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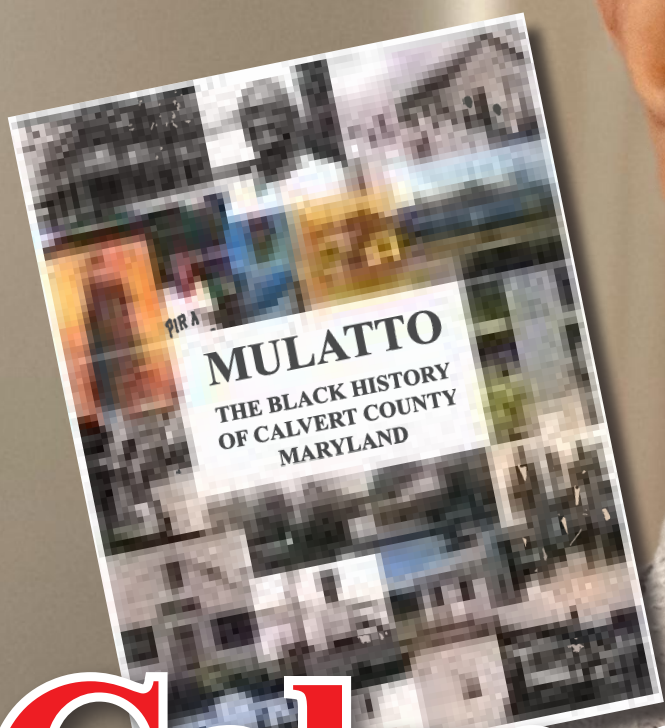
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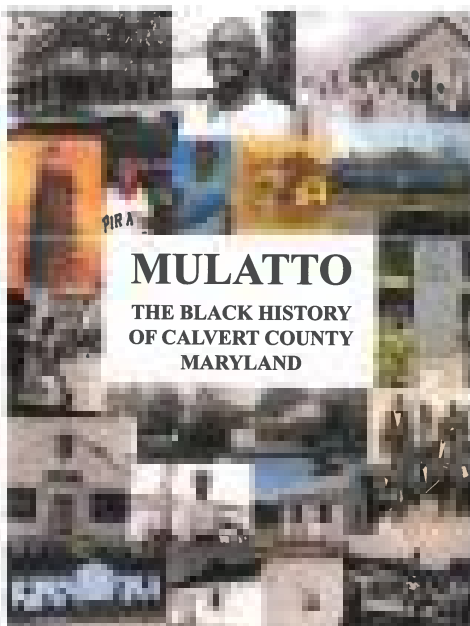
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| <b>Mon 2/8</b><br>--   32°F<br><br>Drizzle Late   | <b>Tue 2/9</b><br>50°   32°F<br><br>AM Rain    | <b>Wed 2/10</b><br>38°   33°F<br><br>Mostly Cloudy | <b>Thu 2/11</b><br>36°   30°F<br><br>Snow |
| <b>Mon 2/15</b><br>30°   22°F<br><br>Mostly Sunny | <b>Tue 2/16</b><br>37°   32°F<br><br>Rain/Snow | <b>Wed 2/17</b><br>43°   31°F<br><br>AM Showers    | <b>Thu 2/18</b><br>41°   26°F<br><br>Rain |

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# COVID-19

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Information provided by Calvert Health Department

# Hybrid Instruction to Begin for Grades 3-12

*Fall Sports Also Set to Start*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) announced in a Feb. 8 press release that “hybrid instruction for students in Grades 3-6 will begin on February 22 and for Grades 7-12 on March 8. Fully virtual instruction will continue for students whose families chose the virtual model. The high school fall sports season will begin on February 20. In addition, fine and performing arts after-school activities may take place in person starting on February 20.”

Superintendent Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, “We have heard from many staff, students and parents who are excited about the opportunity to return to in-person instruction. We are glad to confirm this schedule that will get us there. We must still emphasize that all necessary safety protocols will still be in place in the months ahead in order to make this transition safely.”

Dona Ostenso, president of the Calvert Education Association (CEA), which represents teachers, said, “It’s an awful lot in a short period of time.” She noted that sixth and ninth graders will be attending their new schools for the first time and the schedule calls for the ninth graders to be going back to school at the same time as the upper grades.”

Ostenso also questioned why the decision was made on a Monday before a Thursday school board meeting without waiting for that meeting, at which the hybrid roll-out is an agenda item.

According to the press release, “Students whose families selected hybrid instruction will return to school in cohorts according to the following schedule:

- February 22: Grades 3-6—stu-

dents in Cohort A return to school; students in Cohort B learn at home.

- March 1: Grades 3-6—students in Cohort B return to school; students in Cohort A learn at home.

- March 8: Grades 7-12—students in Cohort A return to school; students in Cohort B learn at home.

- March 15: Grades 7-12—students in Cohort B return to school; students in Cohort A learn at home.

The press release goes on to say:

“At the secondary level, virtual and face-to face after-school tutoring and Saturday school will begin as early as the week of February 8. School principals will provide information to their communities.

“Guidance for safe participation in the music, theatre and visual art activities that are beginning on February 20 will be provided to teachers and schools. Certain activities will be required to take place outdoors. Live audience performances will not be taking place at this time.

“The CCPS athletics program will resume with the start of the fall sports season on February 20. The spring season will open on April 17, and the winter season is canceled.

“All fall sports will have a five-week competitive season beginning on March 12, with schools competing against teams in Calvert and St. Mary’s counties. Supervisor of Athletics Kevin Hook said, ‘While we are pleased to announce our return to athletics, I want to remind our parents and our athletes that everyone must do their part to stay safe and COVID free. This plan will only work if everyone is following COVID protocols and staying safe.’ Further details will be forthcoming from each high school.”

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# ‘It is Time to Pass the Torch’

*Evans Won’t Seek Re-Election In 2022*



Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans posted the following on Facebook:

“To the Citizens of Calvert County: “This year marks my 18th year as your Sheriff. After thoughtful consideration, I believe it is time to pass the torch at the end of my term in November 2022.

“I will be forever grateful to the citi-

zens of Calvert for your steadfast support over the past five elections. It has been my pleasure serving our community and I thank you for assisting me in keeping Calvert a safe place we all enjoy calling home. Until November 2022, know that I am unwavering in my commitment to serving as your Sheriff.”

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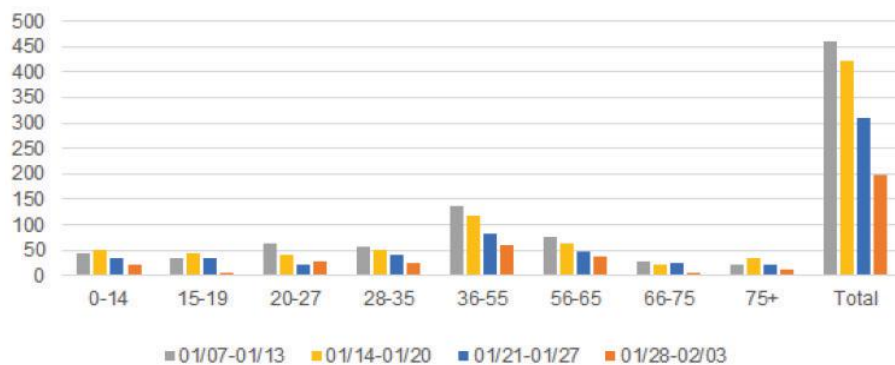
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## Polsky: It'll Take a Month to Vaccinate Those 75 Plus

Calvert County Cases by Age Range, 01/07-02/03



Age Distribution of COVID Cases

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Not all Calvert County residents 75 and over who want to be vaccinated have received their first shot and it will take about a month to complete that task, according to Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky. Those residents are in Phase 1A of the state's vaccination rollout schedule.

Dr. Polsky told the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners during a Feb. 9 briefing, "The 75 and older, we have not finished." He added, "A week and a half ago, I thought we were going to finish, though two things happened that we have not finished. One is that we saw another wave of people register over that next week. So, we had more than 1,000 additional people come on to the registry that we had not originally accounted for. And the other, as I know you all are aware, our allocations have been cut back significantly. So, we were getting 2,000 doses a week. And now, this week we're down to 500 doses. So, at that rate, even if we're devoting every dose that we get to people 75 and over, it's going to take us about a month to finish all of the people, 75 and over."

Polsky said the other part of the Phase 1A category has been or are being taken care of. "Everyone who was a first responder, everyone who works in doctor's office has been vaccinated. We know that the majority in each of those categories were, but not everyone decided to get vaccinated. And every week we have a few more people who decide they're ready, EMTs or work in a doctor's office, and they finally decided at this point, they're comfortable."

The metrics continue to improve, Polsky said, with an added word of caution. "We continue to see a significant decline in the number of total cases coming out of that horrible stretch through the holidays. We peaked at a little bit over 450 cases a week. This week that just ended we were down to about 200 cases in the county. We'll see what the Superbowl brings. I do have concerns that people were getting together in ways that

they shouldn't have in terms of passing infection along. So, we will watch carefully over these next two weeks."

Polsky noted, "The hospital is still having a large number of COVID cases in the ICU. They were full; seven of the 10 people admitted into the intensive care unit have COVID. We are not seeing as many cases in the general wards of the hospital at this point. Three weeks ago, there were close to 30 people admitted on the general wards with COVID diagnosis. Presently, there are nine people, so at least there's a decrease there."

As to the age distribution of cases, he said, "We've seen decreases across the board, maybe most importantly, at the lowest end of the spectrum. We see less cases among children with schools getting back this week. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate a little bit."

Polsky was pressed by Commissioner Mike Hart about the availability of second doses for those who have received the initial shot. The health officer said, "The concern right now is not so much how to balance first and second dose, it's that our first doses are being cut away. We have less and less ability to vaccinate people in this county. And the way the state is shifting things is that people will need to go out of county to these mass vaccination sites to get their vaccines."

The closest to the county is Six Flags in Prince George's County and Polsky said Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf is under consideration.

That prompted Commissioner Tim Hutchins to say the county needed to be prepared to provide transportation to Waldorf.

