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# Calvert School Opening Plan: Vaccinations, Masks Not Required

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) will be presenting a proposed fall reopening plan to the Maryland State Board of Education by the end of July. The school system, in the meantime, is soliciting comments from the public on a draft plan presented to the school board at their July 15 meeting.

The plan is being developed amid much uncertainty, with COVID-19 infections soaring across the country due largely to the spread of the Delta variant. And then on July 19 the American Pediatric Academy issued guidance that all children over two years of age regardless of whether they have been vaccinated or not should wear masks in school.

The school system's proposal so far is to not require masks or vaccinations for students and staff. The proposal submitted by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Susan Johnson said, "As of July 1, CCPS opened schools with no masking for vaccinated students and staff. While it is recommended that those who are not vaccinated wear masks, it is not required. CCPS will continue to work with the CCHD to track positivity rates to make decisions in the future."

The proposal further states, "CCPS will be requesting that parents provide vaccination documents to the school nurse to help support contact tracing."

Regarding physical distancing the proposal says, "As we return to full instruction, it will be difficult to physically distance more than two feet in classrooms. CCPS will encourage students and staff to distance when possible."

Masks, however, will be required on school buses.

The plan calls for return to a full Pre-K to 12 curriculum. However, the plan says, "We must determine where our students are instructionally, identify gaps in learning and prepare a path for instructional success and recovery. CCPS administers the MAP assessment early in the year. This data will be used to determine gaps in learning. Our teachers are aware of different supports for students; however, we will train or review the six acceleration practices that can be used to help catch kids up when they have gaps."

Johnson also reported, "Our equity plan must be reflected in the plan. Mr. (Sandy) Walker is currently reviewing the equity submission to ensure that it reflects our new year goals and outcomes."

Johnson told the school board, "Currently posted on our website

is our reopening plan that we used during the course of last year and has been updated through the year. If you go to the website and look at that, you'll see that there are highlights that have been added throughout the course of the year, so that people were aware of changes that were made to that reopening plan based on feedback that we were getting, not only from the health department, but through the course of our feedback from parental surveys, and then just changes that occurred throughout the course of the full year."

Johnson said some revisions have been made based on decisions at the state level. "Our athletic program had to change because of the changes at the state level. So, the state is indicating that we will be implementing a full athletic program as provided for by MPSS, which is the Maryland Public School Athletic Association."

As to Special Education, she said, "We will shift from distant learning plans and actually move back into the full implementation of our IEP 504 and any Title 2 or ADA accommodations."

She also noted the reopening plans must be updated every six months. "It must be updated through 2024 because with all the money that we have received from the federal government, it has to have a connection to our reopening plan. Each time that we're making those changes, public input must be sought out and input should be considered."

In order to make the state deadline of the end of next week, the school system is asking for public comment on the reopening plan by July 23.

School board member Pat Nutter said, "You're going to have a tough job because every time you turn the television on, everything changes. It's like a constant battle and you think everything's okay and then 12 hours later, the world's getting ready to end again. So, I would anticipate that you're probably going to have to make some changes."

School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry said, "COVID is still here. The variant is present and the best way to be able to keep your child in school, especially 12 and up is vaccination because, should your child be exposed, they're going to have to be out of school for 10 days, but if they've been vaccinated, they're not going to have to miss school. And that means if they're going to be quarantined, they're going to miss all their activities as well. So that's an important thing for parents to remember."

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School Board Member Pat Nutter.

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# Chesapeake Beach Councilman to Resign

*Favret Moving out of the Area*

By Dick Myers  
 Editor

Chesapeake Beach Town Council Vice President Derek Favret has announced his intent to step down because his new federal job is located in Newport News, Va. and he and his family will be relocating there.

Favret is retired from the U.S. Air Force and works for the U.S. Department of Energy. He was reelected to a second term last November and recently was appointed the council's vice president.

The announcement came at the end of the town council's July 15 meeting and caught his colleagues by surprise. It came during the council's regular "Lightening Round" in which each council member has a chance to speak.

"I am speechless," said Councilman Larry Jaworski.

Favret was especially praised by the mayor and council for his work as head of the town's Walkable Community Advisory Group, which has published a report on needed town amenities to accomplish that walkability.

"I had really intended to be here for the Route 260 sidewalk dedication," Favret said. "I may come back for it."

"You are a conduit for a lot of different things," said Town Administrator Holly Wahl.

Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin said of working with Favret: "It has been a pleasure and a blessing." Of the announcement, she said, "I am shocked. It'll be a great loss for Chesapeake Beach."

Favret said of the council, "This has been a really remarkable group."

Favret said his resignation could possibly be at the next council meeting in September, but Mayor Pat Mahoney said he would not accept a resignation until Favret's place of residence actually changed.

"I will miss you guys," Favret said.

The announcement came at the first meeting in 17 months in which



Derek Favret

the council was together in-person in the town hall meeting room. Mahoney praised the council and staff for helping the town weather the pandemic.

During the Lightening Round, just prior to Favret's announcement, Councilman Greg Morris opined a discordant note into what usually is a cordial council dynamic.

With the council dealing recently with several controversial issues, such as short-term rentals and the multi-family residential moratorium, there has been some dissent among the council members and Morris has hinted at disagreement with Mahoney.

During the Lightening Round Morris noted that while the mayor does have some day-to-day duties, the mayor and council are on equal footing according to the town code. He said the mayor and town administration have been usurping some of the council's authority.

"The council really needs to be brought in more so than I have seen," Morris said.

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# Criticism Continues Over Anti-Racism Policy

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Controversy continues to swirl around the Calvert County Public Schools' Anti-Racism Policy. Some are associating the policy with the teaching of the controversial Critical Race Theory (CRT).

But before several people spoke on CRT at the school board's July 15 public forum, Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry asserted: "There is no such thing in Calvert County as a curriculum on Critical Race Theory. There is nothing on the board's agenda today about adopting a curriculum on Critical Race Theory. And there are no plans to present any kind of curriculum to the Board of Education for teaching children on Critical Race Theory."

But Mariam Canning of Calvert Parents for Education said of CRT, "This is not only politically charged, but inextricably partisan. Ron Haskins, senior fellow emeritus of the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institute testified before Congress providing a plan to stay out of poverty, which included three objectives: get at least a high school diploma, work full-time and wait until you're 21 and married prior to having a baby. According to census data, this formula kept 98 percent of Americans out of poverty."

She added, "We know you're not teaching the students CRT ideology, but you are using the ideology to transform classrooms into anti-racist environments often referred to as critical pedagogy. These ideas aren't new and progressive they're recycled bad ideas that have failed across time with vastly different cultures."

Canning said, "Asians outperform academically while simultaneously underrepresented in disciplinary action. This is important because the entire basis for these policies is rooted in the assump-

tion that our system was set up to benefit whites and to perpetuate white supremacy. Meanwhile, non-white migrants come to this country and outperform whites within our supposedly biased system."

She added, "Any racial group could just as easily comb through the same data and say, these systems perpetuate Asian supremacy using this very same logic. We wholly reject the anti-racism environment that Calvert County Public Schools intends to instill in our classrooms as the concept of anti-racism goes well beyond the proposed definition in our policy statement. To align yourself with anti-racism doctrine is to say that you believe all systems are racist due to unequal outcomes and achievement."

Canning said, "Essentially, this is a race-based redistribution of resources. Being anti-racist involves the complete rejection of colorblindness, which was once the crown jewel of the Civil Rights Movement. Being anti-racist rejects meritocracy. And finally anti-racism adherents do not allow for dissent. If people disagree with this approach, they must be racist."

She insisted, "The anti-racism movement is rooted in Marxist critical theory," and is also inherently anti-capitalism.

"We care about our black brothers and sisters and want them to know that we see them," Canning said. "We unequivocally support accurate history being taught, which includes slavery, Jim Crow, redlining, Tuskegee experiment, and most of all highlighting black excellence, which we acknowledge has been lacking in the past."

Canning was supported by several other speakers at the public forum, but several also supported the Anti-Racism policy.

Cam Scribner, parent of a student at Barstow elementary

school, said, "Most of this criticism strikes me as destructive, conspiratorially minded and largely incoherent."

Scribner said some opponents "acknowledge that there are disparate outcomes but assume that these reflect the shortcomings of individual students rather than subtle biases in the system."

He added, "They acknowledged that there are racially disparate outcomes, but refuse to consider race as a factor in correcting them because they favor strictly colorblind forms of equality, knowing that this position rings hollow in the face of longstanding and ongoing injustices."

He said if the opponents of the Anti-Racism policy "actually care about ensuring equality of opportunity, they need to offer the board a clear standard by which to know that it's been achieved. That means being serious about the results of board policies, rather than fear-mongering about communism or other specters to that end."

Any Cox, parent and teacher, NAACP member and Calvert Education Association board member, asserted, "We do not teach

Critical Race Theory, nor are we encouraged to in the social studies department. We teach using multiple perspectives by looking through different lenses. We have been teaching this way for many years."

But some parents are not at all convinced. Angela Blackham said at the forum, "You have neglected that we are all children of God made in his image. When Jesus was asked, what is the greatest commandment, he responded to love the Lord, your God above all else. And to love your neighbor as yourself. Your anti-racist work does neither of these. It only demands hatred and judgment to our fellow men based on their race."

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# Schools to Decide Priorities for \$11.5 Million in COVID Funds

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools will be getting \$11.5 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief. The funds are intended to blunt the impact of the pandemic on schools nationwide.

Calvert County School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry presented the proposed spending plan to the school board at their July 15 meeting. The intent where possible is to use the funding for one-time expenditures instead of recurring costs, which met the approval of the school board members.

The funds are available to be spent through July of 2024.

According to the funding guidelines, "Twenty percent of total allocation is to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, ensure that the interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups."



Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry

The priorities for learning loss are:

- Laptop lease for students - \$5,400,000 (three years)
- Data cost for Hotspot – Kajeet (3 years) - \$180,000
- Trainers for 5 schools of Restorative Practices - \$10,350

- Training of all staff and materials for Restorative Practices- \$981,203
  - Summer School (two years) - \$2,520,634
  - Saturday and After-school Tutoring (two years) - \$3,400,000
- Priorities for other allowable purposes as suggested by employee groups are:
- ParaPro exam and supports for Instructional Assistants (CAESS)
  - Scaling up to the requirement in the Blueprint that the amount of time for many teachers in the county will only be in front of students for 60 percent of their day starting the 2024-25 school year (100 – 150 positions) (CEA)
  - Additional HR Associate during the implementation of ARP and other ESSER efforts (3 years) \$240,000 • 2.5 Nurses for the purpose of contact tracing - \$378,000
  - Lower class size in grades kindergarten through two (20 to 1 ratio) (CEA)
  - Hire a Gifted and Talented

- teacher for each elementary school (CEA)
  - Second Step materials for staff and students at Beach Elementary School - \$8,400
  - Five additional High School Virtual Teachers - \$500,00
  - Funding priorities for health and safety are:
  - Upgrading of child nutrition to allow each site to set up and operate a second serving line "mobile style" - \$85,200
  - Beach Elementary School Replacement - \$3,000,000
  - HVAC Improvements at Nurses Suites - \$3,000,000
  - Various Safety Initiatives for Transportation - \$346,590
- The Beach Elementary item is to cover some anticipated cost overruns to the project because of increased building material costs.

Public comments on how to allocate the available funds can be sent to Calvert County Public Schools, Darlene White, Superintendent's Office, 1305 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or email [whited@calvertcounty.education](mailto:whited@calvertcounty.education)

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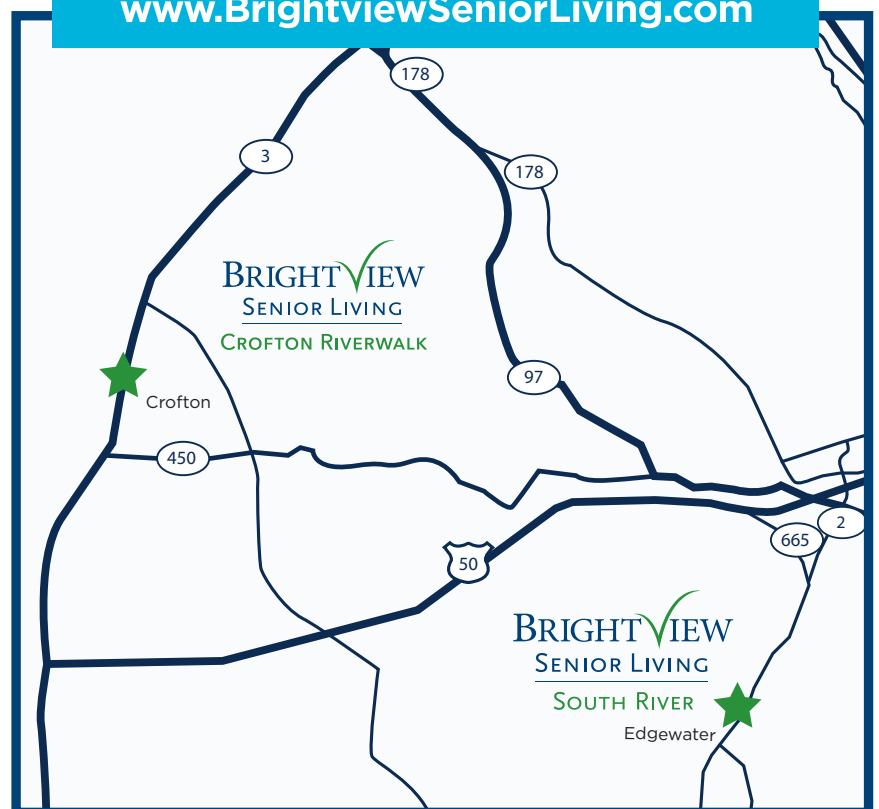
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## Town Resolution Defines 'Tourist Home'

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council at its July 15 meeting approved an ordinance defining what a "tourist home" is. The definition is intended to clarify what short-term rentals are allowed in the town's commercial and maritime districts.

The following definition was approved:

"Tourist Home": A residential building, that is rented commercially in whole or in part, or a separate dwelling unit accessory to a such a building that is rented commercially, in which paying guests are provided, with or without prearrangement, overnight accommodations on a short-term basis for commercial compensation."

The ordinance drafted by Town Attorney Todd Pounds explains, "Trends in technology and society emerging since the last comprehensive amendment of the Town's Zoning Ordinance have made it possible to commercially let one's entire house or other legal dwelling unit to just one party rather than letting separate rooms within the house to separate guests."

The explanation goes on to say, "The Town's Zoning Ordinance lacks a clear definition of the term 'Tourist Home' though it is referenced in multiple places in the Ordinance such that it can reason-

able be inferred that it is a commercial use within a residential building providing short term rental opportunities to overnight paying guests by prearrangement or not."

Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin, who has stated her opposition to short-term rentals, noted during the discussion of the ordinance that it did not place the definition within the zoning ordinance, and that would have to be done by separate resolution and public hearing. Or alternatively, she said, the planning commission could change the ordinance during the update that is now going on. Beaudin suggested withholding approval until either of those options was accomplished.

In the end Beaudin voted against the resolution, which passed 5-1.

Short-term rentals have been controversial in tow for months and the adoption of the resolution won't placate owners of houses in residential areas wishing to turn them into short-term rentals. One speaker at the July 15 meeting suggested the town allow short-term rentals as a special exception as Annapolis does. She said that would allow the planning commission to have control over each individual application.

No one from the council, however, has suggested allowing the short-term rentals in residential areas.

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## Fireworks Returning to Chesapeake Beach

*To Be Part of Taste of the Beaches*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Chesapeake Beach will be having a fireworks display this year, but it'll be two months later than normal.

Because of the pandemic, the town cancelled earlier this year its regular and highly popular fireworks display on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. At the time, Councilman Larry Jaworski suggested that perhaps it could happen at the annual Taste of the Beaches this year. The event was the brainchild of Jaworski.

Well, the town council was informed at their July 15 meeting by Town Administrator Holly Wahl that indeed that is what will be happening.

This will be the fourth Taste of the Beaches, having skipped last year, also because of the pandemic. It has grown bigger and more popular each of its first three years.

This year the Taste of the Beaches will be held at Kellam's Field on Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and the fireworks will occur a short time after sunset, which is 7:15 that time of year.



**TASTE THE BEACHES**

*Chesapeake Beach, MD*

The Taste the Beaches is described on the town website as "a festival experience of local food, drinks, artists, and businesses. Musical entertainment, Kids Zone, and a day full of fun!"

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The Town of North Beach has participated with Chesapeake Beach in recent years to make it a true "beaches" event."

Wahl said that vendor forms are expected to be released in the coming week.

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# Restoration Advisory Board Provides Forum for Navy Cleanup

The Navy held a virtual Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) – Chesapeake Bay Detachment (CBD), Chesapeake Beach, MD on May 18, 2021.

The NRL-CBD RAB, established in 2019, is a community advisory group that provides a forum for the Chesapeake Beach communities, Naval Support Activity Annapolis (NSAA), and Maryland regulatory agencies to work together in an atmosphere that encourages discussion and exchange of information.

“The RAB is an important tool for the Navy to obtain community concerns and provide input into environmental restoration,” said Capt. Homer Denius, NSAA commanding officer. “We want to ensure that we stay committed to transparent communication and partnership with the community.”

Denius went on to say that the RAB is the best forum for the Chesapeake Beach community to

obtain the most accurate and timely information on the Navy’s environmental restoration program

The virtual meeting was attended by Navy and regulatory agency representatives, local community members, and residents in the vicinity of Chesapeake Beach. Some of the topics included updates on the Navy’s environmental restoration projects at NRL-CBD as well as a question and answer session with representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

According to Ryan Mayer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington remedial project manager for NRL-CBD and RAB co-chair, the bi-annual meeting is still in its initial stages.

“The NRL-CBD RAB is just getting started,” said Mayer. “Our goal is open and effective communication with the community on the environmental restoration

program. We are going to publish RAB meeting minutes on the NRL-CBD public website, and we are also working on a Frequently Asked Questions link so the community can see our responses to many of the questions we have been receiving.”

During the May 18 virtual forum, members of the Chesapeake Beach community raised numerous questions relating to the Navy’s per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and their impacts on the surrounding communities.

“The PFAS impacts are currently under environmental investigations and we are actively working with impacted communities throughout the PFAS assessment process and public meetings such as the RAB,” said Mayer.

Mayer also emphasized that the public should seek the most up-to-date and authoritative information about the restoration program from official U.S. Government sources or regulatory agencies

such as the MDE or the Environmental Protection Agency.

For the full minutes from the May 18, 2021 RAB, visit: [https://www.navfac.navy.mil/products\\_and\\_services/ev/products\\_and\\_services/env\\_restoration/installation\\_map/navfac\\_atlantic/washington/nrl\\_cbd/outreach.html](https://www.navfac.navy.mil/products_and_services/ev/products_and_services/env_restoration/installation_map/navfac_atlantic/washington/nrl_cbd/outreach.html)

The next RAB is scheduled for Oct. 2021 and public announcements will be sent via email to the RAB members and published in the local newspaper, the Town of Chesapeake website (when provided), and the NRL-CBD public website at <https://go.usa.gov/xQFuV>.

