In The Corn"

2020 Maze Theme: "Around The Farm"

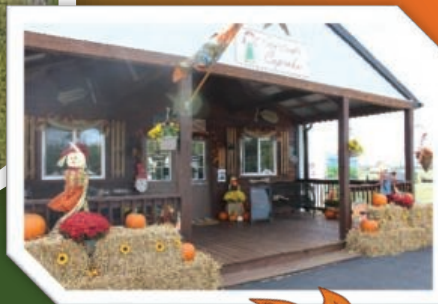


### Location

Rt.234 and Pincushion Rd  
22880 Budds Creek Road  
Clements, MD 20624  
301-475-2139

Enjoy....2 Phase Maze  
Giant Slides  
Barn Yard Animals  
Food & Refreshments  
Large Covered  
Pavilion  
Inside Restrooms

Farmer's Daughter  
Cupcake Shop



www.BowlesFarms.com



Clean – Safe – Out Door Fall Event



## Fall Season

September 26th to October 31st

Hours: Fri: 9AM to 3PM, Sat: 10AM to 6PM, Sun: 10AM to 5PM

\*\*Special Columbus Day Opening – Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 3PM

Admission: \$10.00 Per Person (3 and Under Free)

### "For The Safety Of Our Guests And Staff"

Mask Requirements: We are an outdoor facility with plenty of space to social distance but when you can't maintain social distance (6ft apart) you are required by law to wear a mask.

Everyone entering the farm must have a mask.



# FALL FUN IS CLOSE AT HAND



By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Fair has been cancelled for the first time in more than a century. There is no Patuxent River Appreciation Days. It may seem as though Calvert County has come to a standstill because of the pandemic. But there is still plenty to do if you look a little deeper.

The Tourism Division of Calvert County Department of Economic Development has published what they call “The inside scoop on Calvert County.”

Although the following verbiage is intended for visitors, Southern Maryland residents could take it to heart this fall, particularly since everyone seems to be staying close to home:

“During your visit to our relaxing waterside community, we hope you take time to fully experience the Chesapeake Bay lifestyle. We promise an unforgettable experience and wish you happy discoveries as you ‘catch our drift’ and experience all the great things Calvert County has to offer.

- Hunt for fossils, shark teeth, shells, and sea glass at the beach.
- Shop a farmer’s market or roadside stand for local produce.
- Visit an art gallery showcasing local talent.
- Spend an afternoon fishing or crabbing.
- Paddle the Chesapeake Bay or Patuxent River.
- Wander through antique shops and unique boutiques.
- Sample local wines and ales at various wineries and breweries.
- Take a step back in time at a museum or tour a historic lighthouse.
- Attend one of our many free events and festivals.
- Experience the area’s eclectic cuisine at a waterfront café or restaurant.

Elsewhere in this special edition there’s a fall calendar and information on Anne Marie Garden and Calvert Marine Museum. Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM) in St. Leonard in another great option.

With the JPPM Challenge Board you can identify plants that are used

for natural dyes or special teas. Can you name the creatures whose shells you find on the shore of the Patuxent? New this fall is the JPPM Challenge Board – visit the Jef Pat At Home website or look for the QR codes on the Challenge Board signs as you explore the park and discover something new!

Also opening this fall is JPPM’s Layers of Time Trail. This three-quarter mile accessible and family-friendly trail takes you through a replicated Woodland Indian Village, a village garden, a waterfront boardwalk, a recreated 17th century farm at the King’s Reach archaeological site, and a Nature Play Space.

Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick has a full entertainment schedule this fall. It includes:

- Sept 19 – Hudson River Line: The music of Billy Joel; 7:30-11 p.m.
- Sept. 26 – Drive-In Movies; 6 p.m.
- Sept. 27 – 2nd Annual Color Run Blast 5K; 9 a.m.to noon.
- Oct. 2 – Octoberfest
- Oct. 9 -- Who’s Bad, A Michael Jackson tribute band: 6-11 p.m.
- Oct. 10, 17 & 23 – Drive-in Movies, 5:30p.m.

Rod ‘N Reel Resort in Chesapeake Beach is offering free live music in September. The schedule is as follows:

- Boardwalk Cafe**  
 Friday, September 18, 5-8 p.m., Kurt Gibbons  
 Saturday, September 19, 5-8 p.m., Deanna Dove  
 Sunday, September 20, 3-6 p.m., Gary Harmon  
 Friday, September 25, 5-8 p.m., Fran Scuderi  
 Saturday, September 26, 5-8 p.m., Ryan Webster  
 Sunday, September 27, 3-6 p.m., Jimmy Simon

- Chesapeake Game Room**  
 Saturday, September 19, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Craig Satchell  
 Saturday, September 26, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Captain Fly Legends Review  
 So, get out and find you own fun this fall in Calvert County.

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## Bustin’ Out of the Barn



St. Mary’s County Youth Livestock Auction  
 September 26, 2020 @ 5:00pm  
 Flat Iron Farm, Great Mills, Maryland

**Need Meat? St. Mary’s County Livestock Youth Got Meat!**  
 Come out and support St. Mary’s County livestock youth and purchase locally raised livestock to fill your freezer. Over 90 animals will be sold. Processing options will be available.

Raising livestock teaches our youth to learn responsibility by caring for their animals, how to make wise management decisions, and how to plan for the future. 2020 has been a year of learning! there were many difficult decisions to be made by our youth. Our youth took on the challenge and continued with their projects. They have fresh, homegrown, locally raised beef, pork, lamb and goat to fill your freezers! Proceeds from the sale of their projects will enable our youth to invest in their education and new livestock projects.