Polsky said that could be tricky. "Let's say that over a day there are 15 people from Calvert who managed to get appointments. They're not all going to be condensed into a narrow time window there. They're going to be randomly scattered."

County Administrator Mark Willis said the Department of Community Resources was working on a transportation plan.

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## New Portal Provides Online Job Training

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Imagine 5,000 choices. That's how many online training courses are available to residents of Southern Maryland through a new portal called SkillUp Southern Maryland being made available by the Tri-Country Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD).

On the portal, job seekers can explore career pathways, view local job postings, register for free online learning, and receive workforce services. Employers can search for qualified candidates, post jobs, and receive in-depth consulting to address hiring and training needs.

Regarding the job training options, TCCSMD Director of Workforce and Business Development Ruthie Davis explained, "Accessible 24/7 from anywhere with internet access, SkillUp® Southern Maryland can help workers who plan to return to their former employer as well as those who are looking to change careers by offering free and unlimited access to more than 5,000 high-quality online training courses for 180 days.

"Whether they are looking for a first job, a new job or to advance in their chosen field, residents can take advantage of this service to reach their career goals. The platform also offers business services to assist with recruitment, hiring, and internal training."

Davis said she heard about the SkillUp platform several years ago at a national workforce conference. "With the pandemic, I decided this was the time to invest in this training resource to upskill our local workforce and increase the pool of qualified candidates to support our existing and potential local businesses," she said.

Davis explained, "It is available nationally and is available in parts of many states. The governor of Connecticut recently purchased it for use by the entire state. In Maryland, it is available in Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince



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George's counties."

Davis said, "Training is available for new and seasoned workers alike, covering essential skills (soft skills) and technical skills. There are trainings in career pathways for the industries in our region hardest hit by the pandemic, including retail and hospitality, healthcare, construction, IT/Professional Services and many more."

The platform was officially launched on Jan. 19. Davis said, "We're finding many individuals are using it to work toward industry-recognized certifications. SkillUp Southern Maryland guides them through the process. After a brief 25 question survey where they indicate their skill levels for specific areas (anywhere from office technology, ethics, customer service, specific IT areas, leadership and more), they then choose the specific industry path and their desired occupation. Inputting this information then generates a Skills Progress Chart based on the information provided. On a colored pie chart, green indicates more than satisfactory skills for that occupation, blue meets skills requirements and red indicates their skills gaps. It then populates their career pathway with the courses and skills needed to obtain their certification."

The portal can be accessed at: <http://southernmaryland.skillupamerica.org/>

It was funded by a grant from the Rural Maryland Council.

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## Tropical Storm Isaias Disaster Funding Approved

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05), along with Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, and Congressmen Dutch Ruppersberger, John Sarbanes, Kweisi Mfume, Anthony G. Brown, Jamie Raskin, and David Trone on Feb. 5 applauded President Joe Biden for granting their request to release federal funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help Marylanders recover from Tropical Storm Isaias. This declaration has unlocked funding through both the Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs.

"Tropical Storm Isaias hit many communities in Maryland hard, leaving damage and destruction in its wake. This new federal funding will allow counties in Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore to repair infrastructure damaged by the storm's se-

vere flooding and strong winds," said the lawmakers. "Team Maryland applauds the Biden Administration for delivering this important aid to our state and serving as a reliable partner in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias."

In September of last year, the Maryland congressional delegation called on former President Trump to approve the State of Maryland's request for a declaration of a "major disaster" following Tropical Storm Isaias. Following the denial, lawmakers quickly urged former President Trump to overturn the decision, grant an appeal and swiftly approve the request for federal assistance.

*Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer*



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# Route 261 Closure in North Beach Extended

Temporary Traffic Detour Remains in Place



The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is extending the closure of MD 261 (Bayside Avenue) in Calvert County between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and the Anne Arundel County line as work continues on a \$6.3 million bridge and roadway improvement project.

After the most recent review of the project's schedule, it has been determined additional time will be needed to complete the bridge due to a redesign of the sewer force main.

Progress permitting, the new estimated roadway opening date is March 29, 2021. The overall project completion of summer 2021 remains unchanged.

Work will result in a new and wider bridge, new sidewalks between 8th and 9th streets in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and measures to help reduce flooding.

"We appreciate the patience and partnership of county residents and the Town of North Beach during the MD 261 project," stated MDOT SHA District Engineer Corren Johnson. "While there have been some adjustments during construction, we are working toward a successful project completion that will enhance the community and reduce future flooding impacts."

Crews have relocated the sewer force main; installed new steel bridge pilings, curb and gutter, and temporary driveway entrances; and have applied

base asphalt paving at the bridge approaches as part of the roadway elevation changes.

To minimize the extended closure as much as possible, MDOT SHA and its contractor have added an additional contractor crew. Crews are working some weekends and taking other steps to allow the contractor to proceed as expeditiously as possible. MDOT SHA and the Anne Arundel County Fire Department will continue the emergency forward deployment, maintaining the commitment to safety at the work zone and for residents while construction is underway. Portable variable message signs will remain in place to inform area travelers of the temporary traffic detour.

Customers with questions about the MD 261 project or other state-maintained routes in Anne Arundel and Calvert counties may contact the MDOT SHA District 5 Office at 410-841-1000 or [shadistrict5@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:shadistrict5@mdot.maryland.gov)

Press Release from MDOT SHA.

# Snacks Added to School Meal Distribution

The Department of Child Nutrition of Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) announces the addition of snacks to its Grab 'n Go meal kits. Due to waivers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), CCPS is now eligible to participate and will start including snacks in its seven-day meal kits, beginning with distribution on February 5. Snacks will typically include items such as yogurt, cheese, granola, sunflower seeds, fruit, juice and graham crackers.

Kits continue to be available free of charge; however, parents/guardians wishing to pick up meals without their children being present must pre-register. Families may register by calling the Child Nutrition Office at 443.550.8680 Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Any parent/guardian who is unsure if their child is already registered for the program may contact the Child Nutrition Office. Once registered, parents/guardians may pick up meals without their children being present.

Upcoming Grab 'N Go Meal Dates

February 11 (Thursday)

February 19 (Friday)

February 26 (Friday)

Grab 'N Go Meal Locations

**Windy Hill Middle School (bus drop-off area)**  
9560 Boyds Turn Rd. Owings, MD 20736

**Calvert High School (side parking lot):**  
520 Fox Run Blvd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678

GPS Address:600 Dares Beach Rd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678

**Southern Middle School (bus drop-off area)**  
9615 H.G. Trueman Rd. Lusby, MD 20657

**Patuxent High School (bus drop-off area)**  
12485 Southern Connector Blvd. Lusby, MD 20657

**Huntingtown High School (student parking lot, right side of building):**

4125 N. Solomons Island Rd. Huntingtown, MD 20639



# Calvert Democrats Recommend Cardin Aide for Delegate Seat

*Rachael Jones Selected After Public Meeting*

A public hearing was held on Thursday, Feb. 4 to fill the vacancy of House of Delegates District 27B. As a result of the proceedings, the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee has voted to recommend Rachel Jones to fill the vacancy. The recommendation was sent to Governor Hogan on Friday, Feb. 5 and Governor Hogan has 15 days to decide to appoint Jones, or the candidate selected by the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee, Jacqueline Steele McCall.



Rachael Jones

The Calvert County Democratic Central Committee, in a press release, congratulated Jones and thanked her "for her continued service to the citizens of Calvert County. We also wish to thank all of the candidates who interviewed and were considered for this appointment. We look forward to working with you all in the future."

Jones, as did all of the candidates, responded to a list of written questions, in addition to those posed during the public meeting. In response to the question, "What past experience do you have to qualify for this position?" Jones responded:

"I began my career serving as a Legislative Aide in the Maryland General Assembly in the office of former Senator Nathaniel McFadden. In this role I learned the intricacies of parliamentary procedure and how to become an effective legislator. As my career progressed, I served in the offices of two Maryland legends. In the office of U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, I honed my ability to help Marylanders navigate the vast bureaucracy of federal government agencies and advocate on their be-

half. In my current role in the office of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, I have been known for my commitment to our local municipalities, small businesses and non-profit organizations, while making sure Prince Georgians and Southern Maryland residents have an advocate within our national discourse.

In response to the question, "What are the top three issues you plan to work on?" Jones replied:

"This session the major priorities are fixing delays in unemployment benefits, COVID relief funds for individuals and businesses, and police reform. There are plenty of other issues I would like to focus on in the future. But the immediate priorities are addressing solutions and legislation surrounding those issues. Marylanders and our economy are reeling from the effects of the pandemic and they want relief."

McCall, the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee selection, is also a former staffer of Sen. Mikulski.

# Community Needs Survey Released

*Addresses Well Being of Children*



By Dick Myers  
Editor

Every three years the Calvert County Family Network conducts a "Community Needs Assessment" of issues related to the well-being of children. The latest report was released Jan. 5 to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). It addresses eight areas:

- Babies born healthy
- Healthy children
- Children enter school ready to learn
- Children are successful in school
- Families are economically stable
- Youth will complete school
- Youth have opportunities for employment or career readiness
- Communities are safe for children, youth & families

Calvert Family Network Coordinator Julie Mashino said survey respondents "over and over again" repeated the need for more services to address the problems mentioned by students and adults.

Some of the survey findings:

- 31 percent of students feel sad or hopeless almost every day for stretches of two weeks or more. That's up from the previous survey.

- More than 30 percent of student respondents report lifetime use of alcohol or marijuana.
- Substance use is generally down from last survey.

- 13.5 percent report using prescription drugs without a doctor's order.

- Calvert youth marijuana offenses far exceed the state average, probably because of school resource officers being aggressive in making charges.

- 24.6 percent of students report regularly being sworn at, insulted, or put down by an adult in the home.

- 24.6 percent have an adult in the household who has been in prison.

- 25.3 percent have a household member with substance abuse or gambling problems.

- 32.6 percent have a household member who was ever depressed, mentally ill or suicidal.