For more information on the NRL-CBD, visit: [https://www.navfac.navy.mil/products\\_and\\_services/ev/products\\_and\\_services/env\\_restoration/installation\\_map/navfac\\_atlantic/washington/nrl\\_cbd/nrl\\_cbd\\_pfas.html](https://www.navfac.navy.mil/products_and_services/ev/products_and_services/env_restoration/installation_map/navfac_atlantic/washington/nrl_cbd/nrl_cbd_pfas.html)

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# Big Conversation Concludes 'Building Trust in Our Health Care Systems'

On June 13, The Big Conversation successfully concluded its three-part webinar series Building Trust in Our Health Care Systems. Participants included: physicians, nurses, health administrators, school nurses, representatives of related health care fields, and members of the Southern Maryland community. The series was in response to the community feedback to "learn more" from the September 13, 2020, Big Conversation: Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care (In)Equity, How Does it Affect Me?

These online sessions were led by Steven K. Ragsdale, an associate faculty member at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who has more than 25 years of experience in developing health care innovations and advancing pathways to better, safer, and more equitable care. Over one hundred diverse community members participated over the six hours of sessions. The three sessions were as follows:

Sunday April 25 – A History of Health Care. How were the present systems built? Why they no longer work. In this session, Ragsdale presented a historical perspective

on the treatment of African Americans from slavery to modern times. This included how black health care professionals and recipients were treated.

Sunday, May 23 – Exploring systemic unconscious bias and the importance of understanding its effects on society, healthcare models, patients and staff. Addressing implicit bias, Ragsdale stated, "It can literally happen anywhere in healthcare from when you call to make an appointment, all throughout care, all the way until you are discharged and, in the pharmacy, or rehab."

Sunday, June 13 – How we can reimagine future healthcare for Southern Maryland. How we can implement it.

In the third session, in facilitated small groups the participants generated several ideas for positive change and practical methods of implementation. Key findings to build trust in our health care system included:

Advocacy and better-informed consumers – A key aspect for developing trust in health care is improving how well the recipients understand how the system works and their communication with the

provider. Navigating the health care system can be daunting for everyone. Having an advocate to support underserved individuals as they seek and obtain health care and communicate with providers would improve the quality of care. Use community and interfaith groups to adopt and promote both advocacy and providing information for underserved populations about navigating the system. There needs to be more and clearly written information about health care resources and insurance benefits. Provide patient training in the use of patient portals. More computer access for the underserved located near their homes.

Access - The pandemic has taxed health care systems in accommodating large numbers of individuals both in care and vaccinations. New and creative ways of reaching underserved populations have been developed that can continue and expand access in the future. This has included the use of mobile care and the involvement of community non-profits and church groups to reach the "invisible people" and the homeless. Increase and make better use of behavioral and mental health services. Across Southern Maryland, health departments are reaching out to the Black community to increase vaccination rates. These techniques need to be continued in the future to provide improved health services. Improve communication through posters and videos in waiting rooms. Provide a guide for consumers on navigating the health care system. Challenge local media to give more press to consumer needs and views.

Staff Training – Providers and staff need to learn to be more sensitive to consumers and co-workers through bias training and awareness of cultural differences. Increase understanding of the history of how things got to where they are, because this information is deep and has typically been untouched. Encourage People of Color to share their stories so that providers can better understand their experience. Reach out to the medical community to provide training on the history and bias as was provided in these sessions.

Policymaking and leadership – Hospital and health organization boards should reflect community culture and values, and reflect the population that they serve. Hospitals and public health departments should consider creating advisory committees that reflect the "Closing the Gap Coalition" created to advise the educational system. Make more effective use of the Community Health Needs Assessment Survey. Look at who is involved and make sure that all levels of the community



are included. Give thought to using different data collectors. Share the assessment results broadly and deeply with the community. Community health and health inequities need to be a priority for county policy officials and legislators. Promote improved health care in the same way that education was promoted through Strong Schools Maryland.

Provider diversity – Health care for People of Color would improve if there were more providers that looked like them. This was highlighted in the "Black Men in White Coats" documentary and follow up, where it was pointed out that only two percent of physicians are Black men. POC children should be encouraged to go into health professions through career guidance, scholarships, and mentoring programs. Create a "STEM" like program for health care occupations, career academies, and advertising that features people of color in health occupations. There are systemic changes as well to address with medical schools failing to enroll a proportionate representation of People of Color, and the past closing of Black medical schools due to the Flexner Report.

Interagency coordination – There needs to be better coordination across local agencies. Schools can be used to provide a broader set of information to students and families and be a point of delivery for health services and food and nutrition education. Full time school nurses are a must. Health care and related issues should be better integrated with law enforcement. There needs to be stronger coordination between public health, health delivery systems, and social services. St. Mary's County offers good examples of steps toward such systems.

This Big Conversation presentation received significant support from two partner organizations: Calvert Library provided the technical support for the sessions online and the Community Mediation Center of Calvert County provided the facilitators for the small group sessions.

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# What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their July 21 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. In person meeting will resume in August from the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard, 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

SPR-2020-315, **Dunkirk District Park-Tennis Courts/Parking Lot**, located at 10750 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Dunkirk, on one parcel consisting of 81.42 acres, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. The submittal proposes additional amenities and parking to the existing public park. Scope of the project consists of three groups of tennis courts, parking lot and an ADA accessible restroom building in the back portion of the park. Also being proposed is a new on-site septic system, connection to existing on-site water well and site electrical service for lighting the tennis courts and parking lot. The submittal was accepted October 28, 2020. Agent: WBCM

CSPR-138210, **First Lutheran Church Addition**, located at 6300 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Huntingtown, currently on one parcel consisting of 5.6 acres, zoned RCD. An approved Replat

with a second parcel owned by the Church, will bring the total acreage to 8.1 for the proposed project. The submittal proposes construction of a one story 2,900 square foot addition with basement to the existing church. Existing classroom trailer will be removed upon completion of this project. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Wilkerson & Associates

CSPR-138164, **Prince Frederick Crossing**, Phase 4, located at 30 Thoroughbred Drive, Prince Frederick, on 2.3 acres zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Forest District. The proposed project includes 20 townhouse units and a future commercial area to be developed at a later date. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering

CSPR-138234, **Lynco Flex Space**, CCIP Lot 45C, located at 65 Jibsail Drive, Prince Frederick, on Lot 45C of Calvert County Industrial Park, consisting of 208 acres, Zoned I-1. The project proposes a 9,000 square foot Flex Space facility and associated improvements on the site. The submittal was accepted April 28, 2021. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

SPR-138176, **Armory Square**, located at 435 North Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick on 12.95 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District. This project proposes approximately 109,050 square feet of new commercial buildings, parking lots, utilities and related infrastructure. The submittal resumed agency review May 5, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

CSPR-138218, **Barstow Convenience Center**, located at 340 Stafford Road, Prince Frederick on three separate parcels consist-

ing of 83.07 acres, Zoned RCD/EC. The project proposes replacement of the existing recycling center with a new facility that includes improved customer parking, vehicular circulation and separating public vehicles from County vehicles. Site utilities will be connected to services currently supplying the existing maintenance building. The submittal was accepted June 23, 2021. Agent: WBCM

CSPR-138334, **County Administration Building**, located at 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick on 6.17 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center/Old Town and Old Town Transition Districts. The project proposes to demolish the existing office building and construction of a three story, 113,325 square feet government administration building with a basement. Site utilities will be connected to services currently supplying the existing building. The submittal was accepted June 23, 2021. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

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

SD-138121, **Rebecca's Field**, Lots 1-14, located on Cox Road, in Huntingtown, within one mile buffer of Huntingtown Town Center. 14 lots, on one parcel, consisting of 51.058 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted August 26, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

CSD2020-089 **Wyatt's Ridge**, Lots 1-24, located on Skinners Turn Road in Owings. 24 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 100.368 acres. Zoned RCD,

Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

CSD2020-090, **Bowen's Pride** Section II, Lots 1-12, located on N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, within one mile buffer of Prince Frederick Town Center. 12 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 34.32 acres. Zoned RCD/FFD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Barrett & Associates

CSD2020-092, **Armory Square**, Lots 1 & 2, located between N. Solomons Island Road and Armory Road, Prince Frederick. 2 commercial lots proposed on two parcels, consisting of 12.95 acres. Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center-Newtown District, Tier I. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Barrett & Associates

CXSD2021-097 **Lusby Villas, Commercial Subdivision**, Lot 1, located on Lusby Parkway in Lusby. One commercial lot proposed on one parcel consisting of 24.87 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District, Tier I. Submittal accepted February 24, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

SD-138229, **Prince Frederick Crossing**, Phase 4, located at 30 Thoroughbred Drive, Prince Frederick, on 2.3 acres zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Forest District. Subdivision of existing parcel to create 20 lots for the proposed 20 townhouse units. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering

*Information provided by Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning.*

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# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of July 5– July 11, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,546 calls for service throughout the community.

## Damaged Property: 21-37304

On July 6, 2021, DFC Gott responded to the 300 block of Gray Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) came onto her property at approximately 11:15 p.m. on July 5 and damaged a flower pot and knocked over her lawn chairs. The estimated value of damaged property is \$15.00.

## Damaged Property: 21-37259

On July 6, 2021, DFC Mitchell

responded to the 200 block of Vista Lane in Lusby, MD in reference to a destruction of property. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) pulled up all 12 solar powered pathway ground lights and scattered them over the front yard leaving them damaged and inoperable. The estimated value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

## Damaged Property: 21-38550

On July 11, 2021, Deputy Ab-ercrombie responded to the 4900

block of Storeplace Lane in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a destruction of property. The complainant advised sometime 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., unknown suspect(s) struck and damaged her mailbox. The estimated value of damaged property is \$50.00.