Can’t attend in person? No problem, the auction is also available online. Visit Farrell Auction service at <http://Farrellauctions-service.com> for the catalog and additional information.

Please show the livestock youth of St. Mary’s County your support. For additional information, contact Cindy Wise at 240-298-0168.



## The US Oyster Festival in St. Mary’s County is GOING VIRTUAL!

Join us online on **Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>** for the 2020 version of the National Oyster Cook-Off and US National Oyster Shucking Competition

Watch for details and registration instructions at

[www.usoysterfest.com](http://www.usoysterfest.com)

&

[Facebook.com/nationaloysterfest](https://Facebook.com/nationaloysterfest)

[usoysterfestival@gmail.com](mailto:usoysterfestival@gmail.com)

# RESERVE A TIME TO VISIT CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM

Although the major concerts had to be cancelled, Calvert Marine Museum is still a perfect spot for a Southern Maryland fall outing, combining fun for the entire family with large doses of history and culture.

As part of the museum's reopening plan, they have implemented a timed entry system to provide museum members and daily visitors the opportunity to register for an assigned timeslot. The museum will operate during their normal hours of 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and will offer three, two-hour daily sessions for visits to the museum. Session times are:

- Morning Session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Mid-day Session: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Afternoon Session: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For the safety of the community, they are limiting guest capacity to 75 per session, so they strongly encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance. They will continue to sell admission tickets at the door, however, they cannot guarantee space will be available when you arrive.

Once you select a date from their online calendar, and the timeslot you wish to visit, click confirm your time slot. You can complete your purchase online by selecting the number of tickets you need at each level and entering a Visa/MC/Discover. Individual barcodes for each ticket purchased will be emailed immediately to the address you entered at check-out and will be scanned at the door when entering the museum.

Museum members: Even though admission is free to all members, you should still reserve your timeslot ahead of your visit through our timed-ticketing system. Instead of paying online, you will select our member ticket option and enter the email associated with your membership. This verification process will enable you to enjoy free admission and museum store discounts for you and your guests as usual.

To find a full schedule of activities at the museum this fall go to <http://calvertmarine-museum.com/> or check the fall calendar elsewhere in this special edition.



# Doyle's

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## FOOD FESTIVAL COMING TO FAIR GROUNDS



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Without the county fair and other events, long-time mobile vendors who get much of their business from such gatherings have had a tough time financially, but the local St. Mary's County fair board has set up events to help.

It also means that residents who love fair-style food will have a chance to indulge in their favorites three times this September starting Sept. 25.

"Some of these vendors, they hadn't had any fairs this year," said John Richards, president of the St. Mary's County Fair Board. "They've done this in Charles and Calvert counties in slightly different formats." In Charles County, Richards said, the vendors operated in the fair grounds

parking lot much like a drive-thru service.

"It was a good system but there were 70 cars in a line," Richards said. "What we're doing is allowing people to park in our lot with the vendors lined up at the gate and you can do carry out."

"You just take your food and go home."

There are no provisions to allow for eating in the parking lot at the upcoming St. Mary's Fair Food Festival, Richards said.

"This is all county fair food vendors," Richards said. "We didn't bring anybody in from outside."

"Hopefully, it'll be the last time we have to do it."

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## GROUPS FORM FALL AUCTION FOR YOUNG FARMERS



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

With the cancellation of the St. Mary's County Fair and the local 4-H livestock auction due to worries over COVID-19 spreading, many young people who raise their own livestock to compete each year at the fair and who are sponsored by 4-H had no place to bring their prized animals.

That is, until community partners got together to put on an auction for them at Flat Iron Farm in Great Mills later this month.

"It's been a year of disappointment and challenges for the St. Mary's County youth with livestock..." wrote Cynthia Wise, of Chaptico, who helped organize the event. "Morale was low and hope was almost lost."

"The kids had all but given up until the community stepped forward and provided the hope and morale booster these kids needed."

Wise explained that agriculture support-

ers began looking for a new site to hold an auction when they were told doing so at the fair grounds was impossible; the Knotts who own Flat Iron Farm agreed.

The Bustin' Out of the Barnyard Auction was born.

"Our youth have worked hard on these projects," Wise said. "The auction will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 5:00pm. You may attend in person or may participate online. Please consider supporting our youth! This year, more than ever, they need your support."

Wise said there would be approximately 90 animals up for auction to include steers, hogs, goats and lambs.

Young people who raise the livestock for auction do so knowing that their project will be an entire year.

The auction, as the final part of their project, gives young people experience it what it takes to be successful in agribusiness.

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## MUSICAL MOMENTS SCHEDULE

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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