- Almost half of adults report having adverse childhood experiences one or two times and a quarter report at least three such incidents.

In addition to the call for more services, the survey findings include the charge of too much red tape to access services and lack of acknowledgement of struggles and stigma, and experiencing stress and isolation.

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# CalvertHealth Foundation Exceeds Fundraising Goal

The CalvertHealth Foundation is excited to announce the successful completion of the Planting Seeds of Hope Campaign. With a goal to raise \$250,000 toward the much-needed behavioral health renovation and expansion project at CalvertHealth Medical Center, 150 supporters and an anonymous matching donation of \$250,000 helped raise \$506,470 to serve the mental health needs of our community.

Recognizing the growing need of mental health services for the community, the renovation of the Frank Miller Howes, MD Behavioral Health Unit at CalvertHealth Medical Center will be complete in spring of 2021. Once opened, the \$5.2 million project will allow for expanded inpatient admission criteria for mental health patients in crisis. The new unit will showcase separate, secure therapeutic environments for adults and adolescents allowing CalvertHealth to accommodate more patients and tailor treatment needs specific to age groups.

Claude and Jo Anne Dickinson, Presenting Sponsors for Planting the Seeds of Hope campaign, said, "Mental health issues challenge many families, so we are grateful to CalvertHealth for recognizing the need and responding by renovating and enlarging the behavioral health unit at the hospital. We know the difference quality healthcare can make and appreciate the opportunity to support such an important project for our community."

The Planting the Seeds of Hope Campaign was born out of necessity when hosting an in-person event wouldn't have been possible. Mickie Frazer, co-chair of this year's gala and former Board Trustee said, "The CalvertHealth Foundation has been dedicated to raising funds for our local, community hospital for 32 years. And, while 2020 has certainly been different, neither the needs of the hospital nor the passion of our committee has wavered." During these unprecedented times when COVID restrictions have taken a toll on everyone's mental health, the Behavioral Health Renovation was needed more than ever.

Co-Chair Cindy Hargrove decided to chair the fundraising effort because suicide has person-



ally affected her family. "This is something close to my heart, and my hope is that no one has to experience what our family has been through." She continued, "I wanted our community to come together to try to help people that need help." And, that they did.

The community response was overwhelming with an outpouring of support more than doubling the original fundraising goal. Foundation Board Trustee Brian Martin said, "It has been a challenging year for everyone and it could have easily been a year without hope; but, once again, our community's resilience has proven that together we are committed to ensuring exceptional, state-of-the-art mental health resources are available right here in our community." He continued, "Nowhere else in Southern Maryland will you find accessibility for our youth except right here at CalvertHealth."

The CalvertHealth Foundation would like to thank everyone for contributing to the campaign and recognizes its top supporters: Mr. Claude and Mrs. Jo Anne Dickinson; Associates in Radiation Medicine; Mr. Steven and Mrs. Sunny Keithley; M&T Bank; Mr. Mike & Mrs. Deborah Cox, Pathway Investment Group; Doldon W. Moore and Associates, LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rice III; Mr. Dean and Mrs. Pam Teague; Mr. David and Mrs. Sally Showalter; Exelon Generation; Mr. Michael and Mrs. Stacey Stansbury; Mr. Linden and Mrs. Judith Welch; Dr. Loyd and Mrs. Terri Wolfley; Alteon Health; Adfinitas Health; Mr. Mike Busada and Mrs. Cindy Hargrove; RJH Chesapeake, Inc. and Mr. Frank and Mrs. Linda Smith.

*Press Release from CalvertHealth*

# Input Sought on New Community Center



**NEW HARRIET E. BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER**  
*coming soon*

Prince Frederick is planning for a new community center and park on Fairground Road. The new center will replace the current Harriet E. Brown Community Center located on Dares Beach Road. The Department of Parks & Recreation is looking for feedback as they design the layout and amenities for the community center and park.

Don't miss the chance to share your thoughts before these surveys close in April 2021.

The adult survey is at: [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/HEBSurvey](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/HEBSurvey)

The youth survey is at: [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/HEBYouth](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/HEBYouth)

Join the new Harriet E. Brown Community Center Public Input Group on Facebook today to receive updates from CCPR and provide input directly.

For more information, visit [www.calvertcountymd.gov/2828/HEB-Community-Center-Survey](http://www.calvertcountymd.gov/2828/HEB-Community-Center-Survey)

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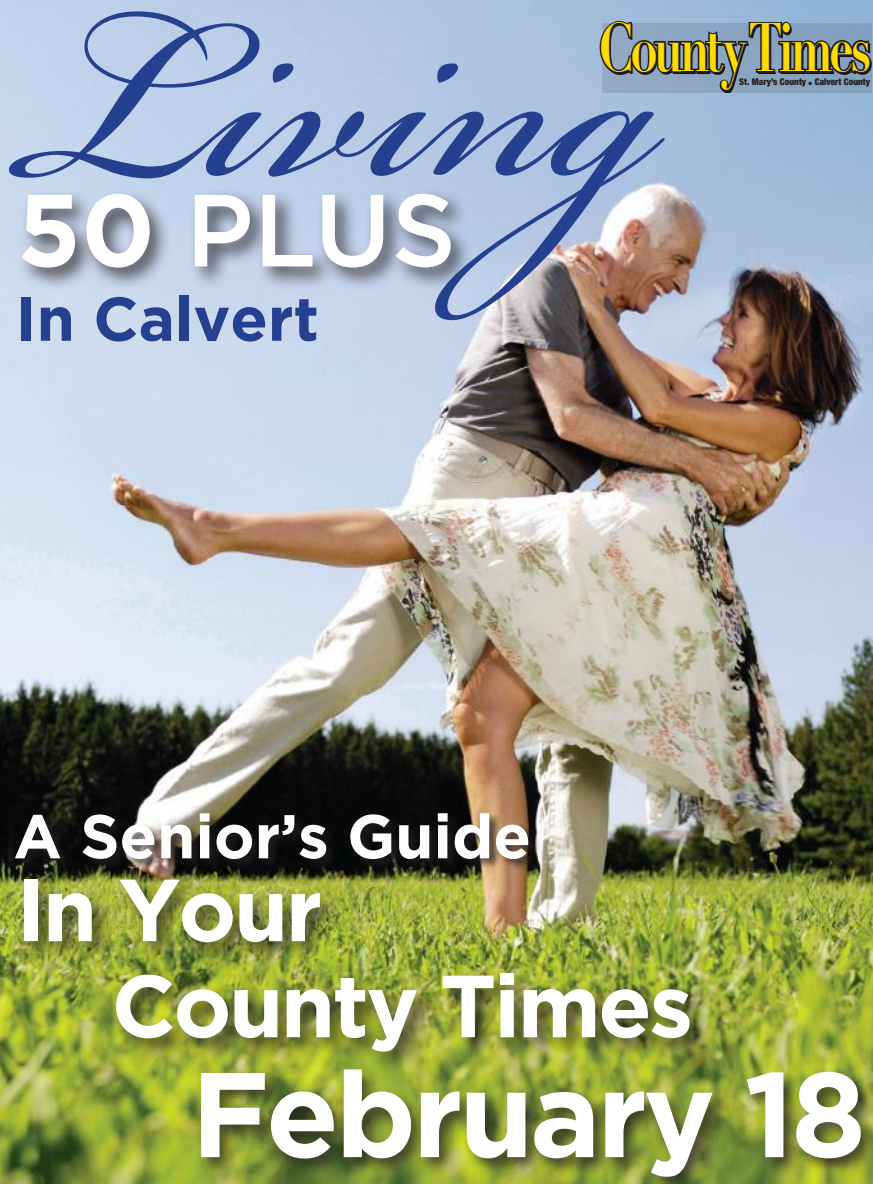
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# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of January 25 – January 31, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,050 calls for service throughout the community.

**Theft: 2021- 4996**

On January 27, 2021, Deputy Evans responded to the 9900 block of H.G. Trueman Road in Lusby, MD for the report of theft from a motor vehicle. The complainant advised sometime between 8 p.m. on Jan. 23 and 10 a.m. on Jan. 27, an unknown suspect(s) entered his unlocked vehicle and stole a .22 caliber black Remington rifle and two bags with various tools. The approximate value of stolen property is \$500.00.

**Theft: 2021- 4997**

On January 27, 2021 Deputy McDowell responded to the 100 block of West Mount Harmony Road in Owings, MD for the reported theft. The complainant advised around November 26, 2020 his Maryland Trailer Registration Plate, 269384X, was stolen from his trailer while parked in the Rod N Reel parking lot located at 4160 Mears Avenue in Chesapeake Beach, MD. The approximate value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

**Theft: 2021- 5042**

On January 29, 2021, Deputy Flynt responded to the Giant food store located at 655 N Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the reported theft. The complainant advised while making repairs inside the store, an assortment of tools inside a work bag was stolen. The total amount of stolen property is \$1,000.00

**Arrests**

On January 27, 2021, Deputy Parks conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle he observed travelling much lower than the posted speed limit. While speaking with the driver, Deputy Parks observed an open beer can in between the passenger's legs and noticed a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle.

A search resulted in 13 Oxycodone Pills and several baggies of Marijuana. The passenger **Roderick Adams Bowman Horton**, 38 of Washington



Roderick Horton

D.C., was arrested and charged with CDS- Possession of Marijuana 10 GM + and CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.

On January 26, 2021, Deputy Gough responded to a residence in the 8400 block of Pine Blvd. in Lusby, MD to assist the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force and the Charles County Sheriff's Office with an arrest warrant for a fugitive at that location. The Task Force made contact with **Stacie Danette**

**Bowie**, 51,

and **Shabyis**

**Dashawn Oliver**, 29,

both of Lusby, and advised them they were there to serve a felony arrest warrant for someone in the home. Oliver and Bowie claimed nobody else was in the home.