## Theft: 21-37351

On July 6, 2021, Deputy Huy responded to the 5000 block of Buena Vista Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a stolen tag. The complainant advised sometime between May 25 and July 2, unknown suspect(s) stole the rear registration plate of his vehicle. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

## Theft: 21-37621

On July 7, 2021, Deputy Plant responded to 8800 block of Bay Ave in North Beach, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 9:30 p.m. on July 6 and 6:30 a.m. on July 7, unknown suspect(s) stolen a metal dog statue from her from yard. The value of stolen property is \$20.00.

## Theft: 21-38021

On July 9, 2021, Deputy Huy received report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between July 3 and July 9, unknown suspect(s) stole a bright orange Husqvarna weed eater out of his truck bed. The value of stolen property is \$400.00.

## ARRESTS

On July 6, 2021, DFC Cress attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the area of Bayside Road and Chesapeake Beach Road in Chesapeake Beach for a motorcyclist not wearing a safety helmet.

The operator was travelling at speeds in excess of 80 MPH in a posted 30 MPH zone. With activated lights and sirens, Deputy Cress began pursuing the vehicle. The operator of the motorcycle passed numerous vehicles to include a school bus on a solid yellow line in an attempt to elude police officers. The driver, identified as **Jose Luis Sime Morales**, 25 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, made a U-turn at the intersection of Christiana Parran and Bayside Road where the motorcycle became disabled.

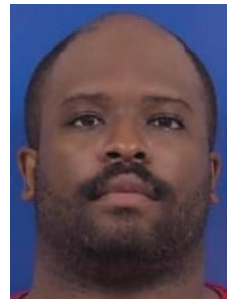


Jose Luis Sime Morales

Morales was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Fleeing and Eluding, Negligent and Reckless Driving, Unauthorized Taking of a Motor Vehicle and other traffic related charges.

On July 5, 2021, Cpl. Robshaw attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the area of Rt. 4 and Rt. 260 on three motorcycles detected travelling at a speed of 110 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Deputies in the area activated lights and sirens in an attempt to get the bikes to pull over. The bikes accelerated and continued southbound weaving in and out of traffic and driving down the center of the road in between vehicles. The motorcycles were last seen at a high rate travelling down Ferry Landing Road. A call from a resident on Ferry Landing Road later determined the operators of the motorcycles were hiding in a barn nearby.

Deputies arrived on scene and observed two males and a female with 3 bikes inside the barn. The operators identified as **Donte Glenn Frazier**, 34 of Landover, MD,

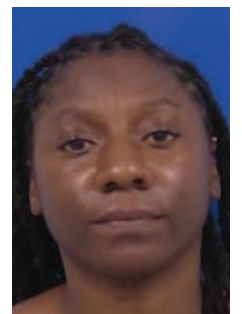


Donte Glenn Frazier

**Justin Addison Brickhouse**, 32 of Ft. Washington, MD and **Vanessa Donella Fenner**, 37 of Silver Spring, MD, who were taken into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were charged with Fleeing and Eluding, Negligent Driving, and Reckless Driving in addition to other traffic related charges.



Justin Addison Brickhouse



Vanessa Donella Fenner

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

## Defendant Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter by Motor Vehicle

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced that Christopher Fuller, 35, of Dunkirk has pleaded guilty to Manslaughter by Motor Vehicle, Causing Life-Threatening Injury While Under the Influence of Alcohol, and two counts of Second Degree Assault. He will be sentenced August 16, 2021.

On December 23, 2020, members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to West Chesapeake Beach Road and Journey Drive for a serious motor vehicle crash involving three vehicles. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2005 Hyundai Elantra operated by Fuller was traveling west on Chesapeake Beach Road when it struck the rear of a 2012 Ford Escape operated by Kerri Lyn Clark, 50, of Chesapeake Beach. The impact caused the Escape to lose control and cross into oncoming traffic. The Escape then rolled and struck a 2013 Honda CR-V operated by Lisa Ballard Porter, 37, of Owings. The impact caused the Escape to become airborne and leave the roadway. The Escape went over the guardrail and down an embankment where it came to rest on the eastbound side of Chesapeake Beach Road. Fuller continued driving westbound until his vehicle was stopped by an off-duty Maryland National Capital Park Police officer.

Paramedics responded to the scene and located Clark who had succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash. Porter was transported from the scene by helicopter to the Prince George's County shock trauma unit where she was treated for life-threatening injuries.

Deputies made contact with Fuller and immediately detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath. Members of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department attempted

to assist Fuller out of the vehicle during which time he became argumentative and spit in the face of a firefighter. Corporal Newcomer of the Maryland State Police attempted to restrain Fuller and in response Fuller spit in Corporal Newcomer's eye.



Christopher Fuller

Fuller was eventually placed into custody and transported to CalvertHealth Medical Center

where a specimen of his blood was taken. A forensic analysis of the specimen revealed the Fuller's blood alcohol level was .17 – over twice the legal limit – following the crash.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Fuller's vehicle was traveling 81 mph in a posted 50 mph zone at the time of the crash. Investigators also determined that Fuller was at fault for the crash which took the life of Clark and caused Porter to suffer life-threatening injuries.

The State's Attorney's Office wishes to commend members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for their work on this case. A special thanks is extended to Senior Deputy Hardesty and Corporal Bortchevsky of the Calvert County Crash Reconstruction Team for their efforts in leading this investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Christopher J. Monte.

*Press Release from Calvert County State's Attorney's Office.*

# Governor Appoints Chris Gadway as Calvert County Commissioner

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Governor Larry Hogan has appointed Chris Gadway to succeed Thomas “Tim” Hutchins as Calvert County Commissioner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner District. Hutchins resigned effective June 28 for health reasons.

Gadway is a member of the Calvert County Republican Central Committee. That body unanimously recommended Gadway to the governor. Gadway was one of seven candidates who applied for the position and were interviewed by the central committee. He also received the unanimous endorsement of the Republican members of the county’s legislative delegation.

Central Committee Chairperson Catherine Grasso said, “I think he will be a very, very strong commissioner.”

Gadway, 50, lives in Huntingtown with his wife Julie. “We met here in Calvert County in St. Leonard in 1997 and got married in ‘98,” he said. They have two grown children.

“I’m originally from Oregon,” he said. “I went into the Coast Guard. They brought me out to the DC area. And after I got out of the active duty, I ended up finding my way shortly thereafter to Calvert County.”

Gadway said he was attracted to Calvert because “it reminded me a whole lot of back in the rural areas by the (Pacific) coast.”

The new commissioner is a businessman. He owns Property Management of Southern Maryland. “We manage about 150 residential dwellings in Southern Maryland throughout Charles, St Mary’s and best of all, Calvert.” He has a home office.

Gadway has been eyeing the commissioner seat for a while and filed earlier this year to run in next year’s election.

“I actually made the decision in July of 2019, and I started working on it, trying to figure out how to do that,” he said. A friend of his, Cal Steuart, current central committee vice chairman, helped him fill out the forms.

It started in 2019. He said, “I was quoted in one of the local newspapers during the public hearing comments section for the Huntingtown master plan hearing, that I felt that it was inappropriate at that point for a person that owned the property in question (Commissioner Kelly McConkey) to be discussing and voting on rezoning it from what it was to town center.” He added, “Myself and a lot of other citizens during public open comment made the commissioner be aware that they didn’t feel that this was appropriate, a possible conflict of interest or something like



that. And when he decided to go ahead and discuss it more and vote on it later that night, that’s when I remembered my dad sitting there saying years and years ago when we were growing up, ‘don’t ever criticize the way another man does a job, unless you’re willing to step up and do it.’ So, at that point in time, I had made this decision, well, I guess I’m running for commissioner.”

Gadway clarified, “I still feel that he was in direct conflict of interest, and I personally feel that it’s an ethics violation to say the least. I don’t believe that he should have done what he did. So, the way I actually was quoted in the paper, I said, ‘If you want the respect of the people of this town, in this county, stand up, resign your position now and speak from this side of the microphone.’”

Gadway was asked about the county’s development policies. He said, “I am opposed to future high-density residential development.”

He said he attended the recent public meeting on the update of the Dunkirk Town Center Master Plan. “I was really happy to see as many people in the public were engaged and I’m excited to see the planning and zoning’s responses to the feed-

back that they received from everybody that attended online.”

As a candidate for election next year, he said his issues were “high density, residential development is one of the most prominent, and the ethics and morals. You know, that was what actually kind of got me hooked into this, our constitutional rights, our Bill of Rights especially, has really taken a hit over the last couple of years. And, you know, the 10th Amendment going back 50 years and the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment has been getting beat up over the last decade plus last year we actually saw the right of religion, being able to practice our religion the way we see fit, stripped from us nearly overnight.”

He said, “I think that we, as a country, need to understand that we really need to focus on our Constitution or our Bill of Rights and making sure that we ensure that the government doesn’t stop the citizens from exercising their rights as they’re given to them as a person and a citizen of our country.”

An example here in Calvert: “At one point in time last year they put an arbitrary weapons ban on all county property. And it was a very vague. Now, they reversed that, but the fact

he put it in, I seriously disagree with because that would eliminate a lot of people that are legally authorized by the state police to carry a weapon for their own self-defense. Legally, that would forbid them from even going to their mailbox or going to the county transfer site and getting rid of their trash. And they wouldn’t be able to go to their mailbox because they’d be standing on county property.”

“The law was just very, very poorly written. It was rescinded, but something like that is paramount concern.”

Gadway was asked about how the schools are doing, particularly with the pandemic. He said, “I think just like with law enforcement and other public services, 99.99 percent of all the teachers and all the others are absolute professionals in what they do. That being said, I think that the schools need to teach and we, as parents need to teach, and grandparents need to teach our children and grandchildren history as it happens. Good things happen in history and bad things have happened in history. And the old adage goes, if you don’t learn from your mistakes, you’re doomed to repeat them.”