#### HUNGERFORD PATIO

**11:15 am-Noon**

TBA

**12:15-1 pm**

Swing Gadjó, gypsy jazz

**1:15-2 pm**

Swing Gadjó, gypsy jazz

**2:15-3 pm**

Some Assembly, acoustic mix

**3:15-4 pm**

Latrice Carr, eclectic, soulful, multi-genre experience

**4:15-5 pm**

Latrice Carr, eclectic, soulful, multi-genre experience

#### TONGER FOUNTAIN

**10-10:45 am**

TBA

**11-11:45 am**

Folk Salad, acoustic mix

**Noon-12:45 pm**

Port Tobacco Pickers, bluegrass with a twist

**1-1:45 pm**

Steven Gellman, contemporary folk, singer/songwriter

**2-2:45 pm**

Calvert Brass Consortium, variety brass group

**3-3:45 pm**

Spencer Joyce, singer/songwriter mix

**4-4:45 pm**

Billy Breslin, acoustic mix

#### CREEKSIDE OVERLOOK

**11-11:45 am**

Chris Dudley, singer/songwriter mix

**12-12:45 pm**

Captain John, acoustic variety

**1-1:45 pm**

Longman, good mellow music

**2-2:45 pm**

Wild Irish Rose, Irish/Scottish dancing and fiddling

**3-3:45 pm**

Wind Song, interactive music

**4-4:45 pm**

Roundhouse String Band, old time string music

#### FAIRY LOLLY PAVILION

**10:30-11:15 am**

TBA

**11:30 am-12:15 pm**

Brandy DePhillip, accordionist

**12:30-1:15 pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic

**1:30-2:15 pm**

Brandy DePhillip, accordionist

**2:30-3:15 pm**

COSMIC Wind Ensemble, flute ensemble

**3:30-4:15 pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic

#### WOODED PATH

**11-11:45 am**

Steven Gellman, contemporary folk, singer/songwriter

**Noon-12:45 pm**

Gary Pape, mix of folk, country & Americana

**1-1:45 pm**

TBA

**2-2:45 pm**

Painted Trillium, Celtic music

**3-3:45 pm**

Painted Trillium, Celtic music

**4-4:45 pm**

TBA

#### MEADOW

**11:30am-12:15pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic

**2-3:15 pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

#### HUNGERFORD PATIO

**11:15 am-Noon**

Bootleggers, eclectic all-female band

**12:15-1 pm**

Some Assembly, acoustic mix

**1:15-2 pm**

Lovejoy Group, blues, swing, Motown, Latin rhythms & more

**2:15-3 pm**

Lovejoy Group, blues, swing, Motown, Latin rhythms & more

**3:15-4 pm**

Red Sammy, Americana folk rock

**4:15-5 pm**

Between the As, acoustic trio playing fun mix of rock & country

#### TONGER FOUNTAIN

**10-10:45 am**

TBA

**11-11:45 am**

Flat Rock, Brazilian choro, samba, & bossa nova

**Noon-12:45 pm**

Flat Rock, Brazilian choro, samba, & bossa nova

**1-1:45 pm**

Barb Bowen & The Boys, swinging classics & Americana

**2-2:45 pm**

Ken Gutberlet, acoustic groove

**3-3:45 pm**

Longman, good mellow music

**4-4:45 pm**

TBA

#### CREEKSIDE OVERLOOK

**11-11:45 am**

Barb Bowen & The Boys, swinging classics & Americana

**12-12:45 pm**

William Alton

**1-1:45 pm**

TBA

**2-2:45 pm**

Matt Farr, 70s acoustic guitar

**3-3:45 pm**

Spencer Joyce, singer/songwriter mix

**4-4:45 pm**

Ken Gutberlet, acoustic groove

#### FAIRY LOLLY PAVILION

**10:30-11:15 am**

TBA

**11:30 am-12:15 pm**

Garrett Music Academy, students of Megan Murphy

**12:30-1:15 pm**

TBA

**1:30-2:15 pm**

TBA

**2:30-3:15 pm**

COSMIC Wind Ensemble, flute ensemble

**3:30-4:15 pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic

#### WOODED PATH

**11-11:45 am**

Kathy O'Rourke, eclectic mix of folk, county & blues

**Noon-12:45 pm**

Gary Pape, mix of folk, country & Americana

**1-1:45 pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic

**2-2:45 pm**

Wind Song, interactive music

**3-3:45 pm**

Libation, contemporary Christian

**4-4:45 pm**

TBA

#### MEADOW

**12-12:45pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic

**2-3:15 pm**

Bubble Fairy, bubble magic



# CALVERT SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of August 31 – September 6 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,370 calls for service throughout the community.

### Damaged Property: 20-47010

On September 6, 2020, Deputy Plant responded to Marley Run Park in Huntingtown for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime during the overnight hours, an unknown suspect(s) removed the lock for the entry gate and broke a wooden 4x4 post out of the ground. The value of damaged property is \$20.

### Theft: 20-46043

On September 1, 2020, Deputy Sturdivant responded to Subway in Solomons for the report of a theft. The complainant advised a backpack was left at the restaurant and an unknown male suspect was observed looking through the backpack and taking a pink JBL Flip 3 speaker and a pair of Apple AirPods. The value of stolen property is \$290.

### Theft: 20-46399

On September 3, 2020, Deputy Flynt took a report of a theft that occurred on Hilltop Road in Lusby. The complainant advised that sometime between 5:00pm and 6:00pm on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole multiple prescription medications from their vehicle while parked in the driveway. The value of stolen property is \$10.

### Theft: 20-46559

On September 4, 2020, Deputy Sturdivant responded to Gunsmoke Trail in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:00pm on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4:30am on September 4<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole a wallet from their vehicle. The value of stolen property is \$300.

### Theft: 20-46585

On September 4, 2020, Deputy Plant responded to Main Street in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:00am on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8:00am on September 4<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole the front registration plate from their vehicle. The value of stolen property is \$5.