Task Force Officers advised if anyone else was inside the residence, they would be arrested for Harboring a Fugitive. Oliver and Bowie still denied anyone else being in the residence when suddenly wanted felon **Jimez Terrell Oliver**, 20 of New York, fell through the ceiling from the attic where he was hiding. Jimez fled to the basement where he was later apprehended. Stacie Danette Bowie and Shabyis Dashawn Oliver were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and were charged with Obstructing/Hindering and Harboring a Felon/Fugitive. Jimez Terrell Oliver was charged on an arrest warrant for Fugitive from Justice.



Stacie Bowie



Shabyis Oliver



Jimez Oliver

**Editor's Note:**

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.



# For Black History Month: Michael Kent's Calvert Book Fills the Bill

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Michael Kent's family roots in Calvert County can be traced back to 1780. Kent's research into his family's roots based on oral history and extensive research, expanded into a book called "Mulatto: A Black History of Calvert County, Maryland," published in 2019. Calvert County Commissioner President Buddy Hance recently suggested it was a good place to discover some of the county's little-known history during February, which is Black History Month.

Kent, who is president of the Calvert County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said he's been working on the history "for years and years. The way it started is my family had a pretty rich oral history, which I've been hearing since I was a kid from my parents, my father or grandmother on back. And at some point, I just started researching to see if what they were telling me was true. And I started finding all of these documents, showing that what they were saying was true. And then I was finding these other things that would go along with it. And then eventually I started sharing that with other people in presentations."

"I started writing it down, putting it all together, just to make sure that somebody in the future would have some record of it."

What Kent learned was that his family was enslaved on the Kent plantation in Lower Marlboro. According to the 1820 census, Daniel and Anne Wheeler Kent owned 37 slaves.

The Kent's son Joseph was born in 1779 and became a doctor. He left Calvert in a dispute with another doctor, according to Kent's research, and then went on to earn a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and then in 1826 was elected governor of Maryland.

When Governor Kent died in 1837, an estate sale was held for the property he had inherited from his father, including the slaves. Neighbor James King (now King's Landing Park) purchased a brother and sister, Henry and Susan.

Kent notes at the beginning of his book that calling it "A Black History of Calvert County is intended to convey a double meaning," to detail a history of a people but also "to illustrate the darkness of the times."

The other part of the title, "Mulatto" comes from the fact that landowner James King fathered three children with the slave, Susan. The children were named Kent after their former "owner," so as not to embarrass Mrs. King. Susan's "mulatto" children were "very light-skinned," Kent says.

Kent says, "When they stopped the international slave trade, when it be-

came illegal to ship in from Africa, the South still needed lots of slaves for cotton. So, slave breeding was common here in Calvert County, and they didn't really care who the father was."

One of those three children was first born Benjamin, Kent's great grandfather. Benjamin and his wife Rachel had 16 children and Kent said there are 2,000 people in Calvert today who are descendants of Benjamin and Rachel Kent.

His research uncovered many surprises. He said, "All the people that had done so many great things that had come from Calvert County that I'd never heard of before, that no one else I had talked to had ever heard of. They went on to other places, in Baltimore. They are in historical societies and they had monuments to them in other places."

For instance, he said, "William Samson Brooks that we named the high school after, he had funerals in four different states because he was so famous in the 1920s and 1930s."

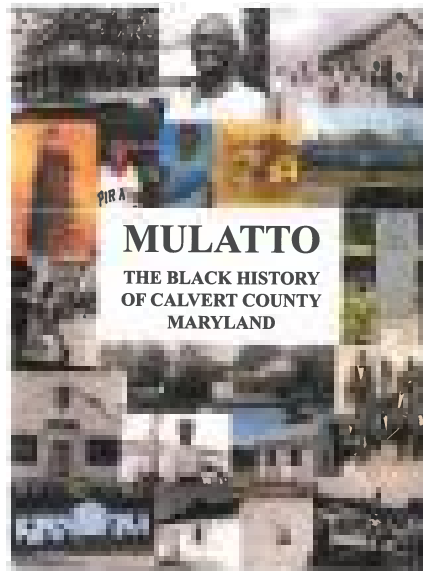
And then there was the infamous Roger B. Taney, "writing one of the worst Supreme Court cases for blacks ever and Thurgood Marshall at the other end, coming here to Calvert County to defend Harriet Elizabeth Brown. And he being responsible for one of the greatest cases that ever happened to Calvert County or to any African-American community."

Harriet Elizabeth Brown has become the county's most predominant civil rights icon, due to her suit that eventually led to the equalization of teacher pay for whites and blacks. Her work is being memorialized by a committee formed to honor her.

Brown was Kent's principal in first through fourth grade. What was she like? He said, "Like all teachers -- scary." He added, "One of my best memories of her, other than her being the authoritarian as the principal, is that they held a library day once a week, and she would bring all the first and second graders into that little cubby hole that was the library and read stories to us, and then tell us to go find a book that we'd like to check out. So that sort of piqued my interest in reading more so than anything else."

"I never had any idea about all the things she had done throughout the entire time that I was at school," he noted.

Over time, the Kent family amassed significant farm holdings, and he was raised on a farm. "That was sort of the norm at that time with all families, not just my family. All of the black farmers here at one time had quite a bit of land. And one of the themes of the book is that they were trying to keep the family together. And that's why a lot of blacks didn't run away when they had the opportunity. When



the British came through here, they decided to stay because this is the only place their family knew to look for them. And as they stayed, and then as things progressed and slavery ended, they worked on the black infrastructure, building of the churches and schools. And the final thing they worked on was creating a better life for their children, getting them educated and that included acquiring more and more property. That was a good reason to stay. Property was cheap back then, and the whites were not used to working the land like that."

Kent explained, "What was little known is it wasn't just everybody working on their own. They organized groups like the Galilean Fishermen, which was an all-black organization started in Baltimore in the 1850s. And eventually that came to Calvert."

The infrastructure, the churches first and then the schools and business establishments were all over Calvert County, many still standing and some lost. Both are catalogued in the book.

Churches were "extremely important, because usually that pastor was the only person in the community that could read or write. So, finding out what was going on was critical, coming to church to find out what was happening now. The blacks were allowed to go, and that's why we have all these balconies in the churches here in Calvert County. The really old churches have slave balconies, where the slaves were allowed to sit up there and listen."

He added, "They absorbed everything through the music, the singing, which is why even today, there's so much singing in the black churches. And that's because that's how they conveyed the message through song rather than through reading the Bible."

"Dr. King had so much power and authority," Kent explained, "because you were getting that information from the churches. The civil rights information was coming from the churches all around the country and coming back

to the community that way."

The schools were slower to evolve. "That's why the white community didn't want the schools to progress because we outnumbered the whites." He added, "If you had educated blacks, then they would know they could run for office and they could take the control."

Kent is president of an active NAACP branch now, but he observes they weren't especially active during the Civil Rights era. As to why, he responded, "Fear was part. Blacks didn't hold any offices. The persons that they knew with the best jobs were the ministers and teachers and the teachers weren't from this area. They were shipped in, because you had to recruit them from out of state to come here to Calvert County to teach the black kids. So, they weren't that involved with the community matters."

He noted, though, the proximity to DC helped. "All of these embassies in Washington, DC with people of color and on weekends they'd want go out and do things and Calvert County's a nice place to drive to fish or whatever. And so, the federal government put pressure on Calvert County to pass what they called then the Accommodations Act."

Kent had started working with Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, Bayside History Museum, and the library when the pandemic hit. "We wanted to get more of these stories and find out what other photographs of things that people may have in their trunk somewhere, so that we can expand the history more."

He added, "One of the projects we're working on as well is to get some of these artifacts into the museums, because right now you would never know there was a black person that lived in Calvert County by going to the museums. But if we can get some exhibits in there, we can start improving that."

Although he is a retired attorney, his volunteer work is far from complete. He's working on a museum exhibit to show "things through a black mother's eyes, as she's seeing her child taken away from her, because that was, as I pointed out in the book, the way you control black families is to separate them. So that you're always wondering where your child is and where your mother is. So, you're not going to be running away too far."

And the oral history continues to be received, particularly from people who have read his book and have something to add. So, a follow-up book may be in the future.

For now you can get a copy of *Mulatto: A Black History of Calvert County, Maryland* from amazon.com or at the Calvert County Historical Society.

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# Ag Revolving Loan Fund Expanded

*Equine Industry, Value-Added Products Eligible*

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is pleased to announce the Southern Maryland Revolving Loan Fund has expanded the loan uses to include projects that support the region's equine (horse) industry and the production of on-farm value-added products.

SMADC's objective is to encourage the production of value-added products, (this can include alcohol production, the making of jams/jellies, acidified foods/pickles, ferments, hydrated vegetables and fruits, milling artisanal grains, processing of poultry/meats, forestry products, fur/fiber, etc.) and to enhance the foundation and development of equine (horse) farms - riding instruction, boarding barns, horse rescue and horse breeding facilities.

The Southern Maryland Revolving Loan Fund was launched in partnership with the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) to assist agricultural producers in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties with smaller agricultural projects that typically might not be financed by traditional commercial lenders.

The Revolving Loan Fund may be used to help pay for value-added processing equipment and associated professional services such as process reviews and laboratory analysis, and to assist horse farms build their program potential through the purchase of materials and construction for a wide range of infrastructure (stalls, run-ins, show-rings, etc.), as well as fencing, specialized footing, and lighting fixtures for outdoor and indoor schooling areas.



MARBIDCO administers the loan program on behalf of SMADC. Loan amounts range between \$10,000 to \$20,000, with no collateral security pledge required. Only the personal guarantees of all the borrowers will be needed. In line with SMADC's commitment to expand and promote a viable market-driven, sustainable and profitable agricultural community in the region, the loan terms incorporate an incentive for borrowers in good standing. Twenty to twenty-five percent of the loan amount due is forgiven at the end of the loan term (by foregoing the final one-quarter of amortizing loan payments), essentially converting the end of the revolving loan into a small grant.

The Revolving Loan Fund may also be used for the purchase of livestock, shellfish aquaculture establishment, small fruits and hops production, and safety upgrades for growing, harvesting, packing and holding food. For more details about the Southern Maryland Revolving Loan Fund for Agriculture and to apply, visit [www.MARBIDCO.org](http://www.MARBIDCO.org).