He added with an eye to the Critical Race Theory controversy, “We have to teach history as it happened. And we have to treat everyone as a person and a member of our community.”

Gadway explained, “When I enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, my dad was a Republican. My mother was a Democrat. When I was 18, I registered as a Republican. I went into the Coast Guard.” He added, “I’ve been a Republican ever since.”

As to being a Republican, he explained, “I believe in the conservative values, conservative spending, and making sure that the government works for the people, not the other way around.”

When asked if that would equate to being fiscally conservative as a commissioner, he answered, “Absolutely. I as a business owner, myself, I have to make our business budget work. My wife and I have to make the business budget work. We have to make the household budget work along with everybody else in the entire country.”

Gadway said he did not speak personally with Gov. Hogan before the appointment was made and he assumes the governor was convinced by the central committee and the legislators’ recommendation.

As of press deadline he had not heard the details of when he was going to be sworn in. The next commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27.

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## Leadership Group Announces Incoming, Outgoing Board Members



Basia Kenney



Angela Walters Small

At its June board meeting, Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) confirmed its board of directors for 2021-2022.

Joining the board are Lisa Clark LSM'14, principal account delivery executive, state & local government, Microsoft Corporation; Basia Kenney LEAP'20, computer scientist, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division; and Angela Walters Small LSM'16, public information officer and director of media relations, College of Southern Maryland.

LSM's executive board membership for 2021-2022 is as follows: Mary Beth Cook LSM'17, president; Gadson "Ed" Rule LSM'18, vice president; Joan Thorp, LSM'18, treasurer; Joe Mortensen LSM'16, secretary, and Samuel C. P. Baldwin, Jr., Esq. LSM'16, immediate past president.

LSM thanks Barry Friedman LSM'09 and Christa Kuhl LSM'14 for their board service, which completed in June 2021.

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Lisa Clark

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*Press Release from LSM.*

## CoreLife, CalvertHealth Announce New Partnership

*To Combat Obesity and Improve Community Health*



CoreLife Inc, an innovative preventive healthcare company specializing in the treatment of overall patient health, obesity, and complications associated with obesity, has announced the formation of a new partnership with CalvertHealth to provide wellness and weight management options in Southern Maryland.

Data from the most recent Community Health Needs Assessments demonstrate that Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties have a higher rate of obesity than the state averages. Rates in Calvert also exceed national averages. There is a need and opportunity for health intervention. CalvertHealth is proud to partner with CoreLife to bring these services to Southern Maryland, with the first location opening in Waldorf on August 16 and a Calvert-based location to follow later in the year.

"We are proud to partner with Calvert Health," said CoreLife Founder and President Sean Kostkowski. "We look forward to working with CalvertHealth to positively impact Southern Maryland communities."

As a leader in metabolic health, CoreLife enhances total health by providing a multifaceted approach to chronic illnesses, the root causes and related side effects related to poor metabolic health and its comorbid disease states, such as, but not limited to, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease, stroke, sleep ap-

nea, gallbladder disease, gout and many others. CoreLife implores coordinated medical, behavior sciences, therapeutic exercise programs, and nutrition counseling on site - developing a personalized care plan to help each patient in achieving their health and wellness goals.

CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague says the CoreLife model is what he believes will be most beneficial to patients. "We know obesity is an issue in our community which requires intervention and support and it was important for us to select a partner that would set patients up for the best chance of success now and in the future. Our organizations share a similar approach to wellness, which will allow each person to achieve their health goals through coordinated, preventive health and wellness care and resources."

The Waldorf clinic will be located at 1036 St. Nicholas Dr. Suite 101, Waldorf, MD 20603. The clinic will be open Mondays and Wednesdays 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30a.m. to 7 p.m. Each CoreLife clinic features a unique model that combines professionals in medicine, nutrition, exercise and behavior all located in a local, convenient and compassionate environment.

*Press Release from CalvertHealth.*

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# CSM to Return to Normal Campus Operations

*Sports in Regular, Competitive Fall Season*



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces it will return to normal campus operations Aug. 23, 2021, after 17 months of restricted or remote operations in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This operational shift includes an increase in the number of in-person class instruction options and the reopening of conference, meeting and event spaces and common areas.

“We cannot wait to see our students face-to-face and back on our campuses,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. “We have prepared well and are being deliberate in resuming our campus operations in the safest manner possible.”

When the fall semester begins Aug. 25, faculty, staff and students will not be required to wear masks or face coverings; however, those who wish to wear a mask on CSM’s campuses are encouraged to do so. Anyone coming on campus who is not fully vaccinated is strongly encouraged to always wear a mask or face covering for everyone’s safety.

In addition, COVID vaccinations will only be required for students in CSM’s nursing and health programs and those students have been notified that they will need to provide proof of their vaccination along with their other health screening, immunization, background check and drug screening program requirements.

All students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to get their COVID-19 vaccination before the fall 2021 semester begins Aug. 25. To help facilitate vaccinations, the college will host vaccination clinics prior to, and throughout, the fall semester.

“As we resume normal operations, the college will capitalize on innovative practices developed over the last year to achieve learning outcomes and deliver effective services online or remotely while

also offering face-to-face options,” explained CSM Vice President of Operations and Planning Bill Comey.

Comey added that on-campus classes are scheduled to run at reduced room capacities this fall to provide for physical distancing. CSM is also set to offer approximately half of its fall credit classes in an online or hybrid format. Meanwhile, the conference, meeting and event spaces will return to full capacity and the college will continue to provide enhanced cleaning throughout the campuses and extra hand sanitation stations will remain in place.

CSM athletes will be suiting up for a regular, competitive fall season, according to CSM Executive Director of Student Life and Athletics Michelle Ruble. “CSM’s preseason training for our fall athletic program begins August 2 and off-season training begins for all other athletic programs the first week of classes,” she added.

Registration for a limited program of fitness-related personal enrichment courses taught by CSM opened for fall registration on Wednesday July 13, 2021. CSM remains in close contact with St. Mary’s County Government Parks and Recreation regarding a memorandum of understanding for the operation of the Aquatics and Fitness facility on CSM’s Leonardtown campus. As soon as the MOU is finalized – which is expected soon – an announcement will be made. Meanwhile, fitness-related personal enrichment programs at the La Plata Campus will not be held at the campus’ Physical Education Building as it undergoes considerable HVAC and plumbing upgrades.

Stay up-to-date with the status of CSM’s campus operations by visiting CSM Ready at <https://www.csmd.edu/ready/>.

*Press Release from CSM.*

# Optimists Announce Scholarship Recipients

The Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick announced their 2021 Scholarship recipients on July 12. The club, through its Calvert Optimist Community Parks Foundation, began their scholarship program in 1975 with a single award valued at \$2,000. Over the past 43 years, the Calvert Optimist Scholarship Program has awarded \$264,250 in scholarships to graduates of Calvert County Public Schools.

This year’s Calvert Optimist-Les Knapp Scholarship, valued at \$8,000, was awarded to Northern High graduate Garrett Hurley. Garrett will be attending the Towson University this fall and majoring in Computer Science/Cybersecurity.

The 2021 Calvert Optimist Jim King Scholarship, valued at \$6,000, was awarded to Dataya Resenois. Dataya is a Huntingtown High graduate and will be attending the Howard University this fall majoring in Nursing/Pre-Med.

The Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Bob Evans Restaurant in Prince Frederick at 6PM. If you are interested in making



Calvert High graduate Dataya Resenois (l) recipient of the 2021 Calvert Optimist Jim King Scholarship and Northern High graduate Garrett Hurley, the 2021 Calvert Optimist-Les Knapp Scholarship awardee.

a difference in the life of a child, you are invited encouraged to attend our meeting and join the members in being the “Friend of Youth.”

For further information go to [www.optimistclubofcalvert.org](http://www.optimistclubofcalvert.org).

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# Tackle Box Fishing Report

## Lear Flag to Flag in Potomac Limited Late Models



By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

Cobia have taken center stage in southern Maryland waters. Chummers using chum logs and cut alewife are setting up chum lines in the lower bay and are catching some beauties. Live eels in the chum lines are attracting plenty of strikes. There are lots of boaters fishing the area from the Target Ship to Smith Point and beyond into Virginia waters. The fish are more numerous and bigger than last season with few below the 40 inch minimum size.

Spoilers in all this are the cow nosed rays (skate) that love to eat the bait intended for cobia. However, the cobia hang around the schools of rays; even though they can be pesky, they are an indicator that you are doing everything

right.

Trollers using big surgical eels are having some success. Trolling allows you to cover a lot of water.

Sot fining is excellent with the mouth of the Patuxent being ground zero. They are getting bigger. There are more bloodworms in the bait shops this week.

Perch are in the rivers for lure casters along the shoreline. Look for clean water free of nettles. The creeks are not as productive for perch as tide flows have been poor and the nettles are thick. Sea nettles love hot salty water and we have plenty of that this year. We normally see this in August, but the dog days have arrived early.

Spanish mackerel are still on the horizon. Blues are here now in Cedar Point Hollow and at the targets.

### Mann Strikes Again in RUSH Crates

Kyle Lear took full advantage of his front row starting spot to score his second win of the season in last Friday night's 20-lap Limited Late Model feature at Potomac Speedway. The win for Lear, steering his infamous Rocket no.151, would be his 25th career division win and fourth overall of the 2021 season. As Lear set the pace, Brandon Long and Sam Archer battled for second with Long prevailing at the finish.

"We seem to be getting in a rhythm and I hope we can keep it going." Lear stated post race. "My mom and dad are here tonight and it's pretty special to win with them being here."

Archer settled for third with current point leader Billy Tucker and Dale Murphy completing the top five.

Megan Mann stayed as hot as the weather as she rolled to her second win of the season in the companion 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model feature. Mann shot from her second starting spot into the lead but would have to repel the repeated advances of current point leader and defending track champion Jeremy Pilkerton to post the popular win aboard her Rocket no.55.