### Arrests:

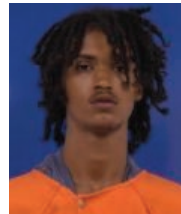
On September 1, 2020, Deputy Parks conducted a traffic stop on Lusby Lane in Lusby. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, Calvert County Emergency Communications advised the passenger, **Travis David Williams (28)**, was wanted on



TRAVIS WILLIAMS

an active warrant through St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. Williams exited the vehicle and was detained. A search of his person was conducted which resulted in a dime sized baggie containing one suspected Oxycodone pill, and one suspected Burprenorphine pill. Deputies also located one pair of silver brass knuckles in a backpack belonging to Williams. Williams was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was served with his warrant and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Dangerous Weapon- Conceal.

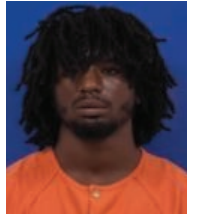
On September 2, 2020, Deputy W. McDowell conducted a traffic stop on East Chesapeake Beach Road at Nana Russel Road in Chesapeake Beach. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, Deputy McDowell detected the strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The driver and both passengers, **Deangelo Cortez Miles (20)** and **James Daniel Bell (25)**, exited the



JAMES BELL

vehicle and a search was conducted. Deputies located three plastic bags of suspected marijuana, two black digital scales, two cell phones, and a box of plastic sandwich bags. Miles and Bell were detained and a search of their person was conducted. A search of Miles resulted in a two plastic bags containing suspected marijuana, and US Currency. A search of Bell resulted in two plastic bags containing suspected marijuana, a plastic bag containing suspected cocaine, and US Currency. Miles and Bell were both placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where Miles was charged with CDS Poss w/ Int. to Dist., and CDS: Poss Marijuana 10 GM+. Bell was charged with CDS Poss w/ Int. to Dist., CDS: Possess-Not Marijuana, and CDS: Poss Marijuana 10 GM.

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



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# Leadership Group Selects 2021 Class

The Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Board of Directors announces the selection of 29 Southern Maryland leaders for its 13th class - the Class of 2021.

## From Baltimore County, works in Calvert County

Crystal G. Dowd, deputy director of Public Safety - Animal Services for Calvert County Government

## From Calvert County -

Tamara L. Blake-Wallace, principal planner for Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning

Erin M. Farley, community wellness manager for CalvertHealth

Stanley D. Harris, Jr., assistant division chief for Calvert County Department of Emergency Communications

Harvil C. Jenkins, senior vice president for MIL Corporation

Barry A. Murphy, chief financial officer for AIRtec, Inc.

Lauren Sampson, director of corporate and foundation relations for St. Mary's College of Maryland

Laura A. Schuessler, head detailer for aviation engineering duty/ aviation maintenance duty officer communities, United States Navy

## From Charles County -

Kerry P. Dull, director for Calvert County Department of Public Works

Erin Ferriter, action officer for the technical director for Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head EOD Technical Division

Kara A. Harter, director of pharmacy for CalvertHealth

Monica A. Kempson, director of tax services for Askey, Askey & Associates

Darrin Z. Krivitsky, head of corporate operations for Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head EOD Technical Division

Jenny L. Plummer-Welker, long range planner for Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning

## From St. Mary's County -

Kimberly Bannister, supervisory program manager for the US Department of Health & Human Services

Tracy Anne Barkhimer, president of Tracy A. Barkhimer, Acquisitions Strategy & Consulting

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Dawn M. Lessel, director of human resources for Zenetex

Deborah C. Settle, supervisor for field services administrative support for MetCom

Kenneth M. Sheffield, air operations officer for Naval Air Station Patuxent River

BJ Sievers, chief information officer for Cedar Point Federal Credit Union

Tara N. Strickland, director of communications for AVIAN

Marsha L. Williams, partner at Williams, McClernan & Stack, LLC

## From Virginia, works in St. Mary's County -

Derrick W. Kingsley, prospective executive officer of Naval Air Station Patuxent River

Following a two-day opening retreat in September, these class members will attend eight one- or two-day intense sessions focusing on economic and workforce development, defense, education, healthcare, public safety, housing and human services, multiculturalism, and energy and environment. These sessions will conclude with a closing retreat and graduation in May. More than 50 experts from across the region and state representing business, government, education, and the nonprofit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

Founded in 2008, LSM has successfully graduated over 350 regional leaders. LSM is an independent, educational leadership development organization. Its Executive Program is designed to broaden the knowledge base of mid- to senior-level public and private sector executives about the critical issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the region. Leadership Southern Maryland is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

*Press Release from Leadership Southern Maryland*

# A View From The BLEACHERS

## TOXIC TAKE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

The seeds for these columns are usually a headline, story, experience or passing thought. Words are scribbled down - names, artists, athletes, song titles, etc. - and wait to be featured content. Brief phrases follow to add construct. Then it's writer, blinking cursor and these good bones.

With this week's exploration completed, the term "toxic masculinity" stared back menacingly from my notes. My brow raised to offer a quizzical and slightly annoyed reply - not that I deny its existence, but that the buzzworthy-ness of the term threatens to oversimplify a complex issue. Would this world, with its addiction to click bait and allergy to deep, open-minded research, really take the time to understand masculinity? More directly, would behaviors associated with toxic masculinity be correctly identified as the effect to multi-layered, culturally sowed causes?

Be strong - physically. Don't cry. Stiffen that upper lip. Don't back down. Process feelings internally. See hill, take hill. Encounter wall run through it. Absorb the world - its pain and imperfections; absorb your own self-doubt and anxiety. Emotionally project none of it - that would be...soft. You must be a rock.

That's what boys were taught, directly or implicitly. That's what was expected of men. In some situations, unconsciously or conveniently, it probably still is. No, it definitely still is, right Skip? Hold that introduction.