For more information on SMADC grants, loans and other support resources for regional farms visit the SMADC website at [www.smadc.com](http://www.smadc.com).

*Press Release from SMADC*

# Calvert Library Helps Bridge the Digital Divide

Calvert Library recently began checking out Chromebooks and Chromebook + Wi-Fi hotspot bundles to customers and is already getting positive feedback. Chromebooks are secure, compact, simplified laptops that allow users to complete a myriad of tasks on the internet. One customer thanked the library for giving her a way to apply for jobs after library hours. Another said she used a hotspot to stream music to help comfort her autistic children and help them sleep. A Pew study released in May 2019 found that residents in rural areas experience lower levels of access to the internet and technology. Calvert Library initiated this project to help alleviate this issue.

Library card holders 16-years-old and up, can check out available Chromebooks or bundles from any of the four Calvert Library locations--Prince Frederick, Fairview Branch, Twin Beaches Branch and Southern Branch. The materials feature a check out period of three weeks, and can be renewed as long as no other customers are waiting to check out a device.

Reference Supervisor Tiffany Sutherland said, "This lending program is a natural supplement to our existing hotspot lending



program. Lending these two types of devices allows us to offer the opportunity for everyone in our community equal access to the internet and technology needed to succeed."

Newly elected Board of Library Trustees President Jeffrey Lewis said, "Calvert Library's mission is to empower individuals by facilitating lifelong learning and strengthening our community by providing opportunities for connection to one another and the world. Lending Chromebooks to our customers is another vital step in bridging the digital divide in our community and successfully working towards completing our mission."

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant number 1014 and the Maryland State Library.

Call the library at 410-535-0291, visit [calvertlibrary.info](http://calvertlibrary.info), or email [getanswers@calvertlibrary.info](mailto:getanswers@calvertlibrary.info) for more information.

*Press Release from Calvert Library.*

# Leadership Group Adds New Board Member

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) welcomes Lisa Clark to its board of directors. Clark is a graduate of LSM's Executive Program, Class of 2014.

Clark is a principal account and delivery executive for Microsoft Corporation. As such, she serves as the primary customer interface with corporate clients for Microsoft Services, managing the overall client experience across the full-service lifecycle including strategy, solution concept, delivery, and support for digital transformation initiatives and cybersecurity/data protection. Clark manages initiatives across all corporate functional areas with a strong emphasis on team building and collaboration.

Clark was raised in Northern Virginia and attended Virginia Tech earning dual degrees in management science (decision support systems) and marketing. She moved to Maryland when she was recruited by BG&E to work at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Clark's professional experience also includes Oracle Corporation, Spalding Consulting in Lexington Park, and Teradata Corporation.

Outside of work, Clark has been involved in and supported local dance with



Lisa Clark

the Southern Maryland Modern Dance Collective. She completed yoga teacher training in 2010 and has been active with the local yoga community. Past board experience includes a position with the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance.

Clark and Ray Ballew reside in Hollywood on Cuckold Creek, enjoy boating, travel, cooking, and recently adopted a golden retriever puppy named Fenimore.

*Press Release from LSM.*

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# College Trustees Approve Academic Change

St. Mary's College of Maryland, The National Public Honors College, has been engaged in efforts the last several years to ensure its viability and relevancy as the premier public liberal arts honors college.

"The critical and analytical thinking skills and the ability to effectively express oneself — the hallmarks of our teaching — take on greater meaning in an era in which the world has expanded and become more integrated, diverse and competitive," said Tuajuanda C. Jordan, president of St. Mary's College of Maryland. "With that in mind, the Board of Trustees asked for a program prioritization review of current offerings with an eye towards ensuring that the college offered relevant programs that will attract and prepare students for the opportunities and challenges presented in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This student-centric approach secures the College's future."

The college has already completed several initiatives. Among them, the college has:

Developed and launched the unique LEAD initiative, which stands for Learning Through Experiential and Applied Discovery. It is a blend of inquiry-based discovery and professional career development skills that every graduate will have.

Rebranded under The National Public Honors College because St. Mary's College holds a unique place in America among public liberal arts honors colleges.

Created The Honors College Promise as part of the LEAD initiative, guaranteeing each student the chance to pursue an internship, undergraduate research experience or international study opportunity.

With Board of Trustees approval, frozen tuition, fees, room and board for this academic year and authorized student rates for tuition and fees for academic year 2021-2022 to remain equal to current rates.

Established a new unit on Inclusive Diversity, Equity, Access and Accountability –IDE(A)<sub>2</sub> – which aims to ensure our College is welcoming, transformative and empowering for all.

Created a task force with trustees, faculty and staff that resulted in the development of four new, market-tested degree programs: Neuroscience, Marine Science (both to be available in fall 2021



pending approval by the Maryland Higher Education Commission), Applied Data Science and Business Administration (in development with an anticipated start date of fall 2022), as well as the creation of a Track & Field program and a Pep Band.

Conducted an intensive review, with faculty input, of all existing academic programs — a process many colleges and universities perform every so many years.

The program prioritization review, just completed, evolved over the past 18 months with task force work involving input from faculty, trustees, Provost Michael Wick and President Jordan. Among the criteria, academic programs were measured for effectiveness, efficiency and equity.

"The Board of Trustees asked that the emphasis throughout this review be on ensuring the St. Mary's College of Maryland curriculum is relevant to the needs of global citizens, attracts and retains students, and prepares them for long-term success as engaged and productive citizens of the world," said Arthur "Lex" Birney Jr., chair of the College's Board of Trustees.

During its February 6, 2021 Board meeting, the Trustees carefully considered the recommenda-

tions designed to reflect how best to prepare students for satisfying careers with a rigorous liberal arts education that captures the relevant issues of today and the projected needs of tomorrow's students.

It unanimously adopted the following program changes:

A new major in Performing Arts will be created comprising Music, Theater Studies and Dance and be more inclusive of non-Western forms of expression. The new major will complement the new auditorium building to be complete in 2022.

Students can minor, but not major, in ILC- Chinese, ILC- French, Music and TFMS-Theater Studies.

The minors-only programs in Democracy Studies, Mathematics-Applied, Physics-Astrophysics, and TFMS-Dance will no longer be available to new students starting fall 2021.

Majors and minors in Art History, International Languages & Cultures (ILC)-German, Latin American Studies, Physics-Fundamental; Religious Studies; and Theater, Film and Media Studies (TFMS)-Film & Media will no longer be available to new students starting fall 2021.

In addition:

The current Core 101/301 course

will be reimaged as writing intensive, humanities-focused courses to ensure that the humanities continue to be prominently represented.

These actions will impact 11 faculty positions, inclusive of retirements and contract expirations, and the College is closely working with faculty members affected.

Current St. Mary's College of Maryland students in any of the majors or minors noted will not be affected and will be able to graduate in their chosen programs.

This link, <https://www.smcm.edu/academics/fall-2021-curriculum/> provides the list of program changes as well as the majors and minors students can choose from who enroll in the College this fall.

"I am confident that the outcomes from the program review, combined with gains in enrollment, student engagement, the LEAD initiative, among other areas, will ensure that our students will be in an even stronger position to compete in the ever-changing and competitive world in which we live," said President Jordan. "St. Mary's College will be the college of choice for tomorrow's students."

*Press Release from SMCM.*



# College Board Freezes Tuition, Fees

*New Marine Science Major Approved*

The Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland on Feb. 6 announced for the second consecutive year a freeze in tuition and fees for the 2021-2022 academic year. The board also approved a new marine science major.

## Tuition and Fees

At the recommendation of the Finance, Investment, and Audit Committee, the Board of Trustees authorized student rates for tuition and fees for academic year 2021-2022 to remain equal to 2020-2021 rates. The board also authorized an increase of 2 percent for room and board (dining) rates for 2021-2022. Last year's tuition freeze was made after a review of recommendations from a Board of Trustees Task Force, formed in 2019 at the request of President Tuajuanda C. Jordan. The task force studied how the college, as a public institution that is focused on providing an outstanding education, could ensure greater access to students.

"St. Mary's College understands the cost of college is a serious concern and we are committed to easing that burden on families," said Lex Birney, chair of the Board of Trustees. "Extending this tuition freeze for a second year will make a compelling difference for students who have the academic qualifications to study at the College, but not the corresponding resources."

Current tuition, fees, room and board for an in-state student totals \$28,719, and \$44,795 for a non-Maryland resident.

"As the National Public Honors College, St. Mary's College of Maryland offers a distinctive education experience through our LEAD (Learning Through Experiential and Applied Discovery) initiative, and the career planning and academic programs we offer. It is an enviable value for our students which is now strengthened by this freeze," said President Jordan.

## Marine Science Major

The marine science major came about through a year-long process that reviewed proposals for new majors as part of the College's strategic planning. The new major will embrace the college's waterfront environment with the use of the St. Mary's River and Chesapeake Bay to create a one-of-a-kind program that will be unique, rigorous, and innovative. Because of the location of St. Mary's College on the St. Mary's River and because of the College's close association with the St. Mary's River Watershed Association, many opportunities exist for marine sci-



Lex Birney, chair of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Board of Trustees

ence that are not available at the other Maryland higher education institutions.

Marine science will consist of a rigorous curriculum of foundational physics, chemistry, and biology courses along with advanced courses that utilize the campus' resources.

"I am excited that the SMCM Board of Trustees has approved the first undergraduate marine science major in the state. In many ways, the Chesapeake represents the cultural and economic heart of Maryland. Our shoreline location and talented faculty make marine science a natural fit for St. Mary's College of Maryland. We look forward to working with various stakeholders to roll out a robust, dynamic, and academically rigorous program in the near future," said Randy Larsen, professor of chemistry and coordinator of the environmental studies program.

The major will create new in-state opportunities for Maryland students. The state of Maryland belongs to the Academic Commons Marketplace (ACM), which is a consortium of several southeastern states. It allows a student from one state to attend another state's public universities and pay in-state tuition if the student's major is not offered in their home state. According to the Maryland Higher Education Commission records, nearly 1,000 Maryland students used the ACM and left the state to enroll in undergraduate programs in marine science and marine biology between 2008-2018.