"Jeremy is hands down the best driver in the class this season and it's a great feeling to beat him." Mann emphasized from victory lane. "I have to thank my mom and dad and all of our sponsors, it's been a great season."

Greg Carrico, Ed Pope Jr and Ben Scott trailed at the finish.

In support class action, Deuce Wright drove to his 2nd win of the season in a thrilling 15-lap Street Stock feature/ Mikey Latham scored to his 4th win of the season and ca-

reer 21st in the 15-lap Hobby Stock main, Justin Bottorf claimed his 3rd of 2021 in the 15-lap Roadster feature with Justin Hatcher rolling to his second straight, and 6th of the season in the nightcap 15-lap Strictly Stock contest.

### Limited Late Model feature finish

Kyle Lear, Brandon Long, Sam Archer, Billy Tucker, Dale Murphy, Jeff King, Wayne Bryant, Chuck Cox, Ray Ciccarelli

### RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

Megan Mann, Jeremy Pilkerton, Greg Carrico, Ed Pope Jr, Ben Scott DNS-Bo Lollar

### Street Stock feature finish

Deuce Wright, PJ Hatcher, Walt Homberg, Stevie Gingery, Ben Pirner, John Cobb, Steve Hilgenberg, Mike Bladen DNS-Scotty Nelson

### Hobby Stock feature finish

Mikey Latham, Austin Lathroum, Troy Kassirs, James Rainey, Wyatt Hanson, Hilton Pickerel, Casey Sheekles, Owen Lacey, Mason Hanson, Erik Hanson, Colin Long, Stephen Suite DNS-Billy Crouse

### Strictly Stock feature finish

Justin Hatcher, Casey Sheekles, John Hardesty, Daniel Knodle, Brian Johnson, Richie Gibson, Eric Huntington, Jim Hardesty, Natalie Davis, Jayden Hatcher, Scooter Tippett, Nabil Guffey, Travis Dye, Greg Mattingly

### Roadster feature finish

Justin Bottorf, Kelly Crouse, Jason Penn, John Burch, Joey Suite, Emily Quade, Richard Inscoc, Tim Steele, Brian Cusick, Joseph Beard, James Stonestreet, Jason Jarvis

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway.

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# Waterfowl Blind Licensing Process Now Available

*Online Lottery, Virtual Appointments*

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now offering an online-only process for Maryland hunters to apply for a 2021-2022 waterfowl blind site license. From now through July 26 at 11:59 p.m., hunters may enter the lottery for the opening days of blind site licensing through the department's Compass portal.

Hunters can register to be entered into a random lottery for a county of their choice. Landowners who would like to license their own property may also enter the same lottery.

Lottery entrants will be asked to provide a current email address and phone number where they can be reached in the event of any connection problems.

There is no charge to enter the lottery. Hunters must be Maryland residents and must have purchased either a 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 Maryland hunting license prior to their appointment to license sites.

Winners of the lottery will be posted on the department's website and will be notified by email with the time and date for a virtual online meeting. These virtual meetings will begin August 3 and continue during normal business hours. In some counties, appointments will take place on multiple business days.

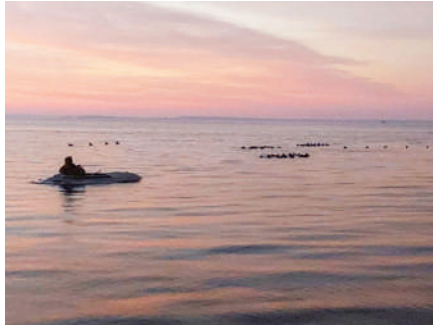


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Additional information and important instructions are available on the department's website. Lottery entrants and other interested individuals should check this site often for updates.

After the opening days, licensing for all counties will occur by appointment only. Customers may begin making appointments through the department's website on August 18 for virtual meetings that will begin August 23. Customers who schedule an appointment will receive an email that includes a link to communicate with DNR staff at the appropriate date and time.

Preview maps of shoreline licensed by waterfront landowners will be available on the department's website.

*Press Release from MD DNR.*

# Fall Sports Registration Now Open

Stay active this fall with sports offered through the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation. Hit the field for soccer or youth field hockey, or grab a group of friends and sign up for co-rec softball.

**Youth Soccer**

Separate soccer divisions are offered for boys and girls in pre-K through grade 12. Cost is \$41 per player for the pre-K and kindergarten divisions and \$67 for players in first through 12th grade. Residents can choose the south, central or northern district for practice and games during sign up. Registration closes Friday, Aug. 6 or when divisions are full. Volunteer coaches are needed for all divisions.

**Youth Field Hockey**

Registration for youth field hockey is currently open through mid-August for children in grades two through eight. All games will be played on Sundays at Hallowing Point Park and teams will practice twice a week. Registration fee is \$71 per player. All players must provide their own protective eyewear, shin guards, mouthpieces and sticks.

**Adult Co-rec Softball**

Co-rec softball games are scheduled



for Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Tuesday, Aug. 24 at Hallowing Point Park or Dunkirk District Park. Deadline to submit applications is Thursday, Aug. 5.

Cost per team is \$520 and is due at registration. The fee covers umpires, balls, scorebooks and trophies for each division winner. Teams will play a minimum 18-game schedule and a double-elimination tournament will be held at the end of the season.

To register for a Parks & Recreation activity, visit online or email the Office of Sports, Community and Well-Being at [sports@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:sports@calvertcountymd.gov). For a coaching application, or for more information, visit online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/FallSports](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/FallSports). Citizens can also visit the Parks & Recreation main office located at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick or any county community center to register.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

## A View From The BLEACHERS



# TIP

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

The hunt for the story: that has been the most fascinating part of maintaining this column. Usually, a handful of prospects are jotted down and allowed to marinate until there is a detectable vibe.

Every now and then, something obvious happens. My favorite, playoff-cursed hockey team, wins the Stanley Cup. The baseball team I had spent 30 years wishing into existence, finally arrived in Washington D.C. and, after many painful teases, actually wins the World Series. Political buffoonery makes a direct connection to sports. Sports offers an unmistakable reflection on the course of American or human history. The owner of the endearingly generic "Football Team" does something profoundly and astonishingly foolish, like enabling a toxic, boys club culture for decades or declaring the team would "NEVER" (he said to use all caps) change its racist former name. Such happenings align topic and inspiration, and beg for commentary. The content follows quickly in these creative gardens and, 700 words later, a new "View" is sent to press.

Other times, I'm lost, struggling in a wasteland of my knotted and dysfunctional brain. It's a twisted scenario that descends down the psychological death spiral from curiosity to frustration to stress. But I get through it. Beer helps.

Then there is the rarest of sources: the tip. A faithful reader, perhaps one familiar with the occasional creative desert, offers a suggestion – a ray of light that sometimes rescues me from myself. That, my good readers, is how I was introduced to Nico Hoerner.

The guy who added his suffix the same day he assigned mine – my dad – delivered a hand-written note from a friend. It spoke of a Nico Hoerner, a 2018 draft pick of the Chicago Cubs, who had recently returned to the lineup from the injured list. Seems Hoerner is the son of Frank, same surname, who played football at Chopticon High School in the 1970s. A quick internet search confirmed the name association, if not the lineage definitively. Without the inclination

to cyber-stalk the Hoerner family, this evidence will have to suffice.

A few days later, I was horizontal on the couch absorbing the NBA Finals. The note, now a faint thought in my crowded, work-week brain, was on the coffee table buried under various debris. During a timeout in the basketball game, I scrolled through the channels and selected the Phillies v. Cubs game for a quick peek. The Phillies batter hit an infield fly off the first pitch I saw. My tired eyes were at half-mast as the Cubs infielder followed the ball's descent through the swirling wings at Wrigley Field. As the ball landed in the glove, the announcer credited the put-out to... Nico Hoerner.

Hearing the semi-familiar name, I rose from the couch, tossed bills, magazines and a coaster aside and found the note. Nico Hoerner! What are the odds? Not only was that the first pitch I saw in that Cubs game, I'm confident it was the first pitch I saw from any Cubs game this year. "If you build it they will come." Or, if a kind soul writes a note about Nico Hoerner, hands it to the dad of a local writer, the baseball gods will lead that writer to the story.

But what is the angle? What makes the coincidence consequential?

I mulled over that for a few days with little success combating the inclination to hyper-analyze. It was in front of me the entire time. The impossible odds that connected note, to writer, to channel change and to Hoerner's put-out were just another unexplainable example of life's unique way of providing what you need, if not always what you want, as the Rolling Stones surmised. Can you explain how you met your spouse? How you found that doctor who fixed a body part or saved your life? Why you had that friend or pastor in your life at the precise moment you needed someone to lean on during a difficult stretch? I can't. I'm only left to conclude that life is littered with good vibrations from strangers, scrap pieces of paper, timely channel changes and, ultimately, fortuitous and baffling intersections with Nico Hoerners.

*Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com*



# Calvert Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, July 22

### 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)

### Little Minnows

*Calvert Marine Museum;*  
10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult, this program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a carry-out craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Capacity is limited. No pre-registration; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive.

## Friday, July 23

### Food Truck Fridays

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

Enjoy dinner and evening hours in the garden! Grab dinner from one of the food trucks, take a walk, tour a gallery show, and frolic in the Fairy Lolly. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs and picnic blankets. Some evenings will include additional activities and a cash bar. This is a "pay what you can" event with a suggested donation of \$5/person (amount of suggested donation may vary). Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; rain or shine event; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Complete food truck schedule, visit

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

### Summertime Blues

*Calvert Marine Museum;*  
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Join a CMM educator on the historic William B. Tennison for a hands-on blue crab educational experience. This youth field program uses live blue crabs to illustrate their life cycle and how to identify male and female crabs. For ages 8-12. Capacity is limited. \$20 program fee includes a child participant and one adult chaperone. See our website for details at [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

## Saturday, July 24

### Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

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

Sail on the Dee of St. Mary's, leaving from the museum dock. Fee is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for children 5 – 12. No children under 5, please. Preregister by noon on the Friday before each cruise at <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>.