The names filled my notes. Some were perfect synonyms for toxic masculinity - Bob Knight, Harvey Weinstein, Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson, Kareem Hunt and, at the risk of losing a few readers, Donald Trump (politics aside, if you can't acknowledge his toxic masculinity, to steal and massage a phrase from Jeff Foxworthy, you might be a Trump Zombie).

More names.

Former NFL players Junior Seau, Dave Duerson and Andre Waters, among others, lost their lives, in part, to toxic masculinity. Each had decorated careers and, true to the football culture pushed their bodies and played through extreme injuries, including concussions - which the NFL knew compromised long-term mental health for years but did not

disclose. Each suffered from depression. Each committed suicide.

Still more names.

Hunter S. Thompson. Ernest Hemingway. Anthony Bourdain. All creative giants. To a man they were bold and brave - men among men as the tired saying goes. Their forays into the darker corners of life were, and still are, celebrated aspects of their larger-than-life personalities. But they weren't in character; each carried a very real mental health burden that grew with age. Sadly, and like Seau, Duerson and Waters, all committed suicide.

Another name.

Back to our pal, Skip - Bayless that is. Bayless, now a member of Fox Sports, has long been a T.V. antagonist who will gladly spout off a "hot take" to create a reaction or fan the flames of controversy - whether he believes it or not. He exists in a crowded market, one where the loudest and most outrageous often generates ratings, and Bayless, pandering to his wallet, is happy to oblige.

In a recent segment on the show Undisputed, Bayless was critical of - one last name - Dallas Cowboys QB Dak Prescott's public disclosure of a recent bout with depression. Why? Because, according to Bayless, Prescott is the "CEO" and leader of the Cowboys and admitting to seeking help was a sign of weakness and something that has no place in the ultra-macho world of the NFL.

Facing a visceral reaction, a backpeddling Bayless has since claimed his comment was misconstrued. Whatever the shock jock's intent, his original expressed suggestion - that it is ever wrong or shameful, in any way shape or form, to address mental health issues, especially by a male in a profession that has long been fertile ground for toxic masculinity - is, in and of itself, a toxic take. Prescott, meanwhile, has been lauded for his courage to proactively address his struggles and willingness to do so publicly. Both of these responses are indicative of micro (Prescott) and macro (the majority reaction) progress. Solving toxic masculinity will be a complex marathon but cheering those who rattle its foundation - Prescott - and rejecting those whose opinions perpetuate it - Bayless - at least advances the detoxification process.

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# In Remembrance

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

## Captain Theodore (Ted) Kershaw McCarley, USN (RET)



Captain Ted McCarley, USN (Ret) (80) passed quietly in his sleep at home in Solomons, MD on 5 September 2020.

Born in Charleston, SC on 24 June 1940, he was the son of the late Rear Admiral Henry Harris McCarley and the late Marion (MacMillan) McCarley.

Ted received his Bachelor's Degree Summa Cum Laude from Chaminade University of Hawaii in 1984. He graduated from the National War College in June 1990. Ted was a Naval Officer serving forty three years active duty supporting Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). From Seaman to Captain, Master Blaster, diver, parachutist, and a mentor to many over the years, not even dementia could cast a pall on Ted's lifelong love affair with the Navy. He was a lifelong member of the Naval EOD Association (NEODA) and the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA Branch 24, Annapolis).

Known as a crackerjack boat mechanic, daredevil, marathoner, and memorable ass-chewer, he was also a beloved husband, lucky father, fun grandfather and great-grandfather that

shared a love for adventure, tattoos, dolphins, and rollercoasters.

Fortunate to be able to live out his childhood dream of owning his own boat upon retirement, Ted loved cruising on his 44' Defever trawler, M/V Aloha Friday. He and his wife wintered in the Bahamas, circumnavigated the eastern U.S. by water, and cruised maritime New England and Canada.

Ted is survived by his wife Nancy Shores McCarley; daughter, Debbie Kroupa (Mike) of Lagrange, OH; grandsons James Kroupa of Amherst, OH and Ryan Kroupa of Lagrange, OH; great-granddaughter, Adelynn Kroupa of Amherst, OH; son, Michael McCarley (Debbie) and grandson Jack McCarley all of Simpsonville, SC; son, Allen McCarley (Isabel) of Fredericksburg, VA; brother, Harris McCarley (Walta) of Redmond, WA; niece Cheryl Masters (Don) of Redmond, WA; nephew Hank McCarley (Kelly) of Fairhope, AL; sister, Marion McCarley of Seattle, WA; sister Margarette Curnutt (Dee) of Marysville, WA; nephew Jeff Curnutt (Heather) of Auburn, WA; brother, Jack McCarley of Tacoma, WA; sister-in-law Madeline Flynn (Joe) of Alexandria, VA; brother-in-law, David Shores of LaPlata, MD; niece Taelyr Celia (Anthony) of LaPlata, MD; nephew, Kurt Shores (TJ) of Silver Spring, MD; brother-in-law, Nick Pera of Alexandria, VA; and nephew, Nicholas Pera of Seattle, WA.

Burial at Arlington National Cemetery is being planned for a future date next year.

Memorials may be made to the EOD Warrior Foundation (716 Crestview Ave, Niceville, FL 32758), the Lewy Body Dementia Association (lbda.org), or the charity of your choice.