Pending approval by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the marine science major will be offered in fall 2021, along with the new neuroscience major approved by the board in October 2020. In development are two additional majors: applied data science and business administration.

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

# Calverthealth Foundation Accepting Scholarship Applications

The CalvertHealth Foundation Scholarship Fund is offering tuition assistance to students who are pursuing higher education in medicine or allied health fields. The deadline for submission is April 30. Since its inception, the scholarship fund has awarded more than 480 scholarships totaling more than \$640,000 to area students.

In order to be eligible for the Allied Health Scholarship, funded by a generous endowment from Calvert Arundel Medical Facilities, Inc., applicants must be accepted into an accredited school of nursing or other allied health curriculum.

The E. Anne Spitzer, MD Memorial Scholarship was created in 1988 to encourage Calvert County students seeking

careers in the medical field in honor of Dr. Spitzer. Funded by Dr. Spitzer's friends, family and the Calvert County Medical Society, the E. Anne Spitzer, MD Memorial Scholarship is open to students who graduated from a Calvert County High School and are pursuing a career in medicine. Students must be admitted to an accredited medical school at the time of application with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Specific guidelines and application forms are listed on the website at <https://www.calverthealthfoundation.org/Scholarships>. For further information please call the CalvertHealth Foundation at 410.414.4570.

*Press Release from CalvertHealth.*

# SMECO Scholarship Applications Now Online

*Four Students to Receive \$2,500*

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) is offering college scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. Four high school seniors will be awarded \$2,500 each. Students are eligible to apply if they live with parents or guardians who are SMECO members. Seniors must be enrolled or plan to enroll full-time in an accredited college, university, or trade school. The deadline for students to apply for college scholarships is Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

For more information, or to obtain an application, go to [smeco.coop/scholarships](http://smeco.coop/scholarships).

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To be eligible for SMECO scholarships, students must have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement, financial need, and community and school involvement. Students must submit their application online at [smeco.coop/scholarships](http://smeco.coop/scholarships). The SMECO scholarship committee will interview finalists in person or via Zoom.

*Press Release from SMECO.*

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# NASCAR 2021 SCHEDULE



## **DAYTONA 500**

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Daytona International Speedway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT DAYTONA ROAD COURSE**

SUNDAY, FEB 21 • 3:00 PM  
Daytona International Speedway

## **DIXIE VODKA 400**

SUNDAY, FEB 28 • 3:30PM  
Homestead Miami Speedway

## **PENNZOIL 400**

SUNDAY, MAR 7 • 3:30 PM  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT PHEONIX**

SUNDAY, MAR 14 • 3:30 PM  
Auto Club Speedway

## **FOLDS OF HONOR QUIKTRIP 500**

SUNDAY, MAR 21 • 3:00 PM  
Atlanta Motor Speedway

## **FOOD CITY DIRT RACE**

SUNDAY, MAR 28 • 3:30 PM  
Bristol Motor Speedway

## **BLUE-EMU MAXIMUM PAIN RELIEF 500**

SATURDAY, APR 10 • 7:30 PM  
Martinsville Speedway

## **TOYOTA OWNERS 400**

SUNDAY, APR 18 • 3:00 PM  
Richmond Raceway

## **GEICO 500**

SUNDAY, APR 25 • 2:00 PM  
Talladega Superspeedway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT KANSAS**

SUNDAY, MAY 2 • 3:00 PM  
Kansas Speedway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT DARLINGTON**

SUNDAY, MAY 9 • 3:30 PM  
Martinsville Speedway

## **DRYDENE 400**

SUNDAY, MAY 16 • 2:30 PM  
Dover International Speedway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT COTA**

SUNDAY, MAY 23 • 2:30 PM  
Circuit of the Americas

## **COCA-COLA 600**

SUNDAY, MAY 30 • 6:00 PM  
Charlotte Motor Speedway

## **TOYOTA/SAVE MART 350**

SUNDAY, JUN 6 • 4:00 PM  
Sonoma Raceway

## **NASCAR ALL-STAR OPEN**

SUNDAY, JUN 13 • 6:00 PM  
Texas Motor Speedway

## **NASCAR ALL-STAR RACE**

SUNDAY, JUN 13 • 8:00 PM  
Texas Motor Speedway

## **ALLY 400**

SUNDAY, JUN 20 • 3:30 PM  
Chicagoland Speedway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE PONOCO-1**

SATURDAY, JUN 26 • 3:00 PM  
Pocono Raceway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE PONOCO-2**

SUNDAY, JUN 27 • 3:30 PM  
Pocono Raceway

## **NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT ROAD AMERICA**

SUNDAY, JUL 4 • 2:30 PM  
Road America Raceway

## **QUAKER STATE 400 PRESENTED BY WALMART**

SUNDAY, JUL 11 • 3:30 PM  
Atlanta Motor Speedway

## **FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO 301**

SUNDAY, JUL 18 • 3:00 PM  
New Hampshire Motor Speedway

## **GO BOWLING AT THE GLEN**

SUNDAY, AUG 8 • 3:00 PM  
Watkins Glen International

## **BIG MACHINE VODKA 400 AT THE BRICKYARD POWERED BY FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE**

SATURDAY, AUG 15 • 1:00 PM  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

## **FIREKEEPERS CASION 400**

SATURDAY, AUG 22 • 3:00 PM  
Michigan International Speedway

## **COKE ZERO SUGAR 400**

SATURDAY, AUG 28 • 7:00 PM  
Daytona International Speedway

## **\*COOK OUT SOUTHERN 500**

SUNDAY, SEP 5 • 6:00 PM  
Darlington Raceway

## **\*FEDERATED AUTO PARTS 400**

SATURDAY, SEP 11 • 7:30 PM  
Richmond Raceway

## **\*BASS PRO SHOPS NRA NIGHT RACE**

SATURDAY, SEP 18 • 7:30 PM  
Bristol Motor Speedway

## **\*SOUTH POINT 400**

SATURDAY, SEP 26 • 7:00 PM  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway

## **\*YELLAWOOD 500**

SUNDAY, OCT 3 • 2:00 PM  
Talladega Superspeedway

## **\*BANK OF AMERICA ROVAL 400**

SUNDAY, OCT 10 • 2:00 PM  
Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course

## **\*AUTOTRADER ECHOPARK AUTOMATIVE 500**

SUNDAY, OCT 17 • 2:00 PM  
Texas Motor Speedway

## **\*HOLLYWOOD CASINO 400**

SUNDAY, OCT 24 • 3:00 PM  
Kansas Speedway

## **\*XFINITY 500**

SUNDAY, OCT 31 • 2:00 PM  
Texas Motor Speedway

## **\*NASCAR CUP SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

SUNDAY, NOV 7 • 3:00 PM  
Phoenix Raceway

\*PLAYOFF RACE

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# Letters to the Editor Pork, Anyone?

## To the Editor:

\$27,000,000,000,000, our national debt. We are up to our eyeballs in debt. You know it, I know it but apparently Congress seems to not care. They just passed a \$2.3 trillion covid relief/stimulus bill that is loaded with pork barrel spending that has NOTHING to do with either of the above. The pork is absurd and ludicrous. Picture a farmer opening a gate and pigs come running out snuffling, snorting and pushing for a space at the trough.

Nancy Pelosi orchestrated a free for all at the trough of taxpayer money. She fought since summer to delay a relief bill, but she saw her chance in December and sprang into action calling members back quickly to pass this pork laden monstrosity. She employed tactics such as reducing the usual 72 hours to read and digest the bill to a mere SIX! That is 5,593 pages. Impossible to read unless you are Evelyn Wood. Most admitted they didn't read the bill. Pelosi's standard; just sign the bill. You can see what's in it later. Remember, this is a \$ 2.3 TRILLION bill; the largest ever. The vote was taken verbally, hence no record of how people voted. And if you would like to know who sponsored the pork to give Pakistan \$10 million for gender programs you can't; its secret. All of this was done during Christmas week in the early morning hours quickly before you knew what happened and could voice your opinion.

Politicians don't care, it's not their money; they just want power and financial gain for themselves, family and friends. Harry Truman once said, "You can't get rich in politics unless you're a crook." I suggest reading Profiles in Corruption by Peter Schweizer; it's a real eye opener – available in your local library. The country will probably be o.k. during our lifetime, but our grandchildren will likely bear the financial burden thrust upon them by unscrupulous politicians. But Congress must be proud of themselves. They gave themselves and Federal employees a raise. An extra bonus \$89.5 million for Senate furnishings.

Some examples of the pork:

1. Millions and millions of dollars for foreign countries including Cambodia and Pakistan. Top recipients

are Egypt at \$1.3 billion, Sudan at \$700 million, Ukraine at \$453 million, Israel at \$500 million, Nepal at \$130 million, Burma at \$135 million. And, \$1.4 Billion for Asia Re-assurance Act (What's that)? YOU GET \$600!

2.\$1.4 million for the office of ethics expenses. They must have been out to lunch when this boondoggle was passed.

3.Money for commission to remind you not to store gasoline near an open flame.

4.Money to study gender diversity for STATUES!

5.Last May the Kennedy Center got \$25 million; this time \$40 million AND THEY ARE NOT EVEN OPEN. Regular folks can't even afford to park In the garage.

6.Museums and art galleries are getting millions; the Smithsonian \$1 BILLION.

7. Money to study the reincarnation of the Dali Lama.

8.\$193 million for HIV/AIDS workers to buy official vehicles and insurance.

9.And I couldn't resist. From an old bill funds to study why pigs stink.

And on and on it goes. Another very bothersome item is the refusal to give protection to businesses trying to remain open. If they are accused of any problem at all relating to covid they would be open to litigation after struggling so hard to survive. This was a red line issue for Mitch McConnell. Did money for the study of doping of Kentucky race horses take precedence. McConnell also advised his colleagues to just GAG and sign the bill!