### Toy Boat Building

*Calvert Marine Museum;*  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Toy boat building, sponsored by the Patuxent Small Craft Guild, has been part of the museum for over 30 years. This activity is ideal for ages 5 and up and will take place outdoors in the Corbin Nature Pavilion. Museum admission applies and a \$2 donation per boat is requested. Capacity is limited and visitors will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Insectival

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

A socially-distanced, family-group based nature experience! Activities will be spread out across our 30-acre park! Buzz on by as we celebrate and investigate insects through self-guided challenges, nature activities, bug hunts, and show & tell investigations! Find your way through various activities with fun photo opps and a take home activity kit. Masks required. Advance tickets required, visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

## Thursday, July 29

### CSM Transfer Thursday

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## Ongoing

### Calvert Library Openings

All library locations extended their walk-in building hours to

Monday through Thursday, 10am to 7pm, Friday 1-5pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. Curbside services continue to be offered during those times as well. All study/tutoring rooms, quiet study room, and some meeting rooms are open as well. Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appointments. Customers can also follow and interact with library staff on Facebook and Twitter. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website. Call 410-535-0291 or email [getanswers@calvertlibrary.info](mailto:getanswers@calvertlibrary.info) with any reference questions you may have.

### Enchanted Summer at the Garden

*Annmarie Sculpture Garden;*  
until September 6

Enjoy a safe, outdoor, engaging experience where you will find a variety of low-touch, no-touch fun along the trails and paths of the sculpture garden. During the Enchanted Summer, daily visitors can explore the galleries; search for over 100 fairy houses; play in the Fairy Lolly Nature Play Space; build your own fairy house in the forest; search for gems and fossils at the Fairy Grove Mining sluice (additional fees apply); try the Wild Rumpus Run; enjoy unique photo opps along the trail; find the hidden Dragons Nest; search for the hidden tree pop paintings; and more! Grab your bug spray, pack a picnic blanket or chairs, and spend a fun, creative and active day at Annmarie. Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Details: [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

# In Remembrance

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

## Oscar Ouellette



Oscar Ouellette (Willie), 94 of Lusby, MD, passed away on July 17, 2021 at Solomons Nursing Center. He was born on October 9, 1926 in Laconia, NH. Willie was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Hornberg, his parents Oscar and Irene Ouellette and his brother Robert Ouellette. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, June Ouellette and four children: Brenda Villella, Ralph Ouellette, John Ouellette and Sandy Lawson and was blessed with 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Willie served his country during WWII as a 2<sup>nd</sup> class petty officer in the United States Navy. He was the head chef at the Rod'N'Reel restaurant for more than 10 years, before his long-time love of cooking led him and June to establish and operate the Frying Pan Restaurant in Lusby, Maryland, where he was the chef for 19 years. After retirement, Willie and June travelled throughout the United States and Europe.

In addition to fishing, golfing, skiing and family get-togethers, Willie was a Boston Red Sox and Washington Redskins fan as well

as a World War II history buff. He enjoyed taking all the grandchildren fishing and providing monetary awards for the 1<sup>st</sup> fish, biggest fish, and most fish, eating steamed crabs and "butter dogs" in the crab shack with his family, gathering the grandchildren together with the call of "Grampa's making ice cream cones", and making holidays and birthdays special for everyone, especially the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks which his nephew, Don Ouellette would shoot off. As a young man, Willie raced dog sleds in New Hampshire and his last words to everyone were, "the race is almost over, it's time for a meat pie".

Willie was a lifetime member of the American Legion, Post 206, Chesapeake Beach, the Calvert Elks Lodge, 2620 and the VFW, Laconia, NH, Post 1670. He was also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 495. He was well known for supporting community organizations and events. Willie also volunteered his time and cooking talents to many worthwhile causes.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made in memory of Oscar Ouellette to The American Legion-Stallings-Williams Post 206, 3330 Chesapeake Beach Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

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

## Robert Allen Whichard, Jr.,

Robert Allen Whichard, Jr., 37 of Bryantown, MD and formerly of Ellicott City, MD passed away on July 14, 2021 at his home in Bryantown.

Born March 26, 1984 in Silver Spring, MD he was the son of Brenda Michele Hartmeyer and Bob Whichard, Sr.



Robert graduated from Howard High School and was an appliance service technician. He loved being outdoors. Robert was an avid sportsman and a little league coach.

Robert is survived by his mother, Brenda Michele Hartmeyer and his father Bob Whichard, Sr. (Karen P. Whichard), his son Robert Allen "Robbie" Whichard III; his girlfriend, Michelle Sands-Korte; his siblings, Karen Miller (Tim Miller), Krista Fields, Christopher Morris (Alyce Morris), Phillip Morris, Raymond Hartmeyer (Maria Hartmeyer) and Preston Hartmeyer; his grandmother Marie Whichard, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother, Brad Morris; and his grandparents, Gene Whichard and Julian and Dottie Fields.

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

## Anthony Wayne Wilson



Anthony Wayne Wilson, 73, of Owings passed away July 15, 2021. He was born October 16, 1947 in Prince George's County to John Neale and Pearl Elizabeth (Baker) Wilson. Wayne was raised on a dairy farm in Landover and attended Mackin High School and Bladensburg High School. He married Betty Donaldson on Oc-

tober 29, 1966 and they lived in Landover until moving to North Beach in 1977. They later moved to Huntingtown and then to Owings, where they have lived for the last 25 years. Wayne was employed as a steamfitter with M&M Welding for many years, retiring in 2010. He was a member of the Steamfitters Union Local 602 and in his spare time he enjoyed NASCAR, fishing, bird watching, nature, and gardening. He was also an avid fan of the Washington Redskins.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife Betty Ann Wilson, children Anthony W. "Tony" Wilson, Jr. of Huntingtown, Holly Meehan and her husband Stephen of Edgewater, and Jeremy Wilson and his wife Inna of Oakton, VA, grandchildren Alyssa, Ryan, Sara, Maria, and Keagan, siblings Neale, Carol, and Mark and beloved cats Charliewilson and Dusty Rose. He was preceded in death by his siblings Danny, Charlie, Kent, Jerry, and his beloved peacock Pete.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 22, 2021, 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736, Funeral service will follow at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

## William James "Bill" Monroe



William James "Bill" Monroe of Lusby, Maryland died on July 10, 2021 at the age of 73 in Prince Frederick, MD. He was born December 12, 1947 in Cleveland, Ohio to Mary Kathryn (Snell) Bottorff and James R. Bottorff.

He enrolled in the U.S. Army at age 18 and served four years in Vietnam. After leaving the Army, he settled in the Washington, D.C. area, where he lived the remainder of his life. He honed his natural skills and made a career as a self-employed contractor performing maintenance, renovations and repairs for homeowners and businesses.

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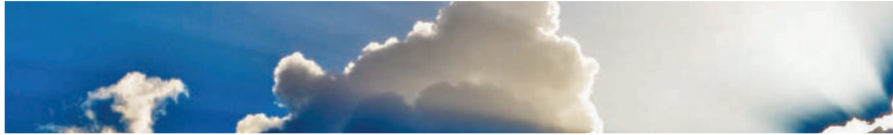
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**Port Republic**

4405 Broomes Island Rd.  
410-586-0520

**Lusby**

20 American Lane  
410-326-9400



Bill was a caring and kind man who will be remembered for his gregarious and exuberant spirit. He loved dancing, socializing, playing guitar and singing, riding his motorcycle in his younger years, and spending time with friends. His biggest joy in life was making people happy, and he was known for his endless jokes and infectious smile. In his few quiet moments, he loved to lose himself in books.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jeanie Loving of Lusby, Maryland; his daughter, Teresa (Monroe) Kennedy, husband Shaun, and grandchildren, Carson and Annie of Kelso, Washington; his brother, Mark Monroe of Toledo, Ohio; his sister, Amy (Monroe) Andrews of Athens, Georgia; his brother, Andy Monroe and wife Pat of Athens, Georgia; stepdaughter Holly Loving, husband Dave Thompson and grandson Lucian of Alexandria, VA; as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Bottorff, his mother, Mary Kathryn (Snell) Vargo; his adoptive father, James Monroe; his father, James Bottorff and his grandson, Patrick Kennedy.

To leave the family a condolence please visit [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

## Colten Lawrence King

Colten Lawrence King, 22, a lifelong resident of North Beach passed away July 7, 2021. He was born December 12, 1998 in Prince Frederick to Gabrielle and Randy King. Colten grew up in North Beach and attended Windy Hill Elementary, Windy Hill Middle, and graduated from Northern High School in 2017. Colten loved sports and played football and lacrosse at Northern. He was a member of the 2017 State Champion-



ship lacrosse team and scored the game tying goal in the Championship game for Northern. Following high school, Colten joined the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC, where he obtained the rank of Lance Corporal. During bootcamp, Colten graduated with honors and was close to a perfect score. Colten grew up playing sports and played with the Beach Buccaneers for many years. He loved music, spending time with his family and friends, being a cowboy and playing in the mud.