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

## Gerald Ward ("Gerry") Swann

Gerald Ward ("Gerry") Swann, 85,



of Grasonville, MD passed away on September 12, 2020 at his residence. He was born May 13, 1935 in Prince Frederick, Maryland, the son of the late Joseph and Ethel (Ward) Swann.

Gerry graduated from Calvert High School in 1953. His telecommunications career with C&P Telephone Company, Lucent Technologies, and Southern Maryland Cable spanned 53 years. He enjoyed golf, hunting, boating, fishing, spending time with family and friends, and his Golden Retrievers.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Margaret Gardner Swann, children Gayle Mister (Wayne), Jody Swann (Donna) and Trisha Hall (Dale), grandchildren Travis Mister (Dominique), Brittany Reynolds (Marty), Jessica Barker (Joe), Samantha Swann, Adam Swann, and Kevin Hall (Devin), great-grandchildren Paige, Brooke and Sophie Mister, Nicholas Reynolds, Kinley and Klay Barker, Mackenzie and Lucas Hall, and brother-in-law John ("Jack") Gardner.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a Memorial Service conducted by Pastor Faith Wilkerson following at noon at Rausch Funeral Home, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to Compass Regional Hospice of Centreville, MD, 160 Coursevall Road, Centreville, MD 21617 <http://www.compassregional-hospice.org>

## Joanne Frances Boxwell

Joanne Frances Boxwell, 67, of Lusby, MD passed away on September 10, 2020 at her residence. Born June 4, 1953 in Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late John Bona and Phyllis (Innocenti) Bona.

Joanne graduated from St. Hubert's High School in Philadelphia, PA in 1971 and the Abbingdon School of Nursing in 1974. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Holy Family College. Joanne was a professional nurse



for forty two years. She worked at Abbingdon Hospital, was a floor nursing manager at Nazarith Hospital, and was a case manager for Aetna. Joanne enjoyed crafting, travelling and her dog Molly. She was a master gardener and was a member of the Southern Calvert Land Trust and Friends of Myrtle Point Park.

Joanne is survived by her husband, Robert J. Boxwell and her sister, Catherine Thompson of Philadelphia, PA.

Family will receive friends on Friday, September 18, 2020 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. with a Memorial Service conducted by Father Ken Gill following at 20 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will be private.

## Alice Marie Houser



Alice Marie Houser, 86, a resident of St. Mary's Nursing Home in Leonardtown, MD passed away September 9, 2020. She was born December 27, 1933 in Washington, D.C. to Helen (Hinton) and Clifford Allen. She was preceded in death by her husband James Harry "Jimmy" Houser, Jr., and is survived by daughters Sandy J. Bowen and husband Ronald of Port Republic, Susan L. Boyer and husband Robert of LaPlata, and Judi A. Dobbins and husband Ken of Brunswick, ME, six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and brothers Robert, Walter, and Raymond Allen.

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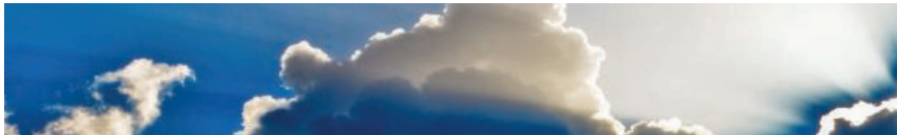
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Psalm 121, A song of ascents.

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains  
where does my help come from?  
2 My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot slip  
he who watches over you will not  
slumber;

4 indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord watches over you  
the Lord is your shade at your right  
hand;

6 the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all  
harm

he will watch over your life;  
8 the Lord will watch over your  
coming and going

both now and forevermore.

Visitation will be Sunday, Septem-  
ber 20, 2020, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Fu-  
neral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Har-  
mony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Fu-  
neral service will follow at 2 p.m. at  
the funeral home.

Burial will be MD Veterans Ceme-  
tery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain High-  
way, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Memorial contributions may be  
made to St. Jude Children's Research  
Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place,  
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## Sarah Ann Caudill Clay



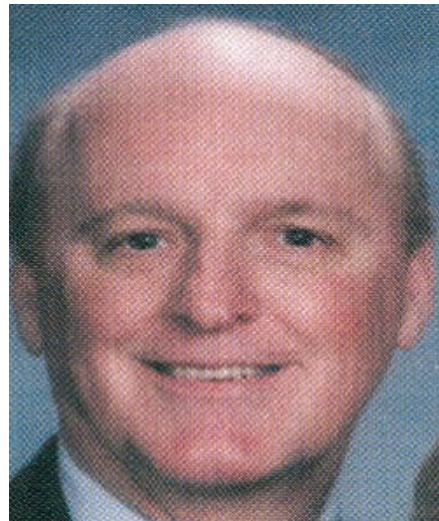
Sarah Ann Caudill Clay, 36, of Cali-  
fornia, MD, passed away Saturday,  
September 5, 2020 at Georgetown  
University Hospital in Washington,  
D.C. Sarah was born on January 5,  
1984 in Prince Frederick to Alice Re-  
becca Greenwell and Darrell Lee Cau-  
dill. She grew up in North Beach and  
graduated from Northern High School  
class of 2002. She married James Scott  
Clay on October 22, 2016. In her free  
time, she enjoyed dancing, going to  
the beach and to amusement parks,  
and spending time with her family.

Sarah is survived by her husband,  
Scott, and their son Noah Scott Clay  
of California, MD, her mother Alice

“Becky” Caudill, her brother Scott  
Lee Caudill, and nephew Aiden Lee  
Caudill. She was preceded in death  
by her father Darrell Lee Caudill, and  
her grandmother Gwendoline Ann  
Arnold.