I write this because I found that some were elated to receive \$600 and had no idea that Congress had gone on a hog-wild spending spree with our tax money and adding to an already astronomical national debt. This is just what Pelosi had intended. If you are irate about this pork barrel spending, call, write, e-mail your representatives; they are supposed to be working for you and listening to your opinions. But do it quickly another whopper is on the horizon. Better yet, remember this and vote them out.

*Diane Harahush  
Huntingtown*

# Calvert Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, February 11

### CSM Transfer Thursday

*Virtual; 11 a.m.*

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. [csmd.edu/transferthursdays](http://csmd.edu/transferthursdays)

## Friday, February 12

### Jewelry Trunk Show

*Calvert Marine Museum; 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

The Jewelry Trunk Show is back by popular demand at the Calvert Marine Museum Store. Treat yourself, or that special someone. The show is presenting an exquisite selection of jewelry that highlights a variety of artists and their unique designs. Take home a free box of sea salt caramels with a minimum \$50 jewelry purchase.

## Saturday, February 13

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## Sunday, February 14

### Jewelry Trunk Show

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## Thursday, February 20

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## Ongoing

### Body, Soul, Peace, and Harmony

*Artworks@7th Gallery; Thursday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Masks, limited gallery numbers, and physical distance precautions are required. Shop the gallery 24/7 online at [www.artworks@7th.com](http://www.artworks@7th.com) and Instagram or call for an appointment at 410-286-5278. Attached below are featured works from the gallery's cooperative membership of 25 artists, one of whom is always on hand to greet visitors to the gallery and talk about the show and fellow artists. Multi-talented in multi-media Suzanne Sheldon is the gallery's newly themed "Featured Artist". Her beautiful Southern Maryland landscapes, seascapes give the viewer a feast to behold. 'Body and Soul, Peace and Harmony' offers new works in stained glass, acrylic, silk painting, ceramic arts, scratchboard, mixed media, sculpture, and jewelry.

### Calvert Library Openings

Thanks to declining COVID-19 positivity numbers, Calvert Library is welcoming customers back in for short visits. Customers are still asked to keep visits as short as possible and no longer than an hour, wear an appropriate mask over your nose and mouth, maintain a social distance of 6' from others and help your children do the same. At all four library locations, in-person library hours will be Monday-Thursday, noon to 5pm, Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Curbside pickup appointments will continue Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appointments. Customers can also follow and interact with library staff on Facebook and Twitter. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website. Call 410-535-0291 or email [ganswers@calvertlibrary.info](mailto:ganswers@calvertlibrary.info) with any reference questions you may have.



# 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.

## Kathleen M. "Kathy" Wolf



Kathleen M. "Kathy" Wolf, 61, of Lusby, MD passed away on February 4, 2021 at her residence.

Born in October 1959 in Brooklyn, NY, she was the eldest daughter of the late Michael MacKenzie and Jean E. (Stayton) MacKenzie.

Kathy graduated from Patchogue Medford High School in 1977. She served in the U.S. Navy from 1978 until 1982. During her enlistment, Kathy was stationed in Orlando, FL and Norfolk, VA. She moved to Calvert County from St. Mary's County in 1989. Kathy was employed as a Budget Financial Manager for the U.S. Department of Defense for thirteen years. Anyone who met her knew she was a genuine and fun-loving person. She enjoyed going to the movies with her husband and attending Broadway shows. She was passionate about traveling, spending time with family, and shopping for her grandkids. She will be greatly missed.

Kathy, a loving wife, mother, and dotting grandmother, is survived by her husband, Steven M. Wolf whom she married in February 1980 in Norfolk, VA; her children, Christina J. Goodwin (James) of Odenton,

MD, Christopher M. Wolf of MD, and Cynthia M. Pedersen (Tyler) of Baltimore, MD; three grandchildren; and her siblings, Paula Bayley of NC, Michael P. MacKenzie of Long Island, NY, and Susan MacKenzie of Long Island, NY. She was preceded in death by her sister, Michele MacKenzie.

Serving as pallbearers for the Wednesday, February 10, 2021 service were Christopher Wolf, James Goodwin, Tyler Pedersen, Michael MacKenzie, Jr., Brian MacKenzie, and Christopher Kenul. The service was conducted by Father Ken Gill. Interment was in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

## Alexander (Andy) Hamilton Hall



Alexander (Andy) Hamilton Hall of Lusby, Maryland passed away February 3, 2021. Andy was born November 24, 1941 to the late Leander Wesley Hall and Dennie Dixie (Sturdivant) Hall in West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by sisters Myrtle Hance and Bertie Mae Hagelin as well as brothers Thomas Hall, Emmett Hall, Bobby Joe Hall, Coy Hall, Larry Hall, and Michael Hall. He is survived by sisters Faye Bowen and Barbara Etzel as well as brother Bradford Hall. Andy also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

Andy graduated from Calvert High School in 1959. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in the 1960s before ultimately beginning a long and distinguished career with Calvert County Public Schools. Andy was a quick-witted, fiercely independent, do anything fellow. He had an innate ability as a storyteller and could captivate an audience of one or many more. His stories and charismatic actions were the life of many gatherings. He was a devoted family man who cared and provided for his beloved mother and served as a father figure to his younger siblings.

Andy had a true passion for the outdoors and was an avid hunter for most of his life. His fabled hunting grounds encompassed the area of St. Leonard Creek. He was particularly fond of mountains and enjoyed hiking at any opportunity into his late 70s. Some of his favorite areas included New River Gorge in West Virginia and the Grand Canyon in Arizona. The Grand Teton Mountains in Wyoming were what he found most awe inspiring. He marveled at the beauty of the rigid, snowcapped peaks.

Family will receive friends on Friday, February 12, 2021 from 9:30 am until 11:00 am at the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, Maryland. A funeral service conducted by Pastor Robert Bowen will be held at 11:00 am. Interment will follow in Southern Memorial Gardens, Dunkirk, Maryland. Andy, you were loved by many and we will always revel in the fantastic memories!

Condolences to the family may be

made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

## George Conley Parks



George Conley Parks, 86, a lifelong resident of Lothian passed away February 4, 2021. He was born July 30, 1934 to Maurice Sr. and Dorothy (Rogers) Parks. George was raised in Lothian and graduated from Southern High School in 1952. He married Dorothy Leatherbury in 1956 and they lived in Lothian on the family farm. George was a lifelong farmer, primarily raising tobacco, corn, and beans. He was a member of the Southern Maryland Beagle Club and the Maryland Farming Bureau. George loved playing baseball and spending time with his family and friends.

George is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Dorothy L. Parks, children Terri Dalrymple and husband Joseph, Jeffrey Parks and wife Roxanne, and Gregory Parks and fiancé JC, all of Lothian, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a brother James Parks. He was preceded in death by his parents Maurice and Dorothy Parks, brothers Maurice Parks, Jr. and Glennis Parks, and sister Audrey Wayson.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral Home.

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### Wayne William Grover



Wayne William Grover, 80, loving husband of Joan Cross Grover, of St. Leonard passed away at home surrounded by family and friends on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. He was first and foremost a family man. He deeply loved his family and worked hard to provide, support, and take care of them. He loved spending time with his wife and children, being on the baseball or softball diamond or in the stands, watching the Orioles, going to the movies, traveling, and countless other adventures. He was a soccer player, first baseman and a softball pitcher, an avid bowler, a dedicated little league sports coach, and a little league baseball and softball umpire. As an unofficial movie critic, Wayne reviewed and watched hundreds of movies at the local theaters in St. Mary's and Calvert and if you asked he could tell if it was worth the ticket. When not taking in the excitement of a good movie Wayne loved to play cards. He shared his passion for a well-groomed lawn with his sons and helped his son, Wes, form his landscaping business. For many years, he cut grass all day on the first Gravely lawn mower he helped Wes get for the business. After graduating Calvert County High School in 1958, Wayne joined the Air Force. One of the great honors in his life was to serve as Honor Guard for President Eisenhower when Alaska became a state. Wayne was a member of the Optimist Club of Calvert, Boumi Temple Baltimore, American Legion Post 274, and Prince Fredrick Masons Lodge No. 142. He was a proud public servant, businessman, son, father, cousin, grandson, and husband.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 55 years together: Joan Cross Grover, his children: Timothy Wayne, his wife, Tammy, and William Wesley Grover, his as though married wife, Helen, and grandchildren: Ty-

ler, Tara, Morgan and Madison. He is preceded in death by his parents: William Wesley and June Elliott Laverne Grover and his sister, Joyce White, all formerly of St. Leonard. He loved his family and would do anything for them. He had a full life and was deeply loved. He will be deeply missed by all of his family and many friends.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions masks will be required by all guests at Rausch Funeral Home, Port Republic, and St. Paul United Methodist Church in Lusby.

Visitation will be Friday, February 5, 2021, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Memorial service will be Saturday, February 6, 2021

at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at St. Paul United Methodist Church Cemetery, 11000 H G Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657

Memorial contributions can be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, FL 33607; Link:

<https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc>

Or St. Leonard Fire Department, P.O. Box 101

200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685

### Beverly L. Steadman



Beverly L. Steadman, 83, passed away peacefully February 1, 2021, at Solomons Nursing Center. She was born September 6, 1937, in Washington D.C., daughter of the late Martin and June Sincell.

Beverly graduated from Northwestern Senior High School in June 1955. Following graduation, she worked briefly for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She then began her career with the Federal Aviation Administration where she would later retire. She met her husband of over forty years, Donald Steadman, and they settled in Chesapeake Beach in the 1970s. Beverly

was an active member of Mt. Harmony United Method Church and different garden clubs and Quester groups.

After retirement, she enjoyed spending her free time traveling with friends, volunteering and spending time with her grandkids and great grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan L. Green, husband, Donald F. Steadman, parents, June and Martin Sincell and ex-husband, Walter Witten.

She is survived by granddaughters Emily Green and Rachel Wroble and her husband William Wroble III; great grandchildren Maddison, Chloe, and William IV; cousins Billy and Gary Roberts (Carol) and family friends.