Colten is survived by his parents Randy and Gabrielle King of North Beach, brothers Austen King and his wife Brittany of North Carolina, and Jeremia King of North Beach. He is also survived by wife Haley King of North Carolina, grandparents Michael and Lisa Ridge of St. Leonard and Mary and Wade Leonard of Easton, great-grandfather Joseph Caldwell of Huntingtown and great uncle Charles Caldwell, seventeen cousins who he was very close with and fifteen aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Richard "Junebug" King and Cecelia King.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

# SMALL BUSINESS TIPS

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Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They provide jobs, pay taxes and contribute to our society. For any of you contemplating setting up your own small business, I applaud your courage and offer some basic tips for you:

### 1. Start with the professionals.

When you set up a business or enter into a lease or create a contract or agreement between your business and landlords, vendors, suppliers, bankers, etc. you need to obtain professional advice from attorneys and accountants. Yes, this will cost your business money up front, but it will be worth it to avoid mistakes.

**2. Structure.** Incorporating your business is important to avoid personal liability. If you incorporate, either as an LLC (limited liability company) or a corporation, and you are sued, the corporation is liable, not you personally. The contrary is also true—without incorporating, any business you run can be sued and you can be held personally liable. Exposing your personal assets, or your family's assets, to liability for a business you run is simply taking too much risk.

### 3. Documentation is Critical.

Before you run to Legal Zoom or some similar forms service to create your articles of organization or incorporation, think about your business structure. This is not the time to choose a "one size fits all" form. If you have partners or shareholders, you cannot use the types of basic documents provided by a forms service. You need professional guidance.

**4. Small Business Pitfalls.** There are three areas of potential difficulty every small business person must figure out: employees, leases and other agreements and ownership.

*a. Employees.* Be very careful about classifying your employees either as employees or independent contractors. The Internal Revenue Service now uses an 11 factor test to determine whether an independent contractor is truly independent. As a business owner, you are responsible for withholding taxes on employee salaries. Independent contractors pay their own taxes. Don't get into difficulty by misclassifying. If the IRS determines you should have classified someone as an employee rather than an independent contractor, your business could be liable for paying back all the withholding taxes you should have taken out since the employee was first hired. Multiply that by several misclassified employees and you see the problem. Understand the rules.

### *b. Leases and Other Agreements.*

The type of lease you sign for commercial space can be very confusing, especially when it is 30 pages long and full of legalisms. There are gross leases, net leases and percentage leases. You may receive a low rent in a triple net lease but you will be responsible for paying taxes, insurance and repairs on the space. If the space needs a new roof, that could be a major expense. Every business has different needs and will use different types of contracts and agreements.

*c. Ownership.* One important tip—never enter into a 50-50 partnership. This simply doesn't work in the event of a dispute. Make your structure 51-49 or something else, but put one person in charge. Don't make your spouses or children the owners of the business if they are not involved in the business. Divorce can wreak havoc on a business with married couple owners.

**5. Free Advice.** One of the best tips I have for small business is to structure an Advisory Board. Unlike Boards of Directors, members of an Advisory Board have no liability for the advice they give your business. There is no need to pay Advisory Board members if you cannot afford it. Call on friends and advisors who understand your type of business and can give you practical advice. Those Advisory Board members may very well become your future investors.

**6. Buying a Business.** One word—investigate. You must have as complete an understanding of what you are buying as possible.

**7. Selling a Business.** Sellers of a business want to sell stock. That allows them to charge the buyer for goodwill that has been built-up in a business. Buyers of a business want to buy assets—they want to stay away from the liabilities that come with stock ownership.

**8. Running a small business is not for the faint of heart.** But, there are resources to help you. Take advantage of them—attorneys, accountants, cyber security specialists, financial advisors, the internet, business books, classes at the College of Southern Maryland, the Calvert County Dept. of Economic Development and many other resources. And, best of luck to you!

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

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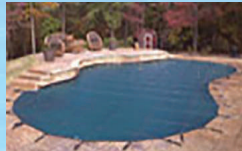
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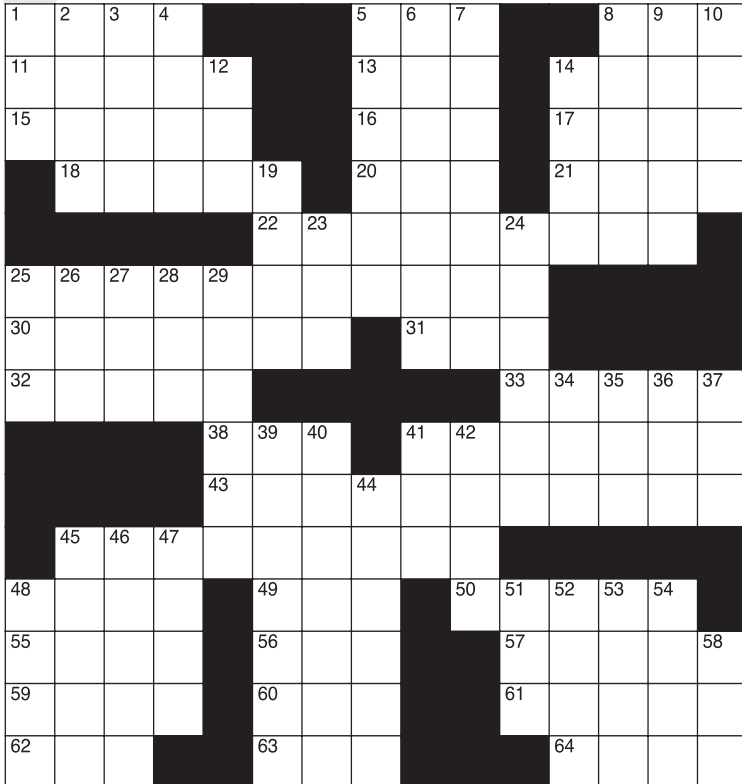
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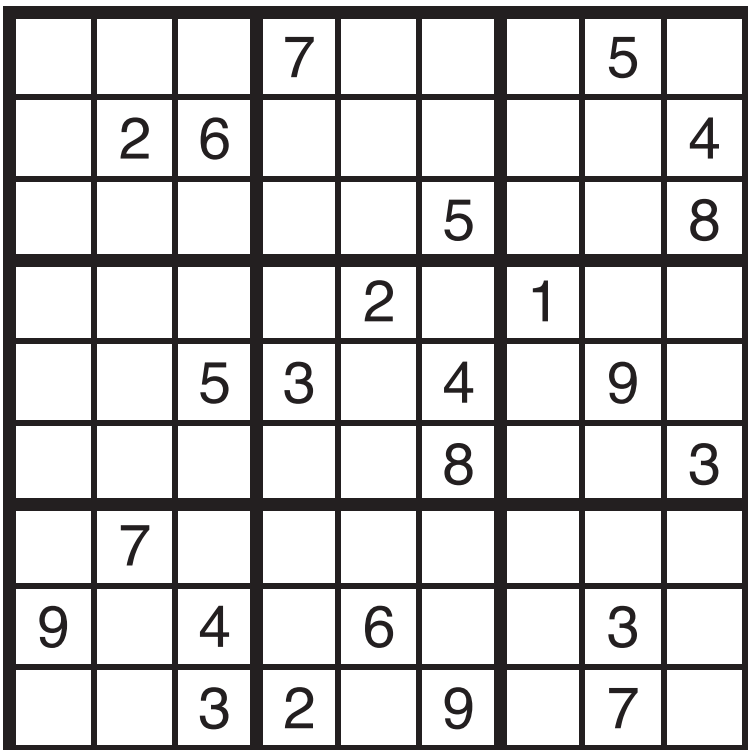
- 1. Language group with Iranian influence
- 5. No seats available
- 8. Health insurance organization
- 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 13. Defunct European economic organization
- 14. Dutch word for "language"
- 15. Hard to penetrate
- 16. When you'll get there
- 17. Iranian city
- 18. Small fishes
- 20. Dry white wine drink
- 21. Turkish city
- 22. U.S.-born people
- 25. Synthetic resin
- 30. Major nerve in human body
- 31. Type of recording
- 32. Small drum
- 33. Alters
- 38. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 41. Venezuelan capital
- 43. Free of deceit
- 45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation

- 48. Competition
- 49. Launch an attack on
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Spiritual leader
- 56. One point east of due south
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Database management system
- 60. Snakelike fish
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Small drink
- 63. Not wet
- 64. Impudence

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Father
- 2. Performed perfectly
- 3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 4. Thin, compact object
- 5. One attempting to find something
- 6. No longer working
- 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 8. Book of Genesis character
- 9. Volcanic craters
- 10. Brand of American automobile (slang)
- 12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe \_\_
- 14. Bangladeshi

- monetary unit
- 19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 23. Family of genes
- 24. Et \_\_: indicates further
- 25. Pacific Standard Time
- 26. S. American wood sorrel
- 27. Women's \_\_ movement
- 28. Chinese hoopster Ming
- 29. Layers of rock
- 34. Patriotic women's group
- 35. Solid water
- 36. Shade of brown
- 37. Very fast airplane
- 39. Put clothes on
- 40. Quality of one's character
- 41. Time zone
- 42. Primates
- 44. Pleasantly
- 45. Metrical feet
- 46. Rogue
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- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Those who resist authority
- 58. Criticize



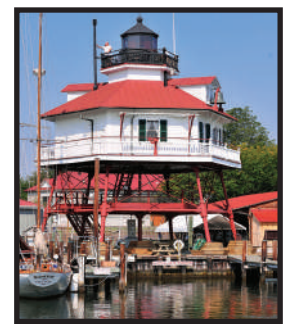
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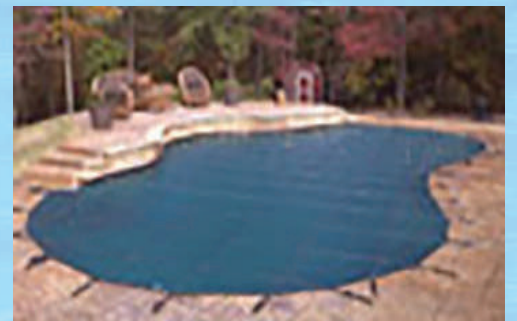
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