Funeral arrangements were made by  
Rausch Funeral Home.

## George Charles Batson



George Charles Batson, 88, died of  
natural causes on September 4, 2020 at  
home surrounded by his wife, Rober-  
ta Batson, niece, Tracy Johnson and  
other family members. He was born in  
Washington, DC on June 14, 1932, the  
son of George Edward Batson and Alta  
Godel Batson.

George graduated from Eastern  
High School in Washington, DC, then  
attended several colleges, including  
University of Maryland, Central Bi-  
ble College and Valley Forge Chris-  
tian College, culminating at Union  
Theological Seminary in Richmond,  
Virginia.

Dr. Batson was ordained by the As-  
semblies of God in 1967 and served as  
a pastor, as well as 32 years as a world  
missionary. He was best known for his  
Expository Preaching.

George served in the US Navy during  
the Korean War.

He met and married, Roberta Mod-  
lin in 1964. They celebrated 56 years  
of marriage in June of this year.

In addition to his parents, he was  
predeceased by sisters, Janet Hols-  
worth, Lenore Marquess, and Cath-  
erine Holsworth, and brother, John  
Batson. Surviving in addition to his  
wife, Roberta, is a brother Clarence  
“Bill” Batson and his wife, Kathryn  
“Sue” Batson. He has several nieces  
and nephews, Tracy Johnson, Glenn  
Holsworth, Jr, Michael Holsworth,  
Shelly Nelbach, Noralyn Heisig, Deb-  
bie Thomas, Denise Lewis, Dennis  
Holsworth, Dana Sine, Brenda Lind-  
ley, Mark Batson and Terry Crouch.

Funeral arrangements were made by  
Rausch Funeral Home.

# RETIREMENT PLANNING TIPS

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

We have written about the need  
to create a retirement plan. The  
starting point for you is to create  
an income statement and a bal-  
ance sheet. That way, you can see  
where you are in order to plan for  
the future.

Now, we want to take that in-  
come statement and balance sheet  
and project what it will look like  
in retirement. To begin, let's  
look at some of your retirement  
resources.

Everyone gets a social security  
statement. When was the last  
time you checked the accuracy  
of that statement? Is the income  
reported on your statement cor-  
rect? Once you have verified the  
accuracy of the statement, you can  
see what the retirement benefit  
will be at various retirement ages.  
Take that income into account in  
your projected retirement income  
statement.

Pull out your 401(k) statements  
or, if you have more than one, ev-  
erything you have. The majority  
of working people have their re-  
tirement savings in 401(k) plans  
through their employers. Your  
employers give you investment  
choices. Make sure your current  
investment choices are those that  
meet your present circumstances  
and your retirement goals. What  
do I mean by that? Well, we have  
previously discussed the critical  
importance to all investors of the  
concept of “asset allocation.” Ba-  
sically, that means spreading out  
your investment risk across vari-  
ous types of investments—cash  
equivalent investments like money  
market mutual funds, equities that  
move with the market like mutual  
funds, corporate bonds that will  
pay you interest, etc. Your invest-  
ment portfolio should look like a  
pie with many slices representing  
different types of investments.  
The theory behind this allocation  
of assets is simple—if one invest-  
ment goes down, another may go  
up.

What do your investments look  
like in your 401(k)? If you are a  
young person, you can afford to  
take more risk with your invest-  
ments because you have time to  
work and replace losses. But, if  
you are older and are getting ready  
for retirement, you do not want to  
take more risk. You want your in-  
vestments to be more secure since  
you will not have the time to re-  
place any losses. That's why eval-  
uating your investments in your  
401(k) is so important when you

are getting ready to retire.

Once you have retired and left  
your employment, what do you do  
with your 401(k)? At that point,  
your 401(k) can be “rolled over”  
into another tax exempt vehicle  
like an IRA. And, you can obtain  
different investment options when  
you roll over. If employers have  
provided restricted investment  
options to you, your best course is  
to choose a roll over.

Of course, personal savings  
need to be taken into account in  
creating your retirement income  
statement. But, have you includ-  
ed inheritances in your numbers?  
The boomer generation will ben-  
efit from the largest inter-gener-  
ational transfer of wealth in his-  
tory—if you are anticipating an  
inheritance, list it.

Real estate is another retirement  
resource. Although the market  
value of real property has declined  
in recent years, you can anticipate  
some increase in property values  
over the coming few years. If you  
have more than one property, you  
may consider selling or renting  
that property. You also should  
look at the value of your current  
home. Refinancing to a 15 year  
as opposed to a 30 year mortgage  
may give you a paid off property  
at retirement. It is time to start  
looking at those options.

What about your small business  
assets? Did you know 90% of  
small business owners have abso-  
lutely no transition plans in place?  
Basically, that means when the  
business owners dies, the business  
dies. If that business has made in-  
come for you, how about figuring  
out how you and your family can  
continue to make income from the  
business after you retire and when  
you die?

Finally, don't discount the value  
of working after retirement. Even  
if you plan on working for lesser  
income, the income you do receive  
from continuing to work may be  
able to provide you with a much  
better retirement. The internet is  
filled with more information on  
retirement. Do your research and  
take steps to secure your retire-  
ment future.