The visitation and funeral service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Alice Marie (Howes) Van Jeune

Alice Marie (Howes) Van Jeune, 83, of Deale entered eternal rest Jan. 31, 2021 from pancreatic cancer. Known as "Aunt Alice", she was born July 30, 1937 to Milton "Mutt" Howes and Alice "Thelma" Ford Howes at home in Deale, MD, the oldest of five siblings. Alice attended Deale Elementary and Southern Jr. Sr. High School. She



was known for being a great cook and worked as a chef at many local restaurants, including Skippers Pier in Deale and the original Adams Rib in Edgewater. Her last and favorite job was being the nanny to Kyle and Samantha Cooper. She fought back after many medical challenges through the years including cancer of the uterus and colon.

She is survived by her sister Mary (Larry) Raley of Chesapeake Beach and brother John Howes of Huntingtown, daughter Karen Manns of Dundalk, many nephews, nieces and cousins. She was preceded by her parents, a sister Shirley Howes and a brother Buzzy Howes.

A celebration of Alice's life will be held in the spring.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

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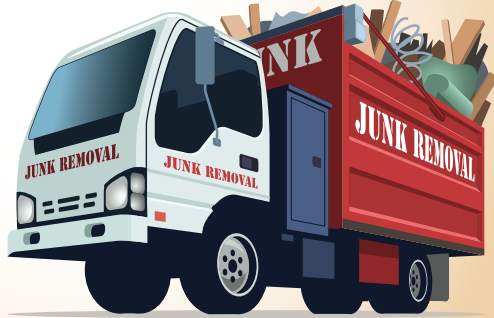
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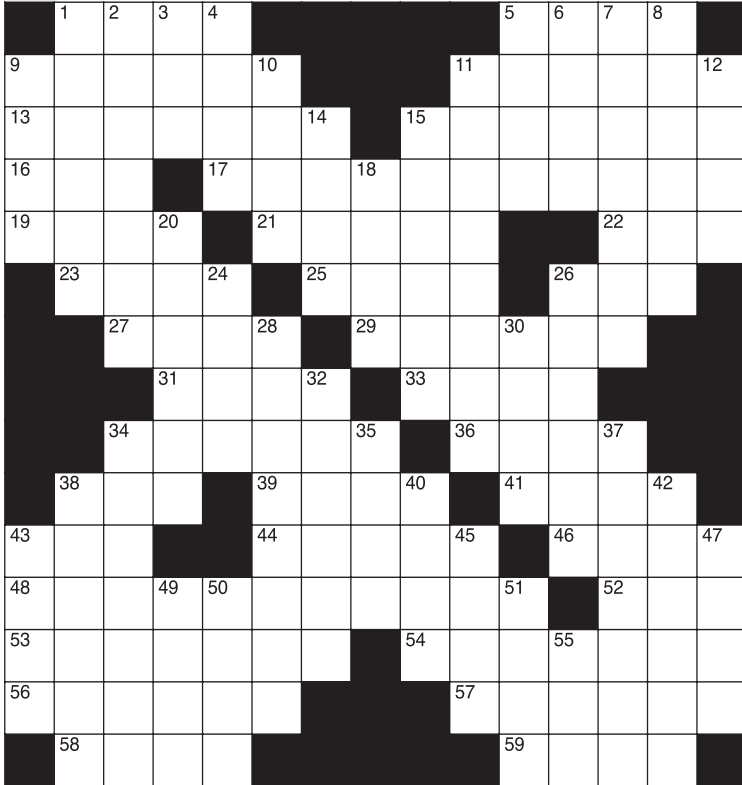


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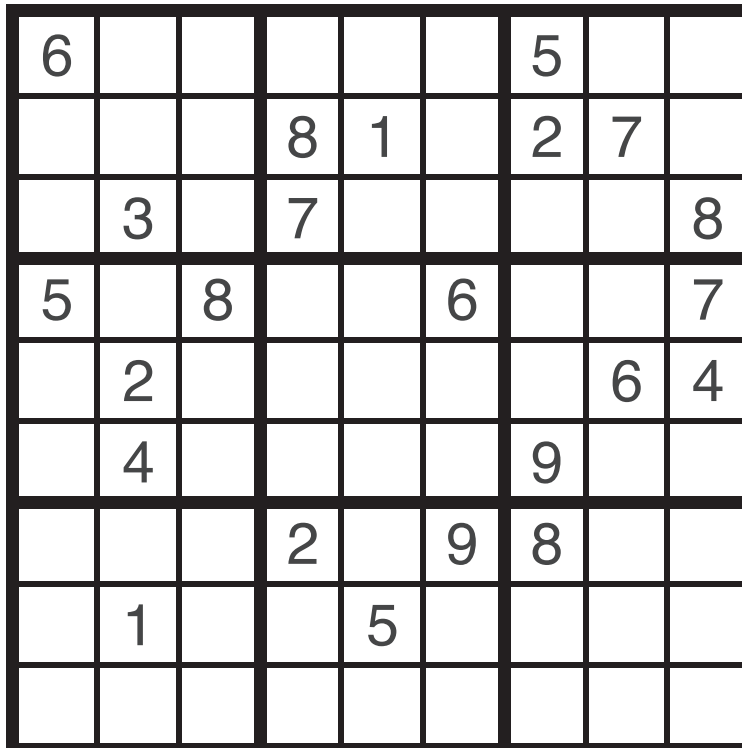
- 1. Composed
- 5. Lesotho currency
- 9. Ethnic group associated with Hungarians
- 11. Gains knowledge of
- 13. Gradual destruction
- 15. Purchase
- 16. Pharaoh of lower Egypt
- 17. Where you're going
- 19. The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 21. Fishing net
- 22. Midway between south and southeast
- 23. A way to sort
- 25. C C C
- 26. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
- 27. Discount
- 29. Consumes tobacco
- 31. A way to run
- 33. Popular musical awards show
- 34. Pertains to the male sexual organ
- 36. Supplements with difficulty
- 38. Green veggie
- 39. Deep-bodied freshwater fish

- 41. Holy fire
- 43. Usually has a lid
- 44. Being of use or service
- 46. Have a yen for
- 48. Unknowingness
- 52. Dry white wine drink
- 53. Unwinds
- 54. Traveling by sea
- 56. Outdoor entertaining areas
- 57. Stringed instruments
- 58. \_\_\_ Redgrave, actress
- 59. Moves earth

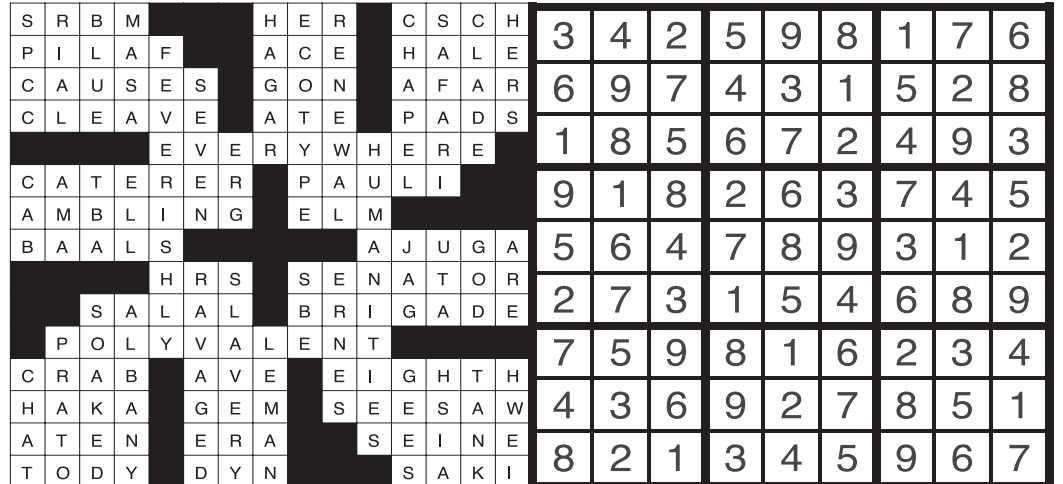
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
- 2. Burrowing rodents
- 3. French/Belgian river
- 4. A professional cleaner
- 5. A Russian river
- 6. Kiln
- 7. True statements
- 8. Most private
- 9. French city
- 10. Masses of fish eggs
- 11. Apart from others
- 12. Monetary unit of Samoa

- 14. Nanosecond
- 15. Film
- 18. Men's fashion accessories
- 20. Flowering shrub
- 24. North Carolina university
- 26. Former monetary unit of Spain
- 28. Foodies
- 30. New Zealand parrot
- 32. Makes very happy
- 34. A payment required for not fulfilling a contract
- 35. Emerald Isle
- 37. The act of terminating someone's employment
- 38. Gland in some mammals
- 40. Commoner
- 42. Large animals
- 43. Belch
- 45. Employee stock ownership plan
- 47. Work units
- 49. Wagon
- 50. Nerve fiber
- 51. Proclaimed
- 55. Japanese delicacy



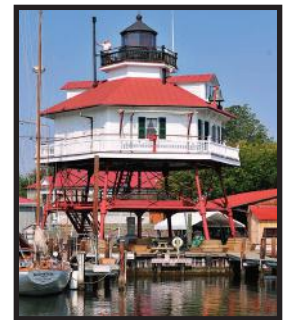
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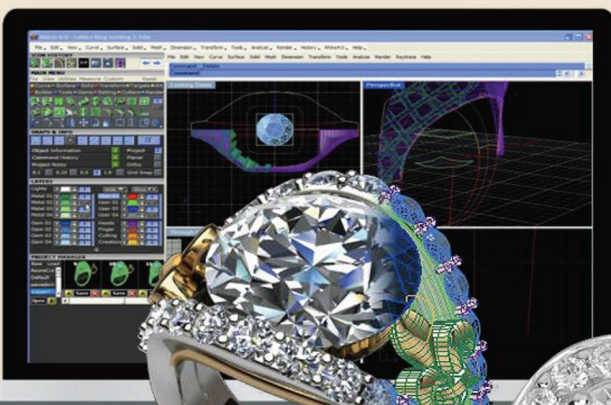
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