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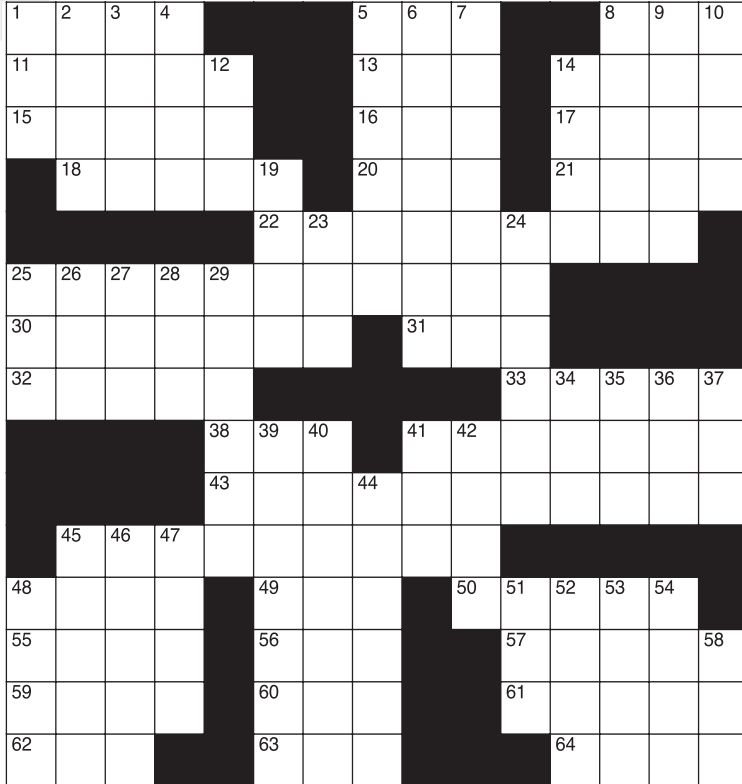
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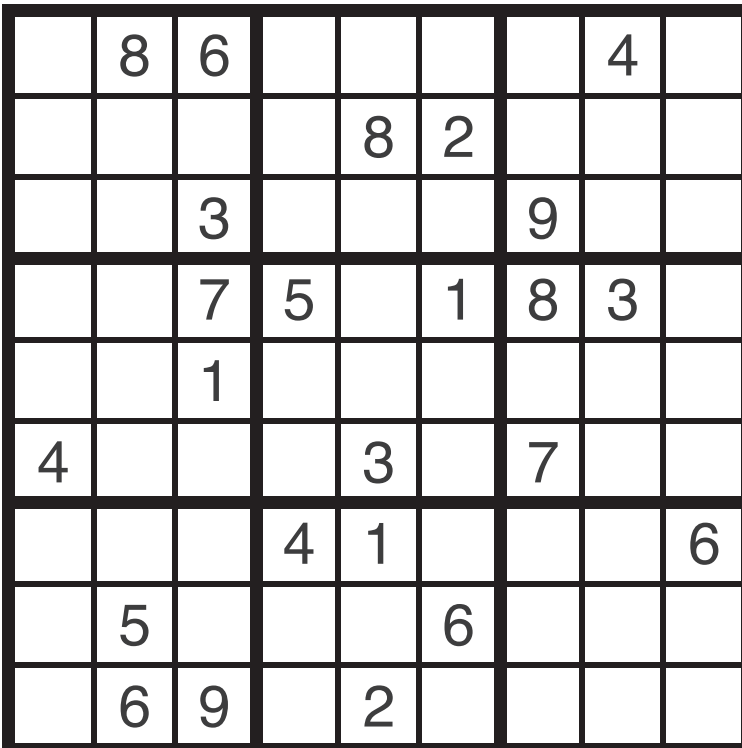
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Greasy powder (abbr.)
- 5. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 8. Amount of time
- 11. Greeting
- 13. Form of "to be"
- 14. Israeli diplomat
- 15. Outfit
- 16. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 17. Deceptive movement
- 18. Anxious
- 20. Popular Letterman guest
- 21. Saints' signal caller
- 22. Intoxicate
- 25. Relationship
- 30. Ask for one's hand in marriage
- 31. Popular Will Ferrell film
- 32. Gargle
- 33. Warning sensation before migraine
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Erases
- 43. At ease
- 45. Small branch of an artery

- 48. Mother of Hermes
- 49. Body part
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Wellness chants
- 56. Helps little firms
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Peep
- 60. Nellie \_\_\_, journalist
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Affirmative
- 64. Cheek

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Popular kids' game
- 2. Away from wind
- 3. Round water pot
- 4. Drink quickly
- 5. A simple type of jet engine
- 6. Something for nothing
- 7. Painkiller
- 8. Siskel's pal
- 9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
- 10. Again
- 12. Imitate
- 14. Icelandic poems
- 19. Jacob \_\_\_, American journalist
- 23. No (Scottish)
- 24. Newborn
- 25. Credit term
- 26. Nonprofit research group in CA
- 27. Male offspring
- 28. Important baseball stat
- 29. A way to compel
- 34. Fiddler crab
- 35. Jewish equivalent of "Sir"
- 36. Every
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 39. Anti-slavery treaty
- 40. A friendly manner
- 41. Military figure (abbr.)
- 42. Area units
- 44. Sudden incursions
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Covered with hoarfrost
- 47. Job
- 48. Donkey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Light dry-gap bridge (abbr.)
- 58. Criticize



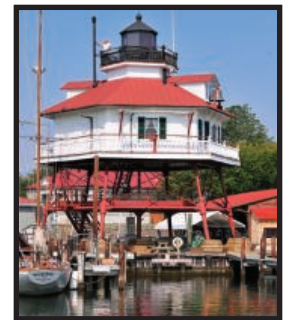
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